

# Mont Vernon

## Mont Vernon PTA

### Neighbor Helping Neighbor



SHARE Director Alexis Eaton accepts food donations from Olivia and Scott Masters. The food was collected by Mont Vernon Village School students for a Valentine's Day food drive organized by the PTA. Over \$250 was also collected for Mont Vernon's Neighbor Helping Neighbor program to provide food to needy families in town.

The Mont Vernon Village Elementary School PTA put together a Valentine fundraiser to help out our Town's Neighbor Helping Neighbor program. Items donated were non-perishable food items. They were delivered on Friday Feb 20 to SHARE, a food pantry in Milford serving Mont Vernon and surrounding communities. There was over 80 pounds of food collected, ranging from canned goods like pasta, potatoes, crackers, and other staples. They were gratefully received by Alexis Eaton, a Director at SHARE.

In addition, the children of Mont Vernon Elementary collected \$256.93 in cash donations that

will go towards the Town's Neighbor Helping Neighbor program to purchase grocery store gift cards for needy families in our town of Mont Vernon. We had several collection cans which were located at the School, Town Library, General Store, Town Hall, and Clerk's Office. 100% of collected donations will put food on the table of needy families right here in our town. Look for our upcoming Neighbor Helping Neighbor fundraiser at the Spring Gala. Thank you to all who could donate during these economical times. Your generous donations will go to families in need.

## Mont Vernon Historical Society News

### Robert Rowe to Speak on "New Hampshire and the War for Independence"

The Mont Vernon Historical Society and the Friends of the Daland Memorial Library will co-sponsor a talk, "New Hampshire and the War for Independence", focusing on events that took place in New Hampshire before and during the American Revolutionary War. Some of these unique and important events are not well known beyond the borders of NH.

The speaker, Robert Rowe, has lived in NH, including Mont Ver-

non, for 38 years. He's a retired attorney and currently an elected member of the NH House of Representatives. Publications include four books, three non-fiction, one historical novel, about New Hampshire during the Colonial and Federal periods. He currently resides in Amherst in Jones Tavern, the first tavern in Amherst Village and site of inquisitions of suspected Tory sympathizers.

## Scholarship Applications Are Now Available

The Skenderian-McCollom-Griffin Scholarship applications are now available at the Mont Vernon General Store and the Student Services office at Souhegan High School. These scholarships are awarded to Mont Vernon residents seeking post secondary education and are based

on scholarship aptitude and need. They may be awarded to both high school seniors and continuing education students. Applications must be received by the Trustees of Trust Funds, Mont Vernon, prior to April 4, 2009.

## Taxpayers Face Decreasing Revenues and Increasing Costs

By CLIFF ANN WALES

MONT VERNON - The Mont Vernon Village School District is presenting to the voters a FY10 budget totaling \$4,592,061, an increase in spending of \$8,909 (0.19%). However, revenues have declined. As an example, State aid has declined by \$16,323 and Federal Aid declined \$5,741. Mont Vernon Village School tax rate if the operating budget passes will increase by \$1.25.

The voters will also vote on a collective bargaining agreement for the Mont Vernon Education Association with estimated increases of \$26,325 for the first year at an increase of \$0.10. If operating budget and collective bargaining are passed the cost will be \$1.35 on the tax rate. The tax impact on a \$400,000 home is an increase of \$540.

### Souhegan Cooperative School

The proposed FY10 Souhegan High School budget is \$17,730,722, an increase of \$362,199. For Mont Vernon, this represents an increase on the tax rate of \$0.33. On a \$400,000, the tax impact is \$132.

### Town of Mont Vernon

The Board of Selectmen will present at town meeting, March 10, an operating budget of \$1,906,195, an increase in spending of \$115,779.

In addition to the operating budget, the selectmen support article 5 for updating the assessed valuation in town as mandated by the state for \$34,000.

The selectmen support \$20,000 to replace lally columns at McCollum building.

They support repairs to fire engine #1 for \$22,000 and road repairs for \$79,845.

Chairman of the selectmen, Jack Esposito expects that with the operating budget, revaluation, lally columns at McCollum and fire truck repairs and possible changes made at town meeting, \$0.30 will be added to the tax rate. However, depending on the action of the voters, the increase could be \$1.00 if all warrant articles pass.

**Increases could total:**  
**Mont Vernon School - \$1.35**  
**Souhegan Coop School - \$0.33**  
**Town of Mont Vernon - \$0.30**

**On a \$400,000 home the increase could range from \$792 to \$1,072**

It needs to be noted that these are estimates based on last year's assessed valuation, expected reduced revenues to the schools and town and if all operating budgets and articles pass.

The numbers used are from the Town report and the SAU #39 financial reports.

## Fire Chief Retires



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Retiring Fire Chief Kevin Pomeroy.

The Mont Vernon Board of Selectmen would like to offer our most sincere appreciation and admiration to retiring Fire Chief Kevin E. Pomeroy. Chief Pomeroy has been on the department as a Firefighter since the age of 18 and has served our town as Fire Chief from 1984 - 1990 and 1997 - 2009. His devotion to the town of Mont Vernon and all of its residents is evident by his many years of dedicated public service. Chief Pomeroy, among many other achievements, led the department through the construction of a brand new Fire House. He and his department worked diligently to achieve success. We celebrate his commitment and outstanding accomplishments and are pleased Kevin will remain an active Firefighter on the force.

Thank you, Chief, for everything.

Mont Vernon Board of Selectmen  
 John M. Esposito, Chairman  
 John F. Quinlan  
 Paul L. Apple

Submitted by Alice Philbrick, Secretary to Selectmen

## Waffle Breakfast at Fire Station

All are welcome to attend the Waffle Breakfast at Mont Vernon's Fire Station from 7:30 A.M. until 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 8. This is a great opportunity to see the new Fire Station. The breakfast will feature restaurant quality waffles donated by Tri State Malted Waffles of Milford. These are some

really good waffles! Served with New Hampshire maple syrup, sausages, strawberries, apples, real whipped cream, coffee and juice. Come on by and enjoy the event with family friends and neighbors. Donations will benefit the Mont Vernon Fire Dept Association.

## "Playaways" Now Available at Daland Memorial Library

What's new in Audiobooks? Playaways! A Playaway is a sealed sound system smaller than a deck of cards. It is powered by one AAA battery and you may listen through headphones or jack into an audio system. These will circulate as oth-

er audiobooks do for a two week period. If you do not have your own headphones, the library has sets for sale (\$1.00 each). Titles rotate and are made available to the library through the Hillstown Cooperative. Come on in and try one out today!

## Daland Memorial Library Opening for Trustee

The Daland Memorial Library has an opening for a Library Trustee. This is a 3 year term. As the filing date has already passed, candidate will require a write-in campaign for

the Town Election on March 10th, 2009. Please contact Cindy Raspiller at 603.673.2667 or Karen MacDonald at 603.673.7888 for more information.

## Neighbor Helping Neighbor

The economic downturn has been especially difficult for many families in our community. Mont Vernon residents can directly help their neighbors by donating cash or gift cards to the Neighbor Helping Neighbor collection cans located at Town Hall, the Town Clerk's office, the Library, and the General Store. 100% of your donations go directly to needy Mont Vernon families in the form of Market Basket gift cards distributed through the Town's Welfare Office. Your contribution will put food on the table of a family right here in town. Thank you for your generosity!

Richard Masters  
 Town of Mont Vernon Welfare Officer

## Mont Vernon Recreation Gets Ready for Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Hippity-hoppity, Easter's on its way! The Mont Vernon Recreation Commission is thinking spring and getting ready for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 4 at 10 am at the Village School. Though normally held on Easter weekend, the Commission has pushed the event up a week this year to ensure that everyone's around when they unveil the Easter Bunny's new makeover! There will be refresh-

ments, crafts, games, face painting and of course, hundreds of eggs hidden all around the Village School yard. Be sure to bring a basket for collecting eggs, and boots are recommended (not even snow can stop the Easter Bunny!). All activities are free and open to the public. In an effort to "go green," the Commission will be collecting all the plastic eggs following the hunt - what the kids find inside is theirs to keep!

## Mont Vernon Readers: Please turn to page 19 for the Mont Vernon Warrant Articles to be voted on Tuesday, March 10

**THE TOADSTOOL BOOKSHOPS**

**MARYANN COCCA-LEFFLER**  
 Sat., Mar. 14, 11 a.m.  
 Book release party for her brand new children's book, "My Dance Recital". Best dance outfit wins a copy of the book!

**KAYLA GRAY & LARA ADRIAN**  
 Sat., Mar. 21, 2 p.m.  
 How do you like your romance? Kayla and Lara visit in support of their novels.

**REBECCA RULE**  
 Sat., Mar. 28, 10:30 a.m.  
 Becky will stop at all 3 Toadstoos today to sign her books (and audio!), including the latest, "Live Free and Eat Pie!". A la mode anyone?

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**673-1734**  
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 MCKAYLA GEISINGER

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 OS DAVIS

DECEMBER 20, 1993 - MARCH 19, 2007

**ATTENTION SENIORS!!!**  
**OPEN HOUSE: Wed. 2-5, Fri. 9-5**  
**PARKHURST PLACE**  
 11 Veterans Road, Amherst, NH 03031

**Features:**

- Beautiful Country setting
- Non-profit independent living community for Seniors
- Large function and activity rooms
- Library with fireplace
- Community garden
- Scenic walking trails
- Screened gazebo
- Carpools with storage

**Services:**

- Regular health screenings and clinics
- Planned social activities and functions
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 <b>AMHERST.....\$290,000</b> Historic District Charm! Blt-ins., lg. updated kit, mstr. w/bath., Easy stroll to Village Green. Listed by: Ingrid Michaelis 673-4000	 <b>AMHERST.....\$310,000</b> Tri-level floor plan offers space & versatility. 5BR, 3 bath, glass enclosed breezeway, priv. back yard. Listed by: Jennifer Campbell 673-4000	 <b>AMHERST.....\$349,900</b> Private 3BR Cape set on 4+ acres. Great sunporch, LR w/cath. ceiling, MBR has private bath & patio. Listed by: James Goddard 673-4000	 <b>AMHERST.....\$424,000</b> Super private 2+A. lot near Village. 3000+ s.f. w/updated kit, 1 <sup>st</sup> flr office, 4-car garage, a/c & more! Listed by: Sally Hooper 673-4000
 <b>AMHERST.....\$575,000</b> Truly elegant! Cherry flrs., custom milled woodwork, 1 <sup>st</sup> flr. mstr., incredible media rm. Very private setting. Listed by: Ingrid Michaelis 673-4000	 <b>AMHERST.....\$699,000</b> Prestigious home in heart of the Village. Unrivaled quality, impeccably decorated & immaculate! Listed by: Sally Hooper 673-4000		

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