

# Town of Mount Vernon Community Newsletter

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Every other Mon. at the  
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Warrant 6:30 p.m.  
Regular Business 7 p.m.

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## **Dr. Shaw Memorial Library**

293-2565

Website: [drshawlibrary.org](http://drshawlibrary.org)

Mon. 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Wed. 9 a.m. - Noon  
3 p.m. - 7 p.m.  
Sat. 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

## *Library Trustees:*

George Smith  
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## **Paid Business Advertisements**

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1/2 page \$45/mth  
Full page \$90/mth

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## From The Town Clerk

Hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring we are having.

Please note that we will be closing early on Monday, May 9th. We have a mandatory elections class that day that both of us have to attend. We will be open only from 9:00 until 11:30 that day. Sorry for the inconvenience.

We will also be closed Memorial Day weekend, so there is no Saturday hours for the month of May.

The school budget meeting will be held on May 18th at 7:00 p.m. This will be at the Maranacook High School in Readfield. This a great part of your tax dollars, so go and do your part by voting.

The Mount Vernon Town Officers Election will be held the same as the State Election and that will be held on June 14th at the Community Center. The polls will be open 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. The annual budget meeting for the Town will be held June 18, 2016 at the Elementary School. This meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. Hope to see you there!

Hope everyone has a great day and Keep Smiling,

Rachel & Amanda

## Selectmen's Desk

Welcome to Spring!!

So on a whim I thought it would be interesting to review the news letter submissions of the "Selectmen's Desk" from the past year. I was mainly interested in seeing what projects were noted and where we stand with them today.

Some projects that were mentioned and have been completed are:

- \* Town Beach improvements. With the receipt of a \$10,000.00 grant a new dock system was installed and grounds spiffed up. Also, the return of the summer beach program that was very well attended.
- \* CPC: Erosion control at the rope swing area on Rt. 41, Minnehonk Lake.
- \* Paving of the Town Office parking lot.
- \* New phone system at the town office is close to completion.

Projects started that are still being worked on:

- \* Road Assessment. This project is idling while our efforts are geared to the budget process, but this project will resume soon.
- \* Village drainage project was postponed last fall by the State DOT because of a delay in the manufacturing of the catch basins. We expect this project to resume sometime this summer.
- \* More than one submission recognized the fundraising efforts of the Library Trustees lead by George Smith. The Library expansion project received great support in 2015 and fund raising efforts continue.
- \* Talks have started with the State on moving the Minnehonk Lake boat ramp to the end of the fire lane. We have no concrete information at this time. But look forward to this project as it will greatly improve the beach/park area.
- \* Capital Improvement Plan.

We are a busy little town with wonderful people that make it a great place to live. We welcome your input. Feel free to join us at our Select Board meetings every other Monday at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sherene Gilman

Mt Vernon Select Board Member

**Town of Mount Vernon Select Board Meeting  
Synopsis of Minutes - March 21, 2016**

7:01pm **Town Committee Appointments.** Crockett motions to appoint Randall Oakley to the Board of Appeals for a three year term, beginning today. Dyar seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor. The Select Board thanks Oakley for taking this appointment.

Crockett motions to appoint Jennifer Jacobs to the Athletic Committee for a five year term, beginning today. Gilman seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor. The Select Board thanks Jacobs for taking this appointment. The Board states there are still multiple openings on the Athletic Committee if anyone is interested in serving.

7:04pm **Town Budget Status Update.** The next meeting will be held Monday 3-21-16. Town Lots & Cemeteries, Newsletter, Library, and Transfer Station budgets will be presented. The meeting will start at 5pm.

7:06pm **Work on municipal budget- (building operation, etc.)-** Energy audit recommendations- Gilman suggests installing the recommended small electric water heater under bathroom sink, and an exhaust fan. The energy audit also suggested sealing the attic and adding insulation. Crockett will get a quote. Dyar has stated that soffits need fixing. Gilman suggests the above items be done with this year's budget and work on the basement updates with next year's budget. Crockett suggests updating the old light fixtures; he will get some pricing on this. There is a discussion about looking into the cost of heat pumps.

Gilman states there has been talk of constructing a storage building for road signs and other items. This is an item to be discussed for the budget. Dyar suggests doing this, if it is going to be done, as a one-time line item in the warrant instead of adding it into the budget. Crockett suggests looking into prices for a prefab. The prefab downtown was bought for approximately \$2500. Dyar will get a couple quotes on 8'x12' pre-fab buildings.

There is a discussion about purchasing a new laptop as a spare workstation for the assessor and to put roads assessment software on.

Gilman discusses tax map conversion issue. There has been prior talk about this, but nothing concrete. Dyar has talked with the University of Maine and will speak with the State GIS office and set up a time to discuss what they can do to help. There is discussion about the cost of having an engineer firm doing the map conversion and getting a quote for this work. Dyar suggests putting this on hold for a while.

7:18pm **Other Business:**

**LifeFlight-** There is a recommendation from the Fire Chief to support this item without a petition. The Select Board agrees to add this item as a warrant article.

**Phone System-** Crockett has the info he needs and

will discuss it at next week's Budget Meeting.

**Extra Paving-** There is a discussion about towns doing extra paving this year because prices are low right now. The Select Board discusses how they want to handle this. Gilman points out the Road Commissioner has increased his paving budget by approximately 6%, so if the price is down he will get more distance out the money he plans on spending. Dyar suggests getting the road assessment done and then setting money aside as capital improvement, as opposed to bonding, for specific roads.

**Town Meeting Date-** The Select Board confirms the date for the Annual Town Meeting. It will be at 9am Saturday June 18, 2016. Dyar will check with the school and also get a moderator for the meeting.

**Ratio and Reimbursement Declaration-** The assessor left a copy for the Select Board to sign and place in the assessor's box. Crockett motions to sign the Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement. Dyar seconds. Vote 3-0 in favor.

**Boat Ramp-** Dyar has spoken with the State and needs to send in some documentation and then the state will look at it for funding this year.

**Town of Mount Vernon Select Board Meeting  
Synopsis of Minutes - April 4, 2016**

7:01pm **Town Committee Appointments.** There are none at this time. The Board is still looking for Athletic Committee members.

7:04pm **Town Budget Status Update.** The next meeting will be held Monday, 4-11-16, and it will be a work session to begin the task of finalizing the budget. The meeting will start at 6:30pm.

7:12pm **Other Business.**

-Invitation from KVCOG to participate in a **Hazardous Household Waste Disposal** event. The fee would be approximately a couple thousand dollars. This will not fit in the budget this year, but may be considered in upcoming years.

-Dunn has brought in a services agreement for the **Administrative Support position** at the Fire Department. The employee is no longer a Readfield employee, so instead of going through the town of Readfield, the Fire Department will be paying the employee directly. Crockett motions to have the Board sign off on the services agreement for the Fire Department administrative support employee. Gilman seconds. Vote 2-0 in favor.

-The Board reviews the **Ratio Declaration and Reimbursement** for Homestead Property Tax Exemption Reimbursement from the state that the Assessor submitted on behalf of the Town.

To view entire meeting minutes contact the Select Board Assistant at [ajcouture2@gmail.com](mailto:ajcouture2@gmail.com) or call 458-6389

## Mt. Vernon Fire Department



April has been a busy month for the Mount Vernon Fire Department. Temperatures have been creeping up and there has been a decided lack of precipitation (despite the snow squall earlier in the week). This has led to conditions ripe for fires, and we have had several.

Burning permits have been shut down for the better part of two weeks now, and we have had several occasions to check on unauthorized fires throughout the village. Remember, always order a fire permit (they can be found at the country store or online), and make sure that it is safe to burn. Otherwise, we may have to come by and introduce ourselves (which is much better than the Warden service having to do it, we're much nicer).

On top of our usual calls for things like fire alarms, car accidents, and small fires (toasters, ovens, really any appliance that gives off heat) we have had to deal with three larger fires. The first one of note was a structure fire in Manchester. Luckily the homeowner was not home at the time, and the fire departments arrived quickly to minimize the damage. There was a fire in Chesterville that burned about 4 acres of brush. The fire was spotted by the Maine Warden Service in the afternoon, and fire departments from the area responded in force with 75 firefighters showing up to control the blaze. The last firefighters did not leave until that evening. Finally, on April 28<sup>th</sup>, there was a grass fire in Wayne. Firefighters from the mutual aid towns quickly dispatched and had it extinguished quickly.

We are blessed to live in a community that is surrounded by the forests. However, when rainfall is scarce, the leaves begin to dry, fires become more likely. If you see something, please let us know, it is much easier to fight fires when they are just getting started.



## Dr. Shaw Memorial Library

*contributed by Mary Anne Libby*



"The three rules of the Librarians of Time and Space are: 1) Silence; 2) Books must be returned no later than the last date shown; and 3) Do not interfere with the nature of causality." Terry Pratchett, in Guards! Guards!

Our annual Bird Walk is coming right up! We'll meet in the library parking lot on Monday, May 16, at 4pm. Linda Smith & Dona Seegers will once again lead the way as we venture around the village, watching the sky, the trees, the water for signs of our winged friends. Bring a friend or family member, binoculars if you have some, and pen & paper (or a smartphone) if you want to

keep a list of what we see. We have spotted some amazing birds over the years. We hope you can join us for this lovely afternoon walk.

We are excited about starting our library addition in the fall of 2016. There is lots of planning yet to do. It will be necessary to relocate for a few months while the builders work. We will only be able to move a small percentage of our materials and resources, and are contemplating what might work. We would like to hear from you about which collections, resources, and services you rely on the most (new fiction, audiobooks, DVD's, computers, particular categories of nonfiction, etc). A survey will soon be available for you to respond to when you come to the library, but any feedback on this would be most welcome. Feel free to speak to staff, or make a suggestion via email, at [DrShaw@shaw.lib.me.us](mailto:DrShaw@shaw.lib.me.us). Thanks for any ideas you share with us!

Don't forget, our website is now up and running. We keep playing with it, and our finding our way. You can find quite a few resources linked there. Visit us at [www.drshawlibrary.org](http://www.drshawlibrary.org). And follow our Facebook page, Dr. Shaw Memorial Library, for current info and bits of news.

The topic this week among the wonderful librarians around the state has been: alphabet picture books! Over the years, this genre has gotten quite creative. We have alphabet books based on geography, poetry, the environment, food, art, and other bits & pieces of life. They are engaging stories, and introduce a child to the building blocks of language, writing, reading, thought, and knowledge. We'll put out a display of some splendid alphabet books on the table in the children's room, but meanwhile, here are a few great titles you might want to consider:

Chicka Chicka Boom Boom, by Bill Martin (one of our favorites)

123 Versus ABC, by Mike Boldt (letters *and* numbers!)

ABC of Cars & Trucks, by Anne Alexander

The Alphabet from A to Y With Bonus letter, Z!, by Steve Martin

G is for Goat, by Patricia Polacco (popular author at our library)

A is for Musk Ox, by Erin Cabatingan

L is for Lobster: a Maine Alphabet, by Cynthia Reynolds

Sign Language ABC, by Lora Heller

Twenty-Six Pirates, by Dave Horowitz (book lists should include pirates whenever possible)

Under the Sea from A to Z, by Anne Doubilet (ocean life & the alphabet!)

Z Is for Moose, by Kelly L. Bingham (goofy fun)

Summer (okay, middle of spring) is a busy time of year, it calls us outside to tend to all sorts of projects. Remember, we have lots of gardening books (including Maine author Will Bonsall's new title, Essential Guide to Radical, Self-Reliant Gardening) and wildlife identification guides for your outdoor needs. Meanwhile, at the end of the day of moving soil and planting seeds, you might need to just settle in and relax. Our DVD collection is quite popular, and one part of it that circulates a lot is the various TV series we have. Some that our patrons really like are:

"Leverage" (great relationships between characters, lots of action without much violence)

"Parks and Rec" (people like to re-watch this one, it's quite fun)

"Downton Abbey" (of course!)

"Warehouse 13" (some magical realism, good character interactions)

"News Room" (goes from awkward to funny to quite serious in a nanosecond)

"Hamish Macbeth" (BBC, police chief in Scotland trying to keep the peace)

"VEEP" (Tim Simons. Enough said.)

"Sherlock" (Benedict Cumberbatch. Ditto)

I am about to start a new nonfiction title we just got, Lab Girl, by Hope Jahren. It was featured on NPR a while back, and seems to be a mix of cool writing about plants along with personal narrative. What are you reading (or watching, or listening to) at the end of the day?



## News from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association

### Housing Needed for Summer Intern

We've hired a college intern for our new water quality monitoring program. He will play an important role in the program by assisting volunteers in collecting water quality data, as well as performing other jobs for the organization. We now must find housing for him. If you live in or near the watershed and may be able to provide summer housing, in exchange for nominal rent or light chores, please contact [katie@30mileriver.org](mailto:katie@30mileriver.org) or (207) 860-4043.

### Youth Conservation Corps

Property evaluations for prospective Youth Conservation Corps (YCC) projects have already begun, so get your site visit requests in fast! For more information on our erosion control YCC program, or to submit a site visit request, see our [YCC page](#) on the website.

We are also **still searching for a truck** to use this summer to transport YCC tools and materials to work sites. If you'd be willing to lend your truck for the summer, or make a donation, contact [katie@30mileriver.org](mailto:katie@30mileriver.org) or call (207) 860-4043.

### Summer Volunteers Needed

Each summer, volunteer Courtesy Boat Inspectors (CBIs) and Invasive Plant Patrollers (IPPs) play a critical role in protecting our lakes from invasive aquatic plants. This year, we will need even more help with the expansion of our water quality monitoring program. If you are interested in giving back to your lakes in fun, flexible ways with little time commitment, contact [katie@30mileriver.org](mailto:katie@30mileriver.org) or (207) 860-4043.

### Monitoring Workshops Scheduled

The Maine Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program (VLMP) is offering a number of workshops this year for **water quality monitors** and **invasive plant patrollers**. Whether you're looking to become a volunteer, or you already are a volunteer, there are numerous trainings available. Take a look at the [VLMP site](#) to see what workshops are right for you.

**For more news from the 30 Mile River Watershed Association, visit**  
[www.30mileriver.org](http://www.30mileriver.org)



Mill Stream Grange member, Louise Kilponen, holds "Squirt", a lamb born at Sweet Clover Farm in Mount Vernon, Maine.

April 10 was Open Farm Day at Sweet Clover which raises Purebred Finnsheep and Finn cross-breeds for wool. The public was welcomed to tour the farm and meet the sheep and lambs. Refreshments were served and wool products were available for purchase.

For more information see  
[www.sweetcloverfarm.weebly.com](http://www.sweetcloverfarm.weebly.com).

## MOUNT VERNON COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP



### *Neighbors Driving Neighbors (NDN)*

*FREE transportation for residents of*

*Belgrade, Fayette, Mount Vernon, Rome, Vienna*



Do you recognize the riders and drivers in these pictures? The drivers are **NEIGHBORS DRIVING NEIGHBORS**. The riders are neighbors who need a ride.

Do you or someone you know need a ride to shop, run errands, go to the doctor or to another place? If you live in any of the five towns listed above, our volunteer drivers will take you if the location is within 30 miles or so.

## PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING A DONOR.

NDN's startup was funded by grants from the Bingham Program and the Betterment Foundation; **HOWEVER, ongoing costs will need to be funded by donations and fund raising.**

**Neighbors Driving Neighbors is a 501(c)(3) organization as defined by the IRS.** It offers no gifts, services, or membership benefits for contributions; thus gifts are completely tax-deductible.

To send a donation, ask for rides, or volunteer to be a driver, here's the contact information:

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Phone: Coordinator Irene Goff at **860-0677**

# School News

## Maranacook Area School District—RSU #38



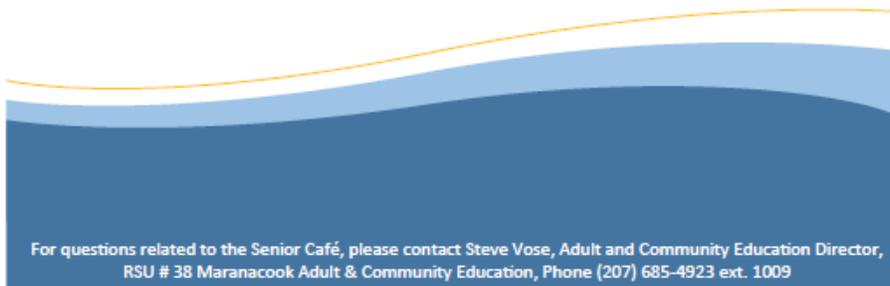
### Maranacook Senior Center - FREE!

*For seniors, retirees or anyone 50 and over.*

Coffee, tea and muffins are provided. The center has special presentations, discussions, learning activities, socializing, games and crafts. Bring your interests, skills, books, writing, musical instruments and friends. Help students with special projects. The center is sponsored by MCMS Parent Association and Maranacook Adult and Community Education. *Adult volunteers welcome!*

*The Senior Café is held Mondays 9-11a.m. at Maranacook Middle School cafeteria in Readfield  
(reserved parking marked with cones in front)*

MAY 2016		
5/2	Topics in Women's Health: Heart, Breast and Bladder	Judy MacKenzie, Women's Health Navigator, MaineGeneral
5/9	Restorative Justice: Moving Towards Connection, Understanding, and Change	Kelsey Park, Restorative Justice Institute of Maine
5/16	Student Presentations	High School Students
5/23	Exploring the Allagash	John Larson
5/30	Memorial Day	No Senior Cafe
JUNE 2016		
6/6	Feldenkrais Class (Gentle chair exercises)	Susie Dennison
6/13	Displaying our Grandmother's Handiwork (making wall hangings out of family heirlooms)	Carolee Withee



For questions related to the Senior Café, please contact Steve Vose, Adult and Community Education Director, RSU # 38 Maranacook Adult & Community Education, Phone (207) 685-4923 ext. 1009

### RSU No. 38 – FY 17 Budget Workshops Maranacook Community High School Student Center (unless otherwise noted) 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

#### PROPOSED SCHEDULE

**May 18** Budget Annual Meeting, HS gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.

**June 14** Budget Validation Referendum at individual town's polling locations

\* Regular RSU Board Meeting in addition to budget workshop

**Budget documents may be obtained by visiting [www.maranacook.org/budget](http://www.maranacook.org/budget)**

# School News *(cont'd)*

## Maranacook Area School District—RSU #38

### Maranacook Area School District Regional School Unit No. 38

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Budget Update #7 - RSU #38 School Board Budget Meeting, April 6, 2016

To view the video of the budget workshop, as well as all supporting materials, please go to  
[www.maranacook.org/budget](http://www.maranacook.org/budget)

*"Promoting student success for all while maintaining fiscal responsibility"*

This year the RSU #38 School Board has struggled with the loss of \$292,404 in state subsidy as they worked to develop the FY17 school budget. Their goal is to strive to maintain the level of education for our students that ensures success while at the same time being fiscally responsible to the citizens of RSU #38. This week we received the information regarding the increase in health insurance costs for our employees. Due to our positive experience rating we budgeted an increase of 6% but estimated that our increase would really be lower. Unfortunately our increase came in at 7% which translates to an additional \$18,000 increase in the expenditure budget. However, in a line by line study of the proposed budget, we discovered that a part time ed. tech. position had been budgeted for twice and we were able to reduce the expenditure budget \$10,000 resulting in a total addition of \$8,000 since the last version of the General Fund Summary Budget, and a total increase over the FY16 expenditure budget of 3.26% or \$520,009.35 as reported in the General Fund Summary Budget, Version 3.

In mid-March we froze the RSU #38 FY16 budget (as we usually do in the spring) and began the process of calculating the projected carry forward. We had anticipated a carry forward of \$203,067, the additional funding provided by the state last year after the RSU budget was voted on at referendum. As a result of a difference in the experience of new staff and retired staff, the savings from the budget freeze, and in not needing to fill projected special education staff positions due to the decrease in the number of special education students from the projected number, we were able to accrue the remainder of the summer salary liability (\$250,000) as requested by our auditors. As a result of these savings we are also able to apply an additional \$125,000 to our carry forward amount. This increases our carry forward revenue to \$328,067 as evident on the Version 3 Draft Budget Revenue Sheet.

This increase in revenue is reflected in a reduction of the total local contribution on the Local Dollar Calculation Sheet and a district average increase of 4.12%, down from the last projected average increase of 5.12%. Manchester local dollar contribution is increased by 4.18%, Mt Vernon 2.44%, Readfield 3.13%, and Wayne 8.31% (as required by the state).

A revised Adult and Community Education Budget was also presented to the RSU #38 School Board on Wednesday night. This budget has been increased from the originally proposed \$157,000 to \$172,000 to cover a projected increase in classes in vocational and enrichment programs. This increase represents a \$2,000 increase from the FY16 Adult and Community Education Budget.

The RSU #38 School Board will vote on the FY17 school budget at the April 13 School Board meeting. They, along with the administrators of RSU #38 have worked very hard to develop a budget that promotes student success and at the same time is fiscally responsible.

The Budget Annual Meeting will be held on May 18, 2016 at the Maranacook Community High School gymnasium at 7:00 PM. Please be sure to attend this important meeting.

Sincerely,  
Donna H. Wolfrom, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of School

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# School News *(cont'd)*

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Budget Update #8 – RSU #38 School Board Budget Meeting, April 13, 2016

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*"Promoting student success for all while maintaining fiscal responsibility"*

On April 13, 2016 the RSU #38 School Board approved the proposed FY 17 RSU #38 School Budget, Version 3 General Fund School Summary Budget and the Adult and Community Education Budget. The FY17 school budget of \$16,488,320 was approved resulting in a 3.26% increase over the FY16 budget.

Our Original Request FY17 Budget was \$16,966,191, a 6.25% increase over FY16. Since the original request budget the RSU #38 School Board cut \$328,940 from the budget. These cuts include repair and maintenance projects, eliminating the proposed additions of volleyball, archery, and robotics from the middle school after school program, a proposed increase in time for the middle school wellness center administrative assistant, .5 special education nurse, 2 elementary SmartBoards, a CNC router from the high school, and one school bus.

During this budget development season we struggled with the loss of \$292,404 in state funding, an increase of 7% in health insurance costs, and an unanticipated roof project due to the past harsh winter. These challenges impacted both important areas of the budget, the expenditures and revenues. However, during FY16 we were able to accrue the remainder of the summer salary liability (\$250,000) as requested by our auditors and carry forward a revenue of \$328,067, which includes the \$203,067 in state subsidy that was provided after the FY16 budget vote, Version #3 Revenue Sheet. This carry forward had a significant impact on decreasing the local dollar increase which stands at a district average of 4.12% increase over FY16. (Version #3 Local Dollar Calculation).

I believe that the RSU #38 administrators and School Board have developed a budget that will allow the district to continue to provide our students with an excellent education and many extra and co-curricular activities. Our high school graduation rates continue to rise, assessment scores are climbing, many of our students receive regional and state honors in co and extra-curricular activities, and all students graduate from Maranacook with a secondary plan. We continue to strive to be "a caring school community dedicated to excellence" and we see the positive results of our efforts.

This year the RSU #38 School Board pledged to develop a budget that promotes "student success for all while maintaining fiscal responsibility". The Board deliberations and decisions were based on this priority. I urge all citizens of RSU #38 to attend the Annual Budget meeting that will be held on May 18, 2016 at 7PM in the gymnasium at Maranacook Community High School and to vote at the budget referendum that will be held at each town polling location on June 14, 2016.

Sincerely,  
Donna H. Wolfrom, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of School

Manchester Mt. Vernon Readfield Wayne  
Office of the Superintendent 45 Millard Harrison Drive Readfield, Maine 04355  
[www.maranacook.org](http://www.maranacook.org)

# Community Announcements and Events

## Poet Carolyn Locke to read at Vienna Union Hall

VIENNA – Come enjoy an hour of “Poetry and Images” by Carolyn Locke at the Vienna Union Hall on Wednesday, May 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. Carolyn will read selected poems from her three books. The poems will be supplemented with slide images making this a visual as well as verbal exploration.

A graduate of Bates College and the MFA in Creative Writing Program at Goddard College, Carolyn taught English, creative writing, and humanities classes at Mount View High School for many years. She was the recipient of several teacher travel grants, including a three-week Fulbright Memorial Fund trip to Japan, a six-week Fulbright-Hays Seminar in Morocco, two three-week Primary Source trips to China, and a four-week Fulbright-Hays Special Projects trip to Japan. In 2011 and 2014, she was a presenter at the Belfast Poetry Festival. In 2015 she was the selected poet for the 2015 Hugh Ogden Memorial Poetry Evening in Rangeley. She has published poems in a variety of publications, including Puckerbrush Review, Off the Coast, Bangor Daily News, Aureorean, Kyoto Journal, and the Take Heart anthology of poems from Maine selected by Wesley McNair. For more information, see [www.carolynlocke.com](http://www.carolynlocke.com).



Each of Carolyn's three books is a unique presentation:

*The Place We Become* (Maine Authors Publishing 2015) is a poetry collection that invites the reader on a journey of transformation. Using meticulously selected details of places as familiar as Maine and as distant as Morocco or China, these poems integrate the external and internal worlds of experience, tracing the process by which people slip identity and ego and enter into a larger space.

*Always This Falling* (Maine Authors Publishing 2010) is a collection of poems of close observation. Both the commonplace and the exotic take on richer meanings through simple yet evocative words and images. In free verse and occasional stream-of-consciousness style, the poems explore events and emotions as familiar as a kitchen (“French Bread”) and as alien as a hospital room (“Keeping Vigil”). Locke’s unique poetic voice will speak to every reader.

*Not One Thing: Following Matsuo Basho's Narrow Road to the Interior* (Maine Authors Publishing 2013) invites readers to join the author on a haunting journey to Japan where they will encounter a landscape rich with natural beauty, history, literature, culture, and contemporary Japanese people. Weaving photographs, diary entries, and poems, it enters the territory of the heart—a place as ordinary as a sprig of lavender and as large as the universe.

Please join us for this lyrical presentation. There will be time for questions after the reading and all three of her books will be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be provided by the Dr. Shaw Memorial Library in Mount Vernon. Donations are appreciated. For more information, contact Muffy Floyd (293-2148).

## Intern Opportunity

Do you know a college student who is interested in the environment and is looking for a summer internship? Interns work with staff and volunteers of the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program on lake protection issues including water quality monitoring, screening for invasive plants and more. Contact [vlmp@mainevlmp.org](mailto:vlmp@mainevlmp.org)

# Community Announcements and Events

**CAROLYN LOCKE**

MAINE POET  
PRESENTING

**POEMS AND IMAGES**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18, 2016  
7 PM



**VIENNA UNION HALL**

SPONSORED BY THE VIENNA UNION HALL ASSOCIATION AND  
THE DR. SHAW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

DONATIONS APPRECIATED  
BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR SALE AND SIGNING



## Bearnstow on Parker Pond

Bearnstow on Parker Pond (84 Bearnstow Road, Mount Vernon) launches the summer season with these special activities:

June 19–26: [Bearnstow Celebrates Its 70th Anniversary!](#)

June 20–25: [Fifth Annual Natural History Week at Bearnstow](#)

June 29: [A Memorial Celebration for Murray Louis](#)

June 27–July 8 (two weeks, Mon–Fri): [Day Camp for Children of School Age](#)

June 26–July 9 (two weeks): [Ruth Grauert and Véronique MacKenzie: "Shape/Space and Time/Motion"](#)

July 1: [Alexander Rosenberg: The Art of Glass Blowing as Performance](#)

Please visit [www.bearnstow.org](http://www.bearnstow.org) for more information on Bearnstow's activities.

RSU #38  
Manchester ~ Mount Vernon ~ Readfield ~ Wayne  
PRE-K OPEN HOUSE  
FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Who:

- Potential incoming 2016-2017 Pre-K students
- Any child age 4 or before October 15, 2016
- Living in Manchester, Mount Vernon, Readfield, or Wayne

WHERE:

- Manchester Elementary – Pre-K Classroom
- Mt. Vernon Elementary – Pre-K Classroom
- Readfield Elementary – Pre-K Classroom (Wayne children welcome!)

WHY:

- Visit your school and classroom before the screening day
- Meet your teachers and classmates
- Ask questions about Pre-K and the screening process

WHEN:

- Friday, May 13, 2016, 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

FM: call your school  
Manchester 622-2949  
Mt. Vernon 293-2261  
Readfield & Wayne 685-4406

# Community Announcements and Events

## Echo Lake Association

### Watershed Survey to Begin May 21

The Echo Lake Association, in conjunction with the Kennebec County Soil & Water Conservation District, will begin the field work on its watershed survey on May 21. ELA plans to visit every property within the watersheds of Echo Lake, Taylor Pond and the Mill Pond during the survey, looking for areas of potential erosion.

The survey is for information only. At the conclusion of the survey process, ELA will provide a data sheet with recommendations to each property owner on whose lot erosion potential was found.

If you own property in the watershed, you will receive a letter further describing the project and giving you information on how you can opt out of the survey; contact the association at [echo4me15@gmail.com](mailto:echo4me15@gmail.com) if you have any questions about this program.

If you are interested in helping out on the survey, you can contact the association ahead of time at the above e-mail address or you can come to the Fayette elementary school on Route 17 before 8:30 on the 21<sup>st</sup>.



## Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*



# Travis Mills Foundation

## Help Us Re-Build Maine Chance

The Travis Mills Foundation is on a mission to create a fully accessible retreat for combat wounded veterans and their families to help them discover a new normal and healthier reintegration through adaptive sports, recreation and spa services for this heroic population.

It is the vision of SSG Travis Mills, one of only 5 quadruple amputees to survive the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Travis has a special strength of character and “Never Give Up. Never Quit” approach to life. It’s his dream to inspire others to do the same.

“Maine Chance,” the former estate of cosmetics pioneer, Elizabeth Arden, is a landmark in Mount Vernon and Rome. It is currently being extensively renovated to become Maine’s gift to our nation’s veterans who have fought, served, and

sacrificed so much for our freedom. The foundation’s goal is to help to raise the \$2.7 million required to complete renovations so programs can begin in the summer of 2017.

A group of people from Fayette, Mount Vernon, Rome, and Vienna are planning an open house and silent auction on July 23, 2016. We expect 300-400 people to attend.

We need volunteers to work with the committee; be on a subcommittee for logistics planning, silent auction, and refreshments; or to work on the day before, the day of, or the day after.

### IF YOU WANT TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE CONTACT:

Pat Stanton: 293-4082 or [plstanton2000@yahoo.net](mailto:plstanton2000@yahoo.net)  
Sandy Wright: 293-2582 or [scwright@fairpoint.net](mailto:scwright@fairpoint.net)  
Libby Harville: 293-2360 or [eacharville@gmail.com](mailto:eacharville@gmail.com)

### IF YOU WANT TO DONATE AN ITEM FOR THE SILENT AUCTION, PLEASE CONTACT:

Tom Ward: 293-1016 or [tward@auctive.com](mailto:tward@auctive.com)



**WHAT A WONDERFUL WAY TO HELP OUR VETS AND THEIR FAMILIES!**

## Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*

# MOUNT VERNON ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

**Date: Monday, May 30, 2016**

**Parade starts at Flying Pond Variety at 11:30 a.m.**

Come out to pay tribute to our veterans and support local business/clubs that will be located downtown Mount Vernon before and after the parade. Food vendors, kids face painting, Girl Scout cookies and family fun.



**Memorial Day ceremony following the parade in Mount Vernon center next to Mount Vernon County Store**

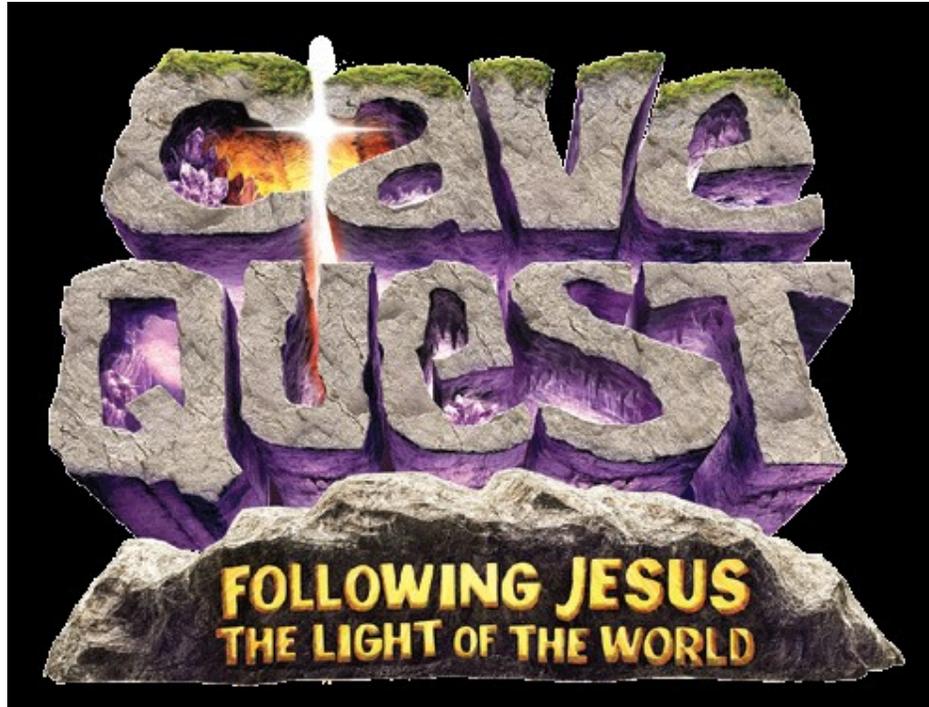
Come build a float, ride your bike, walk for a cause, be a clown, bring your ATV, dirt bike, tractor, horse, dog, car, best friend, or whatever you would like. Parade participants line up at Flying Pond Variety, Route 41, between 10:30 and 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!



Sponsored by Mount Vernon Events Committee and Mount Vernon Fire Department.

## Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*

# Readfield United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School!



## The Brightest Week of the Summer!

Come join the Fun the week of July 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 to 12:00

Readfield United Methodist Church Route 17, Readfield, Me.

For more information or to register call 685-4211 or email [office@readfieldumc.org](mailto:office@readfieldumc.org). Everyone is welcome to join us!

New friends ♪ Amazing experiments ♪ Spelunker Sports

♪ Lip-smacking snacks ♪ Surprising adventures ♪ Incredible music

Readfield United Methodist Church  
Rte 17, Readfield, ME  
May 14th, 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Baked Bean Casserole supper  
Adults \$7.00 Children \$4 under 5 free

# Community Announcements and Events *(cont'd)*

MT.VERNON  
COMMUNITY  
CENTER



## Mount Vernon Community Center

**Tuesday A.M. Breakfast**

**6:30 a.m.—7:30 a.m.**

*For more information, call 293-4082*

**Saturday, Community Center Café**

**9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m.**

*Come enjoy coffee, eats and conversation*

*Available for public and private functions.*

*For more information on the Community Center availability,  
please contact: Linda Stanton, 293-4082*

*Board of Trustees: Linda Stanton, Anna Libby, Kathleen Farrin, Tom Ward, Tammy McLaughlin,  
Donna Williams, Mariah Brinton, Julie Weaver and Jane Rogers*

## First Baptist Church Food Bank



March is fading away with its' spring-like weather and we now wait for April with all the expected showers. If you have a need our food bank is located at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon Village and is open each Saturday from 10 a.m. to Noon. If you are in need when the food bank is not open, please call Helen Wilkey 293-2351 or Irene Wadleigh 293-2308. If there is no answer, please leave a message and a phone number and your call will be returned.

**Needed: We have a family in need of a washer and dryer. If you have either you would like to donate, please call Helen Wilkey at 293-2351 or Irene Wadleigh at 293-2308.**

## Mt. Vernon Masonic Lodges

Vernon Valley Lodge #99 meets the first Tuesday each month.

Vernon Valley Chapter #68 meets the second Tuesday of each month.

For further information, please contact Charles Wadleigh at [moosemaster1940@yahoo.com](mailto:moosemaster1940@yahoo.com)



## Mt. Vernon Weekly Playgroup

**Mt. Vernon Community Center  
Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.**

***Final playgroup for the year  
will be May 24, 2016***

Play, learn and socialize

Ages: 6 months—5 years



Stay Tuned for More Information About a  
Summer EMT Class  
Tentatively Scheduled for  
May 23 through August 31  
Mondays and Wednesdays  
Mt. Vernon Fire Station  
Interested?  
call Pat Rawson  
293-2597



# Our Churches



## **Belgrade**

Union Church of Belgrade Lakes  
Main St, Belgrade Lakes  
(United Methodist)  
Church Office: 495-3599  
Rev. Bill Meyer

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
(nursery care provided)

Children's Sunday School during  
Worship

Wednesday – Adult Bible Study

## **Mt. Vernon**

Dunn's Corner Baptist Church  
Wings Mills Road, Mt. Vernon  
Church Office: 685-9829  
Rev. John Dunn, Jr.

9:15 a.m. Sunday School classes  
toddler to adult

10:30 a.m. Worship service,  
Nursery is available

Jr. Church for children up to age 9  
during worship service.

6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening Service

Wednesday, 7 p.m. Prayer meeting  
- the HOUR OF POWER

Youth group Young Adults 4  
Christ both Jr. & Sr. groups  
meet 4 p.m. every Sun. at the  
church, Sept. to June

Jr. ages 8-12; Sr. ages 13-18

For more information:

[youngadults4christ-  
dunnscorner@yahoo.com](mailto:youngadults4christ-dunnscorner@yahoo.com)

## **First Baptist Church**

Route 41, Mount Vernon Village  
Church Office: 293-2141  
Rev. Jay Wilson  
10 a.m. Sunday worship service  
Coffee and Refreshments follow

## **North Vienna**

United Methodist Church  
572 Tower Road, North Vienna  
Laura Church, Pastor  
Church Office: 293-3710

9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Sunday School

Creation Station, an after-school,  
faith-based, arts-intensive program  
for any children in grades K-  
6. Meets on Wed. afternoons from  
3:30-5:00 following the MSAD #9  
school calendar.

Youth Group for any youth grades  
6 & up meets the 1st & 3rd Sundays  
of each month.

## **North Wayne**

North Wayne Church  
(non-denominational)

10 Church St., Wayne

Pastor Jon Olson  
Church Office: 293-2502

[jolson@fairpoint.net](mailto:jolson@fairpoint.net)

9:30 a.m. Sunday Worship;

Coffee, refreshments & conversa-  
tion follow each service

## **Readfield**

United Methodist Church  
1564 Main St., Route 17  
Rev. Desi Larson  
Church Office: 685-4211  
[office@readfieldumc.org](mailto:office@readfieldumc.org)  
“...extending God's open  
arms in fellowship and  
mission.”

10 a.m. Sunday Worship  
10 a.m. Sunday School/Nursery  
Care

## **Vienna**

Vienna Baptist Church  
116 Main Street, Vienna

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Worship  
Pastor Everett Maxim  
293-3061

## **Winthrop**

St. Andrews Episcopal Church  
Winthrop Ctr. Friends Church  
219 Winthrop Center Rd.,  
Winthrop

Church Office: 395-4669

[www.standrews.episcopalmaine.org](http://www.standrews.episcopalmaine.org)

10:30 a.m. Sunday Eucharist, coffee  
fellowship to follow

