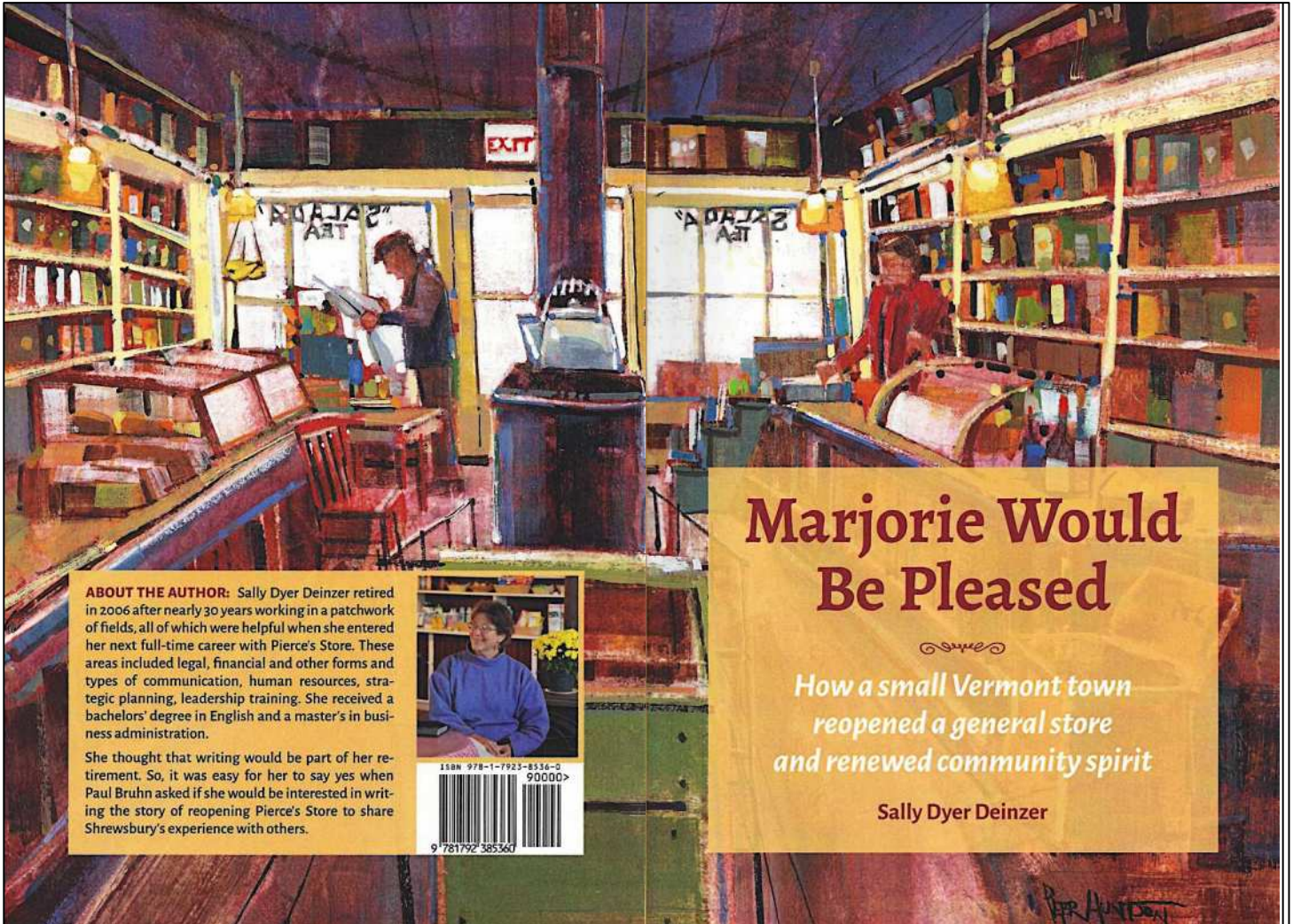




Times of Shrewsbury



April 2022



ABOUT THE AUTHOR: Sally Dyer Deinzer retired in 2006 after nearly 30 years working in a patchwork of fields, all of which were helpful when she entered her next full-time career with Pierce's Store. These areas included legal, financial and other forms and types of communication, human resources, strategic planning, leadership training. She received a bachelors' degree in English and a master's in business administration.

She thought that writing would be part of her retirement. So, it was easy for her to say yes when Paul Bruhn asked if she would be interested in writing the story of reopening Pierce's Store to share Shrewsbury's experience with others.



Marjorie Would Be Pleased

How a small Vermont town reopened a general store and renewed community spirit

Sally Dyer Deinzer

The colorful book cover of Sally Deinzer's recent publication is a painting of Pierce's interior by Peter Huntoon.

A GIFT TO THE COMMUNITY

Yes, "Marjorie Would Be Pleased" with the reopening of the beloved Shrewsbury landmark. Sally Deinzer's wonderful contribution of her book so titled will be more than pleasing to those undertaking projects similar to the one depicted. The availability of such a detailed account or template would have been immensely helpful to the Shrewsbury core who gathered in 2008 to consider reopening Pierce's. In a flowing, well organized account Sally captures the enthusiasm, "milestones" and "lessons learned" of the gearing up and launching: complete with financials and timeline and task bar graphs.

From the perspective of Pierce's reopening, informative consideration of mission statement, inventory, operations, pricing ("mark-up" versus "margin") as well as the balancing of volunteers, board members, managers, paid staff, and contractors are crucial. Particular attention is given to the essential attributes of staff and managers. The importance of

risk taking receives space and clarification as does the special adaptations necessitated by COVID.

Sally does a great job of presenting Pierce's mission of "convenience ...community...connecting to the past," and of describing the "fun, frustrating, fascinating journey." She gives credit to the many dedicated Shrewsberries who were integral to the process and extends special thanks to Paul Bruhn of the Preservation Trust of Vermont for invaluable contributions in the process and special encouragement to write the book. We're so fortunate all of the right qualifications to present this account were in the same inspired, capable individual, who was present from the start of the Pierce's project and remained completely engaged throughout; including seven years as manager. Sally has worn every hat and now her trusty canine, Jill is concerned her new one as "author and consultant" may reduce their walking time together. ~Article by Gerry Martin



Preschool & Kindergarten Registration
Shrewsbury Mountain School
Open Registration
for the 2022-23 school year

For admission into Preschool, a child must be three (3) years on or before Aug. 31 of the year of entrance.

For admission into Kindergarten, a child must be at least five (5) years on or before Aug. 31 of the year of entrance. Children who are currently in our Pre-K program will automatically be registered into our Kindergarten.

Please call the school at 492-3435 to request a registration appointment and a chance for you and your child to meet the teachers.

The parent should also provide:

- the child's immunization record
- a printout of the last well child check-up
- official state birth certificate
- Social Security Number
- Proof of Shrewsbury Residence (utility bill, tax documents, etc.)

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Residents, Remember To File Your Homestead  
Declaration AND Property Tax  
Adjustment Claim for 2021  
Form HS-122 by April 18  
Links to forms on the town website  
[www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)

**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.

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Logan Nicoll: [lnicoll@leg.state.vt.us](mailto:lnicoll@leg.state.vt.us)

*The Vermont General Assembly is in session January thru June. To view committee member-ships, bills that have been introduced, track each bill's progress, and review committee agendas go to [www.leg.state.vt.us](http://www.leg.state.vt.us). During the week you can contact your legislator by leaving a message at the State House by calling 1-800-322-5616 or 828-2228 (the Sergeant-At-Arms' Office).*

**United States Senators:**

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Vermont Office: (802) 229-0569  
Washington office: (202) 224-4242

**Senator Bernie Sanders**

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Revised 8/1/2021

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.

## SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

|           |                |                                                                   |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Mar 25    | 4-6pm          | *Wine tasting at Pierce's Store                                   |
| Mar 26-27 |                | Vermont Maple Open House Weekend                                  |
| Mar 27    | 4pm            | *Science Book Club discussion via Zoom                            |
| April 1   |                | *Deadline to obtain Dog Licenses                                  |
| April 10  | 4pm            | *Famous Book Club discussion via Zoom                             |
| Apr 18    |                | *Vermont HS-122 (Homestead Declaration) Form due                  |
| April 24  | 4pm            | *Science Book Club discussion via Zoom                            |
| April 29  | 4-6pm          | *Orange wine tasting at Pierce's Store                            |
| Apr 30    | 8:30am-12:30pm | *Household hazardous waste event at Rutland Town Transfer Station |
| May 7     |                | Green Up Day in Vermont                                           |

\*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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### REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

|                                           |                                                                        |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Board of Selectman Meeting                | 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – 7pm at Town Office      |
| Bone Builders                             | Tuesdays & Thursdays – 9am at Meeting House                            |
| Development Review Board                  | 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed -7pm at Town Office; check town website for agenda |
| Library Trustees Meeting                  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7pm at Shrewsbury Library                    |
| Mill River Unified Union School Board Mtg | 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed 7pm @ MRHS & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed. 7pm 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 – Shrewsbury Center Church         |
| Shrewsbury Community Church               | Sundays – 10:30am - Kids Funday Program - Shrewsbury Center Church     |
| Shrewsbury Conservation Commission        | Postponed till 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday in February '22. Details TBA    |
| Shrewsbury Historical Society             | Postponed until further notice                                         |
| Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum      | Closed until further notice; Call 492-3324 for more information        |
| Shrewsbury Singers                        | Currently taking a break                                               |
| Shrewsbury Sno-Birds                      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 7pm at Southside Steakhouse in Rutland       |
| Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department      | Thursdays – 7pm at the Cuttingsville Station                           |

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

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|------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Clerk's Office         | 492-3511 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 or 492-3487 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 List: | 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

|                                                               |                                            |                                 |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Animal Control Officer: Vacant (Contact a Selectboard member) | 1 <sup>st</sup> 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       |

## SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

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

### **March 2, 2021: Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

Present at meeting: Selectboard members: Francis Wyatt, Aaron Korzun. Town Clerk: Megan LaChance. Justice of the Peace: Barry Griffith Lister: Sharon Winnicki  
Members of the Public: Steven Nicholson, Kristine Billings.  
The meeting was convened at 7:00pm

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Excess weight permits from Phoenix Feeds and Nutrition and Proctor Gas, Inc. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.  
Selection of Chair: F. Wyatt nominated Aaron Korzun to be the Chair of the Selectboard. A. Korzun seconded. Approved.

**Organization:** A. Korzun made a motion that time & place of regular Selectboard meetings is 6:30 PM at the Town Office on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The newspaper of record is the Times of Shrewsbury and the Rutland Herald. Places of posting are the Town Office, Cuttingsville Post Office and Pierces Store. F. Wyatt seconded. Discussion of the posting of voter list at Town Informational Meeting. Approved.

**Appointments:** A. Korzun made the motion to appoint the following list of people to their respective positions. Road Commissioner: Jamie Carrara, Emergency Management Director: Aaron Korzun, Emergency Management Coordinator: Steven Nicholson, Tree Warden: Gary Salmon, Rutland Regional Ambulance Service (3 year term): Gerry Martin, Green-up Coordinator: Connie Youngstrom, Zoning Administrator: Adrienne Raymond, Transfer Station Administrator: Bert Potter, Fence Viewers: Steven Nicholson, Bert Potter, Brian Winkler. Inspector of Lumber and Shingles: Greg Miller. Weigher of Coal: Greg Miller. Act 64 Advisory Committee Representative: Aaron Korzun. Transportation Council Representative at the RRPC: Adrienne Raymond. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.  
TBD: Pound Keeper, Energy Coordinator.

A. Korzun made the motion to appoint the following list of people to their respective positions. Planning Commission: Laura Black. Development Review Board: Alan Shelvey. Conservation Commission: Pam Darrow, Louise Duda. Library Board Trustee: Elijah LaChance. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.  
TBD: Meetinghouse Trustee

**Election Results:** The Town budget and all articles passed. Moderator: Eldred French. Steven Nicholson received enough write-in votes for Selectboard (41). Auditor: vacant. Lister 1 year: Susan Kennedy. Lister 3 year: vacant. Town Clerk (3 year): Megan LaChance. Both Constables: vacant. Mill River Union Unified District Director (3 year): Adrienne Raymond. George Brigham received 8 votes for Cemetery Commissioner, but 10 votes were required. A. Korzun made a motion to appoint George Brigham Jr. as Cemetery Commissioner. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved. Steven Nicholson will decide whether to accept the Selectboard position in the next two weeks. No other vacant positions received more than 2 write-in votes.

Excess Weight Permits: A. Korzun made a motion to accept the excess weight permits from Fabian Earthmoving, Markowski Excavating, Feed Commodities International, Phoenix Feeds and Nutrition, Inc., and Proctor Gas, Inc. F. Wyatt seconded. All paid fees and have insurance. Approved.

**New Business:** Kristine Billings expressed an interest in the Selectboard position.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 2/16/2021 Selectboard meetings minutes. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

**Review Orders:** A. Korzun made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #3 for \$5,987.65 and Road Orders #3 for \$9,139.70. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.  
Adjourned at 8:47pm

*Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt*  
*These minutes are unofficial until approved by the Selectboard at the next regularly scheduled meeting.*  
*Editor's Note: The minutes have been edited for brevity but not content. For complete minutes, go to the Town website [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org)*

### **March 16, 2022: Selectboard Meeting Minutes**

**Present at meeting:** Selectboard members: Francis Wyatt, Aaron Korzun, Steven Nicholson. Town Clerk: Megan LaChance. Treasurer: Linda McGuire.  
Members of the Public: None.  
The meeting was convened at 6:40pm

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following additions: Excess weight permits from Demag Riggers and Crane Service, James Carrara Excavating, R.K. Miles Inc. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**Election/Appointments:** S. Nicholson accepted the Selectboard position with the likely expectation that he will resign at the end of the year. A. Korzun made the motion to appoint Davis Terrell as Energy Coordinator. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.  
TBD: Pound Keeper.  
TBD: Meetinghouse Trustee

**Voter Checklist:** The Town Clerk informed the Selectboard that the voter checklist is only required to be posted at two locations, whereas warnings require three locations. Voter checklist is not required to be on the Town website. The voter checklist will be removed from the website.

**Excess Weight Permits:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the excess weight permits from HOP energy, Velco, Newton Trucking, Connecticut Valley Trucking, Cardinal Logistics, Champlain Construction Co., Demag Riggers and Crane Service, James Carrara Excavating, R.K. Miles Inc. S. Nicholson seconded. All paid fees and have insurance. Approved.

## SHREWSBURY SELECTBOARD MINUTES

(continued)

**Liquor License:** A. Korzun made a motion to approve a third class license for spirits, first class for malt and vinous beverages, and outside consumption permit for Rustic Rooster. F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

**ARPA Funds:** Received request from the Library for \$8,852 of ARPA funds due to inability to perform normal fund raising since COVID.

**New Business:** Discussed the need for more road crew.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 3/2/2022 Selectboard meetings minutes. Seconded by S. Nicholson. Approved.

### Review Orders:

F. Wyatt made a motion to correct Orders 2A to \$2,069.41 and correct Orders 3 to \$5,698.36. S. Nicholson seconded. Approved. S. Nicholson made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #3a for \$2,031.15 and Road Orders #3a for \$17,521.17. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.  
Adjourned at 8:30pm

*Respectfully submitted, Francis Wyatt*

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## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Your Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department is now seventy years old -- the anniversary of its formation on March 1, 1952, passed without fanfare. Is it too early to start planning for our diamond jubilee in 2027? The Fire Department is not working on that celebration yet. However, this past winter has been a time to look ahead and think about our future needs.

SVFD has two Fire Stations – one in Cuttingsville and one in Northam. Each Station currently houses an engine (capable of pumping water on a fire to extinguish it) and a tanker (needed in rural towns to shuttle needed water to the scene from a source). We are fortunate that all four of our present trucks are paid for and have been well maintained. Our sinking fund will enable us to make a substantial down payment when we must replace the next one. We expect that time will come before our 75th anniversary. The pumper in Cuttingsville Station is 22 years old now, the tanker 30 years old. We are planning for the day when they will no longer be reliable emergency vehicles.

Cuttingsville Station is perhaps the oldest fire station still in active use in Rutland County. It was built in 1954 to house Shrewsbury's first engine – a 1931 Chevy. Fire trucks were a lot smaller back then. In the 1980s members lowered the station floor as far as possible. That allowed the Department to increase the height of the bay doors. Alas, Cuttingsville Station still has less than nine feet of clearance. In the 1990s SVFD truck committees were able to come up with fire trucks which fit in – barely. The current search is in early days still. However, we have learned that a standard commercial truck chassis is bigger now than it was decades ago. As a result of the changing times and larger sizes, we have not yet found a manufacturer able to provide us with a new fire truck which will fit into Cuttingsville Station.

We are continuing that search. Our volunteers have also been brainstorming options we might pursue if our search continues to come up empty. We won't have an answer this month – perhaps not even in a year. We will keep you posted. In the meantime, enjoy the spring and **STAY FIRE SAFE.**

*~Submitted by Barry Griffith*



### STOMP THAT PLASTIC!!

Just to the right as you enter the Transfer Station area is the 40-yard roll off dumpster. That dumpster is where Paul and Jeremiah put all the plastic to be hauled off. It's picked up a couple times each month and hauled off for "recycling." The town used to receive payment for the plastic but in the last 3-4 years Bert Potter (Transfer Station Administrator) says that the town pays \$75 each time it is hauled away. Bert says the most weight we get in the dumpster is .8 ton...not even a full ton! BUT...we can all help kick that up to a ton (maybe) by stomping on our plastic and flattening it. That would add more weight to the dumpster for fewer haul trips. So let's get on it....and stomp those plastic containers! *~by Cheryl Martin*

### THE SVFD NEEDS YOU!

We need new and younger members. The Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department (SVFD) can provide equipment, training, and support. Whether you've had prior experience as a first responder or have no experience at all! We need volunteers. Men or women who would like further information may call Bob Snarski at 492-3505, Barry Griffith at 492-3573, or Jack Perry at 773-3278. No commitment necessary.

**RESULTS OF 2022 ANNUAL MEETING  
MARCH 1 ANNUAL MEETING ELECTION**

Shrewsbury registered voters = 927  
Total Votes Counted = 315 (34.1% Participation)

|                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|---------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Moderator:                                  | Eldred French – 284<br>Write-Ins – 7                                                                                                                                                                                             | 14. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$2,526</b> to help support VNA & Hospice of the Southwest Region?<br><b>YES – 265 No – 50</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Selectboard:                                | Steven Nicholson – 41<br>Other Write-Ins – 23                                                                                                                                                                                    | 15. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend the sum of <b>\$150</b> to help support the Green Up Vermont organization?<br><b>YES – 260 No – 56</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Auditor:                                    | Write-Ins – 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 16. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$130</b> to help support the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)?<br><b>YES – 262 No – 51</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Lister (3yr):                               | Write-Ins – 22                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 17. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$700</b> to help support the Southwestern Vermont Council on Aging?<br><b>YES – 250 No – 63</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Lister (1yr):                               | Susan Kennedy – 260<br>Write-Ins - 1                                                                                                                                                                                             | 18. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,192</b> to help support Rutland Mental Health Services?<br><b>YES – 247 No – 64</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Town Clerk:                                 | Megan LaChance – 278<br>Write-Ins - 1                                                                                                                                                                                            | 19. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$150</b> to help support New Story (formally the Rutland County Women's Network and Shelter)?<br><b>YES – 267 No – 47</b>                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| First Constable:                            | Write-Ins – 15                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 20. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$600</b> to help support BROCC-Community Action in Southwestern Vermont?<br><b>YES – 239 No – 71</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Second Constable:                           | Write-Ins – 14                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 21. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$400</b> to help support the Rutland County Parent Child Center?<br><b>YES – 246 No – 67</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Cemetery Commissioner:                      | Write-Ins – 37                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 22. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$250</b> to help support the Vermont Family Network?<br><b>YES – 234 No – 71</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Mill River Union Unified District Director: | Adrienne Raymond – 173<br>Kristine Billings – 145<br>Write-Ins – 1                                                                                                                                                               | 23. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$150</b> to help support the Rutland County Humane Society?<br><b>YES – 262 No – 49</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| 2.                                          | Shall the Town approve a total general fund expenditure of <b>\$1,145,086</b> of which <b>\$656,280</b> shall be raised by taxes and <b>\$488,806</b> by non-property tax revenues and surplus funds?<br><b>YES – 261 No -57</b> | 24. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$170</b> to help support the Vermont Center for Independent Living?<br><b>YES – 244 No – 69</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| 3.                                          | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,500</b> for the Town Office Reserve Fund?<br><b>YES – 265 No – 51</b>                                                                                                        | 25. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$400</b> to help support the Child First Advocacy Center?<br><b>YES – 248 No – 63</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4.                                          | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,500</b> for the Town Garage Reserve Fund?<br><b>YES – 279 No -38</b>                                                                                                         | 26. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$500</b> to help support the American Red Cross of NH/VT?<br><b>YES – 252 No – 58</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 5.                                          | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,000</b> for the Town Office Equipment Reserve Fund?<br><b>YES – 264 No – 52</b>                                                                                              | 27. | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$500</b> to help support Vermont Adult Learning?<br><b>YES – 240 No – 73</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 6.                                          | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$65,000</b> for the Town Road Equipment Fund?<br><b>YES – 276 No – 40</b>                                                                                                       | 28. | Shall the taxes be postmarked on or before, or in the hands of the Treasurer no later than 7:00 P.M., <b>Friday, October 7, 2022</b> ?<br><b>YES – 287 No – 26</b>                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 7.                                          | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$1,000</b> for the Town Records Restoration Reserve Fund?<br><b>YES – 269 No – 49</b>                                                                                           | 29. | Shall the Town of Shrewsbury be required, following notification from the Public Utility Commission, to inform its residents when sources of radiofrequency radiation, such as that emitted from cell towers and antennas are being proposed for installation or modification within the town limits? <b>YES -256 NO – 60</b>                              |
| 8.                                          | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$35,000</b> for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund?<br><b>YES – 274 No – 43</b>                                                                    | 30. | Shall the voters vote to exempt from property taxes for a period of five years the properties (fire stations) owned by the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department, which are located at 23 Shunpike Road and 9800 Cold River Road, and which are used by said Fire Department exclusively for the purposes of said organization?<br><b>YES – 279 NO – 37</b> |
| 9.                                          | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$16,000</b> for the Shrewsbury Community Meeting House?<br><b>YES – 264 No – 53</b>                                                                                             |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 10.                                         | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$35,000</b> for the Shrewsbury Volunteer Fire Department Operating Fund?<br><b>YES – 281 No – 34</b>                                                                            |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 11.                                         | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$7,500</b> for the Shrewsbury Library?<br><b>YES – 267 No – 51</b>                                                                                                              |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 12.                                         | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$2,500</b> for the Shrewsbury Historical Society?<br><b>YES – 252 No – 60</b>                                                                                                   |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 13.                                         | Shall the Town raise, appropriate and expend <b>\$250</b> to help support the Rutland Natural Resources Conservation District? <b>YES – 247 No – 65</b>                                                                          |     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

## Aren Patton Serving in AmeriCorps

Aren Patton (son of Doug & Rachelle Patton) of Cuttingsville is currently serving with the National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC), a 10-month, full-time AmeriCorps program. Aren began his term of service in Fall 2021 at the Pacific Region campus in Sacramento, Calif. and will graduate from the program in June 2022.



AmeriCorps NCCC operates out of four campuses (California, Colorado, Iowa, and Mississippi), which serve as regional administrative hubs and training facilities. Founded in 1994, AmeriCorps NCCC strengthens communities and develops its young adult members into leaders. These dedicated citizens help communities across the nation, ensuring students stay on track to graduate, combatting hunger and homelessness, responding to natural disasters, fighting the opioid epidemic, helping seniors live independently, supporting veterans and military families, and much more.

Aren said, "I chose to do a term of service to help struggling communities in times of need while using the program as a whole to inform my future life direction." As a Member, Aren is completing a series of different six- to 12-week-long service projects in different places across his assigned region as part of a five - to 12-person team. Projects support disaster relief, the environment, infrastructure improvement, energy conservation, and urban and rural development.

AmeriCorps NCCC members complete at least 1,700 hours of service during the 10-month program. Corps Members are all 18 to 26 years old; there is no upper age limit for Team Leaders. In exchange for their service, all program participants receive \$6,495 to help pay for college. Other benefits include a small living stipend, room and board, leadership development, team building skills, and the knowledge that, through active citizenship, they can indeed make a difference. For more information about AmeriCorps NCCC, visit the website at [www.americorps.gov/nccc](http://www.americorps.gov/nccc).

## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Hello Shrewsbury Neighbors,

Thank you for showing up to vote and thank you for your support!

Even though I did not win, campaigning for the MRUUSD School Board was energetic and downright fun. Nerves at first were quickly eased by friendly waves, cheerful smiles, hearty laughs, sincere conversations and sweet hot cocoa. It was wonderful to actively engage with so many of you.

For those that voiced concerns to me, please take these to the board in a public format either through written and/or verbal submission. If this school district is to reflect our beautiful strong community, the school board needs to hear it from you. Furthermore, I wish Adrienne Raymond and all the MRUUSD members the best and look forward to watching our district move back to excellence. Here's to Mill River!!!!

~Submitted by Kristine Billings

### Thank you to the Times!

Thank you for featuring SAGE, with its focus on sugaring, on the front page! The spotlight on a tradition everyone loves—and is sweet, after all—reminds us of our sense of community.

~Submitted by Joan Aleshire

### Dear Voters of Shrewsbury,

I appreciate so much the support you showed me at the Town Meeting election. I will continue making all my board decisions with all the kids of our district in my mind.

~Submitted by Adrienne Raymond, School Director



### Bone Builders

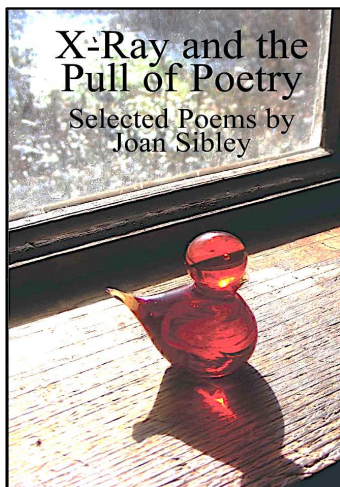
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Bones, Balance, and Strength

### X-Ray and the Pull of Poetry

Selected Poems by  
Joan Sibley



### X-RAY AND THE PULL OF POETRY

Joan Sibley was a poet who lived quietly in our town for many years. Martha Izzi and Penelope Weiss have recently published a book of Joan's poems, **X-Ray and the Pull of Poetry**, now available at Pierce's Store and also at Wally's Corner. In addition, the library will schedule our talk later in the spring about Joan and her work. We hope to see you at Pierce's, at Wally's Corner, and at the library, too.

Martha Herbert Izzi and Penelope Weiss

**Ten-year anniversary  
of  
Shrewsbury Community Forum**

This month marks the 10-year anniversary of the Community Forum on the Future of Shrewsbury, hosted in April 2012 and facilitated by Shrewsbury resident Nancy Bell. Over 100 Shrewsberries attended the event, gathering in small groups and answering questions such as “What do you love about this place we call Shrewsbury?” and “What is your vision for its future?”

I recently reviewed the results from the community forum, and came away feeling inspired as I read the perspectives shared by the community 10 years ago. The written summary is worth reading to reconnect with what so many of us have in common: a web link can be found online at:

<https://shrewsburyvt.org/town-departments/conservation-commission>

Reading the notes from this forum, it's clear how many of us share a deep love and connection to our town: for the people of Shrewsbury, its character, wildlife, landscape, history, culture, and community.

To summarize some of the main themes that came out of the meeting: love for the quaintness and inclusiveness of Shrewsbury, intergenerational friendships, the sense of community and community spirit. Love for our neighbors, the eclectic people in town, the ways that we get involved and help, the pockets of hidden talent and the generosity of neighbors. Much appreciation was shared for the quality of our town institutions: the road crew, fire department, library, transfer station, Mountain School, Town Hall, Times of Shrewsbury, Pierce's Store, Spring Lake Ranch, Snowbirds, Historical Society, and too many others to list.

The most extensive section was about the physical landscape on which we live: the beauty of our town, clean air and water, quietness and peacefulness, and the many names for all the meadows, forests, views, mountains, trails, and bodies of water. We valued all the ways our community values local food production, in gardens, agriculture, sugaring, hunting, and foraging.

In talking about our vision for Shrewsbury's future, the most common themes were diversity of people in Shrewsbury, keeping and attracting younger residents, helping older residents, affordable living, and civic participation. There was broad support for our Shrewsbury Mountain school, town meeting, local food production, and conserving land.

These thoughts were shared 10 years ago, and while so much is the same today, a lot has changed too. I wonder what thoughts Shrewsberries might share today about what they love about Shrewsbury, the opportunities and challenges for our town's future. I recently had the pleasure of joining Melissa Reichart and Laura Black on the town's Planning Commission. If reviewing the results of this forum sparks any thoughts about Shrewsbury and its future, I hope you'll share them with us! I can be reached at 492-6265 or woodbeau@gmail.com.

*Submitted by Ryan Fitzbeauchamp*

**SHREWSBURY MEETING HOUSE  
OUTDOOR CONCERT SERIES**



**Hello Friends of Live Music!**

I am so excited to report that our 3rd season of the Outdoor Concerts at the Shrewsbury Meetinghouse is in place, and we'll look forward again to hearing high quality, diverse styles of music right in our own backyard. We are not changing much about how we do things, except that we hope to include an occasional food or ice cream truck to make our concert evenings even sweeter. In a future issue, I'll provide more details about band bios and what you can expect to hear. For now, mark your calendars and plan to join us in the heart of Shrewsbury! ~Vicky Arthur

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|------|----|-----------------------------------|
| June | 4  | Krishna Guthrie Band              |
| June | 18 | Will Patton Ensemble              |
| June | 25 | Gypsy Reel                        |
| July | 10 | (Sun.) Yankee Chank               |
| July | 23 | Tone Dog with Silas Hamilton      |
| July | 30 | Hermit Hollow String Band         |
| Aug  | 13 | Foundry Jazz Trio with Bear Irwin |
| Aug  | 27 | Rick Redington and the Luv        |
| Sept | 10 | The Plumb Bobs                    |

Concerts on Saturdays, beginning at 5 pm., unless otherwise noted. Rain Dates will be the following evening whenever possible



**Mark your calendar!  
Shrewsbury Day  
September 17, 2022**



## Shrewsbury Pond (now known as Spring Lake)

This narrative about Shrewsbury Pond is based on articles in the *Rutland Herald*. (Note: Spring Lake was known as Shrewsbury Pond up until about 1920-1930)

April 11, 1896

“Several residents of Rutland met last evening at the office of J. C. Jones to organize a club and make arrangements for the building of a club house on Shrewsbury Pond.

E. White called the meeting to order. The Chairman, B. K. Houston, and C. H. Weed were chosen provisional trustees and R. L. McCammon treasurer.

The club house will be 18 by 24 feet in dimensions and will comprise six rooms, two on the first floor and four on the second. The house will be located in a picturesque spot on the shores of the pond near a cold spring that has never been known to dry up even in the hottest of July weather. Work will begin at once on the structure, which will probably be completed by May 1.”

April 16, 1896

“The club which is to build a club house on the shores of Shrewsbury Pond has completed arrangements for the lease of a plot of land and will erect the house at once.”

April 22, 1896

“B. K. Houston has completed plans for the proposed club house at Shrewsbury Pond, and will begin building the house as soon as the lumber can be drawn.”

May 6, 1896 (25 days after the Club was organized)

### “The Shrewsbury Pond Club House Completed

“Charles H. Weed, accompanied by John S. Sheldon, William Sterl and Mr. Ross, goes today to the new club house at Shrewsbury Pond for a 10 days’ outing. The club house is practically finished, and as it stands, is much more elaborate than it was first planned. The structure is two stories high. There are two rooms, a sitting room and a kitchen on the first floor and four bedrooms on the second. A broad piazza on the front of the house is in full view of the lake and sufficiently shaded to make it a cool resort in hot weather. From the second story a magnificent view can be obtained of the mountain peaks as well as the water.

The annual dues of the “Shrewsbury Pond Fishing Club” were set at \$3 per person at the Club meeting in January, 1897. (That is equivalent to \$102.55 in 2021). That would seem to be a deal if it included accommodations at the house.)

On the last day of April in 1897, the Club announced that it was getting the house ready for the fishing season and “... the members who are counting upon a string of trout ...on Saturday will find the house and grounds in good condition. The club has bought two of the Island Park boats owned by the Rutland Street Railway company and they will be taken to the pond at once.”

An article on November 20, 1931 interviewing a woman, Malina Smith Hodges, born in 1842, told to whom the club owed the good fishing. “I can remember when there were no trout in that pond. Grandpa Bowman and Deacon Crary put in the first ones

that ever swam there. Grandpa Bowman was the father of John Bowman that built the mausoleum at Cuttingsville.”

~Submitted by Alan Shelvey  
(based on articles from the *Rutland Herald* ifrom the 1890’s)



### News From the Laurel Glen Cemetery Association

Spring is here. This means that the statue of John Bowman kneeling and the entrance to his family mausoleum will soon be uncovered. Here is a brief update from the Trustees of the Laurel Glen Cemetery Association of 1894.

The November dedication of the Vermont Historic Roadside Marker at Laurel Hall provided a great opportunity to network with people interested in our historic property. The Preservation Trust of Vermont (PTV) continues to provide the Association with advice and support. As you know; the money John Bowman left for the maintenance of the buildings and grounds more than a century ago can no longer pay for everything that needs to be done. Our Trustees now need to apply for grants and engage in fundraising. Our Board is busy learning about these. Trustees Tom Giffin and Barry Griffith recently attended a virtual fundraising workshop put on by PTV which provided much useful information. Mostly, we learned that this is a lot of work.

You also know; the deteriorating cemetery wall along Route 103 needs attention. We connected with legislators this winter, hoping perhaps we could get the General Assembly to provide money to do this. That was a long shot and did not happen. However, we have identified a program run by the Vermont Agency of Transportation which might provide for 80% of the cost using federal funds – if the project qualifies. It is not clear that it does. We are pursuing that inquiry and are also searching out other possibilities.

We have an important event already scheduled for this summer. On Saturday, August 6 members of the Vermont Old Cemetery Association (VOCA) will be coming to Laurel Glen Cemetery. Volunteers will spend the morning repairing and cleaning headstones and performing other work on the grounds. We plan to open Laurel Hall for tours that afternoon when the work is complete. We will be looking for folks to help that morning and afternoon. We also intend to have other open houses over the summer – we will keep you posted.

Volunteers helped to make our marker dedication ceremony a success, and volunteer help is vital to our continuing plans. We have spoken of establishing a group Friends of Bowman Mansion to bring a structure to those efforts. Let us know if you want to a part of that group. We will try to provide you with updates on our efforts in future editions of the Times. If you want more information and use Facebook, you can check out and “like” our Facebook page Laurel Glen Bowman Mansion. Either way, we will provide updates here in the Times. Until then, enjoy the spring weather. ~Article by Barry Griffith

# SHREWSBURY LIBRARY

Library News Submitted by Joan Aleshire

## LIBRARY & FOOD SHELF HOURS

Monday 10am to 12pm

Tuesday 7pm to 9pm

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

Thursday 7pm to 9pm

Friday 10am to 12pm

Saturday 10am to 12pm

**\*\*MASK ADVISORY:** As of this writing, we're keeping our masks on, and ask that patrons do too. When, and if, local rates of infection fall to safer levels, masking will become optional. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation!

**\*\*THANK YOU, SHREWSBURY VOTERS** for once again approving the Library's funding request for the coming year: \$7,500 for basic operating expenses!

We're sorry to announce that DAPHNE HEMMER has resigned from the Board of Trustees. DAPHNE and her family are longtime Library supporters — both ALEX and ROBERTA were Student Trustees — and we're happy to know that she'll continue to staff as her time allows.

**OPENING:** With Daphne's resignation, we have an opening on our 13-member Board. If you love libraries and small volunteer organizations; can attend a Board meeting the second Tuesday of every month at 7pm.; are willing to staff twice a month during library hours; serve on a committee; and help with fund-raising events, please e-mail a member of the Nominating Committee: Gail Hartigan (scgthartigan@vermontel.net, Trish Norton at (knsh@vermontel.org), or Lisa Sharrow at (cutsvil@vermontel.net).

## Continuing Programs via Zoom

Sunday, April 10 @ 4pm FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB. We'll meet a week earlier than usual for the second discussion of Dante's *Paradiso*. Contact Joan (joanaleshire@vermontel.net) if you want to join us and need a copy; we welcome new members!

Sunday, April 24 @ 4pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: TBA. Margery Salmon will let Book Club members know what the next book will be.

## Coming Events on hold for now...

### New Books include:

• *Marjorie Would Be Pleased* by Sally Dyer Deinzer: The story of how our own Pierces' Store, owned by North Shrewsbury's Pierce family for almost a hundred years, became a vibrant 21st century enterprise: an essential record and an inspiring template for other community organizations. Congratulations, Sally!

• *Index, A History of the... A Bookish Adventure from Medieval Manuscripts to the Digital Age* by Dennis Duncan: A fascinating survey for everyone who's ever looked up anything in the back of a book.

• *How to Be Perfect: The Correct Answer to Every Moral Question* by Michael Schur: A humorous but deeply serious exploration of values by the star of *The Good Place*.

• *The Swimmers*: A powerful new novel by Julie Otsuka, by the author of *The Buddha in the Attic* and *When the Emperor Was Divine*.

• *One Damn Thing After Another* by William P. Barr: The controversial memoir by the controversial former Attorney General.

• *Mercy Street*: A timely new novel by Jennifer Haigh, author of *Heat and Light*, that novelist Richard Russo, called "a book so good, it gobsmeaked me."

• *Sandy Hook: An American Tragedy and the Search for Truth* by Susan Williamson: A journalist's investigation of how a school shooting became the occasion for a pervasive conspiracy theory.

• *In Love* by Amy Bloom: A novelist's moving memoir of her husband's last years with Alzheimer's disease, and how she helped him end his life.

• *The Dawn of Everything: A New History of Humanity* by David Graeber and David Wengrow: A wildly ambitious, provocative study by the late, revered radical thinker and the anthropologist who completed his unfinished book.

• *The Tree Line: The Last Forest and The Future of Life on Earth* by Ben Rawlins.

### New DVDs:

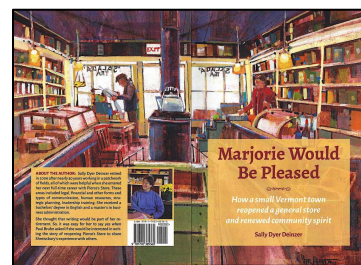
• *Belfast*, written and directed by actor Kenneth Branagh, based on his childhood in Northern Ireland, nominated for many awards.

• *The French Dispatch*, directed by Wes Anderson, with a cast of stars, including the brilliant Bill Murray.

• *Dune*: The latest re-make of this sci-fi classic, this one starring Timothee Chalamet.

• *King Richard*: Will Smith stars in this biopic as the father of tennis stars Serena and Venus Williams.

• *The Souvenir*: Johanna Hogg's portrait of a young woman in London, based on her own life and starring Tilda Swinton and her daughter, Honor Swinton Byrne.



### Sally's Book

Copies of Sally Deinzer's book, *Marjorie Would Be Pleased*, can be purchased online from the Vermont Preservation Trust at pvermont.org. There might be some available at Pierce's Store too as long as they last ...only 150 copies were printed, so the best place to see it might be at the Shrewsbury Library!

Also, if you know of anyone who could benefit from tips in the book about opening a similar venture, please encourage them to contact the Vermont Preservation Trust.



## VT F&W SAYS BEARS BECOMING ACTIVE IT'S TIME TO TAKE DOWN BIRD FEEDERS!

The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department says warm spring weather and melting snows will cause bears to come out of their winter dens in search of food. They recommend taking down bird feeders and keeping them stored until December, to avoid attracting bears.

“Although we typically recommend taking down bird feeders by April 1, we are asking Vermonters to take them down early this year.” said Jaclyn Comeau, the department’s bear biologist. The department is already receiving bear reports as of March 7, and encourages Vermonters who experience a conflict with bears to submit a report through the Living with Black Bears web page. The warmer temperatures predicted now will stimulate more bears to emerge from their dens to seek any food sources they can smell.

“Preventing bears from having access to human-related foods, such as bird seed, is key to successful coexistence,” Comeau added.

Bird feeders are just one of the things that can attract hungry bears. Other sources of food that bears find appealing are garbage, open dumpsters, backyard chickens, pet food, barbecue grills, campsites with accessible food, and food waste.

“Purposely feeding a bear is not just bad for the bear” said Comeau. “It is also dangerous for you, it causes problems for your neighbors, and it is illegal.” The department offers the following tips to coexist with bears:

- Take down birdfeeders between late March and December.
- Store garbage in bear proof containers or structures—trash cans alone are not enough.
- Follow the steps on our web page for composting in bear country.
- Use electric fences to keep chickens and honeybees safe
- Request a bear-proof dumpster from your waste hauler.
- Feed your pets indoors. Never feed bears, deliberately or accidentally.

And for Vermonters who wish to connect with and appreciate songbirds after taking down their birdfeeders this spring, the department will be partnering with Audubon Vermont to highlight alternatives like the Native Plants for Birds Program.

To help better understand peoples’ interactions with bears and inform measures for coexistence with this species, the department asks Vermonters to submit reports of bears engaging in potentially dangerous behavior like targeting bird feeders or garbage bins, feeding on crops or livestock, or investigating campgrounds or residential areas, through our website’s Living with Black Bears tab.

*Information obtained from Vermont Fish & Wildlife website*



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# CUB REPORTER PAGE

Message from Gramma Bear to Shrewsbury Mountain School students:



The *Times of Shrewsbury* is reserving a full page(s) just for young reporters, beginning April, 2022. Show us, in your own words and pictures what's HAPPENING. What's important to you?

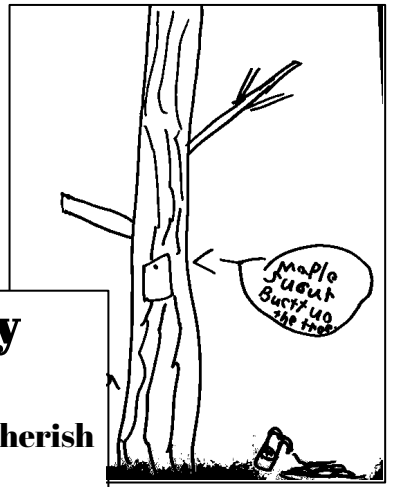
How was your Winter Sports program? What are you discovering in your studies of Science, Math, History, World Events, Language etc., etc.?

Please share. I'm looking forward to reading your stories, and seeing your drawings. I'd like to fit your work into the **CUB REPORTER PAGE!** I'll be at SMS soon to answer questions. See you then! Best Wishes,  
G.B. (Gramma Bear. AKA Grace Brigham)



**Our Town**  
By SMS 5th & 6th Grades

Shrewsbury  
Graceful mountains  
Oak, maple, birch and pine  
Friends and family are where home is  
Welcome



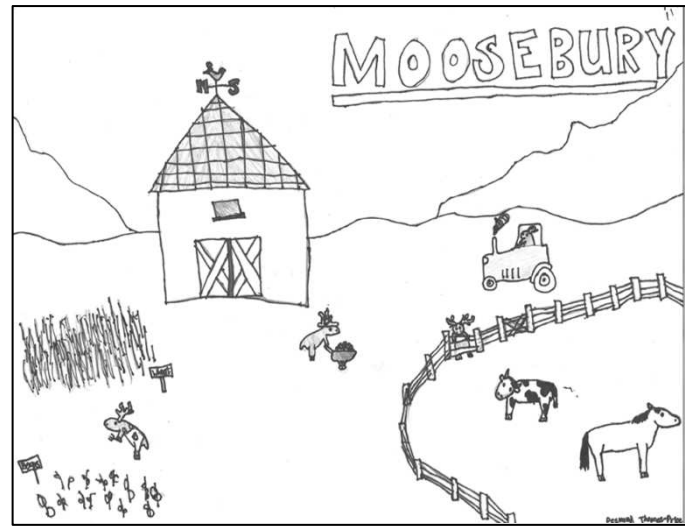
**THE HUNTER**  
100 Word Saga by Ethan Yarwood

1892 BCE- Treading carefully, I can't make a sound or I'll scare away the possible prey. There, a deer, a big one too. I pull an arrow to my cheek and let it go. THUMP. It drops to the ground, a successful hunt. I carry the deer back home. The deer could have sustained me for a year, but while gutting it, my copper knife cut the stomach open and spoiled lots of valuable meat. I'll be lucky if it lasts 5 months.

1891 BCE - My house was destroyed by a blazing fire, nothing left, everything, all gone.

**Shrewsbury**  
Kind and giving  
A peaceful community to cherish  
Together as one

By Linnea



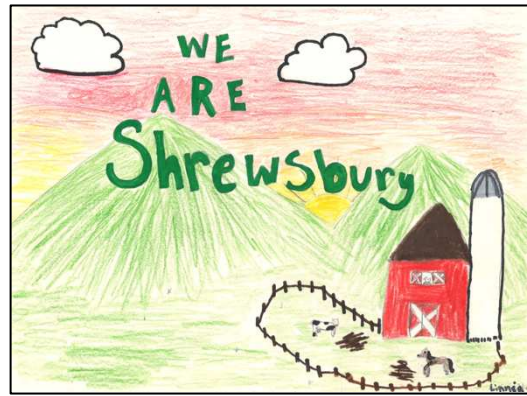
**Scoops from 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Next Monday (March 14) our school will not require masks! ~ Chase

At the end of March 2 graders will start "Book Buddies" with Pre-K! ~ Annabel, Parker, Leium, & Mason

We have been learning about the Water Cycle. ~ Netti & Alannah

by Netti and Alannah



## MAP (Multi Age Primary) Report of winter sports program

I loved learning to ski. Now I can pizza, french fry, and turn! ~Everett

I learn to stop...to turn by sitting a little on my skis. ~Laurel

I'm proud how good I was at skiing. Also, getting up when I fell. ~Ella

I love getting better at skiing and learning to jump. ~Kahlan

I learned to jump and it was awesome! ~Ruby

I really liked jumping while skiing down the mountain. ~Eliza

I loved the magic carpet and snow boarding down. ~Isabelle

I like snow boarding because I got better at it.... ~Kayla

I thought I was going to fall when I was snowboarding...ten runs without falling! ~Cooper

They taught me how to turn by turning my snowboard. You have to try and try to get better. ~Zoey

I like to how we got to go out of the (school) boundaries. I think it's nice that Mr. Gaines let us use his meadow. ~Jenea

I like seeing people sledding. I liked the view in Gaines's meadow. ~Nathaniel

I like snowshoeing and sledding too...I like packing down the trail. ~Isley

I liked Gaines's meadow; we got to sled down the hill. I stood on top of the hill and looked around. ~Hal



### Friendship By Adelynne

Friends are their  
In the very darkest parts  
Of your life

Here to help  
To bring you back up  
into the light

To laugh, talk  
About the problems you have  
And have fun

And just remember  
The funniest moments of life  
Are with friends

So keep friends close and never  
Let  
Go



### Nippers By Adara Mae

This is a story about how my family adopted Nippers, my family dog. We all love her. When she was a puppy, her mom was crossing a road and was hit by a car. After a few days, the puppies were found on the side of the road. They were taken to a shelter, where they were treated and loved by the workers. When Nippers was 9 months old we adopted her. My sister, my mom and I were all in the car driving home from my aunt's house. My daddy was home.

When we pulled into our driveway, I jumped out of the car, ran inside and found Daddy and a small, tan dog watching TV. I ran to my dad, but he said "Do not come too close."

Because Nippers was growling, I walked slowly to her until my hand reached her head. I started to pet her. She loved it. It took a week for Nippers to get used to us. Now she loves us and never wants to go back to that shelter.

Nippers is a mixed breed boxer - we don't know what the other mix is. We adopted her in October 2019 from a rescue in Alabama. We celebrate her birthday on March 7th. She just turned 3 years old! She loves to run and jump! Nippers is very protective of her family.

Consider adopting a dog or cat too. You can make a difference in the human world and the animal world.

## Unsettling Awakening

It is wondrous, the awakening of the natural world. It fills our ears with bird song, our noses with earthy smells, our eyes with the simple appearance of open fields and grass.

This is an unsettling Spring. A real-life monster is tearing a great hole in the Earth, its actions reverberating in so many harmful ways. It is tearing a hole in our collective soul. We are seeing the shocking darkness at the rotten core of unchecked power and wealth.

What do we have to stand against this, other than our love for one another, the hopeful determined actions of the many vs. the deliberate and determined evil of a few. As we emerge into the Spring from our places of winter refuge, we can turn our hands to what is Life-giving, Life nurturing, Life affirming. We can follow ancient rituals of faith in Life with the planting of seeds in our gardens. We can plant seeds of our dreams and visions for a peaceful future, and be ready to nurture these with our actions. It won't just happen by itself.

We are amazing beings, capable beyond our beliefs in ourselves, beyond our self-imposed boundaries. What should we do, then? Each one, fill in the blanks here! Be your amazing self in answering to the monster. You have an answer. You may not think we need more reminding to love our neighbors, to be kind, to be generous, but I think that amid the noise of our media driven world, we don't hear these things enough. I am always glad to get such messages. It's good to be reminded.

*With love for the people of Ukraine, and love for our Earth,  
~by Pam Darrow*



### BOOK REVIEWS

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

## How I Killed Pluto and Why It Had It Coming

by Mike Brown

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This was a delightful read about a young astronomer, Mike Brown, and his colleagues and their work in searching the skies and space to discover unknown bodies--possibly unknown planets. Even working with powerful telescopes, Hale and Palomar, the Schmidt telescope, it is hard work piecing together the ever-changing sky to look for something new. I am trying not to say "needle in a haystack." Oops. He is obsessed, of course. One would have to be to be dedicated in this challenging task. Brown, of course, is responsible for demoting Pluto from real planet status to "dwarf" planet. He's gotten hate mail from schoolchildren because of his lifetime achievement! This book is for anyone who has ever looked up at the sky and imagined the universe beyond. A fun read and a real look into the day to day of a scientist's life. I recommend this to you with five stars.

*~Reviewed by Marilyn Dalick (Science Book Group)*

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# Shrewsbury Historical Society

www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com

## Thank you

Thank you to all who voted yes to the Society's request for monies to maintain the Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum. We are hoping to open this year and are being cautious for now. In the meantime, if you need to do research call 802-492-3324 and we can make an appointment, wearing masks of course.

## Remembering when . . .

Before moving to Vermont full time in the 1980s, Con and I and two children lived on Long Island for 30 years in what was called, a "development", featuring either a ranch style one floor house with 3 bedrooms or a Cape Cod with two floors. Just out of service, the GI Bill helped us to be able to purchase our home for \$11,990. The size of our property was a quarter of an acre. Our kitchen door was five feet away from our neighbor's kitchen door. Is it any wonder that we appreciate the vastness and freedom of our 16 acres in beautiful Vermont?

But, we did have so many advantages. When I think back, Con went to work in our car every day, leaving me with my job as homemaker. I did not need a car. First of all, on our side steps was a metal container that the milkman would use to furnish my family with all dairy products, from milk to eggs. A Dugan man would arrive every other day with a tray of fresh breads, and assorted pastries to choose from. The dry cleaner man would arrive to pick up any dry cleaning or to bring back freshly cleaned clothing on hangers. A soda man would deliver seltzer, (oh those beautiful cobalt blue fizzy bottles) and sodas and beer. Our trash filled metal garbage cans which were put by the curb for pickup by the town.

Every once in a while, you could hear the cling clang sound of a bell announcing that the knife and scissor sharpener was in the neighborhood. And a horn honking selling fresh seafood. Of course, the children would love the sound of the large truck that

offered whip-like chairs that you would find at carnivals just for kids for 10 cents a ride.

**The Good Humor** ice cream man would ring his bell and all the kids would run to their house for change from their mothers. Our driver Dominic was so kind and friendly he came by for years and was the kids' favorite ice cream man. Two newspapers were delivered daily. Mail came to the box on the front lawn. And being such a small plot of land, mowing was done by Con as he planted a large veggie garden and did not have much else to mow.

And of course, we had the traveling vacuum cleaner man. I was so desperate one summer, my old vacuum did not pick up as much as it used to, so I actually called the Electrolux man and ordered a new cleaner from him and paid it off in installments. That vacuum still works for me today.

I guess what I am trying to say is that living during those years was easy. Large supermarkets started to grow and food shopping was a weekly event. A ride further away were large department stores where you could buy anything. A nice large library, a firehouse, a local hospital, many movie houses, churches and Temples and schools galore. The "development" was close enough to walk to many listed. Our kids grew up and our thoughts of a change happened. Our family trips always included Vermont.

In 1972 our dream of owning property in Vermont came true. Our builder was Al Ridlon, Sr. He finished our dream house in 1974 with a special blessing written by him on the foundation in the basement. We became friends with Al and his family. We loved traveling up each weekend to watch our house being built and took many photos. One of them is a favorite. I am standing in the middle of 16 beautiful acres, surrounded by stone walls, with a brook in the ravine twinkling away, with the mountains behind me, and with my arms outstretched trying to show my swelling heart was filled with thankfulness.

*Happy Spring everyone! ~Ruth Winkler*

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Thick slabs of winter  
Pushed up by warming river  
Spring cracking knuckles

*Haiku by John O'Dowd*

# The Shrewsbury Community Church



*Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley*

The Shrewsbury Community Church Welcomes all Visitors. Spring is in the air! We can officially wave goodbye to the winter blues! All are welcome to join us for Sunday Services at the Center Church, upstairs at the Shrewsbury Meeting House. The sanctuary is large enough to easily maintain safe social distancing. It is always uplifting! We can meditate in the quiet and beauty of the sanctuary, enjoy the beautiful organ and piano music, and hear an uplifting message from our Pastor Wendy Savery. You may also request the virtual service at roxramah@gmail.com).

Special Thanks to our musicians Marcos Levy and Roxanne Ramah! We are truly blessed to have them provide beautiful music for us each Sunday.

## **Crocus-Minded**

*by Jo Sorley*

It takes courage  
to be crocus-minded.  
God, I'd rather wait until June,  
Like wise roses,  
When the hazards of winter are safely behind,  
and I'm expected,  
and everything's ready for roses.  
But crocuses?  
Highly irregular.  
Knifing through hard-frozen ground and snow,  
and sticking their necks out,  
because they believe in spring  
and have something personal  
and emphatic to say about it.  
God, I am by nature rose-minded.  
Even when I have studied the situation here  
and know there are wrongs that need righting,  
affirmations that need stating,  
and know also that my speaking out may offend . . .  
for it rocks the boat . . .

Well, I'd rather wait until June.  
Maybe later things will work themselves out,  
and we won't have to make an issue of it.  
God, forgive,  
Wrongs don't work themselves out.  
Injustices and inequities and hurts don't just dissolve.  
Somebody has to stick her neck out,  
Somebody who cares enough  
to think through  
and work through hard ground,  
because she believes  
and has something personal  
and emphatic to say about it.  
Me God?  
Crocus-minded?  
Could it be that there are things that need to be said,  
and you want me to say them?  
I pray for courage.

## **Church Calendar: All Services are at the Center Church and Meeting House**

- Sunday April 3, 10:30am Worship & Holy Communion led by Pastor Wendy Savery.
- Sunday April 10, 10:30am Palm Sunday Worship Service led by Pastor Wendy Savery.
- Sunday April 17, 10:30am Easter Worship Service led by Pastor Wendy Savery.
- Sunday April 24, 10:30am -Worship Service led by Pastor 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 7pm-9pm, Wed 10am-5pm; 7pm-9pm, Th 7pm-9pm, Friday 10am-12noon & Saturday 10am-12noon. 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 802-661-8399 or 802-492-3738.

Thank you for the generous anonymous donations received for the Pierce's Pantry Account which have allowed additional provisions of fresh items such as eggs, cheese, and butter!

## **Community Needs**

Wedding, Funeral or Memorial Service Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367 or Sue Kelley 802-492-3738, 802-661-8399.

Community Helping Hand Requests: Contact Donna Smith 802-492-3367 or Sue Kelley 802-661-8399, 802-492-3738 or Karen Lorentz 802-558-5991. Shrewsbury residents experiencing financial hardship. Assistance can be given for basic needs such as 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.





## When Do They Return?

### Seasonal Vermont Birds Are On Their Way!

While most waterfowl and blackbirds have arrived in Vermont in March, there are still some that frequent bodies of water, like herons and egrets, that are on their way back. Swallows and sparrows also return in late March/ early April, and toward the end of the month, most other songbirds! Here's a reference for those interested in what to expect next in the avian world (excerpted from *Seasonal Bird Happenings for Vermont/ The Bird Diva* with permission from Bridget Butler)

#### APRIL

Week 1: Common Loon, Red-throated Loon, Bonaparte's Gull, Caspian Tern, Osprey, Merlin, Yellow-bellied Sapsucker, Fish Crow, Winter Wren, Chipping Sparrow, Vesper Sparrow, Field Sparrow, Savannah Sparrow

Week 2: American Bittern, Great Egret, Sandhill Crane, Black-crowned Night Heron, Ruby-crowned Kinglet, Hermit Thrush, Swamp Sparrow, White-throated Sparrow, Pine Warbler, Palm Warbler

Week 3: Green Heron, Snowy Egret, Virginia Rail, Sora, Caspian Tern, Blue-headed Vireo, Purple Martin, Northern Rough-winged Swallow, Cliff Swallow, Barn Swallow, Marsh Wren, Eastern Towhee, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Black-and-white Warbler, Louisiana Waterthrush

Week 4: Black Tern, Common Tern, Common Moorhen, Spotted Sandpiper, Solitary Sandpiper, Upland Sandpiper, Black-bellied Plover, Chimney Swift, Eastern Kingbird, Bank Swallow, House Wren, Blue-gray Gnatcatcher, Wood Thrush, Yellow Warbler, Black-throated Green Warbler, Ovenbird, Northern Waterthrush, Common Yellowthroat, Brown Thrasher, Rose-breasted Grosbeak



#### MAY

Peak migration! This is the golden time for birding before the leaves pop on the trees and when the greatest diversity of birds are arriving or passing through.

Week 1: Whip-poor-will, Ruby-throated Hummingbird, Least Flycatcher, Great Crested Flycatcher, Yellow-throated Vireo, Warbling Vireo, Red-eyed Vireo, Veery, Gray Catbird, Blue-winged Warbler, Nashville Warbler, Northern Parula, Chestnut-sided Warbler, Magnolia Warbler, Black-throated Blue

Warbler, Blackburnian Warbler, Prairie Warbler, American Redstart, Grasshopper Sparrow, Lincoln's Sparrow, Scarlet Tanager, Bobolink, Orchard Oriole, Baltimore Oriole

Week 2: Semi-palmated Plover, Alder Flycatcher, Willow Flycatcher, Philadelphia Vireo, Bicknell's Thrush, Swainson's Thrush, Sedge Wren, Golden-winged Warbler, Tennessee Warbler, Cape May Warbler, Bay-breasted Warbler, Blackpoll Warbler, Mourning Warbler, Wilson's Warbler, Canada Warbler, Yellow-breasted Chat, Indigo Bunting

Week 3: Least Bittern, Yellow-billed Cuckoo, Black-billed Cuckoo, Common Nighthawk, Olive-sided Flycatcher, Eastern Wood-Pewee, Yellow-bellied Flycatcher, Cerulean Warbler

Week 4: Sedge Wren ~Article and photo by Vicky Arthur

## Amphibian "Big Night"

Some amphibian fans call it "Big Night", but, in fact, there may be a few of them, and by the time you read this, our early spring thaw may have meant that they've already left their earthy burrows in search of food and mates.

The nighttime movement of amphibians usually begins sometime in early April. Spotted Salamanders start moving just after Wood Frogs, one of the first species in the spring migration of amphibians. Rainy nights above 40 degrees create the right conditions anywhere in VT, and you can find them crossing roads as long as the surface of the ground and roads are wet. They may even be moving when there is still patchy snow on the ground. They are going from their upland overwintering habitat to the wetlands they breed in. This activity usually starts right at dark or shortly after. If you know of your neighborhood vernal pool or wetland, that's the place to head to. Migrations can be big and you'll want to avoid stepping on Spring Peepers, and other amphibians such as Jefferson and Blue-Spotted Salamanders that may be moving as well. If you are gentle, it will not harm them to pick them up and move them across the road in the direction they are heading. Please do not put hand sanitizer on your hands first, as it can be harmful to amphibians, who readily absorb toxins through their skin. That flashlight of yours will come in handy to alert drivers heading your way that there are people and critters in the road.

Each year there are Shrewsbury residents who will meet each other out there at night, all there for the same purpose. If you've never seen this phenomenon, do join us, and help us to help our local amphibians to cross the roads safely. They're much more interesting to behold when they have not been squashed by cars.

If you are interested in helping our Vermont scientists keep data, you can report your sightings to the Vermont Reptile and Amphibian Atlas at <https://www.vtherpatlas.org/>

~By Vicky Arthur

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## MILLRIVER UNION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

First, thank you so much for supporting the budget. The board tried to present a budget in which we controlled the tax rate, while keeping educational programming strong. I now understand that the school board, including myself, did not do an adequate job explaining how these changes were going to affect the day-to-day in our schools. I know that district and building administration folks have been working for months on staffing plans to support teachers and students through the Act 173 required reorganization of how special education staffing is utilized in our schools and they will be sharing those soon, if not by the time you read this. These changes to the way we provide classroom supports to kids will mean that everyone has some adjustments to make.

This Budget and Town Meeting season has been difficult given the sudden change in the District's Central Office with Mr Younce's resignation, but I'm hopeful that by the time you read this we will have hired a Superintendent for the upcoming school year. The Board contracted with a consultant from the Vermont School Board Assoc., retired Superintendent Jackie Wilson, to guide us through the process of hiring our next superintendent. It was money well spent. Next month I expect that we will be introducing the new Superintendent to you. The process was fully outlined on the district's website, [www.millriverschools.org](http://www.millriverschools.org). Please give it a look for lots of information on how the Search process worked. The website also contains a wealth of information, if you have some time, explore it a bit.

On a very cheerful note, at our last board meeting, our student board reps reported that kids at Mill River HS are feeling more hopeful and that our Spring sports program numbers are way up. Both of these pieces of news are so welcome. In the elementary schools the younger kids have been getting reacquainted with seeing each other's faces, as masks are now optional throughout the district. Some kids and staff do continue to mask and there have strong efforts district-wide to support both mask wearers and non-wearers through this change.

Enjoy the coming softness and warmth in the air. Until next month. ~Submitted by Adrienne Raymond



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- Saturday, April 30, 2022  
8:30am – 12:30pm – Rutland Town Transfer Station, 218 Northwood Park, Rutland, Vermont
- Saturday, October 8, 2022  
8:30am – 12:30p.m. – Fair Haven Transfer Station, Fair Haven Avenue, Fair Haven, Vermont

### Grocery Bingo

Grocery Bingo will be held Friday March 25 to benefit the Clarendon Fire Association Auxiliary. It will be held at the Clarendon Elementary School. Doors open @ 6:00pm and Bingo starts at 7:00pm. Cost: \$4.00 One strip and \$12.00 four strips. Refreshments available and masks are optional.

### Reinbow Riding: Clean Up and Green Up

The snow season is starting to give way to Vermont's 5th season—MUD! We may not love it, but hopefully it means green is not too far behind. At Reinbow Riding plans are underway to get ready for our opening. We start with clean up and getting the Center at Stone Wall Farm ready to open once again in May. As we all know, winter is generally not kind and leaves us with a multitude of tasks in its wake so volunteers will be sorely needed. Once again, we would like to ask any gardeners that have day-lily plants to spare during spring divisions, bring them by the Center or contact us by phone or email for pickup. We're planting the side hill below the ring with as many day lilies as we can for their beauty and to stabilize the hillside.

We hope to open May 14 with our annual Volunteer Orientation day. Lessons, weather permitting, begin the week of May 16. Volunteer Orientation welcomes back last year's team and welcomes new members. Please join us from 10-12pm. on Saturday, May 14. Besides coffee and doughnuts and very warm and fuzzy horses, you'll meet a great team of dedicated staff and volunteers that put smiles on the faces of kids and adults alike. You'll also find out just what a volunteer at Reinbow Riding does and how much fun it can be. Volunteer paperwork that you will need to fill out and Volunteer Handbooks that give you an idea of what the job involves are available on our website. If you would rather receive the hard copies by mail, please send a request, with your address, to [programs@reinbowridingcenter.org](mailto:programs@reinbowridingcenter.org) or to [janupton@comcast.net](mailto:janupton@comcast.net) or call the number listed below.

Here's to a short MUD season and a lovely spring....fingers crossed. Please watch our website: [reinbowridingcenter.org](http://reinbowridingcenter.org), and follow us on Facebook, Twitter @ReinbowRiding and Instagram @reinbow\_riding\_center. Contact us at [programs@reinbowridingcenter.org](mailto:programs@reinbowridingcenter.org) or 802-236-2483.



April showers bring... April foraging! The ground is getting warm and soft out there and while our farms are busy staying on top of seeding, plant sales, and crops of greenhouse greens, our forests are livening up too. Ramps, fiddleheads, and dandelion greens are right around the corner!

Last year we connected with Walter Collins, a long-time forager and homesteader, to learn more about this rich tradition, and to be inspired by the bounty of our forests. Walter and others can be heard in Root Words: Foraging.




Take a listen as you look forward to the foraging season. "Root Words" episodes can be found in the podcast directories like Apple Podcasts, Google Podcast, Spotify, and Amazon. Please

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## News from the Board at Pierce's Store

Thank you to all of the co-op members that attended our annual meeting. We are all looking forward to a year with fewer Covid restrictions, lots of fun events, and an improved financial outlook. We elected two new Board members, Debbie Schoch and Larry Abelman, and we officially confirmed Jeff Monder's place on the Board. All three of these members will serve three-year terms ending in 2025.

Also at our meeting, we realized that everyone in attendance was a volunteer at the store in some capacity! Our members believe in the true spirit of the cooperative model. Many volunteer their time in order to keep Pierce's open and to help keep prices affordable for others in the community. Our volunteers work at the cash register; take our trash and recyclables to the dump; pick up fish, donuts and baked goods; work at fundraising events; and much more. We couldn't run the store without them. In honor of National Volunteer Month, we want to show our appreciation and thank them for their commitment to Pierce's and the Shrewsbury community. Hip, hip hooray!

**REGISTER AND SHIFT COVERAGE:** Stacy Harshman, Sally Deinzer, Kristi Bragg, Jean Marie Walker, Ed Sawyer, Paul Sgalia, Heather Shay

**FISH ORDERS AND PREPARATION:** Helen Richards-Peele, Andy Richards-Peele, Lavinia Seide

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**INVENTORY CHECK-IN:** Ed Sawyer (while on shift coverage), Jan O'Hara, Kristi Bragg (while on shift coverage), Sally Deinzer (while on shift coverage)

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**PAYROLL & TAXES:** Barbara Griffith

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# NEWS FROM PIERCE'S STORE

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Bob Knudsen, Manager

Spring is here, and that means it's time for picnics, fancy eggs, and lots and lots of ice cream! We have a few new things going on in the store, read on for some updates.

### NEW SECTIONS IN THE STORE

If you haven't stopped by in a while, you may not have noticed that we have a few new displays. The Bargain Tower located near the dairy cooler is the first one to take note of, as it has some great options for bargain hunters! Full of items that are either past their date but still edible, or just items that we need to move out to make room for new things, there is a lot of money to be saved if you are looking for a deal. And don't forget to check the freezer in the back if you want a deal on bread. All of the bread that sticks around for more than a few days gets frozen and is sold at a hefty discount!

Directly across from that is the new snack section, including a gluten free shelf with sweet treats or salty ones depending on your mood! Everything from Tate's to Lucy's to Mary's Gone, there are a ton of options. Besides these items, we also have a new selection of gluten free pastas alongside all of the conventional ones.

We have worked to correct some of the inventory issues with the consignment items, and we are looking to make it a better experience for both the customers and the local creators. There is now a dedicated section for the items that will allow for higher visibility as well as a greater opportunity to prevent damage or even loss of items. This is now located up front near the window display, and will continue to be adjusted on an ongoing basis.

### VENDOR UPDATES

As you may have heard by now, Vermont Croissants has gotten out of the baking business. In order to make sure we have all of the pastries we need, we are going to explore a few other options, perhaps on a rotating basis, to help fill the gap. Keep an eye out for new breakfast treats as well as more of your favorites!

Vermont Bliss has continued to thrive with your support as well, with new items every week alongside the incredibly popular ones you already love. Sandwiches, wraps, burritos, soups, salads, and even special-order dinners are flying off the shelves, so if you haven't tried it yet, you are missing out! The weekly menu goes out Tuesdays through the store email newsletter, be sure to subscribe if you don't already.

Supply chain issues still abound in some areas, and we have started to feel the squeeze on pricing thanks to

inflation, gas prices, and other world events that are hitting everybody. We are still maintaining a pretty steady inventory on most items thanks to our incredibly large and diverse vendor pool, as well as the wide variety of items we get locally, but there have been a few price changes here and there.

### COVID POLICIES

Moving forward, masks will now be optional for all patrons who are vaccinated. Unvaccinated patrons are still going to be required to wear the mask upon entry. The plexiglass divider will still remain up and several of our staff and guests will likely continue to wear the masks as a precaution. These policies are subject to change as needed. Porch pickup is still available Monday through Friday from 8am until 3pm.

### HELP WANTED

We are still looking for a part time assistant manager to work 4 days a week, and we are always in need of volunteers to help with jobs big and small. Email Bob at pierces.store@gmail.com if you are interested or stop by the store.

### Orange Wine Tasting April 29

To welcome warmer weather, we'll be sampling orange wines – a type of wine becoming popular. Orange wines are white wines that have been fermented with their skins, adding tannin, flavor and color. Orange wines tend to



be fuller bodied than ros wines which are briefly pressed (not fermented) on the skins. For a fun orange wine tasting, join us at Pierce's Store on Friday April 29 from 4pm to 6pm. ~Sandy Bragg



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