



# Times of Shrewsbury



June 2015

## CELEBRATING 100 YEARS IN CUTTINGSVILLE!

JOHN C. STEWART & SON, INC.

1915 ~ 2015

Having a birthday or anniversary is always a special event, and to celebrate 100 years in business at the same location is just "awesome!" But to have been in the same family all that time and have the fifth generation continuing the tradition is the most impressive part.

John C. Stewart & Son Inc. opened it's doors on June 17, 1915, and has been in downtown Cuttingsville ever since. Back then there were only a couple versions of the Model T to choose from and all of them were black!

Today Mike Stewart (a fourth generation Stewart) says there are 18 available Ford models and they sell about 12 of them. There are many colors to choose from, and he thinks that probably the most popular colors for cars are white and silver. The most popular color for trucks is red! Customers include many private and commercial buyers who buy cars, SUV's, and trucks. The SUV's are more popular today, but 20 years ago trucks were more popular.

After the untimely death of Tim Stewart in 1999, Mike and his sister, Lauren, took over the dealership to help continue the Stewart legacy. Tim was the head of the Service Department and was planning to take over the dealership from C.J.

Today the dealership employs 12 full time employees and one part-time person. John Taylor in the Service Department is the longest employed. He says that in 1988 he stopped by to talk with C.J. about whether he was hiring, and C.J. said "maybe yes, and maybe no."



*Founder*  
**John C. Stewart**  
1869 ~ 1941

It appears the answer was "yes" because John started work the following Monday—27 years ago! He works mainly on trucks and says "it's a good atmosphere" and he's "partial to the guys up here." It must be a good place, because his youngest son works there too! Another employee of the Service Department is Ashley who is a fifth generation Stewart.

Until 2006 the Service Department was in the building that now houses the Sales Department. At that time most of the Service Dept. moved across the road to it's current location. The Sales Building also now houses an AT&T cell tower in its' smoke stack...something totally unimaginable in 1915!

There's lots of memorabilia on the walls and in the desks. A time clock that hangs on the wall was used from the 1930's until 2003.

Each time an employee checked into or out of work, a punch card would record the time and the clock's bell would chime. Under the desk are Accounts Receivable Journals dating back to 1929. And on the walls are pictures of cars that never went as fast as the cars today.

Mike says he is "proud to be a part of the organization" and is planning a celebration for later this summer. Then we will all have a chance to share our pride too in having a business like John C. Stewart & Son right here in our Town! It's not often we get to wish someone Happy 100th Anniversary!

*C. Martin*

*(More photos and tributes on inside)*



*Time Clock used from the mid 1930's until 2003  
Photo by Brian Winkler*



*1936  
Dump  
Trucks*



*The 1929 Accounts Receivable Journal takes up more space than a laptop computer. Charges for gas and grease, repairs and parts, and new & used car sales were recorded in the Journal. Photo by Brian Winkler*

**John C. Stewart &  
Son, Inc**

**Photos  
from the  
Past**



*The way it was back then--there's a very different "feel" about the place and the vehicles.  
If you sit and focus on this photo, you can almost feel the pace of life slowing down.*



## Excerpts of Steve Martyn's Remembrances of the John C. Stewart & Son Ford Dealership

"This is a story about a Ford dealership that has been in business for 100 years. It has been in the same family for four generations. The company was founded on June 17, 1915 by John C. Stewart and his son, Clayton Stewart. Clayton Sr. had three sons: Clayton John, Jr., (known as CJ), Bernard Joseph (known as BJ) and John. CJ joined in after serving in the Korean Conflict. BJ had also joined in after his return from service and was manager of the service dept. for some time. CJ's son Tim had worked for the dealership but died in a tragic snowmobile accident in 1999. Later, CJ's children, Lauren and Mike, joined in and now are the owners. Recently, Mike's daughter, Ashley Stewart Seiple, representing the family's fifth generation, is working in the dealership's service department.

My grandfather, Dr. Herbert S. Martyn, had the first car in town, a 1913 Mince. (I have the original registration on it.) I was told all the horror stories about it. In 1914 it was traded in for a Maxwell and that was no better. My father, Stephen P. Martyn, Jr. said he was handed a screwdriver to be used when the chain came off the drive shaft. That would be on every trip to Rutland, a distance of 20 miles round trip. It was a trip to Rutland every week for repairs.

When Stewart & Son opened in 1915, my father always had Fords and got his cars there. The outstanding car that my father had was a 1941 Mercury convertible. He had it for 15 years. This car was known as the Baby Lincoln. (Stewarts sold Mercurys from 1939 to 1946.)

My father told me many stories about the Model T. It had many nicknames like the "Tin Lizzy" and a "Bucket of Bolts". I was told the operation of a "T". To start, it had to be hand cranked. The crank was located in the front by the radiator. By the steering wheel the spark and gas controls were located. These had to be set just right or the car would buck when cranking. My grandfather set more arms and wrists that got broken during this starting operation. Sometimes during cold weather the back right wheel would be jacked up to get more compression on starting. (In the barn today there is a groove in the floor where the wheel spun.) In cold weather the water from the radiator had to be drawn as anti-freeze was not available.

The gas tank was located under the front seat. When it was time for gas everyone in the front seat had to get out so the cushion could be removed to get to the gas tank. The car had no fuel pump. Fuel was gravity fed to the engine. A full tank of gas was recommended or go up Town Hill backwards.

For many years Stewarts kept our cars going and during the 2<sup>nd</sup> World War they did all they could to keep my grandfather's car going. He being a doctor, he needed his car. Tires were rationed along with gas. I remember the gas

ration stickers that were in the windshield. An "A" sticker was for pleasure and family driving, 3 gallons of gas was allowed. A "B" sticker was for business use, 5-8 gallons a week were allowed. A "C" sticker was for commercial use and people in the medical field. I can remember one time when they put model "A" wheels and tires on my grandfather's car, but they did what they had to do to keep the doctor's car going.

In the summer of 1959 I got a job at Stewarts. I was laid off from Bryant Grinder Corp. where I was employed for 43 years when I retired Jan. 1, 2000. That summer I worked in the Service Station selling gas and various other jobs. My co-workers were Gordon Pierce and "Bud" Riley. I couldn't have worked with two nicer people. Gordon showed me how to service a car, and he was very good at whatever he did. "Bud" had a great sense of humor and the day would go by quite fast. Regular Amoco gas sold for 30 cents a gallon and Hi Test sold for 35 cents a gallon. I stayed until September and Bryant's called me back to work. They got a big order and the last time I got laid off was in 1961 for just one month.

The year of 1959 was when the Ford Galaxy was introduced, inspired by the Thunderbird. A lot of Fords were sold that year. People were trading Oldsmobiles and Buicks for the Galaxy. Stewarts was selling a new Ford every day. They got awards from Ford Motor Company for biggest sales for the year.

When I stayed in Cuttingsville, I would have my car serviced by Carl Pratt, Lloyd Stapleton and Don Williams. They were quite a team. I think Lloyd Stapleton was an original employee, retiring in June of 1960 with 45 years of service. Carl Pratt worked at Bryant's during World War II. When the war was over in 1945, he came to Stewarts until he retired, August 5, 1961. My car was the last one that he serviced that day. Don Williams came from New Jersey and stayed till June 12, 1959, the same day I did.

Stewarts was the second Ford dealership in Vermont. The oldest one is Ted Green Ford in Stockbridge. They started in 1913 and are still in the same family.

Stewart's garage has been in business for 100 years too, which is a long time to be able to keep the Ford dealership and be in the same family. They were able to survive two World Wars and the Great Depression. We hope that they can keep in business for many more years to come.

Excerpts of remembrances by *S.P. Martyn, Jr.*  
Formerly of Cuttingsville & now living in Florida  
Dated March 14, 2015

Submitted and edited by *Ruth Winkler,*  
Shrewsbury Historical Society

**State of Vermont**  
**House of Representatives**



Montpelier, Vermont

**Concurrent House Resolution**

H.C.R. 46

House concurrent resolution congratulating John C. Stewart & Son, Inc.'s Ford dealership on its 100th anniversary

Offered by: Representative Devereux of Mount Holly

Offered by: Senators Collamore, Flory, and Mullin

Whereas, operating a business over multiple generations is a source of family pride, and

Whereas, since June 17, 1915, members of the Stewart Family of Cuttingsville, in the town of Shrewsbury, have been the proud proprietors of the John C. Stewart & Son Ford dealership, the state's second oldest, and

Whereas, John C. Stewart's son, Clayton J. Stewart Sr., then only 17 years of age, worked at the business from the day the first Ford left the premises, and

Whereas, before starting to sell Ford automobiles, John C. Stewart's business, begun in 1895, was a traditional Vermont country store that would later sell coal and grain, and

Whereas, John C. Stewart served as the local postmaster and established a reputation for fair dealing that the family continues to this day, and

Whereas, the transition from a general merchandise establishment to an exclusively Ford dealership occurred over a period of years, and the merchandise included Fordson tractors and the appliances of several manufacturing companies, and

Whereas, the third generation of these family Ford dealers included Clayton Stewart Jr. and his brothers Bernard Stewart (popularly known as B.J.) and John Stewart, and

Whereas, the fourth, and currently managing, generation of the dealership includes Clayton Jr.'s children, Mike and Lauren, who have brought modern managerial ideas to their successful family enterprise, and

Whereas, the Stewart family is looking forward optimistically to the business' future, as Ashley Stewart Seiple, representing the family's fifth generation, is working in the dealership's service department, and

Whereas, this unusual family commitment to the continuity of the John C. Stewart & Son Ford dealership means the management is always striving to offer top-quality sales and maintenance services, and

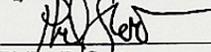
Whereas, in 2015, John C. Stewart & Son is marking a century of automotive retailing excellence, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

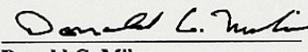
That the General Assembly congratulates John C. Stewart & Son, Inc.'s Ford dealership on its 100th anniversary and extends best wishes for continued success in its second century, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to John C. Stewart & Son in Cuttingsville.

  
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Shapleigh Smith, Jr.  
Speaker of the House

  
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Philip B. Scott  
President of the Senate

Attested to:

  
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Donald G. Milne  
Clerk, House of Representatives





*Sales offices*

**Congratulations  
to  
John C. Stewart & Son, Inc.**



*Service Department*

*Photos of Resolution and Buildings by Brian Winkler*

*Shrewsbury Mountain School  
Invites you to attend our*

*Spring Concert  
and  
Solar Presentation*

*Thursday, June 4  
(in the school's multipurpose room)*

*6:00-6:30 Presentation about  
our newly installed solar system*

*6:30 Spring Concert*

*Bake Sale to benefit the 6th  
Grade Class Trip to NYC*

*Hope to see you there!*

**Pierce's Brainstorming**

Please join us for pizza and a brainstorming session for Pierce's store on  
**Wednesday, June 24, at 6 pm  
at the Meeting House**

We look forward to input from the community about how we might attract new customers and how the store might be even more useful to current customers.

We will be serving pizza made by Rob and hope to see you there!

*The Board and Sally*

**Northam Cemetery Association**

Notice of the Northam Cemetery Association annual meeting to be held at the Shrewsbury Town Clerk's office at 7pm on Wednesday, June 24, 2015. Any questions please call Catherine Carrara 492-6137.



**Women's Mountain Bike Group**

Tuesdays at 6pm  
(meet at Pierce's Store)

Dirt roads, log roads, and Single track if we can find some!

Call 492-6149

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**The Times of Shrewsbury**

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Monthly Advertisement fees:**

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

Payment is due by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication.

Chryl Martin ~ Rich Biziak

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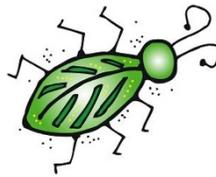
# SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

|         |         |   |
|---------|---------|---|
| May 31  | 4 pm    | *Science Book Club ( <i>The Hot Zone</i> ) meets at Library (previously scheduled May 24) |
| June 4  | 6pm     | *Spring Concert & Solar Presentation at Shrewsbury Mountain School.                       |
| June 14 |         | *New usage guidelines go into effect at the Transfer Station                              |
| June 17 | 12noon  | *Prayer Shawl group meets at home of Tess Williams 492-2187                               |
| June 21 | 4pm     | *Famous Books Discussion Group meets at the Library                                       |
| June 24 | 6pm     | *Pierce's Brainstorming Session and Pizza at the Meeting House                            |
| June 24 | 7pm     | *Northam Cemetery Association meets at Town Clerk's Office                                |
| June 26 | 7:30pm  | *Vermont's Bat Population presentation by Scott Darling at the Library                    |
| June 27 | 8am-2pm | *Invasive species workshop sponsored by Conservation Commission                           |
| June 28 | 4pm     | *Science Book Club discusses meets at the Library   |
| July 18 | 7:30pm  | *Mettawee Theater Company presentation at Shrewsbury Mountain School                      |

\* see elsewhere in newsletter for details

**Volunteer! Get Involved!**

**It's good for our Community  
and for you!**



**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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|--|---|
| Board of Selectmen Meeting             | 1st & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays—7:00pm at Town Office                              |
| Bone Builders                          | Tuesdays & Thursdays—9:00am at Meeting House  |
| Library Trustees' Meeting              | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday—7:00pm at Shrewsbury Library                                |
| Mill River Union School Board Mtg      | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays—7:00pm at Mill River Union High School |
| Pierce's Store Take-Out Meals          | Friday nights   |
| Planning Commission                    | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Mondays—7:30pm at Town Office                     |
| Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) | Sundays—10:00am at Shrewsbury Library, upstairs                                     |
| Shrewsbury Community Church Worship    | Sundays—10:30am at Shrewsbury Center Church   |
| Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum   | Opens July 5, 2015, from 1:000-3:00pm   |
| Shrewsbury School District Board Mtg   | 1 <sup>st</sup> Monday & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday—6:30pm                             |
| Shrewsbury Sno-Birds                   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays—7:00pm at Southside Restaurant, Rutland                    |
| Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Dept.        | Thursdays—7:00pm at Cuttingsville Station   |
| Conservation Commission                | 1 <sup>ST</sup> Tuesday—5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road                               |

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

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

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

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

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

**Cuttingsville Post Office** 492-3585

*Window (Retail) Hours:*

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

*Lobby Hours:*

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

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

**Emergency Management** Bert Potter 773-2272

**Ambulance** 773-1700

**GrMP power outage** 1-800-451-2877

**Medical—Fire—Police Emergency** Dial 911

**Rutland Hospital** 775-7111

4/23/15

## VARIABLE RATE PRICING BY VOLUME OR WEIGHT FOR MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

Pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1971 (Title 24, Chapter 59, Section 1971), and 24 V.S.A. § 2202a (a) (Title 24, Chapter 61, Subchapter 8, Section 2202a), and in accordance with 24 V.S.A. § 2202a (d) of Act 148, the Selectboard of the Town of Shrewsbury has adopted on 05/21/2015 the Ordinance Requiring Variable Rate Pricing.

The Shrewsbury Ordinance Requiring Variable Rate Pricing contains the following enumerated Articles:

**Article 1, Purpose:** It is the purpose of this ordinance to encourage the responsible use of resources and the protection of the environment.

**Article 2, Definitions:** Defines: "Collection", "Facility", "Hauler", "Municipal Solid Waste, (MSW)", "base level", "Variable Rate Pricing" and "Enforcement Agent."

**Article 3, Variable Rate Pricing:** Each Hauler or Facility, (Service Providers), shall establish a unit-based price to be charged for the Collection/drop-off disposal of each unit of MSW from residential customers.

**Article 4, Flat Fee:** In addition to the unit-based price charged per unit of MSW, Service Providers may, but are not required to, charge a flat fee to residential customers for the purpose of covering operational costs for collecting, transporting, and disposing of MSW.

**Article 5, Service Provider Pricing System and Certification:** The Service Provider shall file and submit evidence of their variable rate pricing system and compliance with all applicable State laws to the Solid Waste Alliance Communities.

**Article 6, Penalties and Civil Enforcement:** This ordinance is a civil ordinance and enforcement shall be brought in the Judicial Bureau in accordance with 24 V.S.A. §§ 1974a et seq.

**Article 7, Designation of Enforcement Personnel:**

**Article 8, Repeal of Inconsistent Provisions:**

**Article 9, Severability:**

**Article 10: Use of Transfer Station:** The use of the transfer station is limited to legal residents and/or owners of dwellings in Shrewsbury. Those eligible shall be issued a numbered transfer station sticker which shall be affixed to the bottom right corner of the windshield of the registered vehicle.

**Article 11, Effective Date:** This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Selectboard – Actual date: 07/20/2015.

This ordinance can be viewed in its entirety at the Shrewsbury Town Office or on the Town of Shrewsbury website [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org). Questions and comments on proposals regarding the ordinance can be directed to, (*Selectman Steven Nicholson 492-3824 or the Town Clerk 492-3511*), 9823 Cold River Rd. Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

Citizens have the right to petition for a vote on the ordinance at an annual or special meeting provided in Title 24 V.S.A. § 1973. To exercise this right, citizens must present to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk a petition for a vote on the question of disapproving the amendments signed by not less than five percent (5%) of the Town's qualified voters. The petition must be presented within forty-four (44) days following the date of adoption of the ordinance. Unless a petition requesting a vote is filed pursuant to 24 V.S.A. § 1973, the Shrewsbury Ordinance Requiring Variable Rate Pricing shall become effective sixty (60) days from the date of said adoption.

*Shrewsbury Selectboard ~ May 21, 2015*

### Effective Sunday, June 14, 2015

**Automobile stickers and punch cards will be required. All bagged trash will be charged.**

- **Vehicle Stickers:** Each vehicle utilizing the Transfer Station will be required to have a sticker on the windshield of the vehicle. Stickers are free and can be picked up from the Town Clerk (Mon-Thurs 9am-3pm). Two stickers per household. Please bring a copy of your vehicle registration.
- **Punch Cards:** Cards are \$10 or \$20 on sale at the Town Clerk's Office and Pierce's Store. By State law they cannot be sold at the Transfer Station.
- **Trash Bags:** Size of bags will determine how many punches are required.
  - \$1.00 for 13-gallon bag
  - \$2.00 for 30-gallon bag
  - \$4.00 for 55-gallon or contractor bag



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The past month has been another busy one for your SVFD volunteers. The lack of rain in early May led to numerous grass fire problems throughout the state. We had two such calls in Shrewsbury in recent weeks -- happily extinguished before they spread too far. SVFD also assisted at more serious grass fires on the Cold River Road in Clarendon. Since our last article, SVFD has also provided mutual aid assistance at two serious house fires in Mt. Holly and Clarendon. In May our volunteers also responded to a motor vehicle accident with injuries on Route 103 in Cuttingsville. Please be careful out there!

A recent inquiry from Vermont's Secretary of State has had me digging into our Fire Department records in recent days. Every five years or so that Office seeks out and recognizes local citizens who have served their communities for 20 years or more as Town officers, in Volunteer Fire Departments and the like. How the years can slip by! I have determined that our fine current Fire Chief **Russ Carrara** does not yet qualify -- he will the next time around. However, at a fire scene Chief Carrara can rely on a quartet of senior officers who **do** qualify for this recognition to assist him -- or to take charge if he is out of Town. The four are:

Shrewsbury's Deputy Chief **Kevin Brown** has been with our Fire Department since 1992 -- some 23 years ago. After more than a decade of service and experience, Kevin took on the position of Fire Chief in 2005 and held that position until 2010, when Russ took over. As Deputy, Kevin is presently second in command, and also serves as Town Fire Warden.

Current Assistant Chief **Al Ridlon, Jr.** has been an SVFD member for at least 27 years. Al has served as our Fire Chief for not one but **two** terms -- most recently from 1991 to 1996. Al is currently third in the SVFD chain of command, and our other Town Fire Warden.

First Captain **Mark Stewart** -- next in line -- joined SVFD in 1990, and therefore is in his 25th year in the fire service. Like Kevin and Al, Mark has been an officer for decades, and has also served as SVFD's Fire Chief from 1996 to 1998.

Second Captain **Paul Stewart** has been a member of SVFD since 1988 -- 27 years and counting. Paul prefers attacking a fire to standing at a distance in

command. (The same could be said of all of our current and past Chiefs!). Neighboring fire departments receiving mutual aid assistance from SVFD know of Paul's good and aggressive work as a firefighter, which also led to his being named Firefighter of the Year by the Vermont State Firefighters Association in 2013.

SVFD has other members, still active, previously recognized for 20+ years of volunteer fire service. No less important to our Fire Department are our fine younger firefighters who are gaining experience and will climb the ranks of leadership in the years ahead. However, for today, this article will serve as a shout out and note of thanks and congratulations to Kevin, Al, Mark and Paul -- all now in their third decade of serving our community in the fire service. The next time you see them, thank them and congratulate them as well! And: **STAY FIRE SAFE !!!**

Barry Griffith      SVFD Secretary/Treasurer

### Lincoln Hill Short Term Road Closure

The Vermont Agency of Transportation would like to notify you of a short term road closure at the bottom of **Lincoln Hill Road**, near the Fillmore property.

Casella Construction is scheduled to begin preparations for demolition and construction of the bridge/culvert at the bottom of Lincoln Hill Rd. on or around June 1, 2015. During the actual replacement of the existing culvert, Lincoln Hill Road is scheduled to be closed to through traffic at this location.

**This closure is expected to begin around July 6, 2015 and the closure will remain in place for 28 consecutive days.**

Please follow the signed detour to be installed by the Town of Shrewsbury.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation throughout this upcoming construction season. Contact project outreach coordinator Natalie Boyle at (802) 310-7822 or [nboyle@gpinet.com](mailto:nboyle@gpinet.com) if you have any questions.

# SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

*Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire*

At the ANNUAL MEETING on May 12, Marge Benini, was elected to a full-year position on the Board of Trustees, and all Trustees whose terms expired this year were re-elected for another three years. Current officers - Joan Aleshire, President; Lisa Sharrow, Vice-President & Assistant Treasurer; Dirk Thomas, Secretary; Debbie Blechich, Treasurer; and Gail Hartigan, Corresponding Secretary - were all re-elected to one-year terms. Thanks to the Selectboard for re-appointing Debbie Blechich as the Town's representative to the Library Board.

At the April meeting, the Board decided to that all Board members should serve full-year terms, in the interest of greater continuity. We're very sorry that our long-time trustee, Turiya Levy, who was serving from May to October, isn't able to fulfill Trustee responsibilities during the school year, and must resign for the present. Turiya was the guiding force of our last Five Year Plan; we hope she'll be a part of the new 5Y Committee, and will come to Board meetings whenever she can. She'll always be a valued part of the Library!

The LIBRARY SYRVEY hasn't generated much interest to date, which may mean that people are tired of filling out surveys; or that we (I) haven't been persistent enough in circulating them; or that the Library is doing fine; or all three possibilities. Thirty Five surveys have been completed to date; 33 of the respondents said they had visited the Library in the past year. Many liked the selection of books and DVDs, the programs, the Cookie Swap & Silent Auction, and the friendly atmosphere. Twenty Six respondents would change nothing or "Not much"; a few suggested more hours, more shelving, more audio-books, and art classes with Grace Brigham.

In answer to the questions about the ANNUAL BOOK SALE, 17 respondents had attended the Book Sale, 16 had donated books, and 20 had bought books (especially for kids). Sixteen "would miss" the Book Sale if it were discontinued; 3 "wouldn't miss" it. The Fund-Raising Committee will make a recommendation to the Board about this year's Book Sale; the main problem has been disposing of the books left over after the sale. If you have suggestions, would like to help with the Book Sale (or any aspect of the Library's work), and/or

would like to fill out a Survey, please come to the Library, or call 492-3410.

## **Coming Events:**

Friday, June 26 @ 7:30pm at the Library: SCOTT DARLING, Shrewsbury's own wildlife biologist and bat expert will give an update on VERMONT'S BAT POPULATION.

Saturday, July 18 @ 7:30pm @ SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL : THE METTAWEE THEATRE COMPANY presents its 40th (and possibly last) touring production: "OUT OF THE PAST: Celebrating 40 Years of the Mettawee Theatre Company's Journey." Save the date!

## **Continuing Programs:**

Sunday, May 31 @ 4pm SCIENCE BOOK CLUB will discuss *The Hot Zone* (previously scheduled May 24).

Sunday, June 21 @ 4pm: BOOK DISCUSSION: *Far from the Madding Crowd* by Thomas Hardy. This 19th century novel may take two discussion sessions; it's the subject of a new movie, the remake of the classic from 1967, starring Julie Christie, Alan Bates, and Terence Stamp. Copies of the book, and the older film, are available at the Library. Call Joan for more: 492-3550.

Sunday, June 28 @ 4pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *The Best Science Writing of 2014*, edited by Deborah Blum. Books will be available at the Library.

Alternate Mondays: QUILTERS' GROUP: Call Gail Hartigan (492-3605) or Donna Swartz (773-7403) for information. All welcome!

WRITERS' GROUP is taking a temporary break. Call Penelope Weiss (492-3345) or Martha Izzii (492-3346) for information.

## **New Books include:**

- \* *Memory Man* by David Baldacci, his latest thriller
- \* *Gathering Prey* by John Sandford, another in the crime series set in the Northwest
- \* *The Wright Brothers* by David McCullough: a dual biography of the inventors
- \* *God Help the Child* by Toni Morrison: the new novel by the Nobel prize winner
- \* *On the Move* by Oliver Sacks: A memoir by the neurologist, author of *Awakenings* and *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*
- \* *The Community-Scale Permaculture Farm* by Josh Trought
- \* *Pig Tales: An Omnivore's Quest for Sustainable Meat* by Vermont writer Barry Estabrook

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**New DVDs include:**

- \* "Selma" the historical drama, an Academy Award nominee for best picture
- \* "Wild" starring Reese Witherspoon, based on Cheryl Strayed's popular memoir
- \* "Last Days in Vietnam" the documentary by Rory Kennedy
- \* "Wolf Hall" the televised version of Hilary Mantel's best-selling novel
- \* "Dear White People" brilliant satire from a new director

**New Children's Books**

Sharon Zerveskes (a past resident of Shrewsbury) donated her new children's book, *Happy and Pokey's Big Adventure*. Happy and Pokey are crabs living on the coast of Maine and we can read about some of their adventures.

Other new titles include:

- *The Day the Crayons Quit*
- *Click, Clack, Peep*, Doreen Cronin the author also wrote *Click, Clack, Moo!*
- *The Three Ninja Pigs*, a new version of the Three Little Pigs
- *Bugs in My Hair!* by David Shannon (*No David, No!*)
- *Star Wars Science Fair Book*
- *First Kids, The True Stories of All the Presidents Children* by Noah McCullough
- Three new *Big Nate* books by Lincoln Peirce

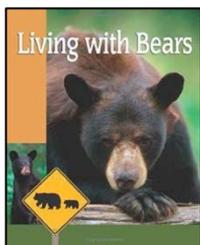
We also have new non-fiction books including:

- *Snow Babies*
- *Heroes of World War II*
- *Sea Bones*

For the J readers we have new 9 chapter books including:

- *Rain, Reign* by Ann M. Martin
- *Mark of the Dragonfly* by Jaleigh Johnson
- *14th Goldfish* by Jennifer Holm
- *Road Trip* by Gary Paulsen and Jim Paulsen
- *Madman of Piney Woods* by Christopher Paul Curtis

Submitted by Doris Perry



**Bear Book**

Forrest Hammond, VT Fish and Wildlife biologist, donated the book *Living With Bears: A Practical Guide to Bear Country* by Linda Masterson. It is an excellent book on the subject. Check it out!

**Shrewsbury Conservation Commission  
Wants You!!!**



Your SCC, in conjunction with the Vermont Department of Forest, Parks, and Recreation, will be holding another work day to educate ourselves about safe, chemical free ways to eradicate Japanese Knotweed on one's property. Although a pretty shrub with medicinal properties, this invasive spreads easily and causes

problems with riverbank erosion and fish nesting along streams. Also, native bees and insects can't utilize the pollinators on the knotweed, eliminating a food source for this sector of the food chain. Join us in learning about effective management techniques and in removing these invasive plants, as well as have fun!

Meet at the Town Office

**Saturday, June 27 at 8 am – 2 pm**

We will caravan to nearby sites from there.

PLEASE SIGN UP BY JUNE 20 SO APPROPRIATE RESTORE HABITAT LEADERS AND EQUIPMENT CAN BE ORGANIZED.

Call Weezie Duda at 492-3327 or email to vtzipity@gmail.com

Bring Along:

Work gloves

Water, lunch, and a snack

Long sleeve shirt, long pants, socks, and sturdy shoes

Hand pruners if you have them

Anything else you might need for a day outdoors (sunscreen, raincoat, bug repellent?)

Why is your Shrewsbury Conservation Commission focusing efforts on invasive species? Both insects and plants can cause serious environmental problems by killing or crowding out native inhabitants and completely altering the whole ecosystem. Some, like the Emerald Ash Borer, will kill a whole species of Ash trees, while others, like Poisonous Parsnip, choke out native growth and create painful and serious blistering in people who unknowingly pick its pretty flowers.

The small team of state employees designated by the state to deal with invasive problems cannot possibly eradicate the problem sites, nor can your SCC. BUT – spreading awareness to our residents CAN help!

## The Shrewsbury Community Church



*Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley*

We had a lovely Service of Baptism on May 3<sup>rd</sup> and welcomed Father and Daughter, Brett and Isabelle Park, into the Shrewsbury Community Church. This special service was performed by Reverend Bob Boutwell. Isabelle's mother is Anissa Sharrow Park.



## Community Church Calendar

May 31 @ 1030am: Worship Service, David Rice.

June 7 @ 1030am: Worship Service and Holy Communion, Rev. Bob Boutwell.

June 14 @ 1030am: Worship Service or Mission Project to be announced.

June 21 @ 1030am: Worship Service, Rev. Skip Dickinson.

June 17 @ 12 noon: Prayer Shawl Meeting . Please bring a bag lunch, drinks and dessert provided. Call Roxanne for meeting location 492-3675. All Welcome! Come and Enjoy the fellowship and the Mission.

June 28 @ 1030am: Worship Service, David Rice.

NOTE SERVICES MOVE TO THE NORTHAM CHURCH FOR JULY & AUGUST. The Northam Church is the lovely white church with tall steeple next to the Town Office on the Cold River Rd.

**Thank you to all who worked diligently to help make our Community Supper Fun and Scrumptious on May 23!**

**FREE COMMUNITY FOOD SHELF**  
at the Library in the front entry way.  
All are Welcome to come in and help yourself any time the Library is **OPEN**.

**As we celebrate Mother's Day and Father's Day** we are honoring and remembering Mothers and Fathers by designating these two days as "Community Sharing Days". We are accepting donations of \$5 in memory or in honor of Mothers and Fathers. Donations will go to the Community Sharing Project which helps Shrewsbury folks in need. Send your check made out to Shrewsbury Community Church to: Shrewsbury Community Church, c/o Sue Kelley, PO Box 366 Shrewsbury VT 05738.

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

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

Donation amount \_\_\_\_\_ \$5 or \_\_\_\_\_ other amount.

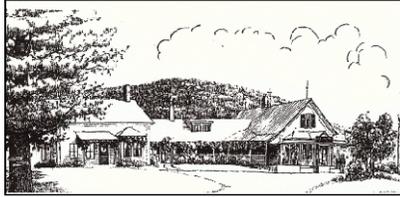
In memory or in honor of: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Mothers and Fathers honored to date by donations to the Community Sharing Project**

**Mothers:** Jessie Pollock, Nixeon Handy & Ann Pollock by Rene Pollock; Rhea Roberts & Yesmine Ramah by Roxanne Ramah; Elaine Ransom by Sue Ransom-Kelley

**Fathers:** Alexander Pollock, Larry Handy, Jim Pollock & Doug Pollock by Rene Pollock; George Richards & George Curtis Over by Lynette Richards Over; Ray C. Roberts & Louis Ramah by Roxanne Ramah; Robert Ransom by Sue Ransom-Kelley

# LIFE AT PIERCE'S!



## May Blossoms with Thought and June Never Bugs Us!

What a good feeling it is to be sitting in the backyard in my wicker chair soaking in the high doses of vitamin D while writing this month's "Life at Pierce's." I was beginning to think spring would never happen! This morning as Randall walked to the store's mailbox, he saw a moose amble across our backyard, cross the creek and enter into the depths of the end day at 8am on a Saturday morning. And I can tell you, it wasn't "Ella," our moose (Sally says it's actually an elk), that looks into the back window of the store. This one was for real!

While many of you remember Marjorie running the store with her brothers, the spirit of Marjorie has continued on in this charming but practical store. And it has been a wonderful way to get know many of you element for us, as tenants, to meet people that probably, we never would have met. And for all of us, I other that otherwise ample, remember when we lost power for about a week last December? Somehow all of us were affected. We experienced it and talked about it. The store became a crutch for many of us and it provided a place where we could get information, check and see who needed help and also commiserate about that "crazy storm!" But forget about those cold memories!

Here are some warm thoughts. Volunteers and employees put many hours into the store each week. On the mornings that I work, I always look over to the store to see if Rob has arrived to do the baking. If the lights are on, I'm late. That means I have to rush! Hmm....Sally, the manager knows when I'm late. She arrives at 7 a.m. to get the coffee started for those of us who might be heading off to work or just stopping by for the paper. If I'm on a coffee kick, I'll run in, load up on Rob's coffee and head out. But Sally always welcomes me with a warm smile. When my father's visiting, he always has to go over in the morning to say "hi" to Sally and check out the baked goods. And Often on Wednesdays. I see Lee and his grandson, Mateo, collecting the recycle to take over to the dump

from the store. Barb comes by to do the books. Kristi has the job of overseeing everything as she is the board's president, and often, she will be behind the counter, too.

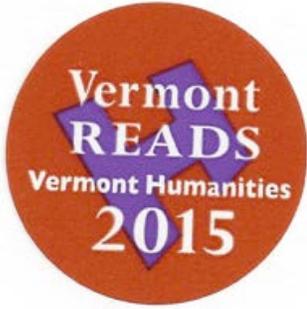
On Saturday mornings, if I lose Tim, I know he's at the store with "the men"- chatting with Randall or Bill, sometimes Jerry, and whoever else happens to be passing by. Towards the end of a day, Tim and I sometimes will say, "Let's go over to the store and say "hi" to Donna!" She always has a kind word to say to anyone that enters. And we can't forget Lavinia, the pizza baker who is often there on Wednesday nights. Last summer, when the Vermont Youth Conservation Crew (VYCC) was here, one of their most memorable experiences was having pizza in front of the store with members of our community. Lavinia entertained these kids and really made them feel comfortable. We had a great time that night laughing and hanging out. One teenager came back in the fall and left us a jar of homemade pickles with a sweet note thanking us for the fond memories.

And that's what brings me to my next thought. What has been so tragedy in April has been the warm, protective outpour of kindness from our community for one of its members. A member who has volunteered and given so much to our community and the store. In return, our community has joined hands in helping in many different ways.

The goodwill of the Pierce family is alive at the Shrewsbury Cooperative grateful for this. So, thank you, customers, volunteers, employees and friends for making the store successful in being the center of our community.

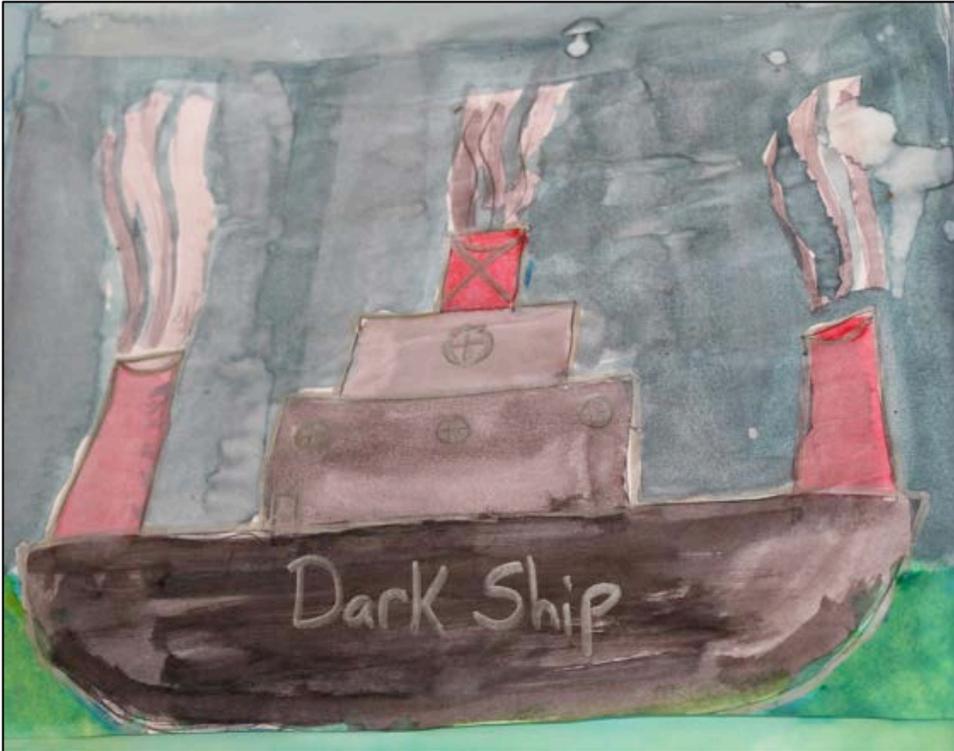
And now, the woodcocks are back doing their ceremonial dance in the evenings. The apple trees are blossoming and smell so good. The lilacs are about to bloom. The grass is so green. The hummingbird wars over the feeder have started again. We are riding our bikes, having lunch on the porch and all is coming alive. Can life get any better?

- Stacy McKiernan



### SMS Students Participate in Vermont Reads Program

The Vermont Reads program sponsored by the Vermont Humanities Council awarded copies of the book *Haroun and the Sea of Stories* by Salman Rushdie to the Shrewsbury Library. The book was read by students at the Mountain School, by a book club at the library, and by others in the community. Mrs. McDonough's SMS students wrote acrostic poems focused on the book and a murals shown here.



### The Sea of Stories

by SMS 6th Grade Students

**S**TORIES  
**E**NTERTAIN  
**A**ND  
**O**FFER HOPE,  
**F**UTURE EXPERIENCES,  
**S**OMETIMES  
**T**EACH LESSONS,  
**O**R  
**R**EVISIT THE PAST,  
**I**MAGINE A BETTER WORLD,  
**E**SCAPE TROUBLES, AND  
**S**AVE CHILDHOOD.



### Haroun

By Codie

**H**elpful  
**A**dventurous  
**R**esponsible  
**O**bedient  
**U**seful  
**N**ever negative



## MILL RIVER UNION HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

“Wherever you go, go with all your heart.”  
Confucius

**The Class of 2015:** It is hard to believe that we will soon say goodbye to Mill River’s 39<sup>th</sup> graduating class. There is excitement for our graduates as they look forward to the next chapter in their lives. However, they will likely long remember the small town where they spent at least some of their formative years. Not everyone knows your name, but there is a spirit of community and caring in Shrewsbury that will not be soon forgotten. May their lives be filled with many successes and much happiness. This year’s Shrewsbury graduates are as follows: Cole Bankert, Noah Beauchain, Christopher Brown, Katherine Bullock, Justin Coton, Brett Cross, Ryan Darling, Troy Golfin, Kian Hutt-Vater, Quinn Kimball, Caleb Purinton, Samuel Raymond, Zachery Tarbell and Kyle Weeden.

**The Mill River Honor Society:** On April 28, the Mill River Chapter of the National Honor Society held an induction ceremony honoring newly selected members. Students are selected on the basis of their excellence in four categories as evidenced by a faculty-staff survey. Their qualities in the areas of character, leadership, service and scholarship are considered as equally important in the selection process. Inductees from Shrewsbury were Chloe Hutt -Vater and Rachel Uhler. Other members from Shrewsbury are Cole Bankert, Noah Beauchain and Katherine Bullock. Congratulations to all!

**2015 Retirees:** Faculty members retiring this year are as follows: Dave Baker, math; Cindy Hudson-Knapp, art; Bear Irwin, instrumental music and Maureen Sullivan, French. Additional faculty members who are leaving to begin new life chapters are Katherine Fogg, assistant principal; Brian Hill, 7/8 English; Kassie Howe, mathematics; Alex Kogan, 7/8 science; Erin McCuin, biology and Andrew Reid, biology. **NOTE:** Brian Hill has been hired by the RSSU as the new technology director. **ALSO:** A sincere thank you to Maureen Sullivan for her many years of dedication to advising NHS and working with the honor students to raise thousands of dollars in support of the holiday food basket program.

**The School Garden:** On Thursday, April 30, the school garden was introduced to Michael Gamache’s 9<sup>th</sup> graders. After a brief presentation about the physics of turning soil with a lever like tool (garden spade), they began turning the garden over by hand. They then discussed soil fertility, water re-

tion and aeration. Over the course of 15 days, approximately 100 students turned soil, raked it into raised rows and began planting. During this time, students also clipped invasives, raked up dead grass, put down mulch in between the raised rows and trimmed the regrowth from dogwood stumps. Throughout the first week in May, students planted and watered fruit trees (apple, pear, peach and plum), cedars and lilacs. In addition, they planted wildlife attracting shrubs as a buffer between the athletic fields and the school’s wetlands. They also transplanted several shoots of an old variety of lilac to locations more conducive to growth and visibility.

Inside the garden, there are 13 rows that will be planted with different varieties of “painted” corn suitable for grinding into flour and decorative displays, also pole beans, winter squash and sunflowers. The raspberry bushes planted last year are growing again and several more have been added to the plot. Students also planted blueberry bushes in an area with acidic soil. An asparagus bed has been prepared and will be planted shortly.

Just outside the fenced garden area, AP Environmental Science students planted a Wampanog style garden consisting of 11 hills planted with the “three sisters”: corn, beans and squash. They also planted buckwheat as a cover crop for the spaces between the hills. There is experimentation going on with natural enclosures to keep deer out.

Wildflowers will be planted in an area west of the Wampanog garden. Sunflowers will also be planted throughout the “bioremediation area” to remove toxins. Between the garden and student parking lot, conditions have been improved to optimize biodiversity and promote undergrowth re-establishment. An experiment conducted two years ago showed that an excess of woody debris was stymying ferns and other ground-cover species. Consequently, this spring additional debris was removed and the regrowth has been impressive. **People wishing to visit the garden should park in the Mill River student lot and enter from the lawn west of the garden area, adjacent to the left field foul pole and the leaning willow tree!**

**A Message from Principal Pomeroy:** In March, on Town Meeting day, my thoughts begin to turn toward the next school year. As always, many things we do will be the same and many things will be different. I will miss Katherine Fogg as she has been my assis-

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tant principal during my entire tenure at Mill River. She has done an excellent job in weathering the changes we have made both in staffing and in our administrative model. Tyler Weideman, currently a teacher at Rutland High School, will certainly have big shoes (at least figuratively!) to fill. I am looking forward to the strengths and experience that Tyler brings in working with teachers on improving instructional practices. Speaking of big shoes, we have many fine teachers who are either retiring or leaving us this year. However, we have hired some excellent folks who will bring their own talents and skills to our school! Next year we will also have a different professional development model. Instead of every Wednesday morning, faculty will meet twice a month on Monday and Tuesday from noon to 3:00pm. This will allow us to work with the Tarrant Institute, part of the University of Vermont, on creating a technology rich learning environment that supports the new state statutes in proficiency based learning and personal learning plans. All in all, some very exciting prospects are in store for the 2015-2016 school year! As always, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me or come in to a Friday morning coffee hour and enjoy some coffee, a bit of breakfast and conversation.

Sally-Anne Snarski 492-3505  
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### Mountain School News

The End is almost here....Sounds ominous, but the end of school means the beginning of summer and after our long winter what a welcome thought this is. The Mountain School is in full swing to end the year with a bang. From field trips and Field Day to concerts and fun runs, all are in the works for these final weeks.

The school welcomes Townspeople to our end-of-year concert, Moving Up Celebration, and to view the new solar power system that is up and producing power every day - rain or shine.

6/4/15 – Spring Band and Chorus Concert  
(Grades 3-6), 6:30

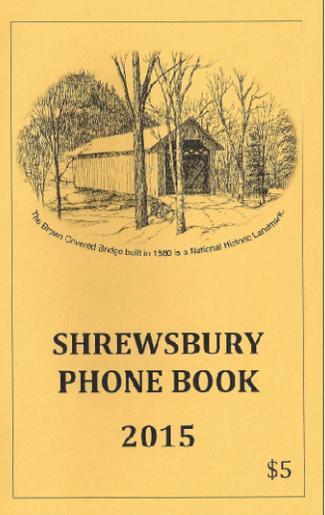
6/16/15 – Move-up Night, 6:30

We will be saying goodbye to Tom Neeson, our music teacher, who has accepted a full-time teaching position at the Long Trail School and Holly Itzo, who has accepted a full-time position at Rutland High School. We also celebrate Josh Pellerin's success as he heads off to Holy Cross University. We are in the process of interviewing to fill these open positions.

Congratulations to Claire Morris--her art work was selected for this year's Casella Calendar Contest. Claire's drawing was one of 13 selected out of nearly 250 entries. Claire received a gift certificate and her winning picture, framed, from Casella's.

More next month on the changes that Montpelier is nudging (trying to be polite) us toward as well as a few changes the school will be making to comply with the new recycling and waste system in town.

*Adrienne Raymond for the School Board*



**New**  
**Phone Book**  
**On Sale!**

Price: \$5

Pick up your copy at  
**Shrewsbury Library**  
or  
**Pierce's Store**

## Red Cars and Cat Puke

On the off chance of being turned in as a “suspicious vehicle” by a neighborhood watch I am declaring that the little red Toyota corolla seen parked along various Shrewsbury town roads, paved and otherwise, is my attempt to compile a list of all the hazardous trees in the 63 miles of Town Road right of way. While I have met a few interested people, raised the curiosity of others, been honked at for blocking the road, and NOT been ID’d as a suspicious person, the task is not done and the red Toyota driver (aka tree warden) will continue to collect information over the course of the summer.

Like Green Up Day, and Arbor Day, and other days devoted to the coming of spring it is a great time to look at both the return of green as the dominant color in our landscape and those few trees that are still grey. Green is great and grey is not since a tree without leaves in June is likely not to have any and has begun the journey from standing alive, to standing dead, to lying on the ground and returning to soil. This process happens to all trees but when our lives get within reach of a dead tree (houses, driveways, mail boxes, parking areas, and other places we sit still) potential danger lurks. Having a bare foot step into cat puke in the middle of the night while heading for the bathroom (who needs a light to get to someplace you have been to a million times) is like dealing with a hazardous tree. You now have to deal with the problem at hand (or foot). We can ignore this problem oozing up between toes or lying across the driveway just when you needed to get somewhere but the bottom line is that a dead tree will eventually fall down. Being pro-active and dealing with the danger eliminates the problem ON YOUR SCHEDULE not the tree’s.

*Gary Salmon, Tree Warden*

## Attention Home Gardeners!

Not sure what to do with excess veggies or fruit from your garden? Do you have a little extra garden space that you’re not sure what to do with? The Rutland Area Farm and Food Link (RAFFL) invites you to donate your extra fruit and vegetables or to “grow a row” of extras for donation. Extra produce can be dropped off on Saturdays at the Downtown Farmer’s Market in Rutland after 1pm; look for RAFFL’s booth in the Evelyn Street section of the market. RAFFL gathers the fresh produce and donates it to local food-service agencies for distribution to those who need it. For more information please visit the RAFFL website at [www.rutlandfarmand food.org/gleanteam](http://www.rutlandfarmand food.org/gleanteam).



## Lego Club

The Lego Club will not be meeting during the summer (June, July and August.) Please check back in September for our fall and winter schedule. Have a happy summer!

Come and check out our new Lego books at the library including:

- *Lego Play Book*--Ideas to bring your bricks to life
- *Cops, Crocs and Crooks* and *Mystery on the Lego Express*—Lego City books
- *Friends and Foes*--Lego Super Heroes!
- *Gorillas Gone Bananas* and *Beware of the Wolves!*--Lego Chima (two books in one!)
- *Lego Readers*--8 new level one books

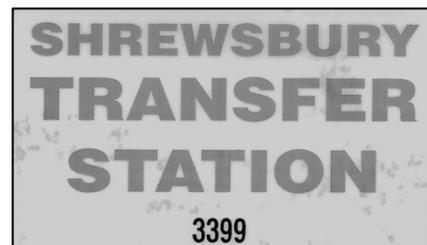
If you have questions, please call Doris Perry at 492-3440.



## Digital Newspapers

*Access NewsBank* provides web-based access to current and archived issues of 4540 full-text newspapers. The service is updated daily and includes the Rut-

land Herald. It is available through the Shrewsbury Library and is free to library patrons who can access the collection from home by going to: [shrewsburylibrary.org](http://shrewsburylibrary.org) and click on *Access NewsBank*. Patrons will need to have their 13-digit library card number to access *NewBank*.



## Transfer Station Stickers

Stickers for your vehicle will be required after June 14, 2015, to use the Shrewsbury Transfer Station. Stickers can only be obtained from the Town Clerk with a copy of the vehicle registration (two stickers per household). Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8am until 3pm. Stickers can also be obtained by mailing a *copy* your vehicle registration to the Town Clerk, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.



# Spring Lake Ranch

Therapeutic Community  
*Working Toward Wellness*

“The highest reward for a person’s toil is not what they get for it, but what they become by it” – John Ruskin. When I arrived at Spring Lake Ranch on March 22nd, I was told that I had missed the worst of the winter weather. Instead, spring has arrived at the Ranch as evidenced by the baseball chatter, the countless steps ranchers take to collect sap, the births of five lambs, and the sight of ranchers on the red picnic tables outside the main house. Spring signifies the emergence of new life, meaningful growth, and rejuvenation. At the Ranch, each crew (gardens, woods, shop, and farm) also prepare for the process of becoming and the challenges of growth and change.

The garden crew begins spring by preparing the greenhouse with seeds then harvesting from the beds, and assisting with sugaring. As the snow continues to melt, they will prepare to turn over the beds for early planting. The crafts made during winter (including woven guitar straps and belts) will be sold at the local farmer’s market this month. As for the woods crew, spring-cleaning is in order; they will finish cleaning up after the sugaring season, prepare the flower beds as well as landscape. The majority of their activities will revolve around the aesthetic aspects of the ranch. Spring involves a shift between the heavy lifting and lumbering to a more gentle touch, “it complements the rugged work of winter” (Doug Patton). Shop crew will experience the season with projects in and out of the repair shop, the majority of which will be in preparation for summer. Among these are concluding with the gazebos for smoking, building a crib for firewood, and constructing a new hay barn. A shift from stationary tools to hand-held tools will entail different styles of work, which ranchers will get accustomed to. Rotational grazing, haying, raising turkeys for thanksgiving are among some of the plans for the farm crew. Development will be seen as newborn animals grow and the grass begins to show color.

Spring signifies growth and rejuvenation; “the first day out in the garden will be overwhelming as our work will expand into a larger environment” (Lisa Gardner). Spring Lake Ranch will experience this phenomenon by simply welcoming the renewal of the season, “it inherently gives you feelings of change,” says Lisa. Most importantly, we are closing a chapter; we have a chance to focus back on the land, move closer to the main house, and to do things over again.

*By Nahita Zafimahova*



### **What’s for dinner?**

*A Shrewsbury critter camera caught this black bear in the act of checking out a compost bin.*

### **Don’t Feed the Bears!**

The bears are back...and they’re hungry! All over Shrewsbury bears have made their presence known. One resident on Cold River Road has had a compost pile for 30 years but last year had to stop using it because of the bears. Another resident on the Lincoln Hill Road side of Town had a “peeping Tom” bear peering through her windows!

Tips on composting in bear country include having equal parts brown material (for carbon) and green material (for nitrogen). Brown items include dead leaves, grass clippings, shredded household paper (except magazines), sawdust, etc. Green items include kitchen scraps, veggies, and small amount of fruits; never include meat or dairy products. Provide oxygen by turning the compost, and keep it moist (like a wrung out sponge). Then there should be fewer critter camera photos like the one above!

*C.Martin*

### **Shrewsbury Outing Club Swim Lessons**

Marcos Levy will be joining us for his 19th season! Lessons will be from July 20-31 (Monday-Friday) Payment is per calendar week and will cover up to 5 sessions for the week.



\$10/week for members  
\$15/week for non-members

Lessons will begin at 10am starting with the older swimmers.

If you are interested in your child participating, email Marcos at [thenewlearningproject@gmail.com](mailto:thenewlearningproject@gmail.com) or call 492-3208.

## Library Book & DVD Reviews—



Two ways to share: Please share your book reviews by writing them in the journals kept at the front desk at the Library or email to [maplesugar@comcast.net](mailto:maplesugar@comcast.net) THANK YOU!

*Book reviews are compiled by Marilyn Dalick*

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

### **Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey**

*by Fiona, the 8<sup>th</sup> Countess of Carnarvon*

★★★★

What luck to have come across this gem of a book at our library! It is an enjoyable read about the *real* Downton Abbey and the people who lived at Highclere Castle.

Lady Almina, like the T.V. show's Lady Cora, Countess of Grantham, was the daughter of a wealthy industrialist, Alfred de Rothschild. Rothschild could never say no to Almina when she came to him—on a very regular basis—to fund the various projects that compelled her.

Lady Almina was the very heart of this story. She was a forceful, capable, honest, and kind woman—she and her husband had a loving, successful marriage and raised an affectionate family (who actually enjoyed one another!). Almina seems to be a cross between the T.V. show's compassionate Lady Sybil, the tender-hearted nurse, and Isobel Crowley, also a trained nurse and authority figure whose fierce, moral values helped drive her accomplishments. Almina opened (created) much-needed hospitals (a very expensive undertaking) and worked tirelessly tending the wounded of World War I. No small thing, either, her dowry saved the Earl of Carnarvon's ancestral home.

Almina shared her husband's love for Egypt, and they travelled there regularly. The Earl was an avowed Egyptologist and was credited with unearthing King Tut's tomb after untold cost and many years' searching! Out of funds, he was just about to give it up, but found the tomb at long last. Astonishing!

If nothing else, this book might quench your thirst while you are waiting for the next season of the popular T.V. series, Downton Abbey.

*Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick*

### **The Devil in the White City**

*by Erik Larson*

★★★★★

This is a fascinating, nail-biter of a page-turner about life in Chicago in 1893 during the time of the World's Fair. The most famous American architects and engineers of the day were trying to best the very successful fair in Paris that featured as its emblem Alexandre Eiffel's grand Eiffel Tower. The challenges seemed insurmountable—very little time, extreme weather, working conditions, the quicksand-like soil, differences of opinions, the immense expense—plus coming up with their *own* emblem that would make people forget all about the Eiffel Tower. These efforts were spearheaded by the brilliant (and handsome) architect, Daniel Hudson Burnham.

Another charismatic and handsome man was also at work in Chicago at this time, a psychopathic serial killer who was feeding on the innocent young women flocking to Chicago to seek a new life and independence. The evil Doctor Henry H. Holmes also killed men—and even children—in the most grisly and cruel ways.

The remarkable thing about this story is that it is true! It really happened. By the way, a 33 year-old engineer from Pittsburgh delivered a novel, original and daring structure that “out-Eiffeled Eiffel.” His name was George W. Ferris.

History buffs will love this book, but I would recommend to all.

*reviewed by Marilyn Dalick*

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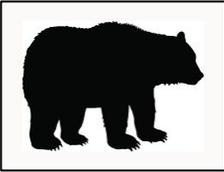


**FLAG DAY**

**JUNE 14, 2015**



## More on Black Bears



Forrest Hammond, Vermont's bear expert spoke to the Shrewsbury Library recently. He was a very enjoyable speaker and shared many interesting facts about our Vermont black bear population.

Our bears are smaller than other populations out of state (like Connecticut) because Vermont doesn't have the berries to sustain them. A Vermont male black bear weighs about 300 lbs; females less. In Connecticut, they can be twice as large. Our bears look bigger than they are because of the fluffy fur.

After hibernation, Vermont bears are desperate to find food in early spring. Forrest called them "lean and mean." Because of their near starvation, they may be more aggressive in the search for food (like backyard feeders). "A fed bear is a dead bear" because if they are attracted to one feeder w/o risk, then they will patrol the neighborhood and will probably not be welcome everywhere, the sad result in them being killed. Stop feeding the birds from May 1 through November 30.

Some bears may go after hummingbird feeders for the nectar, Forrest said. (This hasn't happened at my house, thank goodness, although I've had a few raccoons.)

Forrest praised local people for their important work in conserving contiguous bear habitat, particularly Nancy Bell and Scott Darling from Shrewsbury, responsible for securing a 30,000-acre tract. Other wildlife will also benefit from this achievement for a lifetime.

-- Marilyn Dalick

## With a voice of singing

What a great evening Mill River High School vocal music teacher Kristin Cimonetti gifted to the community on May 19 with the annual Celebration of the Arts Choral Concert. Nearly 80 singers (seven different choruses) reflected her passion for music and directing skills by providing three hours of wonderful sound to a packed Mill River High School auditorium. Choral music focuses very hard on each individual singer blending for the greater good to create "one" voice from many. Each of the seven choirs accomplished that throughout the varied program from Korean folk songs, to old standards ("Cry Me a River", "Singing in the Rain", and "Lullaby of Birdland") to newer standards (Beatles "Day Tripper" and "Stand by Me") to the more classical Mozart. It takes great teachers to create beautiful sound but it takes a community that constantly encourages music making at the highest level of excellence to create the sounds heard on May 19. Congratulations to those who performed. --Gary Salmon



## Signs of spring in Shrewsbury

The bees are out early this year! George Richards created this sign of spring and placed it on a tree on Shunpike Road in honor of Dick Brigham's bees. ~Photo by Brian Winkler

## Snow in May!

I was just looking through my garden journal and on May 21, 2002, "we had snow last Saturday, May 18, 2002 – 3 inches in Northam. A crazy weather situation – sun in the morning, then cloudy, then hail!" So this Spring is nothing new!

Fran Patten

## 5th Annual Pickin Party You're Invited

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Town of Wallingford is accepting applications for Elfin Lake Lifeguards and Summer camp Counselors. To request an application, contact the Town Hall at 446-2872 or townadmin@wallingfordvt.com

### Tinmouth Contra Dance

The last spring contra dance will be held on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 8pm; beginners' session 7:45-8:00 at the Tinmouth Community Center.

### Local Farmer's Markets



Ludlow: Fridays 4-7pm on Okemo Mountain School lawn, 53 Main St., Ludlow.

Rutland: Saturdays 9am-2pm and Wednesday 3-6pm in Depot Park in downtown Rutland.

### Master Gardener's Plant Sale

Rutland County Extension Master Gardener's 11th Annual Plant Sale will be Saturday, JUNE 6 from 9am until noon at the Godnick Adult Center, 1 Deer Street, just off Woodstock Avenue, Rutland. Free answers to your gardening questions!

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Many thanks from the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission for your time and energy that made for a most successful Green Up Day 2015. Eager trash pickers gathered at the Meeting House to fuel up on Chef Rob's quiche, muffins and scones before heading out to the roads all over Shrewsbury. Most roads were covered by 92 volunteers. If you still have prize tokens found along the way please return them to Grace Brigham for your coupon for free ice cream cones.

Beverage containers have already shown up on all the roadways. How can people be convinced to keep them in their vehicles and recycle them at home rather than toss them out the window?

*Connie Youngstrom, Conservation Commission*

**Dispose of Leftover Paint!**

Unwanted old paint is being collected at several Rutland locations as part of the PaintCare Program to recycle paint. It's easy, it's free, and it's great to get rid of unwanted leftover paint! Check out the website for details and locations at :

**paintcare.org**



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### Food Provider Partners with Vermont Foodbank

Wholeshare, an online marketplace that grants consumers access to healthy, sustainable food at wholesale prices through collective purchasing, announced its partnership with The Vermont Food Bank. Wholeshare will be donating 150 meals to The Vermont Food Bank, as well as community network partners, for every new group that places an order by July 31, 2015.

Wholeshare operates on the idea that all people should have access to local, organic products. In fact, co-op stores, CSA farmers, and community organizations often form Wholeshare groups to help their members shop sustainably and bypass a trip to the supermarket. A collective purchasing model enables customers to save more money and purchase foods that they might otherwise have trouble finding at their local grocery store. Consumers are aware of where their food is coming from and whether the food is organic, fair trade, or certified kosher.

Wholeshare is pleased to announce this partnership in conjunction with the Vermont Foodbank's annual Hunger Action Conference at the Killington Grand Resort Hotel in Killington, Vermont on May 8, 2015.

**About The Vermont Foodbank:** The mission of the Vermont Foodbank is to gather and share quality food and nurture partnerships so that no one in Vermont will go hungry. With locations in Barre, Brattleboro, and Wolcott, the Foodbank is gathering and sharing food to a network of 225 food shelves, meal sites, shelters, senior centers, and after-school programs throughout Vermont.

**About Wholeshare:** Wholeshare's mission is to help communities increase their geographic and economic access to fresh, local and sustainable foods and other natural products. Wholeshare makes it easy to shop as a group with friends and colleagues. Shopping together means customers receive access to fresh local produce, meats, dairy, and grains from VT based Black River, as well as their favorite brands of sustainable household products. Wholeshare offers over 13,000 sustainably produced items in Vermont. To learn more about Wholeshare visit [www.wholeshare.com/vtfoodbank](http://www.wholeshare.com/vtfoodbank) or contact Rob Fish at [rob.fish@wholeshare.com](mailto:rob.fish@wholeshare.com) or (802) 540-5210.



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### **RAVNAH Community Health Clinics** **June Blood Pressure/Foot Care Clinics**

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

- Monday, 6/01/2015, Pittsford, Village Manor, 11:30am
- Wednesday, 6/03/2015, Wallingford, Wallingford House, 10:30 am
- Thursday, 6/04/2015, Rutland, Parker House, 10am
- Thursday, 6/04/2015, Rutland, Bardwell House, 12:30pm
- Friday, 6/05/2015, Poultney, Young at Heart Senior Center, 9:30am
- Friday, 6/05/2015, Ira, Ira Town Hall, 12:30pm
- Thursday, 6/11/2015, Castleton, Castleton Meadows, 12:30pm
- Friday, 6/12/2015, Rupert, Rupert Firehouse, 8:30am
- Wednesday, 6/24/2015, Rutland, Godnick Adult Center, 12:30pm
- Thursday, 6/25/2015, Fair Haven, Appletree Apartments, 9:30am

**Please call 802.770.1536 if you have any questions.**

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

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

Clinics held at the Dorset Office are the 3rd Wednesday - call 802.362.1200 for an appointment.

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

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

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### What's Going on at Pierce's?

- *Taco Tuesdays return on June 2<sup>nd</sup>*
- Pierce's has boxes of 13 and 30-gallon trash bags in stock for purchase. These are 2 of the 3 standard sizes the Transfer Station will accept under the new requirements beginning mid-June. I'm having trouble finding retail packages of the third size, 55 gallons. I'll let you know if and when I can provide those.
- Did you know (or remember?) that on Saturday mornings, when Rob doesn't work, we bring in Morgan's Vermont Croissants from neighboring Mount Holly. The selection always includes savory as well as decadently sweet and rich pastries.

We've done a price comparison of our bulk spices and herbs. Here are examples of the savings you can achieve by purchasing at Pierce's versus buying the name brands at the big stores. You can bring your own container too!

#### Price per pound

|                 | Pierce's<br>loose | Name<br>brand jar |
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| Basil, dried    | \$9.99            | \$50.99           |
| Ground Cinnamon | \$9.99            | \$31.84           |
| Ground Ginger   | \$12.99           | \$89.80           |
| Oregano, dried  | \$15.79           | \$89.39           |
| Sage, dried     | \$14.99           | \$159.73          |

Soups, Pizzas and Friday meals from Rob's kitchen change from week to week. During the summer Rob often makes a refreshing salad or cold soup on hot days. But as we're preparing this column toward the end of May, we're experiencing a brief (we hope) return of cold early spring weather and thought it best to not be specific about the daily lunch meals. Therefore, please call the store (492-3326) if you're wondering what's on the menu. It will always be posted on our Facebook page and sent out to the daily email list. If you want to be included on the email distribution please let me know at pierces.store@gmail.com.



On Friday, June 26 from 5-7 Sandy Bragg will host a **wine tasting** featuring three Pinot Gris from Oregon.

\* A to Z, 2013

\* Ponzi, 2013 Willamette Valley

\* Raptor Ridge, 2014 Willamette Valley

Stop in to taste and learn. Light snacks will be available.

**Daily lunch specials will be announced no later than the morning of the day, earlier if possible, and will feature Rob's homemade Soups or Salads.**

#### \*\* Friday Meals

6/5 6/19 Lasagna

6/12 6/26 Mac & Cheese

**Regular hot meals in the crockpot during June will include:**

Monday – Chili con Carne

Tuesday – Tacos with Maple Crest Farm grass-fed beef

Thursday – Pulled Pork Sandwiches on Rob's homemade buns

#### Specialty Wednesday Pizza Varieties

6/3 – Caramelized onions with gorgonzola, mozzarella and pecorino cheeses

6/10 – Louisiana with marinara, andouille sausage, and mozzarella cheese

6/17– Butternut squash, caramelized onions, Gorgonzola and mozzarella cheeses

6/24 – Marinara with sautéed peppers, Italian sausage, and mozzarella cheese

As always, if you want to become involved in the store, there are lots of ways you could help – just give me a call and we can chat. ~ Sally Deinzer

### Friday Night Dinners

June 12 - Scott Garren is Guest Chef  
Menu - Individual Chicken Pot Pies, Salad with Oranges/Almonds and a Cookie (TBA)

June 26 - Heather Shay is Guest Chef  
Menu - Pulled Pork Enchiladas, Coconut Rice, Black Bean/Corn/Tomato Salad and Dulce de Leche for dessert

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

**492-3326**

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

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