

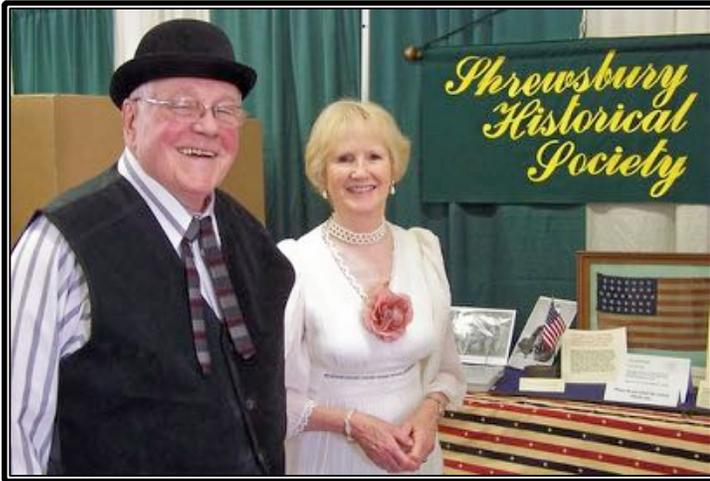


Times of Shrewsbury



April 2016

SHREWSBURY HISTORICAL SOCIETY EXTENDS A SPECIAL THANK YOU



Rich Bettelli and Fran Patten staffing the SHS exhibit at the 2012 Vermont History Expo in Tunbridge

Thank you abound from the Shrewsbury Historical Society to two of our faithful members: Fran Patten and Rich Bettelli, as they move from our Town in the near future.

Looking back to the 1988 croquet tournament between SHS and Mt. Holly held on the greens of Lois and Don Butler in Cuttingsville, it was to our complete surprise when two gypsy ladies casually sauntered in off Route 103 and raised havoc! One was Fran and the other Heidi Mitchell. From face paint, beads, pillow-stuffed bosoms and babushka covered hair, these ladies were unrecognizable. It is all on tape and in our archives.

In 1991, Fran volunteered to prepare a very large sheet cake in the shape of the state of Vermont in celebration of the Bicentennial. Many small single layer cakes were joined and frosted in green, covering a long table in the Town Hall.

In 1994, who can forget Rich Bettelli standing in the doorway of John P. Bowman's Laurel Hall in Cuttingsville, sporting a black silk top hat inviting all into the magnificently decorated building for a Christmas Tour, while Fran joined the other ladies of the SHS wearing costumes appropriate for the event.

When the Society toured the Town's one room schoolhouses to affix plaques thereon; Fran had us in stitches with her wonderful sense of humor when we ended

the tour at Florence Kaempf's lovely schoolhouse in Shrewsbury Center. In 2003, Fran and Rich researched and notified all known former students of the one room schoolhouses in our Town to attend a special reunion at the Town Hall. This was also recorded.

And in 1999 when the Society was deeded the church building in Cuttingsville, Fran and Rich were there to help with others to transfer all artifacts from the Society's former home on the 2nd floor of the Library.

Fran and Rich always volunteered to help staff the museum on Sundays, or to clean, help catalog new artifacts, and joined many committees through the years. They also volunteered to prepare and staff a booth at the VT History Expo each year it was held at the Tunbridge Fairgrounds. Fran made the banner which proudly hung above the exhibit, and carried in parades and functions. It is now in the museum's vestibule.

In 2006, when the Town celebrated the homecoming of Liz and Jim Jeffords at the Town Hall, Fran helped out in the kitchen with others and made yellow aprons for all the ladies to wear. Of course, Rich and Fran volunteered to help clean up after the celebration.

And we'll remember the costume designed and sewn by Fran, worn by Rich posing as Benning Wentworth, when the Town celebrated its 250th anniversary in 2011. Or the special cake Fran had made with a photo of a bear on top in honor of Nancy Bell's presentation on bears in 2008.

Fran was President of the SHS three times, Vice President six times, Secretary two times, Recording Secretary one time, and a Trustee ten times. Richard has been Vice President two times, and a Trustee eight times, and a great member of the Nominating Committee consisting of one. Need I say more?

Godspeed. We shall miss you Fran and Rich for your friendship, untiring help and advice and hands on work. I personally shall miss you both very much and Fran, I will look forward to our almost daily emails to keep in touch.

By Ruth Winkler, Shrewsbury Historical Society

LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

In Memoriam

The Shrewsbury Historical Society members and friends are so sad to learn of the passing of George Richards. He was one of the founders of the Society back in the early 1970's and often in recent years, he would stop in to chat. We enjoyed talking with George about times past. We send our deepest condolences to Lynette Over and family. ~Con and Ruth Winkler

Thanks!

Con and I want to thank the editors of the 2015 Town Report for the absolutely wonderful surprise. It is a great honor to be on the dedication list, along with the Wells and the Wilsons. We thank you.

~Con and Ruth Winkler

Service for Donna Marzilli

There will be a community gathering for Donna Marzilli on May 14 at 11am at the Shrewsbury Center Church. Everyone is invited to attend this celebration of life. Fellowship and a light lunch will follow. For further information, contact Rita Lane at 775-2578.

~Drawing by Jane Newton



Shrewsbury CCV Student Selected to Visit NASA



Dayle Kenyon of Community College in Vermont, Rutland, has been selected to travel to NASA's Langley Research Center in May to participate in the NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars project (NCAS). Dayle has been selected as one of 216 community college students from across the U.S. to be part of NCAS.

The five-week scholars program culminates with a four-day on-site event at Langley Research Center and offers students the opportunity to interact with NASA engineers and others as they learn more about careers in science and engineering. While at NASA, students form teams and establish fictional companies interested in Mars exploration. Each team is responsible for developing and testing a prototype rover, forming a company infrastructure, managing a budget, and developing communications and outreach.

With this project, NASA continues the agency's tradition of investing in the nation's educational programs. It is directly tied to the agency's major education goal of attracting and retaining students in STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) disciplines critical to NASA's future missions, which include missions to Mars and beyond.

Dayle, a Shrewsbury resident and daughter of Irene Regimbald, says she "can't wait to represent Shrewsbury" in this NASA program.

The Times of Shrewsbury

The *Times of Shrewsbury* is published monthly February through December. It is compiled by volunteers from material submitted by residents with the goal being to keep townspeople informed of what is happening in Shrewsbury. The views and opinions expressed in articles are solely those of the author and not necessarily those of the editors.

All submissions are subject to editing for length and clarity and must be accompanied by the name of the submitting person. Letters to the Editor exceeding 350 words will be subject to editing for length. Any opinion piece or informational political letters (without specific party or vote appeal) will be subject to the same guidelines previously described. All items including letters are printed at the editors' discretion. A writer of any letter that names a Shrewsbury resident or organization in a critical manner must get copies to that resident or organization and to the *Times* by the 10th of the month prior to publication or it will not run. If the named person or organization indicates in writing to the writer and to the *Times* that they choose not to respond,

the letter will run. If the named entity responds, the response and initial letter will run in the same issue.

There is no charge for: jokes, poems, essays, nature reports, family event announcements, or feature articles or letters that are non-commercial.

Articles and Advertisements: Deadline for submission is the 20th of the month prior to publication; exceptions will be announced in the prior month's *Times*. If you have questions, call Chryl Martin at 492-2244 or email shrewsburytimes@gmail.com

Best Formats: *Articles:* Word or in an email message with no formatting. *Photos:* JPG. *Ads:* PDF file or Word document.

Monthly Advertisement fees:

Full page \$60	1/4 page \$10
1/2 page \$35	Business card \$5
Classified ad (15 words) \$2.	

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

Chryl Martin ~ Rich Biziak

Times of Shrewsbury, P. O. Box 373, Cuttingsville, VT 05738

Email: shrewsburytimes@gmail.com

Online: www.shrewsburyvt.org

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mar 27	Closed	*Transfer Station will be closed on Easter Sunday and will re-open March 30
Apr 2	8am – 1pm	*Cairo Shrine Family Pancake Breakfast at the Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road.
Apr 5	12noon	Senior Lunchn at The Doll House. Call Penelope Weiss 492-3345 if you can attend.
Apr 8	7:30pm	*Vermont snakes program by Doug Blodgett at the Library
Apr 9	10am	*Lego Club at the Library
Apr 9	7pm	*Shrewsbury’s Amazing Variety Show at the Town Hall, 88 Lottery Road
April 10	11:30am	*Celebration of the life of George Richards, Town Hall, 88 Lottery Road
Apr 17	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club at the Library
Apr 18		*Deadline for Homestead Exemption form
Apr 20	10am	*Spring Celebration at the Library for all ages
Apr 20	12noon	*Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Judy Pitts.
Apr 24	4pm	*Science Book Club meets at Library
May 3	7pm	Historical Society meeting at the Museum
May 7		Green Up Day in Vermont
May 8		*Quilt Raffle drawing at the Library
May 14	11am	*Service for Donna Marzilli at the Shrewsbury Community Church

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

TIMES OF SHREWSBURY
Is online at the town website at
www.shrewsburyvt.org



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

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectmen Meeting	1st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am at Meeting House
Library Trustees’ Meeting	2 nd Tuesday—7:00pm at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Union School Board Mtg	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays—7:00pm at Mill River Union High School
Planning Commission	1 st & 3 rd Mondays—7:30pm at Town Office
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays—10:00am at Shrewsbury Library, upstairs
Shrewsbury Community Church Worship	Sundays—10:30am at Shrewsbury Center Church
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Closed for season; to schedule access call 492-3324
Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg	1 st Thursday at the school—4:30pm
Shrewsbury Singers	Every Sunday 9-10:15am upstairs at the Community Church
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	2 nd Tuesdays—7:00pm at Southside Restaurant, Rutland
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.	Thursdays—7:00pm at Cuttingsville Station
Conservation Commission	1 ST Tuesday—5:15pm at 1608 Lottery Road

Shrewsbury Town Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

Town Clerk’s Office 492-3511
Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm; Closed Friday

Town Treasurer’s Office
492-3558 or 492-3487
Wed 5pm-7pm

Transfer Station
Sun 8am-4pm & Wed 1pm-7pm

Shrewsbury Town Library 492-3410
Mon, Fri & Sat 10am-Noon
Tues & Thurs 7pm-9pm
Wed 10am-5pm and 7pm-9pm

Cuttingsville Post Office 492-3585

Window (Retail) Hours:

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

Lobby Hours:

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

Meeting House 492-6050 (Reservations: 492-3361)

Emergency Management Bert Potter 773-2272

Ambulance 773-1700

GrMP power outage 1-800-451-2877

Medical—Fire—Police Emergency Dial 911

Rutland Hospital 775-7111

Revised 2/20/16



GEORGE EDWARD RICHARDS

George Edward Richards, 89, of Cuttingsville, VT, died March 12, 2016 at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center.

He was born November 29, 1926, in Clarendon, Vermont, the son of George F. and Ruth Mallett (Shelton) Richards. George was a 1943 graduate of Wallingford High School. A U.S. Army veteran, he served during World War II. He was a rural letter carrier in Cuttingsville for 35 years, and owned Richards Service, and Folly & Company.

George was a life member of Mount Moriah Lodge #96, F&AM of East Wallingford, a co-founder of the Times of Shrewsbury, member of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, Shrewsbury Cemetery Commission, and Shrewsbury Community Church.

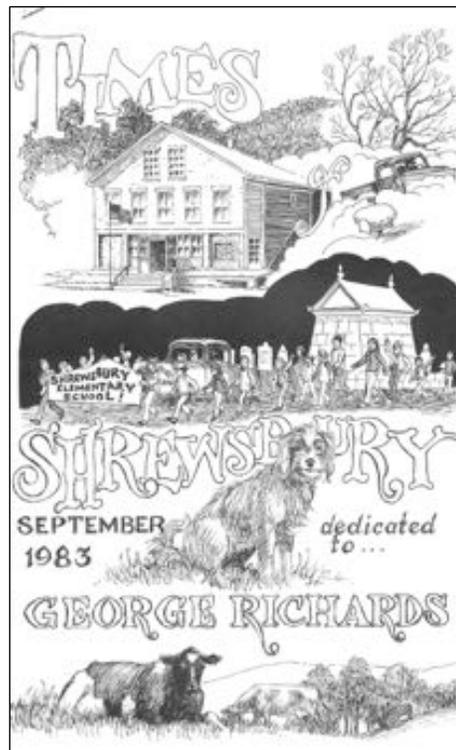
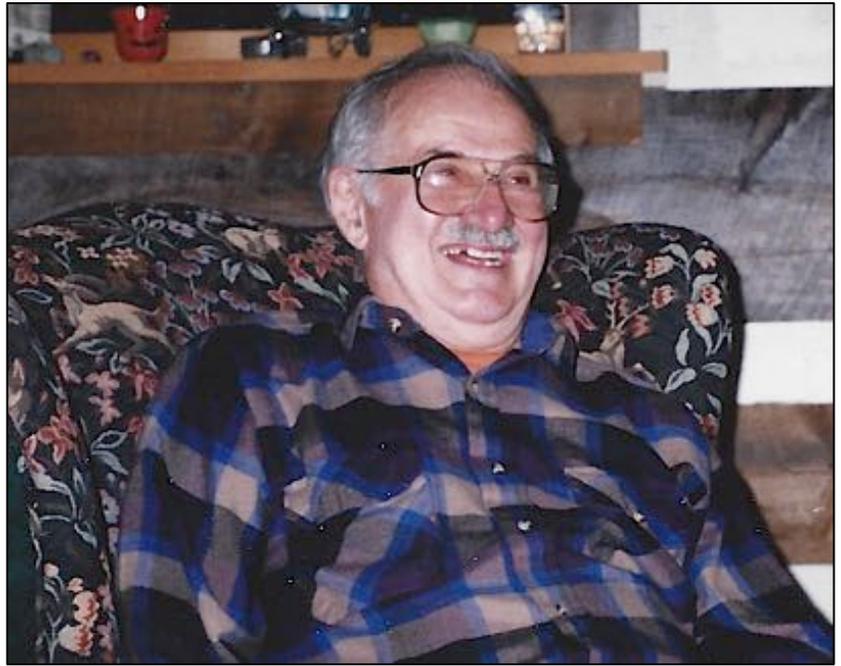
Survivors include two daughters Lynette Richards Over and husband, Gregg, and Naomi Richards Brown and husband, Jeff; a son, Lyle Richard Van VanGuilder; five grandchildren Sara Janette Over Babin, Morgan Over, Lauren Over Jacob, Cortney Over Allard and Shelby Brown; six great-grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, friends and close family friends Susan Ransom-Kelley and Crystal and Thomas Kelley.

He was predeceased by siblings Mary Wideawake Sargeant, Miles Richards, Ruth Bea Tarbell and Tilton Richards.

The celebration of George's amazing life will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016, at 11:30 a.m. in the Shrewsbury Center Town Hall. Burial will be on Saturday, April 9, 2016, in Village Hill Cemetery in Williamsburg, MA.

Contributions in lieu of flowers may be made to Times of Shrewsbury, P.O. Box 373, Cuttingsville, VT 05738; or Shrewsbury Community Church, P.O. Box 366, Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

Obituary submitted by the family



George Richards
George was one of the founders of the Times of Shrewsbury in 1973. This drawing by Grace Brigham was on the cover of the September 1983 issue of the Times honoring him for all that he did in Town. It was also featured in the May 2013 edition of the Times which celebrated the 40th anniversary of the paper. That issue can be seen on the Town website at www.shrewsburyvt.org.

Please join us for a
Celebration
of the Amazing Life of George Richards
April 10 at 11:30am
at Shrewsbury Center Town Hall

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. We will have his favorite meal of Baked Ham and Scalloped potatoes. **STORIES AND TALES ARE VERY NEEDED AND WELCOMED.**
~Lynette Richards Over



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The SVFD had no emergency calls in the month of March. The warm weather and minimum precipitation resulted in better driving conditions and less stress on our home heating systems. Thank you for slowing down when conditions change and for cleaning your heating equipment.

April brings us warmer weather, with hopefully a little more rain. It's a great time to do our yard cleanup. Please remember that the surrounding woods and fields are really dry at this time. The SVFD has checked our brush firefighting equipment and are ready to respond if needed. Generally we respond to several brush fires a year. Most of these calls are started accidentally, by trains that create sparks along the tracks, cigarettes that are thrown out of vehicles, or vandalism. Sometimes, a controlled burn gets out of control. The state of Vermont issues burn restrictions on materials that can be burned and when it can be burned according to conditions.

The State of Vermont prohibits the open burning of garbage, plastics, insulation, shingles, building material that is contaminated with paint or glue, such as plywood or other manufactured material. The state requires a burn permit be acquired to burn brush, clean wood and yard debris. Several times a year fire departments will be dispatched to a report of smoke or fire in the woods and find a landowner burning brush. These permits help local officials know where people are burning and the material being burned. Local officials also monitor the states recommendation and environmental conditions such as wind and precipitation before deciding if burning is appropriate.

The local Forest Fire Wardens are tasked with enforcing the Vermont regulations and issuing burn permits throughout the state. The information needed is simply a location of the intended burn, date and time of the burn. For the Town of Shrewsbury you can contact Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown (cell 802-345-8668) or Deputy Forest Fire Warden Al Ridlon Jr (cell 802-282-3642). Some Towns require a written application and a minimum of three day notice! Advanced notice of 24 hours is always appreciated! Homeowner responsibilities to burn include the fire is far away from structures and overhead electrical lines, have enough people to control the fire, tools such as rakes and shovels on site, water is available, and that you monitor the fire until it is out. If the fire becomes uncontrollable, immediately call 911.

The SVFD thanks all the Townspeople for the continued support on Town Meeting Day by approving the requested funds for the Truck Replacement fund and our Operating Budget. The SVFD members appreciate the support we receive throughout the year with our fundraising thru the SVFD race pool, coin drops, ham supper, fuel raffles, and our annual mailer.

The SVFD would like to pass our condolences along to the family of George E. Richards. George was a charter member of the SVFD. We thank George and his family for their dedication and selfless service to the Town of Shrewsbury.

Have a safe spring and remember
STAY FIRE SAFE

Submitted by Jack Perry



Vermont Counties Ranked

Vermont is the second healthiest state in the country, behind Hawaii, according to United Health Foundations's annual health rankings. The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute have authored County Health Rankings for each state. They measures a number of health factors including length of life and quality of life.

Vermont's counties listed from most to least healthy, according to the 2016 report:

1. Chittenden County
2. Addison County
3. Lamoille County
4. Washington County
5. Windsor County
6. Orange County
7. Caledonia County
8. Franklin County
9. Grand Isle County
10. Bennington County
11. Rutland County
12. Windham County
13. Essex County
14. Orleans County



Interestingly the study found that rural counties have higher rates of premature death, smoking, obesity, child poverty, teen births and higher numbers of uninsured adults than urban counties. For more information go to www.americashealthrankings.org/VT and www.countyhealthrankings.org

Presidential Primary & Town Meeting Results for Shrewsbury

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

HILLARY CLINTON 34
 ROQUE"ROCKY" DE LA FUENTE 0
 MARTIN J O'MALLEY 3
 BERNIE SANDERS 210

REPUBLICAN PARTY

JEB BUSH 1
 BEN CARSON 4
 CHRIS CHRISTIE 2
 TED CRUZ 15
 CARLY FIORINA 0
 JOHN R KASICH 43
 RAND PAUL 0
 MARCO RUBIO 33
 RICK SANTORUM 2
 DONALD J TRUMP 65

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?
 YES 327 NO 82

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$50,000 for the Town Road Equipment Fund?
 YES 347 NO 64

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,000 for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?
 YES 305 NO 100

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?
 YES 331 NO 79

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$12,000 for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?
 YES 313 NO 97

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$35,000 for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department?
 YES 359 NO 42

Act 153 School Consolidation for Shrewsbury

YES 337 NO 61

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$7,500 for the Shrewsbury Library?
 YES 328 NO 85

2 Year Director	Andy Richards-Peele
3 Year Director	Adrienne Raymond

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$2,500 for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?
 YES 299 NO 113

Town Officers (Article 1)

Town Moderator	Eldred French - Write In
Selectboard	Steven Nicholson
Auditor 2 Year	Sanford "Sandy" Bragg
Auditor 3 Year	No Write-In with Requisite Number of Votes
Lister 2 Year	No Write-In with Requisite Number of Votes
Lister 3 Year	Adrienne Raymond
Grand Juror	Barry Griffith
Town Agent	Barry Griffith
1 st Constable	Matthew Danaher
2 nd Constable	Betsy Jesser
Cemetery Commissioner	David Rice

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$4,224 for dues to the Rutland Regional Ambulance Service?
 YES 357 NO 55

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$250 to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District?
 YES 281 NO 127

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of \$2,526 to help support the Rutland Area Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice?
 YES 341 NO 70

Shrewsbury Articles 2-28

Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of \$1,547,687, of which \$469,999 shall be raised by taxes and \$1,077,689 by non-tax revenues and surplus funds?
 YES 331 NO 80

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?
 YES 329 NO 79

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Office Reserve Fund?
 YES 326 NO 83

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$130 to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?
 YES 285 NO 84

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,500 for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?
 YES 352 NO 68

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$700 to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?
 YES 270 NO 89

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$1,192 to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?

YES 260 NO 103

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter?

YES 302 NO 64

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$600 to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?

YES 242 NO 117

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support the Rutland County Parent-Child Center?

YES 252 NO 109

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support Vermont Adult Learning/Rutland County Basic Education?

YES 256 NO 107

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$170 to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?

YES 256 NO 104

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$500 to help support the American Red Cross/Vermont & NH Valley?

YES 263 NO 99

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$150 to help support the Rutland County Human Society?

YES 286 NO 81

Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend \$400 to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?

YES 257 NO 100

Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 8:00 P.M., Friday, October 7, 2016

YES 332 NO 31

Shrewsbury Town School

School Moderator	Eldred French – Write In
School Director 3 Year	Sarah Bolster
Building Fund	Yes – 297 No - 106
Budget	Yes – 269 No - 134
Borrowing	Yes – 283 No - 117

Mill River Union School District # 20

Co-Mingled Ballots of Clarendon, Shrewsbury & Wallingford
YES – 1,273 No – 636

Thank You to the Poll Workers and Counters who helped tremendously with this multi ballot election!

Theresa Williams, Adrienne Raymond, Roxanne Ramah, John O'Dowd, Sharon Winnicki, Jan O'Hara, Gerry & Chryl Martin, Gail & Tom Haritigan, Pam Grace, Carol Goodwin, Kristi Bragg, Rich Biziak, Peggy Angstadt, Tim Vile, Stacy McKiernan, Ann & Eldred French, Sam Raymond, Melissa

Reichert, Becky Bates, Lee Wilson, Julianne Sharrow, Bert Potter, Aaron Korzun, Steven Nicholson, Andy Richards-Pelle, Barbara Hoffman, Sarah Bolster, Marilyn Dalick, Nelson Haley, Mark Youngstrom, Randy Page, Gary Salmon, Betsy Jesser and Scott Darling



2016 Dog Licenses are now Due!!

License Fees have increased (State rabies contribution):

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

Late Fee (After April 1st)
\$13.00 Altered (Spayed / Neutered)
\$17.00 Intact

Job Available:

Part-Time Transfer Attendant

Flexible Hours

\$12.25/hour

Starting as soon as available

Call Bert Potter 773-2272

**Transfer Station Will be closed
Easter Sunday ~ March 27**

It will reopen Wednesday, March 30, at 1pm

Due Date:

APRIL 18, 2016

Penalties apply if filed after
April 18.
Property Tax Adjustment
claims will be accepted
through Oct. 17.

HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION FILING:

- Be sure to file the Homestead Declaration.
- State website is 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!
- Vermont Homestead Declaration Form HS-122

Call if you need a copy of 2015 property tax bill
492-3558

Submitted by *Linda McGuire, Town Treasurer*

SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

- * THANK YOU, Shrewsbury Voters, for approving our funding request for 2016 328-85! We appreciate your support, as always!
- * We remember our good friend GEORGE RICHARDS, who just a year ago enlivened our Gardeners' Round Table with his stories, and who plowed the Library parking lot for years, and never sent a bill. George was one of the best representatives of old Shrewsbury, and we will miss him. We send special sympathy to his daughter, our longtime friend LYNETTE OVER, and all her family.
- * MANY THANKS to Scott Courcelle of Alchemy Gardens, Martha Sirjane of Caravan Gardens, and Ryan Wood-Beauchamp of Evening Song Farm for sharing their knowledge at GARDENERS' ROUNDTABLE in March. And thanks to audience members, including dedicated gardeners from Connecticut, who joined us for this annual discussion.

Coming Events:

Friday, April 8 @ 7:30pm in the Library's Meeting Room: State Biologist DOUG BLODGETT on Vermont's snakes. Find out how these crawly creatures enrich our landscapes!

Sunday, May 8 (Mother's Day): QUILT RAFFLE DRAWING! You have one more month to buy tickets for our Quilters' Group's beautiful quilt, on display at the Library.

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, April 17 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: All The Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Sunday, April 24 @ 4pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: Being Mortal by Atul Gawande: A meditation by the renowned physician and author on the end of life.

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 Hartigan (492-3605) for more information.

New Books include:

- * *The Heart* by Marylis de Kerangal: A riveting novel about a heart transplant -- the donor, the recipient, their lives and their families.
- * *Evicted: Poverty & Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond: Insightful reporting on the landlords and tenants involved in the urban housing crisis.
- * *Wild by Nature: From Siberia to Australia: Three Years Alone in the Wilderness on Foot* by Sarah Marquis. If you thought Cheryl Strayed was adventurous, read this account of Marquis' intrepid treks across continents and cultures!
- * *The Guest Room* by Chris Bohjalian: His new novel, a thriller about marriage, friendship, betrayal, and violence.
- * *The Battle for Room 314: My Year of Hope and Despair in a New York City High School* by Ed Boland: The memoir of an executive who leaves a 20-year career in non-profits to become a teacher.
- * *Salt to the Sea* by Ruta Sepetys: A novel for young (and older) adults about the sinking of the Wilhelm Gustloff, a ship carrying refugees during World War II.

New DVDs include:

- * *The Big Short* starring Christian Bale, Ryan Gosling and Brad Pitt: a thriller about the financial crisis of 2008, based on the book by Michael Lewis.
- * *Spotlight*, starring Mark Ruffalo, Rachel McAdams, Michael Keaton: Academy Award Best Picture, about The Boston Globe reporters who exposed the Catholic Church's cover-up of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy.
- * *Carol*, starring Cate Blanchett and Rooney Mara, based on a novel by Patricia Highsmith.
- * *CitizenFour*: Gripping documentary by Laura Poitras about whistleblower Edward Snowden.
- * *Bidder 70*: A documentary about Tim deChristopher of the group "Peaceful Uprising," who went to prison for civil disobedience after bidding on wilderness land in Utah against oil and gas interests.



Buy your raffle tickets at the Library to win this beautiful quilt. The drawing will be held on Mother's Day!

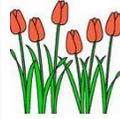
Lego Club

At the Shrewsbury Library
Saturday, April 9
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



Spring Celebration at the Library!!



10am ~ Wednesday, April 20

Looking for something to do during April vacation?
Join us upstairs at the Library for a welcoming of spring story hour and activity time.

Nut-free refreshments provided.

All ages welcome!

Copperas Hill Farm

Shrewsbury, VT

Now Offering

**Salad Greens, Micro-Greens,
& Garden Plants**

Heritage Pork Products

Sausage, Chops, Bacon
Whole and half Hogs Available

Chicken

Whole Birds, Chicken Breast,
Thigh, Drumsticks, Wings

Farm Fresh Eggs!

Stop by anytime, call or email for more details
189 Copperas Hill Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738
(802) 492-3525

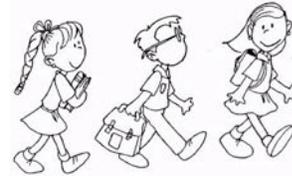
www.copperashillfarm.com
marc@copperashillfarm.com



Time to Take Down the Bird Feeders!

The Vermont Fish & Wildlife Dept recommends taking down bird feeders from **April 1 through November 30** to avoid attracting black bears that will be coming out of their winter dens to seek an early spring meal.

Shrewsbury Mountain School



Preschool Screening & Registration

Friday, May 20, 2016

9:00 – 11:30 AM

At the Shrewsbury Mountain School

Please call 492-3435 for an appointment

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

A parent and the child need to be present at the appointment. The parent should bring the child's immunization record, official birth certificate, proof of residency, and be prepared to fill out registration forms.

VINS programs presented at SMS

We had a great presentation by Vermont Institute of Natural Sciences (VINS) on March 24th presenting two different programs: Give a Hoot Program and Raptor Encounters. More information about these programs is available at www.vinsweb.org under animal encounters.

SMS Important dates:

April 18-22, 2016: Spring Break

May 3-5, 2016: SBAC Math testing @ SMS

Meet the new principal of MRUHS

Mill River Union High School invites elementary school families to meet Mr. Todd Finn, incoming principal on the afternoon of Monday, April 4th from 4:30-5:30 in the library. Light refreshments will be served. We will also be hosting morning coffee hours on 4/5/16, 4/6/16, and 4/7/16 from 7:30-8:30 to provide Mill River Union High School families an opportunity to meet Mr. Finn.

Submitted by Marj Congdon

The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

Special Thanks to some busy ladies who came out to work on our mission project to make bibs and burp cloths last month! Fran Patten, Cortney Allard, Judith Thomas, Crystal Kelley, Julianne Sharrow, Grace Korzun, Annette Parrish, Lynette Over, Roxanne Ramah and Sue Ransom-Kelley. They will be distributed in Rutland County. Nice work ladies!

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 for story time, coloring, activities and snacks. Your 1-4 year old is very welcome to be part of this new program. Any questions please call Lynette Over 775-0853.

Shrewsbury Singers -meet Sunday mornings to sing rounds and songs that have originated from throughout the world, spanning centuries and musical styles. All are welcome to sing or just come and listen! 9:00am-10:15am in the Shrewsbury Center Church Sanctuary. For more information contact Licia Gambino Hamilton 492-3792 or hamgam@vermontel.net

"A Prayer In Spring"

"Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers to-day;
And give us not to think so far away
As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
All simply in the springing of the year.
Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
And make us happy in the happy bees,
The swarm dilating round the perfect trees."

By Robert Frost

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

April 3 @ 1030am: Worship Service and Holy Communion Rev. Bob Boutwell. Please bring a nonperishable item for the food shelf.

April 3 @ 1030am: Preschool Program.

April 10 @1030am: Worship Service Donna Smith.

April 10 @ 1030am: Preschool Program.

April 17 @ 1030m: Worship Service Donna Smith.

April 17 @ 1030am: Preschool Program.

April 20 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting at the home of Judy Pitts. Please bring a bag lunch, dessert and drinks will be provided. Call Judy 775-0678 to let her know if you can attend. All welcome! Don't know how to knit or crochet? We will teach you!

April 24 @1030am: Worship Service and Service of Baptism Rev. Skip Dickenson.

April 24 @ 1030am: Preschool Program.

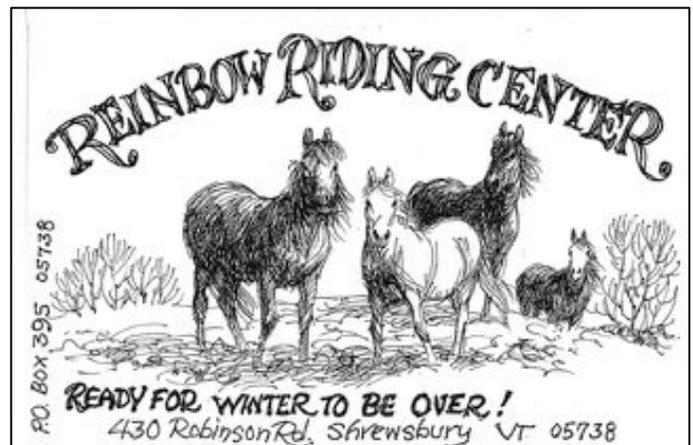
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In Memory of George Richards

Conversation with George Richards, Sept. 28, 2011

George, Con, and I were talking about the floods and George related how he remembers vividly as a one year old looking out the window of his house with his chin resting on the windowpane, watching his father in very high rubber boots, working outside to bring to safety the many bee hives he had. George remembers because he was so afraid for his father as the water was creeping up higher and higher. The year: 1927. George was born in 1926.

He lived with his family on East Road on the borderline of Shrewsbury and Clarendon, off the road that has the covered bridge and Kingsley Mills complex in Clarendon. Their house was about two miles south of the area. In the summers, on Sundays, after church, many families would gather there alongside the Mill River where there was a dam nearby the mill, and have picnics and enjoy the water.



George dressed as a stagecoach driver of the 1800s. led a group of history-loving folks on an interesting tour of Cuttingsville in 2011.

He also remembers Grandma Brown who lived down the road from his family's house, who would bake the most delicious doughnuts on weekends that were supposed to last the week. The aroma of the frying of the doughnuts would lure him down the road to visit Grandma Brown. George's mother would come after him many a visit with a switch to chase him home and tell him never to walk down that road again and of course, George would be lured by the aroma, over and over. He thinks he was about 6 or 7.

George was asked about the beginning of the Times of Shrewsbury and he said he was a Selectman at the time and was very upset at there being no communication from neighbor to neighbor at that time and the only time they would get together would be at Town Meetings, once a year. So he suggested there be a town newsletter and along with Cornelia Biddle and John Barber, the Times of Shrewsbury came to be.

He said that John Barber would use the Community Church's mimeograph machine to print them out.

George also remembers the visit of Robert Frost to the Center in 1957 and that he helped move the heavy camera equipment with his truck. Con advised we have a video of that Wide, Wide, World TV show and he is welcome to come visit the museum and watch it at his convenience.

George was visiting the museum with a request for certain photos to be used on October 9th at 1 pm for his "tour of Cuttingsville", in conjunction with the 250th Semiquincentennial. The tour will start at the railroad station and wind its way down to the village. His plan is to show where the railroad station was originally by using an enlarged photo, and to point out where the two schoolhouses on the hill were at one time. Also to Al Ridlon Sr.'s house and Al would come out to discuss his home and when it was moved from across the way and a photo of the place where it stood. Then eventually to the bridge in the village with photos showing the temporary bridge after the flood of 1927. Eventually finding their way to the museum, showing photos of the beautiful Main Street of Cuttingsville, with all its tall trees on each side. A pretty huge presentation considering the fact that George was 85 years young in 2011.

Thank you to all the Townspeople who voted "yes" to the SHS request for \$2,500 this year. Top on the list is painting the trim on the outside of the building. The SHS has endeavored to keep the museum building in top condition starting back in 1999 when the Society was deeded the church building for the Town's Historical Society Museum. We are proud of the way our museum looks, both inside and out.

After spring clean-up inside; the museum will open for this summer on Sunday, July 3rd, from 1 to 3 pm, and every Sunday thereafter until October 30th. If anyone desires to research the archives at off hours, they can call to make an appointment at 492-3324. Many times folks call or email telling us they will be in our vicinity to check out records of their families. The Genealogy Committee thanks Mark Goodwin for all his help when we cannot find answers to inquiries.

~Ruth Winkler, Shrewsbury Historical Society



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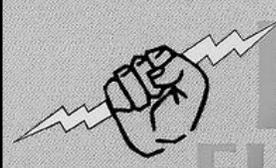


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Crystal ~ Hug-A-Boo ~ Baby Bear

The White Wolf Spirit that came to be my guardian, mentor and baby returned to Heaven April 17, 2008. She was a fiercely independent and intelligent Chow Girl who showed and taught me volumes. Her genetic memory was astounding. A favorite sport was chasing and playing with her wild cousins, even though she knew they could be rough playmates. I found a young female lying peacefully beside the pond today and wondered why? Of course the answer is: So Crystal won't have to walk alone. Just remember Babe, chasing is not allowed in Heaven.

I witnessed her journey through Hell to get back home. Our years of rugged hikes and running free took her right on through. She was even bold enough to bark at the Devil along the way. But she was running so fast I had to put my head on hers and tell her when she was there. Let it go Baby, let it go. A sudden calmness fell over both of us, our heads still touching, and as the light arrived she took three peaceful breaths. I got up and one soft breath goodbye-----

I laid her on a fresh bed of evergreen boughs with a dried bouquet of Pearly Everlasting Flowers over her. The days spring crocuses of purple, white and purple and one pure white were placed carefully about her features. Her fur was still gorgeous and cat like soft. The forest green boughs, her stunning white fur and the purple crocuses made for a striking natural contrast.

Spring is the perfect time for renewal though. I firmly believe in, and have witnessed the "Never-Ending-Circle-Of-Life". Nothing in nature is wasted. Her Life Form is changing quickly and is already in the air we breath. Her body will change into the plants, insects, birds and critters that we enjoy and love so much. Her beautiful fur will line the nests. She will ensure their energy and form. So take the time to enjoy the gifts of life she will provide.

"There are truly pangs in my heart - together with a dose of selfish jealousy as for a love one must now share with many" (Unknown Angel) We Love you Crissy! Come down from your Aeries and visit often. I need your strength, love, warmth and wisdom.

Submitted by Jerry Gardner

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Q. Where do they get their delegates?

A. From each state

Q. How do they get these delegates?

A. Well... if you really want to know, it all depends... In Vermont we have an open presidential primary system. Voters can choose whether to request either a Republican or a Democratic ballot.

Q. How many delegates does a candidate for its Party's presidential nomination need?

A. The Republican nominee needs 1,237 delegates to be nominated by the Republican Party. The Democratic nominee needs 2,383 delegates to be nominated by the Democratic Party.

Vermont is allowed 16 delegates to both the Republican and the Democratic Party Conventions.

Mystery Question

If Vermont has 16 delegates to the Democratic National Convention, why are there only 11 delegates being elected at the Vermont State Democratic Convention on May 21, 2016?

Submitted by Silas Hamilton

Spring Cleaning and Big Trees



The extended cold weather is past and the snow is gone from underneath the old apple tree so it's time for spring cleaning. Following four general guidelines can improve the shape, long term health, and productivity of any fruit tree but particularly apples.

- (1) Remove the dead wood – dead wood is a potential column of decay right into the branch/trunk it's attached to.
- (2) Remove any branches/sprouts growing back toward the center of the tree – the sun is on the outside and that is where you want the leaves.
- (3) Remove any rubbing branches – branch to branch contact will remove the bark and expose the wood inside.
- (4) Remove water sprouts (vertical sucker growth) – vertical growth on a largely horizontal branch adds additional weight to the branch, particularly as the sprout gets larger. All cuts should be adjacent to the branch bark collar (swollen area between trunk/larger branch and wood you want to remove). If done annually or every few years the tree can be “cleaned” up in a few minutes with little loss of crown productivity. If this has not been done in a while, consider leaving 2/3 of the live crown and reach your objective over a couple of years.

The Big Tree Challenge is on the table or rather on a bulletin board at the library. Can you help us search for the largest tree of the most common or un-common tree species in Shrewsbury? The Big Tree talk in February generated hot leads on red oak, white ash, sugar maple, and spruce and a willingness from a few people to “help” measure or help collect the required data which includes: Tree species; a point for each inch of circumference at 4.5 feet; a point for each foot of height; and a point for 1/4 of the average crown spread in feet. It would also be nice to have the landowner and finder's names along with a photo and brief description of the location. Each submission will be posted on the Big Tree Bulletin Board throughout the summer with a celebration this fall to honor the Shrewsbury Champions. Woodlots that once were pasture, along stone walls or stone piles, undisturbed land, and trees planted long ago as shade trees are all good places to start. The Tree Warden can measure the trees or help measure the trees or provide the tools for “bagging the big one”. Big Tree measurement forms will be at the library. So enjoy your spring cleaning and start looking up.

Gary Salmon, Tree Warden



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The Partnership was formed at the recent Vermont Climate Economy Summit on February 22nd at VT Technical College with the goal of uniting business people, community leaders, policy makers, and Vermont residents working together to promote energy efficiency, distributed generation, wise use and reuse of resources, transportation systems change, the working lands economy, digital innovation, and the creativity in all businesses that are reducing carbon and advancing efficiency while bettering their bottom line. <http://vtrural.org/summit16>

MILL RIVER HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

"Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." ~ Benjamin Franklin

Library: It's been a busy time for students and teachers as they prepare for the writing of research papers by learning how to find good sources and cite them properly. Also, for the second year, students in grades 7, 8 and 11 will be taking state-mandated SBAC tests in April and May. Also, students in all grades will be doing MAP tests, which are used to track student progress over time. For more specific information on testing and its scheduling, parents may contact their child's English or math teacher to ask specific questions about testing.

The library's MakerSpace has also been very busy. The school is sponsoring a team for the VTC Bridge Building Contest on April 1st. The students have been designing their bridge, which is made entirely of Popsicle sticks, white glue, floss and toothpicks, and they are looking forward to having it "crushed" at VTC. Mr. Greenfield's 8th grade World Culture classes have been learning about 3D printing. As part of their unit on Asia, each student researched a Chinese character and then came to the library and learned how to design a small tile showing the char-



acter and its English translation in the 3D design program, Tinker-

Cad. The completed 3D files were then printed out on the school's 3D printer. Students added color to the finished tiles, which are now on display in the hallway outside Mr. Greenfield's classroom.

The library has new fiction and non-fiction titles coming into the collection every month. Displays of books for Black History month and a selection of books featuring snow have recently been featured. DCF books continue to be read by 7th & 9th graders so they can participate in the RSSU Battle of the Books in May. Students who have read at least five of the 30 DCF titles can attend the battle as audience members, and students who have read at least eight DCF books are eligible to compete as team members on stage. Fabulous prizes

are available for audience and team members, including gift cards to area restaurants, book stores and attractions.

Mathcounts: Daniel Graves represented MRUHS at the 2016 Vermont State Mathcounts Competition held on Saturday, 3/12/16, at Vermont Technical College. The participants were students who qualified in their regional competitions. Daniel finished as one of the top twelve students in Vermont!

Sports: MRU's successful winter sports season is a wrap! The Girls' Varsity Cheerleading Team won the CVCC and Division II State Championships! Tabitha Pohl-Moore was named Coach of the Year for the South. The Girls' Basketball Team made it back to Barre but fell to the Fair Haven Slaters in the championship game; however, they finished their season with a 19-5 record and a rank of #2 in the state. Coach Ken Webb was named Coach of the Year in the MVL. Senior Zack Allen was a State Champion wrestler in the 145lb class and was also named Outstanding Wrestler of the Year! He went on to compete at New England's in Rhode Island where he placed 6th.

The spring season is underway. Mill River's new baseball coaching staff includes Sam Major, Varsity; Allen White, Junior Varsity; and Brandson Lafferiere, Middle School. The first game for Varsity Baseball is April 9th at MRU vs. Brattleboro at 1pm. Softball coaches are Mary Colvin, Varsity; Amanda Ley, Junior Varsity, and Brenden Nerney, Middle School. Varsity opens their season at Woodstock on April 8th at 4:30pm. Kell Giffin will be taking the reins for Track and Field this season. Dan Latkin and the Varsity Golf Team will participate in their first meet on April 25 at the Rutland Country Club. Schedules for all teams and much more can be found at this website: <http://rssu.org/mru/sports/>

Congratulations to the following members of the winter sports teams!

Girls' Varsity Basketball: Jessica Audy, Rod Sedergren Award; Jessica Audy, Rylee Perron & Haley Hull, North/South Team; Rylee Perron & Jessica Audy, 1st Team All-MVL; Rylee Nichols, 2nd Team All-MVL...**Boys Varsity Basketball:** Dylan Shelvey, Rod Sedergren Award; Dylan Shelvey, North/South Team; Michael Morgan, Dream Dozen Team; Michael Morgan, 1st Team All MVL; Austin MacMurray & Dylan Shelvey, 2nd Team All-MVL...**Varsity Cheerleading:** Kelsey Goodell, Rod Sedergren Award...**Wrestling:** Micah Bosch, Rod Sedergren Award .

Bistro Café: The Bistro Café on April 13th at 7:00pm in the Mill River cafeteria will be an evening of dessert,

coffee or tea and great music featuring the Cantiamo and Vivace vocal ensembles and Jazz Lab musicians.

IAJE Middle School Jazz Festival: The Mill River Jazz Lab musicians are looking forward to participating in this event on April 29th at Middlebury High School where they will have the opportunity to perform and celebrate jazz music.

In Closing: The entire Mill River School Board thanks the Shrewsbury voters for supporting the school at the ballot box on March 1st.

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



SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL REPORT

First and foremost in my report is Thank You for the support of the Mountain School Budget and for the overwhelming support of the district consolidation plan. Now the planning group has the many details to wade through before the new district becomes operational on July 1 of this year. There will be both an Organizational and Annual Meeting to warn and hold as well as election of District Clerk, Treasurer, and Moderator. All of these events need to happen within a short window of time and have varying requirements on how and when they will occur. Keep watch on notice boards around Town and the Legal Notice section of the Herald as well as this paper so you can participate. Next month, the Mountain School Board will start planning for the formation of the Local Advisory Committee that was discussed as part of the consolidation plan. This board considers that that committee will provide the voice of our community to be shared with the new, larger consolidated board. We hope it will have members from across the community so that it is a voice for all. More details in next month's Shrewsbury Times.

Of course all of these things do not affect the day to day operation of the Mountain School. Our Interim Principal, Brian Hill, has done a great job providing continuity for our staff, kids, and parents until Deb Fishwick returns at the end of this school year. Both Deb and Brian have really stepped up for the benefit of the entire District and the Mountain School Board gives sincere thanks to them both. The kids were lucky to be able to complete the ski program before this full-on

early Spring was sprung on us. It was again a very successful time for all. Thanks to all the volunteers and staff that made it happen and especially to our generous benefactor who covered the costs for this year's program. The Board has begun planning for the summer projects that need to happen to keep our building in good shape. We anticipate work on our heating system, exterior doors, our school lawn tractor, walkways, and bathroom stalls as well as the usual painting projects that happen every year.

This summer we are also hoping to install an automatic power generator. The reason: In recent years the school has had increasingly frequent power outages and been forced to close for the remainder of that day or for many days at a time. These unexpected closures create significant hardships for staff, students and their families. The long-term outages have forced staff to put in extra time to making arrangements for preserving the school's food supplies, maintaining the building to keep it from freezing, and ultimately adding operational costs not accounted for in the school's annual budget. Last year alone, with the heavy wet snow in December, we had a total of nine days without power along with an additional three - five days when power was out for at least four hours. We have been fortunate this school year - we've only had one incident. In a typical year there are usually three - five days when we lose power and need to close for a full day or a partial day. It seems that we are impacted any time there is a severe weather event.

The school board has been planning and budgeting for a stand-by generator system for the past year. We have looked into many options including a solar battery system and renting a generator during extended outages. We have determined that purchasing a full system generator is our best option. The Board has allocated \$15,000 in this year's budget toward the cost of a system. The total estimated cost for the installation of a full generator system is \$28,000.00. Obviously this is not enough to install the generator this summer unless we have help.

We are humbly asking the Shrewsbury community for assistance in raising the balance of the capital needed to be able to move ahead with the installation this summer. If you are able, please consider donating to the campaign to raise the balance of \$13,000.00 to make the installation of the full system generator a reality. We thank you very much for your support.

*Submitted by
Adrienne Raymond,
Sarah Bolster and
Andy Richards-Pelle*

Book Reviews from the Library—



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Book reviews are compiled by Marilyn Dalick

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

Orphan Train

by Christina Baker Kline

★★★★

In the United States, between 1854 and 1929, so-called “orphan trains” transported 200,000 children from the East Coast to Midwestern states in the hopes of securing new homes for these abandoned and homeless kids of all ages—including babies. Arriving at each stop, the vulnerable and traumatized children are scrutinized by the local populace, like livestock, and they were either picked or not picked. If not picked, they got back on board the train and hoped their luck would change at the next stop. Some children were fortunate and found decent and safe homes; others were not so fortunate. The young boys were seen in

many circumstances as nothing more than indentured servants and faced grueling farm work. They were beaten and starved, totally helpless. Our young Irish heroine in this story, Vivian, finds herself in the “care” of a savage, depraved husband and wife to look after their ever-increasing brood of feral-like children left on their own in a filthy shack with no running water and no food unless the brutish husband happened to kill a few squirrels. This was her second “home,” as the first one didn’t work out, either. She is nine years old at this point. This book was heartbreaking, but the human spirit prevails in the end. I never knew about such events before.

Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

Girl on the Train

by Paula Hawkins

★★★

This book reminded me of watching a scary movie and having to scream at the character(s) to stop putting themselves in harm’s way. It’s hard to scream at a book! The main character in this book keeps doing very stupid and dangerous things, putting herself repeatedly in danger. The book is suspenseful and enjoyable, and one hopes that this fictional woman cleans up her act and gets her life back.

Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick

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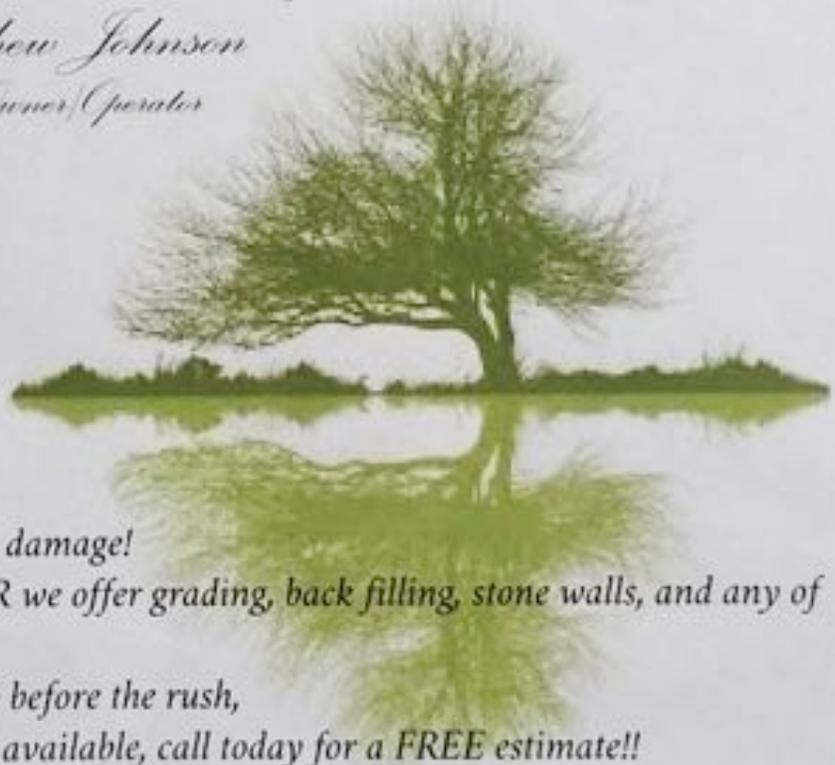
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All women are invited to the 11th Annual *Women Making a Difference Brunch* at the Mountain Top Inn Wedding Barn, Chittenden VT on **Sunday April 17, 2016 at 11:00am**. *Three Women with very diverse experiences will be the speakers honored this year:* Louise DeCormier-Actress, Singer, Writer; Jeanne Morrissey-Civil Engineer and Owner of JAM General Contracting; and Christina Sweet-Mother, Dental Hygienist and Surrogate Mother.

Suggested Donation \$35 for women 30 years + and \$20 for women 29 and younger. Please RSVP to Marcy Tanger: 802-259-2344 or tanger@vermontel.net. Payment can be made by credit card: <https://secure.actblue.com/contribute/page/womensbrunch2016> or by check made out to: Rutland County Democratic Committee, P.O. Box 933, Rutland, VT 05702. For further information, contact Barbara Hoffman (492-3532) or Ingrid Wisell (492-3063). This event is sponsored by the Rutland County Democratic Committee

Submitted by Ingrid Wisell and Barbara Hoffman

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### Rotary Club Event

The Wallingford Rotary Club will be holding its annual Spring fundraising dinner on **Saturday, April 9, at the Rotary Building from 5-7pm**. The picnic menu will feature our pulled pork sandwiches, coleslaw, baked beans, chips, pickles, with assorted beverages and a choice of homemade pies and desserts. The suggested donation for the meal is \$12 for adults, and \$6 for children under 12. Take outs will also be available. We thank all of you in the community for joining us by supporting this benefit dinner which helps fund our local projects and Mill River scholarship contributions.

*Submitted by Randell Barclay*

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Democratic Town Caucus Gathering

Everyone who voted a Democratic ballot in the March 1 Democratic Presidential Preference Primary is invited to attend the Shrewsbury Democratic Post-Primary Presidential Town Caucus.

**Tuesday, March 29, at 7pm
at the**

Shrewsbury Meeting House on Lottery Road

The purpose of the meeting is to elect two delegates from Shrewsbury to attend the Democratic State Convention on May 21 as part of the process of selecting Vermont's delegation to the Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia July 25-28.

Submitted by Francis Wyatt

Job Opportunity

The Town of Wallingford is accepting applications for lifeguard/counselor/concession stand positions. Applications are due at the Wallingford Town Hall, 75 School Street, Wallingford, VT 05773 by May 9, 2016. To request an application call Wallingford Town Hall at 446-2872 or email townadmin@wallingfordvt.com.

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### Small Farm Action Day Scheduled

On **Wednesday, March 30**, Rural Vermont joins the Vermont Young Farmers' Coalition to host the next Small Farm Action Day at the Statehouse in Montpelier. The event's primary focus will be "On-Farm Slaughter: Preserving a Vermont Tradition". Other issues affecting Vermont's small-scale farmers will be addressed too, including water quality and the pending Required Agricultural Practices (RAPs). The day will include advocacy training, opportunities to meet with lawmakers, and farmer-to-farmer networking. More info, farmer stipend applications, and RSVP at [www.ruralvermont.org](http://www.ruralvermont.org) or (802) 223-7222.

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Republican Town Caucus

Did you vote in the March Primary? Do you wish you had? The Shrewsbury Republican Town Committee will hold its Caucus on **April 21** to elect Delegates to the State and National Conventions. Elected Delegates have a strong voice in the direction of the Republican Party and the selection of the Presidential Nominee. Deadline to register for the Caucus is April 19. For further information, call Larry at 802-345-0587. Caucus notices will be posted at the Town Clerks Office, Post Office, Pierces Store, Loretta's, and Mac's no later than (5) days before the Caucus.

Submitted by Larry Williams

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### Second Tuesday Open Mic

The Second Tuesday Open Mic Night will take place on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. 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. Performers may contact the Town Administrator at (802)446-2872.

*Time for the  
Spring  
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## **RAVNAH Community Health Clinics** **April Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics**

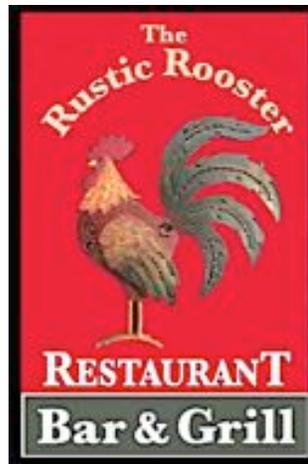
- The cost of the foot clinic is \$10. For more information please call 775-0568.
- Wed, April 6, Wallingford, Wallingford House, 10:30 am
- Thurs, April 7, Rutland, Parker House, 10 am
- Thurs, April 7, Rutland, Bardwell House, 12:30 pm
- Wed, April 27, Rutland, Godnick Adult Center, 12:30 pm

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 775.0568 for an appointment.

Travel Well with RAVNAH's Travel Health Clinic: 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, April 23rd from 10:30 am until noon. For more information contact Kate Lawrence, MSN RN CWOON at 802-770-1682.



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## 24th Annual Vermont Sports Medicine Center's 5K Run/Walk Slated for April 30

*Proceeds benefit Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports and Kids on the Move*

The 24th Annual Vermont Sports Medicine Centers' (VSMC) 5K Run/Walk will be **Saturday, April 30** and all proceeds from the event will benefit Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports and Kids on the Move. The annual event has become a staple among the "first 5Ks of the season," where all ages and abilities are welcome to walk or run for two local causes.

The 5K course starts and finishes at VSMC located at 5 Albert Cree Drive, across from Rutland Regional Medical Center. Preregistration is suggested and first 100 to preregister will receive an event t-shirt. The cost if one preregisters is \$20/adults and \$15 for kids ages 10-17. Day of registration is \$25/adults and \$20 for kids ages 10-17. Kids under 10 are \$5 and adaptive athletes participate for free.

The Kids Fun Run begins at 10 a.m. with the 5K run/walk immediately following after the fun run. Adaptive athlete run will start at 9:45 a.m. Refreshments will be available for all participants, and prizes will be awarded to first-place finishers in all runner age groups. *For more information or to preregister, visit [www.vermontsportsmedicinecenter.com](http://www.vermontsportsmedicinecenter.com) or call 802.775.1300*

About Kids on the Move : Kids on the Move is dedicated to serving children of all ages with rehabilitation needs, providing physical, occupational and speech-language therapy services to children from birth to 21 years of age in their own homes. Whether they come to us for developmental delays or genetic disorders, we believe that every child should have access to the highest quality pediatric rehabilitation care they need to thrive and grow. Founded in 1995, Kids on the Move is now a program of the RAVNAH and is the only pediatric rehabilitation program within a 60-mile radius of Rutland.

About Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports: Vermont Adaptive Ski and Sports is a 501c(3) non-profit organization, offering statewide, year-round sports and recreation to individuals with physical, mental or cognitive disabilities of all ages. Headquartered at Pico Mountain Ski Resort in Killington, the organization offers programs including: alpine and Nordic skiing, snowshoeing, indoor rock climbing, paddling, sailing, cycling, beeper baseball, tennis, hiking, camping, special activities, competitive programs, camps and events, environmental and wellness programs and more. Statewide locations vary by activity, both recreational and competitive.



**Spring Lake Ranch**  
Therapeutic Community  
*Working Toward Wellness*

### Blue Buckets

For decades, friends of Silver Lake Ranch could drive up the hill and see February forests speckled with traditional metal sap buckets set up in preparation for sugaring season. And while plenty of metal buckets still line many maples this year, a ride up to SLR may cause locals to double-take. New blue plastic has replaced customary steel.

Because of FDA standards, the Ranch has begun transitioning from the more traditional metal buckets towards more sanitary plastic equipment. And even without FDA regulations, the benefits of plastic are enough to shift away from antiquated steel. The translucent blue allows Ranchers to see sap levels, making it easier for crew leader, Doug Patton, to decide when to collect. And while metal buckets eventually leak due to the constant freeze-thaw cycle that makes syrup season possible, plastic containers are more durable long term, and are flexible enough to expand in freezing sap conditions. Furthermore, the blue buckets are lighter than their metal counterparts, making the labor intensive season a bit less strenuous for Ranchers.

Still, not everyone has been keen on the changing buckets. Some former staff have pointed out the unsightly hospital blue among the forest. Others have expressed difficulty reapplying the new buckets on taps. Plus, there is tradition behind the heavier, bulkier sap containers; and it is always hard to give up tradition.

But, at the end of the day, plastic or metal does not make tradition at Spring Lake Ranch, people do. In reality, what makes sugaring season so special is the inherent camaraderie that comes from tromping across the woods with other people smiling and laughing towards the same goal. Time-honored memories are found in the sugar house beams, in stoked fires and cups of sap tea among friends.

And regardless the people's reservations, the plastic containers will slowly phase out the old metal buckets. Over time, the new sap buckets will become the new standard. Nobody will think twice about the hospital blue blending into the maples as they drive towards the Ranch. And I suppose that is what makes Spring Lake Ranch so special. It continuously, seamlessly transitions towards the future, all the while, still, honoring the past. Happy sugaring season.

*Article by Jon*



## NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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

Sally Deinzer, Manager

**Get out your cameras!** Pierce's Store wants post-cards of our beautiful town to sell to customers. And we think there's plenty of talent in town to generate the photos. So we're sponsoring a contest that any amateur photographer in town can enter. The images will be on display in our garage space and voting will take place during a limited period. We hope to show our iconic images as well as the living landscape over the 4 seasons. Watch for detailed information on submitting your photos coming soon!

**Pierce's Garage Renovation** Craftsman Peter Grace and a team of volunteer laborers and carpenters have been working through this nearly snowless winter getting the garage at Pierce's cleaned out and renovated. Ideas for using the space are still being generated but the photo contest announced elsewhere on this page will be one of the first things. Another is that we'll be able to host outdoor barbecues much more easily and frequently than in the past since we'll have a ready rain space.

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

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

### Pierce's Store Seafood Pre-Orders

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

**Watch for the return of fresh made sandwiches** at Pierce's every weekday. A number of volunteers have stepped forward to be available between 11 and 1 to take your order and make a sandwich just as you want. Please stop in!

### Regular hot meals in the crockpot:

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

### Specialty Wednesday Pizza Varieties

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|------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 4/6  | Pesto, chopped tomatoes & mozzarella cheese                                  |
| 4/13 | Sautéed mushrooms with marinara sauce and mozzarella cheese                  |
| 4/20 | Louisiana with tomato sauce, Andouille sausage, mozzarella and roman cheeses |
| 4/27 | Italian sausage with sweet peppers                                           |

### Ever wonder what bread is available on what day at Pierce's?

As with most things, nothing is 100% certain, but there are some pretty sure bets.

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| Monday and Tuesday | Seed and/or wholegrain bread: Sesame Seed, Wheatberry, Whole Wheat or Oatmeal.                       |
| Wednesday          | Hamburger Buns                                                                                       |
| Thursday           | Anadama Bread (that wonderful cornmeal and molasses loaf); Gluten Free Bread to order also available |
| Friday             | Sourdough French Bread                                                                               |
| Saturday           | Plain French Bread                                                                                   |

**If in doubt, call the 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.

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|-----------------|--------------------|
| April 1, 15, 29 | Rob's Mac & Cheese |
| April 8, 22     | Rob's Lasagne      |

Take-out meals are currently in the works for April. If you are interested, and able to make a meal, please contact Sally at 492-3326.



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



Selections include Ham & Cheddar; Spinach & Feta; Almond; Chocolate; Plain; Danish and/or Galette

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