



Times of Shrewsbury



October 2024

150 YEARS AGO! BALLOON LANDING IN NORTH SHREWSBURY! WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1874



On Tuesday afternoon at 4:30pm, July 28, 1874, at the Hippodrome in New York City, Washington Harrison Donaldson prepared to launch his new balloon, *Barnum*, financed by P.T. Barnum, a politician and the founder of Ringling Brothers Circus. This ascension was his 63rd, and a throng of more than 2,500 people were in attendance to witness the event.



A crash landing was made near Wallingford at 2am but they were able to resume at 8:00 am and around 9:00am on July 29, 1874, Aeronaut W.H. Donaldson landed his balloon, *Barnum*, in North Shrewsbury, Vermont with one passenger, a Mr. Rogers, a newspaper reporter from the *Star*. The balloon was towed a short distance and anchored to the blacksmith shop across from N.J. Aldrich's store (now Pierce's).

A young woman named Ella Headle who lived just down the road was taken aboard and lifted up for an unforgettable view of the mountains. According to Donaldson's journal, Mr. Rogers disembarked and the *Barnum* flew up and away at 10am, landing safely in Thetford two hours later, completing a 400-mile journey and crossing several mountain ranges.

Marjorie Pierce who was an astute historian and lived to be almost 100 years of age told this story of Ella Headle boarding the balloon on that Wednesday morning for a short but unforgettable ride.



The photo above of the landing is a composite image of Northam around 1900 and the actual balloon that Donaldson flew in. The balloon photo is from a stereoscope image made for publicity in the 1870's of the Hippodrome ascension. Donaldson's 139th ascension over Lake Michigan the following year was his last as a violent storm blew in, and witnesses said the balloon just shot up into the clouds and disappeared. The balloon and Donaldson were never found. ~Article by Ahmet Baycu

SAVE THE DATE

Laurel Glen Cemetery Association presents

A Flashlight Walking Tour

Of Laurel Glen Cemetery and Mausoleum in Cuttingsville

Saturday, October 19

first tour at 5:30pm, with tours every 15 - 20 min. Last tour 6:45pm-ish

Led by Ed Sawyer, Grace Brigham, and Tom Giffin

Wear sensible footwear and bring a flashlight. Rain or shine.



NO SCARES, NO SHOCKS, NO JUMPS!



All ages welcome - suggested donation of \$10 per adult appreciated

Learn the history of our wonderful town through stories of the dearly departed

Donations support Friends of Bowman Mansion

**NEW TELEPHONE #
CUTTINGSVILLE POST OFFICE**

1-802-230-1996

Effective September 23, 2024, the USPS service changed all local post office telephone numbers.
Sofia Maguire, Cuttingsville Post Office



Late September & Early October: It's mating season for the moose, so watch out for them on the roads as they cross for action on the other side!

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, feature articles, or letters that are not commercial. Also, there is no charge for appropriate notices of free items.

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.

7/15/24

Chryl Martin ~ Rich Biziak

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

Email: shrewsburytimes@gmail.com Online: www.shrewsburyvt.org and <http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Sept 29	3pm	*Shrewsbury Singers "Singing on a Sunday Afternoon" at the Meeting House
Oct 4	by 7pm	*Taxes due
Oct 5	8:30am	*Shrewsbury "Center" Cemetery clean-up day
Oct 5	8:30am-12:30pm	*SWAC Hazardous Waste Collection Event at Fair Haven Transfer Station
Oct 5	5:30-7:30pm	*Chili Cookoff at Pierce's Store
Oct 6	12noon-3pm	*Tours of Laurel Glen Mansion in Cuttingsville
Oct 6	1-3pm	*Historical Society Museum open
Oct 6	4pm	*Writer's Group meets at the Library
Oct 11	7pm	*Program on Rotary Medical Missions to Honduras and Beyond at the Library
Oct 12	10am-noon	*Walk and Talk program on A Naturalist's Tour of a Path in the Woods
Oct 18	7pm	*Street Art of Valencia, Spain program at the Shrewsbury Library
Oct 19	2pm	*Sandglass Theater presents at the Russellville Schoolhouse
Oct 19	Beginning 5:30pm	*Flashlight walking tour of the Laurel Glen Cemetery and Mausoleum
Oct 20	4pm	*Famous Book Club meets at the Library
Oct 25	5 - 6:30pm	*Take out Lasagna Dinner at the Meeting House. Call Lynette, 802-683-0631, to order.
Oct 27	7pm	*Science Book Club meets at the Library
Nov 5	10am - 7pm	*General Election at the Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road
Nov 9	7pm	*Dance Party at the Meeting House

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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online at

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com
and
www.shrewsburyvt.org



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

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Selectboard Meeting	1 st & 3 rd 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 th Wed -7pm at Town Office; check town website for agenda
Library Trustees Meeting	2 nd Tuesday - 7pm at Shrewsbury Library
Mill River Unified Union School Board Mtg	1 st Wed 7pm @ MRHS & 3 rd Wed. 7pm at MRHS unless otherwise warned
Planning Commission	2 nd & 4 th Tuesdays 7pm at Town Office
Prayer Shawl Group	4 th 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	1 st Tuesday @ 5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road.
Shrewsbury Historical Society	1 st 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 9-10:30am and Tues 6:30-8:00pm @ Meeting House
Shrewsbury Sno-Birds	2 nd Tuesday - 7pm at Southside Steakhouse in Rutland
Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department	Thursdays - 7pm at the Cuttingsville Station

Shrewsbury Town Website: www.shrewsburyvt.org

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 -- Wednesday 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 julanne@vermontel.net
News Flash Email:	vtbenbeano@gmail.com or benbeano@vermontel.net	an email list for Urgent and reminder news information
Cuttingsville Post Office	1-802-230-1996	<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 st 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 7/1/24]

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

The Selectboard meets the 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 7pm at the Town Office.

August 21, 2024: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Town Clerk: Rebecca Rice. Selectboard Interim Administrative Assistant: Nancy Bell (by phone).

Members of the public: Paul Stewart
The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the additions of: reappointing deputy health officer, special liquor license for Stewart Maple for the Tap to Table event, and Road Commissioner position. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Deputy Health Officer: A. Korzun made a motion to reappoint Sharon Winnicki to the Deputy Health Officer position. Marc Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

Special Liquor Permit: A. Korzun made a motion to approve the special liquor license for Stewart Maple for the October 4, 2024 Tap to Table event. Marc Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

Road Commissioner Position: Went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. No decisions were made.

Pre-qualifying for Hazard Mitigation Funds: Nancy Bell is completing an application that is due next Friday.

New Business/Open to the Public: Paul Stewart wondered about the status of putting in pullouts on Shunpike Road.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 8/7/2024 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #8a for \$4,376.93 and Road Orders #8a for \$21,347.86. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt

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



September 4, 2024: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Town Clerk: Rebecca Rice. Selectboard Interim Administrative Assistant: Laura Black. Roads Employee: Dan Cavoto. Lister: Scott Ryan

Members of the public: None
The meeting was convened at 6:35 PM

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the additions of: Outside consumption permit for Pierces Store, Catering permit for wedding at 1204 Bailey Road. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Listers-Error and Omissions Requests: The Board of Listers are requesting approval of the following errors and omissions request: Gary Manieri name change to Topanga Ward; Assessed values for Eldred & Lillian French and Greg and Galen Miller; Assessed value for Russ & Karly Carrara. Aaron Korzun made a motion to approve the errors and omissions request. Seconded by Marc Cimonetti. Approved.

Outside Consumption Permit and Catering Permit: A. Korzun made a motion to approve an outside consumption permit for Pierces Store and a Catering permit for a wedding at 1204 Bailey Road. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Road Commissioner Position: Discussed the duties of the Road Commissioner with Dan Cavoto. Dan suggested that the Selectboard provide funding for more training and accreditations. The Selectboard agrees that keeping up to date with training is valuable.

Work in the ROW permit – Keiffer Road: Request for a Work in ROW permit for Scott Wheeler on Keiffer Road. Road Commissioner comments are that no culvert is needed. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the Work in ROW permit with the Road Commissioner's comments. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

Digitizing Land Records: A. Korzun made a motion to approve an additional \$2,190 requested from Records Force for digitizing town records. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

IT Equipment for S55 Compliance: The Selectboard is giving approval to the Interim Administrative Assistant to work with a local consultant for the equipment and installation of equipment for video conference meetings.

New Business/Open to the Public: Decisions from previous meeting that wasn't detailed in the minutes:

1. Selectboard decided to get all vermontel.net email addresses for town offices/officials. Linda/treasurer is the main contact for VTel to set up the email addresses. Laura contacted town officers with this info.
2. Selectboard decided to set up a youTube channel for video storage and access. Marc has set this up (Jonathan G is a resource for assistance). Once set up, Jonathan will set up a link on the Town website. A plug-in for \$130/year will be purchased for the website.
3. Selectboard decided to use google drive for document storage. Laura already has it set up using the shrewsburyvtinfo@gmail.com email from when the website transition took place. (Laura shared the access info with Marc). Discussion included that folders could be set up with shared access provided/limited to each organization (selectboard, planning commission, conserv commission, etc).

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 8/21/2024 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #9 for \$11,411.67 and Road Orders #9 for \$18,089.15. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Adjourned at 7:46 PM

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt

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Cell 802 236 8105	Shrewsbury Vt, 05738
Office 802 492 3364	sharrowmaple@gmail.com



SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

(continued)

September 18, 2024: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Marc Cimonetti, Francis Wyatt. Town Clerk: Rebecca Rice. Planning Commissioners: Laura Black. Selectboard Interim Administrative Assistant: Laura Black. Road Commissioner: Jamie Carrara

Members of the public: Kevin Winter. Greg Over.

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the additions of: Work in right-of-way permit for Erica Sweet, Eastham Rd Culvert replacement; Remote meeting equipment. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Special Events Permit: A. Korzun made a motion to approve a special events permit for October 6 for Cold Springs Spirits. M. Cimonetti seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Work in right-of-way permit for Erica Sweet, Eastham Rd Culvert replacement: A. Korzun made a motion to approve the work in right-of-way permit for a culvert replacement for Erica Sweet, Eastham Rd. M. Cimonetti seconded. Approved.

MERP Assessments – Town Office and Old Northam Garage: The Selectboard agreed to apply for a grant for the energy efficiency measures included in the assessments of the Town Office and Old Northam Garage. The application is due September 27th. Laura Black has agreed to complete the applications, with possible assistance from Francis Wyatt.

Planning Commission – Class 4 Roads and Trails Policy Review: Read through and discussed the draft Class 4 Roads and Trails Policy. The Planning Commission will work on the revisions discussed.

Remote meeting equipment: Laura Black met with Computer EZ about remote meeting equipment.

New Business/Open to the Public: Greg Over would like the old road that runs through his property to be transferred from Town property to his personal property. This is not a Town road but is Town property.

Kevin Winter is wondering what the town would want for him to work on for the Town if he is elected.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 9/4/2024 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Review Orders: F. Wyatt made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #9a for \$39,196.67 (\$20,465 Garage bond payment) and Road Orders #9a for \$6,690.39. Seconded by M. Cimonetti. Approved.

Adjourned at 8:40 PM

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt

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The Value of a Regional Ambulance Membership



Twelve communities form the Regional Ambulance Service (RAS) and benefit 24/7 from highly professional service from the largest Vermont ambulance service which responded to over 11,000 calls last year. The availability of this ambulance service is secured for Shrewsbury residents by a \$4 per capita yearly assessment.

So, what does a Regional Ambulance Membership get you? If you use the service you are billed through Medicare and/or other insurance for payment. If you have applicable deductible and/or co-payments you could be faced with significant out-of-pocket or "balance billing". Membership at \$50 per household for the year (November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025) can be purchased any time. Membership assures that the principal subscriber and dependents residing in RAS normal call area will have any applicable deductible or co-payments covered. Membership also includes two local routine medically necessary transfers. Applications will be mailed to all of us in Shrewsbury and can be accessed at:

www.RegionalAmbulance.com

~Submitted by Gerry Martin

Shrewsbury representative, Regional Ambulance Service

TAXES DUE OCTOBER 4, 2024

Payments can be delivered to the town office, mailed, placed in the drop box at the town office (to the left of the front door), made by credit card online at www.officialpayment.com (Credit card deadline is October 2th). If you plan to pay in cash, please deliver directly to the treasurer.

Town Treasurer regular hours are every Monday from 9 am to noon.

Additional days/times available for payments:

Saturday, September 28 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 3 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Friday, October 4 from 12:00 pm to 7:00 pm

If you have not filed your Homestead Declaration, the state website at www.tax.vermont.gov/property-owners will direct you to the proper form and the Property Tax Adjustment form is also available, if you qualify.

State of Vermont Tax Information for contact is:

Phone: (802) 828-2865

Toll Free: (866) 828-2865

Email: tax.individualincome@vermont.gov

Fax: (802) 828-2720

Thank you, and call if you have questions.

Linda McGuire, Treasurer

Town of Shrewsbury

9823 Cold River Rd

Shrewsbury, Vermont 05738

Shrewsburytreas@vermontel.net



NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION

Three options to vote in the General Election are listed below. The Town Clerk, Board of Civil Authority members and other volunteers are working diligently to assure that every Shrewsbury registered voter can cast their vote. ~ *Rebecca Rice, Shrewsbury Town Clerk*

If you have not already registered to vote, you can either do so on the Secretary of State's website, <https://mvp.vermont.gov> or at the Town Office.

Verify your mailing address:

All Shrewsbury registered voters are encouraged to log onto My Voter Page at <https://mvp.vermont.gov> to verify your mailing address for the November General Election. If you are having any difficulties, please contact the Town Clerk to help facilitate any corrections to your Voter Registration information. shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net or 492-3511

TO VOTE BY MAIL (Early / Absentee Option)

Ballots are to be mailed to all active voters at their mailing address of record as of September 3, 2024 by the Secretary of State's Office of Elections. *(If there is an address change or new registration after September 3, 2024, you will need to contact the Town Clerk to get an Early/Absentee Ballot.)*

- Only active registered voters as of September 3, 2024 will receive ballots.
- Ballots are scheduled to be mailed beginning about September 21.
- If you do not receive a ballot by mail by October 4, contact the Town Clerk at shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net or call 492-3511.
- There are a few voters who will not receive a ballot from the State if, for some reason, the State does not have record of them taking the Voter's Oath. I will be reaching out to those voters so that they can take the oath and I will mail them a ballot.

Options to Return Ballots:

- Ballots received in the mail can be returned to the Shrewsbury Town Clerk, in person, by mail or put in the drop box by the Town Office ramp.
- Ballots can be dropped off at the Town Office up until 1pm on November 4.
- **Note:** Completed ballot envelopes left in the Town Office Dropbox or mail slot on November 5 will NOT be counted!
- Ballots can be brought to the polls on November 5 by 7pm.
- Once the completed ballot has been received at the Town Office, it cannot be retrieved.
- **ALL ballots MUST BE IN THE HANDS OF THE TOWN CLERK BY 7PM, NOVEMBER 5 IN ORDER TO BE COUNTED.**

TO VOTE IN PERSON AT THE TOWN OFFICE

- You can vote in person at the Town Office up until 1pm on November 4.
- If there are other people in the office you will need to wait outside to maintain distancing.
- If you have lost or misplaced your mailed ballot and want a replacement ballot, you will need to sign an affidavit that you lost or misplaced your mailed ballot before receiving a replacement ballot.
- If your completed ballot has been dropped off at the Town Office, it is as if you dropped it in the ballot box, and it cannot be retrieved.

TO VOTE IN PERSON

Polls will be open: November 5 from 10am to 7pm at the Shrewsbury Meeting House, 88 Lottery Road

- If you did not receive a ballot by mail or if you choose to vote in person rather than return the mailed ballot, please be aware of the following:
- Please bring the ballot you received in the mail to vote at the polls.
- If you were mailed a ballot but do not bring it to the polls you will need to sign an Affidavit of Lost Ballot or No Vote Cast before you are given a ballot.
- Only voters who are in line at 7pm will be allowed to vote.

If you have not already registered to vote, it is not too late to do so. You can register online at <https://mvp.vermont.gov> or at the Town Office.

If you have any questions at all, please call me (Rebecca Rice, Town Clerk) to get accurate and truthful information about what our town is doing. This is the source for accurate information, other than the Vermont Secretary of State's Office, which oversees all elections in Vermont. Stay tuned for regular updates.

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NEWS FROM THE TOWN OFFICE

Dog licenses: This is a reminder that under state law, all dogs in town need to be registered. Although this technically needs to be done by April 1 each year, you can do so at any time. This can be very useful if, for some reason your dog goes exploring, its owner needs to be located and they do not have a tag with your number on it. I have recently received several calls from folks who have found dogs with no tags, and it is much more difficult to find their home without them having any tags.

Posted land: Also, another reminder that if you want your land legally posted, you need to register the posting with the Town Clerk annually.

Cleaning person needed: The Town Office needs to hire someone to clean the office. In the past, it has been a couple of hours twice a month. If you are interested in helping us out with that, please give me a call.

Covid tests: the Town Office has free COVID tests available for anyone who would like some.

If you have any questions about the election, or any other town matter, please contact me. If I do not have an answer, I should be able to connect you with some who can help you.

Rebecca Rice, Shrewsbury Town Clerk
 802-492-3511 or Shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net



Ballot Box at Town Office

Ballots can be placed in the Official Ballot Dropbox any time before 7:00pm. on November 4, 2024. The box is located at the bottom of the access ramp to the Town Office.

Race for Rutland/Windsor 2 Seat in the State Legislature

Editor's Note: It is the policy of the Times of Shrewsbury that when either a Shrewsbury resident or organization is mentioned critically in material submitted for publication; that there is an opportunity for response. We have decided to extend the spirit of that policy to the race for the Rutland/Windsor 2 seat in the state legislature in the upcoming election.

The two letters from Scott Garren and Kevin Winter that appear immediately below are a result of that policy extension.

Questions

You, like me, probably received a mailing from Kevin Winter about running for State Representative.

The headline says "It's time for moderation and reason in Montpelier." Elsewhere he describes himself as an extremist. He has said he is a First Amendment extremist. This would explain why he opposes laws that force so-called Rape Crisis Centers to be honest about who they are and what they do.

He calls himself a Second Amendment extremist. This means he will fight against common-sense laws that protect school children against gun violence and protect the mentally stressed against using weapons of war against themselves and others.

He says he is a Constitutional Originalist. That means a return to the era when only white male property owners could vote and slave owners got an extra $\frac{2}{3}$ vote for every slave they owned. We can see the chaos the Originalist Supreme Court has wrought.

He has also said he wants to be an Evangelical Christian voice in Montpelier. He supports MAGA Republicans and refused to say that he believed President Biden won the election in 2020.

None of this sounds moderate. None of this reflects the kind of community I moved to Vermont to live in.

~ Submitted by Scott Garren

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### Dear Reader,

Please allow me to respond to Scott Garren's letter of concern speaking against my candidacy to represent towns of Shrewsbury, Mount Holly & Ludlow in the 2025 Vermont House?

Scott's letter attacked my social and spiritual beliefs. Yes, I am patriotic. Yes, I am a Christian. Yes, I believe in the U.S Constitution that gives him the right to free speech. No, I am not radical in holding fundamental beliefs that honor those who established, fought for, and continue to defend our great nation.

Please note that Mr. Garren's letter did not disclose the fact that he is the treasurer for my opponent's campaign. More importantly, his letter omits any discussion about the fiscal recklessness of a veto-proof supermajority that increasingly ignores any pretense of bi-partisanship. Now that's what is radical or "extreme".

My world view is based on my Christian beliefs that instructs me to "love my neighbor as myself" and that would be my intention if elected and sent to Montpelier. SO, at a crucial time of economic turmoil, I believe that the first priority of our state legislature is to work collaboratively and focus on making life in Vermont affordable once more. My pledge is to work hard to represent our collective interests and bring back moderation to the issues before the legislature, along with Governor Scott. Specifically, I would vote "no" to increases in our heating fuel costs, "yes" to increased transparency as to how our education property taxes are set and support efforts to streamline regulations where it makes sense.

I believe it is my patriotic duty to resist radical ideology and return moderation, pragmatism and reason back to Montpelier by restoring Governor Scott's veto power. Your vote for me will be one step towards real solutions.

With respect to you the voters,  
Kevin C. Winter


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Support for Adrienne Raymond

Luckily, we have Adrienne Raymond on the ballot. Adrienne has shown through her years of service that she listens to all of us and has practical, hands-on experience with how our towns and state actually work and she has held many positions in Town Government. That service has given her insight into what will work and what will not.

She served on our local school boards for 20+years. She understands Vermont's funding system and the possible impacts of proposed changes. For almost 15 years she has been a Guardian ad Litem in the Rutland Family Courts working with kids in DCF custody to navigate that system. I know the societal problems that our schools have been tasked to solve. Adrienne Raymond has lived here, raised their children here, and most importantly given back here!

~Submitted by Scott Garren



Thrive Center
OF THE GREEN MOUNTAINS

Chiropractic Care
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IN MEMORIUM

On September 1st, Dawn D. Hance passed away. Hance was the author of *Shrewsbury, Vermont - Our Town As It Was*. The book was written to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the town's organization in 1980. Hance wrote a page of acknowledgements that included many of our town's residents at that time. The task was three years in the making. It became a best seller for the Shrewsbury Historical Society, and it still is. Recently Dawn still signed some of her books which the Society proudly has gifted to the graduating students of Mountain School for several years. Dawn Hance also known as author of other history books, explains in the Preface that as a child she lived in our town for four years and loved visiting her Grandma in Cuttingsville in what is now known as Cuttings-in-the-Ville, and how she enjoyed sledding down the hill in the Laurel Glen Cemetery, and walking on its walls. Rest in peace, Dawn. and thank you for our book.

Submitted by the Shrewsbury Historical Society

Thanks to the Community!

The Shrewsbury Day Committee would like to thank everyone who participated in our 5th Annual Shrewsbury Day Event including our cheering crowd. It was a truly wonderful event and we enjoyed the love and laughter of appreciation that emanated from the crowd. We hope you enjoy all the photos that capture the goodness of Shrewsbury Day and the truly wonderful community we live in.

Your Shrewsbury Day Committee:

*Linda Fontana Stacy Harshman Chryl Martin Steve Nicholson
Julanne Sharrow Leisbeth van der Heijden Ann
Vannema Sharon Winnicki Grace Brigham and Betsy Jesser*

Thanks to the Organizers and Workers!

Thanks and Accolades to Betsy Jesser, Grace Brigham, and ALL of the many workers who produced a fabulous "Shrewsbury Celebration" on September 15! Amazing parade, music, dancing, barbecue and Mountain School celebration! This will be a day that our wonderful community will never forget!! ~Taffy Maynard

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

Solid Waste Alliance Communities (SWAC)

Saturday, October 5, 2024

8:30am - 12:30pm - Fair Haven Transfer Station, Fair Haven Avenue, Fair Haven, Vermont

Service is free to: Residents of the SWAC Towns ONLY (see below) Proof of residency may be required (*i.e. Transfer Station sticker*).

SWAC members: Benson, Chittenden, Fair Haven, Pawlet, Rutland Town, Middletown Springs, Shrewsbury, Sudbury, Tinmouth, and West Haven. **Please note** that there are TWO Rutland solid waste districts. Shrewsbury is a member of SWAC but NOT a member of RCSWD: For more details: <https://rutlandcountyswac.org>

COME ONE COME ALL

October 5, 2024 ~ 8:30am

The years have been a bit hard on **Shrewsbury "Center" Cemetery**. Wind and rains of recent storms have done damage to our beautiful stately maple trees which in turn have damaged many of the century old gravestones.

Fortunately, we made the restoration schedule for the VT Old Cemetery Assoc. Mr. Tom Giffin is coming and but we need to provide volunteers, wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, prybars, tampers, scrap wood, sure-pack, epoxy, D-2 stone cleaner, plastic brushes (no wire), garden sprayers, water, snacks, and lunch.

Volunteers Needed

October 5, 2024 ~ 8:30am

RSVP 802-492-2151



Shrewsbury Conservation Commission (SCC)



Walk and Talk

A Naturalist's Tour of a Path in the Woods

October 12 from 10am – 12noon

Meet at 555 Kieffer Road

Come stroll through a private forested trail that winds along parts of the Cold River and is rich with a variety of wildlife. Join SCC naturalist Linda Shelvey and homeowner Diane Jakobsen as they explore this rich habitat and demonstrate a variety of set ups with game cameras to capture photos and videos year-round. In this home to moose, fisher, otter, bobcat, porcupines and others, we will examine habitat, tracks, and scat to identify their presence and plan game camera placement. Videos of successful video captures will be shared.

Come dressed for weather, rain or shine. The trail is sometimes wet in places and may require stepping over downed trees.

Meet at 555 Kieffer Road and park in the driveway and on the lawn. Carpooling encouraged. Please RSVP to shrewsburyvtconservation@gmail.com to save a spot on this event.



NEWS FROM LAUREL GLEN ASSOCIATION (LGA)

With help from Doug Patton and a work crew from Spring Lake Ranch (SLR), old, broken, and anachronistic furniture was removed from the Mansion and donated pieces were moved in. An energetic team helped move beds, a treadle sewing machine, bookshelves, a china cabinet, and more. These “new” items are typical of the era Mr. Bowman lived there, the 1880s. Our deep thanks to SLR for their efforts and to Mary and Larry Marzec-Gerrior of Mendon for their incredibly generous donations of late 19th-century items to enhance the presentation at Laurel Glen.



Moving Day – it’s not often there is a dump truck at Laurel Hall!

Laurel Glen will hold its last open house of the season on **Sunday, October 6 during the Tap to Table event. Docents will be on duty 12noon – 3pm**

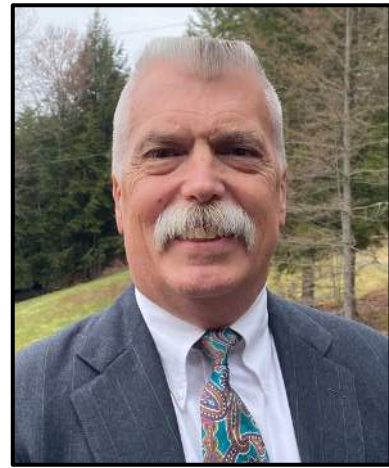
Laurel Glen Cemetery Flashlight Tour

A cemetery tour has come together, and it is going to be FUN! Ed Sawyer and Grace Brigham have created an exploration of local history, told through stones in Laurel Glen Cemetery. The culmination of their work will be a flashlight tour on Saturday, October 19 beginning at 5:30pm. Visitor parking is at the Historical Society Museum below the cemetery on Route 103 or in the lot across the road at the Olde Barn Yard. (Be careful crossing the road!) Tours will run every 15 - 20 minutes or so until 7:00pm-ish. Wear sturdy shoes, bring flashlights, and dress for weather. This is NOT a haunted tour; there are no scares or shocks – just stories of remarkable Shrewsburies from the past. This event is open to all ages; suggested donation is \$10 per adult.

Want to be a docent at Laurel Glen? Want to be added to our Friends’ list? Email freddie.monder@gmail.com We are a 501(c)(3) association; donations are tax-deductible. Donations can be made to Friends of Bowman Mansion, sent to 333 Town Hill Rd in Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

DID YOU KNOW??? The architect who designed Laurel Hall, Gilbert Bostwick Croff, “G.B.” as he was known, was born in Wallingford and became a world-famous designer and author. His book, Progressive American Architecture, first published in 1875, is still in print. (I just bought a copy for myself.)

~Submitted by Pam Monder



Meet Kevin Winter Vermont Legislative Candidate

Kevin C. Winter is a Ludlow resident of 25 years and a 2024 candidate for the Vermont House of Representatives for the Ludlow, Mount Holly and Shrewsbury district.

Kevin was born in St. Louis, Missouri, is the oldest of four children and by the age of four had moved 4 times following his father’s career with IBM. Kevin enjoyed his high school years working part time and was a “jack of all sports” (except basketball). After high school he graduated from Alfred University with a BS in Engineering and enjoyed exhilarating success in his 45-year career in corporate Manufacturing and Sales for GE, UTC, Teco-Westinghouse, Airgas, Kalow and others and also understands the hardships and challenges of lack of work during times of economic downturns.

Kevin is now retired and happily married 42 years, has three successful adult children and seven grandchildren. Earlier in their lives two of Kevin’s sons were addicted to opioids and are now clean and sober many years through rehabilitation and free by God’s Grace. They are now productive and loving husbands.

Kevin was on a NY school board for 11 years when his children were young, and is an Elder in his local church for over 20 years now.

Kevin’s unique life experiences have equipped him to understand the economic needs of all Vermonters including businesses and those struggling to make ends meet. He has keen personal insight into how to help Vermonters with the current drug addiction crisis and a solid understanding of school funding and operations to tackle Vermont’s failing educational system.

Kevin is a constitutional originalist and wants to preserve individual liberties embodied especially in the 1st and 2nd Amendments, and will bring balance back to the Legislature on the excessive taxes and financial burdens on Vermonters that have been created by the current Democratic Super Majority in Montpelier.

Submitted by KcW Legislative Campaign

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SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

LOOKING BACK: Your Fire Department volunteers have responded to four emergency requests (so far) since our last *Times* article. All four involved vehicles; two involved fires. On Friday afternoon, August 23, we received a call about that vehicle on fire along Route 103 near Gloria's Pantry. We arrived to find a recently restored antique car in flames. The fire was quickly extinguished and no one was injured, but sadly the vehicle was a total loss.

On Friday, September 13, just before 7pm we were summoned to an address on Northam Road for a motor vehicle accident. When we arrived, there was clear evidence of a crash but no motor vehicle on scene. Members expanded their search and soon located the car involved nearby. State Troopers also arrived and took the matter from there.

The third call before 5:30am on Friday, September 18 again found us on Route 103, this time near its intersection with Lincoln Hill Road. Responders found tires ablaze in the grass by the highway, and quickly extinguished the fire. The tires were attached to a set of dual wheels which had detached from a tractor trailer. The truck apparently kept on going. We never know what we will find when our pagers go off.

On Friday afternoon, September 20, 911 calls reported a chain reaction crash involving multiple vehicles with injuries and entrapment on Route 103 north of Cuttingsville. Our Shrewsbury officers immediately requested mutual aid assistance from Clarendon and the Rutland City Fire Department and ordered the highway closed. A heating oil truck had stopped at the tracks before proceeding, following its standard procedure. A milk truck stopped behind it, as did two automobiles. The next vehicle – a grain truck – did not stop and plowed into the last car, causing the chain reaction crash.

Our volunteers train regularly to be ready for any emergency. The night before the crash our members had taken out the Department's cutting and extraction tools and had worked with them. That practice paid off at the scene. Our team skillfully removed the driver's door, freeing the operator. She was transported to RRMC by ambulance, apparently not seriously injured. There were two adults with two young children in the next car. Thank goodness for safety devices such as car seats, seat belts and air bags! The family members appeared to be shaken but not seriously harmed. They were also transported to the hospital as a precaution. This is another accident that could very easily have involved serious injuries – or worse. **Please drive safely** and obey the speed limit.

LOOKING AHEAD: October is Fire Prevention Month. Former Chief and Safety Officer Bob Snarski has arranged with Shrewsbury Mountain School Principal Kristin Cimonetti for SVFD members to come to the school on Wednesday, October 16 for a fire safety presentation. Bob has arranged for the Vermont State Firefighters Association's "fire safety house" to be at the school for the event. This presentation is a priority for

our Fire Chief Phil Severy and is always well received. In the next issue of the *Times* we will tell you how it went.

Autumn has arrived, and winter will not be far behind. We will be turning the clocks back. This is a good time to replace the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. We hope you have at least one fire extinguisher in your home – please check it to make sure it is properly charged and ready. Do not hesitate to reach out to one of our volunteers if you need help with the recharging – we can help. We want you to BE FIRE SAFE!
~Submitted by Barry Griffith

Shrewsbury Website Tip!

Take a look at the Shrewsbury Website Calendar to find scheduled events!

<https://www.shrewsburyvt.org/calendar/>

Post your organization's events on the town website calendar by emailing your event information to: shrewsburyadmin@vermontel.net



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Otter Creek Communications Union District – UPDATES!

The construction of high-speed fiber internet in the northwest area of Shrewsbury has been well underway and service is now becoming available through the end of this year. If you are in Consolidated Communication’s telephone area, and are on-grid, you will now be able to access high-speed fiber service, thanks to the Otter Creek Communications Union District (CUD) and the funds made available through an ARPA grant and Vermont legislation (Act 71).

Want to sign-up for service?

You can pre-order service with Fidium Fiber. Reach them via our website at <https://www.occud.org>. A pre-order does not commit you to order service but does get you onto their list so that they can contact you directly via email.

Concerned about a long underground/overhead service drop at your address?

- Fidium customers in the Otter Creek CUD will get up to 500 feet of service drop installed at no charge.
- If you experience anyone telling you differently, contact us immediately at info@occud.org

Visit our website (<https://www.occud.org>) to find more information about Otter Creek CUD, about fiber optic internet, and more.

Reach out to us if you have further questions or are experiencing any difficulties obtaining services related to your telecommunications providers and installers in the Otter Creek CUD area. We are here to help all of our constituents connect to high-speed broadband.

*~ submitted by L. Black, Chair
Otter Creek Communications Union District
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**Shrewsbury Planning Commission is back in session after our summer break!**

This session’s projects include - Developing “Scenic Resource Criteria; and ”Revisions to and Consolidations of our Town Maps.”

Our main project, however, is the update of our Town Plan. While our current Town Plan is an excellent document, we must update it to reflect current town demographics, Vermont State laws, climate and flood patterns, and other changes in our town and region.

We currently have openings on the planning commission, and as always, we welcome input from all town residents. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 7-8:30pm.

Check out our agendas, meeting minutes and other information at <https://www.shrewsburyvt.org/planning-commission/>.

*~ submitted by L.Black, Chair,  
Shrewsbury Planning Commission*



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



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

**SPECIAL INVITATION**  
TO VISIT THE  
**HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM**  
DURING TAP TO TABLE  
OCT. 6, 2024

COME ENJOY EXHIBITS HONORING  
THREE EXEMPLARY AND APPRECIATED  
SHREWSBURY CITIZENS:  
**B.J. Stewart, Al Ridlon Sr., Larry Carrara**

ALSO  
IN CELEBRATION OF OUR  
SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SMOOLES  
**50<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY**  
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★ WERE YOU AT SMS BETWEEN 1974-2024?

MUSEUM OPEN 1~3PM

**Adrienne Raymond for  
VT House Rutland/Windsor 2**

**Why am I running to be your House Rep?**

This upcoming legislative session must successfully address the increasing costs of living in VT. Housing, property taxes, and health related costs are increasing beyond affordability for many. These difficult questions require an open mind and a willingness to listen to the many competing interests for state funds.

- Public schools are being asked to provide so much; are we funding them appropriately?
- How do we bring down the cost of health insurance?
- How do we bring back vacant housing stock?
- Build new affordable housing?
- How do we enable small communities to build wastewater treatment capacity, water systems.
- How do we improve flood resiliency?
- How well does any proposal fit the needs of those who live in Ludlow, Mt Holly, and Shrewsbury?

**If these are your important issues, please consider voting for me on November 5<sup>th</sup>.**

I am happy to take phone calls and emails to discuss.  
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**Green Mountain Neighbors Hosts  
Walk to Vermont's Grave of the Unknown Soldier**

Led by Barry Griffith

**October 8, 2024, at 1:30pm**

Meet at the Shrewsbury Meetinghouse on Lincoln Hill Road, then we'll drive together to the starting point

*Rain date October 9, 2024*

The Crown Point Road through present day Vermont was a route used by troops from New England during the American Revolution. One of those soldiers died nearby and was buried by his compatriots near a spring along the route. He is remembered and honored today as Vermont's Unknown Soldier.

We will walk about a half mile along a dirt road to a granite marker honoring him, visit his grave "near the top of a fairly steep knoll about 0.3 of a mile from the marker." Barry Griffith, local hiker and lover of local history, will discuss the history of the site and the Crown Point Road.

The total distance is under two miles on good dirt roads. Good sneakers or boots, hiking poles suggested. Bring water if you want. For questions contact Sally: Sally@greenmountainneighbors.org.

We would also appreciate it if you pre-register with your email so we can notify of any changes. You can also sign up through the GMN website at <https://greenmountainneighbors.org>

**Donation Time**

The Times is mailed to all residents of Shrewsbury and is also available online on the Shrewsbury Town, and Shrewsbury Historical Society websites:

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

and

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We have an exciting event happening in October. Please register in advance through the event link listed below OR call us at 802-417-2292 and select option 4. Please leave a message with your details:

**GMN IS LOOKING FOR COMMITTEE MEMBERS!!!**

We are in need of volunteers to serve on our Events, Communications, Volunteer or Membership Committees. To sign up, please contact us through our website <https://greenmountainneighbors.org> and click on the Contact tab OR call us at 802-417-2292 and select option 3.

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**Aging in Place:  
Exploring the Sharing Housing Option**

Monday, October 21<sup>st</sup>

1 PM – 3 PM

Mount Holly Town Library

26 Maple Hill Road

Belmont, VT

**Come to this workshop and learn how a housemate  
can make all the difference!**



Annamarie Pluhar, our presenter, is the author of *Sharing Housing: A Guidebook for Finding and Keeping Good Housemates* and is also the founder of Sharing Housing, a 501 (c)(3) nonprofit.



Find more info at [SharingHousing.org](http://SharingHousing.org) and [SharingHousing.com](http://SharingHousing.com)

This **FREE** event is sponsored by:



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



Registration for this event is being handled by our friends at Green Mountain Neighbors. Since space is limited, we encourage you to visit this link, <https://tinyurl.com/mw7rwuyf> and register today!



**SANDGLASS THEATER**

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*ISIDORE'S CHEEK*

**Saturday, October 19 @ 2pm**

at the Russellville Schoolhouse

Free; Donation Welcome

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# SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

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 & 7 pm to 9 pm

Thursday 7 pm to 9 pm

Friday 10 am to 12 pm

Saturday 10 am to 12 pm

To search the Library Catalog, put a hold on a book or DVD in our collection, and get the latest Library news, please visit our website: [www.shrewsburylibrary.org](http://www.shrewsburylibrary.org).

To order or suggest a book to add to our collection, please contact Donna Swartz: [donnaswartz44@aol.com](mailto:donnaswartz44@aol.com) (for children's and Young Adult books), or Joan Aleshire (for adult fiction and non-fiction books): [joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net). We can order books on Inter-Library Loan from other libraries, or will consider buying them, depending on our budget and collection needs.

MANY THANKS to everyone who helped us put on the ANNUAL BOOK & BAKE SALE on September 21. DONNA, LISA, TRISH, ANN MARIE, BEN, MARGE, ELIJAH, ED, GAIL, MICHELLE, BOB, CABOT and more Library Trustees and Volunteers. THANKS, too, to all the book and DVD donors and bakers! It wouldn't be a BOOK & BAKE without you!

The BOOK SALE CONTINUES under the tent on the Honor System for the next two weeks, until Discover Books comes to take away the remaining items for on-line re-sale. Browse, find treasures and treats, and leave a donation in the jar!

MANY THANKS to the IT COMMITTEE for hosting the TECH OPEN HOUSE for everyone who wants to know what helpful devices they can find in the Library.

### Coming Events:

Friday, October 11 @ 7 pm in the Library: RANDELL BARCLAY will give a presentation on Wallingford Rotary's Medical Mission to Honduras. Join us to learn about water purification projects, and medical and dental care in the region. (See Randell's article elsewhere in The Times.)

Friday, October 18 @ 7 pm in the Library: PAM and JEFF MONDER will take us armchair travelers to a street art exhibit in Valencia, Spain. Please join us to be surprised and delighted and see Pam's article elsewhere in this issue of The Times.

Saturday, October 19 @ 2 pm at The RUSSELLVILLE SCHOOLHOUSE: SANDGLASS THEATER presents *Isidore's Cheek*, a puppet show for all ages with Jana Zeller. The play will be in the Schoolroom; refreshments will be outside, weather permitting. See our ad in this Times, and watch for a poster via e-mail!

### Continuing Programs:

Sunday, October 6 @ 4 pm: WRITERS' GROUP. Writing poems, short fiction, or memoir, and want to share your work? Please contact Penelope Weiss ([pw9@earthlink.com](mailto:pw9@earthlink.com)) or Joan Aleshire ([joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net)), if you're interested.

Sunday, October 20 @ 4 pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: 2nd discussion of *James* by Percival Everett, and *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* by Mark Twain. If you need a copy of these books, e-mail [joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net).

Sunday, October 27 @ 7 pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *The Dorito Effect: The Surprising New Truth About Food & Flavor* by Mark Schatzker. Please contact Margery Salmon ([salmonm@vermontel.net](mailto:salmonm@vermontel.net) if you need a book or would like to join the group.



### New Books include:

- *Creation Lake* by Rachel Kushner;
- *Colored Television* by Danzy Senna;
- *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout;
- *That Librarian: The Fight Against Book Banning in America* by Librarian Amanda Jones;
- *I Heard There Was a Secret Chord: Music As Medicine* by Daniel J. Levitin;
- *Paris 1944: Occupation, Resistance, Liberation* by Patrick Bishop.

## Rotary Medical Missions to Honduras and Beyond

Friday, October 11, 2024

7pm

at the Shrewsbury Library

Rotarian Randell Barclay will speak at the Shrewsbury Library about Rotary's medical missions to Honduras. Randell is a member of the Wallingford Rotary Club and has been involved in several medical missions to Honduras and Africa.

Each year a team of approximately 20 volunteers from Vermont and New Hampshire heads to the city of Danli in eastern Honduras. They spend a week visiting remote villages providing medical and dental care. The Team also works on building pure water facilities and building new schools. Come and hear how these missions are put together and the fun we have working with our local partners.



# 2024 SHREWSBURY DAY

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Shrewsbury mountain school
50th Anniversary









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BOOK REVIEWS

- ***** *Fantastic*
- **** *Compelling page turner*
- *** *Enjoyable*
- ** *Just O.K.*
- * *Not recommended*

The Secret Life of Sunflowers
by Dana Marton writing as Marta Molnar

★★★★★

Do you know the name, Johanna Bonger, and what she did for the world? Like me, you probably don't. Fiction writer, Dana Marton, felt she needed to switch gears and write as Marta Molnar to cover this intriguing woman's true story. The author does this beautifully and also includes a completely fictitious counter story alongside, which she thought would add interest. I found switching back and forth from the true story to the fictionalized story of another woman was entertaining, although the fiction was pretty formulaic and over the top. The premise is that a diary written by Johanna Bonger is found by fictitious heroine Elmsley in her beloved grandmother's belongings, and this is what ties the two stories together.

The real heroine, Johanna, is a 28-year-old Dutch widow with a baby in the 1800s, without any means of supporting herself, and living in Paris where she barely spoke the language. She has inherited the paintings of her brother-in-law, a prolific but unknown, mentally unstable, and unsuccessful painter. Johanna succeeds where Theo, her late husband (the artist's brother) has failed in introducing these paintings to the art world. It is a struggle, but Johanna is relentless in her quest. Thanks to her, the whole world knows Vincent van Gogh, her brother-in-law!

The book is not nearly as contrived as my review of it—promise! It's a really entertaining and educational read. 5 stars!
 ~Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick



Who is this magnificent creature soaring high above Valencia on a paella pan?



To find out come to the
Shrewsbury Library
Friday, October 18 at 7pm

The ancient city of Valencia, Spain, is filled with fanciful art on nearly every wall, door, bench, and sign. The result is a mix of history, beauty, culture, politics, and, well, sometimes plain old vandalism. Shrewsberries Jeff and Freddie Monder lead a virtual tour of the street art of Valencia. This event is free and open to the public.



We are excited to announce our list of upcoming fall events. All events are free and require pre-registration. We hope you will join us!

- **10/2:** Removing Old Dams to Improve Flood Resiliency with Vermont Natural Resource Council and CT River Conservancy
- **10/6:** Fall Community Hike, Plymouth VT
- **10/16:** Mapping and Conserving Rare Plants of Vermont with State Botanist Grace Glynn (virtual)
- **11/19:** How to Love a Forest with Vermont Author and Forester Ethan Tapper (virtual)

Check out our website fwcv.org or scan the QR code to sign up!

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Remembering Author of our history book

Recently, Dawn D. Hance, passed away. She was the author of the book entitled, Shrewsbury, Vermont - Our Town As It Was. This book became the history book that covers the beginnings of our town up to the year 1910. Her formative years were spent in Shrewsbury and she loved our town. Many of our early founders of the Historical Society helped Dawn with preparation of its many chapters. It gives me great pleasure to repeat her final paragraph at the closure of this book called "Afterward".

"People who once lived in Shrewsbury still long for the mountains of 'home'. Many return each year during foliage to witness nature's last fling. Some come to hunt on the land where their forebears once roamed. Still others, descendants to former townspeople, make their first visit to Shrewsbury to find the homes of their ancestors. Locating the old farmhouse, searching for a gravestone in a cemetery, and gazing upon the fields which are enclosed by stonewalls gives the searchers an awareness of their roots. In some cases, the farmhouse no longer stands, the gravestone has since been weathered by time, and the meadows have grown up with brush. However, still remaining are the stonewalls, defiant of time and as rugged as the individuals who built them. Marching over hill and dale these walls are a legacy and a reminder of the courage and determination it took to found our town."

The Museum is open every Sunday in October from 1 to 3pm. It will close for this season on the last Sunday in October, the 27th. Halloween is nigh, so come for a treat!

The last meeting of the Society is on Monday, October 7 at 5:30pm and is the Annual Meeting and Election of new Officers.

~Submitted by Ruth Winkler

Calling All Photographers!

The Shrewsbury Board of Auditors is soliciting recent photographs of Shrewsbury life for the town's 2024 Annual Report.



We particularly value photos of Town officers and Town Events (such as Shrewsbury Day, concerts, school activities, etc.), but also welcome scenic pictures from in and around Shrewsbury.

Submit your picture as a jpeg file and email it to auditshrewsbury@gmail.com no later than January 1, 2025. Don't forget to provide captions identifying people, places, and events. Also, be sure to identify the photographer so we can give proper credit! The Board of Auditors will review the photos and select them based on applicability and space availability. Thank you for your help with our Town Report!

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The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

We've returned to the Center Church for all Sunday Services! All are welcome to join us on Sundays at 10:30am on the second floor of the Meeting House in Shrewsbury. You are sure to hear an uplifting message and beautiful music! Come meditate and visit with our neighbors in this beautiful sanctuary!



The **Sunday Fun Day** Program for kids is in session in the children's room upstairs at the meeting House. All are welcome to join us! We welcome parent participation. We gather at the church @ 10:30. We participate in crafts, stories, and sharing. We have an average of six kids weekly with others joining us now and then. We participate in supporting community and world service projects. We often use recycled materials in our craft projects. We will soon be making wind chimes! Please join us! Call Cortney 802-683-7852, Anissa 802-779-2248, or Lynette 802-683-0631 if you have questions.

What makes you come alive?

Join us for a book group on this topic

Shrewsbury Community Church is sponsoring a book group this fall for all to attend. We will be reading and discussing a chapter a week in the book *What Makes You Come Alive?* Lerita Coleman Brown is the author. She summarizes the writings, the inspirations of, the spiritual and mystical side of Howard Thurman as well as his intimate relationship with nature as a teacher of us. Howard Thurman is known as the Godfather of the civil rights movement. He met with and was influenced by Gandhi's movement of nonviolence and then mentored Martin Luther King who put those ideas into action. Howard was first taught by his grandmother who was raised a slave in the South and taught Howard to always have dignity despite living in the Jim Crow era in the south. Lerita tackles topics that address that core centeredness that was so much of who Thurman was. Some chapter headings include: *Sacred Synchronicity*, *The Genuine in You* and his last chapter, *To Live Fully*.

Please join us on Mondays at 2pm at the Shrewsbury Community Church starting on October 21. Please come prepared to discuss the chapter for that week which also includes some Reflection Questions to guide us. Please call Pastor Karen Braeutigam at 802-282-6300 with any questions about the group or to let her know of your interest in joining us. We would love to have you!!

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-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm and 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10am-12noon; and, Sat 10am-12noon.

We have our additional Summer Food Shelf on the side porch at Pierces Store in North Shrewsbury. Those in need are welcome to help themselves.

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 at 802-558-5991 or Sue at 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 experiencing financial hardship. Assistance can be given for basic needs (food, heating, gasoline, 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

- Sun, Oct 6 @ 10:30 am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.
- Sun, Oct 13 @ 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.
- Sun, Oct 20 @ 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.
- Mon, Oct 21 @ 2:00pm Book Group "What Makes You Come Alive?" Upstairs Meeting House. Refreshments Served. Call Pastor Karen 802-282-6300.
- Tuesdy, Oct 22 @ 12noon Prayer Shawl Meeting in the Center Church Meeting Room. Knit or Crochet shawls, lap blankets, baby blankets to give to those in need of comfort or celebration. Bring a bag lunch if you would like. Dessert and drinks served. Call Roxanne 802-492-3675.
- Fri, Oct 25, 5-6:30pm Take Out Community Lasagna Dinner. Order Ahead.
- Sunday Oct 27 @ 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Pastor Karen Braeutigam.

MILL RIVER UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

Greetings from Mill River Unified Union School District. The 2024-2025 school year has begun and teachers and staff are hard at work creating an exceptional learning environment for our young community members. With the start of the school season comes the start of the school district budgeting season, and the MRUUSD board and staff are once again creating a budget that works to keep our tax impact as low as we believe we can, while first supporting our students.

Last year we created a budget with a 1.55% decrease in the district tax rate, while still being able to make some small additions. This year we will build a budget with the same guiding principle of fiscal responsibility. You may be questioning that 1.55% decrease, and it's true, your final tax rate was adjusted upwards by the Common Level of Appraisal (CLA) for each town. Even with the pressures outside of a local district's control, like state-wide negotiated health care premiums, we were still able to create a budget with a 1.55% decrease in the district tax rate. This streamlined budget kept the district town's tax increases in the 5-8% range for Clarendon, Shrewsbury and Wallingford (Tinnmouth was undergoing a reassessment, so harder to predict) instead of the 20+% forecasted by state agencies.

Many of last year's external financial pressures are still at play. Governor Scott has addressed the issue in a letter to school administrators, and publicly recognized that property tax increases do not fully reside in school district budgets. Notably, the governor has made a forecast that if district spending is flat, state taxpayers could see around a 7% increase in property taxes again this year. That forecast doesn't appear to be comprehensive though as it doesn't take inflation and increases in special education costs into account, the latter having previously been subsidized by the state, and now taken on locally. Likely, a 7% increase will only be possible with another year of budget trimming.

Ultimately, budget trimming will only get us so far. As we await some structural changes and leadership from the state level, (which may take a few years to implement), we will work locally to use our community resources as best we can to make the best school district possible for the students, the staff, our families, and our communities. We would appreciate the communities' involvement through the process.

Our next finance committee meeting will be on October 1 at 5:30pm. These meetings have a virtual meeting option and the public are welcome to attend. In this meeting we will identify initial budget ideas, including surplus management. The next meeting will be in early October to go over different budget scenarios. We will also hold community focus groups in October for public input. Again, community participation is appreciated and encouraged.

We hope to see you at this budget season's finance meetings, and hope to see your support for the district budget we ultimately pass this winter.

You can find more information about Mill River Unified Union School District, our board, and meeting agendas and minutes at <https://www.mruusd.org>.

~Submitted by Stephen Abatiell, School Board Member



Friday October 25
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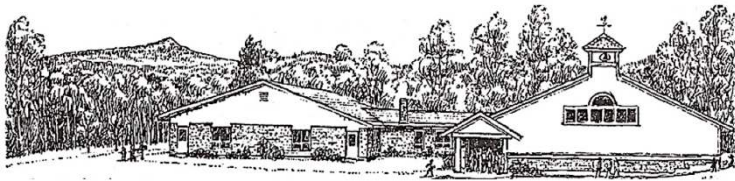
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SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL

We have had an AWESOME start to our school year. Our community's children came to the first day of school with big smiles and positive energy to learn new things! Our teachers and staff members are completely committed to a positive educational experience for our students and I am so proud to serve as your Principal!

Important Dates:

9/19: SMS Open House: PTO Pizza Potluck at 6:00pm, Back to School Night 6:30-7:30pm

9/26: Fall Harvest Festival coordinated by the SMS teachers.

10/1: Picture Day!

10/15: Fire Safety School Assembly from our Volunteer Shrewsbury Fire Department

10/16: MRUUSD School Board Meeting is hosted by SMS

First Day Photo Share! Our students are featured on our school website and on the SMS Facebook Page. Check out the fun photos from the first day of school!

Shrewsbury Day! Our students and staff would like to thank all of the members of the Shrewsbury Day planning committee for honoring our school's 50th year and planning a yummy lunch and fun activities. We are very grateful for our special town!

Information Update: We are enjoying the beautiful weather and taking as many opportunities as possible to learn and play outdoors. Our students have had lessons in the garden, time in our outdoor classrooms and sessions with our Four Winds volunteers.



After School Program FUN! Miss Linda has wonderful learning activities for our students each day! Grace Brigham was a guest artist and helped the students prepare for Shrewsbury Day!

HUGE THANKS!

The staff and students of SMS would like to extend our gratitude to:

1. Community members who donated school supplies!
2. Mr. Dave, our custodian, for his hard work preparing our school and campus for the new school year.
3. Director of Buildings and Grounds, Tim Harte, and Shrewsbury Road Commissioner and school dad, Jamie Carrara, for helping with our playground wood chips and walking path stone.
4. Our PTO for all of their support!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 802-786-3995 or at kcimonetti@millriversschools.org.

~Submitted by Kristin Cimonetti, Principal



Moose Legs!

The Shrewsbury Mountain School moose was created by Grace Brigham, Chet Brigham, and Liesbeth van der Heijden, and others....but the Shrewsbury Day Parade moose legs were provided by Jason & Jessica Smith with directions of where to go by Oliver and Everett Smith.



Attention Shrewsbury!

We are excited to announce that the SMS PTO will be selling SHREWSBURY T-SHIRTS (\$15) (and stickers) at TAP to TABLE on Sunday, October 6, 10-4.



Please come out and support the Mountain School in raising funds for a much-needed, playground renovation. If you can't make it to Tap to Table, stay tuned for the November issue of the Times to find out how to get yours.



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Pierce's Store will be selling soft drinks, beer, and wine
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Spring Lake Ranch

therapeutic community

We are all about community here at Spring Lake Ranch, so we were thrilled to be part of Shrewsbury Day again this year! We had so much fun saying hello to all the neighbors we don't see often enough, and we especially loved the dance party that erupted in the street afterward—it felt like a celebration of the last sunny days of the year!

Director of Development and Communications Rose McCracken, who recently relocated from Oklahoma to Shrewsbury, said of Shrewsbury Day, "It was everything I wanted from my move to Vermont!"



At the beginning of September, Woods Crew was able to lend a helping hand at Laurel Hall, where they moved antique furniture for the Historical Society. Woods Crew Manager Doug Patton said, "It was neat to get a behind-the-scenes look at the old mansion and to help a good cause."

Spring Lake Ranch will also be at Tap to Table this year. Here are some of the goodies you'll find at our table, all made by Ranchers in support of our scholarship fund:

- Hot apple cider by the cup courtesy of Woods Crew,
- Granola and pesto from Gardens Crew
- Woven goods (mittens, scarves, dog leashes, etc.) made by Gardens Crew—though lots of folks on the Hill like to pitch in during the winter when our sewing room is nice and warm.

On a final note, we're always looking for volunteer and employment opportunities for our residents to help them prepare for life after their stay here. If you know of any Shrewsbury opportunities that could involve our Ranchers in meaningful work, please reach out to Rose McCracken at rosem@springlakeranch.org.

~Submitted by Anna Sutton



We welcome tennis players to use and enjoy our tennis court this summer. The court is just west of the home at 7983 Cold River Road. Extra racquets and balls are in the red shed adjacent to the court. Come anytime—no need to call!! ~Taffy Maynard 773-2087

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**Shrewsbury Conservation Commission
Trail Camera Picture of the month**

The last two months I've shared bear and moose pictures here. Who would have thought that I could follow those posts up with lynx pictures this month! I hope the lynx has safely found good habitat to settle in after his tour of Shrewsbury. It's wonderful that so many people in town were able to observe this rare feline.



In late August I received reports that the lynx was spending the weekend on Coldham Rd. I emailed Brehan Furfey, Fish and Wildlife/Fur Biologist about the sightings. She asked if I could possibly video the lynx from a distance so she could assess it. On my second try I walked within 8 inches of the lynx lying on the side of the road. What an unexpected surprise!

I believe the lynx was in the drained beaver area, off Coldham Rd. when I passed by the first time and curiosity brought it out closer to the road. It was hidden under ferns. The lynx sat up as I walked by and we both startled a bit. I couldn't believe I was so close to the lynx!!! I kept walking on past and from a distance was able to take a video. My unplanned encounter with the lynx was amazing. An experience I will always treasure. What a gift to be so close to such a beautiful animal.

FYI - Shrewsbury's Wildlife Road Crossings Project is entering its fifth year. This will be our last year of recording wildlife tracks crossing Shrewsbury roads. If you would like to join us looking for wildlife tracks this winter or learn more about what species we have mapped the last four year, Save The Date - Saturday, November 2, 1-3 at the meeting house. More information to come in the November Times of *Shrewsbury*.

If you have a wildlife picture or track to share, contact Linda Shelvey lpurdyschel@gmail.com ~Linda Shelvey



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Batty for Bats!

Here are some brief notes I took on bats and their preferred habitat and habits on a recent Walk and Talk program led by biologist Travis Hart.

Bats can't fly up off the ground! They need to drop from a height to be able to fly. If you do happen to find one on the ground (rare), check to make sure the bat is not sick or injured first. If the bat appears so, call VT Fish and Wildlife, do not handle any sick or injured bats without guidance, and never handle any bats without heavy gloves to protect from scratches or bites. Bats are carriers of rabies, but less than 1% of bats do, so the threat of getting rabies from one is unlikely, though still serious. If you feel you were scratched or bitten by a bat, call the rabies hotline 1-800-4RABIES, the VT Department of Health or your physician. In fact, bats mostly are friends to humans in that they will clean out your area of those pesky mosquitoes and other bugs that annoy humans. Bats cause little threat to people and the repulsion some people feel towards bats is undeserved. When they fly around a room trying to get out, they are not attacking but try to gain altitude to escape.

Bats use echolocation to move through their environment, therefore in the forests near us, they are more often found near trails or open areas in the forest. They find these areas easier to navigate, just like people. They often roost in trees – and different bats use different trees – but they look for ones that are standing dead trees with cavities, cracks/crevices, or sloughing bark trees, like mature shagbark hickory or sugar maples. They roost at least 10-12 feet above the ground and look for a protection overhead, so they need a “cap” to prevent wind and rain from getting in.

Non migrating bats overwinter in caves that stay above freezing and can provide good protection. This has historically made them more susceptible to white nose syndrome which has almost decimated some species in our area. The Little Brown Bat does seem to have stabilized some in recent years. During the more temperate months, bats spend their nights foraging for insects and their days roosting in trees or bat houses. (For a very complete description of how to build and place bat houses, contact Chris at csclarke@vermontel.net and she'll send you a file) She has seen many generations of bats and their babies using a bat house to produce offspring. Bats generally only produce 1 baby per year. The female begins her productive years after just one but will keep having babies her whole life – which can be as long as 20-30 years!



Lastly, we spent a bit of time examining different forest habitats to determine what to look for or manage in forested land. A good bat habitat will be near a water source, have openings to allow easy movement, and berry patches to provide great dining opportunities from the insects that gather there. This is one reason why good forest management tries to provide a variety of habitats –strategic patch cuts made periodically to provide early succession openings that a typical Vermont middle aged forest does not provide. This provides good habitat not only for bats, but for birds, cottontail rabbits, and many other species. ~Article by Louise Duda



Shrewsbury Musicians to Perform with Champlain Philharmonic

The Champlain Philharmonic will be presenting its Fall Concert Series, "Gather Round the Fire", at the Town Hall Theater in Middlebury on Saturday, October 12 at 7:30pm and at Grace Congregational Church in Rutland on Sunday, October 13 at 4pm. This community orchestra has several loyal Shrewsbury fans and includes three townspeople, **Kristi Bragg, Megan LaChance, and Roxanne Ramah.**

The orchestra will welcome a special guest, Cricket Blue, to the stage for a special evening of music. We'll hear the beautiful sounds of Eric Whitacre and Lili Boulanger, be immersed in the magic of John Williams and Dimitri Shostakovich, and be treated to music by Vermont Composer, Dennis Bathory-Kitz. Master storytellers Laura Heaberlin and Taylor Smith make up the indie folk duo Cricket Blue, who create music that is haunting, mesmerizing, complex and rich with beautiful harmonies and imagery.

For more info: www.champlainphilharmonic.org.

Music in 1891 Chapel

The East Clarendon Chapel, 1358 Airport Rd, East Clarendon, will be open for a music service on October 6 at 11am. Come see the inside of this historic chapel which was built in 1891 and never had electricity. Listen to the Mason and Hamlin pump organ. It's a step back in time. All are welcome.

~Submitted by Dave Nilsen



(Seated) Sally Deinzer, Heather, Pam Darrow, Linda McGuire, Ronnie Bowe; (standing) Ed and Debbie Sawyer, Sandy Bragg, and Weezie Duda

Pies, Pies, and Pies!



Eight students baked up a storm at a Cooking Class to benefit Pierce's Store on Monday, October 9. They made pies for a three-course meal. Traditional Cornish Pasties for the Appetizer, Chicken Pot Pies for the Main Course and Blueberry and Apple Crumb Pies for Dessert. Heather Shay demoed and shepherded everyone through the process. Then, after Welcome Painkiller Cocktails, we all sat down for a delicious meal. And Pierce's was given a \$310 donation.

~Submitted by Heather Shay



Garden planting in September? It may sound out of the ordinary, but we had a few warm late summer days planting greens, kale and sprouting broccoli with students at Shrewsbury Mountain School.



Ms. Levins' 3rd & 4th graders and Ms. McDonough's 5th & 6th had time to reorient themselves to the school garden, make observations, and explore the bounty of scents and sights. Apparently, pickles are popular with the students, as cucumbers and dill seem to be particularly prized plants.

The Mountain School's dedication to sustainable education has drawn the interest of the Vermont Farm to School & Early Childhood Network, and the school will host a learning journeys field trip this month for the network educators. Our friends at Evening Song Farm will also host a group for this gathering. We look forward to harvests and putting the garden and orchard to bed in the coming months!



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

Submitted by Stephen Abatiell

SNO-BIRD NEWS



We have started our trail work. At this time, we are mainly removing downed trees and just checking out the trails. We are still waiting on permission to do our debrushing on State property as they have to do a bat study. We also have to have them look at any tree that is over 3" if we need to cut it and that includes branches too! We also have to hopefully get some skidder plank bridges installed on the Pody trail coming out of the Stone House clearing. The State went in and installed many water bars and took out what was over some of the water crossings because now they were not up to the new standards.

As soon as the State lets us know what we need to get we will get the materials and it looks like they will install them, hopefully asap. Dave will be doing some debrushing on other lands starting at the Highway Garage on US Route 4 on our 4&7 heading south until he gets to the State Lands. We have learned that what we used to just go and do yearly has turned into a big and long process with a lot of restrictions and hoops to jump through.

We have put up our sponsor board in Wheelerville and are working on getting the sponsors which is going very well. We should have both sides filled we hope. Thank you to all that helped Dave with this project.

I have started on groomer maintenance and John is going to help me this weekend to get more done. Then we will get some members together to install the two new front tracks. We should be in good shape with that by the first part of October and just waiting for the season to open. *~Article by Roy Arthur*

Hey Shrewsbury Community!!

We are Bryan and Vanessa. We have been living and working with my sister and her husband (Kara and Ryan) at Evening Song Farm for the past few years. Vanessa and I have our own farm in Colombia which we travel back and forth from, but now we are more interested in planting our roots near our family here in Vermont and establishing ourselves in the community. We would like to purchase enough land to build a small home with a bit of privacy. We are open to a larger parcel of land as well. Undeveloped wooded land is ideal but we are open to checking out any options. Before moving to Vermont, we have been living off grid for several years, so electrical grid connections are not necessary. Direct access to a road is also not necessary as long as there is a land easement to access the property. We use an off-road motorcycle for transportation, and are comfortable riding on class IV or logging roads. We are also open to the surrounding towns such as Wallingford, Plymouth, Clarendon, Ira, and Mount Holly, but the closer to Shrewsbury the better.

We would love to hear from you if you are considering subdividing or selling any land locally. My number is 802-353-0857, my email is bryan.fitzgerald.89@gmail.com

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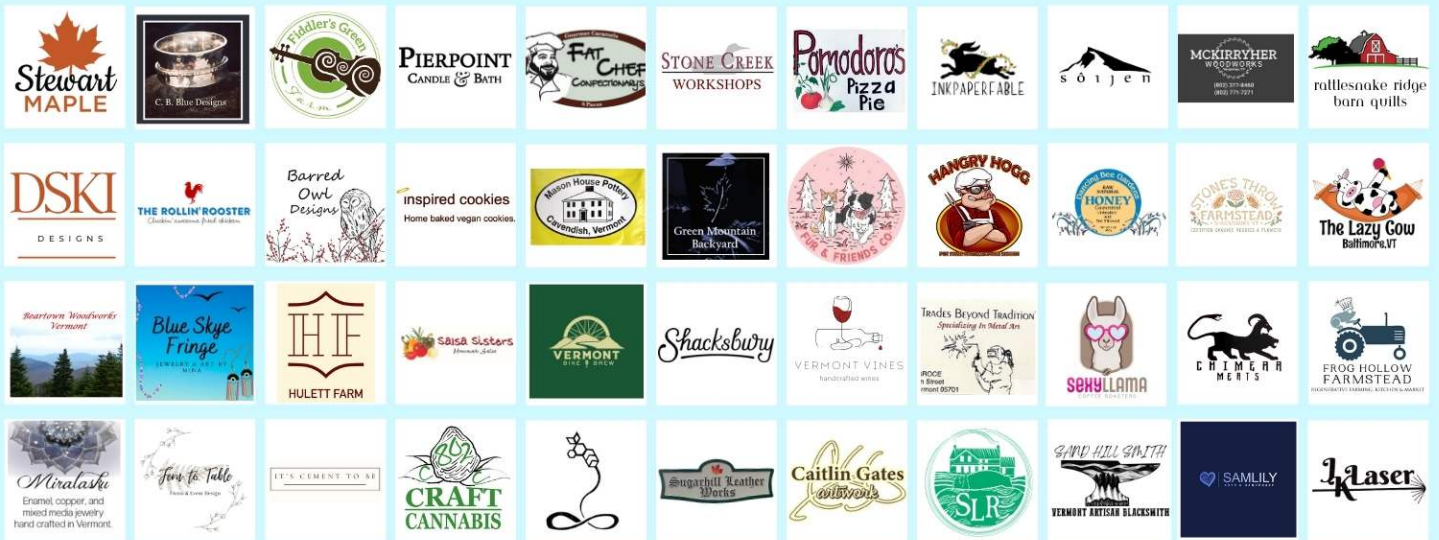
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From the Pierce's Board

Welcome to the Vermont Fall Foliage Season, one of the prettiest times of the year here in Shrewsbury. It's almost impossible to take the beauty of the season for granted as the golds, reds, yellows and oranges start to pop. Of course, we also get to share the season with our friends the leaf peepers! As an added plus this month, and after interviewing multiple candidates, we've brought a new store management team on board. Please join us in welcoming Harry DiPrinzio and Elena Glead to the Pierce's community. Make sure you stop by the store to meet and talk with them; they are anxious to meet you and hear your thoughts and comments about the store.



Now, the season would not be complete without our annual Chili Cook Off!! Once again Jeff Monder will be organizing this popular annual event. If you consider yourself an Expert Chili Chef, come and pit your skills against other self-proclaimed experts. If you don't make your own chili but consider yourself a Chili Connoisseur, come on down and vote for your favorite chili. If you don't like chili – what's the matter with you? Come on down anyway.

Have you noticed the new Pierce's flagpole? The flagpole was installed early in September and flies a brand-new US Flag. We are also flying a new Vermont State Flag off the porch (where the US flag used to fly). The US flag flies 24/7 and because our flag flies at night, we are required to light it. We chose a very subtle and subdued light that meets federal requirement to light the flag, but does not interfere with the enjoyment of our dark stary nights.

One final note – On November 15 we will hold our last 2024 Wine Tasting. Check out our web site for more information on this event (and others) at <http://www.piercesstore.com>. More to come on this one, but in the meantime be sure to come out and enjoy. ~The Pierce's Board

Dear Shrewsbury,

We wanted to take a moment to thank you for welcoming us as the new managers of Pierce's Store! This past week has been a whirlwind getting to know the awesome staff and volunteers that keep the store running and make this place so special. We are honored to have the opportunity to be part of the community in this way and look forward to meeting you all.



Before moving back to Vermont, we spent time living in the California Bay Area, close to Elena's family, while working in the wine and restaurant industries. We've been frequent visitors of Pierce's over the many years that Harry's family has lived in Shrewsbury and are super excited to bring our food, wine and baking experiences back to Vermont. If we're not at the store you can probably find Harry fermenting something in the kitchen, teaching ski lessons or taking a cold dip in the lake. In her free time Elena is taking our dog Francesca ("Frankie") on a run and tending the garden. Please don't hesitate to stop in and introduce yourself!

The next month at Pierce's Store will be a busy time for us as we develop relationships with new vendors and strengthen ties with local farms. For us, food is the center of our home: it nourishes and unites our family and friends. We think that Pierce's can do the same. Our goal is to provide a hearty mix of pantry staples, familiar snacks, local produce and specialty products that bring you into the store on a Saturday morning for baked goods, Tuesday evening shopping for dinner, and Thursday afternoon for ice cream and soda. We know you have options when you shop and we also know that household expenses are rising for everyone. Please know that we are working hard to provide the community with the very best food from Vermont suppliers and farmers whose quality and missions we trust!

A few items we'll be making at Pierces this month:

- Sourdough focaccia and other fresh bread
- A greater variety of sandwiches
- Soup as it gets colder
- Apple cake

If you'd like to receive store updates please sign up for the Pierce's newsletter on our website and follow us on Instagram @piercesstore. Cheers! ~ Harry & Elena

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