

Times of Shrewsbury



November 2022

SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT CELEBRATING 70 YEARS

It was on the first of March in 1952 that a group of 24 dedicated men gathered at the Cuttingsville School to organize and establish what has become the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD). In the meeting room of the Cuttingsville station, there is a wooden plaque made by Grace Brigham which bears the names of those original 24 members. Only one, Al Ridlon Sr., remains of those 24. We recognized Al at the annual meeting of the SVFD this October and voted an honorable lifetime membership to him as he marks this milestone year.

A few stories were told at this year's meeting, and each of those stories could fill a chapter in a book. Hundreds of people, both men and women of Shrewsbury, have given of their time, talents, and blood, sweat, and tears to create the legacy of our dedicated volunteers. The faces have changed over the years, and the equipment, stations, trucks, hose lines, air packs, and so much more have evolved from a simple trailer with a portable pump and 1500 feet of fire hose. Each of these items could tell a story. But the people are what have made the SVFD what it is today, men and women who have given of themselves with no monetary payment. These people were willing to dedicate time, participate in trainings, attend meetings, maintain buildings and equipment, and immediately drop what they were doing to come to the aid of their neighbors.

Each member of the SVFD could tell stories of leaving a job, family, tasks, favorite TV show, and even Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner to respond to a call. Many have left a basket full of groceries at the supermarket, and one lad even left his date at the prom to respond to a call. Behind them all have been supportive families who understand what that type of sacrifice involves. The SVFD has had members involved for only a short time to others who have somehow given



The 1953 Ford Golden Anniversary model pumper truck which was housed in Cuttingsville and was sold at one of the SVFD auctions.

decades to this community, asking nothing in return. Those are the few, the proud, the members of the SVFD.

Stations: The SVFD has grown from storing the trailer in a barn that was where the CNC Motorsports garage is today to the present two station buildings. One is in Cuttingsville, which includes two small bays for an engine and a tanker along with a meeting room. A second station is in Northam, which includes two bays for an engine and a tanker.

Vehicles: Originally there were none, just a portable pump and a few rolls of hose on a trailer that was picked up by any firefighter who had a trailer hitch on his car or truck. Today, that 1000-dollar trailer and pump has grown to two first class engines and two tankers with a total value of over a million dollars. A replacement pumper engine today costs a minimum of a half million dollars.

These vehicles are used in responding to all calls, with their operators never knowing what is in store when they arrive. They carry as much anticipated equipment as possible to deal with most emergencies. Some of the equipment is simple, like axes, rakes, shovels, saws, lights, etc.

However, some of the equipment is very technical like thermal imagers, air packs, Jaws of Life, radios and so on. All of this is necessary to save lives and property, and protect the firefighters as they deal with some very difficult issues.

Responses: The SVFD has responded to thousands of emergency calls. Every call has the potential for being a catastrophe and is responded to as such. In early years, firemen would just respond in their work

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SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chiefs

The demands on the front line leader are staggering as the Fire Chief bears a great deal of responsibility every time that tone goes off. Over 70 years, 20 people have stepped up and taken on that challenge:

1952-58	George (Red) Brigham
1958-62	Dan Korngiebel
1962-93	Bernard Gregory
1963-65	Dick Adams
1965-70	Harold LaPointe
1970-71	Robert Lane
1971-80	Doren (Mitch) Michaud
1980-83	Stanley Duda
1983-85	Jim Austin
1985	Jack McGinnis
1985-88	Clint Grove
1988-89	Al Ridlon Jr.
1989-91	Steve Walsh
1991-96	Al Ridlon Jr.
1996-98	Mark Stewart
1998-2000	Robert Beardmore Jr.
2000-05	Bob Snarski
2005-10	Kevin Brown
2010-18	Russ Carrara
2018- present	Phillip Severy

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clothes. The first helmets were army surplus World War I military helmets which were first used by civil defense volunteers, then given to the SVFD.

Today, full turnout gear is provided to each active member. This gear serves to protect firefighters from heat, chemicals, water, debris, and so much more. Every firefighter needs that protection to help ensure his/her safety. Individual gear costs over \$6000 per volunteer. This includes bunker coat and pants, boots, helmet, gloves, a Nomex hood, a pager, and a fire rated light. Also necessary is a traffic safety vest.

Calls to the SVFD have gone from the four calls in 1952 to an average of 35 calls per year. This includes everything from catastrophic fires to vehicle accidents, carbon monoxide calls, chimney fires, power lines down, search and rescue operations, and more.

Catastrophic calls are some of the most difficult responses. These have included some very memorable fires. Just to highlight some without details, there was recently the Butler Fire in Cuttingsville which totally destroyed the large historic inn. Fortunately, no other structures were lost, and most importantly, no one was hurt. Everyone, including the residents and all firefighters from several towns, went home to their families after that one.

Going back in time, there were even more calls that were very challenging. We recall the Sharrow farmhouse fire, the Beardmore fire in Cuttingsville, the fatal Rice fire in Northam, and the traffic fatalities in Cuttingsville.

Another recollection is the Tiernan Fire, which involved one of the Bowman estate buildings. Miraculously, no lives were lost there. At that fire, I was on a hose line with BJ Stewart. It was so cold that day and ice was building up on everything including BJ's white hair, and it looked like a "crystal helmet."

There was the G & G fire on Route 103 just south of Cuttingsville, which involved a large mudslide that inundated the buildings including a gas station, residence and chain saw business. Mud that was three feet deep covered Route 103 at the time.

Another memorable and difficult fire was the Maynard fire, which destroyed the home and inn of Hull and Taffy Maynard. These are only a few of the many major incidents to which the SVFD responded, but the list of calls goes on and on. By far, responses that had injuries or fatalities were the most difficult.



Awards: At the Cuttingsville Station, there is a wall in the meeting room with a trophy case that stands from floor to ceiling and spans nearly the entire length of the meeting room. This case was constructed with funds donated in the memory of former firefighter Tim Stewart and contains over 100 trophies that were won by department members at various muster games. There are trophies for

nearly every aspect of firefighting skill, also for marching units in parades and for truck competitions.

The Cuttingsville Tanker was the recipient of 21 consecutive years of "Best Tanker Factory Built," which stands as proud testimony to its care and maintenance. For years, the name Shrewsbury put "fear" into the hearts of firefighters from around the state when it came to the Water Polo competition where the SVFD won hands down for many consecutive years.

In addition to the department awards, many of Shrewsbury's firefighters have been recognized at the state level, winning awards for Firefighter of the Year, Maintenance Technician of the Year, Senior Firefighter of the Year, Support Specialist of the Year, and Vermont Fire Chief of the Year.

Fundraising and Support: For many years, the SVFD has worked diligently to assist the community through participation in community events and in utilizing creative means of fundraising to offset taxes. In addition to yearly tax support, the department has done many things to raise funds. This includes the current annual mailer and the scratch off tickets conducted through the assistance of the Rustic Rooster.

In the past, the department has conducted a NASCAR race pool, the annual ham supper, coin drops on Route 103 (which proved to be inherently dangerous), firemen's auctions and many other events.

The department has also participated in parades, talent shows, and even had its own Jug band at one time, which performed at local talent shows and the Paramount Theater.

Each year, the SVFD has conducted fire safety programs at the Mountain School. Some members also write monthly articles for the *Times of Shrewsbury*. All of these things are done on a voluntary basis by dedicated and caring individuals, and no members have ever been paid for their efforts. This all started 70 years ago with a caring group of people who assisted our community in times of need. We celebrate those many years of service and thank all of the volunteers of the past, present, and future who have so unselfishly given of themselves to our wonderful community.



Tanker 1 in parade dress. Winner of 21 VSFA awards. Best Tanker Factory Built.

Article by Bob Snarski

SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Oct 28	5:30-7pm	*Kids Halloween Party at the Library
Oct 30	3pm	*Historical Society last meeting of the year
Nov 4	7pm	*Trans 101 program with Stephen Krueger at the Shrewsbury Library
Nov 5	10am-12noon	*Animal Tracking sponsored by Shrewsbury Conservation Commission at the Meeting House
Nov 6		*Daylight Savings time ends
Nov 6	9am-12noon	*Trail work on Bessemyay Trails sponsored by the Shrewsbury Outing Club
Nov 11	4-6pm	*Wine tasting at Pierce's Store
Nov 13	3:30pm	*Writer's Group at the Shrewsbury Library
Nov 16	6pm	*Planning Commission Public Hearing at the Town Office
Nov 20	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club at the Shrewsbury Library
Nov 27	4pm	*Science Book Club at the Shrewsbury Library
Dec 9	TBA	*Kids Holiday Movie Night at the Library

*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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online at
www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com



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

REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectman Meeting	1 st & 3 rd Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays – 10am 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 location TBA
Planning Commission	2n & 4th Tuesdays 7pm at Town Office
Religious Society of Friends (Quakers)	Sundays – 10am via Zoom; contact wildernessfriends@gmail.com
Shrewsbury Community Church	Sundays – 10:30am - Worship service and Kids Funday Program
Shrewsbury Conservation Commission	2 nd Tuesday – 5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road until further notice.
Shrewsbury Historical Society	Open Sundays 1-3pm until October 30
Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum	Open Sundays 1-3pm until October 30
Shrewsbury Singers	Currently taking a break
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 Mon – Thurs 9am – 3pm; Closed Friday
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	Sunday 8am-4pm ~ Wednesdays 12noon-6pm
Library	492-3410 Hours: Mon 10am-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm & 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10-12noon; Sat 10am-12noon
Meeting House	492-6050 Reservations: 492-3361 or julanne@vermontel.net
News Flash Email:	vtbenbeano@gmail.com or benbeano@vermontel.net [Urgent and reminder news info]

Cuttingsville Post Office 492-3585 Window Hours Mon-Fri 7:30am-10:30am & 11:30am-2:30pm; Sat 8am-11am.
Lobby Hours Mon- Fri 7:00am-7:00pm and Sat 7:00am-4pm

Burn Permit: Forest Fire Warden Kevin Brown 802-345-8668 or, Deputy Fire Warden Al Ridlon, Jr. 802-282-3642
Animal Control Officer: Vacant (Contact a Selectboard member) 1st Constable: TBA 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 10/17/22]



Shrewsbury Conservation Commission invites you to:

WILDLIFE TRACKING

Saturday, November 5, 2022

10am -12noon

at the Meeting House.

Limited registration. Please contact Linda Shelvey if you are interested.
Lpurdyschel@gmail.com
Masks are requested.



Ever wonder who made those tracks on the trail or in the snow?

Join us for an introduction to wildlife tracking.

Linda will show us some basic steps to learn who has been visiting your backyard.

Also learn about how you can be involved in a Citizen Science project to help identify wildlife road crossings in town.



Large flocks of dinner
Glean the fields for Winter stores
Thanksgiving's coming
Haiku and Photo by John O'Dowd



Leaves change their color
Preparing to fall and drift
Wind feeds them to snow
Haiku and Photo by John O'Dowd

The Times of Shrewsbury

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

All submissions must be accompanied by the name of the submitting person and are printed at the editors' discretion subject to editing for length and clarity. Letters to the Editor exceeding 350 words will be subject to editing for length. Any information piece or informational political letters (without specific party or vote appeal) will be subject to the guidelines previously described.

A writer of a letter that names a Shrewsbury resident or organization in a critical manner must get copies to the resident or organization, and to the *Times* by the 10th of the month prior to publication or it will not run. If the named person or organization indicates in writing to the writer and to the *Times* that they choose not to respond, the letter will run. If the named entity responds, the response and initial letter will run in the same issue.

There is no charge for: jokes, poems, nature reports, family event announcements, or feature articles or letters that are not commercial.

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

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

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

Monthly advertising fees and relative sizes:

Full page	\$90	(7.5"w x 9.5"h)
Half page	\$50	(7.5"w x 4.5" h or 3.5"w x 9.5"h)
Quarter page	\$10	(7.5"w x 2.5" h; or, 3.5"wx 4.5"h)
Business card	\$5	(3.5"w x 2"h)
Classified ad	\$3	(15 words or less)

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

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Shrewsbury Selectboard
Notice and Warning of Public Hearings

Wednesday, NOVEMBER 16, 2022

Shrewsbury Town Office, 9823 Cold River Road, Shrewsbury, VT

A Public Hearing for the Town of Shrewsbury Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor Regulations-2022 will be held at 6:00 PM on November 16, 2022.

The proposed Town of Shrewsbury Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor Regulations - 2022:

- ◇ Will replace the Town of Shrewsbury Flood Hazard Area Regulations – 2011.
- ◇ Will incorporate the standards developed by and adopted by State of Vermont in its regulation of floodplains and river corridors which exceed National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) minimum requirements.
- ◇ Will allow Shrewsbury to receive an additional 5% Emergency and Relief Funds (ERAF) from the State of Vermont.
- ◇ Will implement the goals, policies, and recommendations in the current town plan;
- ◇ Will avoid and minimize the loss of life and property, the disruption of commerce, the impairment of the tax base, and the extraordinary public expenditures and demands on public services that result from flooding-related inundation and erosion;
- ◇ Will ensure that the selection, design, creation, and use of development in flood hazard areas is accomplished in a manner that minimizes or eliminates the potential for flooding, loss of life, or damage to property in a flood hazard area, and does not impair stream equilibrium, floodplain services, or the river corridor;
- ◇ Will manage all flood hazard areas designated pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Chapter 32 §§ 751 and 753, 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117 § 4424, and the local hazard mitigation plan; and make the Town of Shrewsbury, its citizens and businesses, eligible for federal flood insurance, federal disaster recovery funds, and hazard mitigation funds as may be available; and
- ◇ Will protect the river corridor, providing rivers and streams with the lateral space necessary to maintain or reestablish floodplain access and minimize erosion hazards through natural, physical processes while allowing for wise use of property within river corridors that minimizes potential damage to existing structures and development from flood-related erosion.
- ◇ *Draft copies of the Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor Regulations-2022 and the written Report on the Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor Regulations-2022 are available at the Town Office.*

A Public Hearing for Amendments to the Town of Shrewsbury Unified Zoning & Subdivision Regulations will be held at 6:30 PM on November 16, 2022.

The proposed amendments to the Shrewsbury Town Unified Zoning & Subdivision Regulations will:

- ◇ Further the values and goals of the Shrewsbury Town Plan's purpose and objectives to protect Shrewsbury's rural nature, scenic quality, and conservation of land and natural resources.
- ◇ Provide for affordable housing,
- ◇ Allow for coordinated development of future land use.
- ◇ *Draft copies of the proposed Unified Zoning & Subdivision Regulations-2022 and copies of the Report on the amendments to the Unified Zoning & Subdivision Regulations-2022 are available at the Town Office.*

Proposed amendments include: Section 207 – High Elevation Districts (change to High Elevation Residential District and Preservation District); Section 208.3 – Surface Waters Overlay; Section 402.2 Boundary Line Adjustment; Section 503- Accessory Dwellings; Article VII- Dimensional Requirements; Appendix A – Physical Descriptions of Zoning Districts; and Zoning Maps (updates).

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

September 21, 2022: Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Steven Nicholson. Planning Commission: Laura Black, Melissa Reichert. Health Officer: Kathy Felder. Transfer Station Attendant: Paul Young

Members of the Public: Marc Cimonetti. Donna Young

The meeting was convened at 6:35pm

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda. Seconded by S. Nicholson. All in favor, motion approved.

Planning Commission Report: Presented timetable for hearings, to be held at the Meeting House, on October 11, at 6:00pm for the Flood Hazard Area and River Corridor Regulations and 7:00pm for the Town of Shrewsbury Unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. The Planning Commission will present the draft plan to the selectboard on October 19 and at the Planning Commission's October 25 meeting will review public comments and prepare for proposed selectboard hearing on November 16.

Health Officer Report: Garbage complaint- Bear getting into garbage. Garbage needs to be removed. Health Officer is working with person to resolve issue. Person is so far cooperating with Health Officer.

Dog bite- Randy and Tammy Stevens. Child bit on August 13. Rabies has lapsed. Dog not registered. So far dog owners are not cooperating with the Health Officer. Motion made by A. Korzun to authorize the Town Board of Health to start process of issuing a health order if not in compliance by October 5, 2022. Seconded by S. Nicholson. Approved.

Transfer Station Employees Pay Period: Motion made by A. Korzun to authorize Transfer Station Administrator to approve transfer station employees pay slips weekly and submit signed payroll order to treasurer on Sunday-PM so employees can be paid weekly. Seconded by S. Nicholson. Approved. Motion made by A. Korzun to authorize treasurer to pay transfer station employees weekly. Seconded by S. Nicholson. Approved.

Kinsman Hill Repeater: Discussion on the lease. Will approve annual lease to the Ott's for \$1000.00 per year.

ARPA Funds: Received email from library requesting funds for AV equipment.

Appointment: Motion made by S. Nicholson to appoint Adrienne Raymond as the Rutland Regional Transportation Advisory Council Representative. Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved.

New Business: Betsy Jesser wants to thank everyone who helped Shrewsbury Day be a success.

Laurel Glen Cemetery Association of 1894 has notified the selectboard that Mark Stewart will serve another 5 year term as a Trustee beginning January, 2023.

Review Minutes: S. Nicholson made a motion to approve the 9/07/2022 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved.

Review Orders: S. Nicholson made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #9A for \$2,430.41 and Road Orders #9A for \$11,112.33. Seconded by A. Korzun. Approved. Adjourned at 8:40pm.

*Respectfully submitted, Steven Nicholson
These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

October 5, 2022: Selectboard Meeting Minutes

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt, Steven Nicholson. Lister: Sharon Winnicki.

Members of the Public: Marc Cimonetti

The meeting was convened at 6:30pm

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda. F. Wyatt seconded. Add BC/BS for Road employees under new business. All in favor, motion approved.

Kinsman Hill Repeater: New lease drafted. Waiting to hear back from the Ott's and then Selectboard will sign at the next meeting following the Ott's signature.

Lister's Report: Current use changes. Needs Selectboard signatures. Sharon thanked the Selectboard for their Shrewsbury Day participation.

Emergency Management: A. Korzun met with Kristin Cimonetti about school emergencies.

Special State grant for a generator (50% match, could use ARPA funds). A. Korzun recommends looking into applying for the grant for the Town Garage generator. S. Nicholson will look at the grant requirements.

ARPA Funds: S. Nicholson will recontact CVC about repeater upgrades.

New Business: S. Nicholson made a motion to renew group health insurance coverage through BC/BS for the Road crew. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Need to fix a portion of the chain link fence at the Transfer Station.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 9/21/2022 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Review Orders: S. Nicholson made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #10 for \$29,882.74 (\$21,317 for Garage Bond payment) and Road Orders #10 for \$131,345.63 (\$120,680 for paving). Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved. Adjourned at 9:32pm

*Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt
These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.*

SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES
(Continued)

October 19, 2022: Minutes of Selectboard Meeting

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Aaron Korzun, Francis Wyatt. Planning Commission: Laura Black. Conservation Commission: Louise Duda, Cynthia Biziak. Health Officer: Kathy Felder. Lister: Sharon Winnicki

Members of the Public: Alan Shelvey, Jonathan Gibson, Rich Biziak

The meeting was convened at 6:36 PM

Agenda: Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the addition of curb cut and cardboard compactor. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

Planning Commission Report: Discussed process for Selectboard to hold public hearings for updated Zoning and Flood Hazard Regulations. Discussed some of the changes.

A. Korzun made a motion to warn a public hearing for November 16, 2022 at 6:00 PM for Town of Shrewsbury Flood Hazard and River Corridor Regulations and at 6:30 PM the Town of Shrewsbury Unified Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Conservation Commission Report: Louise Duda presented the Class 4 Road Study done by the Conservation Committee. Discussed issues related to Class 4 roads. Louise says the Conservation Commission would like to come back and meet with the Selectboard to discuss how to deal with Class 4 roads in the future, e.g. policies.

Health Officer Report: Kathy Felder said that both of the dogs have been vaccinated that had been notified that they needed to be. Garbage on a problem property has been cleaned up.

Kinsman Hill Repeater: A. Korzun made a motion to sign the contract with the Otts for a one-year lease for the repeater. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

New Business: Sharon Winnicki reported that the 2-way radio at the town office no longer works.

Application for work in ROW – curb cut on Lincoln Hill Rd at Pine Valley Farm: A. Korzun made a motion to approve Application for Work Within the Highway Right-of-Way for the curb cut on Lincoln Hill Rd at Pine Valley Farm with the stipulation of following Road Commissioner comments and the Conditions listed in the Application. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

Cardboard Compactor: A. Korzun stated the cardboard compactor is broken and probably too expensive to repair. The Selectboard is directing the Transfer Station Administrator to look into possible options, including leasing a compactor or getting a roll-off.

Website: Laura Black pointed out some deficiencies and inaccuracies with the town website. Laura offered to help with finding a solution. The Selectboard gratefully accepted the offer.

Review Minutes: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 10/5/2022 Selectboard meeting minutes. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Review Orders: A. Korzun made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #10a for \$21,469.02 (\$15k for one tax refund) and Road Orders #10a for \$13,790.70. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Adjourned at 9:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt
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Editor's Note: The minutes have been edited for brevity but not content. For complete minutes, go to the Town website www.shrewsburyvt.org

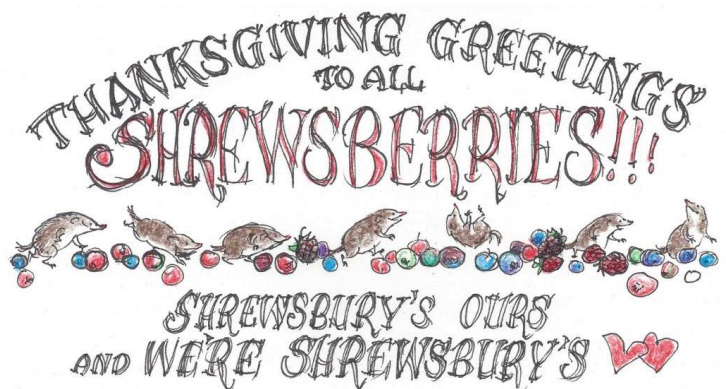
**ADRIENNE RAYMOND FOR
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE**

Dear Shrewsbury Voters, I am on the ballot for Justice of the Peace on November 8. The JP's office is very important. While many think that a JP only performs marriages and other ceremonial stuff, they also serve on Shrewsbury's Boards of Civil Authority and of Abatement. As BCA members, they perform multiple, very important jobs. They help to run our local elections, they review the Voter Checklist annually for folks who should be removed for a variety of reasons and, very importantly, they hear appeals from Lister Grievance decisions. As BOA members, they decide whether tax dollars should be returned to property owners in very specific circumstances. I have served both as a JP and a Lister previously and understand the job of being a JP. I have researched the role and responsibilities extensively to make sure any process I take part in is done properly and with transparency. Experience really helps and I very much enjoy sharing mine with the Town!!

Don't forget to vote on November 8.

Thank you, Adrienne Raymond

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NEWS FROM THE TOWN CLERK

The General Election season is upon us, and you may have noticed a few differences in how things are being done this year. Here's a few quick notes and tips to help everyone who can exercise their right to vote:

- 1) The Secretary of State's Office sent out ballots to ALL registered voters in the State of Vermont at the tail end of September and first week of October. Didn't get your ballot? Please contact me to make sure you are actually registered to vote and that your mailing address is up to date.
- 2) If you registered to vote after September 30th or have recently moved into town and had your registration transferred to Shrewsbury, and you **HAVE NOT** gotten a ballot and would like one, please contact me.
- 3) How do I return my ballot? Great question! There are several ways to get your voted ballot back to me and ensure that your vote counts in this election.
 - a. You can use the envelopes in the election packet you received to mail or hand deliver your ballot. Please make sure your ballot is sealed in the solid white envelope so we can't read it and sign and date the envelope!
 - b. Drop your ballot off in the sealed return envelopes to the secure drop box outside the Town Office.
 - c. Bring your voted ballot to the polls with you on Election Day!
- 4) Can I still vote in person? Absolutely! However, unlike in past years, you will need to bring your unvoted ballot to the polls with you so that we can account for it. Same for if you want to vote early in person here at the Town Office.
- 5) My dog ate my ballot/ I can't find my ballot, can I still vote in this election? Yes, if your ballot has been mislaid or destroyed, you can still vote. We will check our list to make sure we haven't received a ballot from you yet, and then you will need to fill out and sign an affidavit certifying that you no longer have your ballot and have not previously voted.
- 6) PLEASE, do not send your ballots back to us after Election Day. They will not be counted.

If you have any lingering questions or concerns about the voting process or election, you can always reach out to me during the Town Office's regular business hours (M-Th 9:00am-3:00pm).

~Submitted by Megan A. LaChance, Town Clerk
shrewsburyclerk@vermontel.net or (802) 492-3511



Ballot Box at Town Office

Ballots can be placed in the Official Ballot Dropbox any time **before 8am on November 8, 2022**. The box is located at the bottom of the access ramp to the Town Office.

2022 Dog Licenses Are Now Overdue!

The deadline to register your four-legged canine companion has passed! Help keep your pet safe and legal by obtaining a license at the Town Office. Current fees (late fee included) are \$13.00 for spayed or neutered dogs and \$17.00 for intact.

You can obtain a license in person at the office during the regular office hours, or by making a request through mail, phone, or e-mail. A current rabies certificate must be on file in order for a license to be issued.

If you've gotten a new dog after April 1st, they do still need to be registered, but different fees apply. Please contact the Town Clerk for more information and with any questions or concerns regarding licensing.

Reminder – Licensing your dog is a requirement under Vermont State Law: 20 V.S.A. § 3581 A person who is the owner of a dog or wolf-hybrid more than six months old shall annually on or before April 1 cause it to be registered, numbered, described, and licensed on a form approved by the secretary for one year from that day in the office of the clerk of the municipality wherein the dog or wolf-hybrid is kept.

~Megan LaChance, Town Clerk

Calling All Photographers

The Shrewsbury Board of Auditors is soliciting photographs of Shrewsbury life during the current year for the town's 2022 Annual Report.



If you would like your photograph to be part of the historical record of our town, please submit your picture to the Board of Auditors for consideration.

Pictures of our town should be in one of the following categories: Historic Town Buildings, Landscape and Environment, Agriculture, Town and Town Organization Events, Town Officers, and Kid's Events.

Submit your picture as a jpeg file and email it to auditshrewsbury@gmail.com no later than January 1, 2023.

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!

Shrewsbury Board of Auditors

Steven Nicholson for Justice of the Peace

I am running for the office of Justice of the Peace as an Independent and am asking for your vote at the November 8th general election. My goal is to continue the non-partisan running of elections that I have seen over the many years I helped as a vote counter and more recently as a member of the Board of Civil Authority.

Sincerely,
Steven Nicholson

Paid Political Advertisement

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- Use BLACK Pen to fill in the oval. **DO NOT USE PENCIL.**
- To vote for a person whose name is printed on the ballot, fill in the oval to the right of the name of that person.
- To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write his or her name in the blank space provided and fill in the oval to the right of the write-in line.
- Do not vote for more candidates than the "VOTE for NOT MORE THAN #*" for an office.
- If you make a mistake, tear, or deface the ballot, return it to an election official and obtain another ballot. **DO NOT ERASE.**

**OFFICIAL STATE
CONSTITUTIONAL
AMENDMENT BALLOT
NOVEMBER 8, 2022**

PROPOSAL 2
To see if the voters will amend the Vermont Constitution by amending Article 1 of Chapter 1 to read:

"Article 1. [All persons born free; their natural rights; slavery and indentured servitude prohibited] That all persons are born equally free and independent, and have certain natural, inherent, and unalienable rights, amongst which are the enjoying and defending life and liberty, acquiring, possessing and protecting property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety; therefore no person born in this country; or brought from over seas; ought to be holden by law; to serve any person as a servant, slave or apprentice; after arriving to the age of twenty-one years; unless bound by the person's own consent; after arriving to such age; or bound by law for the payment of debts; damages; fines; costs; or the like slavery and indentured servitude in any form are prohibited."

PROPOSAL 5
To see if the voters will amend the Vermont Constitution by adding Article 22 to read:

"Article 22. [Personal reproductive liberty] That an individual's right to personal reproductive autonomy is central to the liberty and dignity to determine one's own life course and shall not be denied or infringed unless justified by a compelling State interest achieved by the least restrictive means."

YES NO

FOR U.S. SENATOR
Vote for not more than ONE

MARK COESTER WESTMINSTER INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
NATASHA DIAMONDSTONE-KOHOUT GREEN MOUNTAIN INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
STEPHEN DUKE DUMMERSTON INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
DAWN MARIE ELLIS MADISON INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
MS. CRIS ERICSON CHESHIRE INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
GERALD MALLOY WEATHERSFIELD REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
KERRY PATRICK RAHEB BENNINGTON INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
PETER WELCH NORWICH DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS
Vote for not more than ONE

BECCA BALINT BRATTLEBORO DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
MATT DRUZBA BURLINGTON INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
LIAM MADDEN ROCKINGHAM REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
ADAMI ORTIZ BURLINGTON INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
ERICKA REDIC BURLINGTON LIBERTARIAN	<input type="radio"/>
LUKE TALBOT BRIGHTON INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR GOVERNOR
Vote for not more than ONE

PETER DUVAL BRATTLEBORO INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
KEVIN HOYT FRASERBURG INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
BERNARD PETERS BENNINGTON INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
PHIL SCOTT BERLIN REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
BRENDA SIEGEL NEWFAINE DEM/PROG	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

FOR LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Vote for not more than ONE

JOE BENNING LYNDON REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
IAN G. DIAMONDSTONE GREEN MOUNTAIN PROGRAM	<input type="radio"/>
DAVID ZUCKERMAN HINESBURG PROGRAM	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR PROBATE JUDGE
Vote for not more than ONE

KARL C. ANDERSON RUTLAND TOWN REP/DEM	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

FOR STATE TREASURER
Vote for not more than ONE

H. BROOKE PAIGE WASHINGTON REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
MIKE PIECIAK WINOOSKI DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>

FOR SECRETARY OF STATE
Vote for not more than ONE

SARAH COPELAND HANZAS BRADFORD DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
H. BROOKE PAIGE WASHINGTON REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR AUDITOR OF ACCOUNTS
Vote for not more than ONE

DOUG HOFFER BURLINGTON DEM/PROG	<input type="radio"/>
RICHARD "RICK" MORTON BRATTLEBORO REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL
Vote for not more than ONE

CHARITY R. CLARK ROCKINGHAM DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
MICHAEL TAGLIAVIA CORNHILL REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR STATE SENATOR
Vote for not more than THREE

BRIAN "BC" COLLAMORE RUTLAND TOWN REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
JOSHUA FERGUSON RUTLAND TOWN DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
BRIDGETTE REMINGTON RUTLAND TOWN DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
ANNA TADIO RUTLAND CITY DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
DAVID "DAVE" WEEKS PROCTOR REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
TERRY K. WILLIAMS POULTNEY REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE
Vote for not more than ONE

LOGAN NICOLL LUDLOW DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR ASSISTANT JUDGE
Vote for not more than TWO

STEPHEN P. BENARD SR. CLARENDON REP/DEM	<input type="radio"/>
DAVE WOLK RUTLAND TOWN INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY
Vote for not more than ONE

IAN SULLIVAN FITZFIELD DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
ROBERT KNUDSEN FITZFIELD INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
ELIJAH T. LACHANCE INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
JOANNA "TAFFY" MAYNARD INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>

FOR HIGH BAILIFF
Vote for not more than ONE

DAVID J. FOX THIRDSOUTH REP/DEM	<input type="radio"/>
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FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE
Vote for not more than SEVEN

LUCY "LUDY" BIDDLE DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
LARRY CARRARA REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
SALLY DEINZER DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
ROBERT "BOB" FERGUSON SR. REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
JONATHAN GIBSON DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
BARRY GRIFFITH DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
BETSY J. JESSER INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
ROBERT KNUDSEN INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
ELIJAH T. LACHANCE INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
JOANNA "TAFFY" MAYNARD REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
STEVEN NICHOLSON INDEPENDENT	<input type="radio"/>
PATRICIA "TRISH" NORTON DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
ADRIENNE RAYMOND DEMOCRATIC	<input type="radio"/>
LAVINIA SEIDE REPUBLICAN	<input type="radio"/>
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The Value of a Regional Ambulance Membership

Twelve communities form the Regional Ambulance Service (RAS) and benefit from highly professional service from the largest Vermont ambulance service 24/7 which responded to over 10,000 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 \$45 per household for the year (November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023) 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

Employment Opportunity

Town of Shrewsbury is accepting applications for
Road Crew member

Work includes: plowing, ditching, road repair, roadside mowing, culvert work, chainsaw operation, equipment maintenance, and other duties.

Benefits include 100% Town paid Medical and Dental insurance

A clean driving record, CDL Class B License, and ability to pass drug/alcohol test required.

Contact Jamie Carrara @ 492-3656



Mobility Equipment Available Free!

When the need arises for mobility equipment such as crutches, walkers, canes, shower chairs or other equipment, check with us before spending your hard-earned money. These used but very usable home health aides are available free of charge, and we may even be able to deliver it to you if necessary. Call Jan O'Hara at 802-492-8687 or Donna Swartz at 802-345-6513 or 802-773-7403.



Spring Lake Ranch

therapeutic community

Spring Lake Ranch announces new Executive Director

The Board of Trustees of Spring Lake Ranch announce that longtime employee, Rachel Stark, is the new Executive Director, starting today, September 30, 2022.



"I knew when I joined the Ranch 15 years ago that it was a special place," says Stark. "It's given my life meaning and purpose, and I will do my utmost to help the staff and residents find their own purpose here."

Stark has a MBA in Corporate Finance from Fordham University and a BA in Economics from Fordham College. She worked in finance for 16 years before being hired by the Ranch as a House Advisor in 2007. In 2009, Stark took over the admissions' process at the Ranch and became Director of Operations in 2019. At the beginning of 2022, Stark accepted the role of Interim Executive Director after the previous director, Brian Hansen, stepped down.

Despite those changes, the heart of what Spring Lake Ranch stands for and what its Board of Trustees seeks in an executive director today is very much what past boards have sought as well: a person with both strategic vision and compassion, along with a deep commitment to the Ranch as a community and to the Work Program that forms the core of its therapeutic approach. The board also seeks a person who shares the philosophy that has been integral to Spring Lake Ranch's ethos since day one, that in every person—no matter how great their emotional and mental health challenges—there lies an unlimited capacity to find their path in life, make the choices that feel right to them, and contribute to the community in which they live. ~Submitted by Anna Sutton; Photo by Ben DeFlorio

Donation Time!

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

<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

The cost of printing and mailing is made possible through advertising and your donations. Donors are recognized for the remainder of the calendar year in which their donation is received. However, if you contribute between now and the end of this calendar year, you will be recognized for the remainder of this year and all of next year! You determine the amount--any and all donations are appreciated! ~The Editors

Conservation Commission Meeting Change



Shrewsbury Conservation Commission date change Because of the election, the SCC will hold a brief meeting on Monday Nov 7 at 5:15 pm at 450 Frank Lord Rd. instead of Tuesday Nov 8.



SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

SVFD responded to 5 emergency calls in the past month.

- A call to the Clement Shelter for an injured hiker. Our resident expert on the trail system, Barry Griffith, was able to lead the Vermont State Police (VSP) right to the area. The VSP brought the hiker to meet the ambulance at the end of Gilman Rd.
- A call to Route 103 for electrical wires down. Our crew kept the area safe and awaited the arrival of GMP to de-energize the lines and make repairs.
- A mutual-aid call to North Clarendon for a structure fire was the next call. Fortunately, the structure was a shed that Clarendon was able to extinguish quickly.
- A call for a motor vehicle accident on Route 103 at the East Wallingford/Cuttingsville line. East Wallingford and SVFD both responded to the scene.
- A call for a reported woodstove fire on Crown Point Road. Although the homeowner had extinguished all visible signs of fire and was reporting the fire as "out", we are required to investigate and deem the site safe! SO, once the fire department is notified, expect the first responders on scene and please follow their direction.

We have dedicated SVFD members that support our town. These volunteers leave their jobs and families on a moment's notice for a minimum of 2 to 3 hours for each call.

October celebrates the 70th year since the SVFD was first organized in 1952!! Our ANNUAL MEETING is held in October. During our Annual Meeting we review the previous year's call-outs, repairs needed and resolutions, participation in parades and activities, we acknowledge individual members for their contributions, and acknowledge new members, we discuss accomplishments and improvements. Election of officers (Chief, President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Trustees) occur at this meeting, these roles are critical as they guide and oversee the departments' operations for the next year!

Phillip Severy was elected again this year as Chief. Phillip's responsibilities are substantial. He is charged with being incident commander on scene, filing fire reports to the State. He reviews and organizes trainings and many, many more responsibilities. The remaining elected positions are President-Jack Perry, Vice President-Bob Snarski, Treasurer-Barry Griffith, Secretary-Jon Lees, Trustees-Mark Stewart and Hal Niblack, and Rutland County Mutual Aid Representatives-Jon Lees and Hal Niblack. Phillip appoints his support positions of operations officers.

Every member can be responsible for many things. Station maintenance and repairs, which sounds simple but involves cleaning, flag and flagpole maintenance, lighting, generator maintenance, investigate new equipment purchases, vehicle repairs, maintenance and record keeping. Additionally, flags are placed at 3 cemeteries for past members on Memorial Day, participation in parades, schedule, organize, and teach school programs, participate in state conventions, write articles for The Times, and fundraising efforts. This outlines just a portion of the needs at SVFD. We respond to an average of 40 calls annually, and attend weekly meetings. The bottom line is we need additional help in many areas not just firefighting!! If you have a desire to check out where you may be able to participate, please come to Cuttingsville station on a Thursday night or contact any firefighter for information. And remember **STAY FIRE SAFE**
~Submitted by Jack Perry

What Does It Take to Run Our Town? A Lot of Volunteers!

Our town has very few full-time paid positions, only a handful of folks in the Highway Department and Town Office get a "paycheck". But a town cannot function just on these jobs. So, how do all the other responsibilities, projects and tasks get done? What is the key which make Shrewsbury a wonderful place to live and work? **Volunteers!**

I made a quick list of the volunteer groups in town and it is impressive: Fire Department, Planning Commission, Justices of the Peace, Board of Civil Authority, Auditors, Library Board, Development Review Board, Selectboard, Meeting House Committee, PTO, Church volunteers (providing meals and food), Cemetery Commission, Historical Society, Conservation Commission, School Board, Tree Warden, Zoning Administrator, Animal Control Officer, Emergency Management Director and Coordinator, Health Officers, Regional Ambulance Representative, Rutland Transportation Council Representative, Regional Planning Commission Representative, Four Winds school program, Fire Wardens, Town Moderator, Times of Shrewsbury, Shrewsbury Day Committee, Outdoor Concert Series Committee, Shrewsbury Outing Club, SAGE, Pierce's Store volunteers and Board, Shrewsbury Food Coop, Cuttingsville Fire District #1 Prudential Committee..... (I am sure I am missing others)

A quick tally comes up with over **140 volunteer** positions. That is **over 12%** of the entire population (1096 in 2020) of our small town! Imagine what the town budget (and your taxes) would be if these were paid positions! Assuming just 2 hrs per week average, at minimum wage, that equals **\$182,728** per year! Some of these are jobs required by law for a municipality to function. Some towns have had to hire outside services to fill these jobs because no one has volunteered. In other towns, non-essential jobs need to be incentivized, with pay, in order to get the jobs done (paid firemen, zoning administrator, etc). But, so far in Shrewsbury, we have folks willing to give their time to make the things we need and rely on, happen.

Are you a volunteer? If so, **THANK YOU!** If not, consider thanking those, when you see them, for making this town function so well, and with so many benefits, at such a low cost.

~Submitted by Mark Youngstrom

LETTER TO THE EDITORS

Kudos to Pierce's Store

"So cool." "Really neat." "Glad I made it a point to stop by. Neat stuff. " I volunteer at Pierce's on Saturdays, these are just some of the comments I hear every week. Of course, recently it's been a hoard of "peepers" making them. Also, I always have the regular Saturday locals stopping by to support the store.

I would say a couple times a year while watching the six o'clock news on WCAX there's a story about the local town grocery getting ready or might have to close in the future. Residents suddenly realized they have a gem and how important the store has been to them over the years.

Pierce's is a gem right here in Shrewsbury. We are so lucky! Think about stopping in every couple weeks even if it's just to get a Hershey bar or a drink. There's local pizza if you don't feel like cooking one night. I've been most amazed since I started back volunteering that there is an awesome selection of wine. Local beer too.

My wife and I have decided to get "at least" two gifts from the store this coming holiday season. She paid a visit when I was working this past Saturday and I can tell some of the local crafts she saw have her name on it.

I became a Pierce's board member this past spring but am writing this by my own volition as it's become even more apparent to me how important a fixture Pierce's is now and needs to be in the future. Stop by if you haven't in a while. It's a really cool place. ~Submitted by Larry Abelman

To My Fanfare,

Thank you for the kind sentiments sent to me earlier this month!
Sincerely, Lavinia

A Letter of Thanks

I recently was attending a Shrewsbury Planning Commission meeting, and contemplated, as I watched commission members conducting the meeting both live and remotely on zoom, at how much time and energy they had put into writing and refining the myriad of regulations and nuances that make up zoning regulations, our Town Plan, and overlay maps. I was impressed at the thoughtfulness of their presentation and the patience they demonstrated in explaining their reasoning to the audience. They could have been sitting at home watching TV, or been out on the town that night. But they weren't – they were working hard to tackle this important task.

Which led me to thinking of all the many different people in our town that, for little or no pay or appreciation, spend countless hours working to make our town a safer, healthier, friendlier place to live. And how overwhelming those jobs often are! And how hard to stick with them when they mean constant meetings, often trying to resolve differing opinions and dealing with a demanding public. That reminded me of people like our Selectboard, and the numerous folks that work in our town office, our fire department, zoning administrator, tree warden, library board and volunteers, Meeting House committee, Shrewsbury Day organizers and volunteers, the editors of the Times, the Conservation Commission, the DRB, road crew,

transfer station workers, auditors and listers, that small but mighty church group, Pierce's Store Board and volunteers, Shrewsbury's Historical Society, school board representatives and the PTO, the Outing club that keeps trails cleared and fixes the dock when needed... My mind just kept coming up with new lists and I know there are many I'm missing right now!

Then there are also those many community members that support our town in other ways doing those jobs few even know about but are so important – monitoring the health of Spring Lake water, putting up flags along our roadways, delivering meals to neighbors in need, pulling invasive plants, clearing trails for many to enjoy, walking our roadsides with a bag in hand to pick up litter at all times of the year.... I also appreciate some new residents in our town who have stepped up into some of these roles and some younger members that are beginning to learn skills needed to replace some of us "maturing" ones that are ready to step aside.

And as I was thinking about this, the car in front of me on Wilmouth Hill pulled over and stopped – to take the time to pull a branch out of the opposite lane. It wasn't blocking his lane. He could have passed easily and left it there. But he took the time to drag it out of the way because it was helpful for all. Thank you for all the people like this unknown man in our town who are willing to put themselves out – some in small ways, some in big ways – but all in important ways because people like these, who are willing to step up to contribute to our community, is what makes a community! I am so grateful to each of them for making our world a better place to live.

~Submitted by Louise Duda

Please join us for:

Trans 101
with **Stephen G. Krueger**
Friday, November 4 @ 7 p.m
at the Shrewsbury Library

98 Town Hill Road Cuttingsville
Free and open to the public



Stephen G. Krueger (he/him or ey/em) is the Scholarly Publishing Librarian at Dartmouth College. Ey holds a B.A. in English from Warren Wilson College and an M.S.L.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and is working on an M.A. in Arctic and Northern Studies from the University of Alaska Fairbanks.

Stephen is the author of Supporting Trans People in Libraries (Libraries Unlimited, 2019) and co-editor of Trans and Gender Diverse Voices in Libraries (Library Juice Press, forthcoming 2022). In eir spare time, Stephen watches figure skating and knits hats with pride flags on them. Learn more at www.stephengkrueger.com.

JOHN P. BOWMAN ESTATE
LAUREL HALL

Successful Open House and Tours

The open house at Laurel Hall on Sunday afternoon, October 2 was a great success. It was a beautiful day, and the Stewart Maple Marketplace Tap-to-Table event next door drew a large crowd to downtown Cuttingsville. More than 100 people took advantage of the opportunity to tour John Bowman's mansion and adjacent mausoleum, both opened for the occasion. The event was made possible thanks to the assistance of knowledgeable and wonderful friends of Laurel Hall who greeted the visitors and led the tours. Jeff Monder, Pam Monder, Grace Brigham and Nancy Ellery dressed in period clothing, adding a nice touch to the event. Our thanks to them, and to all the others who helped – too numerous to name here. Laurel Hall was closed to the public for some years. It has been nice to hold these open houses in recent months. The Association trustees will meet over the winter and hope to come up with a plan for more events in 2023. We want Laurel Hall to again become a vital part of Cuttingsville and Shrewsbury.


Road trip to Stony Creek to Explore Bowman's Past

At the recent open house at Laurel Hall there was a lot of conversation about John P. Bowman. In 1852 Bowman left Cuttingsville and relocated to Stony Creek in the Adirondacks. In the decades that followed, Bowman built a company town around his large tannery on the local creek and made a fortune selling the leather he produced there. That money was used to erect Laurel Hall, his family mausoleum and complex back here in Cuttingsville in the 1880s.


Pam and Jeff Monder advised that they wanted to visit Stony Creek. Barb

and Barry Griffith asked to come along. A road trip was planned, and took place on Friday, October 7. It turned out that the local museum was not open that day as advertised. Bowman's tannery and residence are no longer standing. However, several signs have been erected around the village identifying the sites and providing information about Bowman and his enterprise there.

JOHN P. BOWMAN
1816 - 1891



John P. Bowman, a well-known businessman from Cuttingsville, Vermont, moved to Stony Creek in 1852. He purchased an incomplete tannery, which, with a sawmill and three houses, were the only structures in the village of Creek Center. He completed the tannery and added sheds, shops and storage buildings. He also built a boarding house for 25 men and 16 houses for tannery workers and their families. At the intersection of the roads from Hadley and Warrensburg, he built an elegant home for his family.



This historical sign is made possible by grant funding from North Country Community Enhancement Program issued through NYS Division of Housing & Community Renewal.

We stopped at the town office and spoke with the town clerk. She helpfully gave us the telephone number of the town historian. Shrewsbury is not the only place with limited cell service! However, we eventually succeeded in reaching her.



Jeff and Pam Monder with Barry Griffith tracking down info about John Bowman.

Town Historian Cindy Cameron dropped what she was doing and came directly to the town office to meet with us. She is very interested in Bowman and shared a lot of information about his time in Stony Creek. Cameron has even been to Cuttingsville to see Bowman's mansion and mausoleum here. We gave her copies of the Times Special Edition about Bowman, and promised to provide her with a warm welcome and tour on a future trip to Cuttingsville. A successful trip enjoyed by all.

~Photos by Barb Griffith; Article by Barry Griffith



Happy November!

we are excited to announce our new holiday hours at
the Stewart Maple Marketplace!
Thursday - Saturday 11-6
Sunday 11-4

*Shop locally made Vermont products
we ship gift boxes!*

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SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

LIBRARY & FOOD SHELF HOURS

Monday 10am-12pm

Tuesday 7pm-9pm

Wednesday 10am-5pm and 7pm-9pm

Thursday 7pm-9pm

Friday 10am-12pm

Saturday 10am-12pm

MASKS are OPTIONAL now. Wear one if you want to, and please don't visit if you're not well!

We were pleased to begin offering Friday evening programs again:

THANKS to CLAIRE ANDREWS, author of the YA novels, *Daughter of Sparta* and *Blood of Troy*, for sharing her knowledge of writing and publishing for a competitive market.

MANY THANKS to Trustee ELIJAH LaCHANCE for his comprehensive presentation about the history, culture, economy, and agriculture of Burkina Faso, based on his three years in the Peace Corps there. A good (almost pre-pandemic level) audience learned a lot about an unfamiliar part of the world.

On the other hand, attendance was low for the program, "Making the Most of Shrewsbury Winters," but we may host a repeat when winter sets in! Chryl Martin has prepared a wonderful hand-out with a wealth of information for new residents, it's now available at the Library. Many thanks, Chryl!

Coming Events:

Friday, November 4 @ 7pm: "TRANS 101," with STEPHEN G. KRUEGER, MSLS, Scholarly Publishing Librarian at Dartmouth, former Shrewsbury resident and student Library volunteer. Stephen will discuss the basics of gender identity and how to support trans and gender diverse people with gender-inclusive policies. Copies of his/eir book, *Supporting Trans People in Libraries*, will be for sale.

Continuing Programs:

Sunday, November 13 @ 3:30pm: WRITERS' GROUP: If you're writing poems and/or short fiction (short-shorts, flash fiction), and would like to share your work, please join us! Contact Penelope Weiss (pw@earthlink.net) or Joan Aleshire (joanaleshire@vermontel.net) if you're interested.

Sunday, November 20 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: Next book: *Fathers and Children* by Ivan Turgenev (in a new translation from Russian by Nicolas Pasternak Slater and Maya Slater). This is a timeless and engaging short novel about political and cultural generational differences. Books will

be available at the Library. Please e-mail if you need another copy: joanaleshire@vermontel.net.

Sunday, November 27 @ 4pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: Best Science & Nature Writing 2022, edited by Ayana Elizabeth Johnson and Jaime Green. Print copies and e-books will be available. Please contact Margery: salmonm@vermontel.net.

New Books include:

- *The Winners: A Beartown Novel* by Fredrik Bachman: The latest by this warmhearted Scandinavian author.
- *Underland: A Deep Time Journey* by Robert Macfarlane. This wonderful writer explores earth's underworlds: prehistoric caves, ocean depths, ice caps.
- *Fall Guy* by Archer Mayor: This fall's new mystery novel by the popular Vermont author; in high demand!
- *Indigenous Continent: The Epic Contest for North America* by Pekka Hamalainen: A ground-breaking account by a Finnish historian that documents evidence of Indigenous resistance to European invasion.
- *Lucy By the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout: A new novel by this insightful writer, about the characters in *Lucy Barton* and *Oh! William*.
- *The Storm Is Here: An American Crucible* by Luke Mogelson. A compelling account by the journalist-photographer who documented the January 6th assault on the Capitol.
- *Natural History* by Andrea Barrett: Linked stories by this master of fiction based in history.

The Library Children's Committee

We hope that quite a few of you were able to read to Faith the Dog, but, if you missed the event, don't worry! We hope to have Faith come back regularly!

Please make sure to come for some spooky fun at the



Halloween Party

October 28

5:30pm to 7:00pm

Come in costume!

The party will include decorating cookies with Gloria, a dance party, and some creepy Halloween feely boxes.

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Save the date for the  
**Holiday Movie Night**  
**December 9 (time tbd).**

If you'd like to get involved in the Library Children's Committee, please contact Sarah Titterton at sarahjane@titterton.net, or Donna Swartz at donnaswartz44@aol.com.

# Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

## 'Twas a fine Shrewsbury Day

The sun was shining down on our Town of Shrewsbury on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022 and we send bouquets of thank you's to Betsy Jesser, Grace Brigham, and "crew", including many photographers, food donors, music makers, providing magical fun for children. And to see our proud fire department and Shriners and children all marching was heartwarming as shown in the colorful centerfold in the October issue of the Times of Shrewsbury.

October 2nd, Cuttingsville was busy as all were invited to Tap to Table fun on the greens of the Stewart Maple Marketplace, while Barry Griffith and docents conducted tours of the Bowman mansion and the Historical Society was open for visitors, expertly staffed by Ann Ridlon and Julanne Sharrow. Happily, this Fall has been a season of better health issues than the past two years of a pandemic and we can remind ourselves that we can revel in the fact that we are graced with two historical sites, the Bowman mansion and mausoleum and the Brown Bridge. Museum exhibits.

Visitors are very interested in the exhibit about the 1930's CCC camp that was built by the young men near the site of what is now the Mountain School. At that time Marjorie Pierce took photos and prepared two large panels of the various views of roads, shelters, a ski tow, in the area, and her brothers helped by mounting heavy plastic over it to protect it. Marjorie donated these two panels to the Society and they were put on exhibit once again.

The name Patten will resonate with folks in town as once upon a time we actually had Town Meeting Day at the Community Center in March. Arthur Patten was our forever moderator and the voting went on all day with lunch intermission. Then all changed to Australian voting booths and we lost the traditional Meeting Day. Back to subject, recently Art Patten, grandson of Peg and Arthur Patten, donated his father John Patten's framed and signed photo of a nuclear powered submarine that he commanded in 1976. He also donated the jacket belonging to John and a copy of a book written by Betsy Patten Gardner.

The acquisitions are many due to the museum being closed for two years because of the pandemic. Some of them are: a hundred year old hand made quilt made by Marjorie Pierce's mother, Gertrude, a wedding gown and veil which was worn by a member of the Korzun family, a maple sap thermometer for boiling, and much more.

## October 30:

**Last day Museum is open for the year 1-3pm**

**Last Meeting of the Year @ 3pm**

The museum will close for the season on October 30, the last Sunday, from 1 to 3 pm. Last chance to enjoy your town's past history. Our last meeting of the Society for this season will follow at 3pm.

We invite you to join us. If interested in becoming a member for 2023 our dues remain the same as always:

Single \$10;

Family \$15;

Contributing \$30;

Life Membership for couple or single \$125

Please send your check and mark "membership dues" on check made payable to Catherine Carrara, Treasurer, Shrewsbury Historical Society, 2544 Northam Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738.

Wishing all a safe, healthy HAPPY THANKSGIVING.

Submitted by Ruth Winkler

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## Introducing Vaidehi Sangrod, Rotary Youth Exchange Student From India

*(Editor's Note: Vaidehi (you can call her "V") is attending Mill River HS for the 2022-2023 school year and is living with the Pattons)*

My community is based in Kosamba, a city and a municipality situated in the Mangrol Taluka, Surat district of Gujarat. It has a population of 50,568 and is also an industrial hub, with some prominent industries located there. My community is a mixture of people from various religions, castes and cultures. As Kosamba is an industrial city, people from various states of India live here with love, warmth and unity. It is busier and bigger than Shrewsbury.

I decided to become an International Youth Exchange student to improve my leadership skills, to learn how to interact, adjust and live with different people and their cultures. I wanted to gain the experience of what it is to live with a group of people for a particular time as a family. I wanted to know what it is to learn new languages, to see new places, to learn new rituals, cultures and values with people whom I do not know. I also wanted to be a representative of India's culture and diversity and wanted to promote, guide and expose people to the beautiful country I come from. I wish to get educated and in return educate them and share my culture and ideas with them with love, happiness and joy.

Now that I have completed 1.5 months of exchange, I am living this experience but it is not a bed of roses. There are difficulties, ups and downs, homesickness, loneliness and culture shock that follows you. But it is worth it. When I was in India I met several former exchange students. Their experiences, their persona and confidence is what really motivated me to take up this opportunity. Whenever I come across problems or homesickness and I feel really down, I remind myself about the intellectual personalities I saw back then and that I'll be a changed person with confidence, intellectualness and a wise persona at the end of this exchange, that I will have learned so much about a country and a culture that is so foreign to me right now. After this exchange year I won't hesitate to challenge myself and living in a different country wouldn't be a hard task for me as an adult.

I am a junior at Mill River and also at my school back home. There is a vast difference in the schooling systems: we have two sections for each grade and each grade has a different schedule whereas here each student has a different schedule. In India we have a fixed classroom for the whole year and teachers come to us according to the periods instead of us going to them. Schooling is hard in India. We learn English, Hindi and math and gradually other subjects and languages (sanskrit; social studies which later splits into geography, politics, economics and history in 5th grade; science which is later split into physics, chemistry and biology in 8th grade). After our 10th grade we are supposed to choose our streams- science, commerce or arts. Junior and senior years are extremely important as they are the foundation of college courses, i.e. what is taught here in pre- med schools is taught to us in those two years.

My usual day starts at 7 am, when I prepare myself to head towards my school. My school is 6km away from my home and I travel to my school by van. It stops by my home at 8 am and I reach my school by 8:45. My school starts sharp at 9:30. I attend 8 periods of 40 min. I depart from the school at 2 pm and reach my home by 2:30 pm. Before Covid I used to go to Coaching classes from 3:30 to 5 but not anymore. I am mostly tired so I just watch some videos or Netflix. By 4 o'clock I have Indian tea sitting in my garden while listening to songs. I am very passionate about music and it in a way makes my life peaceful. After having a good time with myself while having tea, I then have a dance routine from 5-7 pm, something which again I enjoy a lot and is my prominent hobby. After having an intense routine, I proceed to eat dinner with my family after having a nice bath. Studying is the only thing I pursue after dinner till past midnight.



During my leisure time or if the school is closed, I mainly focus on upgrading my hobbies, which are Art, Singing and Dancing and composing lyrics. I am an active student at my school. Since the 1st grade, I have been nurturing my speech skills. At the regular assemblies, most of the days, I am there on the stage either giving a presentation, as an anchor, to give the thought of the day or as a part of the choir. Every Saturday our school organizes Inter-house Competitions, which are my favorite part of school when we compete for my house in Debate Competitions, Elocutions, Extempores, spell bees, Dance, Singing, sports, quizzes, etc. My interest in school is Public Speaking whether it's me representing my respective house or my school in interschool Competitions.

When I am not at Mill River, I hope to see the best of Vermont. I want to know people around me and establish a bond with them. I am interested in learning about the communities and their cultures; and the history of Vermont. I'm excited about my first snow, Halloween, Thanksgiving, Easter and Christmas. I'm so excited to try skiing and snowboarding. In order to make more friends and to do more, I am hoping to do the Governor's Institute, robotics and model UN after school. I also hope to establish an everlasting bond with my current host family- the Pattons. They are really understanding and supportive. They make me feel at home and encourage me to go through my bad times. They are cheerful and loving and there for me at all times. We are adapting to each other's cultures and traditions. If my exchange is being successful so far it's all because I landed into the best family.

In conclusion, I just want to say thank you to everybody who is giving me such a warm welcome and recognition. I'm loving my stay in Shrewsbury. I hope I can be a good representation of my culture and my country, and that I learn as much as I can from all the wonderful people of Shrewsbury.

*With love and respect, Vaidehi*

# The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley



Exciting things are happening at the Shrewsbury Community Church! We will soon be celebrating the Advent Season and decorating the sanctuary with fresh balsam wreaths, our nativity scene, and a glorious Christmas Tree! All are welcome to join us any Sunday at 1030am at the Center church which is on the second floor of the meeting house. Come and enjoy the beautiful music, hear an uplifting message from our Pastor, and visit with your neighbors. There is also a Fun Day Program for kids!

**Holiday Giving:** We will be providing gift and grocery cards for folks in Shrewsbury during the holiday season. If you or a neighbor would like to be included please call Sue at 802-492-3738 or 802-779-4825.



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## Community Church Calendar

- Sunday, Nov 6 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids.
- Worship Service with Holy Communion led by Wendy Savery
- Sunday, Nov 13, 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Wendy Savery
- Sunday, Nov 20, 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Wendy Savery
- Sunday, Nov 27, 10:30am Fun Day Program for kids. Worship Service led by Wendy Savery.

## 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.

**Remembering our Loved Ones:** If you would like to have a wreath or poinsettia placed in honor or in memory of a loved one in the sanctuary for the holiday season please make checks for \$15 for a wreath or \$10 for a poinsettia payable to the Shrewsbury Community Church and mail to Sue Kelley PO Box 366 Cuttingsville, VT 05738.

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## Fall Views, Fresh Eyes, New Perspective

When you are 75 and seen fall from the same house in Shrewsbury for fifty years it can become a little jaded. Seen it all before was unfortunately my mantra and same colors/same views was my viewpoint. What I needed was a fresh set of eyes to view our fall spectacle with and it did not include a cornea transplant. It did involve however a visit from two California relatives who have lived a life in recent years of empty reservoirs, brown/black forests and, more importantly, who had never seen a fall foliage season in New England. They picked a good one and lived every moment between October 8-16 doing the "leaf peeper" thing to the hilt. We tagged along as best we could, provided a little direction, and enjoyed a California view of a Vermont fall.

It's all in the maples and leaves of course were the feature attraction. Miles of roadside trees, mountainside trees, trees next to water bodies, yard trees, town green trees, and others were all "oohed" and "ahhed" about as these first timers enjoyed the spectacle. New to them were the oranges and reds provided by the maples set off of course by the base layer of birches, aspens, and multiple other species with yellow leaves. They even got up into the trees (VINS canopy walk), above the trees (Okemo fire tower and top of Mt. Equinox), and amongst the trees (walking AT/LT). Their enthusiasm for leaf color was of course contagious and soon had us looking at the beauty of a Vermont fall as it deserved to be.

Adding to the fall flavor were of course all the seasonal events. Our fall began with the Mt Holly Cider Days and ended with a corn maze in Pittsford. What better way to get exposed to cider than to watch it come dripping out of a 100 year old cider press and then drink it fresh. Orchard visits were also included and if the orchard is large enough (Shoreham's Champlain

Orchards) there is a variety of apple being grown for anyone's taste. Fifty varieties from Ambrosia to Zestar hung ready to be picked. Roadside stands for cider and cider donuts also added to the charm for our visitors.

Old standbys like covered bridges are also especially attractive in the fall. Amongst the sixteen we "bagged" beyond our own Brown and Kingsley bridges, were three unique ones. A must see is the Cornish-Windsor Bridge across the Connecticut River in Windsor. At nearly 460' it is the longest wooden covered bridge in the USA and longest two span covered bridge in the world. While not as long but of equal historical interest is the East Shoreham Railroad Covered bridge. Built across the Lemon Fair River in 1897 by the Rutland Railroad Company it is one of two railroad covered bridges remaining in Vermont. The bridge was built as a covered bridge because it was cheaper than building one of



East Shoreham Covered Railroad Bridge crosses the Lemon Fair River

similar size of iron on a rail line that saw very light traffic. The last one is one half of the Nicolas Powers Twin bridge which crossed East Creek in East Pittsford and was washed away in 1947. It is still recognizable as a covered bridge even though it is being used as a town garage just up the road and within sight of where Nicolas Powers built it in 1850.

As we move into November I saw a Donald Miller note card recently that said "all the trees are losing their leaves and not one of them cares". They are going dormant and we remain to enjoy the browns, greys, and whites of a new season. However, the memories of a spectacular fall remain with us enhanced by the passionate enjoyment shared by two friends from away who saw fall views through fresh eyes and did give us a new perspective for next fall.

~Submitted by Gary Salmon, Tree Warden



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### Tap to Table Attracts Many People

Another successful “Tap to Table” event was held on October 2 in Cuttingsville with over 1,800 people attending. Alyssa Stewart said that there were 72 vendors offering tastings and selling crafts in addition to four food trucks and three other food services preparing an array of food. Shrewsbury Vendors were Cuttingsville Wreath Design (Deb Eastman), Gould Paintings (Carrie Carrara), Nature’s Turn (Gerry Martin), Stewart Maple (hosts), The Potter Stone (David Stone), Vermont Bliss Food Truck (Michelle Suker), Wally’s Corner (Hallie Knudson) and Shrewsbury’s favorite brewers Josh and Amy Ridlon of Liambu Tasty.

Ayssa says she “appreciates the Shrewsbury community who came out to support the event and the Vermont small businesses at the showcase, the live music and the food!” It was a great event! ~Photos by Gina Stewart

### Dictionaries for SMS Students



Each fall the Wallingford Rotary Club provides personal dictionaries to local third graders to promote literacy. On October 18, Barry Griffith visited Ms. Levins’ class at the Shrewsbury Mountain School and handed out the books to the students. They appeared pleased with the gifts, as shown in this picture. Photo by Colleen Levins



## Bears On The Move

*It was such a magnificently colorful and warm autumn day on Oct 5, out for a ride in the most beautiful town in Vermont...that's our home of Shrewsbury...when what to our wondering eyes should appear, but not just Mama Bear, but one, two, three cubs! Mom patiently waited in the road in front of us for her apple eating cubs to come down out of an apple tree, having completely stripped it of the desired fruit, and join her, and then they were gone!*

*Many folks around Shrewsbury report seeing a mama and three cubs, up in nearby apple trees, and many of us have the same question: Can this be the same little family being seen in so many places all over town?*

*I turned to Nancy Bell, our own resident expert on black bears, and asked her what she thought about all the sightings. Here's what she has to say about it: ~Vicky Arthur*



What a remarkable path this mother has taken, stripping apple trees across Town. What may not be evident is how critical this is to her and the cubs' survival through winter. To understand this takes some background in their physiology – Black Bear 101.

Black bears require very large, separate, individual home ranges, from 6 square miles to upwards of 60 square miles per bear, males requiring larger territory. The individual bear's entire annual habitat needs of food, water, shelter is generally met within their home range. Males travel to females during breeding season during June and July. All bears will use travel corridors to access important food sources, particularly in the autumn. It is necessary for the bears to increase their body weight by 30% prior to denning for the winter.

The key to understanding the behavior of the Shrewsbury bear and her three cubs is about reproduction being dependent on food availability. The age at which bears begin to reproduce, whether they reproduce at all, the number of cubs they have, the health of the cubs and the mortality rate of cubs and sub-adult bears is all dependent on the availability of sufficient food, particularly prior to denning in the autumn. Right now, bears are gorging on the most nutritious food sources they can find before going into hibernation! Bears are active for about seven months from April to November/December and hibernate for five months, November to April.

This mother bear seems young, and this is probably her first litter. She is not a large bear and seemed unsure of how to deal with the cubs when I drove up. She is still nursing the cubs and will continue into the winter through hibernation. At best, bears have cubs every two years, one or two cubs is usual – triplets are not. Last year we had bumper crops of nuts from oaks, beech, and hazelnuts, which serves having a young mother with three surviving cubs! It is not the norm, and undoubtedly the same family everyone is seeing. In times of poor food availability due to drought, early spring frosts, long spells of rain during pollination and other factors that limit food availability - bears will not produce cubs at all and are challenged to find enough fall food to gain the weight needed to survive hibernation. The primary fall foods are “soft mast” (berries, apples, or other fruits), and “hard mast” (nuts such as acorns, bechnuts, or hickory nuts) – the hard mast being a far greater source of nutrients and fat for survival.

Shrewsbury's mother bear has four mouths to feed before harsh weather pushes her to hibernate. There are few if any trees producing hard mast locally owing to the odd spring weather, rains, and drought. Apples are abundant and critical to this family's survival, along with any other wild food they may glean. I have seen wild cranberries, and numerous wild mushrooms eaten by bear lately.

So here we are with this family of bears this fall seeking any and all food along their path. And – PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE BEARS! This does them no favor! It confuses the issue, provides diversion for the cubs, it may cause the family to split up, and it detracts from the mother doing what she needs to do to get them to a safe place to hibernate. She may also be scent tracking a source of nuts on the wind to the east over in Plymouth! Bears are known to travel dozens of miles sniffing out a hard mast source. A gift if you viewed them - wish them well and sweet dreams snuggled into a den together for the winter.”

~Nancy Bell,(nationally known conservationist, focusing on black bears for 30 years)

*Photo by Vicky Arthur*



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## Shrewsbury Conservation Commission Trail Camera Picture of the month

This month we have a trail camera capture of a large black bear by Al Boudreau. Nate Rudisill submitted pictures of a nice buck, a buck with a doe, a coyote and turkeys. Stevia and Tom Page enjoyed watching two bear cubs in their apple tree feasting on apples! Linda Shelvey captured a bobcat.

Do you have a wildlife picture to share? A track for us to identify? Send your trail cam, phone or camera picture to Linda Shelvey, Lpurdyshel@gmail.com . Please include your location in your email, so we can include your data on our Shrewsbury Wildlife Sightings Map



## SNO-BIRD NEWS

The Sno-Birds are still hard at work debrushing and clearing the trails. Some of the trails have several trees down and some are not too bad. Dave has done more tread work, digging out rocks and smoothing out sections of the trails. This weekend we will be out on 407 debrushing and on Friday there will be a brush hog clearing the more open and flat areas on 407. The more open areas grow tall brush fast because the sun can get to it.



Dad and I got the Tucker ready for the season. We changed the oil and some filters, checked the fluids, replaced 2 wheels, and greased it and the drag. We also have talked with Track Inc to get on the list for 2 tracks, they have been on back order for 18 months. They do expect them in some time soon. The new price per track is \$9,300.00 but we hope to get them at the old price which was \$7,800.00. Still that is a lot of money. The 2 tracks that are old are the original ones and the unit is a 2006, Track Inc said we have done very good to have them last this long. I think the old ones will last the season but now is the time to get them because we will not get a deal like this again.

If you have been on our trails you probably have seen our new sign posts with the reflective tape. They really stand out and look nice. We are still waiting for the proofs to come back, we should see them soon. We really want them up this winter. Maybe we will see you out on the trails sometime! There is less than 2 months and the season opens!

~Submitted by Roy Arthur

## NEWS FROM RAINBOW RIDING CENTER

The leaves are falling, bringing another gorgeous foliage season to a slow close and signifying the end of a very, very busy and successful season at Rainbow Riding Center. As much as we would like to extend the season, the days get shorter, mornings get colder and the horses start looking more like teddy bears as they put on their wooly winter coats.

This year RRC extended its reach. Riders came from schools and towns along the Black River—Ludlow, Cavendish, Springfield. Schools and towns in Rutland County and some from as far away as Pownal, as well as those in our neighboring towns. Our volunteers, essential to the program, came from many of the same towns as well as from Mendon, Pittsford and Florence. We have also experienced more awareness, inquiries, and participation in our individualized programs for youth and adults, increasing our client base. While we put our riding lessons on hold for the winter, we continue to develop programs and fundraise for the coming 2023 season.

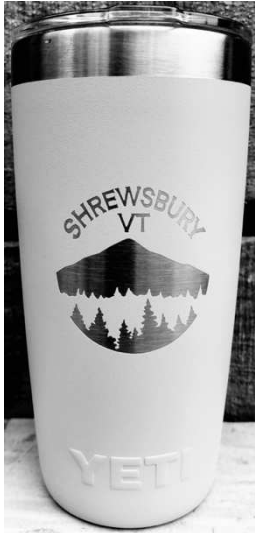
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~Submitted by Janet Upton



**Dear Shrewsbury Community:**

The SMS PTO would like to announce a fall fundraiser you won't want to miss! We have customized a 10 oz. Yeti travel mug (complete with magnetic-slider lid) with a Shrewsbury VT logo, available in three colors: nordic blue, alpine yellow and stainless steel, for \$25 each. There are limited quantities so be sure to get them while supplies last. Consider buying one for yourself, your partner, your family (near or far) or for anyone with ties to our wonderful town. They will surely appreciate this gift.



Both Stewart Maple and Pierce's Store have graciously agreed to have our travel mugs for sale in full support of the school. They will be available at both locations starting in mid November. Let's help both SMS and our local businesses thrive by choosing to spend

our dollars locally. You're sure to find lots of holiday gift ideas right here in town at Stewart Maple and Pierce's Store.

A special thanks goes out to Shrewsbury's own Molly Hornbeck for sharing her graphic design skills with us.

*~Submitted by Ali Wilson*

**Mountain School Players Recap Their Season**

Shrewsbury had a lot of soccer participation this year with ten grade 5 and 6 boys and girls: Minka Brooks, Linnea Coté, Brewster McGown, Evelyn Morris, Davis Rudisill, Mason and Silas Sharrow, Everett Spatz, Desmond Thomas-Price, and Rye Wilson. The 5/6 team was coached by Nate Rudisill, Rick Wilson and Matt Ringer.



Grades 3 and 4 were also well represented with ten boys and girls: Hadley Coté, Joey Fitzgerald, Makayla Hutt Vater, Annabel MacGregor, Ellie McDevitt, Benna McGown, Conrad Sanderson, Oliver Smith, Chase Stone and Netti Wilson. The team was coached by Ali Wilson and Greg McGown.



When asked what they enjoy most about soccer practices or games, answers included: that games are fun to play and exciting, getting better at skills, winning games, cheering on the other kids, scoring goals, playing goalie, and the pressure to win.

Responses for learning about teamwork and becoming a better player: how to pass better and more to everyone and how to drag the ball backward, not hogging the ball, learning to kick a lot harder, how to defend, how to dribble, what to do as a sweeper, to do your best, push yourself and be a good sport.

And finally, what were some highlights of the season? :

"I realized that I had potential."

"I scored 4 goals!"

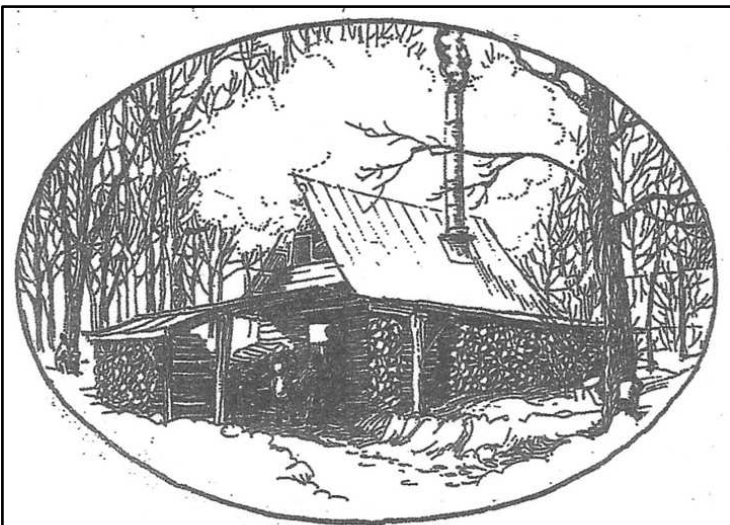
"I love playing the games."

"I enjoy improving my skills."

"Playing under the lights in Ludlow."

"I found out that I really do like soccer."

*~Compiled by Vicky Arthur with help from Ali Wilson. Photos by Susannah McGown*



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## SHREWSBURY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL NEWS

Important Dates:

**Our NEW PHONE NUMBER IS: 802-786-3995**

10/27: Fire Safety School Assembly by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department

10/28: Trunk or Treat in the traffic circle

10/28: Shrewsbury Library Halloween Party

10/31: Half Day Release for Professional Development - we are

continuing to have staff shortages to provide after care. All students must be picked up at 12:10pm!

11/11: No School - Veterans Day

11/23-25: No School - Thanksgiving Break

**Updates and information:** Our students are LOVING learning and many exciting activities and learning experiences have been happening in our classrooms over the past month. We welcome you to view pictures and updates on our Shrewsbury Mountain School Facebook page! Special thanks to our Four Winds volunteers who make outdoor learning SO FUN!

**Donations:** Thank you so much for the four additional dining chairs for our collaboration table! We are requesting new and gently used art supplies for our students. Our students LOVE to create and are very artistic and we go through these supplies quickly.

**Feel free to send in:** Model magic, air dry clay, water color paint, watercolor paper, plaster cloth, tape of all kinds (masking, duct, and clear), washable paint, acrylic paint, tempera paint, canvases, glue (liquid and sticks), beads, sculpture wire, sharpies and tissue paper.

### Shrewsbury Library News:

Halloween Party at The Shrewsbury Library

Friday, October 28th 5:30-7PM Wear your costume! Games, crafts and treats! Do the Monster Mash upstairs with your friends! All ages welcome

I am very grateful for our students, our staff, our school and our community. I hope that you have a beautiful November filled with family, festivities and consuming tons of pie!

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 802-786-3995 or at [kcimonetti@millriverschools.org](mailto:kcimonetti@millriverschools.org).

~Kristin Cimonetti, Principal

## You Can Help to Map Shrewsbury's Wetlands

The Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) of the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) is updating the Vermont Significant Wetlands Inventory (VSWI) Map and revising its Wetland Rules. Wetlands include swamps, marshes, and bogs. These areas store flood water, protect clean water, and provide habitat for a wide variety of wildlife species. Development around wetlands is limited so as to protect these ecological functions.

A public hearing will be held to receive input and comments about the Rules and Map on November 2, 2022, at 5:30 pm in the Rutland Regional Planning Commission Conference Room, 3rd Floor, 67 Merchants Row (Opera House), Rutland, VT. You may attend in person or register to participate online via Microsoft Teams at [bit.ly/3xSoK40](https://bit.ly/3xSoK40). People can submit oral or written comments at the hearing or send these by Nov. 12, 2022 to [Laura.Lapierre@vermont.gov](mailto:Laura.Lapierre@vermont.gov). To learn more about this wetland rulemaking process, go to the ANR rulemaking webpage [bit.ly/wetlandrulemaking](https://bit.ly/wetlandrulemaking).

The Wetlands Inventory Map shows the most significant protected Class I and Class II wetlands. Shrewsbury residents can assist the Department to identify and accurately describe and classify these wetlands by providing information on any wetlands you know about, either on or near your property or elsewhere in town. By such "citizen science" using our personal knowledge of Shrewsbury's wetlands, we can increase public knowledge and protection of these important natural resources.

You can use DEC's Wetland Screening Tool ([bit.ly/wetlandscreeningtool](https://bit.ly/wetlandscreeningtool)) to see if you have a mapped wetland on your property. Just type in your address (road and town), hit "Submit", and then click on "Link to Wetland Map" and the existing map of your location will appear. You can zoom in or out using + or - to show other locations nearby and can move the map to see other areas in town that you're familiar with and about which you want to provide new or additional wetland information to our State agency. DEC's proposed edits and a comment form are also given on an "interactive map"

at <https://vtanr.maps.arcgis.com/apps/instant/nearby/index.html?appid=f862dbe013c54fc9be6fa7d26b8e1f2d>. If you want to obtain any of these links via e-mail for easier use, contact Jonathan Gibson, [jgibson@vermontel.net](mailto:jgibson@vermontel.net).

~Submitted by Jonathan Gibson

## Small Business Saturday Reception at Wally's Corner

5304 VT Route 103, Cuttingsville

**Saturday November 26 11am – 6pm**

**Sunday, November 27 11am – 6pm**

We would like to invite our community and beyond to join us for our first Small Business Saturday the weekend after Thanksgiving. We will have mocktails, snacks, raffles and specials all weekend long! The event will go from **Saturday the 26th at 11am until Sunday the 27th at 6pm**. We will pull the raffle winners Sunday night and will call/email those who won. This will be our kickoff to the holiday season and we hope to see you there!

For more information regarding the event, please check Wally's corner Facebook page and RSVP through





Everyone knows that we at SAGE love getting dirty in the garden or cooking up delicious treats

with students at SMS. Sustainability education is a major channel we utilize as we work towards our mission to support and promote sustainable farming and other arts that nourish community life.

As winter approaches we, like many of you, are beginning to spend more time with the “other arts” that nourish community life.

This past month we hosted a poet’s reading group at The Shrewsbury Library, with three Vermont poets published by Four Way Books. Abigail Wender, Sydney Lea, and our own Joan Aleshire read selected poems and dug into some deep questions about their individual creative processes and approaches to covering life’s sometimes very personal events. We will be producing a video of this interesting and inspiring conversation, and publishing it to our SAGE YouTube channel in the coming weeks. This video will be the first in our new online arts programming shared through our YouTube page. Please save our page, like and subscribe, to be notified when we post new arts or youth education videos!



For more information about SAGE: contact Stephen Abatiell at [educate.sage@gmail.com](mailto:educate.sage@gmail.com), Joan Aleshire at 492-3550 or visit [www.sagevt.wordpress.com](http://www.sagevt.wordpress.com). Follow us on Facebook for up to date event details at Shrewsbury SAGE and find our videos on YouTube. Submitted by Stephen Abatiell

**Times of Shrewsbury  
ONLINE NOTICE:**

The Shrewsbury Town website has indicated that at the current time they do not have space to include the Times of Shrewsbury on the website. However, all issues of the Times of Shrewsbury since February 2011 and including the most recent issue can be found on the Shrewsbury Historical Society website:

<http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com>

**Smart Solution to Plastic Pollution**

November’s chill hand reaches for us, squeezing the day’s light into an ever smaller period. The glory of our trees is not yet gone, but on some, dark bare branches snake into the sky. The rustle of leaves will soon give way to whistles and moans of the Halloween wind.



I’m thinking it’s a good time for some good news! Despite all the dreadfulness there is in the world, that world is also full of people who are working hard at solving some of the problems that alarm and discourage us. Sometimes they even make the news, which is how I learn about them. Over the last few months I have read of:

A 17 year old girl who used fish scales (waste) to create a substance that removes heavy metals from water... siblings who invented a hydropower turbine that protects fish and rivers...an Indian company using fallen leaves and recycled paper to produce cardboard and disposable tableware that replaces single use plastic...water filters made from the kombucha “mushroom”...



There is plenty of Trash Talk about: a robot that sorts trash with 99% accuracy using an AI vision system able to recognize materials even if dirty or mangled. 90% of our waste is recoverable in some way, so this sorting is important... the Great Bubble Barrier, a bubble-making pipe placed diagonally across a river bottom that causes plastic to rise to the surface and be shunted to a catchment instead of entering the ocean... a German woman using whirlpools and a hybrid silica gel to remove micro plastics from water in sewage treatment plants and industrial processes. The non-toxic organosilenes attach to the plastic particles which then quickly lump together into popcorn-like clusters easily skimmed off the surface and repurposed... Worms that rapidly break down plastic bags! And there’s more!

For all that stuff already in the Pacific Ocean, phase 3 of the Garbage Patch Cleanup features a 2,500 meter artificial coastline that produces circulating currents to trap the plastic for easy removal. The CEO of The Ocean Cleanup was 18 when he founded the nonprofit entity.

All these things and these people give me optimism for our future. There are certainly more than what I have mentioned here. You may have to sort through the “garbage” to find such gems but they are there, scintillating, radiating positivity into the darker days of winter. I will end with two thoughts: a quote from a man named Bayard Rustin - “What God requires of us is that we not stop trying.” and, Remember, What You Do Matters!

~Article by Pam Darrow





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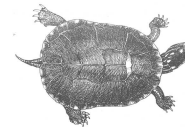


~Photos by Lana Vanucchi

**PIERCE'S CHILI COOK OFF RESULTS**

Thank you to everybody who helped make the Chili Cook Off a massive success! A special thanks to all of our contestants; Sally Deinzer, Lily French, Ed Hemmer, Alice Martin, Dashiell Monder, Jeff Monder, Heather Shay, and Stacey Synott (who made two chilis!). We also had some great volunteers who helped make the event a success, including Ann Vanneman and Noah Dake, and of course Clara Krueger of Button Hill Bakery contributed the delightful cornbread we were able to eat as a side. And now for the results:

- 1st Place: Texas Red - Jeff Monder
- 2nd Place: Vegan Chili - Sally Deinzer
- 3rd Place: Beef Burger Veggie Black Bean Chili - Lily French



**Attention snow enthusiasts:  
Ski and snowshoe season is quickly approaching**

**Volunteers needed to help get the trails ready for fun!**

**Bessenyay Trails Fall Maintenance Day**

Sponsored by Shrewsbury Outing Club

**Sunday, November 6, 2022\***

**9am – 12 noon**

(\*Note daylight savings time change)

(Rain date Saturday, November 12)

**Meet at Plymouth Road parking lot.** We'll work on ditches, tree clipping, lopping, sawing. Helpful tools to bring: Saws (large and small), loppers, rakes, clippers. Please also bring drinking water, work gloves and extra layers.

Contact Lana at [lanafez@gmail.com](mailto:lanafez@gmail.com) with questions.

*Per Shrewsbury Outing Club Bylaws, our purpose is to promote and encourage conservation of all natural resources.*

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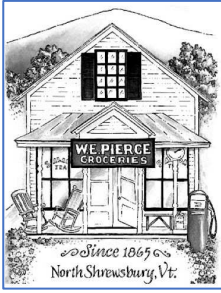
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# NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE 802-492-3326

Bob Knudsen, Manager

## Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving!

Don't forget to bring the children by the store on Halloween weekend (Friday Oct.28-Monday Oct. 31) for a free candy bag for costumed kiddos!

### TURKEY AND PIE PREORDERS AND OTHER THANKSGIVING NEWS

Turkey preorders are ongoing now, with the Stonewood Farms full birds available at \$5.79/lb, with an order deadline of November 11. The Misty Knoll turkey orders are due in by October 25, so if you are reading this before then, you can still get an order on one of these instead at \$5/lb, so be sure to do so if you are able to.

We are also excited to announce that we will be working with The Pie's The Limit Bakery in West Rutland for our pie preorders this year! Pumpkin and Apple will be available for preorder, but because they are local and therefore much more flexible, a number of other flavors are going to be offered, including a Maple Cream and several other berries. You can stop by the store or email us for options, or check out their website! Preorders will be due by November 15, and they will be delivered to the store on the day before Thanksgiving.

We are planning to be closed on Thanksgiving so that all of our volunteers and employees can enjoy the day with their friends and families, so be sure to plan ahead!

### FAVORITE AND POPULAR ITEMS RETURN

As shortages and staffing issues are beginning to be resolved for us and our vendors, some of your favorite items are coming back! Goodman's Pizza is looking to be back in full swing, and Strafford Ice Cream is also picking back up, and we anticipate a couple of other items making a triumphant return. If you have some favorite items or products that we used to carry but no longer do, please let us know and we will see what we can do!

### STAFFING AND VOLUNTEER UPDATES

We are thankful for our community and those who help in the store and beyond to keep this project alive! We have a whole lot of new volunteers and employees in the store, as well as some others who are returning from their absences. First, we would like to welcome Ronnie Bowers back into the fray for a few shifts this month, as well as Jean Marie Walker and Sally Deinzer, both generously volunteering their time. We also have another new employee, Connor Self, who will be taking a few shifts a week to start as his farm winds down for the season. They will be joining an ever growing cast of talented individuals, for which we are ever thankful.

### WHAT WE ARE THANKFUL FOR AT PIERCE'S

A special thank you to all of our community members who keep us going. We appreciate all of our employees and contractors: Elisabeth Rondinone, Judith Thomas, Sofia Tudzarov, Joni Martin, Ronnie Bowers, and Connor Self for your hard work and dedication, as well as Angie Sharrow who keeps the store nice and clean for us. And our volunteer list continues to grow, so a very special thank you to those who give their time freely to keep Pierce's alive in our community: including Kristi Bragg, Heather Shay, Stacy Harshman, Ed Sawyer, Sally Deinzer, Jean Marie Walker, and Lee Wilson in the front of the store. And lest we forget the people who volunteer behind the scenes for things like fish order and prep, vendor pickups, trash cleanup, and a number of other tasks that are often overlooked, a big thank you to you as well; Helen Richards-Peele, Lavinia Seide, Boaz Cohen, Ann Vanneman, Sandy Bragg, Liesbeth Van der Heijden, Chryl and Gerry Martin, Taffy Maynard, Laura Black, Eliza and Jonathan Gibson, Rob J., Thomas Hartigan, Barb and Barry Griffith, Louise Duda, and Peggy Wilson. And lest we forget, the board members who also dedicate a significant amount of time to the store because they believe in it: Ed Hemmer, Larry Abelman, Lily French, Liz Bullock, Jeff Monder, Mark Youngstrom, Lana Vanucchi, Phyllis Wells, and Debbie Schoch. And last but certainly not least, our members, local vendors, and customers who come by every day and visit us not just for business but also to have a chat and enjoy what we do around here. I apologize if I left anybody out, there are a lot of us to keep track of!

**As always, thanks for supporting local co-ops and businesses and we hope to see you in the store!**

### Pre-Thanksgiving Wine Tasting

Join us at Pierce's Store Friday November 11 from 4pm to 6pm for a sampling of turkey-friendly wines inspired by the NY Times wine critic Eric Asimov. Asimov's advice for Thanksgiving wines is to keep it light and bright: "Thanksgiving is an endurance contest. You want wines that are energetic rather than soporific," he writes. "That means relatively low in alcohol, with plenty of fresh, lively acidity." We'll feature two whites that follow the Asimov guidelines, a perky Grüner Veltliner from Austria we got on sale (\$15.99) and a crisp German Riesling (\$14.99). For the Asimov-influenced reds, we'll have a Cabernet Franc from the Finger Lakes which nicely balances acidity and fruitiness (\$17.99) and a refreshing California Zinfandel (\$19.99), both with ABVs below 14%. Come along for a taste – hope to see you there!



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