

Mont Vernon

Daland Memorial Library News

Library hours: Tues. & Thurs. 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Wed. noon - 8 p.m.; Fri. 2 - 6 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Closed Sun. & Mon.
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Junior Book Clubs

***Bonkers for Books Junior Book Club** for 3rd & 4th graders *will be reading "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl for their February title. Group meet Wednesday, March 7th from 4-5pm for a fun snack and book talk.

***The Page Turners Junior Book Club** for 5th & 6th graders* will be reading "Roll of Thunder, Hear Me Cry" by Mildred D. Taylor for their February title. Group will meet on Wednesday Feb. 15th from 4-5pm for a snack and discussion.

Books for both groups are available to borrow @ the library. New members are always welcome.

Lapsit

Bundle you little ones up and join us on Tuesday mornings for songs, stories, and fingerplays designed for children ages 0-3yrs old. Session begins *Tuesday, Feb. 7th *at 11AM and will run for 4 weeks. Registration required. Call 673-7888 or stop in to sign up today!

Friends of the Library Membership Drive Continued Through February

The Friends of the Daland Memorial Library will hold their next meeting on Monday, February 27, at 7:30 p.m., at the library. The meeting will be chaired by President Mary Katherine McNamara. Interested in attracting and keeping new members, the Friends are extending their membership drive and the chance to

win a beautiful gift basket through a raffle. Any current member who renews or a new member who joins will receive a ticket for the basket which includes gift certificates to Hannafords and Dunkin' Donuts, a Starbucks mug, Tazo Teas, flavored syrup and some chocolates. It also includes a beautiful handcrafted wooden bowl made by Mont Vernon resident Ted Covert. If you attend the February meeting you will receive another ticket for the raffle. The annual membership fee is \$15.

How can you help as a member of the Friends of the Library? Bake goodies for special events, make posters, help maintain the library gardens, help out at the annual book sale on Spring Gala Day. Some events just need a few extra pair of hands. All offers are welcome.

Through fund raising, the organization helps support a number of library activities including providing the many treats for trick-or-treaters who visit the library on Halloween, the Teen Times program, museum passes available to library patrons, the children's summer reading program, the new Lunch and Afternoon Movie program, the annual murder mystery evening, and also co-sponsors with the Mont Vernon Historical Society New Hampshire Humanities Council programs.

Questions? Please call the library at 673-7888, or stop in and ask. The Friends meet 10 times a year, no meetings in July and December, on the fourth Monday of the month.

Meetings usually last an hour to an hour and a half. Membership includes receiving the monthly newsletter featuring upcoming library activities and events and a listing of the new books, videos and audio books added to the library's collection.

Museum Passes Available at the Library

Passes to the following museums are now available to library patrons. Two are free and one has a small co-pay.

Currier Museum of Art
201 Myrtle Way
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-669-7194
www.currier.org
Two passes - each pass admits two

SEE Science Center
200 Bedford Street
Manchester, NH
Tel: 603-669-0400
www.see-sciencecenter.org
Three family passes

Museum of Fine Arts
465 Huntington Ave
Boston, MA
Tel: 617-267-9300
www.mfa.org
Take away FLEX pass - one pass admits two adults

(NOTE - there is a \$7 co-pay for EACH adult. Some special exhibits require a ticket with an additional charge.)

NOTE: Passes to the Canterbury Shaker Village are no longer available.

Passes may be checked out for one week. (Take away and FLEX passes are not returned.) Late returns will incur a \$5 fine. Please call the library at 673-7888, or stop by to reserve a pass. Museum passes made possible through the fundraising efforts of the Friends of the Daland Memorial Library.

Scholarship Application Forms Available

The Skenderian-McCollom-Griffin Scholarship applications are now available at the Daland Memorial Library, Fishbones General Store and the Student Services office at Souhegan High School.

These scholarships are awarded to Mont Vernon residents seeking full time post secondary education leading to certification, associate degree or bachelor degree. They 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 3, 2012.

Mont Vernon Village School

Get Active, Get Fit School Challenge

Mont Vernon Village School students and staff took part in the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Get Active, Get Fit School Challenge hosted by Radio Disney, which began October 3, 2011 and ended November 26, 2011. Registration was open to all Kindergarten through 6th grade students in the state of New Hampshire. In order to qualify, students had to be active for at least 20 minutes per day, for a minimum of 40 out of the 55 days of the competition.

Letters were sent home with all students informing the parents and community of the participation in the challenge and encouraged them to take part as well.

Individual student tracking sheets and classroom tracking sheets kept track of daily progress.

A large banner was made in the art department and displayed in the school's main hallway. The students and staff signed this banner as a pledge to Get Active, Get Fit.

Disney themed bulletin boards adorned the hallways with animated characters Getting Active and Getting Fit and showing the student body and staff the endless possibilities.

A Get Active, Get Fit School Challenge dress up day took place on Wednesday, October 26th. The whole school participated by wearing workout gear that they wear to Get Active, Get Fit.

An eight week countdown chart was placed in the multipurpose room showing the progress as the challenge continued.

The most popular promotion for the challenge was the "Caught Getting Active and getting Fit" bulletin board. They had their own "paparazzi" catching students and staff in the act of getting active and fit. These photos were then placed on display for students and staff to enjoy.

The principal, office staff, student services, school nurse, specialists, facilities/groups keepers, cafeteria staff, special education, para educator staff and classroom teachers all

took part in and promoted the Anthem Blue Cross, Blue Shield and Radio Disney Get Active, Get Fit School Challenge.

On December 9th results were submitted to Radio Disney and on Thursday, January 19th Mont Vernon Village School received notification that they had won the challenge. On Friday, March 9th Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield will present a certificate to the school and Radio Disney will provide a fitness dance party for the students and staff of Mont Vernon Village School. In addition the school will receive a deluxe activity kit of playground balls, basketballs, soccer balls volleyball, jump ropes, cones, hoops, discs and bean bags, a retail value of \$500 dollars.

Congratulations to all the students at Mont Vernon Village School on their win!

Cabin Fever Chili Cook-Off

MONT VERNON - Do you make a great pot of chili? We are having a cook-off on Saturday, March 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Mont Vernon Congregational Church. We are looking for a variety of entries: hot, mild, beef, pork, veggie and other favorites. There will be a \$40 prize for first place and \$20 for runner-up. Ticket

holders will sample and vote, and have a bowl of the "house" chili, cornbread, beverage and dessert. Tickets for adults are \$8, children 5-12 are \$4, and children under 5 are free. Call Susan Smith at 654-6064 to enter the cook-off as a contestant or for more details, or email montvernonchurch@montvernonchurch.org Mont Vernon Congregational Church is located on Route 13 North at the top of the hill, across from the Town Hall. Get out of your cabin for some fun!

Letters to the Editor

Does SB2 Encourage Democratic Laziness?

To the editor:

We were surprised to read in another newspaper that all 262 of Mont Vernon taxpayers who voted for SB2 are now being called "uninformed", "didn't know what it was about" plus: that our voting for SB2 "encourages democratic laziness."

In other words, we are brain-dead and also lazy. Rather provocative comments made by the chairman of the MV School Board, Kim Roberge and selectman, John Quinlan, about every one of us who voted for our ballot voting right.

What they are really saying is that they just don't like it that we voted for a protocol whereby we can vote down MVVS spending excess. Oh, yes, we do know exactly what it is all about.

Another statement by Mr. Q: "only large towns need this sort of thing." Rubbish. We know exactly why they want to rescind SB2 and it's not the size of our town.

At the Deliberative meeting Wednesday night, we provided reasons why the MVVS proposed FY13 budget could be reduced another \$115K. However, with only about 50+ attendees, this reduction amendment was defeated. Even a Budget Committee reduction proposal of \$40K was also defeated 28 to 23 in a secret ballot. SB2 is absolutely needed! The School Board chose Valentine's day, 6 pm, MVVS, for an SB2 Public Hearing to discuss whether SB2 should remain.

A lot has been said about the growing problem of bullying in our schools and elsewhere. Could it be that now

it is the taxpayers who are being bullied by a gargantuan school system? As we walk without any animosity, they throw the taxpayer brick at us, trip us up at the polls with warrant articles that will benefit them and slam-dunk taxpayers at every meeting they hold. Now if this doesn't qualify for description of a bully, then the Mont Vernon taxpayer has been living on an internet "cloud." That's what bullies do: keep punishing the victim and, in the case of taxpayers, force them to move away.

Consider this: Mont Vernon taxpayers pay the highest taxes of all neighboring towns and ranks number 23 out of 250+ towns in the state. Almost 80 percent of our taxes end up with the schools which leaves very little for the town to take care of serious needs of its own: road repairs, a decent police station with more security for the town, more for town employees, etc. Withdraw monies from un-needy school coffers and the foregoing is possible.

Using SB2 last year, we penciled in a resounding "no," and made a statement about higher taxes. Along with their belittling comments, they now want to take our SB2 voting rights away from us. If that happens, disappear on that "cloud" and observe how our taxes will grow year after year and the town we live in gets uglier on many levels, eventually turning into a "Planet of the Apes."

Norma and Tom
McKinney
Mont Vernon

Jew Pond is Offensive

To the editor:

A good deal has been said about my proposal to change the name of Jew Pond in Mont Vernon. Before you dismiss this effort as "politically correct" or as a misguided attempt to remove a part of our history, I suggest that you have a look at "The Story Behind Jew Pond", a beautiful documentary filmed by Katelyn Dobbs, a UNH Student and Mont Vernon resident. You can easily find it on youtube.com by doing a search for Jew Pond. There you will see members of our historical society describe how the pond got its name and a few interesting facts. The pond has been known by several names over the course of its history and started out and known for decades as "Spring Pond", so Jew Pond was not even its original name. How did the name "Jew Pond" come about? One member noted, "probably it was an insult". Another said it was "kind of a snide joke". A prominent representative of the Jewish community calls it a pejorative not unlike "jew lawyer" or "jewling down the price."

I and others believe the name "Jew Pond" is offensive to some and characterizes our town to those outside our community as anti-Semitic, at least at some point in our history if not today. Originally I proposed changing the name to "Frog Pond" as a way to remove that stigma and to recognize a natural feature - the many frogs that call the pond home. After seeing the documentary, I now favor changing the name BACK to Spring Pond, which would retain or enhance its cultural heritage. More importantly, it would put to rest a blight on our town - an offensive name born from "an insult". I am pleased to hear that the Selectmen are proposing to put this to a Warrant Article. By the Selectmen and the Townspeople affirming that we want to be known for doing the right thing, not for perpetuating an insult, we have a rare opportunity to correct something wrong; let us do so.

Richard Masters
Mont Vernon

Early Morning Exercise

Sponsored By The Town Of Mont Vernon

Looking for an early morning workout? Drop in on a Monday or Wednesday at the Mont Vernon Village School at 5:45 am for a 50 minute workout by AFAA certified fitness instructor Mary Manseau. The next 8 week session starts Monday, March 26 through May 23. You can choose to exercise one or two days.

MONDAYS: Step & Toning - An intermediate level class in both complexity and intensity, to include some choreography and basic Tabata drills to help get you fit fast! A variety of toning exercises make up the second half of class for a complete workout.

WEDNESDAYS: Total Body Fitness - An intermediate level gym-class-style format with a focus on cardio fitness, muscle strength and endurance, agility, reaction time, balance and stretching, using some combination of cones, ladders, medicine balls, Glides, rings, and more.

For both classes, wear footwear, like cross-trainers, good for lateral as well as forward movement (not running footwear), bring 2 sets of weights, e.g. 5 lb & 10 lb, a mat, and water. All participants are encouraged to go at her/his own pace and to have fun!

You will need a registration form and check made out to the Town of Mont Vernon on your first day (\$45 1 day/week or \$65 for 2 days/week).

If you have any questions, please call Stephanie 673.0940.

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Community Dinner Fun and Food for a Good Cause

MONT VERNON - Mark your calendars for Friday, March 16th to enjoy a night of Food, Fun, and Philanthropy! Mont Vernon PTA, Neighbor 2 Neighbor, and the First Lego League NXTreme Team have teamed up to make this year's event a night to remember.

Dinner will include pasta, salad, bread courtesy of The Good Loaf, and yummy desserts. Bingo & Charity Raffle will follow. Tickets are \$6 for adults, \$4 for kids & seniors. Bingo is \$6 for 8 games. Raffle tickets are \$1 each. Dinner starts at 5:30, with Bingo & Raffle kicking off at 6:30.

The NXTreme team will be demoing their award winning robot and also help kids try their own hand at programming a bot. Some of this year's prizes include Manchester Monarchs suite tickets and New England sports memorabilia, as well as dining vouchers & wares from local merchants & artisans.

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Mont Vernon (www.n2n.bbnw.org) is a charitable non-profit organization that helps local families facing tough times through assistance with food & other basic needs. Please contact: n2nmontvernon@gmail.com to make a tax deductible donation. Some prizes have been donated NH's First Lego League NXTreme Team, with proceeds to benefit an upcoming trip to the World Competition in St. Louis. Seven Mont Vernon kids and coaches will represent NH, having qualified as one of 80 teams.



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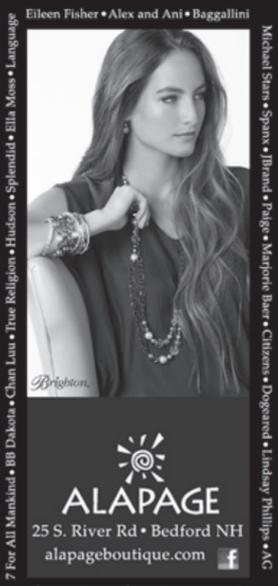
Tuesday, February 14th 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
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