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CENTRAL VERMONT DATA SYSTEMS

Gabe Ayers

Paul Allard made a jump not many people make. In 1984 he made the change from carpentry to the world of computers, starting his new company in the field of programming. This was in a time when computers were new to the world and the computing power of the most high tech computer was less than the average home computer of today.

Because of this lack in computer popularity Paul was forced to teach himself everything that he now knows. He took a class at Spaulding High school as part of CCV but, finding the class was going too slowly for him, he decided to drop out and continued on with his own studies. Though he was not able to get a wonderful education out of this class he did gain a lot from it.

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THE WOMAN AT THE TOP OF THE SIGNPOST: JEAN M. CATE, 1924-2004

Sandal Cate

She was often called one of East Montpelier's town mothers. Who could have expected that a little girl born 80 years ago in the teeming city of Tokyo, Japan, would find her happiest and most rewarding days in East Montpelier, Vermont, trying to serve others in our community?

Jean Cate and her sisters, Ruth and Dorothy, had a most unusual childhood for girls of those times. Their parents, Reverend and Mrs. Clifford Stetson, were Vermonters who volunteered to serve as missionaries in Japan during the 1920's and early 1930's. Fortunately for Jean's family, her father was a careful photographer. He took many pictures of their life in Japan, and those pictures eventually ended up back in Vermont. Additionally, he took the time to mount them in the classic black paper photo albums of the times and carefully inscribed them in white ink. Jean's family has delighted in looking at those incredible pictures that tell so many stories of her life as a child in Japan.

In addition to experiencing the beauty of the Japanese culture which Jean continued to study her whole life, very early on she was exposed to the richness of community that comes from serving others in some public capacity. While her father tended to his vocation, Jean's mother served also as a missionary's wife in various capacities. Margaret Stetson took charge of running a kindergarten for her girls and several children in the neighborhood. Astonishingly enough, Jean and her two sisters had the good fortune to revisit Japan 55 years later, and they held a kindergarten reunion with some of those very same students! So, both her early life in Japan and observing her parents serving in various roles in the community influenced Jean in all that she did in her later life.

As a much expanded family, the Stetsons returned to America when Jean was nine. They continued to live the life of a minister's family in the northeast. Eventually Jean graduated from Buffalo (NY) State College second in her class. After graduation, she married Weston Cate, Jr., in 1944, and they both chose teaching careers in Vermont.



Cate family photo

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TOP OF THE SIGNPOST

On a perfect Vermont summer evening, we sat down to dinner with our dear friends on their screened in porch. We could barely talk fast enough to catch up on all the family news. We've known each other for over 30 years, are Godparents for each other's children, played together on hockey teams and tennis teams and just know we'll always be as close as friends can be. Since they'd moved to New York, our times together have always been special, and we'd been looking forward to this evening for several months.

By about dessert time, our appetites for food and family news were pretty well satiated. So, moving the conversation along, someone asked, "Have you seen the movie?" We all knew without asking for clarification "the movie" was Fahrenheit 911. If you haven't seen it or heard of it, it's a highly charged view of the current administration. (I'll put the reader's mind at ease by saying up front this is not a piece about "the movie.") Based on the reactions around the table, it became clear very quickly we were coming from different places politically. In fact, we were all relieved when someone said, "I guess we just better not talk about this. I can't talk about it with my kids either."

We moved on. The rest of our time together was delightful, and we made a date for our next visit. In the car on the ride home, I considered our dinner conversation, or I should say our lack of conversation, when the topic turned to politics. It seemed rather odd to think there was a topic we four best friends felt we couldn't discuss. What's that about? Did disagreement threaten our friendship?

I've been thinking a lot about these questions throughout the final days until the presidential election. We all hear and read so many different opinions about a wide range of important topics: the environment, the economy, education, health care, Roe v. Wade, same sex marriage and foreign policy to name a few, that it goes without saying we won't agree with everyone on every core issue. But is avoiding topics of disagreement, the way we did with our friends, really what we want? I have to say no. I think we have to work hard at talking and listening to each other as a way of gathering information in order to make our own informed decisions.

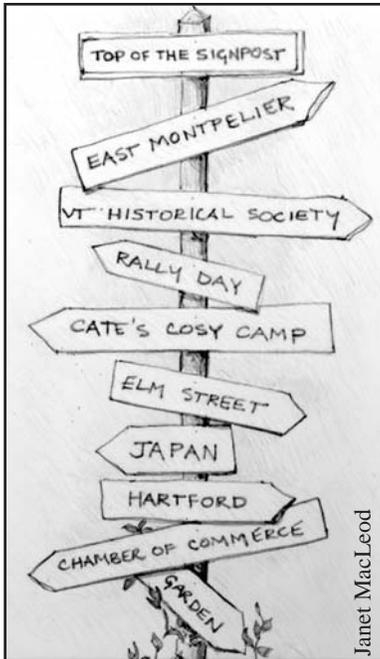
Many of the issues are so complex it's hard to know or understand all the information necessary to make a decision, much less talk about it. And yet, the best way to gain wisdom is to read and listen to discourse from as many sources as possible. If we decide to only listen to those with whom we agree, we're turning away from opportunities to increase our understanding and make more informed decisions.

As far as getting angry or upset at different opinions or the people who espouse them, I can't think of a bigger waste of energy. We don't have to be disagreeable to disagree. In fact, what we need is to depersonalize reactions to differences. Avoiding the discussion of core policy issues is a missed opportunity; not an opportunity to change someone else's opinion as much as a way to form our own. What is called for is for all of us to look inward and choose those issues that touch our core and learn about them so the knowledge can be shared with others who want to learn. Garrison Keillor wrote, "...the hottest place in hell is reserved for those who remain neutral in time of crisis."

Remaining neutral means remaining ignorant. With knowledge comes caring and caring leads to involvement. Our political structure works best when the most people participate. Our involvement is what pushes the system to reflect what we the people want for our country. In countries where information and participation are limited, the people are victims at the mercy of a few. Our ability to access information is astounding. We need to take advantage of this and embrace different opinions as a form of brainstorming to get the best ideas about the important issues. No, our friendship should not be threatened because we've arrived at different conclusions to the same questions. Our friendship should be strengthened because we shared our ideas about issues that matter to us.

I came across the following quote in the Marriage Announcement section of the New York Times. One couple's vows included the following words, which, if we all followed them, would lead to deeper friendships and a broader perspective on important issues. "I promise to listen to you even when we passionately disagree, and I promise to debate with you, even when we completely agree." What a good idea.

Charlie Catlan



They first taught in Ludlow, then in White River Junction, though Jean spent most of her time raising their three sons on a farm in Hartford.

What brought Jean and Weston Cate to East Montpelier? Their careers brought their family to Montpelier for the next 20 years. But they longed for better gardening soils and the challenges of a country home. When Fox Run Farm on the County Road came up for sale in 1977, they jumped at the chance to relocate. Each move with their family also brought them closer to a

very special place in both their lives: a cozy summer camp on Nelson Pond in Calais where Wes' parents had honeymooned, where Jean and Wes honeymooned and where their son, Paul and his wife, Sandal, also honeymooned! The farm provided their family with food as well as products for the Farmers' Market for the next 20 years. And they now lived just that much closer to camp!

Jean and Weston both worked in public jobs all their lives. Teaching led to other job opportunities. Jean managed the Montpelier Chamber of Commerce in the 1960's and later spent 16 years as a registrar for the Vermont Historical Society. Serving the public was just in their very nature. Lucky was our town when these two civic-minded folks settled here. After getting the gardens in shape, fixing up various barns for chickens, pigs and beef cows, Jean and Weston started to focus on service to our town. Weston served as Town Moderator, selectman and on committees for the U-32 School Board, while Jean got interested in the town planning forums.

They both were keen observers of the needs of the community at various levels. From Jean's perspective, she felt the townspeople needed more avenues to share their strengths, to get to know one another better and to celebrate the beauty of the town. With many others interested in these same goals, Jean devised two methods to accomplish them: establishing a community newspaper and holding a town celebration. Perhaps it is

for her work in these areas that Jean will be best remembered. She agreed to sign on as the publisher of *The Signpost*, and she also spent innumerable evenings meeting with insightful town members creating the fun-filled day we now call Rally Day.

Jean was rarely daunted by a project. Her family has witnessed her incredible drive and vision to renovate several old Vermont houses. She worked to turn each one into a warm welcoming home which community members often visited for a comforting cup of tea or coffee, her nutritious and tasty cookies and a stimulating conversation around any number of current topics. Jean had the uncanny ability to include everyone in a conversation, in signing them up for some aspect of a project and by drawing on their strengths to encourage them to contribute to the wellbeing of others. She devoted her time to multitudes of projects both big and small, and she knew how to make it seem like fun! As her daughter-in-law and nearest neighbor over the past 25 years, I witnessed this time and time again. All members of a group in which Jean participated knew that Jean would pull her own weight, and as members of that group, all were involved soon in doing their fair share.

For the past several years, Jean seemed to be just about everywhere in the life of the community, yet it wasn't hard to find her at home, working in the garden, organizing family genealogical files, and telephoning to make sure ideas and plans were being carried out according to schedule. For her intense devotion to her family, her neighborhood, her church, as well as school and town events, many of us will long be grateful. Our town was lucky that this woman, born thousands of miles away in Japan, eventually made her final home in East Montpelier, Vermont. She will be remembered for many years into the future of our growing and friendly town.

Sandal Cate married into the Cate family almost 30 years ago, and she never wanted to trade her in-laws with anyone else! Paul, Wes and Sandal continue to run Fox Run Farm with other family members pitching in. Call to visit!

"Thank you" to these loyal supporters.

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Paul is now working full time for the state of Vermont and works for his company, Central Vermont Datasystems based out of East Montpelier and online at www.centralvermont.com, during his other time. He is very devoted to his customers. Paul understands the needs of his clients and works to get them the best product possible. His wife was at the CCV class and this is where they first met. They continued on and now work together in their company. While Paul does all of the programming for the company his wife is the financial supervisor.

The main focus of Central Vermont Datasystems is on making computer database programs for companies. Paul doesn't do this by writing one program and distributing it like Microsoft where you get a product that sort of works for you. He works

with the company and molds the program to the company's needs, not making anything not needed and including everything that is needed.

One of the biggest jobs Paul has done involved state governments around the United States. He has helped to set up a database for the unemployed. This has been used to track the unemployment rates and to help people get jobs. This system helps the government deal with the unemployment in the state.

Paul has also branched out into the world of the Internet. In 1994 he started to work with the Internet. His sites have reflected his talent in the world of programming. He is able to make websites that people can interact with. A user on the website can add to calendar events and much more. These are very complex websites that require a lot of programming.

The jobs that have been the most fun for Paul have been for organizations he is a part of. Being an avid hunter who loves to be on the water he is a member of AHOY, a Lake Champlain boating group, and also member of the Green Mountain Traditional Bow Hunters club. Paul has made the websites for both of these groups.

Next year he is going to be retiring from his job for the state and turning all of his attention to his company, Central Vermont Datasystems. He is very happy about this because he is going to be able to do the things he loves while still working. Having a job like this means he can work from anywhere in the world.

Gabe Ayers lives on Chickering Road with his parents John Ayers and Sue Chickering and his brothers Lars and Silas. He is a sophomore at U-32.

Do you have a son, daughter, father, mother, sister, brother in the military? We would like to send them a copy of the Signpost if you will give us their address.

Due to alleged security restrictions, the addresses can not be obtained from the military. Call or email any one of the Signpost staff (list on page 2) or send the address to *Signpost*, PO Box 184, East Montpelier, VT 05651. We will see that their name is added to our address list.

Thank you.

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Terry J. Trono
Washington County State's Attorney
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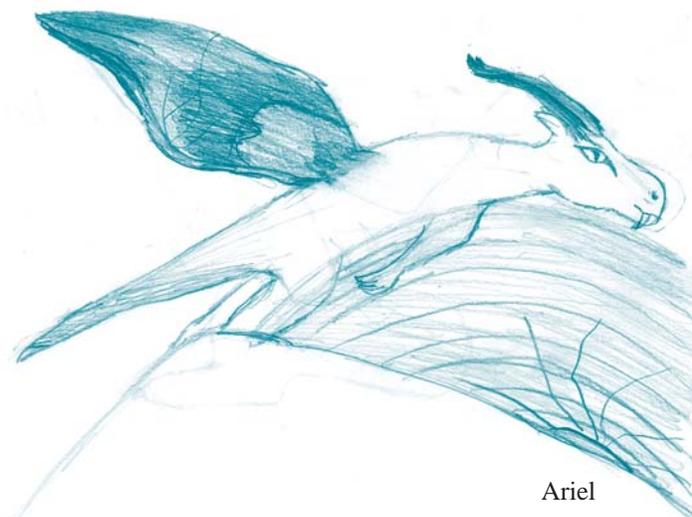
by Myrissa

Rabbits running in the night
 Predators leading left and right
 Long legs pushing off the ground
 Burrow coming into sight
 Slipping in for the night.

SUNSET

by Evan

O streaks and bands of crimson and pink
 With such an eerie glow,
 Such darkness and silence up above
 And city down below.
 A single bird glides aloft,
 Across the western sky,
 A dot of black against the glowing pink,
 It's hypnotic to watch
 Alas, the sunset's faded now,
 But the stars appear quite soon.
 And right around nine o'clock,
 Up high rises the moon.



Ariel



THE HOPES AND DREAMS OF MRS. PASTORE'S FIRST GRADERS SEPTEMBER 2004

Guy hopes to be a good student and learn to use the computer.

Derek hopes to be a good citizen.

Allison hopes to learn how to read.

Sarah hopes to write lots of things.

Sophia and **Caleb** hope to be good citizens like in *Our Weekly Reader*.

Alexa hopes to learn new things.

Ian wants to do a good job.

Steven hopes to study new things.

Guy hopes to learn to do new jobs in our class.

Imara hopes to learn the names of the states.

Simon hopes to do lots of math.

Myrissa hopes to follow all class and school rules.

Dashiell hopes to be a good citizen and teach others math.

Travis hopes to teach others about the computer.

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Milestones

Births

- > Katrina Irene Cheney, July 6, 2004, daughter of Shannon Elaine Simpson and Dan Lyn Cheney.
- > Wylder Azul Gluck, July 14, 2004, son of Elyse A.C.H. Gluck & Rita Rene Gluck.
- > Kolby Mahlon Hamel, July 16, 2004, son of Kirsten & Warren James Hamel.
- > Riley May Reed, July 21, 2004, daughter of Michele Angela & Douglas Alan Reed.
- > Ross Michael Lowery, August 19, 2004, son of Crystal Lynn Doe.

Marriages

- > Frank Everett Campbell II to Amanda Lynn Powers, July 31, 2004.
- > Bruce Wayne Blow to Katherine Elizabeth Langer, July 31, 2004.
- > Esteban Guevara-Rojas to Tregea Lucas Bevan, August 4, 2004.
- > Michael Stuart to Denise Marie Mercier, August 7, 2004.
- > Matthew Saul Gould to Dana Lynne Vander Elsl, August 7, 2004.
- > Joseph Harold Thomas to Jennifer Ann Arlene Rand, August 13, 2004.
- > Timothy Paul Cane to Teena Lorraine Hickory, August 14, 2004.
- > Shane Brothers to Wendy Velander, August 28, 2004.

- > Ken Libertoff to Patricia O'Regan, September 18, 2004.
- > Howard Norman Hill to Kimberly Ann Swasey, September 4, 2004
- > Zachery Dulac to Marcia Lynn Tosi, October 2, 2004.

Land Transfers

- > Gerald C. Jourdan Jr. and Jill E. Jourdan to Edward Noel & Lynn Gravel, 5.59 acres, VT14S.
- > Norman & Jeannine Leclerc to Gerald C. Jourdan, Jr. and Jill E. Jourdan, Easement, VT14S.
- > James & Erin Ward to Katina Johnson and Ila Touchette, mobile home, Sandy Pines MHP.
- > Kenneth J. & Beverly A. Hull to Patrick J. & Betty J. Sikora, 2.6 acres, Sanders Cir.
- > Dexter R. & Susan L. Merritt to Sloan & Randall Goodall, 3.79 acres, Coburn Rd.
- > Dexter R. & Susan L. Merritt to Paul Winters & Jennifer Busconi, 4.24 acres, Coburn Rd.
- > Patricia J. Wells to Peter J. Wells, mobile home, Sandy Pines Tr. Pk.
- > William Dodge to Deborah L. Davidson,

mobile home, Sandy Pines Tr. Pk.

- > Russell & Jean Landolt to Lauren Quinn and Robert Ryan, 4,0 acres & dwelling, Center Rd.
- > Duane Wells to George J. & Margaret E. Morris, 2.8 acres & dwelling, Banfield Rd.
- > Sylvia D. Miller to Thomas & Janet Atkins, 4.9 acres, Sanders Circle.
- > Elizabeth T. Blouin to Elizabeth T. Blouin and James C.Blouin, 1.3 acres & dwelling.
- > Donald H. Donnelly, Sr. & Marjorie R. Donnelly to Christopher John & Kristi Anne Flynn, 6 acres & dwelling, Elisha Smith Rd.
- > Ann Talbott Stone to Ann T. Stone, trustees of the Ann T. Stone Living Trust.

Selectboard

June 30, 2004

- > Voted to accept proposal from Gorman to repave the County Road between Powder Horn Glen and Casavant Road and to pave from Fitch Road to the County Line.

July 12, 2004

- > Agreed to create a steering committee to consider the East Montpelier Fire Department facility to determine if it meets current and future projected needs.
- > Access permits were approved for Stuart and Robyn Hall, Towne Hill Road; Joan Brace O'Neal, Jacobs Road; Robert Duncan, North Street; Coleman Parker, Cherry Tree Hill Road.
- > Approved the Barre Town Ambulance contract for 9/04 through 9/06.
- > Approved the name Sugarhouse Road for the new road off Brazier Road.
- > The tax rate was set at \$2.47 for residents and \$2.49 for non-residents for 2004 with the condition that Washington Central Supervisory Union provides the total education expense for the fiscal year.

July 14, 2004

- > Discussed the Morris Wyman property on VT2 in East Montpelier and its potential for town usage.

July 19, 2004

- > Tom Brazier reported on the test holes dug at the Morris Wyman property.

July 21, 2004

- > Passed a motion to make an offer on the Wyman land and to get an objective outside appraisal of the property.

August 2, 2004

- > The Fire Department steering committee

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candidates were discussed. Once all the committee members have been recruited the select board will make appointments.

August 16, 2004

- > A permit for a single access for Donald Tomasi was approved.
- > Approved the disbursement of \$10,450 from the Carleton Smith Disbursement Fund for painting the Four Corners Schoolhouse exterior, improvements to the softball field, trail development, and Rally Day.
- > Excess Weight Permits were granted to Marcel Fontaine and Cox Trucking, Inc.

August 31, 2004

- > Approved the Peter Duhamel right of way from VT-14N over Lot #2 to Lot #1 as depicted in the most recent Plat of Survey plan.

September 8, 2004

- > Passed a motion to purchase used guardrails and the anchors for Coburn Road, Cate Farm Road project.
- > Passed a motion to rent vibratory roller for 2 weeks for the work on shoulders on County Road.
- > Mr. Nyquist of VTrans discussed costs and pros and cons of the roundabout project. More information was requested.
- > Voted to authorize tax collector to place delinquent taxpayer properties up for sale.
- > Approved access permit for Phillip & Rachel Richards on Coburn Road.
- > Approved excess weight permit for Lajeunesse Construction.
- > Approved WEC request to construct a 7200 volt electric distribution line on Sodom Pond Road.
- > Approved Barre Town EMS contract through 6/30/09.
- > Clarified wording on the East Montpelier Permit Fees for Commercial Applications.

Planning Commission

July 1, 2004

- > Reviewed a preliminary sketch plan from Becky Palmer of a proposed 2-lot subdivision of property on Center Road.
- > Granted extension of sketch plan approval to Deb and Rick Gordon for subdivision application.
- > Granted extension of sketch plan approval to Tracy and Brian Phillips for commercial application.
- > Adopted Telecommunication Facilities Bylaw and warned a public hearing for 9/5/04.

July 14, 2004

- > Scheduled meeting with Burnt Rock to review drafts of Zoning Regulations.
- > Spoke about the Public Service Department's new "Vermont Telecommunications Plan."

August 5, 2004

- > Accepted a sketch plan for the Tofani Subdivision on Coburn Road.
- > Approved the Preliminary Site Plan for the Duhamel Subdivision. The hearing was continued to August 19th for Final Site Plan review.
- > Approved the interim Telecommunications Bylaw as a permanent bylaw which will be revisited as part of the ongoing revision to the town's zoning regulations.

August 12, 2004

- > Continued work on revising current zoning regulations by creating a list of guiding principles to be used in the revision process.

August 19, 2004

- > Approved request for a Change in Use permit to Mike & Cheryl Rus.
- > Approved the preliminary and final site plan for Donald and Edna Tofani's proposal to subdivide property on Coburn Road.
- > Approved the final site plan for the Duhamel Subdivision.

August 26, 2004

- > Voted to determine the driving force in the zoning revisions is quality, fairness and acceptance of the finished product by the town's citizens.

Board of Adjustment

June 14, 2004

- > Approved the application of Andre and Pricilla Gilbert to tear down horse stalls and build an addition on their property.
- > Approved a dimensional variance for an addition on property of Martha P. Israel.

July 12, 2004

- > Voted to grant a variance to Richard Smith and Jennifer Myka to move a garage and to build a deck on Schoolhouse Road.
- > Voted to conduct a site visit to North Street for a request for a setback variance for Robert Duncan.

July 19, 2004

- > Voted to recess the Duncan hearing after the applicant requested more time to consider his proposal.
- > Voted to deny the application to Spectrum Tower to construct a tower.
- > Spectrum Tower has not been able to meet the conditions set forth by the zoning board. The board will advise the Palmers to withdraw an application for a variance hearing since the regulations state the board can not grant a variance for their proposed subdivision which would result in the reduction of a lot.

Elementary School

August 24, 2004

- > Hired Carrie Sisson and Charlene Gregoire as paraeducators.
- > Peg Meyer will be working two days a week as K-6 curriculum consultant.
- > Jan Aldrich and Kim Bolduc will study the feasibility of merging U-32 and Montpelier High School.
- > Kathy Christy is the Washington Central Supervisory Union elementary teacher of the year.
- > Sara Pomerantz and Kathy Christy are the EMES representatives on the Professional Learning Communities Committee.
- > The Community Connections Program will begin with homework support and after-school day care. Full programming will start in October.
- > Thanks to the efforts of Food Service Agent, Bob Lynde, EMES qualifies as a Title I school this year.
- > Approved a motion to write off the uncollected food bills incurred the last three years in the amount of \$3,212. Bill Kaplan will gather information on how collection systems are done at other schools so this doesn't happen again.
- > Agreed to spend money directly from budget accounts. Accounts will be reimbursed from the fund balance when there are overruns.
- > Bill Kaplan was thanked for his work on the new phone system. There will be a fundraiser to pay for the system.

ZONING ADMINISTRATOR JOB VACANCY

East Montpelier seeks candidates for the part time job of town Zoning Administrator. Help townspeople understand zoning requirements and procedures. Approve routine applications. Meet with the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment, about four meetings each month. About 15 hours per week. Inquire with Deborah Fillion, Interim Zoning Administrator, 223-3313.

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- > Staff and community members will be invited to participate in the development of the FY06 budget. (See sidebar for schedule.)
- > The FY06 Budget Development Timeline includes drafts of the budget for meetings on 11/9/04 and 12/14/04 and a Community Forum on 1/11/05. The Board will prepare presentations for the Town Forum and Town Meeting Day.
- > Reorganization of the Board will be on March 8, 2005.

U-32 Jr. & Sr. High School

July 21, 2004

- > The concrete at the front of the building , at the events entrance , and side will be removed and replaced. In addition, three manhole covers will be fixed, all at EF Wall's expense.
- > The payment of a bill from Vermont Boiler will come from the building project account rather than the FY05 budget.
- > Voted to accept a one-year pilot project for Tim Flynn to be a 0.5 FTE Curriculum Consultant and 0.5 FTE Special Education Coordinator.
- > Accepted the resignation of Stephanie Heath as science teacher.

August 2, 2004

- > Agreed to share a Vista position with Community Connections.

- > Requested formalized five-year enrollment projections.
- > Approved the Drugs and Alcohol - F7 policy with revisions.
- > Approved the request for a foreign exchange tuition waver for Anne-Marthe Arnulf from Norway who will live with David and Adrienne Magida.
- > Accepted the resignation of Maja Wilson, 0.8 FTE English.
- > Approved recall of former employee, Ruth Vickery, whose position was impacted by a reduction in force.

August 18, 2004

- > Authorized Lori Bibeau to work with North American Bldg., Inc to obtain information on a modular building with a full basement for a new district central office.
- > A positive NEASC report similar to the self study was distributed. Commendations included the mission statement, interaction between faculty and students and high expectations for student learning.
- > Accepted the resignation of James Robinson.
- > Approved the appointment of Margaret Keys as 0.8 FTE English Teacher and Steven Colangeli as 1.0 FTE Science Teacher.
- > Approved use of a preliminary waiver to document residency upon receipt of rental or lease agreements.

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT TIMELINE 2005-2006 SCHOOL YEAR EMES BOARD

November 9	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Draft #1 - discussion
December 14	Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. Draft #2 - discussion and planning Jan. 11 Forum
January 4	Special Board Meeting (if needed)
January 11	Community Forum 6:30-7:30 p.m. coffee & dessert. Board Meeting 7:30-9:30 Set wording for Warning.
Jan. 13	Candidates' Forum town & school
February 8	Board Meeting - 6:30 Plan presentation for Forum and Town Meeting
February 26 (tentative)	East Montpelier Town Forum
March 1	Town Meeting voting on budget
March 8	Board Meeting Reorganization
Questions about the School Board meetings and budget should be directed to Janice Aldrich at: Janice_Aldrich@hotmail.com.	

TOWN OFFICE INFORMATION FORUM

I'm asking East Montpelier residents to consider taking an active role in town government. Perhaps you have thought about running for one of our local offices but didn't know what was involved or how to become involved. Perhaps you have had questions but didn't know who might answer them.

This January you will have an chance to learn about the roles and responsibilities of local governmental offices whether it is a school director, selectperson or planning commissioner, just to name a few. Now is your chance to come and talk to current and past office holders and find out the process for entering the elections right down to what date the paperwork needs to be filed with the Town Clerk's office. This meeting will be on Thursday, January 13, 2005 at 7:00 pm in the East Montpelier Elementary School Library. Light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there. For more information, call Jan ALdrich at 229-0406 evenings and weekends, 229-7077 during the weekdays or email me: janice_aldrich@hotmail.com

Janice Aldrich

TOWN AND ANNUAL REPORT INFORMATION

The Selectboard meetings are held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the Month, 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building. Budget meetings begin in Mid-December. Agenda's are posted at the Town Office and by e-mail.

If you are requesting funds from the Selectboard on behalf of a Board or Committee, please do so by December 1st unless other arrangements have been made. Please contact me at 223-3313 or eastmontpe@adelphia.net if you have any questions.

If you wish to use the petition process for Town Funds please contact Sylvia Tosi at eastmonttc@adelphia.net or 223-3313.

The Town Auditors will be expecting Board/Committee Reports for the Town Report to be submitted by mid-December. Please contact Town Auditor Deborah Fillion regarding copy deadlines at fillion@madriver.com.

Thank you!

Marlene Bettit

RALLY DAY FOLLOWUP

To date, the East Montpelier Fireworks Fund has raised \$2,669 to cover just a portion of Northstar Fireworks' out-of-pocket costs for putting on another spectacular show on Rally Day. The generosity of owners Dave and Deedee Swenson is as awesome as their fireworks display!

It's not too late to show your appreciation by making a tax-deductible contribution to: "East Montpelier Fireworks Fund" c/o Town Clerk, P.O. Box 157 East Montpelier, VT 05651

Deborah Fillion

Many thanks to these contributors:

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Moving force in the fire department, historian, restorer of mills, fixer of Volkswagens, commissioner for and tender of cemeteries, maker of popcorn...**Citizen of the Year!**

RALLY DAY COMMUNITY ART PROJECT

At 10:00 in the morning, a few of us started to finger paint a copy of Claude Monet, and at noon the reproduction was complete. With the help of many, many finger painters and community members, this project was completed and has its place at EMES.



Heidmarie Holmes-Heiss



TOWN DOINGS

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

East Montpelier Community Connections recently completed its third year of after-school, vacation, and adult programming. Community Connections started in 2001 with a federal 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. This year, we are using a combination of the last of the grant money, user fees and other funding sources as we work toward a sustainable program. While the main focus of EMCC has been programs for kids, we have also offered a variety of adult and family programs ranging from cooking and computer courses to dance, yoga and photography. One popular event has been the annual wreath-making workshop where about 40 local residents come together and turn a pile of donated fir boughs into beautiful wreaths. Another popular activity is the scrap-booking group led by community member Patty Connor whose loyalty to the craft is legendary. Adult and family courses vary in price with some being free or donation-based, while others charge a fee. This year, due to tightened budgets, participants are required to pay for the entire session in advance to guarantee there is sufficient enrollment to allow the class to run. Information about these classes and events goes out through student packets, school newsletters, posters and advertisements in *The World* and other publications.

If you would like to learn more about what is being offered or if you have a course or activity you would like to see offered through Community Connections, visit our website: www.communityconnections.us or contact Site Coordinator Guy Viens at 802-229-0553 x318 or gviens@u32.org. You can also reach Guy through the school at 223-7936.

EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS

For the last few years, the trails group has taken a hiatus from major projects, working instead on some longer-term planning and opportunities. One of these opportunities, the conservation of the Pratt property encompassing Mallory Brook, is close to reality. After much hard work by the Trust for Public Lands, our trails group and generous support from many people, the closing is now scheduled for early October. Integral to the terms of the conservation easement will be the construction of about two miles of trail roughly parallel to the brook, with spur trails. This segment will be a significant step toward our ultimate goal of a nearly 20-mile loop through the Town, including the Cross-Vermont Trail and City of Montpelier trails on the southern edge. We hope to begin construction on the Mallory Brook section soon after alignments are established.

We have also been moving forward on completion of the Cross-Vermont Trail segment through East Montpelier to Plainfield. This will largely follow the route of the old railroad bed, though it is not quite that simple. From Montpelier (Garrison Hill Rd.) eastward, we need to negotiate the route with utilities owning the railroad bed and/or easements along the Winooski River, put a new bridge across the river (hopefully using the existing abutments), then sandwich more than a mile of trail between the river and US 2 before crossing US 2 near the Industrial Park. And that's just the first mile and a half (out of 5 miles). This summer, we had two weeks of help from the Youth Conservation Corps who cleared the railroad bed on the sections we can still use along the river.

Fall is a great time to get out on the trails. Enjoy the scenery, and please respect the property owners whose land you are crossing by staying on the trail.

Jamie Shanley



FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION

The pre-school program got off to a smooth beginning of its 2004-05 year, and the Strong Living program has announced that it will not be continuing its program due to lack of funds for training leaders.

In other news, the association's plans to paint the schoolhouse this summer did not materialize because of all the rainy weather. The Carleton Smith donation of \$3000 to be used for painting will be used next spring when the weather is, hopefully, better suited for painting.



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Marguerites
Alice Shields

2 eggs
1 cup brown sugar
1/2 cup flour
1/4 teaspoon baking powder
Beat eggs slightly, add remaining ingredients in order given.
Fill small buttered tins 2/3 full of mixture, and place nut meats on top. Bake 15 minutes.

1/3 teaspoon salt
1 cup pecan nuts, or
walnuts cut small

Alice and Carl Shields lived on the second floor of the apartments next to the "singing bridge." She worked in the woolen mill. They later moved to Keene, New Hampshire.

RECIPES FROM THE COMMUNITY COOK BOOK

"Taste-Tested" with hints and up-date as needed
by *Paulie Coburn*

Paulie's Comments

These little cookies are an easy and good treat. They would make a great first recipe for a little kitchen helper.

Helpful Hints

Brown sugar will not become lumpy if placed in an airtight jar and kept in a cool place

A rocking chair will not mar the floor if the rockers are waxed.

The *Community Cook Book* was "sponsored" in the early 1940s by The Friendly Circle.

EAST MONTPELIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The guest speaker at the September meeting was clock expert Michael Oliver who "took time" to explain his trade. Michael grew up in an area where electric power was undependable, so his family relied on wind-up clocks for telling time. He began collecting clocks and gradually learned the clock repair trade, both at a shop in Burlington and on his own. Now a Worcester resident, he operates the "Time For You" clock shop where he cleans and repairs clocks, displays his wonderful clock collection and informs the curious clock owner more about his or her family timepiece.

In other news, David Coburn has been elected Historical Society President, and outgoing President Elliott Morse was acknowledged and thanked for the many years he served the Society.

The joint meeting of the East Montpelier & Calais Historical Societies will be Monday, November 15 at the Old Brick Church. There will be a potluck supper (bring your own place settings) at 6 p.m. followed by a program on writing the towns' histories with Lyn Blackwell, co-author of *Across The Onion* and Weston Cate, Jr., author *Forever Calais*.

All are welcome.

Anne Ormsbee, V.P./Treasurer

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The East Montpelier Fire Department had responded to over 200 calls this year by September 30. Department members have been drilling with a new Jaws-of-Life and airbags. These drills were demonstrated during Rally Day.

The Fire Department mourns the death of Assistant Fire Chief, Michael Bliss on August 6, 2004. Mike was a 13-year veteran. He served as President of the Department and a member of the Board of Directors. He was instrumental in starting the Junior Firefighter program and was a trained EMT. Mike's two sons serve in the Department and his wife is a member of the Auxiliary making them a true East Montpelier Fire Department family!

A dedicated employee of Northstar Fireworks, Mike loved doing fireworks shows and was involved with every Rally Day fireworks show. The spectacular show this year was a fitting tribute to a fine man.

The Department says, "Mike, we know you will always be with us in spirit, on every call, and laughing with us through the good times and carrying us through the bad. We miss you so much, but take comfort in all the great memories you left us. Bye, Buddy. Rest in peace."

Robin Copping, Chaplin EMFD

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Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday	7:00	Town Office
Planning Commission (PC)	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:30	Town Office
Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)	2nd & 4th Monday	7:30	Town Office
Conservation Fund Advisory Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:30	Town Office
U-32 Board	1st & 3rd Wednesday	6:30	U-32 High School
Elementary School Board (EMES)	1st Tuesday	6:30	Elementary School
Recreation Board	3rd Monday	6:30	Town Office
Revolving Loan Committee	At call of the chair	6:30	Town Office
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tuesday	7:00	Fire Station, Templeton Rd.
Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc.	2nd Wednesday	7:00	Four Corners Schoolhouse

NOTICES

**NOVEMBER 15
TAXES DUE**

**PAYMENT MUST BE IN THE TOWN OFFICE
BY 5:00 P.M.
PAYMENT RECEIVED BY MAIL AFTER DUE DATE
WILL BE LATE REGARDLESS OF POSTMARK.**

EVENTS CALENDAR

November 2	General Election - Polls open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.		EMES
November 9	EMES School Board - work on Draft #1 of the 2005-2006 budget	6:30 p.m.	Town Office
November 15	Veterans' Day	Closed	Town Office
November 15	Taxes are due -	payment will be late if it is not in the Town office by 5:00 p.m.	Town Office
November 15	Historical Society meeting	7:00 p.m.	Four Corners School House
Nov. 25-26	Thanksgiving recess	Closed	Town Office
December 15	EMES School Board - work on Draft #2 of the 2005-2006 budget	6:30 p.m.	Town Office
December 20	Historical Society meeting	7:00 p.m.	Four Corners School House
Dec. 24-27	Christmas recess	Closed	Town Office

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