



# Times of Shrewsbury

June 2024



## A WINDOW INTO WHAT IS BELOW SHREWSBURY

The stairwell of the Shrewsbury Library displays an extraordinary photograph of the bedrock four miles below it, as if some giant had sliced through Cuttingsville like a loaf of bread. The image, created from many smaller photos of the rock types below Shrewsbury, features a dramatic conduit of magma that once erupted where Granite Hill is now. The Green Mountains may be placid now, but that hasn't always been the case. The recent earthquake centered in New Jersey and felt here in Vermont cautions us not to take the substrata for granted.

The artwork was created by Jonathon Wells, who grew up wandering the hills surrounding Shrewsbury. Trained as a geologist and a fine arts photographer, he has created scientifically accurate pictures of the geological formations below major cities such as Boston, New York and San Francisco, arresting images showing the buildings above and the layers of rock below. "I seek to make pieces that can help viewers understand how valuable groundwater is as a natural resource," he said in an interview. "How it flows, how vulnerable it is to effects of human land use."

When Shrewsbury resident Nancy Spencer suggested he do a similar treatment for his hometown, he was intrigued. Jonathon spent the next nine years preparing the artwork, which included recon flights over Cuttingsville with local pilot Mark Hamilton, wandering over Granite Hill, and corresponding with geologists working on the Vermont Geological Survey. "As a child I questioned what made the Green Mountains," he said. "Years later, I returned in search of the answers, hoping to share them with others."

The resulting image is based on a cross-section depicted in the "Bedrock Geologic Map of Vermont" created by the Vermont Geological Survey and the US Geological Survey. Jonathon visited dozens of outcrops to photograph specific rock types



*Image created from many smaller photos of the rock types below Shrewsbury*

depicted in the survey. Mark Hamilton flew him along the transect of the cross-section so he could photograph the view looking north, including Shrewsbury Mountain, Killington, and Pico. Then he compiled all the photographs into one image, showing Shrewsbury and all its glorious rock below.

Jonathon, whose main livelihood is groundwater and environmental consulting, was working 4 miles from the Tewksbury, NJ epicenter of the earthquake on April 5, 2024. He was already intimately familiar with the Newark Basin, having created an image of it as part of his Location Series portfolio viewable on his [www.earth-exposure.com](http://www.earth-exposure.com) portfolio website. "The earthquake most likely was the reactivation of a former fault along the western edge of the basin," he said. "It was a reminder that seismic activity can occur even in relatively stable areas."

Jonathon is in demand as a hydrogeologist, consulting on groundwater management and environmental remediation. For the last five years he hasn't had much time for his creative passion. That

is changing, and he has begun working on a piece focusing on Fishers Island in Long Island Sound. Jonathon also launched his [www.earthexposure.net](http://www.earthexposure.net) art store website which sells limited edition prints and accessories decorated with his images. He said "balancing jobs, time, and funding to create the space I need to make art is my ongoing challenge."

*Article by Sandy Bragg*

**Editor's Note:** *Ideas for articles come from many sources, and this one came from a "random conversation at the Cuttingsville post office!" Sofia says that on April 5, 2024, the 500 metal dividers on the mail carrier's rack began to shake and rattle. Later that day someone asked if she had felt the earthquake, and she said "Yes, I guess I did!" When Jeff Wells came in and told her that his brother, Jonathon, had done some research on volcanic activity in the area, she was prompted to suggest an article about it in the Times of Shrewsbury.*

## CORRECTION

The photo credit on page 18 of the May 2024 issue of the Times of Shrewsbury was omitted and should have indicated that Brian Winkler took the photo of Gracie Brigham presenting her moose portrait to Principal Kristin Cimonetti as a gift from the Shrewsbury Historical Society. The burning bush photo on page 16 of the same issue of the Times of Shrewsbury was not taken by Brian. We apologize for the caption errors. ~The Editors



### Bone Builders

9-10am

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
at the Meeting House on Lottery Road  
Free weights and instruction

Join us to improve your  
Bones, Balance, and Strength

## TOWN OFFICE NEWS

Spring is finally here and I have now moved my law office out of Rutland to my home. Numbers for E911 addresses will soon be available to order through the Town Office. The indexing is getting caught up and documents scanned to the online land records system. The bulk of the land records are not published online yet, but should be any time now. Also, the old books are about to be scanned so that they can go online as well. Although my law office is now at home, I am doing some of my computer work from the Town Office during non-office hours so if you see my little silver car out front and need any assistance, I would be glad to help.

**Please note that the Town Office will be closed on  
Monday, May 27, 2024 for Memorial Day.**

*~Rebecca A. Rice, Town Clerk*

## Are You a New Landowner in Shrewsbury?



If so, The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission has a Welcome Bag for you filled with books, flyers, and information on all kinds of topics having to do with the management of your land, programs available to you, and access to friendly advice if you'd like it. The SCC, in cooperation with Vermont Coverts: Woodlands for Wildlife and funded in part by a grant, would love to share this welcoming gift.

To receive a Welcome Bag, email  
[shrewsburyvtconservation@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburyvtconservation@gmail.com)

## TIMES OF SHREWSBURY

The Times of Shrewsbury is published monthly from February through December, and compiled by volunteers from material submitted by residents with the goal of informing townspeople 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 must be accompanied by the name of the submitting person and are printed at the editors' discretion subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters to the Editor exceeding 350 words will be subject to editing for length. Any information piece or informational political letters (without specific party or vote appeal) will be subject to the guidelines previously described.

A writer of a letter that names a Shrewsbury resident or organization in a critical manner must get copies to the 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, nature reports, family event announcements, or feature articles or letters that are not commercial.

Articles and Advertisements: Deadline for submission is 5pm on the 20th of the month prior to publication; exceptions will be announced in the prior month's Times.

Ads in the Times are for area businesses, local non-profit events, and local ballot election advertisements.

Best Formats: Articles: Word or as an email message with no formatting. Photos: jpeg. Ads: jpeg or Word document.

Monthly advertising fees and relative sizes:

|               |       |                                    |
|---------------|-------|------------------------------------|
| Full page     | \$100 | (7.5"w x 9.5"h)                    |
| Half page     | \$60  | (7.5"w x 4.5" h or 3.5"w x 9.5"h)  |
| Quarter page  | \$12  | (7.5"w x 2.5" h; or, 3.5"wx 4.5"h) |
| Business card | \$6   | (3.5"w x 2"h)                      |
| Classified ad | \$3   | (15 words or less)                 |

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

5/1/2023

Chryl Martin

~ Rich Biziak

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

<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

## SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

|           |           |   |
|-----------|-----------|---|
| May 25    | 9am – 1pm | *Sale on the Green at Pierce's Store  |
| May 25    | 5-7pm     | *Max and Beer Fest at Pierce's Store  |
| May 25-26 | 10am-5pm  | Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Weekend  |
| Jun 3     | 5:30pm    | Shrewsbury Historical Society meeting at the Museum                               |
| Jun 9     | 4pm       | *Writers' Group at the Library  |
| Jun 12    | 7pm       | *Program on Jumping Worms at the Library sponsored by the Conservation Commission |
| Jun 14    | 6pm       | *Meeting House Concert series with Billy Wylder Band                              |
| Jun 16    | 4pm       | *Famous Books Book Club discussion at the Library                                 |
| Jun 21    | 6pm       | *Meeting House Concert Series with Mojo Birds                                     |
| Jun 21    | 4-6pm     | *Wine Tasting at Pierce's Store   |
| Jun 22    | 7pm       | *Novelist Jon Clinch reads from his latest book at the Library                    |
| Jun 23    | 2pm       | *Tech Open House at the Library   |
| Jun 23    | 7pm       | *Science Book Club discussion at the Library                                      |
| Jun 25    | Noon      | *Prayer Shawl Group upstairs at the Meeting House                                 |
| Jun 26    | 7pm       | *Northam Cemetery Association Meeting at the Town Office                          |
| Jun 28    | 6pm       | *Meeting House Concert Series with Silas Hamilton and Friends                     |

\*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

**TIMES OF SHREWSBURY**  
online at  
[www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)  
and  
[www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)



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

### REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

|   |   |
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| Selectboard Meeting                       | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office                      |
| Bone Builders                             | Tuesdays & Thursdays--May-Oct: 9-10am; Nov-Apr: 10-11am at Meeting House                  |
| Development Review Board                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed -7pm at Town Office; check town website for agenda                    |
| Library Trustees Meeting                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7pm at Shrewsbury Library                                       |
| Mill River Unified Union School Board Mtg | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 7pm @ MRHS & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. 7pm at MRHS unless otherwise warned |
| Planning Commission                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesdays 7pm at Town Office                             |
| Prayer Shawl Group                        | 4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday at 12noon upstairs at the Meeting House                           |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)    | Sundays – 10am via Zoom; contact wildernessfriends@gmail.com                              |
| Shrewsbury Community Church               | Sundays – 10:30am - Worship service   |
| Shrewsbury Conservation Commission        | Next meeting: June 4 @ 5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road.                                     |
| Shrewsbury Historical Society             | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday - 5:30pm at the Museum   |
| Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum      | Open 1-3pm Sundays only from July 7 to October 27, 2024                                   |
| Shrewsbury Singers                        | Sundays 9-10:20am and Wed 6:30-8:00pm @ Meeting House                                     |
| Shrewsbury Sno-Birds                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7pm at Southside Steakhouse in Rutland                          |
| Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department      | Thursdays – 7pm at the Cuttingsville Station  |

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

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|------------------------------------|---|---|
| Clerk's Office                     | 492-3511  | Mondays & Thursdays 8:30am-1pm; Wednesdays 1pm-6pm (Fax 802-492-3383)                                 |
| Town Garage                        | 492-3656  | (Follow prompts to report roadway blockage on non-work days)  |
| Listers                            | 492-2009  | Available by appointment  |
| Treasurer's Office                 | 492-3558  | Monday 9am-11am   |
| Transfer Station                   | 492-3867  | Sunday 8am-4pm ~ Wednesdays 12noon-6pm  |
| Library                            | 492-3410  | Hours: Mon 10am-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm & 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10-12noon; Sat 10am-12noon |
| Meeting House                      | 492-6050  | Reservations: 492-3361 or <a href="mailto:julanne@vermontel.net">julanne@vermontel.net</a>            |
| News Flash Email:                  | <a href="mailto:vtbenbeano@gmail.com">vtbenbeano@gmail.com</a> or <a href="mailto:benbeano@vermontel.net">benbeano@vermontel.net</a> an email list for Urgent and reminder news information |   |
| Cuttingsville Post Office          | 492-3585  | <u>Window Hours</u> Mon-Fri 7:30am-10:30am and 11:30am-2:30pm; Sat 8am-11am                           |
|                                    |   | <u>Lobby Hours</u> Mon-Fri 7:30am-5:00pm and Sat 7:30am-11am  |
| Burn Permit:                       | Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668 or, Deputy Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr. 802-282-3642  |   |
| Animal Control Officer:            | Adrienne Raymond 802-492-3578   |   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Constable:         | Aaron Haupt 558-9980  | Game Warden: Tim Carey 793-2776   |
| Emergency Management               | Aaron Korzun 492-3362   | Green Mountain Power outage 1-800-451-2877  |
| Medical-Police-Fire Emergency Dial | 911   | Ambulance 773-1700 Rutland Hospital 775-7111  |

[Updated 5/1/24]

**SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES**

*The Selectboard meets the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7pm at the Town Office.*

**May 1, 2024: ;Minutes of Selectboard Meeting**

**Present at meeting:** Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt, Marc Cimonetti. Town Clerk: Rebecca Rice.

**Members of the public:** Liesbeth van der Heijden, Mary Smith, Paul Stewart

The meeting was convened at 6:35 PM

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda. M. Cimonetti seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**Work in ROW Permit – Russellville Road:** Resurfacing driveway and installing mailbox and posts. Moving mailbox further away from the road (At least 4 feet from road edge). The Road Commissioner approves. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the work in ROW with the Commissioner’s comments. F Wyatt Seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**New Business/Open to the Public:** Liesbeth van der Heijden would like for the rock commemorating the Jeffords by the Town Office to be moved to a more prominent spot, such as the island by Pierce’s. Need to check with the neighbors that are the actual owners of the property. Liesbeth asked if the “Shrewsbury As it Was” book could be sold at the Town Office on behalf of the Historical Society. Rebecca Rice has no objections.

Mary Smith would like for there to be a list of major road projects that townspeople can view. Perhaps put it on the Town website. The Selectboard explained that the timing of the projects is often dictated by when grants are available.

Mary would also like to have a clearer understanding of the accounting of reserve funds in the next Town Report.

Mary wonders if GMP has any projects proposed in Shrewsbury. The Selectboard doesn’t have knowledge of any currently proposed projects.

The CCC road is likely going to be closed for the majority of this year for construction by the State. The State is planning on replacing a bridge while the road is closed.

Paul Stewart would like for the Shunpike Road to be widened. He feels it is unsafe with the increased traffic.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 4/17/2024 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Review Orders:** F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #5 for \$5,149.20 and Road Orders #5 for \$39,105.49 (\$31,600 for dump bed from ARPA funds). Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Adjourned at 7:58 PM**

*Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt*

*These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

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**May 15, 2024: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting**

**Present at meeting:** Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt, Marc Cimonetti. Town Clerk: Rebecca Rice. Road Commissioner: Jamie Carrara.

**Members of the public:** Liesbeth van der Heijden, Mary Smith  
The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the addition of Lister and Assessor request for a 30-day extension to file the preliminary grand list. M. Cimonetti seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**Grand List Extension:** The Listers and Assessor have requested support from the Selectboard for a 30-day extension to file the 2024 preliminary grand list. A. Korzun made a motion to support the request. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

**Road Commissioner’s Report:** Jamie Carrara reported on various projects planned – including: 1) Box culvert on Northam Road below transfer station. 2) 4’ culvert on Upper Cold River Rd. 3) 4’ culvert on Copperas Hill Rd. 4) Culvert below formerly Connolly Pond. 5) Russellville rd culvert downstream from #4.

**New Business/Open to the Public:** The Selectboard discussed the fees that Cott receives for distributing digitized records. It was decided that those revenues are to be given to the Town Clerk as they were previously. (*Editor’s Note: Cott is the company that maintains the Town’s recently digitized records.*)

**Town Office Protocols:** Went into executive session to discuss labor relations agreements with employees. We came out of executive session. We discussed the use of the town office for personal business with the Town Clerk.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 5/1/2024 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Review Orders:** F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #5a for \$6,844.41 and Road Orders #5a for \$14,130.60. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

**Adjourned at 8:45pm**

*Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt*

*These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

*Editor’s Note: The minutes have been edited for brevity but not content. For complete minutes, go to the Town website [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)*

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**Northam Cemetery Association Annual Meeting  
Wednesday June 26, 2024  
Shrewsbury Town Office 7 pm**

Questions - Catherine Carrara 802-492-6137

## Community Values Mapping Event!

Over 40 townspeople from all over Shrewsbury came to the Community Meeting House on April 27 to mark their favorite and important places on the map of Shrewsbury. Participants, who were grouped at tables of six to eight persons, took turns identifying their place of value on the maps using color markers according to whether it was a historic place, a working landscape, a community place, a recreational area, a place of commercial/economic value, a natural area, or a special scenic place. Land locations that people recognized as especially vulnerable were also marked. The Planning Commission held this event to gather the community's input on where the geographical places in town are that are most important to us and why. This information gathering method has been helpful to many other Vermont towns in developing town plans, educational events, and other town needs. Our map markups, when digitized, will allow us to visualize where our community's most valued places are and will allow us to compare them with regional ecological priorities.



Remarks reported from participants afterward were -

- "It was a lot of fun and well received by participants." ~LV
- "Everyone's input was equally valued." ~GG
- "It was good to see people from different parts of town involved. I enjoyed being able to put my two cents in!" ~RB
- "It was the beginning of a process, and it was good to see people showing up to give their input." ~Selectboard member
- "We approached the task with vigor, and I was surprised at how uniform the responses of my group were." ~SD

The Shrewsbury Planning Commission would like to thank all of the participants, and especially the volunteer facilitators (Tim Stout, Pam Darrow, Cynthia Thornton, Mark Goodwin, Michelle Greene, Linda Shelvey, Chris Clarke, and Adrienne Raymond) as well as many others who helped us get the word out and pull off this community input event. We hope to engage more townspeople in the upcoming months as we prepare the 2027 Town Plan. Let us know what is important to you in this beautiful town of Shrewsbury!

(Note – the map markups will be digitally assembled over the next couple of months and will be posted on the Town Website, with a notice placed in the Times for where to view them.)

~ submitted by the Shrewsbury Planning Commissioners – Laura Black, Melissa Reichert, Ryan Fitzbeauchamp, and Connor Self, with thanks to the Times for photos and reporting.

~Submitted by Laura Black



## Help Build Puppets!

This year we are changing the parade to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Shrewsbury Mountain School with the addition of handmade backpack puppets to our already wonderful parade mix. We are hoping and looking for members from the community, young and old, to help us build the puppets over the summer. We are wishing to have many Shrewsbury folks help us. If interested contact [vtbenbeano@gmail.com](mailto:vtbenbeano@gmail.com)

As usual, after the parade there will be food, games, music, dancing and fun for all! We hope you will join us! Save the Date for Shrewsbury Day: **September 15, 2024** (Rain Date September 24). ~Your Shrewsbury Day Committee

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## LETTER TO THE EDITORS

### Conserving Vermont: Public Meeting, June 27

The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board (VHCB) will hold a virtual public meeting on June 27 from 4 to 7 pm on the "Vermont Conservation Strategy Initiative" (VCSI). This is a statewide planning process on how to achieve the goals set by Act 59 in 2023 for conserving 30% of Vermont by 2030 and 50% by 2050.

Through a contract with the non-profit Nature for Justice, VHCB has conducted an inventory of existing conservation programs and sought public input through surveys and focus groups on issues and ideas related to expanding permanent conservation of Vermont's forests, farmland, and watersheds and protecting ecologically significant areas, biodiversity, and sustainable natural resource management.

To learn more, visit <https://vhcb.org>, and under "Our Programs" select VCSI. There you can click on "Upcoming Events" to register for the June 27 public meeting. On the "Working Groups" tab, you can view the proceedings and reports of the four Working Groups that developed materials for the inventory phase of Act 59.

By attending the June 27 meeting, you can see and hear a presentation of the draft Conservation Inventory which will provide the basis for developing a Conservation Plan that's to be submitted to the Legislature by the end of 2025. You will also have a chance to ask questions and to offer your suggestions. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about and to affect the future of land conservation in Vermont.

~submitted by Jonathan Gibson

**NEWS FROM LAUREL GLEN ASSOCIATION (LGA)**



An enthusiastic group of LGA friends met on May 11 for spring cleaning. In a few hours, much of the first floor was vacuumed and dusted, windows washed, furniture arranged, garbage removed. Thanks to Cathy and Eric Louttit, Jodie Brilyea, Ed Sawyer and his nifty granddaughter, Alannah Severy, Rachelle Patton, Jeff and Dash Monder, and David Pollard (my brother!). There will be more cleaning days in June!



*Freddie Monder, Rachelle Patton, Jodie Brilyea, Dash Monder, Cathy Louttit, Eric Louttit (not in photo: David Pollard, and Jeff Monder)*



*Alannah Severy and her grandfather Ed Sawyer are dressed for duties as docents.*

On May 18, Cindy Cameron, Town Historian from Stony Creek, NY, Mr. Bowman's other home, gave a talk and led a tour of the tannery site and other significant places in Stony Creek. Cindy visited Laurel Glen's Open House on May 19. She and about 90 others enjoyed a tour of the mansion, conservatory, and mausoleum. Volunteer docents Nancy Ellery, Ed Sawyer, Alannah Severy, Jeff and Freddie Monder, Cathy Louttit, Rachelle and Doug Patton, and Barry Griffith were uniformed as domestic staff in the late 1800s.

A lot is happening! Ann Vanneman helped us clean on May 17, and Eric Louttit repaired part of our entryway. Our broken storm door has a new hinge and is back in place. The mansion looks great and is getting better all the time! BIG thanks to all who are helping bring Laurel Hall back to its original beauty.

**Our next open house is Sat, July 13, 12:00 – 2:00.** The Vermont Old Cemetery Association will be at the cemetery to clean and repair stones that morning, and the Veterans of the Civil War reenacting unit will set up a tent on the lawn. Come visit the beautiful Bowman in home the heart of Cuttingsville. Interested in becoming a docent at Laurel Glen? Or would you like to be added to our friends' list? Contact Pam/Freddie Monder at [Freddie.monder@gmail.com](mailto:Freddie.monder@gmail.com) We ask you to commit to two-three events this year (July–Oct). We are a 501c3 association; all donations are tax-deductible. Donations should be made to Friends of Bowman Mansion and sent to 333 Town Hill Rd in Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

**DID YOU KNOW???**

The cemetery at Laurel Glen is the resting place of veterans from many wars, with the oldest vet grave belonging to Jeffery Barnes, a Revolutionary War veteran who died in 1817.

*~Submitted by Pam Monder*

Find us at: The Olde Barnyard  
5444 VT Route 103, Cuttingsville VT 05738



**"Final Grand Re-Opening Party"  
Sunday, May 26 2024**

Officially launches the new **Wally's Corner Gift Shop at The Olde Barnyard**. We encourage all to come visit the new, extended store with our unique and interesting goods.

Wonder what we carry? We specialize in Maple Syrup, Local & Handmade Goods, Home Decor & Craft Beer.

**Open 11am-6pm, Wednesday-Sunday.  
By appointment only Mondays & Tuesdays.**

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram & Tik Tok to see products and daily updates. Contact us at [hello@wallyscorner.com](mailto:hello@wallyscorner.com) or (516) 522-4174.

**NEEDED**

Someone to help organize and put home in order.

Vaughan Griffin  
Upper Cold River Rd.  
802-773-7513



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fortunately, our Shrewsbury springtime has been wet enough to avoid the annual surge of wildfires. Frequent rains and dampness have kept the wildlands relatively wet. Also, the SVFD extends its thanks to Shrewsbury residents for being extra careful with burning and calling for permits before burning takes place. So, as of this writing, the SVFD has had no calls since April 8 when the department responded to a structure fire in Mt. Holly.

Although our department is named the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, fighting fires is not our only assignment. We also respond to vehicle crashes, carbon monoxide emergencies, and power lines down. In addition, we assist with calls for aid from the regional ambulance and many other emergencies. With summer coming, there will be an influx of Long Trail and Appalachian Trail hikers coming through town, and the department stands ready to do trail rescues. The SVFD is very fortunate to have a trail expert, Barry Griffith, who does an annual review of the trails that are located in our town. This has always been an interesting and informative training session that prepares our members to assist in rescues of injured or lost hikers. These have involved everything from bruises, to sprains, to broken bones, and even one heart attack several years ago. Barry has informed us that our trails are hiked by around 10,000 hikers per year, and the department stands ready to respond if any emergencies occur on the trails.

And, with summer, also comes Memorial Day. This is when we honor all who have served our country and our fire department. As you pass by the local cemeteries, you may notice red flags on some of the graves. This is the way we honor the time, effort, and skills in serving our town and neighbors by those members who have passed away. The flags bear an emblem of the fire service, a Maltese cross, and the words "Loyal to duty". It is a tribute to all those who have gone before us and helped the SVFD in any way.

The SVFD wishes everyone, both residents and visitors to our town, a safe and enjoyable summer season. Please be careful with all fires, grilling, vehicles and hiking. Always remember to **STAY FIRE SAFE!**

*~Submitted by Bob Snarski, SVFD Safety Officer*



### BURN PERMITS

If you are plan to burn brush you MUST call for a burning permit. **Contact Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668 or Deputy Forest Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr 802-282-3642.** The landowner is responsible to control a brush fire, ensure you have proper tools, water supply, and people to assist in containing the fire.

### Report On Green Up Day

May 4 was the 54<sup>th</sup> Vermont Green Up Day and our annual volunteer turnout was wonderful, and a lot of fun besides. Picking up roadside trash on a Saturday morning could be thought of as a drag but our friends and neighbors came out in force for a good breakfast and got the job done. We had over 60 miles of roads covered by approximately 90 volunteers.



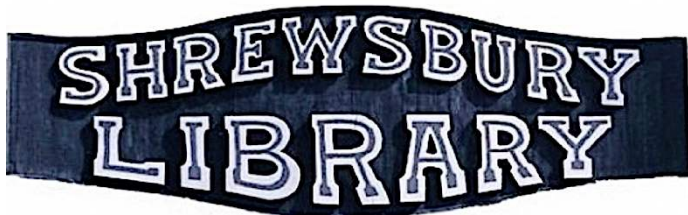
*Pam Darrow & Becky Baters*



*Elisabeth Rondinone, Avery Martin, & Chris Clarke*

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission would like to thank each and every one of you for your great help this year. Especially we thank Rob Jaimes from Pierces Store for his generous donation of freshly made food for the breakfast, which has now become an annual tradition. Many thanks to Mark Goodwin who volunteered his truck for a run to the redemption center that netted the Conservation Commission \$91. If you just can't get enough litter picking, there are a couple sections of Cold River Road that still need cleaning up. Also, please stop when you have the time and pick up the returnable cans and bottles that are always springing up on our main roads like Lincoln Hill and Cold River. It is amazing that each year almost all the roads in town get walked and greened-up in just one morning. Thanks and do mark your calendar for next year, the first Saturday of May!

*~Connie Youngstrom for the Conservation Commission*



Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

**LIBRARY & FOOD SHELF HOURS**

- Monday 10 am to 12 pm
Tuesday 7 pm to 9 pm
Wednesday 10 am to 5 pm & 7pm to 9 pm
Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm
Friday 10 am to 12 pm
Saturday 10 am to 12 pm

As always, we thank you for staying home if you're not feeling well, and for wearing a mask if you need to protect yourself and/or others. We also have free COVID tests, so feel free to take one.

To search for a book or DVD in the Library catalog, put a hold on an item, or get the latest Library news, please go to our website: www.shrewsburylibrary.org.

We're still recycling ECLIPSE-WATCHING GLASSES! Please return them to the drop-off box in the front hall of the Library. We'll send them to Astronomers Without Borders, the organization that inspects them and sends them on for use in other countries.

At the Annual Meeting on May 14, we elected the following slate of officers:

- Co-Presidents: TRISH NORTON and LISA SHARROW;
Vice-President: JOAN ALESHIRE;
Secretary: GAIL HARTIGAN.

All Trustees whose terms expired were re-elected. BEN ALESHIRE was elected to fill SARAH TITTERTON'S term. ELIJAH LaCHANCE was re-appointed by the Select Board to another term as Town Representative. CONGRATULATIONS to ALL, with THANKS for serving the LIBRARY!

MANY THANKS to TIM STOUT for his informative presentation on Resilient Forests, and to SCOTT GARREN for his excellent review of Eclipse 2024. We are fortunate to have townspeople who have expert knowledge of vital subjects and are willing to share their insights with us!

**Coming Events:**

Saturday, June 22 @ 7pm: Novelist JON CLINCH reads from his latest book, The General and Julia, fiction based on Ulysses S. Grant's struggle to finish his memoirs of the Civil War before he died. Both historically accurate and relevant to our time, this is engaging and important reading by a Vermont writer!

Sunday, June 23 @ 2 pm TECH OPEN HOUSE! Please join members of the Library Board to learn about the various technologies we have available. Please see the Communication Committee's ad elsewhere in this issue.

**Continuing Programs:**

Sunday, June 9 @ 4pm: WRITERS' GROUP. Please note time change to 4 pm. Poets, short story writers, memoirists: If you have work to share, contact

- Penelope Weiss pw9@earthlink.com or
Joan Aleshire:joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

Sunday, June 16 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: We'll begin discussing Absalom, Absalom by William Faulkner. Copies will be available at the library. Please contact Joan for more information: joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

Sunday, June 23 @ 7pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: Most Delicious Poison: The Story of Nature's Toxins: from Spices to Vices by Noah Whiteman, E-Books and print copies are available. Please let Margery Salmon know your preference: msalmon@vermontel.net.

STORY HOURS? Any interest? Please ontact

- Pam Grace: pamgrace@vermontel.net or
Joan Aleshire joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

**New Books include:**

- Knife: Meditations after an Attempted Murder by Salman Rushdie.
Lucky: A new novel by Jane Smiley.
The Backyard Bird Chronicles by Amy Tan.
My Beloved Monster: Masha, the Half-Wild Rescue Cat Who Rescued Me.
Demon of Unrest: A Saga of Hubris, Heartbreak, and Heroism at the Dawn of the Civil War by Erik Larson.
Dirty Thirty: by Janet Evanovich: The 30th Stephanie Plum mystery!

**A NOTE FROM JOAN:**

After many years as co-president of Shrewsbury Library, which I co-founded in 1975, I'm stepping back from a leading role in this wonderful organization. I will remain a Library Trustee; will still order adults' fiction and non-fiction books and DVDs; schedule programs; help lead the Writers' Group and the Famous Books Book Club; and write the Library News. I'm deeply grateful to the Library Board, especially to TRISH NORTON, our new co-president with LISA SHARROW, to our Library Director, DONNA SWARTZ, and our loyal volunteers, for their strong commitment to keeping the Library a vital service to the community, as I spend more time on my own work.

~Joan Aleshire

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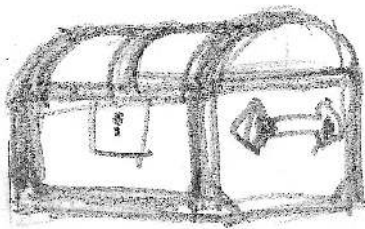
The deadline for stories about the Shrewsbury Mountain School first 50 years was May 15. We received several contributions of stories (good ones too!) drawings, photos,...but not enough to make a book. So here's Plan B: Below is a list compiled by former physical education teacher Taffy Maynard (who has been acquainted with SMS since the very beginning when she was a member of the school board) and others to jog your memory. You can add more!

Please send your comments or recollections we left out. Even just a one-liner. We have an alternative to our original plan. More about this closer to September 15 when Shrewsbury Day celebrates the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the School with a parade and exhibits.

Do you remember:

1. Naming the new school (1974)
2. Assembly programs and library in the hallway
3. Physical education classes in the classroom or outdoors
4. Skiing at Killington--Local cross-country skiing, hiking, and skating.
5. Concerts & plays performed at the Meeting House (1974-1986)
6. The addition--(1986) Multi-purpose room, library, classrooms....
7. Gym show and concerts, performances, visiting artists, graduation
8. Traditions
9. The PTO
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12. Sports teams

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# Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

## It takes a village

Thank you to all who responded to our fund-raising letter which helped the Shrewsbury Historical Society in having necessary roof repair to the bell tower of the museum. Many thanks also to the residents of our town for voting yes for a plea for maintenance care and costs to keep the former church building in good working order.



You may remember when Cuttingsville was hit by a bad wind storm and that it toppled the decorative ornament from atop the bell tower. Our House Chairman John Elwert worked on the dents and patina of this piece and we kept it as part of an exhibit in the museum for all to

enjoy. The repairmen carefully reset the copper ornament and now all is in place (see photo). Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to accomplish this feat

## June, a perfect month to marry

While Vermont is truly so beautiful in May with everything greening up, and roads and brooks and lakes devoid of litter, the month of June is perfect for marriages. However, back in time, one couple was never to find that happiness.

In Dawn D. Hance's book, "Shrewsbury Vermont - Our Town Was" there is a story about one of the tall tombstones in Laurel Glen Cemetery opposite the John Bowman mansion that is very sad to read. It tells the story of Adelaide "Taddie" Foster and Marshall P. Spafford. The couple were to be married, but Taddie passed away from complications of consumption (tuberculosis) in Poughkeepsie, NY. in 1877.

Spafford had erected a magnificent polished granite stone about 12 feet tall and topped by a cloth draped urn. He never married and is buried beside her in a grave marked by a plain granite stone inscribed "Marshall P. Spafford, October 14, 1840 - October 24, 1904."

At the first meeting this year, May 13, the following members were appointed as Trustees for 3 years: Ann Ridlon and Liesbeth van der Heijden; for 2 years: Ann Vanneman and John Elwert; and for 1 year: Catherine Carrara and Ruth Winkler.

For more information about Shrewsbury's history, the book can be purchased when the museum is open on Sundays from 1 to 3pm starting on July 7 and also at the Pierce's store in Northam.  
~Submitted by Ruth Winkler

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Our performers in June are:

June 14: The Billy Wylder Band  
Inspired by international travel and activism, and now based again in VT., Avi Salloway and company bring us Rock, Folk, and Global grooves that make you want to dance!



June 21: The MoJo Birds: join Shrewsbury's own Silas Hamilton and his bandmates from Colorado for a musical evening.

June 28: Silas Hamilton and Friends: From bluegrass to funky four-part harmonies to lyrical instrumentals, Shrewsbury's own Silas is joined by some of Vermont's best musicians.

We hope you join us, bring your friends, family, picnics, and have lots of fun listening to all the bands. The audience is our only source of financial support for this series. There are no business sponsors, and all proceeds go directly to the musicians and the Meeting House. You can bring cash, check or use Venmo with more info on that at the concerts or by contacting us. (see contact info below).

Any contribution amount of your choice makes this wonderful summertime experience happen right in our own backyard!

Look for more info by following us on Facebook: Shrewsbury Meeting House Concert Series, get updates via Front Porch Forum, or join our email group for concert info and updates. Questions? Call Paul or Vicky at 802-492-3649 or email [singtolive57@gmail.com](mailto:singtolive57@gmail.com)

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| <b>June 14</b>  | <b>Billy Wylder</b>                                                |
| <b>June 21</b>  | <b>The MoJo Birds</b>                                              |
| <b>June 28</b>  | <b>Silas Hamilton<br/>And Friends</b>                              |
| <b>July 12</b>  | <b>Phil Henry and<br/>the Newsfeed</b>                             |
| <b>July 26</b>  | <b>Reflexions</b>                                                  |
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## The Shrewsbury Community Church



*Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley*



**Sunday Fun Day:** The kids had fun making flower baskets for their moms to celebrate Mother's Day! They also planted flowers in teacups for all the ladies in church! We have had a busy year. After June 9 the Fun Day Program will break for the summer. We will be back in September. Have a lovely summer!



**Disaster Kit Project Helpers**



Thank you to everyone who supported us by donating to our disaster kit project for Church World Service distribution and everyone who came out to help us put kits together! With your help we were able to put together 13 school bags, 11 hygiene kits, and 6 women's specific hygiene kits! Our kits were delivered to the Second Congregational Church in Bennington drop off site for further distribution to areas where disasters have occurred. CWS is responding to recent disasters throughout the United States caused by tornadoes and other storms which.

### Community Food Shelf

Free Community Food Shelf at the Library in the front entry way. Those in need are welcome to help themselves any time the Library entryway is open. Limited hours are: Mon 10am-12 noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm and 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10am-12 noon; and Sat 10am-12 noon.

**We are no longer able to have our additional Summer Food Shelf on the side Porch at Pierces Store due the bears visiting the area.**

Food Delivery and Assistance: If you are unable to get to the Food Shelf at the Library in Shrewsbury, we will deliver groceries to you. If you need items which are not available on the shelf we can provide grocery gift cards. Call Karen 802-558-5991 or Sue 802-779-4825 or 802-492-3738.

### Community Needs

- Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367; or Sue Kelley 802-492-3738, 802-779-4825.
- Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367; Sue Kelley 802-779-4825, 802-492-3738; or Karen Lorentz 802-558-5991. Shrewsbury residents are experiencing financial hardship. Assistance can be given for basic needs (food, etc.). If you or a neighbor are in need please let us know!
- Pastoral Care, Home, Hospital Visitation, Outreach Requests: Contact Roxanne Ramah 802-492-3675 or Ruth Kinne 802-775-5318.

### Shrewsbury Community Church Calendar

- Tuesday, May 28 at 12noon--Prayer Shawl Group. Upstairs at the Meeting House. All are welcome! Desert, coffee and tea served. Bring a bag lunch if you would like to. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Come and we will teach you! Call Roxanne for information 802-492-3675 or 802-770-3938.
- Sunday, June 2 at 10:30 Worship Service and Holy Communion lead by Pastor Karen Braeutigam. Fun Day Program for kids.
- Sunday, June 9 at 10:30 Worship Service lead by Pastor Karen Braeutigam and Fun Day Program for kids.
- Sunday, June 16 at 10:30 Worship Service lead by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.
- Sunday, June 23 at 10:30 Worship Service lead by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.
- Tuesday, June 25 at 12 noon--Prayer Shawl Group. Upstairs at the Meeting House. All are welcome! Desert, coffee and tea served. Bring a bag lunch if you would like to. Don't know how to knit or crochet? Come and we will teach you! Call Roxanne for information 802-492-3675 or 802-770-3938.
- Sunday, June 30 at 10:30 Worship Service lead by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.



## Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Trail Camera Picture of the month



There have been many bears captured on my trail cameras this month! Above is a healthy looking young male bear, deep in the forest!

If you have a track or wildlife picture to share, please send to Linda Shelvey. [Lpurdyschel@gmail.com](mailto:Lpurdyschel@gmail.com)



### Bird Walk Report

The Conservation Commission's May activity was a bird and plant walk led by Connie Youngstom and Linda Shelvey at Jockey Hill Farm. There were 28 different species of birds seen and heard. A fun surprise was found in the moose bog: a bear cub track! Many thanks to Tim Stout for sharing Jockey Hill with us and pointing out areas of interest along the way!

~Linda Shelvey



### Close-Ups

After the Conservation Commission's mushroom walk with Meg Madden last fall, Linda Shelvey purchased a macro lens that attaches to her phone, and she took this photo of a delicate Christmas fern frond unfolding.

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission  
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## Juanita Burch-Clay on Asian Jumping Worms

Wednesday, June 12 at 7:00pm  
at the Shrewsbury Library

Jumping worms? Snake worms? Crazy worms? These invasive worms, which go by many names, have spread surprisingly fast in Vermont in recent years. Find out what they are and why they are a threat to our forests. Find out what they can do to your own garden and landscaping. Find out how to identify them and manage them.



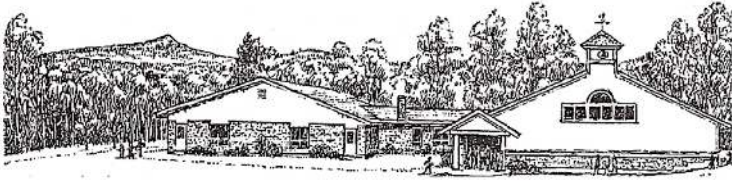
Juanita Burch Clay is a retired educator, having ended her career running a farm and forest program for at-risk youth. She is currently a part-time ski instructor, town auditor, and UVM Extension Master Gardener, as well as a Vermont Coverts Cooperator. As a gardener, she is torn between the urge to expand her garden and a desire to keep things simple! Her strong interest in invasive worms grew from discovering them in her own garden, brought in with a load of composted cow manure a few years ago. Her goal is to learn as much as she can about managing jumping worms and then share that knowledge with others. The information she will provide is based on research from UVM's Dr. Josef Gorres and other experts who are working to understand and control this environmental threat.

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# SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

### Important Dates:

- May 31: SMS Field Day with a Rain Date of 6/7 - thank you to all our volunteers and the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department!
- June 6: SMS 6th Grade Graduation, Step Up Night and Music Concert at 6:30pm.
- June 10: PreK Celebration for families: "Donuts with Grown Ups" at 8am
- June 12: Last Day of School - half day!

### Updates and information:

1. Please read the awesome update from the SMS PTO! They have sponsored many activities and fundraisers at our school to enhance our students and their families' experience this year. We are excited for all the funds that are being raised for playground improvement and we are very grateful for all their support and care!
  2. As we spring into warmer weather, our teachers have planned AMAZING outdoor learning experiences on and off campus.
- ~ Our grade 6 students have been enjoying wonderful transition activities to build relationships with peers from our 4 elementary schools.

~ All of our students are participating in a Four Winds field trip studying stream ecology and how the interconnections work in an ecosystem. Thank you, Four Winds Volunteers!



~ Our grade 5 and 6 class just participated in an invasive species field trip at Lake St. Catherine where they studied and pulled garlic mustard. This class is also participating in Trout in the Classroom and will be soon releasing their trout in the creek behind Pierce's Store.

~ Our grade 3 and 4 students have been hard at work tending our orchard with the guidance of David Fretz. They have fertilized the trees and created signs to protect the trees.

~ Our grade 2 students will be placing Memorial Day Flags in our Shrewsbury cemetery and have a trip to Hildene very soon.

~ Our grade K/1 will be doing their annual hike of our beautiful Shrewsbury Peak.

3. Huge THANK YOU to our administrative assistant, Marj Congdon, and her 30 years of service to Shrewsbury Mountain School. She is retiring this school year and we are very grateful for all her care and dedication to the students, staff and families of SMS! Marj was honored by the MRUUSD school district in a celebration on 5/13 and was given an Adirondack Chair with a plaque honoring her years of service. If you would like to extend your gratitude and congratulations to Marj, please feel free to send well wishes to the school address: 300 Mountain School Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.



4. We are looking for substitute teachers and substitute paraeducators for the 2024-2025 school year. Please reach out to Kristin if you would like to apply. Our school district has open paraeducator positions as well, please contact Coral Stone at [cstone@millriverschools.org](mailto:cstone@millriverschools.org) to apply.

~Kristin Cimonetti, Principal ~ 802-786-3995  
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## Update from the Shrewsbury Mountain School PTO

We want to let folks know what we've been up to as well as express a BIG THANK YOU to everyone who supported our Basket Raffle & Silent Auction in May. Whether you donated an item or came to the Raffle itself, we are SO APPRECIATIVE of all the community support. The fundraiser was a huge success due to everyone involved. We raised \$4,400 which will go into our "Playground" Fund.



The second half of the school year has been full of amazing events hosted by the PTO. In January, we had a Movie

Night at the school where families brought popcorn, snacks, blankets, and maybe a favorite stuffy or two. Gym mats were laid out on the gym floor and kids snuggled under blankets next to friends to watch a movie together. The school recently got a new projector, so we all could watch the movie on a big screen!



April brought the Spring Dance with DJ Brett Myhre. Wow! That was so fun! DJ Brett is awesome and let the kids request songs and even offered up some mics for a 'sing-a-long' to some favorite hits such as "Let It Go" from the movie Frozen. He brought a light setup which added to the exciting atmosphere. Toward the end of the night a broom was grabbed and a limbo line started. Parents and kids alike had a blast.

The first week of May was Teacher Appreciation week. We are SO blessed with an amazing staff at SMS. The PTO put together gift bags for 28 staff members. Words of appreciation from the students hung from the bags and the teachers received these during a special luncheon. Families donated lunch items and their time so the teachers could have an entire lunch break together.

The end of May brings one of our annual favorites: FIELD DAY! The PTO has so many great activities planned. Many hands make for light work as lots of volunteers will spend the entire day at the school. The kids will enjoy a morning of team games, a period of abundant "free range" activities, including this year's art activity of designing trucker hats, a special picnic lunch complete with an ice cream dessert, a schoolwide tug-of-war and an afternoon of wet games and water play!

Thank you, PARENTS, for all that you've done to support the PTO in helping to enrich the school year for our students. This is such a special group of kids!

*Submitted by Ingrid Wisell and Ali Wilson on behalf of SMS PTO*

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## SNO-BIRD NEWS



The flowers are blooming and grass is growing and the temps this week are going to be in the 80s so it must be spring. We have picked up all signs that in order to protect them. Dave has repaired some, one that we think the Town of Mendon broke off a tree. We never found the parts when the snow melted though. We went and looked at sites for our sponsor boards and we received the ok from the land owner so we will be moving to getting the posts installed, so we will be ready to install the boards next December.

We are getting all of our grant in aid proposals ready, some have to be in by June 1 and some by June 31. We also have to do the spring construction seminar in order to put these in. I did that last Saturday, that took 5 hours. That include a video and quiz on chain saw safety. There is always a lot to be doing and it is more complicated and time consuming as the years go by, most people do not realize this.

We did finally receive our tracks, we have them stored for the summer. I loosened the tracks on the Tucker and covered them with tarps to protect them from the sun. The Tucker maintenance will be in early fall to be ready for snow. Get out and enjoy the nice weather. Thank you to all that have helped with the spring pick up! ~Roy Arthur



# Spring Lake Ranch

therapeutic community



Ranch leadership team from left: Director of Operations and Admissions Kevin Molloy; Executive Director Rachel Stark; Program Director Heather Hildebrant; Director of Quality Assurance Lynn Pilcher



Director of Development Rose McCracken addresses the crowd of staff, residents, and friends



Rachel Stark breaks ground with a "golden" shovel, courtesy of the Spring Lake Ranch Shop Crew. Logistics Manager Nathan Hewitt buried a time capsule created by current Ranchers (shown wrapped in black plastic, bottom right) after Stark finished digging.

~Photos by Ben DeFlorio.

## Yoga opportunities in Shrewsbury

Starting Tuesday June 4, IPT (Integrated Positional Therapy) yoga is returning to the Russellville Schoolhouse! Galen Miller will be leading classes on Tuesday mornings 6:30am-7:45am for the months of June, July, and August (final class date TBD). Suggested donation is \$10/class and she is happy to honor any partially used class passes from before – which are still at the schoolhouse and will be available as you arrive for class. Reach out to Galen for more information - galen.sage@gmail.com

Friday, June 21 at the Russellville Schoolhouse from 7:00pm-8:30pm Lee Albert (a yoga instructor and the creator of Integrated Positional Therapy) will give a talk introducing IPT and his upcoming Yoga for Pain Relief workshop and sharing his knowledge and passion for people to have less pain and more vitality in their lives. There will also be live demonstrations on volunteers to show the effectiveness and simplicity of IPT. This event is free and open to the public. Contact Vickie Gillhouse for more information – vgillhouse@yahoo.com

The next morning on Saturday, June 22 Lee Albert will be at the Shrewsbury Community Meetinghouse from 9:00am – 12:00pm to lead a Yoga for Pain Relief workshop. This will be a mixture of talk and practice. This class is appropriate for all levels (including those who need to be in a chair). Please bring your own yoga mat, if you have one. There will only be a few mats or blankets available at the Meetinghouse. The suggested donation for this class is \$45-\$75. No registration is necessary. Contact Vickie Gillhouse for more information – vgillhouse@yahoo.com

## Middletown Springs Library Book Sale

The Middletown Springs Public Library is holding its annual spring Book Sale on June 15 & 16; Saturday 8am-3pm and Sunday 10am-2pm. The sale will be held under a large tent next to the Middletown Springs Historical Society, on the Green. There will be a wide selection of gently read books, movies, puzzles, and games; fiction, biographies, history, nature, children's books and more. Come Saturday for the very best selection and then again on Sunday for the best bargains when all sales will be by donation. Customers will be encouraged to fill a bag or a box and make a donation of any amount. All proceeds benefit the library. For more info contact the library at 802-235-2435 or middletownspringslibrary@gmail.com.

## Ham Dinner

Colfax Lodge is holding a ham dinner at the Odd Fellows Hall in Belmont on Saturday, May 25 at 5pm. Eat-in or take-out options with take-outs available at 4:45pm. The cost is \$15., and \$8 for those under 12 years old. Call 802-259-2460.



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Spring is in full swing here in Shrewsbury and garden season is underway! SAGE is doing weekly garden sessions with students at the mountain school through the end of the school year, and will continue to maintain the garden throughout the summer. Students will return in the new year to vibrant garden beds full of smells, tastes, and beauty. If you are interested in volunteering some time this summer for watering and weeding, please let us know.

On the airwaves, our 5th episode of our Root Words relocation mini-series is out now! The episode entitled "A Local Food Future", envisions the community benefits of a relocalized food system and economy. We spoke with a myriad of experts for this series and it is full of thought-provoking gems and insights. We will continue to make Root Words episodes that showcase connections to our foodways, so stay tuned or write to us with your episode suggestions! Please find "Root Words" on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, or wherever you get your podcasts.

SAGE, Shrewsbury Agricultural Education & Arts Foundation, has a mission to support and promote sustainable farming and other arts that nourish community life. For more information about SAGE:

- contact Stephen Abatiell at [educate.sage@gmail.com](mailto:educate.sage@gmail.com),
- Joan Aleshire at 492-3550 or
- visit [www.sagevt.wordpress.com](http://www.sagevt.wordpress.com).
- Follow us on Facebook for up to date event details at ShrewsburySAGE and find our sustainability and arts videos at [www.youtube.com/@sagefoundation](http://www.youtube.com/@sagefoundation).

~Submitted by Stephen Abatiell

### NEWS FROM RAINBOW RIDING CENTER

We're proud to welcome back most of our experienced volunteers, and some new ones for this summer as we kick off the season on May 28.



If anyone is interested in volunteering and missed the orientation on May 11, please contact Janet Upton (email below). We love introducing new folks to the rewards of working with horses and children and can always use extra hands to make this happen. You don't need to be a horse person, but if you would like to learn we will teach you and there are plenty of non-horse related tasks also.

This year we have some new horses with great names. A big black horse named Callahan, a sweet little palomino mare named Alley Cat (pictured); I bet there's a story behind that name, and also another cute little mare named Kahlua who is the color of Kahlua. Also, back for another year are Cutie and Fonda

At Rainbow Riding we strive to meet the needs of every individual that participates in our programs, mounted or unmounted. For more information about Rainbow Riding Center and our mission please check out our website: [rainbowridingcenter.org](http://rainbowridingcenter.org) and follow us on Facebook or Instagram @rainbow\_riding\_center. Contact us at [programs@rainbowridingcenter.org](mailto:programs@rainbowridingcenter.org) or 802-236-2483 to inquire about our programs and lessons. For info about opportunities to volunteer contact [janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org](mailto:janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org).

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## PIERCE'S STORE

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Hours: 8am to 6pm

Rob Jaimes, Manager

Greetings from Pierce's —

### Marjory's Birthday!

How appropriate it felt on May 1st, Marjorie's birthday, that the store was frequently filled with folks taking time to sit and visit, manifesting her desire not only for a place for provisions but also one for connections. Finding the Plumb Bobs in the back rehearsing for last Saturday's music at the Town Hall was a continuation of that energy. The first time playing inside since 2020, and the start of you know what. Their set included two songs about the store, it was nice that many staff and volunteers were there to listen. A guitar hangs by the ice cream cooler for anyone wishing to sit and play. Come on by.

### The Hungry Bear!

In contrast, last week brought a bear. Thankfully it passed by the food shelf options (for now located at the Library) and rather than take more costly goods, such as the ice cream or sausage, only made off with three loaves of bread from the freezer. The bear confirmation came around 6:30pm when it sauntered past the newly planted window boxes on the porch before running off through the village. It's big, beautiful and hungry; **do lock things up so that it doesn't get itself into more trouble!** Nancy Bell kindly came and put out ammonia cups to discourage his coming back. Other measures were taken to eliminate his ability to find food at the store. Thanks to all who had a hand in that one way or another.

### Available Items:

The first wine tasting of the season was a huge success. Folks from around the area basked in the late day sun on the porch, visiting with friends and neighbors before taking home new varieties Sandy had chosen from Portugal for them to try. He's now planning to bring in a selection of wines for the summer that should fit not only your dinner or event, but also your pocket book. Keep watch in the coming weeks.

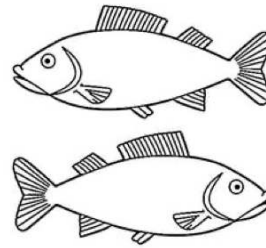
Produce offerings change, but the following are pretty consistent: **Mushrooms in bulk — no plastic boxes, Bananas, Apples, Ginger, Onions, Peppers, Greens, Lemons & Limes. Also, Mangoes, Organic Strawberries, Snow Peas** and other selections make appearances. Soon summer will be upon us, and with it more local choices too.

### Father's Day Ideas:

Being on the cusp of Father's Day, if you are inclined towards' gift giving, consider a **Shrewsbury Topo or Lidar Map**. Or perhaps a **Sibley guide to Mushrooms, Birds, or the Night Sky**, all are nicely laminated, and styled after maps making them handy to pack and carry. Maybe a **Hand Forged Poker** for your campfire — we've also got you covered on the barbeque front with **Meats, Beverages and Charcoal**.

Happy edge of summer all!

~Submitted by Martha Sirjane — Assistant Manager



INTERESTED IN FRIDAY FISH DELIVERIES?

Reach us at: [orders@piercesstore.com](mailto:orders@piercesstore.com)

## PIERCE'S IS OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK 8AM TO 6PM

As for what's new at the store,  
or what you might find in the coming weeks.

### IN THE FREEZERS

- > Organic Bean Burgers from Earth Sky Time Farm in Manchester.
- > Vermont Tortilla Company GF Organic Corn Tortillas.
- > Baged Ice

### IN THE DELI COOLER

- > Non-alcoholic Beer
- > Picnic Side Dishes

### IN THE DAIRY CASE

- > Crowley Cheese

*(Tell us your favorites — please, and thank you)*

### IN THE BEER COOLER:

- > All Day IPA - suitcases
- > Chilled White Wines  
*(a small selection)*

### Summer Wine Tasting: June 21 from 4pm to 6pm

Pierce's will celebrate the advent of summer the day immediately following the mid-year solstice with wine, music, and tasty treats. The chamber music trio of Roxanne Ramah violin, Al Wakefield flute, and Kristi Bragg cello will be back in Pierce's Garage by popular demand, accompanied by wines by the glass and tasty appetizers from Heather Shay. Sandy will be hosting a wine tasting on the porch of Pierce's Store, focusing as always on high-value wines that are off the beaten path. Please join us at Pierce's on Friday June 21st from 4pm to 6pm for a convivial session. ~Sandy Bragg



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