



# Times of Shrewsbury



May 2022

## HOW'S YOUR SHREWSBURY INTERNET SERVICE?

The State of Vermont, through the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) is addressing the State's "goal of achieving universal access to reliable, high-quality, affordable, fixed broadband." The Vermont Public Service Department (PSD) has interactive maps online at:

<https://publicservice.vermont.gov/content/interactive-broadband-map>

Individual E911 sites on the map can be queried to see what the level of service is believed to be available at that location. The data was supplied by the internet providers. (Other helpful sites: [www.publicservice.vermont.gov](http://www.publicservice.vermont.gov) and [www.VCUDA.com](http://www.VCUDA.com))

The PSD has assigned levels of service using those numbers, even while stating on the map that it "... makes no guarantee of the accuracy of this information." The maps show two providers in Shrewsbury: VTel and Consolidated Communications (CC), formerly "Telephone Operating Co. of VT". All of the VTel served area is rated at the top level of service for download speed: 100 Mbs. (In addition to those two, there are a few who are served with internet by a television service provider, Comcast.)

The northwest quadrant and the western third of Route 103 are served by CC. In that area nearly all are rated 25 Mbs or less with others rated just 4 (the lowest rating) and some classified as "Lacking". In the real world, at least one location on the Upper Cold River Road has 0.08 – 0.47 Mbps, yet is rated 25 on the map. Others in that area are dissatisfied with the existing service. This shows us that more investigation is warranted.

VCBB will use their information to develop broadband expansion in Vermont focusing resources towards the under-served areas. If incorrect information is used, it could put some of our townspeople at a disadvantage for years to come. In order to better understand the existing situation, there needs to be reliable, real-world data.

It is unreasonable to think that the Vermont Community Broadband Board (VCBB) can check the status of each of the approximately 340,000 sites statewide. But, working together, we can check our own sites. The Selectboard has authorized a Broadband Committee, consisting of Laura Black and Alan Shelvey, to look into this situation. The Board also voted to join 18 other towns including Rutland City, as a member of the Otter Creek Communications Union District. This will leverage Shrewsbury's negotiating powers going forward.

### Test and Report Your Internet Speed

If you use the internet from any of the addresses in the list below, please test your web speed and report the results to Alan by email. Directions to do so are shown below.

Road	E911 Number (House Number)
Cold River Rd	3227-7833
Upper Cold River Rd	601-3775
Moonshine Lane	All
Violet Page Rd	All
Stagecoach Rd	All
Wilmouth Hill Rd	All
Gilman Rd	All
Kister Rd	All
Keiffer Rd	32
Wallace Rd	All
Wilderness Rd	All
Nelson Rd	All
Railroad Dr	45-47
Vt Rte. 103	1880-3313
Lincoln Hill Rd	0-213
Cheerio Hill	All
Marina Ln	All

### Internet Speed Test Procedure

- It is best to do this test with your computer if you have one, otherwise a smartphone or tablet.
- Go to - <https://www.speedtest.net/> (just type "speedtest" into your browser).
- Click on the "GO" in the circle, and the test will start momentarily.
- When the test finishes, write down the numbers shown for each result:
  - Ping
  - *Download (If you have an ethernet cable entering, which is unlikely, testing connected to the ethernet cable is generally faster than using phone line connected WIFI.)*
  - Upload
- Note your E911 No. and internet provider (probably Consolidated Communications)

Run the test at least twice (more would be better) and send the results to: [ajshelvey@outlook.com](mailto:ajshelvey@outlook.com)

- Also, if ethernet cable was used, please note.
- Please include any comments or questions that you may have.

Article by Alan Shelvey and Laura Black



### Preschool/ Pre-Kindergarten Registration and Universal Screening for 2022-2023 school year

#### What is it?

- Any family that resides in the Mill River School District towns of Clarendon, Wallingford, Shrewsbury, and Tinmouth with a child 3-4 years of age.
- Preschool child must turn (3) years old on or before August 31, 2022.
- Pre-K child must turn (4) years old on or before August 31, 2022.

#### When is it?

Clarendon Elementary School  
Friday, May 27th, 2022

Shrewsbury Mountain School  
Friday, May 20th, 2022

Tinmouth Mountain School  
Tuesday, May 31st, 2022

Wallingford Elementary School  
Monday, May 23rd, 2022

#### Contact?

Please call Sarah Bolster, Pre-k Coordinator, at 802-775-3264 extension 218 for an appointment. A parent/guardian and the child must attend.

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

## Employment Opportunity

Town of Shrewsbury is accepting applications for  
**Road Crew member**

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

**Benefits include 100% Town paid Medical and Dental insurance**

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

Contact Jamie Carrara @ 492-3656

### The Times of Shrewsbury

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Monthly advertising fees and relative sizes:

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

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

Chryl Martin ~ Rich Biziak ~ Victoria Arthur  
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Email: [shrewsburytimes@gmail.com](mailto:shrewsburytimes@gmail.com) Online: [www.shrewsburyvt.org](http://www.shrewsburyvt.org) & [www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)

## SHREWSBURY COMMUNITY CALENDAR

April 29	4-6pm	*Orange wine tasting at Pierce's Store
Apr 30	8:30am-12:30pm	*Household hazardous waste event; Rutland Town Transfer Station off Post Rd Extension
May 7	8am-12noon	*Green Up Day (see details elsewhere in this issue)
May 7	4-6pm	*Shrewstories at Pierce's Store Garage
May 8		Mother's Day
May 10	7pm	*Shrewsbury Library Annual Meeting
May 15	1pm	*Meeting at Shrewsbury Historical Society Museum—1 <sup>st</sup> meeting in two years!
May 15	4pm	*Famous Books Book Club discussion via Zoom
May 21	10am	*Carbon Payment Program Field Walk at Jockey Hill Farm
May 22	9-11am	*Shrewsbury Outing Club trail maintenance on Bessenyay trail system
May 22	4pm	*Science Book Club discussion via Zoom
May 28 - 29	10am-5pm	Vermont Crafts Council Open Studio Weekend
May 30		Memorial Day

\*see elsewhere in newsletter for details

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online at  
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and  
[www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com)



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

### REGULAR MEETINGS and EVENTS

Board of Selectman Meeting	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays – 6:30pm at Town Office
Bone Builders	Tuesdays & Thursdays – 10am 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	2 <sup>nd</sup> Tuesday – 5:15pm at 450 Frank Lord Road until further notice.
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)

Clerk's Office	492-3511 Mon – Thurs 9am – 3pm; Closed Friday
Town Garage	492-3656 (Follow prompts to report roadway blockage on non-work days)
Listers	492-2009 available by appointment
Treasurer's Office	492-3558 Monday 9am-11am
Transfer Station	Sunday 8am-4pm ~ Wednesday 12noon–6pm
Library	492-3410 Hours: Mon 10am-12noon; Tues 7-9pm; Wed 10am-5pm & 7-9pm; Thurs 7-9pm; Fri 10-12noon; Sat 10am-12noon
Meeting House	492-6050 Reservations: 492-3361 or julanne@vermontel.net
News Flash Email 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 6:30pm at the Town Office.

### April 6, 2022: Selectboard Meeting Minutes

**Present at meeting:** Selectboard members: Francis Wyatt, Aaron Korzun, Steven Nicholson. Planning Commissioner: Laura Black. Development Review Board: Alan Shelvey. Auditor: Rich Biziak.

**Members of the Public:** Angie Prozzo, Rocky Lucian, Bob Knudsen, Tim Bruso.

The meeting was convened at 6:30 PM

**Agenda:** Motion made by A. Korzun to follow the agenda with the following addition: Excess weight permit for Belden Construction. F. Wyatt seconded. All in favor, motion approved.

**Road Commissioner's Report:** Lafayette gave a quote for Wilmouth Hill and Upper Cold River Rd bridges guard rails. Jamie is recommending that we go with their quote. They are pretty much the only ones that do this sort of work. \$27,926.75 was the quote. This will come from the Highway Supplement funds. A. Korzun made a motion to approve the Lafayette quote. S. Nicholson seconded. Approved.

Aaron Korzun made the motion to approve the Certification of Compliance for Town Road and Bridge Standards and Network Inventory. S. Nicholson seconded. There were no changes from last year. Approved.

Aaron Korzun made a motion to approve the roads Annual Financial Plan for the Town of Shrewsbury that we submit to the state, starting 7/1/22 to 6/30/22. S. Nicholson seconded. Approved.

**Work in ROW Permit:** Rocky Lucian and Angie Prozzo would like to add stone to the Gaynor Road for emergency access. S. Nicholson made a motion to approve the work in the right of way for Rocky Lucian and Angie Prozzo on Gaynor Road. A. Korzun seconded. Approved.

**Excess Weight Permits:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the excess weight permits from Champlain Valley Plumbing & Heating, Wisell's Earthmoving, Camp Precast Concrete Product, Beacon Sales Acquisition, The A. Johnson Co., Sargent Concrete & Construction, and Belden Construction. S. Nicholson seconded. All paid fees and have insurance checked by the Town Clerk. Approved.

### Proposal for a Shrewsbury Broadband Committee:

Laura Black requests that the Town of Shrewsbury join the Otter Creek Communications Union District (CUD) to explore the possibility of getting broadband to the parts of Shrewsbury that don't already have it.

S. Nicholson made a motion to form a Shrewsbury broadband committee to bring back information to the Selectboard. A. Korzun seconded. Approved. The committee will be led by Laura Black and Alan Shelvey.

S. Nicholson made a motion to approve joining the Otter Creek CUD. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

S. Nicholson made a motion to appoint Laura Black as the Town of Shrewsbury's representative to the Otter Creek CUD. A. Korzun seconded. Approved.

**Liquor License:** A. Korzun made a motion to approve a first-class license for malt and vinous beverages for Shrewsbury Coop at Pierce's (DBA Pierce's). F. Wyatt seconded. Approved.

**ARPA Funds:** Barry Griffith is looking into the possibility of the Fire Dept. submitting a request for ARPA funds.

Rich Biziak wondered about putting solar panels on Town buildings. He will look into it further.

**Appointments:** S. Nicholson made a motion to appoint Steven Spatz as a Community Meeting House Trustee. A. Korzun seconded. Approved.

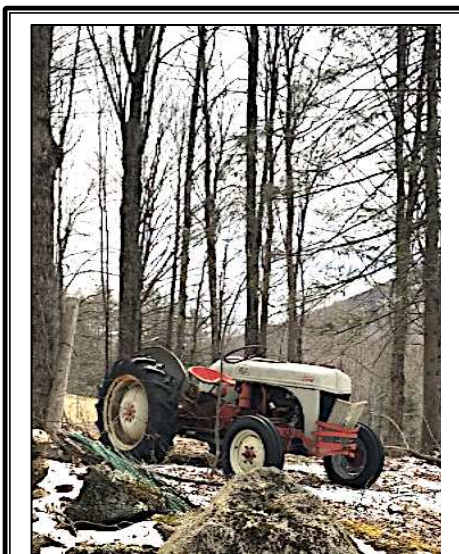
**New Business:** Pierce's store would like to have a sticker that any person could bring trash from the store.

The Selectboard notes the passing of our longtime Poundkeeper Gillian Gaines. Our condolences go out to her family.

**Review Minutes:** A. Korzun made a motion to accept the 3/16/2022 Selectboard meetings minutes. Seconded by S. Nicholson. Approved.

**Review Orders:** S. Nicholson made a motion to approve Selectboard Orders #4 for \$4,981.31 and Road Orders #4 for \$19,604.13. Seconded by F. Wyatt. Approved.

Adjourned at 9:40 PM



One more Spring in me  
Retirement to barn awaits  
Parts donor card signed  
Haiku and Photo by John O'Dowd

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)*



**MAY 30, 2022**



## LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

### Fly Flags on Memorial Day

Memorial Day is coming up, and we think it would be nice to have the American Flags put up through town in honor of B.J. Stewart. He always did it every year. Ludlow and other towns do it too. ~Submitted by Gloria and Mike Benson  
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### Dear Shrewsbury friends,

This is a great big "Thank You" for your interest in *Marjorie Would Be Pleased*, my book about reopening Pierce's Store. I've been surprised and pleased by the outpouring of comments. I had figured that the first section would generate some interest, but that once the book went into operational stuff most readers would doze off. I've been told that wasn't the case. Knock me over with a feather!

Equally surprising is the fact that all 75 books I had from the Preservation Trust's print run – they retained 75 copies to give out to communities in the state wanting to do something like we've done – disappeared in the first month.

For those of you who were disappointed in not being able to find a copy, fret not for I am printing an additional 100 copies. I have "loaner" copies from the PTV's stash and have put them on consignment at the store. The price is \$15.95 plus tax.

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*Thank you so much! Sally Deinzer*  
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### A STANDING OVATION FOR OUR ROAD CREW

All one must do is travel outside Shrewsbury to appreciate the fantastic job our small highway crew does keeping Shrewsbury's 60 miles of roadways in excellent condition. The news is full of "mud season" reports, where cars in some towns are axle deep in rutted roads, some roads are closed and others so full of pot holes one could pop a tire. But not in Shrewsbury. Jamie and his crew continually attend to keeping our town roads in amazing condition. As soon as things dry out, the gravel roads will be expertly graded, ditches cleaned and winter debris removed. We are very fortunate to have these guys, who take pride in their work and often work all night to provide clear roads for us after a storm.

So, give the crew a beep and a wave when you see them. They have saved you several front-end alignments.

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*Submitted by Mark Youngstrom*  
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### NEWS FROM MONTPELIER

Hello from Montpelier. We are fully in the end-of-session shuffle. This is a crazy time of year. It feels like we are close to adjourning, but it is still hard to tell today what is actually going to pass this year aside from what has passed already. It's also uncertain when we will actually adjourn, and even more uncertain what the Governor will sign and veto of the bills that may pass. It feels like each year that I've been here this part has gotten crazier, but part of that may be that I'm more aware of what's going on and more involved in conversations that I was not as a first-term legislator.

I think I talked about this in past articles and somewhat at Town Meeting, but my committee spent most of the first half of this session working on a big workforce development bill, H.703, which would put a lot of money into various technical education programs. It is a very far-reaching bill, with specific incentives for areas where we are seeing extraordinary need, like nursing, but also sets up systems for more general assistance for people looking to enter/reenter the workforce or to change careers. That bill has not yet passed the Senate, so right now a lot of our focus is trying to iron out the policy differences we have with the Senate with hopes that we can pass that bill before we adjourn.

And this seems to be happening all throughout the building right now. There are big policy bills in just about every committee in both chambers that are still up in the air and some are taking somewhat dramatic shifts in policy seemingly overnight. Universal School Meals is one such policy that seems like a priority for many in the building, and the scope seems to change week-to-week. There are also multiple bills reforming different aspects of Act 250, but a lot of uncertainty as to which will make it out on time.

This time of year, we colloquially talk about "Christmas Trees" and "hostages", as some bills which are important to certain legislators or committees become hostages for another bill that's important to someone else, while other bills get issues and policies added on like ornaments on a Christmas Tree. This process always worries me because otherwise good bills become vehicles containing poison pills the Governor disagrees with and may cause him to veto an otherwise great bill with one such "ornament" he disagrees with.

I am also starting to feel the election-year politics creep into the State House more these past couple weeks. Obviously, there are multiple people in the legislature running for Congress or higher office in the legislature and they try to score their "points" where they can. It also seems like the Governor has been less forthcoming about what he is looking for in any given policy until it passes and then he vetoes it and offers what he would accept. We've seen this multiple times already this session, with the Charleston loophole bill we thought he supported until he vetoed it and only then offered a compromise, and again with the contractor registry bill which we still hope to come to a compromise on. We are adjourning a little earlier this year than some years and it seems to be because we are expecting the Governor to veto the budget, but he won't tell us what compromises he'd accept now, seemingly because he wants the headline of vetoing the budget. I don't mean to give the impression that we don't work well together, because 99% of the time everyone is at the table, but that's also what makes it that much more frustrating when someone chooses not to be.

Should have more to talk about next month as we should be adjourned by then, and also thinking I'll be able to restart coffee hours after we do adjourn so I'll have more on that.

Talk soon, as always you can still call or text anytime.

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Logan Nicoll  
State Representative  
Ludlow, Mount Holly, Shrewsbury  
802-345-8430



## SHREWSBURY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

February, March and April are typically months when the SVFD is responding to brush and grass fires. This year, with lingering snow and rain, that type of emergency has not yet arisen. The department did, however, respond to other types of calls. In late February, the SVFD responded to a mutual aid call in Ludlow where they assisted in extinguishing a condo fire on Okemo Mountain. In March, the department responded to two vehicle accidents on Route 103. The first being a collision from the rear when a fuel truck had stopped for the railroad crossing. A pickup which was following it also stopped, but a second pickup failed to stop and tail ended the first. There was extensive damage to both pickup trucks; but fortunately, the fuel tanker was not involved. The second 103 accident happened near the farmstand by Spring Lake Road where a vehicle left the road and came to a stop in the ditch on the western side of the road. Fortunately, in both of these accidents, there were no serious injuries.



Another call came in to the SVFD on a quiet Sunday afternoon, April 2, reporting a fully involved structure fire. The situation involved a barn on the Crown Point Road near the Russellville Road. Upon arrival, the SVFD found the barn, belonging to the Terry Martin family, fully engulfed in flames. Mutual aid from Mount Holly, Clarendon, and Wallingford arrived on automatic response. The barn, however, which apparently contained various building supplies and tools, was completely engulfed when the departments arrived. Water supply was set up at a nearby brook on the Russellville Road, and departments worked quickly to extinguish the massive fire. Because the metal roof had fallen in and was shielding the structure from the massive amounts of water being applied, a small excavator operated by Jamie Carrara was employed to access the burning timbers which were then quickly extinguished. The barn was a total loss. A classic Chevrolet pickup truck with a sap gathering tank was parked adjacent to the burning structure and was damaged but salvageable.

A final call for the SVFD came on the morning of April 19 for a power line which was down near a residence on Cold River Road. The scene was secured by the department until the arrival of Green Mountain Power crews. This was caused by a late season heavy wet snowstorm which also took down power lines in other county areas as well.

The SVFD would like to thank the people of Shrewsbury for again supporting our budget on voting day in March. Without the financial support of the town, dependence on out-of-town departments would require a great deal more money, and the response times would be much longer. We are so grateful for the support that you provide, not only for the fire department, but for each other as well.

Until next month, remember to **Be Fire Safe!**

*Submitted by Bob Snarski*

### 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.

### Community Food Shelf

The Free Community Food Shelf is located at the Shrewsbury 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 either 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!

*Submitted by Sue Ransom-Kelley*

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Pepe le Shrew

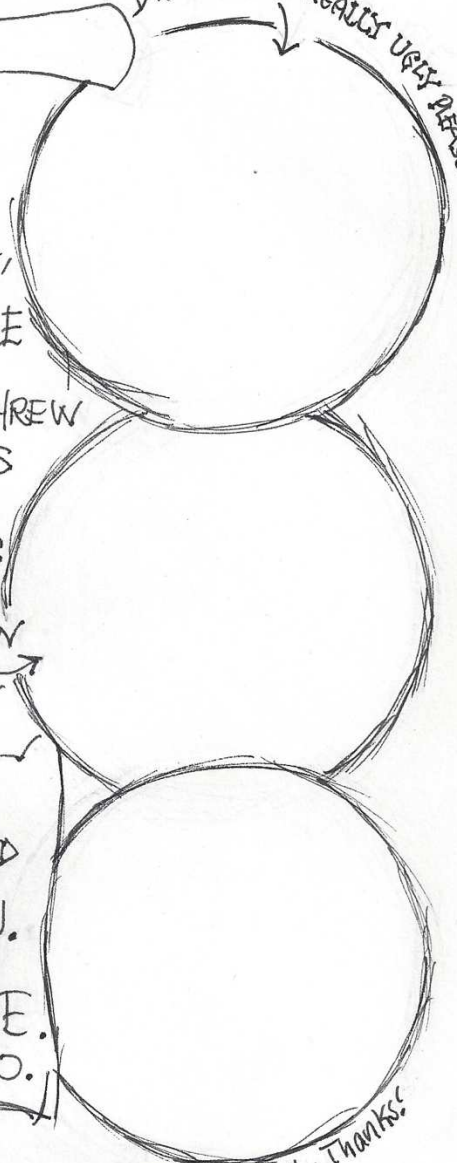


WE HAVE DONE THIS FOR YEARS AND WE DO IT WELL, TOO. IN THE SPRINGTIME WE GATHER THE STUFF SOMEONE THREW BY OUR ROADSIDES AND RIVERS AND "CONVENIENT" PLACES

CAUSES Pepe le Shrew TO MAKE TERRIBLE FACES!

COME HELP US MAY 7<sup>th</sup> AND ALL THE YEAR THRU. OUR TOWN CAN BE TRASH FREE. MORE BEAUTIFUL, TOO.

DRAW THEM. REALLY UGGY BEAS



AWFUL. THANKS

# GREEN UP DAY 2022

① 8~10 AM MEETING HOUSE

★ BREAKFAST! ★

- A. CHOOSE YOUR ROAD
- B. TAKE BAGS
- C. GET RAFFLE TICKETS!

② GREEN UP! Please put RECYCLABLES in one bag, TRASH in another.

♡ PLEASE WEAR GLOVES ♡

③ 10 AM ~ NOON BRING YOUR COLLECTIONS TO TRANSFER STATION.

## BREAKFAST



8~10 AM

## RAFFLE

10 AM ~ NOON



♡ SHREWSBURY CONSERVATION COMMISSION ♡



## A Forest Carbon Program for Shrewsbury

I'm pleased to announce that as of April 25, 2022, The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and the American Forest Foundation (AFF) have introduced a forest carbon program for most Vermont landowners with 30 acres or more. This program, the Family Forest Carbon Program ([familyforestcarbon.org](http://familyforestcarbon.org)), rewards landowners for enhancing the ability of their forests to sequester and store more carbon, thereby reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> (a major greenhouse gas) in our atmosphere. Today, our forests in Vermont sequester 46% of the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions we emit in Vermont annually compared to states such as Colorado where due to forest fires, pine bark beetles and other factors, their forests are net emitters of CO<sub>2</sub>. Moreover, forests currently are our most cost-effective tool for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> in our atmosphere. Thus, it's essential we preserve our forests for future generations. Obviously, there are a slew of other reasons we all cherish our forests and want to preserve them as our friend Gary Salmon has shared with us over the years.

I participated in the pilot stage of the Family Forest Carbon Program in 2021 through which I received payment for thinning the forest on two parcels of land. Thinning and preserving the larger trees result in larger crowns on the remaining trees, which in turn results in more sequestration and storage. In 2022, I'll be looking at regeneration in several patch cuts that are not growing back as anticipated. Landowners can receive payment for a variety of land management practices, payments that generally cover the cost of adopting those practices. Of the seven carbon programs I've studied extensively, I view this program as the only one that's ready for primetime for small landowners (roughly 30 acres and above).

The link to show interest in this program is [familyforestcarbon.org/learn-more](http://familyforestcarbon.org/learn-more). This is a temporary link until TNC and AFF publish their Vermont link. Showing interest does not represent a commitment. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please let me know at [stoutim@gmail.com](mailto:stoutim@gmail.com) or 617-899-1011. I will also leave materials at the Shrewsbury Library next to the forest carbon poster on this program. ~Submitted by Tim Stout

### Understanding Forest Carbon Payment Programs for Landowners and a walk at Jockey Hill Farm

**Webinar – May 18 at 7 pm**  
**Field Walk at Jockey Hill Farm – May 21 at 10am**

Join Ali Kosiba, the Climate Forester for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, for a webinar discussing the importance of forests in mitigating climate change, ways we can manage forests with carbon in mind, and how forest carbon payment programs work. Ali will talk about what options are available to landowners with a focus on smaller parcels, how the programs differ, and things landowners should consider before enrolling in any program.

Follow up the webinar with a Saturday morning field walk with Forester Mike White from Calfee Woodland Management and Tim Stout at Jockey Hill Farm that is being managed under a forest carbon program.

Register at: [vermontwoodlands.org](http://vermontwoodlands.org) under "Events"

*Submitted by Tim Stout*

Directions to Jockey Hill Farm: From Pierce's Store, follow Cold River Road past the Northam Church. Take the first right onto Upper Cold River Road. Follow Upper Cold River Rd for a little less than a mile to Coldham Road on the right. Follow past a farm on the left and Jockey Hill Farm will be the next house on the right across a small bridge.

## A New Team at The Cuttingsville Post Office

Many residents don't realize that Sandy Bruno retired in November from delivering our mail here in Shrewsbury.



*Sofia Maguire (left) and Chelsea Young (right)*

Stepping into that role is Chelsea Young, who hails from Tinmouth and grew up working on the family's dairy farm there. Chelsea knows our roads and routes well, as she had been substituting for Sandy in the past, and has also spent lots of time here with her grandparents, Bill and Linda Olney, longtime residents of Shrewsbury. She says, "I actually really love Shrewsbury. I'm glad I got this route." Chelsea worked for three years in the postal service before coming to Shrewsbury, learning over 13 different routes in Pittsford, Wells, Pawlet and Reading. Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet, nor hail will keep Chelsea from delivering your mail, but when she is not at work, she enjoys hiking and helping out on a friend's farm.

Sofia (pronounced with a long I sound) Maguire took over the job of Shrewsbury's postal clerk after Ann Hansen retired. Sofia had been working in the East Wallingford and Wallingford post offices for about three years previously, and was the natural choice for the job, as she had subbed for Ann as well and felt the office was familiar. She says it is quite different from her background in retail, which she notes is unpredictable. "I love coming here. Everybody's been so friendly." Originally from Orwell, and now living in Rutland, Sofia's time off from the post office includes being outdoors, spending time with her church community, and taking care of her two cats.

*~Article and photo by Vicky Arthur*



Weather and time-worn  
Sweetness continues to flow  
Love comes from your roots  
*Haiku and Photo by John O'Dowd*

# 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:** We're keeping our masks on for now, and ask that you do too when in the building. Thanks for your continuing cooperation!

**\*\*We're very pleased to announce that ED SAWYER has joined the Board of Trustees.** Ed has been volunteering regularly at the Library (and at Pierces'!) enjoys staffing, and agreed to fill the opening on our Board. Many thanks, and welcome, ED!

**\*\*Tuesday, May 10 @ 7 pm:** The ANNUAL MEETING for the election of officers and trustees' terms will be held in the Library Meeting Room. All are welcome.

**\*\*THANKS** to all our volunteers who keep the library open during the winter and shoulder-season months; you've been great! We're beginning to welcome back our friends who spend the winter in warmer places, and anyone else who would like to staff during library hours. Please contact Lisa ([cutsvil@vermontel.net](mailto:cutsvil@vermontel.net)) or me ([joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net)) to sign up.

**\*\*PROGRAMS** have been on hold, and we have a long list of presentations we would like to host when COVID conditions allow. We hope to have some hybrid in-person and on-line programs, or some that are all on-line webinars, and are exploring the possibilities for summer and fall.

## **Coming Events Scheduled: Save the Dates:**

Friday, July 15 @ 7:30pm: Norwich filmmaker NORA JACOBSON presents her documentary about Vermont poet Ruth Stone. (Hybrid or virtual program)

Saturday, August 27 Time TBA: ANNUAL STREET DANCE with Marcos Levy and the Neighbors Band at the Town Hall.

## **Continuing Programs via Zoom:**

Sunday, May 15 @ 4pm: FAMOUS BOOKS BOOK CLUB: Dostoevsky's *Crime and Punishment*, translated by Constance Garnett. We'll spend at least two months on this monumental novel. Copies are available at the library; if you need a copy, contact Joan: [joanaleshire@vermontel.net](mailto:joanaleshire@vermontel.net).

Sunday, May 22 @ 4 pm: SCIENCE BOOK CLUB: *Entangled Life* by Merlin Sheldrake: A fascinating natural history of fungi. Print and e-books will be available; please let Margery know which you want: [salmonm@vermontel.net](mailto:salmonm@vermontel.net).

## **New Books include:**

- *French Braid* by Anne Tyler: The new novel by this popular writer: A multi-generational story set in a fictional Baltimore.
- *White Lies: The Double Life of Walter F. White and America's Darkest Secret* by A.J. Baime: A biography of a mid-20th century civil rights activist.
- *A Sunlit Weapon* (Maisie Dobbs #17) by Jacqueline Winspear: An engaging new novel in this series, about an intrepid heroine in World War II.
- *Sea of Tranquillity* by Emily St. John Mandel: A new book of speculative fiction by the author of *Station Eleven*.
- *Ancestor Trouble: A Reckoning and A Reconciliation* by Maud Newton: A powerful memoir of family and racism.
- *The Candy House* by Jennifer Egan, author of *A Visit from the Goon Squad*.
- *Different: Gender Through the Eyes of a Primatologist* by Frans de Waal.

## **New DVDs include:**

- *Parallel Mothers*, directed by Pedro Almodovar, starring Penelope Cruz.
- *One Night in Miami:* A documentary directed by Regina King about the legendary 1964 boxing match between Muhammad Ali and Sonny Liston, and the gathering of civil rights leaders afterwards.
- *The Eyes of Tammy Faye*, starring Oscar winner Jessica Chastain as the televangelist.
- *Julia:* A delightful documentary about the beloved Julia Child.
- *West Side Story:* Steven Spielberg's adaptation of the 1957 musical.
- *Attica:* A documentary by acclaimed director Stanley Nelson about the 1971 prison uprising.
- *Benjamin Franklin:* A documentary of this intriguing Founding Father by Ken Burns.

## **WALLY'S CORNER CELEBRATION!**

Memorial Day Weekend: May 27 – 30  
From 11am to 7pm

Wally's Corner invites you to join us to celebrate a new small business in the Village of Cuttingsville!

We will be hosting a reception that Friday through Monday that will include light refreshments, live entertainment, and a garden riverwalk.

We will have raffles each day where you can win gift certificates, store coupons, and even some merchandise!

This is a family friendly event, so bring the kiddos for a picnic along the bank. Enjoy the start of summer and celebrate the holiday with a little Wally's flare!



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Our audience is our only source of financial support. We have no sponsors. The word is out about our great community of listeners who appreciate live music. Musicians want to come to Shrewsbury. It's you, our audience, that makes it all possible. Having funds up front puts us in a more secure position to pay musicians as we get the concert series rolling.

If you love live music, help us be sure the musicians are well supported from the first to the last concert. If you would like to "contribute as you go", we welcome that as well, and are grateful for your attendance. Regardless of your ability or desire to contribute in advance or on that day, we want you to attend. It's important that EVERYONE gets to enjoy the joyous experience of live music here in Shrewsbury.

Have questions, or know someone who would like to join our concert news email group? Contact Vicky Arthur at [singtolive57@gmail.com](mailto:singtolive57@gmail.com) or call Paul Sgalia at 802 492-3649

Want to get started with your CSM? Make a payment by check sent to the address below, or through Venmo by searching for Victoria Arthur @skyranch

Checks may be made out to Vicky Arthur, and sent to:  
Vicky Arthur and Paul Sgalia  
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Shrewsbury, VT. 05738

*We thank you ahead of time for your generosity!  
Vicky and Paul*

**Crown Point Road Association (CRPA) Outings Calendar**

May 15, 2022: Lyn and Jim DesMarais have allowed Phil Mandolare to explore the Crown Point Road route through their Brandon property with his metal detector. CPRA members and friends are invited to gather at the DesMarais Farm (215 Ella Dean Road) Sunday at 1pm. Phil will report on his search, reveal his findings, and then lead a short drive and walk to the site. An optional longer hike along the road back to the farm will follow. Rain date May 22. For more info contact Barry Griffith (802) 492-3573 [bgriffithvt@gmail.com](mailto:bgriffithvt@gmail.com)

June 5, 2022: Meet at 10:30am at the McCuen Slang Fishing access on Rt 125 in the town of Addison. Bring a lunch. We will go by car along the Crown Point Road through Bridport, Shoreham and Whiting. Points of historic interest will be discussed. For more info, call Jim Rowe at (802) 434-7415, or email [mtnsidemapple@GMAVt.net](mailto:mtnsidemapple@GMAVt.net)



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<b>JUN</b> 18	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Will Patton Ensemble</b>
<b>JUN</b> 25	<b>JUN</b> 26	<b>Gypsy Reel</b>
<b>*SUNDAY</b> <b>JUL</b> 10	<b>TBA</b>	<b>Yankee Chank</b>
<b>JUL</b> 23	<b>JUL</b> 24	<b>Tone Dog with Silas Hamilton</b>
<b>JUL</b> 30	<b>JUL</b> 31	<b>Hermit Hollow String Band</b>
<b>AUG</b> 13	<b>AUG</b> 14	<b>Foundry Jazz Trio with Bear Irwin</b>
<b>*FRIDAY</b> <b>AUG</b> 26	<b>AUG</b> 28	<b>Rick Redington and the Luv</b>
<b>SEP</b> 11	<b>SEP</b> 12	<b>The Plumb Bobs</b>

**Outing Club Trail Maintenance**

Shrewsbury Outing Club Plymouth trail maintenance for Bessenay trail system. Meet at the Plymouth parking lot on Sunday, May 22. from 9am to 11am. We'll start right on time. Bring friends. The more the merrier!

If you have them, please bring clippers, loppers, hand saws, shovels, gloves, water to stay hydrated. We have a lot of streams to clear of debris. ~Submitted by Lana Vanucchi



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# Shrewsbury Historical Society

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## Save this date, May 15, 1 pm

The Shrewsbury Historical Society (SHS) invites all members, past members, and almost members to its first meeting to be held at the SHS Museum in Cuttingsville. The date: May 15, 2022 at 1pm, Because of the spiking of the virus recently, we would like to maintain the social distancing and mask wearing cautionary procedures. Hopefully, it will be a nice day weatherwise so that we can keep both front and back doors wide open for ventilation.

This will be the very first meeting to be held in two and a half years. Much to catch up on.

We are starting all over again and would like to offer annual membership dues at the same prices as in the past and invite you to consider: Single at \$10, Family at \$15, Contributing at \$30 and Life Membership for singles or couples at \$125. You can send check payable to the

Shrewsbury Historical Society  
c/o Treasurer, Catherine Carrara  
2544 Northam Road, Shrewsbury, VT 05738,  
or you can sign up at this meeting.

## Just when you think it is spring

There were snowflakes in the air. There is also a rafter of wild turkeys roaming our meadows below. I have not seen any deer just yet. It's been too chilly for us to sit out on deck and enjoy the little sunshine we have had. Nice to know maple syrup is steaming up the landscape. May, with all its beautiful greenness is on the horizon. As stated in the first issue of the *Times of Shrewsbury* in May of 1973: "Shrewsbury is one of the most beautiful towns in Vermont."

## From the Times issue of 1973:

In 1973 the Shrewsbury Historical Society officers were: President Arthur Patten, Vice-President Emily Korngiebel, Secretary Nancy Spencer and Treasurer John Steele. The Board of Directors were George Richards, Dorothy Turnbeau and Peggy Patten.

The 5th and 6th grades of Cuttingsville school were going to tour the Cuttingsville Post Office, and local graduates of the Babe Ruth baseball league were Mark McGinnis, Bill Turnbeau, Bert Potter and Tim Stewart.

Shrewsbury planned to host a group of 33 5th graders from St. Cloud, Minnesota on May 7, with their teacher, Mr. John Lee and seven other adults. They planned to visit the Town Hall, Northam Church, Pierce's Store, the Mausoleum, Korngiebel's farm, and to hike the Long Trail along with Shrewsbury schoolchildren - all fulfilling the dream of teacher John Lee.

Also, an "Old Fiddler's" concert was scheduled for Mt. Holly Grange, Gillian Gaines was an instructor for dog obedience classes and those who were interested in teaching or learning about compass readings were asked to notify the Times.

Ed Cook, Trustee of the Community Meeting House reported on funds sought for the future structural repairs and maintenance of the meeting house and grounds. The following people heading up the drive in the town areas were: Emily Korngiebel, village; John Steele, center; Gillian Gaines, Northam; and Donna Smith, Cold River. Others assisting were Peggy and Arthur Patten and Dorothy Nowers, with trustees Jim Kaufmann and Nancy Spencer helping Ed Cook, the chairman.

## Back to 2022

May 30, Memorial Day, or as it was also once called "Decoration Day", observances for our many men and women who were killed in wars while in service for our country. A day in which their gravesites are decorated with a small American flag and will always be remembered. God bless them all. We now pray for the courageous men and women and children of Ukraine. ~Submitted by Ruth Winkler

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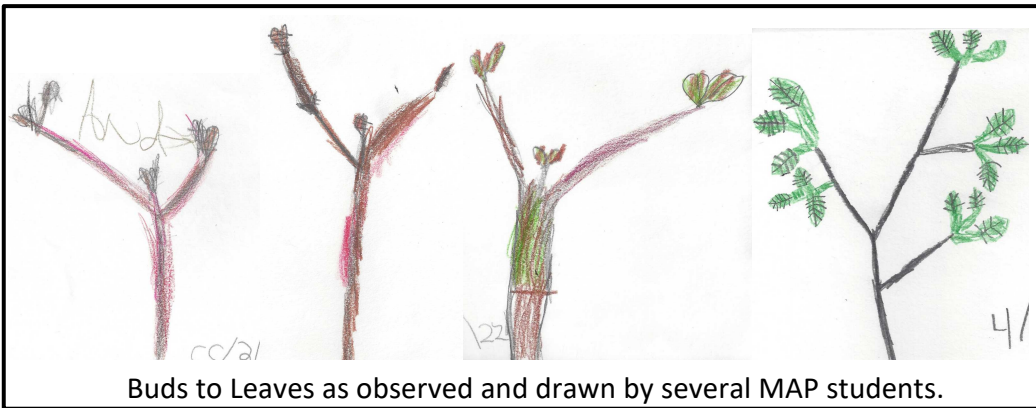
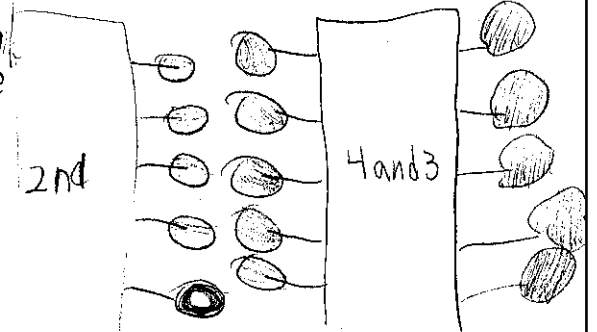
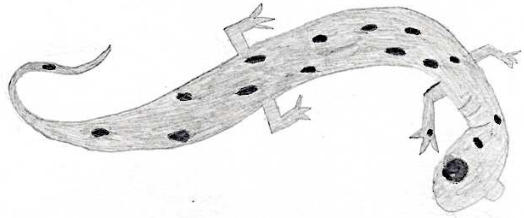
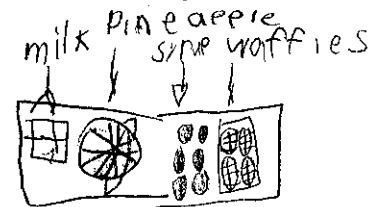
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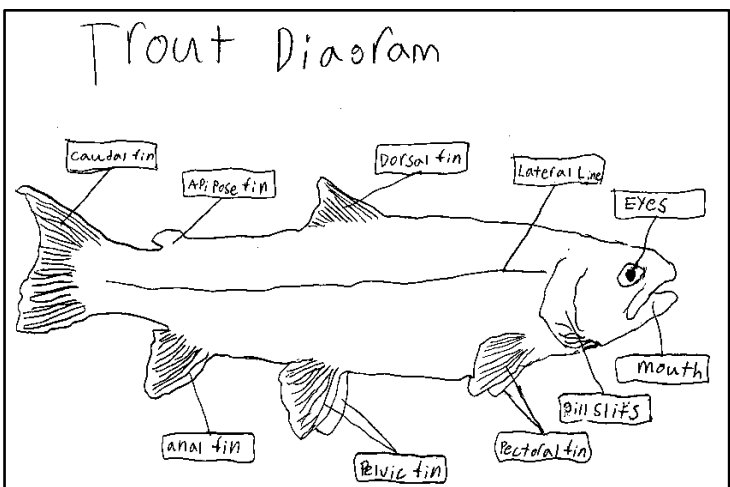
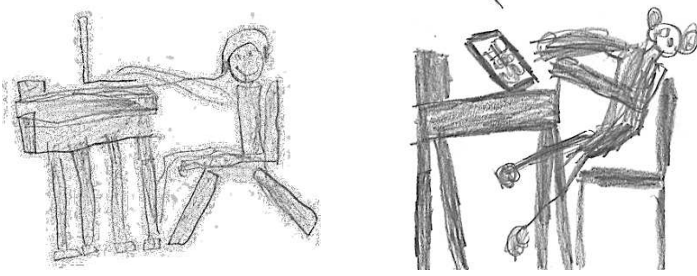
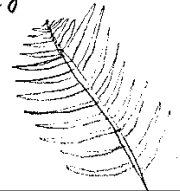
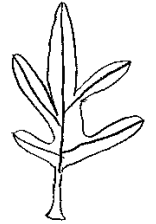


**CUB REPORTERS**

We are eating in the cafeteria. Finally! It's very loud in there! Every grade has their own table. Our table has a 2 for 2nd grade.



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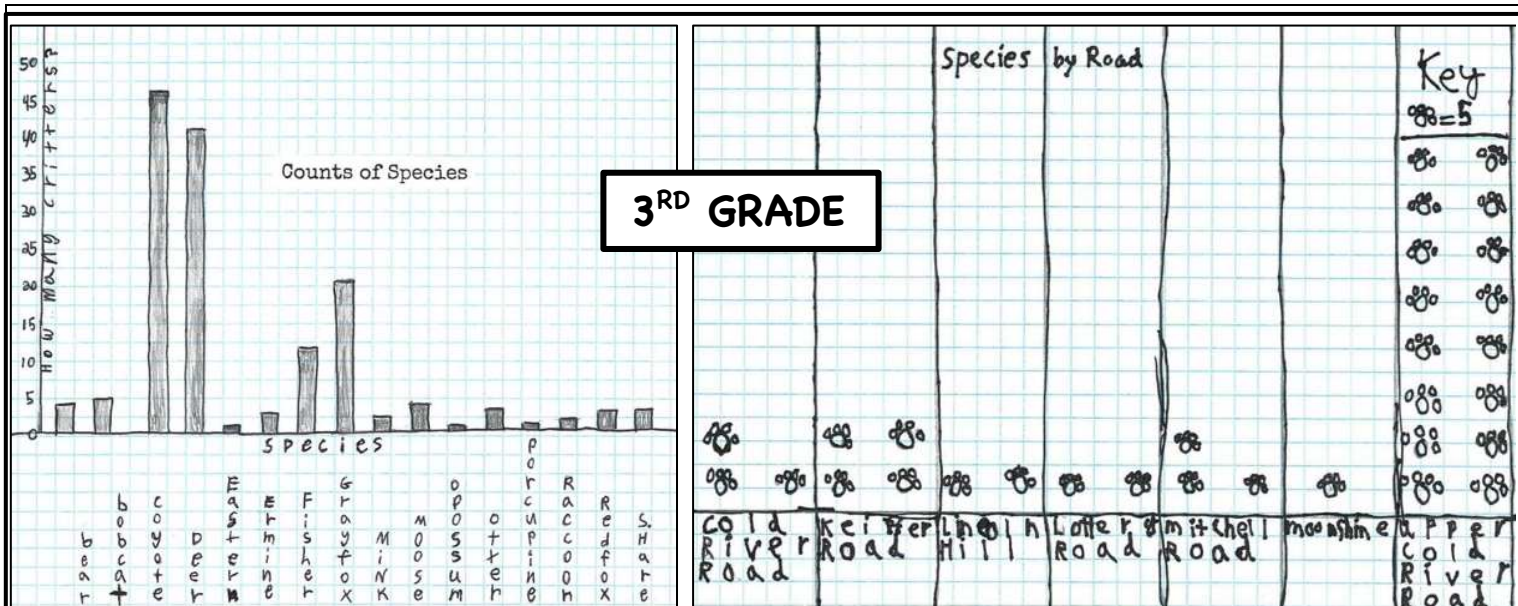


**G.B. BOWLED OVER BY WORK BY CUB REPORTERS!**

**Dear Cub Reporters,**  
 Thank you for your great response! Thanks for sharing your reports, poetry, posters, stories, important news and splendid action drawings. It's wonderful to have you be a part of the *Times of Shrewsbury*. You have much to tell and show us. There were more pieces than the editors could squeeze into the centerfold (two full pages!). The Cub Reporter page will continue. so keep laughing and loving and learning and learning and writing and drawing!

~Gramma Bear (aka Grace Brigham)





**Critters in Our Community**

The Shrewsbury Conservation Commission counted animal tracks in our town all winter long. Now we know what types of wildlife are crossing our roads. This is important because now we know where to protect our lane and make road crossing safer for wildlife. Our graphs show what types of animals are crossing the roads in Shrewsbury and which roads they cross. ~Third grade math Shrewsbury Mountain School

Third graders at Shrewsbury Mountain School asked in our math class “How can we, as citizen scientists, use data to promote wildlife conservation in Shrewsbury?” After learning and practicing how to create and read bar graphs and pictographs, students used data gathered by the Shrewsbury Conservation Commission to create these images which we hope will bring awareness to critter crossings in our community.

- Submitted by Carrie Clancy, Math Teacher, and Shrewsbury Conservation Commission member



**2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE**

**Sugar House Field Trip**

Community field trips are the best field trips! On Friday, March 25, Miss Rice’s 2nd grade class at the Mountain School took a walking field trip to the Severy Family Maple sugar house. Alannah Severy (daughter of Phillip and Becky) is in the 2nd grade class. The second graders collected sap, learned all about the syrup making process, and of course sampled some of that liquid gold. Phillip answered student’s questions about how much syrup is made, why maple syrup can only be made in the spring, what part of sugaring is the most fun, and what kinds of challenges he faces during the sugaring season. Every student left with a gift bag that included a sugaring coloring book and their very own bottle of syrup. A huge thank you to Phillip and Becky for the opportunity and their generosity!

~Miss Rice’s 2nd Grade





## The Shrewsbury Community Church



Compiled by Sue Ransom-Kelley

### The Shrewsbury Community Church Welcomes all Visitors.

We had a Joyous Easter Service and we are looking forward to spring flowers! 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. Refreshments are served following services. You may also request the virtual service at roxramah@gmail.com).

In addition to our regular services led by Pastor Wendy we have some guest ministers this spring. Communion is always celebrated on the first Sunday of the month

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

Sunday May 1, 10:30am Worship & Holy Communion led by Pastor Wendy Savery.

Sunday May 8, 10:30am Worship Service led by Pastor Wendy Savery.

Sunday May 15, 10:30am -Worship Service led by Pastor Wendy Savery.

Sunday May 22, 10:30am -Worship Service led by Pastor Wendy Savery.

Sunday May 29, 10:30am -Worship Service led by Pastor Wendy Savery.

#### 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.

## News from Rainbow Riding Center Horse'n Around, No Experience Needed! Join Us for a Volunteer Clinic Saturday, May 14

With longer and warmer days (sometimes), it's time for warm weather activities to begin. The horses and ponies are shedding their winter coats and Rainbow Riding Center is preparing for another fun season. Besides a lot of brushing to shed the ponies of their winter coats, we're readying the riding ring, cleaning tack, and clearing the riding trails.

Rainbow Riding Center is a non-profit therapeutic horsemanship center in Belmont, Vermont. Our program is designed to improve the wellbeing of individuals with unique physical, emotional and cognitive challenges through a therapeutic equine experience. In order to do this, we need volunteers to help us in many different capacities.

We need your help to begin this program each spring. Volunteers are a big part of our program allowing us to give more individuals an opportunity to participate in this beneficial program. We start the season providing our services to area school children and continue throughout the summer and fall.

Some of the fun includes grooming, tacking up, leading the horses or being a side walker - lending a little support to a rider. Non-equine activities might include trail clearing, putting up or fixing fences, office work, photography/videotaping, helping with social media or brainstorming to develop new games and challenges. Whatever your expertise or inclination if you think you might like to join us to help these riders accomplish their goals, we'd be glad to have you.

Why not give us a try if you are looking for a new experience? Everyone is welcome to attend the Volunteer Clinic on Saturday, May 14 from 10am -12 noon at Stone Wall Farm, 892 Tarbellville Road in Belmont. No experience with horses necessary, we'll introduce you. As long as you can walk alongside a rider in case they need a steadying hand and are willing to learn, you'll fit right in. You must be 14 years of age to work with the horses. Students and others can participate and get credit for community service requirements.

Come learn about us and discover what you might do as a volunteer. Sign up to have a good time in the company of beautiful horses, a dedicated staff of instructors, children and adults that know how cool this program really is. You can help us bring joy to kids and adults and have fun doing it!

For questions or directions to the Center please check [rainbowridingcenter.org](http://rainbowridingcenter.org) or contact us by email: [janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org](mailto:janetupton@rainbowridingcenter.org). Volunteer applications and our Volunteer Handbook are available on the website and available by mail if you email us. We'll also have them available at the Clinic. Please check us out on Facebook, [Twitter@RainbowRiding](https://www.facebook.com/Twitter@RainbowRiding) & [Instagram@reinbow\\_riding\\_center](https://www.instagram.com/reinbow_riding_center).

If you would like to volunteer but can't attend the Clinic on May 14, please contact us. ~~~Submitted by Janet Upton



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**DEAR MOTHER EARTH**  
*An Advice Column*

**International Plastics Agreement**

**Dear Mother Earth,**

Although I am trying as hard as I can to not purchase plastic or items wrapped in plastic, I am finding it impossible. Why is it up to us, the consumers, to deal with this nightmare of plastic waste? Why aren't the corporations being held responsible for their mess? Why are rich nations shipping all of their plastic waste to third world countries? Why do our governments allow this? It is all so irresponsible! We must develop solutions on a larger, global level. Meanwhile, every day, in every grocery store in the United States, tons and tons of disposable plastic flies out the door in packaging (frozen foods, chips and snacks, prepared foods, meat, etc.) Ugh! How and when will it stop? The health consequences are huge, for every living creature on this increasingly trashed planet.

*~Feeling Hopeless*

**Dear Feeling Hopeless,**

I share your frustration, but please don't give up hope! Every concerned human needs to keep fighting for our planet! You are right, governments and businesses need to step up and address the problems they have created, but they will do so only through pressure from their voters and consumers. The exciting news is that in early March of this year 175 countries agreed to come up with a legally binding Global Plastics Treaty that will begin to restrict the growth of plastic pollution. While this treaty is still being developed, its aim is to reduce the impact of plastic on the Earth at every level including: reduced production; improved responsibility and recycling; and international clean-up efforts.

Earth cannot wait for this treaty, however! In the meantime, we must all continue to reject plastic in our lives. Remember, if you won't buy any products wrapped in plastic, the producers will get the message and change their packaging. To this end, more and more companies are developing plant-based packaging, such as the company Sun and Swell. All of their packaging is biodegradable and does not contain "compostable" plastics that will simply break down into smaller pieces of plastic. Now that micro-plastics have been found in our rain!!!, all people need to make sacrifices or doom themselves and their children to the increasing health impacts of ingesting plastic. All humans are ingesting plastic on a daily basis, mostly through their water, but also in their food. This can't be good!

Until better packing is available, sacrifices will have to be made. Can you live without that bag of chips? Can you bake your own cookies? Can you buy chew toothpaste and a bamboo toothbrush? Can you carry your own spoon, fork, cup, and glass containers in your car for your coffee and takeout food purchases? Can you bring your own containers to the store for olives, granola, rice and other bulk purchases? Can you NEVER buy bottled water again? These are the steps that must be taken NOW if we are to turn the tide on the rising wave of pollution that surrounds us. Be the change today!

*Remaining hopeful, Mother Earth*

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### View With a Room

This has been a cold Spring without many consecutive days of similar weather so the first half of March was spent looking at the world around us from the windows surrounding us. The invitation to actually get outside and away from the looking glass would come, I thought, when consistent warm weather arrived. What did come however was some serious health issues that sent me to the Rutland Hospital Intensive Care Unit for two weeks followed by four days in the Progressive Care Unit prior to discharge.

The operative word here is "care" and from the time you land in the hospital bed and get hooked up to equipment that I will never understand but certainly appreciate you are surrounded by very professional staff people who make you their number one priority. It is this room that becomes the center of your life. One color, full of noises emanating from the equipment tied to you, and the constant shuffling of staff visiting you and their

equipment.

As you get better your horizons begin to expand beyond the limitations of your room. It is here that patients need patience.

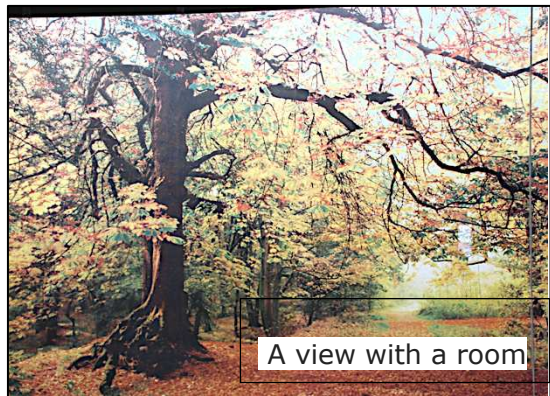
The nurse's station is a

central pod surrounded by a hallway allowing access to all the rooms. This hallway is a 200' circle and although constantly being used, forms the perfect exercise course. When the choice is a sterile one-dimensional room with you in the center of it or the opportunity to expand your horizons guess what, you join the parade. Early efforts required me, a walker, two nurses each moving the equipment still attached to me, plus a follow up nurse with a wheel chair in case I needed to sit down. As I got better the number of people and equipment began to lessen and the number of laps increased.

What brought this parade to a screeching halt in mid lap one afternoon was my sudden exposure to a stunning mural installed in one of the rooms. I literally stopped to stare as though invited by the mural to join it. It featured a beautifully painted very old tree, fall scene, with a rarely used path leading away toward the unknown. Once hooked on the view with a room each lap slowed as we passed by right up until discharge. As it turned out there were three adjacent rooms each with a greenhouse like structure outside the window and a mural installed in each.

As I continued to stare at this art work I was struck by a Charlie Brown comment made to Linus about something that they had viewed followed by the comment "the theological implications alone are staggering." **Old tree:** wisdom, timelessness, all knowing. **Fall Scene:** end of growing season/start of dormancy. **Trail:** to what waits in our life beyond. I was moved as much by this work of art as I am of living trees filling the world we live in. A hospital stay will do that to you.

~Gary Salmon, Tree Warden



A view with a room

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- \*\* *Just O.K.*
- \* *Not recommended*

**1944**

**FDR and the Year That Changed History**

*by Jay Winik*

★★★★★

1944 pulls together all the threads that have been introduced in the other volumes I've read about World War II. It is not a story of battles, but rather about decision-making.

Much of what we're seeing today in world affairs has parallels to the early 40's, particularly – for me – around wishing that “doing the right thing” would win out over political expediency. Among other things, this book tells the devastating story of a few extraordinarily courageous individuals who risked their lives telling the truth about what the Germans were doing in their “work camps.” For way too long these reports fell on deaf ears or were filed in “pending” folders. Sections of those reports are included in this book. I have never been as affected by what happened in the concentration camps except when I visited the Holocaust Memorial in D.C.

Preserving democracy is the associated message that comes through loud and clear. The U.S. has suffered from the delusion that its geographic separateness provides isolation from other nations' territorial squabbles. That sense was behind the two years of not answering the pleas from England to join the battle against Germany's attempt to take over western Europe and ultimately England itself. It is very hard not to see that lesson in today's Russian assault against Ukraine.

I will probably put this era on the shelf for a while. However, I still need to read about one topic that calls out from the pages of 1944, as it does when I watch the nightly news. That is reconstruction. How did Europe recover from the incredible destruction and anger? What can we learn from that?

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Now I need to have a mystery solved. The copy of 1944 that I read was left on the desk at the library for me. (The library has its own copy.) I've inquired after who might have left it, but with no luck. If you are the person, please let me know! I am grateful for the loan or gift and want to thank you personally.

*Reviewed by Sally Deinzer*

**MILLRIVER UNION UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS**

First, a big welcome to our new Superintendent, Brian Hill. He comes to the job from within our system. Shrewsbury parents may recognize Mr. Hill as the person who was our interim Principal a few years ago. He has filled many positions within the district over the years. He started as an English teacher at the Middle School then the high school, became our IT Director, our Academic Officer, Interim Principal at Shrewsbury, and then added Asst Superintendent to his list before he was named our Interim Superintendent and then Superintendent starting July 1. Brian is a wonderful person we are lucky to have committed to our kids and our district. Hopefully you will get a chance to speak with Brian over the next school year. You will find him to be a sincere and caring person who listens. We will be advertising soon to fill the positions Brian's promotion has left vacant. Additionally, a new principal has been hired in Clarendon and a hiring committee is at work to find a new principal for Shrewsbury.

The Community Engagement Committee is hoping to bring back in-person coffee hours at the schools to allow folks to meet staff in a more casual venue than a board meeting. Watch for these to start up sometime early in the next school year. The Community Conversations that the Engagement Committee has been holding virtually will hopefully transition to in-person next year, too. That said, we will try to schedule virtual Conversations every other month for those who find these more convenient.

The Board is working hard to complete our other yearly work for this school year. We finalized our District Goals and are scheduling a Summer Retreat with the Administration Team that will review those goals and develop a Strategic Plan for the next year and beyond. We hope to work with a facilitator for this planning and in developing an ongoing timeline to do this work annually.

Next month more news on the end-of-year celebrations including graduation and prom. The time after Spring Break always seems to flow at double the speed of the rest of the year.

As always, if you have questions or concerns, feel free to call me or Sam Greene

*Submitted by Adrienne Raymond*



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## Shrewsbury Conservation Commission's Trail Camera Picture of the month



This month's picture is a Ruffed Grouse on his drumming log, captured by Linda Shelvey. The deep thumping sound starts slowly and builds to a blurred crescendo as the bird rapidly rotates his wings back and forth. A sure sign of Spring!

Do you have a wildlife picture to share? Send your trail cam, phone or DSL camera picture to Linda Shelvey, Lpurdyshel@gmail.com . Please include your location in your email to Linda, so we can include your data in our Wildlife Road Crossing Project. ~Linda Shelvey



### Homemade Hummingbird Nectar

Typically, hummingbirds arrive back in town around May 7 or 8, and they are going to be really hungry when they get here. Without many natural nectar sources in bloom yet, the best thing to do is to make your own sugar- water mix, and hang it in a hummingbird feeder. But, please, don't buy pre-made nectar as it often contains red chemical dye and preservatives that can be harmful to the birds. Any typical hummingbird feeder will do.

Make your own homemade nectar: Combine 1 part sugar (pure white cane sugar) with 4 parts water. Hot tap water is fine for completely dissolving the sugar. There is no need to boil it first. I usually mix ½ cup sugar with 2 cups water. I don't fill the feeder, but keep the extra stored in a mason jar in the fridge. Allow the sugar water to cool to lukewarm or room temp. Then add it to your feeder, hang it, and have fun watching the action!

Keeping A Healthy Feeder: Hang your feeder in a shady spot to keep the nectar from too quickly fermenting which can cause the birds to abandon it and leave. In hot weather, whether or not it looks like a drop is missing, you need to empty out the nectar completely every two days or so, and give it a really good hot water rinse. Mild soap is OK, just make sure it's well rinsed. I also use an old toothbrush to give a good scrub around the edge of the fake flowers and the ports where the birds access the nectar, or any place on the feeder where it might look black or moldy. ~Vicky Arthur

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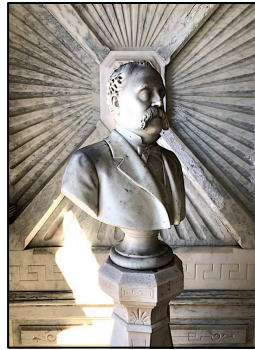




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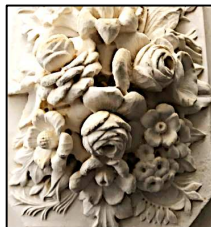
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## LAUREL GLEN MAUSOLEUM

Laurel Glen Mausoleum is protected from the elements in winter, but in April the barriers are removed revealing a solid ~6" thick marble door that hasn't moved in years. During the warmer months an elaborately designed "screen" door protects the interior from birds and other mammals. Interior viewing events will be held during the summer, so watch for the dates on the Community Calendar.

For more details about the Laurel Glen Mausoleum and the John P. Bowman home (Laurel Hall), view the *Times of Shrewsbury* Special Edition online at [www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com](http://www.shrewsburyhistoricalsociety.com) or contact Barry Griffith, Laurel Glen Trustee



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# WHAT A PEST!



Emerald Ash Borer  
(Source The Arbor Day Foundation)

The Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) has been found in the nearby communities of Bridgewater and West Rutland. Approximately 99% of native green, white and black ash trees in Vermont will succumb to this infestation (Source UVM Extension Service).

Ash trees are magnificent biological specimens which populate the fields, road

sides and homesites of Shrewsbury. Please see the graphic below to learn the warning signs of EAB infestation.

## Signs of the Emerald Ash Borer:



Thinning Canopy



Epicormic Sprouts



Woodpecker Flecking of Bark



S - Shaped Galleries

Images courtesy of Bugwood.org



More information on EAB, as well as the means to report it should it be spotted in your area, can be found at [VTinvasives.org](http://VTinvasives.org).

Submitted by Cynthia Thornton  
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The average last frost date for our area is May 20. Farmers and gardeners that want to get a jump on the season will spend this month seeding, potting up, and transplanting, as well as amending and prepping beds. A few years back SAGE and Alchemy Gardens teamed up on a series of videos for students to learn more about greenhouses and see just how they extend the seasons in Vermont to benefit our growers, especially in spring. You can still check out these videos on our SAGE YouTube channel at: <https://bit.ly/3Mfw8es>

Speaking of garden preparation, SAGE has been working again with the Mountain School to recreate the school's gardens! Scott Courcelle met with Julia Bonafine and Maggie Aines to plan the layout of raised beds and sort out our materials list to move the project forward. We'll have lumber and sling bags of soil coming in soon. SAGE will put out a call for volunteer support of this project soon, please contact us if you know you're already interested or keep an eye on our social media channels for a volunteer day announcement.

### Shrewsbury Sno-birds

Our season was very short this year and what snow we had was sparse and thin. This is the worst that I can remember so next year has to be a great one! We did get out and do some grooming. I want to thank everyone that helped this winter on the trails to make them as good as they could be. I do like the new Mogul Master drag it really does a nice job. This summer we have a couple of trail projects to do. One is a small bridge replacement on the trail to the groomer shed and a trail relocation on our 407 trail. We also want to have all new, and better, signs for next year to help guide people that are not familiar with the area. Our May meeting is election of officers and our last regular meeting for the season. Come and see what we are up to. All are welcome.



*Submitted by Roy Arthur*

### Upcoming Pierce's Store Events

The Events Committee announces is working on the following upcoming events:

- Shrewstories
- Future wine tastings
- A beer tasting
- The Blueberry Festival
- A Back Yard Bar-B-Que as a thank you to the many wonderful volunteers
- A Chili Bake Off
- Possibly a Progressive Dinner.

We will have solid dates for the next issue of the Times. ~Submitted by Phyllis Wells



Scan this QR code with a phone's camera to watch SAGE's gardening videos for kids!



QR code image link for SAGE's YouTube gardening videos

Finally, we'd like to thank Ms. McDonough's 5th and 6th grade class for an excellent culinary celebration of cabbage at our last Harvest of the Month cooking program! The class sweated out the cabbage

and hand-rolled pork and cabbage gyoza dumplings! Yum!

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

~Stephen Abatiell, SAGE Program Director

### SHREWSTORIES

For the first Pierce's garage event since Covid hit; please join us for Shrewstories (loosely based on NPR's, The Moth)

**Saturday, May 7 from 4-6pm in Pierce's Garage**  
**Theme: "Emerging and Awakening"**

Thomas Hartigan will MC.

Stories must be factual and about you. There will be a ten-minute story limit (based on participants). Snacks and beverages will be available for purchase. Seating is limited so please come early. We look forward to seeing and hearing from you again! ~~~Submitted by Lana Vanucchi

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Bob Knudsen, Manager

Happy Springtime everybody! We are officially into spring now, and the weather is starting to get much warmer. That means it's almost time for some outdoor activities in the garage and beyond!



### NEW ASSISTANT MANAGER

In case you haven't heard yet, we now have a permanent assistant manager at the store! Rob Jaimes has already taken on the role with gusto and is fitting in quite well. He moved here from Arizona recently and has a lot of retail experience that he has shared with us in our bid to continually improve the store. He has already revived our Twitter account, so follow us at @pierces\_store for exciting updates. Meanwhile, Logan will be reducing her role over the next few weeks to continue her good work helping to educate young people for success in life but will always be welcome back. Stop by to congratulate the both of them in their latest projects!

### OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

We are getting the garage ready for some summer fun, cleaning out all of last year's leaves and dust bunnies and bringing in new setups for the community to enjoy. First up will be the Shrewstories, aka the storytelling hour. In this case, it will be a couple of hours, with people discussing the theme of "Emerging and Awakening." Come by on May 7 and listen in or even participate if it is your kind of thing! We will have some refreshments available for purchase as well as a few freebies to snack on.

**Beginning Memorial Day weekend, we are hoping to get the CREEMEE machine rolling**, and we will plan to have some outdoor seating available to enjoy this Vermont favorite! We plan to make them available Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays during the day, with a firmer schedule in place once we figure out how we are staffing it. If you would like to volunteer to help run the machine a few times, please let us know!

### OTHER THINGS OF NOTE

We have talked a lot about the prices and supply chain issues recently, and they do continue to strain us in a lot of ways. You have probably noticed a few price increases on a few items at the store, but we are working diligently to keep these changes to a minimum – especially on staple foods – but we are also constrained by the reality of rising inflation and other cost increases. Having said that, we are also always looking at new vendors and other ways to cut costs, which has helped keep us from having as many shortages as some other stores in the region.

Please feel free to let us know if you are having difficulty with any of the changes and we will try to accommodate as we can, and, as always, if you would like for us to carry certain products or classes of products, including specialty foods, let us know! We are looking to increase non-dairy items, vegan and vegetarian foods, gluten free options, Kosher and Halal offerings, Keto foods, fair trade items, and organic foods. If you know of any vendors or providers who specialize in any of these or anything else, shoot us their contact information. ~Bob Knudsen, Pierce's Store Manager

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to help out with a myriad of tasks that need attention around the store and for running errands. If you'd like more information, or are interested in helping; please contact Bob at:

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