



Times of Shrewsbury

June 2016



CRITTER SIGHTINGS IN SHREWSBURY

Turtle Sits Still for Photo!

Roxanne Ramah shared her recent find with the Roving Reporter as follows:

“Just a couple feet into the woods from my house was a BIG snapping turtle just sittin’ there! He was 14” long and about 10” wide and had a long tail. I’d never seen anything like that at my house. He (it could have been a she) didn’t look like he/she was going anywhere so I ran and got the camera, and it was the first time I’ve had wildlife in the yard that waited for me to get the camera!

Later I googled Vermont turtle Identification to see what he was and found a Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas that keeps track of the different species at (www.vtherpatlas.org/the_atlas.htm).

It looked like they didn’t have any documentation of a snapping turtle in Shrewsbury but they welcomed any sightings so I wrote up a little report and sent in photos (front view...back view). I got an email from a fellow who’s at Middlebury College, and he said this was the first documentation of a snapping turtle in Shrewsbury!!!! They know that they’re here, but they don’t have the actual documentation unless it’s reported to them by someone here.



He sent a list (*see below*) of other Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Species that haven’t been documented here in Shrewsburythey don’t even have a garter-snake sighting!”

No doubt Roxanne will have her camera nearby! But photographing a snake might be a bit more challenging for Roxanne since snakes rarely sit still for

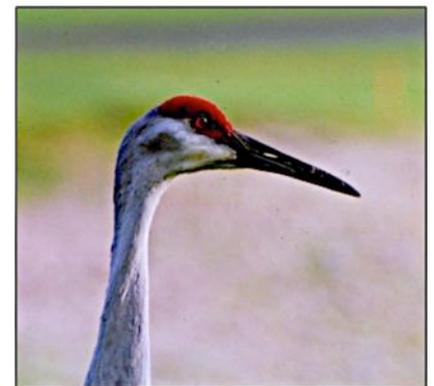
very long unless it’s been smushed on the road....which leads the Roving Reporter to wonder whether that would count as a “find” for the Atlas!

Photo by Roxanne Ramah

Shrewsbury Amphibian and Reptile Report

Common Gartersnake	Have report, need photo	Certain
Dekay's Brownsnake	Need report, need photo	Probable
Milksnake	Need report, need photo	Probable
M. Dusky Salamander	Need report, need photo	Almost Certain
N. Leopard Frog	Need report, need photo	Possible
N. Two-lined Salamander	Have report, need photo	Certain
Painted Turtle	Need report, need photo	Possible
Snapping Turtle *	Need report, need photo	Almost Certain
Spring Peeper	Have report, need photo	Certain
Spring Salamander	Need report, need photo	Probable

***Certain find with report and photo from Roxanne on May 12!**



Spring Visitor

If the head looks like this and it’s attached to a 3 foot tall dusty brown body that weighs about 10 pounds it can only be **Sandhill Crane!** One was spotted in a meadow on the Eastham Road on April 25. When last seen it was flying toward Cuttingsville and according to Mark LaBarr of Vermont Audubon it is probably heading to join a small flock which has nested for several years in the Lake Champlain Valley. A friend from Mt. Holly remembers them being an annual visitor to Lake Ninevah every year many years ago.

Submitted by Gary Salmon

Memorial Service

On May 14 the Shrewsbury Community came together to honor the life of Donna Marzilli. Donna's mother and family shared wonderful memories as did many of her friends in Shrewsbury. The Shrewsbury Singers and the Chamber Ensemble shared their music; and an enjoyable luncheon was served in the Town Hall.

We will miss Donna.



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SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

June 3	7:30pm	*"Raising Poultry in your Backyard" presentation at the at the Library
June 7	7pm	Shrewsbury Historical Society meeting at the Museum
June 10	7:30pm	*Kristi & Sandy Bragg presentation on Brittany and Normandy at the Library
June 11	9am – 1pm	*SCC will be holding an Invasive Species Control/Habitat Restoration event
June 14	12 noon	Shrewsbury Lunch Group will meet at Mountain Top Inn, 195 Mountain Top Road, Chittenden. RSVP to Doris Perry 492-3440. Let Doris know if you need a ride or want to carpool.
June 15	12 noon	*Prayer Shawl group @ the home of Elaine Ransom 492-3738
June 15		*Deadline to submit membership form to Shrewsbury Outing Club
June 18	10-12noon	*Kick Off Event for Summer Reading Program at the Library
June 19	4pm	*Famous Books Discussion Group meets at Library
June 23	5pm	*Skype classes with Randell Barclay at the Library (Limit 10 participants)
June 24	5pm	*Wine tasting with Sandy Bragg at Pierce's Store
June 26	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at Library
June 27		*RSVP requested if you plan to attend the Celebration for Jeffords Forest & Brown Bridge
Jne 28	5pm	*Skype classes with Randell Barclay at the Library (Limit 10 participants)
June 29	7pm	Northam Cemetery Assoc. Annual Mtg, @ Town Office; call if ?'s Catherine Carrara 492-6137
July 3	1-3pm	*Historical Society Museum opens for the season on Sundays until October 30
July 5	4-6pm	*Celebration for Jim Jeffords Forest and Brown Bridge at the Brown Bridge
July 8	7pm	*Butterflies by Jerry Schneider at the Library

*see elsewhere in newsletter for detail



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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	Open Sundays July 3--Oct 30; 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

Green Mountain Power outage 1-800-451-2877

Medical—Fire—Police Emergency Dial 911

Rutland Hospital 775-7111

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SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Longtime members of the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department attended the 2016 Vermont Public Service Awards ceremony at Castleton University's Casella Theater on May 10. The Awards, presented by Vermont Secretary of State Jim Condos, recognize those who have spent twenty or more years serving their hometowns. SVFD members recognized for 20 or more years of service included Al Ridlon Jr., Mark Stewart, Paul Stewart, Kevin Brown and Barry Griffith. Bob Snarski was on a short list of those with more than 45 years of service. Topping the list of those honored was **Al Ridlon, Sr.** with 63 years in the fire service -- and counting. Wife **Ann** has been volunteering her time with Alan every step of the way. A photograph of the Ridlons with the Secretary of State, receiving a standing ovation for that service, accompanies this article. The Awards were not limited to volunteer firefighters; other Shrewsbury officials honored for their longtime service to the Town included **John Berryhill, Julanne Sharrow, Sharon Winnicki, Steven Nicholson, Linda McGuire, David Rice and Hull Maynard.** Thank you and congratulations to all!



*Al & Ann
Ridlon*

SVFD's two newest members also richly deserve recognition. Recruited by their Mill River classmate Elliott Stewart, **Jared Rau** and **Evan Robinson** joined our Fire Department in 2015, making a commitment to

take the Firefighter I course taught by the Vermont Fire Academy. Asked to provide details, Jared replied: "The course was around 225-250 hours long. We started September 3rd and finished May 1st. We had nine all day practical sessions held at the Castleton Fire Department and the Vermont Fire Academy. We studied everything on the fire grounds: fire attacks, hose handling and folds, CPR/First Aid, HazMat, building construction, fire behavior, firefighter survival etc. just to name a few. We're now certified interior firefighters in 46 out of 50 states. We both learned a great deal. I strongly suggest this course to any firefighter out there; they won't regret the amount of hours put in one bit." We salute Jared and Evan for their dedication and accomplishment, and are pleased to have them join SVFD's ranks of Firefighter I certified volunteers.

Some readers may have encountered some unexpected activity May 21 -- a drill simulating an airplane crash with a massive response to the same by ambulance, fire and other emergency services. SVFD members volunteered their time that Saturday to participate. Our specific assignment was to serve as part of a "tanker shuttle" -- bringing water to the fire scene, going to a water source to refill the truck, and so continuing back and forth until the fire is suppressed. SVFD has planned and drilled in the past with neighboring fire departments, but this is the largest regional exercise in the region in memory. Another way your neighbors on the Fire Department try to train to be ready for any emergency.

~~STAY FIRE SAFE!~~

*Submitted for SVFD by Barry Griffith
Photo by Bob Snarski*

Congratulations!

Awards for Vermont Public Service were presented by VT Secretary of State Jim Condos at Castleton University on May 10. Awards were presented to people from Rutland and Northern Bennington Counties for 20 plus years of public service. Awards for Shrewsbury included:

20-24 years of service:

Kevin Brown
David Rice

25-29 Years of service:

Linda McGuire
Mark Stewart
Paul Stewart

30-34 Years of service:

John Berryhill
Julanne Sharrow
Sharon Winnicki

40-44 Years of service

Al Ridlon Jr.
Barry Griffith

45-49 Years of service

Robert Snarski

60 + Years of service

Al Ridlon Sr.



Volunteer Opportunity

We now have a group from Shrewsbury volunteering regularly at the Vermont Foodbank in Rutland. The Foodbank has a new facility where donated food and produce is stored, sorted and given out to local food shelves. Help is needed for all parts of this process. The work is not difficult, but it is interesting and necessary, and the time goes quickly. If you feel that no one in our state should be hungry, and you would like to be part of the group, give me a call and I'll explain the process for joining. You can check out the Foodbank's website at: www.vtfoodbank.org.

Submitted by Pam Grace

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on the Town website at
www.shrewsburyvt.org

Click on "Bulletin Board & Times of Shrewsbury" tab and then again on the "Times of Shrewsbury" tab

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

The Town of Shrewsbury Highway Department has an opening for a full time Highway Maintenance Worker. The applicant must have a valid Class B CDL. Class A CDL is a plus. Three years truck driving experience operating trucks with a snow plow and wing, or construction vehicles is required. Heavy equipment experience a plus. Must:

1. Be available for considerable overtime during heavy snow fall or other situations.
2. Be able to use tools and lift materials commonly used in routine road maintenance work.
3. Live within reasonable proximity to the Town of Shrewsbury garage.

Pay is commensurate with experience. A complete job description and application are available on the Shrewsbury Town website: www.shrewsburyvt.org, search under Town Departments for Road Commissioner; also available at the Shrewsbury Town Office 9823 Cold River Rd. Applications will be accepted through July 6, 2016, at the Shrewsbury Town Office or via e-mail at shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net.

CELEBRATE Creation of Jim Jeffords State Forest and

National Historic Landmark Designation of The Brown Covered Bridge

Join The Trust for Public Land, National Park Service, Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, and Vermont Division for Historic Preservation to celebrate the creation and conservation of Jim Jeffords State Forest and the designation of the adjacent Brown Bridge as a National Historic Landmark. This new 1,346-acre state forest was named in honor of the late Senator Jim Jeffords, a Shrewsbury resident with a legacy of environmental stewardship and land conservation.

Join us for the dedication, light refreshments, and a hike along the north branch of the Cold River in the new State Forest. Invited guests include the Jeffords family; U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy; U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders; U.S. Congressman Peter Welch; Governor Peter Shumlin; Marsh-Billings-Rockefeller National Historic Park Superintendent Rick Kendall; Secretary of Commerce & Community Development Patricia Moulton; Green Mountain Power President Mary Powell; and, VELCO President Tom Dunn.

RSVP requested but not required by June 27 to Sarah Erb at 802.223.1373, ext. 10 or sarah.erb@tpl.org

Tuesday, July 5, 2016
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

at the Brown Covered Bridge

Upper Cold River Road near the intersection of North Branch Road
Please park on Cold River Road west of the bridge.





What a system ~~ What's the story?

Delegates are a confusing system so here's a closer look at who they are and what they do.

Delegates work and are awarded differently depending on the two parties. There are several forms of delegates.

Democratic party:

Pledged delegates: are elected by rank and file members of each state's democratic party. They are pledged proportionally to reflect how the state voted. They make up 4,051 of the Democratic party delegate count.

Unpledged/superdelegates: are made up of politicians and party leaders holding a variety of different positions. These positions differ from state to state. Unlike pledged delegates who must be elected by democratic party members they are guaranteed a seat at the democratic convention. They are free to vote for whichever democratic presidential candidate they want, regardless of which candidate their state chooses. They make up 712 of the total Democratic party delegate count.

Republican party:

Pledged delegates: are awarded to Republican presidential candidates in two different ways depending on the state. All of the states that vote early in the primary must award their pledged delegates proportionally. In the states which hold their primaries later, some have chosen to award delegates based on the proportional system while others have chosen to use the winner-takes-all system. They make up 2,363 of the total Republican party delegate count.

Automatic delegates: While superdelegates don't exist in the Republican party, up to three automatic delegates per state are guaranteed seats at the Republican convention. However, unlike Democratic superdelegates they must vote for the Republican candidate who receives the most votes in their state. They make up 109 of the total Republican party delegate count.

A Democratic primary candidate needs 2,383 delegates to win the Democratic nomination. A Republican primary candidate needs 1,237 delegates to win the Republican nomination.

Why is this?

Questions/concerns/comments? E-mail me at: silashamilton@gmail.com

Submitted by Silas Hamilton

Learn to Use Skype

Shrewsbury Library
5pm on Thursday, June 23
or
5pm on Tuesday June 28

Randell Barclay will provide a free informational session on how to use Skype which is software that allows you to instant message and make voice & video calls to fellow Skype users on the Internet for Free! Bring your own fully charged Apple, Android or Microsoft phone or tablet, or laptops to one of the two sessions offered. You will learn to:

- create a Microsoft account needed to use Skype (If you are using Windows 8 or 10 on your computer you probably already have an account)
- install Skype software or apps on your phones, tablets or laptops
- setup Skype for your personal preferences including contacts;
- make Skype phone and/or video calls to other Skype members
- use Skype to Text/Instant Message other Skype members

Space will be limited to 10 people per session so please call the library to place your name on the list. Note: The sessions are not intended as a training session on how to use members' phones, tablets or laptops but rather a session on how to implement and use Skype.

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*Bear claws in sugar maple periderm.*

**QUIET – Cambiums At Work!**

At a foresters convention in March I listened to Michael Wojtech, recent author of a book called simply “BARK,” give a talk on exactly that subject. While on the surface the talk nicely provided the context for identifying trees by their outside parts, like a tree, it was the inside of the talk that proved more lively. A new term (for me), periderm, and the concept of two cambiums kept interest high.

Periderm, the technical term for bark, is all the tissue from the outside of the tree all the way into the vascular cambium (the one that grows new wood in the form of an annual ring each year). Periderm includes both living and dead cells each with separate functions and can be divided into outer bark (dead cells) and inner bark (living ones). Outer bark is NOT wood but a collection of cork cells produced to help protect the tree from excessive heat, water loss, and microbial degradation. Bark is lighter than wood, can expand with tree growth, and for most older trees can be easily sloughed off. It is created by yet another cambium, the cork cambium whose function is to create these cork cells to replace those continually lost on the outside of the tree to weather, or perhaps pulling bark off to start a camp fire, or even inquisitive bears.

Between these two cambium layers is the inner bark or phloem which transports food created in the leaves down into the trunk of the tree for use in creating new wood (via vascular cambium) and new outer bark (via cork cambium). A complex description for sure but certainly no more complex than the very idea of keeping a plant alive by designing a process to allow it to stay in one spot for centuries and get larger each year. That’s why we have big trees in Shrewsbury.

*Submitted by Gary Salmon, Tree Warden*



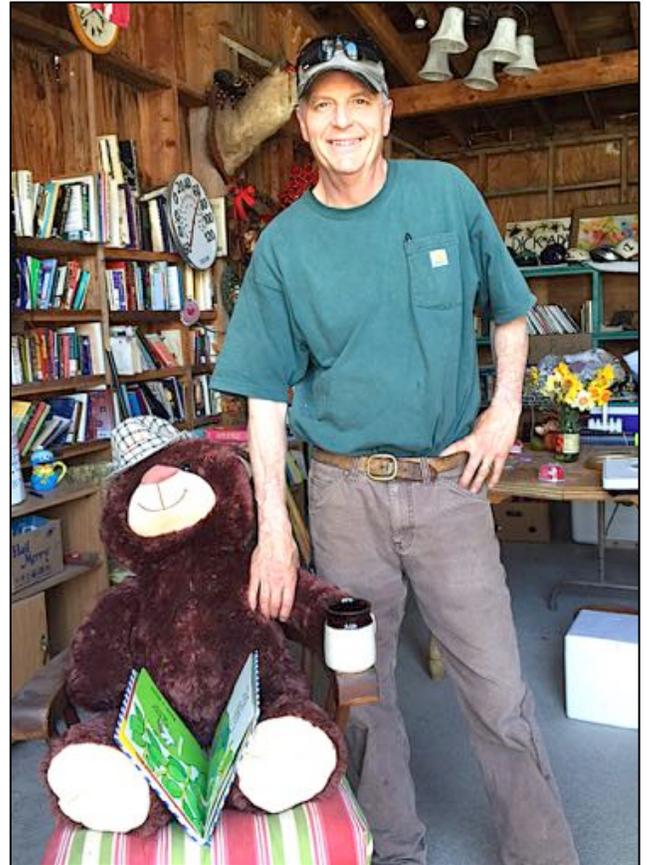
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Pay As You Throw Charges**

1 punch = \$1.00

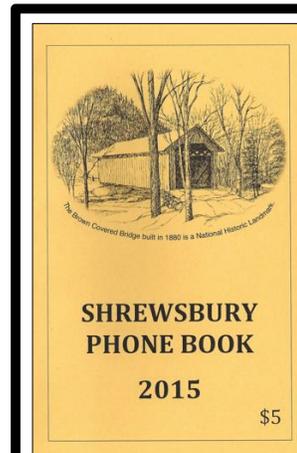
13 gallon bag = 1 punch

30-32 gallon bag = 2 punches

Contractor and 55 gallon bag = 3 punches



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# SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

At the ANNUAL MEETING in May, all officers and trustees whose terms had expired were returned to office and/or to the Board of Trustees. Many thanks to everyone for agreeing to take part in the Library's work!

THANKS to the Selectboard for re-appointing DEBBIE BLECICH as the Town's representative to the Library Board. We're very lucky to have her as our Treasurer!

MANY THANKS to AVELOY LANNING, Executive Director, and JEN YAKUNOVICH, Development Director, of the Rutland County Women's Network & Shelter, for their excellent presentation on RCWNS' work in the community. The Rutland Herald gave the program front-page coverage (along with an article on the memorial service for Donna Marzilli). Copies of both articles are posted in the library.

## Coming Events:

Friday, June 3 @ 7:30pm: KERMIT BLACKWOOD, renowned aviculturist, heritage breeds conservator, and filmmaker, will speak on RAISING POULTRY IN YOUR BACKYARD in the Library Meeting Room. This program is sponsored by SAGE (Shrewsbury Institute for Agricultural Education) and is free and open to all. Please call Joan (492-3550) for details.

Friday, June 10 @ 7:30pm: KRISTI & SANDY BRAGG will give a presentation on BRITTANY and NORMANDY in the Meeting Room. Please join us for an exploration of the rich history, landscape, and culture of these fascinating regions of France!

Thursday, June 23 & Tuesday, June 28 @ 5pm: SKYPE classes with RANDELL BARCLAY. Limit: 10 participants for each session. Please call the Library to register: 492-3410.

Friday, July 8 @ 7 pm: BUTTERFLIES with expert JERRY SCHNEIDER (Meeting Room)

Saturday, July 16 @ 10 am: CHARLIE PAQUIN. Details TBA.

Saturday, July 23 7:30 pm: METTAWEE THEATRE COMPANY presents "BEFORE THE SUN AND MOON," from a Korean folk tale. Place: SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL, rain or shine.

## Continuing Programs:

Sunday, June 19 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: *Palace Walk* by Naguib Mahfouz, the first book of the "Cairo Trilogy" by this Nobel Prize winner. We'll have two discussions of this long (and engrossing!) novel. Books will be in the Library; please call Joan for more (492-3550).

Sunday, June 26 @ 7pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: DARWIN: ORIGIN OF SPECIES. Second discussion of this classic work on evolution; please call Joan for more books: 492-3550.

Alternate Wednesdays @ 6:30pm: QUILTERS' GROUP: All welcome! Please call Donna Swartz for information: 773-7403.

For Meeting Room events, please come early to make sure you have a seat!



## New Books include:

- ❖ *The Last Mile* by David Baldacci: His newest political thriller.
- ❖ *Everybody's Fool* by Richard Russo: The long-awaited sequel to *Nobody's Fool* by the beloved chronicler of Upstate New York.
- ❖ *Seven Brief Lessons on Physics* by Carlo Rovelli: Elegantly simple explanations of complex science: a surprising best seller.
- ❖ *LaRose* by Louise Erdrich: The third in her Native American family trilogy: a lyrical, gritty, and moving novel by this wonderful writer.
- ❖ *Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution* by Nathaniel Philbrick: Unknown history, gripping writing by the author of *Mayflower*.
- ❖ New Juvenile and Young Adult books will be added to the collection in the next month. Just in time for summer!

## New DVDs include:

- ❖ *Janis*: A documentary of the brief life of the great blues/rock and roll singer.
- ❖ *Concussion*, starring Will Smith and Alec Baldwin, based on a true story of football injury.
- ❖ *Forks Over Knives*: A documentary about the revolution against industrial food.
- ❖ *Game of Thrones*: Season 6 (Many thanks to the Ryans!): The latest in this riveting series.
- ❖ *Hinterland*: Season 1: A gripping crime drama, set in Wales.

# Summer Reading Program 2016

## @ The Shrewsbury Library

**Kick Off Event**  
**Saturday**  
**June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**10am-12:30pm**

**ON YOUR MARK,  
GET SET...**



**READ!**

**Mid-Summer Check in**  
**Event: Saturday July 16<sup>th</sup>,**  
**time TBD**

**Final Event: Saturday**  
**August 20<sup>th</sup>, time TBD**

**Exercise your mind this summer with our Summer Reading Program. The program includes:**

- Take home reading challenges and reading logs for all age groups.
- Prizes at a mid-summer check in and the final event of the summer.
- A variety of games and activities at the 3 events. \*More information to follow\*

**Join us at the Kick Off Event to receive your free summer reading packet and learn more about the summer reading program. Plus a local coach and marathoner will teach us the importance of warming up our minds and bodies.**

**\*Snacks will be provided\***

Want a summer reading packet but you can't attend the events?  
No Problem! Packets can be picked up anytime at the library  
after June 18<sup>th</sup>.

# Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

## Vermont History Expo at Tunbridge, June 18 and 19, 2016

The Shrewsbury Historical Society's committee is working on an exhibit featuring the Brown Bridge as this year's theme is "water". The bridge is number 18 on Vermont's list of Historical Landmarks, and is the only bridge in Vermont given this status. For more information on the bridge, go to our town's website: [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org). Click on "Community" and then on "Brown Bridge". Be sure to watch the FEMA video, "It Is Our Bridge", with scenes featuring Michele Suker, David Fretz and Irene Gordon.

The Expo opens at 10 am and closes at 5 pm. Admission is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children, and free for children under 5. One-half price for visitors who arrive in period dress.

Plans are underway for a celebration of this honor to be held at the bridge in July, along with the dedication of the Jim Jeffords State Park. More details will be forthcoming.

## Shrewsbury's Exhibits at Vermont History Expos of Years Past

The following is a list of themes that the Shrewsbury Historical Society worked on to present at the Expo. In 2000, "Good Vermonters, The Pierce's of North Shrewsbury". In 2002, "The Life and Loves of John P. Bowman". In 2004, "One-Room Schoolhouses". In 2005: A pictorial wall featuring the "Shrewsbury Community Meeting House, Continuity and Change, 1806 to 2005". In 2006, "Til the Cows Come Home" featuring the Smith/Sharrow farm with a mural painted by Grace Brigham and Fran Patten. In 2007, "Spring Lake Ranch" celebrating 75 years. In 2010, "Back to the Land Again" featuring three dioramas of three farmlands, tended by Bob and Judy Landon, Arthur and Trish Krueger, and Grace Brigham. The dioramas were constructed by Manolo Zelkin and Emmett and Cedell Sirjane. In 2012, "Letters to Home" written in 1862/63 by George Wellington Foster of Cuttingsville to his bride. Foster was a drummer with the 14<sup>th</sup> Regiment, Co. B during the Civil War. Grace Brigham was the artist for the Expo poster this year. In 2014, Len Korzun walked the Tunbridge fairgrounds wearing a sign that invited folks to talk with him about history.

All of the above exhibits were brought back to the museum and enjoyed for the rest of the season.

## Recognition of North Shrewsbury

Sometime in the early 1960s a reporter named Gil Klein wrote a column in the *Tampa Tribune* under the headline, "Vermont Has Yesterday's Charm". The article, now yellowed, was recently found folded up in Marjorie Pierce's mother's photo album. The article bore no date unfortunately. This writer surmises that Klein visited our state and wrote about his findings on back roads in Vermont.

He wrote, "Take the tiny hamlet of North Shrewsbury for example. There's absolutely no reason your average tourist would want to go through North Shrewsbury unless he wants to risk his life taking a shortcut over a steep, dirt mountain road from Rutland to Plymouth Notch. "But right in the middle of the three or four buildings that make up downtown North Shrewsbury is a genuine, eat-your-heart-out-Walt Disney, white clapboard general store with the most authentic white-haired Vermonter sitting behind the counter that central casting could imagine. "His name is W. E. Pierce, and he'll be pleased to sell you a Co-ca-Cola and talk about politics while you browse through his store, which is as much a museum as a commercial establishment."

## The Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum opens on July 3 this year.

Sundays, 1-3pm, from July 3 to October 30

*Submitted by Ruth Winkler*

*Smith Maple Crest Farm, LLC*



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October 2016 will be the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Jessica and the Moose, so we're looking for moose artwork, a poem, and/or story to print in the Times during the coming months!

### Our First Moose Stories!

Early one August evening I was driving on Northam Road and approaching the section which spans the Johnson's Pond drainage. Suddenly a moose cow walked out of the tree line opposite the pond and onto the road. She paused briefly on the road till her calf scampered from the tree line and entered the woods on the Jonson's Pond side and then followed. I was driving with visitors from out of state and they were thrilled; it gave them an authentic Vermont experience.

One summer evening close to sundown I was paddling a canoe on Spring Lake between the peninsula and the north shore. I was parallel to the peninsula and stopped to admire the setting sun as it filtered through the trees when I became aware of a silhouette that looked nothing like a tree. In fact it was a moose, and a big one with a large rack of antlers. Not being familiar with moose behavior, and concerned that he might be aggressive and enter the water in an attempt to charge the canoe; I paddled slowly and quietly to put distance between us while looking at him out of the corner of my eye. We just looked at each other till I was further out on the lake with a good distance between us, and then I turned my back to him and paddled away.

During the height of the Moose & Jessica romance I remember driving past Larry Carrara's and seeing long lines of cars parked on both sides of the road with people walking back and forth across the road and excitedly taking pictures of the happy couple. The moose did not seem to mind the attention as he stood in the pasture quite close to the fence. Shortly afterwards I was in Germany on business and chatting with a colleague over supper when I mentioned that I had been in Vermont recently. Immediately he perked up and asked if I was anywhere near that moose who fell in love with the cow. International notoriety for Shrewsbury! ~~Rich Biziak

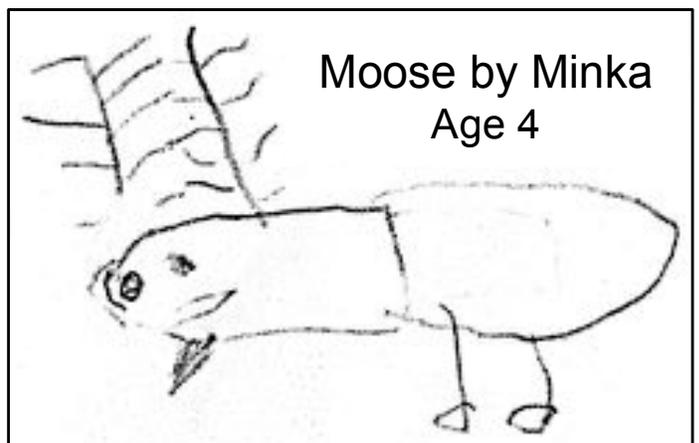
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### A biking season is upon us!

A popular riding route is from Rutland or Ludlow to Pierce's Store. A group of riders from Montreal stopped at the store in May. They were on their way to Boston where they would turn around and ride home to Montreal. Riding up the hill was well worth it, they told us, "nice view from the antique house!". We agree. The sunsets are beautiful.

*Submitted by Stacy McKiernan*



## The Shrewsbury Community Church



*Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley*



On April 24th Eliza Pearl Sharrow was Baptized. We had a lovely service of Baptism led by Reverend Skip Dickinson. The Sharrow Family invited the congregation to stay after the service for a celebration luncheon in the Town Hall. Eliza is the daughter of Chad and Angie Sharrow and sister of Mason and Silas. Grandparents are Earl and Julanne Sharrow of Shrewsbury and Ron and Kathy Westney of Springfield, VT.

**Sunday mornings, 9:00 to 10:15**, Shrewsbury Singers meet to sing rounds and songs that have originated from throughout the world, spanning centuries and musical styles. All are welcome to sing or just listen! For more info, contact Licia Gambino Hamilton at 492-3792 or [hamgam@vermontel.net](mailto:hamgam@vermontel.net).

**Sunday mornings, 10:30** – Sunday Morning Preschool. All 1-4 year olds are welcome to meet in the Children's Room for story time, coloring, activities, and snacks. Any questions, call Lynette Over, 775-0853.

**Thanks to Everyone** who worked to make our Community Mexican Fiesta a success last month! Good Food, Very Festive Decorations, Lively Music and Good Company!

### 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

June 5 @ 1030am: Worship Service & Holy Communion led by Rev. Bob Boutwell, and Preschool Program.

June 12 @ 1030: Worship Service led by David Rice and Preschool Program.

June 15 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting @ the home of Elaine Ransom. Please bring a bag lunch, drinks and dessert provided. Call Elaine 492-3738 to let her know if you can come. All Welcome! Come and Enjoy the fellowship and the Mission.

June 19 @ 1030am: Worship Service led by Rev. Skip Dickinson Preschool Program.

June 26 @ 1030am: Worship Service led by Rita Lane Preschool Program.

### NOTE SERVICES MOVE TO THE NORTHAM CHURCH FOR JULY & AUGUST

The Northam Church is the lovely white church with the tall steeple next to the Town Office on the Cold River Rd. Don't Forget to Mark your calendars for our Annual Pilgrimage to Meeting House Rock on July 31st!

### In honor of Mother's and Father's the following donations were made to the Community Sharing Project:

**Mothers:** Rhea Roberts & Yesmine Ramah by Roxanne Ramah, Sally Jones & Mary Over by Lynette Richards Over, Olive Haley by Robert & Glenda Gearwar, Elaine Ransom by Sue Ransom-Kelley, Virginia Donaski by Elaine Ransom

**Fathers:** George Richards & George Curtis Over by Lynette Richards Over, Ray C. Roberts & Louis Ramah by Roxanne Ramah, Howard Haley by Robert & Glenda Gearwar, Robert Ransom and Charles H. Kelley by Sue Ransom-Kelley, Alex Donaski by Elaine Ransom

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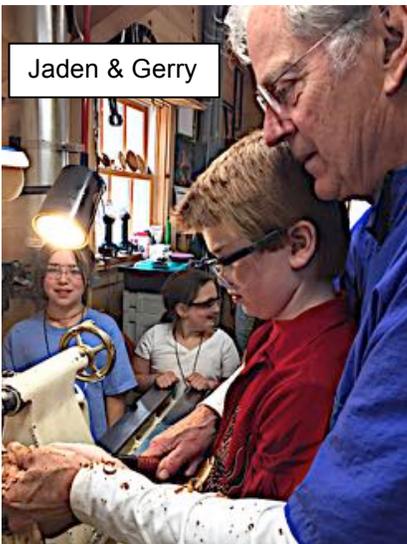
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Dylan



Cora



Jaden & Gerry



Charlotte



Samantha & Alaina



Emily

**SMS Art Class Field Trip**

Shrewsbury Mountain School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students along with their art teacher, Ms Kaemmerlen, and bus driver, Mr. Adams, traveled to Gerry Martin's woodworking shop where they learned a few things about wood and woodturning. The students selected a bowl they liked from displays, talked about why they selected the bowl, learned about an assortment of other woods and bowls, selected a bowl to sign and decorate as well as a necklace using cherry wood medallions, and then put on safety glasses to observe or do some turning on the lathe! They even checked out a burl on a tree near the shop.



Ms K, Emily, Charlotte, Dylan, Nick, and a burl!



## Mountain School Board News

It is very strange writing what is my last submission to the Times from the Shrewsbury Mountain School Board of Directors. As of July 1, 2016, we cease to exist and the new Mill River Unified Union School District Board is in the driver's seat. Andy Richards-Peelle and I were sworn in for that board by Education Secretary, Rebecca Holcombe on May 12 and the MRUUSD board had its first official meeting. The new board will meet on the first and third Wednesdays in a rotating schedule of locations. Agendas will be posted at our Town Office, the Mountain School, and the Post Office, as well as online at [millriverschools.org](http://millriverschools.org).

At the Mountain School the year is winding to a close with all classes heading out for various end-of-year field trips. Summer work has been planned and the Board will be reviewing generator quotes at our last scheduled meeting on June 6 @ 4:30. The generator fundraising effort was very successful and we are planning on an installation this summer. Sincere thanks to all - donators and taxpayers alike. The generator will be hugely helpful in the coming years to keep kids in school through our many power outages.

Andy or I will continue to write news for the Times, but I will be suggesting an effort be made to submit news of all the schools that your taxes will be supporting. I think that knowing your neighbors and what the other schools are doing will help make the transition from single Town schools to the larger district successful.

Thank you very much for allowing me to serve on the Mountain School Board all of these years. I look forward to serving the larger district keeping the Shrewsbury Voice loud and clear. To that end, the Board wrote a charge for the new School Advisory Committee. Andy, Sarah, and I really hope that this committee will be an active group that has a variety of Townspeople participating in it. I'm including the charge after this letter, so if you are interested in serving on the committee, please call our Interim Principal, Brian Hill, or email [bhill@rssu.org](mailto:bhill@rssu.org) to submit your name. A meeting of this group will be scheduled in early June so that they can be up and running for the beginning of school in August.

**Move-Up Night** is June 7th at 5:30. It is a really wonderful event where the children "move-up" to their new grade and then everyone wishes the 6th graders well for their years after SMS. Come, if you can.

*Submitted by Adrienne Raymond*

## Mountain School Volunteering and District Summer Opportunities (homeschoolers are welcome):

**Four Winds** is a volunteer-run, hands-on, K-6, nature program that needs a few more volunteers for next year. The commitment is a two hour workshop on the first Tuesday of the month eight months of the year. As a volunteer you will learn about that month's topic and how to teach the activities, then spend about three hours prepping and teaching it to your classroom (often with a partner). As a volunteer I am learning so much and having fun, and getting to be a part of the school community from the inside. The students love the program and ask excitedly "IS TODAY 4 WINDS?!" whenever they see me. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Gretchen Gould at 492-2017 or [dtvermont@hotmail.com](mailto:dtvermont@hotmail.com). You don't have to have a child in SMS to volunteer; please let those interested know about this opportunity.

**RSSU Summer Enrichment Camp:** Brochures to sign up for camp are on their way home. If you didn't receive one, let us know!

**CES Summer Camp:** In Clarendon, they discovered a need to provide a quality camp program during the three weeks between the end of school and the start of the SU enrichment camp. To help fill this need, the CES after school program will be running a three-week summer camp at CES from June 13 - July 1. It will run Mon - Fri from 7:30 - 5:30; the camp itself is from 8:30 - 3:30 but they will be offering early drop off and late pick up options to help our working parents. Cost of the camp is \$70 per week with an additional \$5 per day for the early and/or late option. They are also offering an option for swimming lessons. More information and forms are available by calling the SMS at 492-3435 or the RSSU Office at 775-3264.

**Young Hacks:** Young Hacks Academy is hosting a tech leadership camp this summer at Stafford Technical Center in Rutland for 9-14 year olds called Young Hacks Academy [www.younghacks.com](http://www.younghacks.com). A blend of computer programming, problem-solving, and teamwork, YHA teaches kids to build video games about big challenges facing us on the local and global level, like climate change, homelessness, and endangered wildlife. We aim to equip kids with a foundation in programming; instill a passion for creative problem solving and a commitment to service. RSSU's own Joe Bertelloni ([jbertelloni@rssu.org](mailto:jbertelloni@rssu.org)) is the program instructor for the second year in a row. Email Joe with any questions or call the SMS at 492-3435 or the RSSU Office at 775-3264 for more information.

**Pre-K registration:** If you have a child that will be ready for preschool, call Marj at 492-3435 to set up a time to register on May 20 from 9-11:30. Call, if you missed it!

## MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

**The Class of 2016:** As members of the 40<sup>th</sup> graduating class enter life's next chapter, it is likely they will take a few moments to reflect upon the small Town where they spent at least some of their youth. The citizens of this wonderful community wish them much happiness and success in the future. The Shrewsbury graduates of 2016 are as follows: Sarah Barker, Alyssa Chapin, Alysha Chesser, Isaac Day, Chloe Hutt Vater, Jade Johnson, Jonathan Mackintosh and Rachel Uhler. Callie Bushee and Grace Powers are also members of this year's graduating class. They both attended SMS on School Choice.

**The Mill River Honor Society:** On Monday, May 2, the Mill River Chapter of the National Honor Society held an induction ceremony honoring newly selected members. Students are selected on the basis of their excellence in four categories as evidenced by a faculty-staff survey. Their qualities in the areas of character, leadership, service and scholarship are considered equally important in the selection process. Inductees from Shrewsbury were Melissa Fay, Jonathan L. Mackintosh and Kayla Purinton. Other members from Shrewsbury or with special ties to our Town: Chloe Hutt-Vater, Grace Powers and Rachel Uhler.

**2016 Retirees:** Faculty/Staff members retiring this year are as follows: Mike Bird, science; Marge Droge, English; Gary McDonald, industrial arts; Deb Munson, guidance secretary; George Valley, Spanish; and Peter Wallet, social studies. Mr. Valley will return to MRU in the fall to teach part-time (three classes).

**The School Garden:** Mr. Gamache is pleased to report the following news about all the progress in our school's garden: "Work in the garden is ahead of schedule, thanks in part to the purchase of additional garden spades, hoes, rakes and trowels. This year we planted trees, completed soil preparation, planted seeds and transplanted seedlings in just about two weeks! Twenty raspberry bushes have been added to the older bushes that produced the first crop of berries last fall. We also put in 10 blackberry bushes, 10 blueberry bushes and 50 strawberry plants. Most have already taken and are showing new foliage. Last year's raspberry bushes have spread and look great. We planted another 16 fruit trees this year, adding six peach trees to our existing ones that exhibited phenomenal growth last year. Five apple trees and five pear trees have also been added. This spring, the fruit trees budded and leafed out without being browsed by deer. We have transplanted corn seedlings into the garden and planted seeds of corn, beans, sunflowers and carrots. In the next two weeks, we will add onions and potatoes to the row garden. We also have pumpkins, squash, tomatoes and cu-

cumbers started inside and are waiting for the danger of frost to pass before transplanting. As in past years, two different styles of garden have been planted. Our row garden has the previously mentioned plantings. The Wampanog garden has hills planted with the three sisters (corn, beans, and squash). The natural fence around the Wampanog garden has been bolstered, and thistle has been eradicated from the garden area. We have also removed invasive honeysuckle and buckthorn from the natural areas surrounding the school. More than 60 lilac saplings have been dug up and transplanted to sunnier, more visible areas. In 10 years or so, MRU will have a lilac jungle to go with its orchard! I will be working with a group of students for five weeks so that the garden will receive attention during the months of July and early August."

**New England League of Middle Schools Scholar Leader Awards:** This year's recipients are 7<sup>th</sup> grader Emma Steever and 8<sup>th</sup> grader Daniel Graves. They will be representing MRUHS on Wednesday, June 1 at the NELMS Scholar Leader Dinner held at Norwich University. Emma and Dan were selected by their teachers as students who have an excellent attitude towards learning, provide service to their classmates and school, are positive role models for peers, and take responsibility for their own behavior and learning.

**2015-'16 Middle School Programs and Accomplishments:** The middle school Teacher Advisories (TAs) completed a lengthy digital citizenship curriculum from September-January. This allowed great conversations to take place around internet safety, amount of device usage and appropriateness of usage, etc. For the second semester, TAs took over Personal Learning Plans (PLPs) with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade focused on goal setting (academic, personal, and transferable goals), and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade focused on career exploration, leading to their Job Shadow Day on May 13. This day allowed students to enter the community to learn valuable career skills, and knowledge.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team took a trip to the White Rocks Recreational Area early in the school year for a hike and numerous team building activities. Some students hiked to the very top, while others hiked to a lower level and visited the ice beds. It was a great opportunity for kids to build relationships and help others in a venue other than an academic setting. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade team also participated in the *Your Journey Starts Here* program held at Castleton University. This program provides area seventh grade students with an opportunity to hear from a variety of speakers who shared their educational journey. They also tour the campus and have time to ask questions about the life

of a college student. The seventh grade team continued their career exploration by visiting Okemo in February. This day consisted of a morning filled with visits to explore various career opportunities and functions at Okemo, and the guest speaker talked about the skills and characteristics of a good employee and the education needed for various job opportunities. In the afternoon, students were provided with free skiing and snowboarding lessons and time on the mountain.

Students in seventh grade visited the Capitol Building in Montpelier for their U.S. Government unit. They toured the capital, met with local representatives and senators, participated in a mock Supreme Court trial, and visited the Vermont Historical Society Museum. This fabulous experience brought their learning to life.

Students in Ms. Colvin's social studies classes completed community service. Projects ranged from Green-Up days, food drives for the local food shelves, bake sales for local churches, volunteering at local nursing homes, assisting with youth sports leagues, helping with local elementary school after school programs, volunteering at local animal shelters, etc.

Brian Greenfield's 8<sup>th</sup> grade World Cultures class designed handmade books about the ABCs of Culture from a selected African country. They were displayed in the library for over a month. The class also made a Chinese character tile using the 3D printer and a

Computer Aided Design (CAD) program called TinkerCad. The process took 40 steps and required the students to show a lot of "grit" to finish the project.

All middle school students had the opportunity to participate in the Hoops for Heart basketball fundraiser for the American Heart Association. The final competition was held on Friday, May 20 in the afternoon. The students were able to raise over \$1,900. in donations.

Many classroom projects throughout the year were fabulous illustrations of learning, creativity, and personality. Language arts students completed projects on *The Hobbit or Lord of the Rings* illustrating internal, external, direct and indirect characterization. Students also created a fairy tale, tall tale, or legend in their English classes. Seventh grade students also completed Civil War Museum projects that are on display in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade hallway. These projects covered topics such as the Underground Railroad, various battles, food, fashion/uniforms, music, medical procedures, etc. In 7<sup>th</sup> grade science classes, students created egg carrying vehicles with various methods of engineering that would hopefully leave their eggs intact as they traveled down a ramp.

More award recipient news in the July issue.

*Submitted by Sally-Anne Snarski 492-3505*

*Adrienne Raymond 492-3578*



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## The Roving Reporter Asked:



### What's a food (favorite or not) you remember from your childhood?

- "Wonder Bread...and Butter & Sugar sandwiches." PG
- "Sugar Frosted Flakes!" DB
- "My momma's half moon Fried Dried Apple Pies!" CM
- "Marshmallow Fluffer-Nutter...We had that at a neighbor's house." JW
- "Fresh Peaches...we lived near a fruit stand in California and I'd go down and get peaches...my brother got pears." PG
- "Fried Chicken & Macaroni Salad picnics at the beach on Long Island. Oh, and the Lemon Meringue Pie!" GB
- "Milk Sponge Cake...but don't ask me how to make it. I just remember you had to warm the milk." JL
- Stinking Brussels Sprouts...I used to hide them in my potatoes so I could get some of them down!" BP
- "Gree Eggs (that's what he called it!)...We cleaned off the grill with wax paper, put a slice of potato sprinkled with salt on it. Then we flipped the potato over until it was brown on both sides." KP
- "Spinach... My grandmother went to the movies and told me about Popeye so I liked any kind of spinach!" AK
- "Chicken & Dumplins...the dumplins were this big around (the size of a baseball!)." GD
- "Spanish Peanuts...I'd buy a little bag of them at Woolworth's 5 & Dime where they sold them up near the front of the store where they kept them warm on a rotating lazy susan in a glass case." ME
- "Slow Pokes...It was candy on a stick that lasted a long time. My sister and I used to walk over to the snack bar and get one of them." RR
- "Salt pork...fried 'til real crisp. It's very bad for you, but it was real good!" JO
- "A & W Root Beer...A couple times a month we'd go to A & W." LA
- "New England Boiled Dinner...My mother had an enormous pot and she'd make it up when the men came to thrash or raise a barn. It was a party when we had that dish!" GK
- "Cracked Skull...We'd mix vinegar, water, and a little sugar; then we'd drink it with saltine crackers. That was our substitute for soda pop!" GM
- "Beets...I loved the color of beets but I wouldn't eat them because food shouldn't be that color. I swore I'd never eat them and I never have to this day!" LV

## Greetings!

Lessons have started! We welcome back familiar faces and are thrilled to meet some new friends. We held an open house May 21 inviting the schools, doctors, therapists, counselors etc in Rutland and Windsor counties to the barn to meet us, the horses, view the barn, ring, and sensory trail. They were most interested in demonstrations given by a few of our riders who demonstrated what a rider might do in their first lesson. Thank you to the riders and volunteers who did such a great job and helped out.

June 4 is the desensitizing clinic, open to riders bringing their own horses to work on helping to desensitize your horse and give them confidence to face



the unknown. There is a \$75 fee. Proof of coggins and shots required. Please call the barn 492 2226 to let us know if you are coming so that we can save you a spot.

Save the date: **July 2 is the Rainbow Riding Center Silent Auction** to be held at the Mt Holly Community Center, 4-6:30. Many great items have been donated. This is a great opportunity to view some beautiful local art, crafts, food and services while visiting and enjoying wine with cheese and crackers before putting in your bids. Thank you to everyone for being so generous. All the proceeds go to support Rainbow Riding Center so that we can offer more programs to our riders. Hope to see you there!

*Submitted by Mary Jane Osborne*



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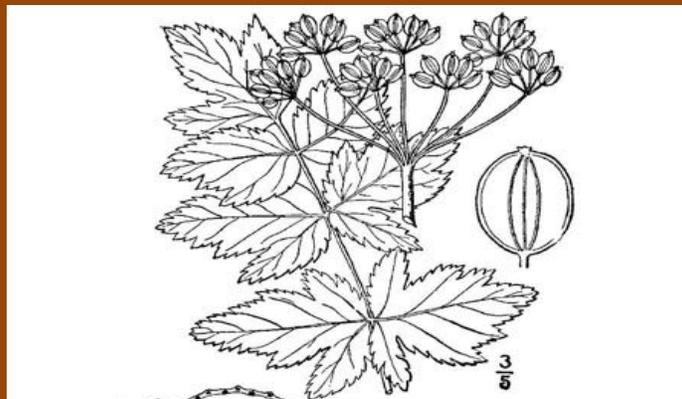
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## Wanted Dead

**Volunteer with the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation and Learn About Invasive Species Control and Habitat Restoration in the Coolidge State Forest**

*Saturday June 11 from 9am-1pm ~ Meet at the Shrewsbury Peak Trailhead  
Work will begin with Garlic Mustard and will proceed to Poisonous Parsnip at the meadows on*

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Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Member

Jesse Shapiro

802 671 5541

[jshapiro@rnesu.org](mailto:jshapiro@rnesu.org)

\*\*\*\* Wear long sleeves, long pants, and closed toe shoes \*\*\*\*

\*\*\* Gloves will be provided \*\*\*

### Swimming Lessons



This is Marcos Levy's 20<sup>th</sup> year directing the children's swimming and water safety program at Spring Lake. This year swim lessons will take place, Monday-Friday during the weeks of July 18 and 25. Students may attend sessions one day or for as many days as their schedule permits each week. Sessions begin at 10am with the oldest kids first. Cost to members is \$10/week and if you are a non-member it will be \$15/week. Please contact Marcos at 492-3208 or [thenewlearningproject@gmail.com](mailto:thenewlearningproject@gmail.com) if you plan on attending. All ages are welcome!



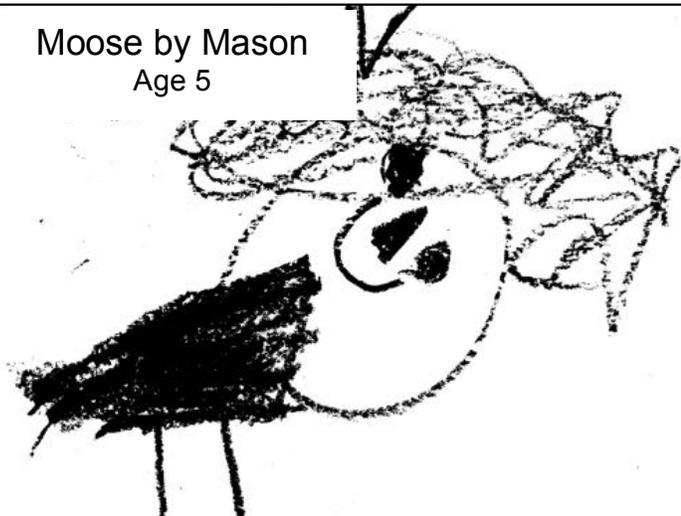
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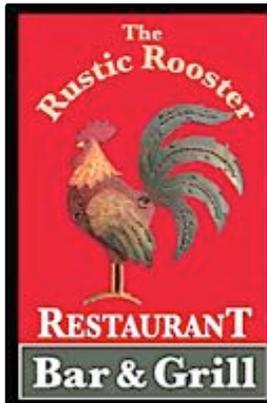


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| ★★★★  | Compelling, page-turner |
| ★★★   | Enjoyable               |
| ★★    | Just O.K.               |
| ★     | Not recommended         |

### **Being Mortal: *Medicine and What Matters in the End*** *by Atul Gawande*

★★★★

This is a brilliant and thought-provoking book about the end of life and the importance of understanding the choices available to us as we prepare ourselves for death. The author is a surgeon, and he writes about his own inadequacies as he tries to help his dying father deal with his terminal cancer prognosis. Doctors have not been trained to help people have a “good” death—the focus of their training has been on fixing problems—but at what cost? Sometimes the most prudent medical decision is to do nothing. Unwittingly, a doctor might encourage their patient’s fantasy about a remarkable recovery, as they hide behind a laundry list of treatments and procedures that the patient must ultimately decide upon. Often, the procedures recommended as necessary to prolong life actually have an adverse effect on the life that remains. A caring physician might say, “I am concerned.” Asking the simple question of the patient, What is it that *you* want? is seen as the first step in the right direction. I do not want to be in pain. I want to be able to eat on my own. I want to be able to communicate. The choices are unique and personal ones.

The beginning of the book discusses the prison-like regimentation of nursing homes and offers instead simple, commonsense solutions to making them feel more like homes. Old people suffer an alarming amount of disrespect in our society. Upon entering a nursing home, they immediately lose their autonomy and, for example, are often relegated to wheelchairs even when they can—and would rather—walk, lest they hurt themselves! We all know how pets can enhance our health and well-being, but beloved pets are banished here. The book explores newer models of assisted living facilities that are successful, happy places where people can once again make their own choices about how to live out their lives—when to eat, when to go to bed, what to watch on T.V. They offer light, green plants, and, yes, pets! Statistics bear out much improved patient health owing to the improved

quality of life. And these facilities cost less than nursing homes.

The disciplines of palliative care and geriatric medicine are also covered. Great respect is given to Hospice as a powerful choice.

This book is not as much of a downer as I had expected. In fact, it has actually soothed my own fears on the subject. The author seems to be a gentle, caring man, and his respectful, supportive ways to improve upon caring for the elderly have actually made me feel better—and less scared—about my own time when it comes (many, many, many years from now!).

I would recommend two other reviews of this book—that of Gavin Francis ([The Guardian](#)) and Janet Maslin ([The New York Times](#)).

*Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick*

### **The Poisoner’s Handbook** *by Deborah Blum*

★★★★★

This is a five-star crime thriller—*non-fiction*—about the dangerous Roaring Twenties. The madcap, glamorous days of speakeasies, jazz, and prohibition were filled with poison and murder. Accused killers brazenly walked away from crime scenes with immunity. Their guilt was impossible to prove. Other people were also mysteriously dying— not at the hands of murderers, but by undetected poisons lurking in the environment. All the rest of the people were busy poisoning themselves as they drank the toxic brews being sold as alcohol.

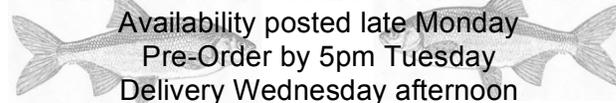
The “hero” in this book turns out to be SCIENCE—and justice eventually prevails when two men, wielding undisputed new scientific evidence, turn events around in 1918. Chief Medical Examiner, Charles Norris and toxicologist Alexander Gettler, doggedly pursue scientific detective work and become the pioneers of forensic chemistry. They reminded me of a real-life Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson—hard not to draw the comparison.

This book was a real page-turner. The deaths were detailed in grisly, but unsparingly scientific, detail, and each chapter was dedicated to a different killer: chloroform, wood alcohol, cyanide, arsenic, mercury, carbon monoxide, methyl alcohol, radium, ethyl alcohol, and thallium. Not for the squeamish!

*Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick*

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## SHREWSBURY OUTING CLUB

Greetings and join us in celebrating the Shrewsbury Outing Club's 61<sup>st</sup> year! Watch for the Turtle posters announcing summer outings and activities.

Membership in the SOC is available to any Shrewsbury resident or landowner who has paid the \$45.00 membership fee and signed the waiver below. If you wish to join for the 2016 season, please send your check and waiver to Randell Barclay, Treasurer at 9171 Cold River Rd., Shrewsbury, VT 05738 by June 15. Your name will then be added to the membership list and posted at the lake.

The SOC Spring Work Day at Spring Lake took place on April 30. It was well attended and much was accomplished. The swimming area looks well cared for and ready for the summer season.

Thank you to Lee Wilson and Tim Vile and their trail crew for maintaining the network of trails in the wilds of Northam. Their hard work allows us to use these trails year round.

This is Marcos Levy's 20<sup>th</sup> year directing the children's swimming and water safety program at Spring Lake. This year swim lessons will take place, Monday-Friday during the weeks of July 18 and 25. Students may attend sessions daily or for as many days as their schedule permits each week. Sessions begin at 10am with the oldest kids first. Cost to members is \$10/week and if you are a non-member it will be \$15/week. Please contact Marcos at 492-3208 or [thenewlearningproject@gmail.com](mailto:thenewlearningproject@gmail.com) if you plan on attending. All ages are welcome!

SOC has hired Censor Security service again this year. The security guard is present throughout the summer to insure compliance with rules and encourage a pleasant and safe experience for everybody. Please take a moment to introduce yourself.



Best wishes for an active & healthy summer!  
*Rachelle Patton, SOC President*  
*Grace Brigham, SOC Secretary*

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### SOC MEMBERSHIP FORM AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY 2016

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PLEASE NOTE: Your membership will not be effective and you are not eligible to use the SOC swimming area until both your annual dues and the waiver are received.

#### WAIVER OF LIABILITY

I recognize that there is NO lifeguard on duty at any time at the SOC swimming area. My family and I are using the facility at our own risk. We will use the area safely and responsibly, using caution around the fire pit and not roughhousing on the docks. Please take your picnic trash off site for proper disposal.

I also take full responsibility for guests who accompany me to the Lake. I understand, that my guests must be accompanied by a family member and, I take responsibility for their actions.

#### AGREEMENT TO ABIDE BY SOC RULES:

By signing this form, I understand and agree to abide by SOC rules listed here and at Spring Lake. I am aware that dogs are NOT permitted on SOC property.

PRINT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

FAMILY MEMBERS USING THE SOC SWIMMING AREA: \_\_\_\_\_

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For 2016 SOC Membership send signed waiver and check for \$45 membership fee by June 15 to:  
to Randell Barclay, Shrewsbury Outing Club Treasurer, 9171 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

### Summer Camp for Girls Grades 6-8

The Dorset Area VNA & Hospice (DAVNAH) to sponsor the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Visions Camp from August 1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup>.

Visions Camp is offered to girls entering grades 6 through 9, with a mission to offer opportunities to expand their visions, offering campers many different experiences in arts, crafts and physical activities, how to make healthy choices, how to cope with social aggression, and exposes them to accomplished female guest speakers of the community to help strengthen their sense of self-worth, increasing the potential to make positive choices across the spectrum of their lives.

Times for camp are 9am to 4pm daily and will be held at Christ Our Savior Parish, 398 Bonnet Street in Manchester. Cost for the week is \$150; limited scholarships available. For more information on this opportunity, call Zoe Marr Hillard [zmarr842@gmail.com](mailto:zmarr842@gmail.com) or call 802-345-7254. Applications may also be obtained by visiting [www.davnah.org](http://www.davnah.org).

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*PP Bob Ferguson, Cairo Shriners, Rutland*



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(802) 492-3693

Please bring a dish to share, BYOB, lawn chairs, and if you play an instrument, bring it!

#### Directions:

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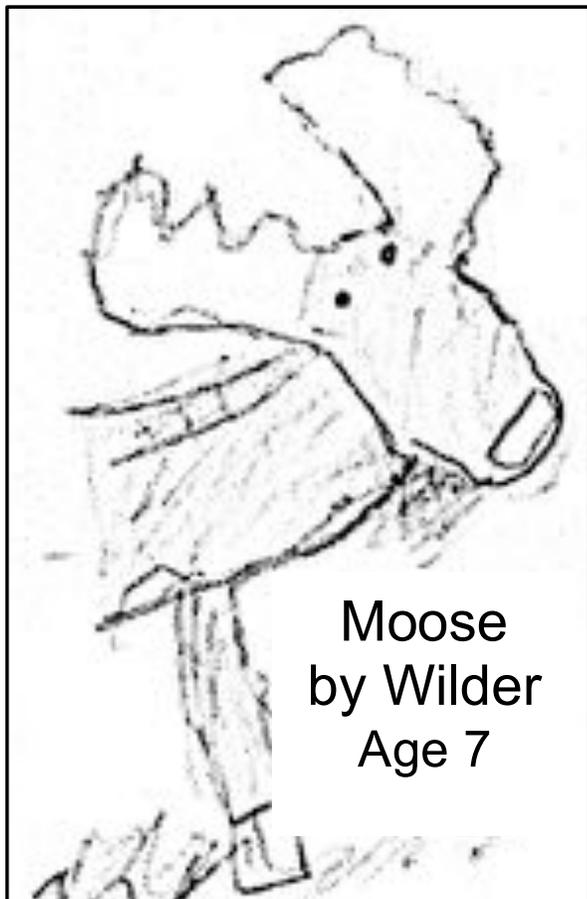
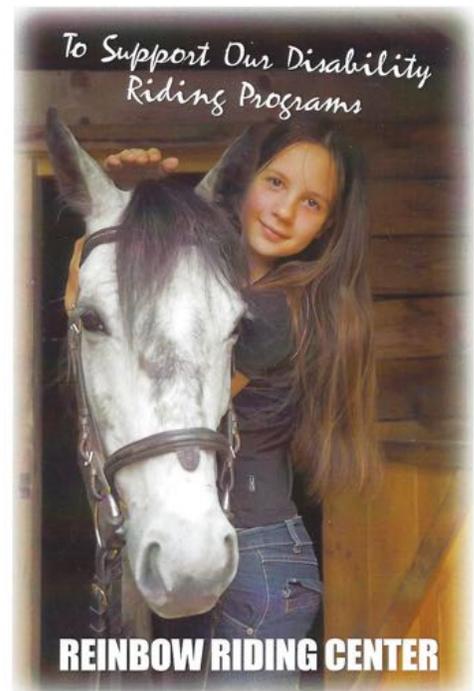
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For More Information Contact:

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## Dear Fellow Shrewsberries,

Global Brigades is an International 501.c3 Organization that leads Medical, Water, Engineering and other humanitarian trips to Central America. I am writing for your help in supporting a Global Brigades Medical Trip to Honduras in March 2017.

I am collecting old suitcases (they will not be returned) to help ship two tons of supplies and old eyeglasses, any prescription. In addition, starting after June 11 and throughout the summer you can donate your returnable bottles to the project.

All of this is happening at the wonderful Shrewsbury Town Transfer Station, the epicenter of news and re-use! Starting in June look for the collection boxes for bottles and glasses. There will be a special place for suitcases. Check with attendants for precise location.

For more information on this project or to make a tax deductible contribution contact Woody at 492.3207 or [woodyselect@gmail.com](mailto:woodyselect@gmail.com). Check the website at [www.globalbrigades.org](http://www.globalbrigades.org). Stay tuned to the Times for future information.

*Thank you, Woody.*

## Pierce's Store Seafood Pre-Orders

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## Saturday Morning at Pierce's: Vermont Croissants

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





## NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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

Sally Deinzer, Manager

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

During the warm months, Rob doesn't have hot soups on a regular basis. Instead, he will prepare salads and/or cold soups. We'll publish a daily menu Monday – Friday on Facebook and to our email list.

### Regular hot meals in the crockpot:

Monday Chili con Carne (Smith Maple Crest Farm beef)  
Thursday Pulled Pork Sandwiches or Sloppy Joes on Rob's homemade buns  
Occasionally there may be another hot crock pot item.

### Specialty Wednesday Pizza Varieties

6/1 Butternut squash, caramelized onions, mozzarella & gorgonzola cheeses  
6/8 Southwestern with marinara sauce, mild green chiles & mozzarella cheese  
6/15 Caramelized onion with gorgonzola and mozzarella cheeses  
6/22 Louisiana with tomato sauce, Andouille sausage, mozzarella and romano cheeses  
6/29 Sautéed mushrooms with marinara sauce and mozzarella cheese

### Featuring some new items that are on our shelves this month

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| Green Mountain Tick Repellent (very effective for all sorts of pests)           | \$10.99 |
| Almond Breeze Milk                                                              | \$4.99  |
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| Alba SPF 45 Botanical Sunscreen \$8.99                                          | \$8.99  |
| Al Dente Spinach Pasta (GF) \$4.49                                              | \$4.49  |
| Pioneer Bean Hummus – Sun Dried Tomato, Roasted Sweet Pepper and Maple Sriracha | \$4.99  |

**NEW for Sunday Mornings!** With Rob no longer working Sunday mornings, we'll be trying out a few different things. During May and continuing at least some Sunday mornings, we've had assorted donuts from Jupiter Rising Donuts in Rutland. These have been popular. I've talked with someone who is interested in doing some other baked goods -- these will probably show up a couple of times during June. And I want your feedback! Please let me know what you like and what you wish was different. (However, I won't be able to clone Rob!)

### Friday Night Dinners

Rob's Friday 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.

Friday Take-Out Dinners are available by reservation. Limited quantities are available.

Please call ahead – 492-3326.

**June 10** – Christopher Biddle will make Mushroom Browned Butter Pasta with Egg and Kale with salad

**June 24** – Heather Shay will make Chicken & Chickpea Tagine with Apricots and Harissa Sauce over 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!*

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

Get ready for summer by joining us for a wine tasting Friday, June 24, at 5pm at Pierce's Store where we will sample some great value white wines selected from 200+ vintners in the US, Europe, and Latin America. On behalf of Pierce's Store, our mission was to find the best value wines for Pierce's customers. On June 24<sup>th</sup>, we'll be sampling four excellent whites, all priced to sell under \$11: a wonderful Sauvignon Blanc from our friends at 90+ Cellars with a floral nose and some nice minerality yet with a soft finish; two quality California Chardonnays, one from 90+ Cellars and the other from the always popular Crusher; and a quirky gem from France's Catalan coast near Spain. We'll start the tasting at 5pm Friday June 24. Hope to see you then!

*Submitted by Sandy Bragg*

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