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A PASSION FOR HERMITS *Paulie Coburn*

Alyce Collins has always loved cooking, especially baking. She has developed a recipe for "hermits" which is nothing short of terrific. She also makes and sells several kinds of granola. I spent parts of two afternoons visiting with her, first at her home/business, then at my home (we live about a quarter-mile apart). Over cups of tea and cookies, we talked about cooking, recipes, grandchildren, and other joys of life.

Alyce grew up in the Boston area and lived in many places before coming to Vermont about thirty years ago. She worked at Howard's Market for twenty years doing many different jobs.

In order to pursue her dream of baking as a way to make a living, she decided to attend the New England Culinary Institute, studying there for a year to earn

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WORLD TRAVELERS - HOMETOWN FARMERS *Karen M. Gramer*

If you are traveling north on Center Road and pass the historic Old Meeting House, just after the blacktop ends, you will see a scenic mountain range, rolling hills and meadows, and the home of Kevin McCollister, Erica Zimmerman and their children, Ethan and Nadia. The white farmhouse is accented by a big yellow barn and outbuildings. It appears to go back in time to the 1800s when the house was a tavern on a main route for travelers on their journey to and from Canada.

Up until the mid 1990s, their property was a working dairy farm. Now, the gentle sounds of the milking machine and the cows are gone, replaced by a flock of docile sheep and seasonal chickens. Their fifty-plus acre farm is indeed a very special place. Nancy Thomas and Rich Atkinson helped conserve the land after they bought it in the late 1980s. They sold the development rights to the Vermont Land Trust so the land will forever remain open and be used for agricultural purposes.



The McCollisters/Zimmermans have been my next-door neighbors since last fall. Inside their home, some of the structure has been preserved with period architecture from when the house was built in 1793. Kevin and Erica are trying to save the original post and beam ell while they renovate for their blossoming family.

On a warm, sunny Easter Sunday, we sat outside amidst the melting snow and beautiful scenery, and Kevin and Erica relayed a wealth of information regarding their lives. Originally from Illinois, Kevin graduated from Columbia University in New York City and pursued an array of different occupations. He was a park ranger in Central Park, an environmental educator, and a fishery observer monitoring biological data on fish and bycatch on Korean fishing boats. Originally from Pennsylvania, Erica graduated from Amherst College. They met in Seattle, Washington, where Kevin was in graduate school and Erica was preparing for her teaching career. They traveled extensively and finally moved to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania where Kevin worked for a statewide recycling non-profit organization and Erica taught French and English in a middle school. They married in 1993, joined the Peace Corps, and were stationed in Kazakhstan

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TOP OF THE SIGNPOST

When asked to be the guest contributor for Top of the Signpost, I felt honored to fill the same pages that Jean Cate graced for so many years. The arrival of the Signpost in our mailbox is always a welcome sight, bringing news of one of the greatest institutions: our hometown. On par with the Signpost's arrival is the excitement around today's topic: the advent of Spring.

What a metamorphosis it is when Spring warms East Montpelier! Long nights of winter become long days, and the monochromatic and subtle hues of snow and bark burst into verdant colors of Spring. It is as if a black and white TV picture suddenly turns to color. I am always amazed at how GREEN everything becomes, and how both human residents and wildlife alike make their presence more known.

A Spring ritual around our farm is the ramping up of all the tools: servicing tractors, pulling out shovels and rakes, pumping up wheelbarrow tires and breathing life into a dormant lawn mower or rototiller. We need to be ready for the lawn that seems to grow so fast that by the time we finish the last part of the lawn, the first part already needs retrimming!

But the biggest Spring ritual for us is the starting of seedlings. The sight of tiny green plants poking up through soil in the greenhouse is immensely satisfying and rewarding. It captures that universal sense of Spring; a fresh start, and that anything is possible, a feeling of eternal hope.

Richard Wiswall - Cate Farm



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Angelo Tillas, Pastor

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Old Meeting House

Rev. Susan Cooke Kittredge

Pastor

Rev. David W. Connor

Associate Pastor

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Nursery care is available

Phone: 229-9593



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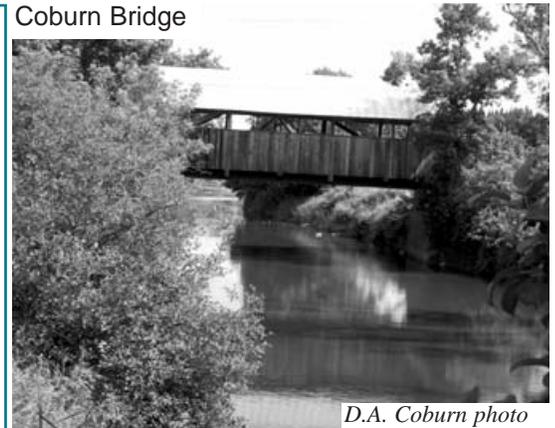
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Coburn Bridge



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Kevin McCollister & Erica Zimmerman

The Center Farm

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*Order in Spring; Pick-up freezer-ready in Fall
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*Kevin McCollister & Erica Zimmerman
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1820 Center Road in East Montpelier Center*

in Central Asia. Erica trained future teachers and Kevin helped develop an environmental non-profit in this very polluted, undeveloped part of the world. The area had been closed to foreigners, and they were the first visitors in a half century. In 1995, they were back in Chicago when Kevin heard about a job in Vermont with the non-profit organization, The Institute for Sustainable Communities. He applied, accepted the job, and they moved to Vermont.

During the course of his employment with ISC, which ended with the organization's slowdown this winter, Kevin worked overseas, making at least 45 trips to Russia, where he helped Russian partners launch environmental and economic development projects in their cities. In between, he spent lots of time fixing up their home, building sheep fences, and playing softball.

Meanwhile, Erica worked as a coach for U-32 and Montpelier field hockey and lacrosse, an adjunct instructor at Vermont Technical College, a graduate student at UVM, and the state's Peace Corps recruiter. Their son, Ethan, was born in 1998, and since then, Erica has created and directed projects for Vermont Education for Sustainability and Shelburne Farms on school improvement, school-community partnerships, service-learning and curriculum integration. The Sustainable Schools Project is now a highlight of two Burlington elementary schools and aims to expand elsewhere in the state, hopefully closer to this area. Erica's work has also been featured in international networks, which has led her to travel in Japan and Ukraine in recent years. These projects are now being highlighted by the United Nations' Decade of Education for Sustainable Development, which begins officially this year.

Kevin's ties with Russia led them to their daughter, Nadia. They met her in Ekaterinburg, Russia, in the Ural Mountains, where he worked for many years. After a second trip, they finalized her adoption this winter and were able to bring her home just in time for her first birthday on March 3rd. Ethan enjoyed the chance of living in Russia for awhile but is very happy to be back in Mrs. Pomerantz's first grade class at the Elementary School. He hopes the baseball fields will be ready for play by his seventh birthday on April 25.

After all their travel, this family has stuck close to the Center since settling in Vermont ten years ago. Erica and Kevin first lived in the Parley Davis House, where they rented an apartment from Kirby Scarborough and Madeline Mongan. Then, in

1996, they bought and remodeled the Miller property on the County Road, near Powder Horn Glen. A long search for a farm brought them back to the Center last year.

With new East Montpelier friendships blossoming from every one of their ventures, children's programs, and volunteer activities, the family's new roots have grown quickly. They love living in such a beautiful, varied community, where people enjoy making connections.

Both Erica and Kevin have used times of less work to share their grant-writing skills with the town. Erica worked on the Sparrow Farm trail grant in 1995, and Kevin wrote the Mallory Brook trail proposal this year. Now Kevin serves on the Trails Committee and coaches baseball, while Erica has taken an active role in the school's PTNO and other committees.

Kevin and Erica have a busy summer ahead as they work to restore neglected parts of the farm and expand their agricultural business, growing pastured, free-range poultry and lamb for area residents. At their former County Road homestead, they began raising meat chickens and freezer lambs during summer and fall. Like many today, they had begun to choose more healthful, more sustainably grown products and wanted to provide themselves and their neighbors with this alternative to factory-farmed meats.

Now at the Center Farm, Erica and Kevin have the space to develop year-round flocks and other ventures. They have begun taking orders for this year's chicken and lamb. They welcome new customers who can call or email them to request a brochure (223-6930 or mczim@adelphia.net).

The farm also has helped them get to know some neighboring farm families. For example, the Braziers and Butlers helped Erica track down the fellow who originally assembled the silo next to the yellow barn. "He promised to pull it straight this summer, if it's still standing." That should be a good occasion for a work party to do the repairs needed for resurrecting the Thomas/Atkinson barn dance tradition.

Kevin and Erica realize that it will take time, flexible ideas and new uses to bring this historic place back to its full potential. They look forward to giving local families a source for healthy meats, as well as to discovering what other kinds of activities might grow from connecting folks to farms and food.

Karen M. Gramer has lived in the Center for the past 20 years. She is on the adjunct faculty at Woodbury College and is a paralegal at Zalinger, Cameron & Lambek, P.C. She has three grown children, Michael, Kelly and Lisa McCarthy. Her hobbies include XC skiing, hiking, cooking, sewing and gardening.





her "certificate." The course work included a six-months internship at Price Chopper. After completion of the NECI study, she went to work in the kitchen of Goddard College, which ended when the college closed its residency program. She now works five days a week for NECI at National Life doing catering setup for inter-office meetings. Baking cookies and granola is done in her spare time.



Alyce developed her hermit recipe while studying at NECI. Hermits just happened to be her father's favorite cookie. During research on the hermit cookie, she discovered that the name comes from the fact that they have a long shelf life and sailors used to take them on long sea voyages, hiding them away like a

"hermit." The granola comes in several flavors: almond/apricot, and walnut/raisins along with seasonal favorites such as blueberry/walnut and cherry/almond.

She started selling her hermits and granola at the Farmers' Market in Montpelier in 2003. When her customers began asking her to make them available all year round, she arranged to sell them at the Hunger Mountain Co-op in Montpelier. She is looking to the future when she can spend more of her time baking and adding more kinds of cookies. She has borrowed the Community Cookbook from which I take the recipes that have appeared in the Signpost for the past year or so. She is going to try some of the vintage cookies to see if they can be added to her "repertoire." Look for something good to come from that.

The baking is done in her house where one of the rooms was converted into a work area complete with a commercial mixer, several work tables and many large containers for ingredients. She has a new convection oven so more than one pan of cookies or granola can be baked at a time.

Alyce lives with her husband Jack, who works for New England Air Systems, in a lovely house on VT14 north of East Montpelier Village. They moved to East Montpelier in 1988. Alyce has four children: Peter in Chicago, Jacqueline in California, Jeny in New York and Stephen in Burlington. Jack has two children, Tracy and Matt. Tracy and her husband live in Berlin. They are the ones with the granddaughter, Isabel, age seven.

Paulie and her husband Dave live on Daggett Road. She retired two years ago after working for 18 years as the Assistant Town Clerk/Treasurer. Her interests include orchids, cooking and grandchildren.

THE WIZ ON STAGE AT OLD MEETING HOUSE

The Wiz is being presented at the Old Meeting House the last two weekends of April. The Super Soul Adaptation of The Wizard of Oz has that extra pizzazz we have come to recognize from director Pat Pritchett and the producer Peter Nielsen. Come and enjoy the music and fun created by the cast of OMH members and friends.

Vocal Direction by Marcia Bowles

Music Direction by Brian Boyes

The performances are:

April 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 -- 7:30 pm

April 24, 2:00 pm

Tickets also on sale at Coffee Hour, Sundays at the OMH

CONCERT BY NIGHTINGALE

Also on stage at the Old Meeting House, there will be a concert by Nightingale on Friday, May 6 at 7:30 p.m. sponsored by the Old Meeting House Arts Ministries. Nightingale is a Vermont-based trio of fiddle, guitar, accordion and more. The songs are creative new arrangements of traditional songs—a blend of Northern music from Quebec, Newfoundland, Ireland, France and Scandinavia.

Tickets for each event are \$14 for adults and \$8 for children. Please check the church phone message at 229-9593 or the web site calendar at www.oldmeetinghouse.org for ticket availability.

If not sold out, tickets are available at Bear Pond Books in Montpelier.

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PERSPECTIVES ON A FIRST TOWN MEETING

A Flatlander's First Town Meeting

Rick Meleady

This morning a thick blanket of new snow has softened the sharply-edged footprints in my yard to soft, shallow divots. Sipping my first cup of coffee, I search the forest through my ground floor windows. Since moving here in June of last year from Phoenix, Arizona, I have spent most mornings just like this. An avid outdoorsman, I'm a forest junkie. I can't stop looking at it. My sons, Jack and Cole, and my wife, Linda, have grown accustomed to the varied wildlife around our house and no longer sprint to the window when I spot an animal.

In the U.S. Air Force all of my adult life, I'm now in the Vermont Air National Guard, flying out of Burlington International Airport. This is our eighth move since we were married in 1989. We have lived in many places, and they all have their good and bad points, but, after traveling here in February 2004, we knew it was where we wanted to raise our children. Until now, I've kept loose ties with the communities we lived in because I knew we'd be moving in a couple of years. I'm hoping the town meeting today will show me a little more about East Montpelier and the community I hope to be a part of.

At 9:15 a.m., East Montpelier Elementary School was busy inside with people setting up seating, refreshments and tables full of information on local events and programs. A sign, "Polling," pointed down the hall. I wondered inwardly if that was like voting. I walked down the hall and observed. Sure enough they were voting. A lady seated at the table asked my name, and, when I introduced myself, she didn't stick out her hand. Instead she started leafing through a book of names, and, much to my surprise, she found mine, handed me two ballots, and pointed towards the booth.

In the booth with golf course pencil in hand, I read through the ballots. I was clueless. I had no idea who any of the people running for office were or whether I should allow the select board to borrow money in anticipation of tax revenues. CLUELESS! Shall we raise \$888,000 for road repairs, \$111,000 for the Capital Reserve Fund? "Shall we raise." I wasn't sure what that meant exactly, but, from the dollar amount, I deduced it must be from our taxes and not the mother of all bake sales. Unwilling to vote so uninformed, I folded my ballots and placed them in the containers unmarked.

At the entrance to the gym floor where the meeting would be held, I noticed a children's information packet on what town meeting was all about. As good a place to start as any, I grabbed it and had a seat at a table in the back. It was very helpful but not as helpful as the reporter from the Times Argus seated next to me and to whom I confessed my ignorance of town meeting proceedings. He showed me the "155th Annual Report" and the information it contained. I remembered seeing this in my home and wondering why it was sent to me; it seemed to be something more fit for an auditor at the time. Suddenly I felt I had a clue. Still the dimmest bulb in the string but, I had something.

Looking around the room, I guessed 160-180 people had braved the weather and taken their seats as the moderator kicked off the meeting. Introductions, rules, then on to the Articles. For the fire engine, \$3,750; \$7000 for the cemetery; \$1500 for the

Four Corners Schoolhouse.... The first four Articles passed easily with voice votes reminiscent of times long ago. "All those in favor--AYE!" "All opposed--NO!" The meeting was beginning to seem a formality until Article 14, which proposed to raise \$2,500 for the Community Connections Program.

A well-spoken gentleman took the floor reminding us that each article we pass is dollars out of our pocket, and, even though this is a paltry sum when divided among the community, every cent counts. And if we give them this, what will they want next year? Now it was getting interesting. Two volunteers with the program spoke of its value to underprivileged children and the community as a whole. Ultimately this article was passed but not before showing that if you want people's hard-earned money, even a little, it better be for good reason. The added value of this small debate was to educate the people about the programs within their community. This type of exposure is hard to find.

The cutoff for Australian Ballot or a floor vote at the town meeting is \$10,000. More than \$10K is Australian Ballot, less is a floor vote. Apparently that dollar amount was set at a town meeting in 1991, and Article 15 proposed to change it to \$25,000. The proponents of this article argued that, with inflation and time, the \$10K limit was simply outgrown, and \$25K was more appropriate for the current economy. Their contention, backed up by calculations considering inflation rate over time was well presented. It seemed reasonable and I was convinced.

Then an unassuming gentleman standing in the back took the floor. He explained that he was at the town meeting when the \$10K limit was passed and was involved in setting the dollar amount. I tell you nothing carries weight more than "I was there..." He argued that if the new article was passed it would result in more articles being decided with a floor vote and fewer by Australian Ballot, which didn't seem like such a big deal to me. I thought, why not let the people who care enough to show up at town meeting take a greater part in leading the community? It's like when you're in line at the parts store and the guy behind the counter starts dealing with someone who just phoned in. If I drove all the way down here, you ought to put that person on hold until you're done with me.

His argument continued to gain strength as he referred to the town's annual report showing the history of voter participation. Without question, more people voted by Australian Ballot. Last year 41% of East Montpelier voted by Australian Ballot versus 8% voting at the town meeting. If democracy can be summed up by "majority rules," then the Australian Ballot has the upper hand in accurately communicating the desires of the community.

The debate continued from both sides for a long time until all had said their piece. "The people at town meeting are more educated voters; they should be able to decide..." "My wife is a very educated voter and, even though this is a town holiday, she works in a small office and cannot be here..." Ultimately the article passed and the \$25K limit will be used in place next year.. But the real beauty of that exchange was the fact that one man showed up and spoke on behalf of a thousand or more who couldn't be there.

The meeting adjourned for lunch and picked up again with the school meeting. Members of the

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TOWN WEATHERVANE

Milestones

BIRTHS

- ◆ Ashley Rosamarie-Lynn Wheeler, born January 6, 2005, daughter to Amanda Rose and James Delbon Wheeler III.
- ◆ Alicen Louise LaPerle, born March 15, 2005, daughter to Kelsey Louise and Philip James LaPerle.

MARRIAGES

- ◆ Michael James Pregent to Michele Bean Estivill, January 8, 2005.

DEATHS

- ◆ Gladys Parker Dunkling, died February 1, 2005, mother of Pam Dunkling and Jon Dunkling.
- ◆ Harold N. Chamberlin, died February 1, 2005, spouse of Anne Chamberlin.
- ◆ George Alexander McLeod, died March 28, 2005, spouse of Norma B. McLeod.
- ◆ George Lane, died March 25, 2005, spouse of former Town Clerk Minnie Lane.

LAND TRANSFERS

- ◆ Peter Noel Duhamel to Robert W. Phillips II and Deborah A. Phillips, 50.0 acres and dwelling, Elisha Smith Rd.
- ◆ Marcia K. Guilmette to Kari Bradley and Gabrielle Malina, 1.5 acres and dwelling, County Rd.
- ◆ Bruce A. Butler & Luciann Butler to Bruce A. Butler, 56.9 acres & dwelling, Brazier Rd.
- ◆ Marion J. Codling to Shawn A. & Cynthia A. Marshall, 10.55 acres & dwelling, Codling Rd.
- ◆ Charles W. Johnson to Brendan M. Johnson & Sara E. Skomitz, 8.1 acres & dwelling, Sanders Circle.
- ◆ Jamie A. Gray, Estate, to Jeremy S. Smith & Maria L. Jennison, 0.58 acres and dwelling, North St.
- ◆ Marion Burns to Susan Burns, mobile home, Sandy Pines Dr.
- ◆ Susan Burns to Dale E. Chastenay & Harry E. Winchester, mobile home,

Sandy Pines Dr.

- ◆ U.S. District Court/Christine Johnson to Armand J. Laquerre, 3.1 acres and dwelling, VT14S.
- ◆ E. Christopher, Peter W. & Vera C. Pratt to Vermont Land Trust Inc. et al., development rights on 481.0 acres, Cherry Tree Hill Rd., Towne Hill & Brazier Rd.
- ◆ Arsene L. LaPerle, Estate, to Maurice A. & Lucille M. LaPerle, 0.5 acres, US2.
- ◆ Richard Linton Brock to Sarah Dawson & Richard Linton Brock, 20.0 acres and dwelling, Cutler Heights Rd.
- ◆ Thelma Welch to Harry Jeppe, 3.7 acres & dwelling, VT14S.
- ◆ Jody A. & Donny E. Yates III to Mikeljon Mascitti, 10.8 acres & dwelling, VT14S.
- ◆ Peter & Mary Beth Wonson to Joseph M. Byers, 0.44 acre & dwelling, US2.
- ◆ Shirley M. & Clifton W. King to Clifton W. & Shirley M. King, 37.5 acres and dwelling, Vincent Flats Rd.
- ◆ Orchard Valley School f/k/a Montpelier Waldorf Child's Garden to Kevin Nadzam, 10.7 acres, Towne Hill Rd.
- ◆ Dennis A. Lane, Estate, to Beth Plante, 1.8 acres & dwelling, VT14S
- ◆ Kathy Helen Warner to Robert Simmons, 1.39 acres & commercial building, VT14S.
- ◆ Edward Lane to Vickie A. Adams, Edward G. Lane, Jr. & Allan C. Lane, 1.0 acre and dwelling, County Rd.
- ◆ Robert K. & Beth Ann S. Porter to Eric A. Duprey & Kimberly A. Smith, 4.9 acres & mobile home, Haggett Rd.
- ◆ Roxanne Farnham to Kristopher Kirby & Lesilee Martin, 3.38 acres & dwelling, Fair Rd.
- ◆ Joseph M. & Devon K. Byers to Joseph M. & Devon K. Byers, 0.44 acres and dwelling, US2.

Land records are public information. Further details on any of these property transfers may be obtained at the Town Office.

Looking East



TOWN WEATHERVANE

Selectboard

February 7, 2005

- ◆ Approved the Hunting and Trapping Permit Request for Mallory Brook Property.
- ◆ Appointed Jane Grinde as Zoning Administrator for a period of one year and to amend the current job description to include 911 Coordinator responsibilities.
- ◆ Approved two signs for the County Road Neighborhood Watch Group. The Watch Group is responsible for the cost of the signs. The town will erect them.

March 7, 2005

- ◆ Updated on Town Garage Architectural Services and accepted the proposal from Charlie Metz. "Not to exceed \$7,250" was added to the proposal.
- ◆ Elected Martha Holden as Selectboard Chair until Town Meeting 2006.
- ◆ Approved C. P. Dudley Liquor License for 2005.
- ◆ Approved town appointments:
Collector of Lease Land Rent: Sylvia Tosi; *Pound Keeper:* Tim Meehan; *Animal Control:* Tim Meehan; *Delinquent Tax:* Norma Raymond; *Regional Planning:* Tim Carver; *Regional Planning Alternate:* Tracy Phillips; *CVRPC:* Frank Pratt; *Sewage Officer* (until replacement is found): Richard Czaplinski; *Emergency Coordinator:* Bill George; *Four Corners Association Representative:* Tom Brazier; *Board of Adjustment:* Sandy Conti, Steven Kappel, Fred Strong, Mark Lane; *Funding Request Study Committee:* Lyn Blackwell; *Recreation Board:* Tim Bigelow, Janice Aldrich.
- ◆ Approved request of administrators of Sandy Pines to defer annual loan repayment of \$15,840 for 5.5 years so they can use the funds for infrastructure improvements.
- ◆ Excess Weight Permits granted to: McCullough Crushing, Inc., Pouliot & Corriveau, Inc., Carroll Concrete, and A & W Artesian Well Co.

Planning Commission

January 27, 2005

- ◆ Recommend Jane Grinde to Selectboard for appointment to the position of Zoning Administrator contingent on positive references.
- ◆ Discussed revision of Zoning Regulations with consideration of Conservation Overlay.

February 10, 2005

- ◆ Voted for including active wellhead protection areas and against including rare and endangered species and deer-yards on Conservation Overlay in Town Plan.
- ◆ Visited Hayward Commercial site on Sunday, Feb. 13.

February 24, 2005

- ◆ Voted to ask North Country Credit Union to amend its application to increase the size of its existing sign to address a visibility issue.
- ◆ Reached consensus to ask the Selectboard and the Zoning Board of Authority to meet with the Planning Commission on 3/14/05 to discuss Article 2: Tables of Permitted and Conditional Uses and Article 3, Section 3.3 on Road Access and Frontage Requirements.

March 3, 2005

- ◆ Voted to grant final approval to the Byers/Johnson boundary adjustment as presented, contingent on the applicant providing a stamped and signed survey.
- ◆ Passed a motion to direct the Zoning Administrator to fax an application to Susanne King of Twin State Signs to make amendments to the proposed replacement sign for North Country Credit Union and to include a new site plan to update the sign application.

Elementary School

January 3 and 4, 2005.

- ◆ Held special meetings to discuss school budget issues.

January 11, 2005

- ◆ Approved the motion to approve the FY'06 budget in the amount of \$2,308,051.
 - ◆ Matt Curtis will be in charge of coordinating the budget process in consultation with Ray Proulx.
 - ◆ Planned a meeting on 1/24/05 with Superintendent Robbe Brook, a board member, and a staff member to receive input on hiring a new principal and a meeting on 1/24/05 for the community and parents to give input.
 - ◆ Voted to approve wording for the Town Warning to include \$10,000 for a capital improvement fund.
 - ◆ Adopted the "Policy on Qualifications of Instructional Support Staff."
 - ◆ Received a grant to work with the Montpelier School System to collaborate on ways to save money between the two school systems.
 - ◆ Ten pages of board email used for board business will be provided to the staff member who requested this information.
 - ◆ Some errors were uncovered in several entries to the journal and a corrected Board Order will be provided for the Board to sign at the 2/8/05 Board meeting.
- #### February 8, 2005
- ◆ There will be a list of policies prioritized that will be put on the school website.
 - ◆ Brian Bishop will work on collecting food debts.
 - ◆ Ray Proulx will facilitate training for Student Centered Accountability Based Budget Process.
 - ◆ Approved a motion to hire Heather McNulty for 0.5FTE individual assistant and 0.5FTE paraeducator.
 - ◆ Community Connections received two grants for school based mentoring and a PEP grant to Montpelier School District and WCSU.

TOWN WEATHERVANE

- ◆ The Policy Committee is discussing installing cameras in school buses.
- ◆ The Principal Search Committee reported its timeline. The decision will be finalized at the 4/12/05 Board meeting.

U-32 Jr. & Sr. High School

January 19, 2005

- ◆ The Video Camera Use on Campus policy was moved to a second reading.
- ◆ The Field Trip Health Policy was moved to a second reading.
- ◆ Voted to approve the co-curricular advisors as presented.
- ◆ Approved the following appointment: Susan Steenkamp - Individual

Assistant.

February 2, 2005

- ◆ Voted to set the tuition rate for 2005-06 at \$9,833.
- ◆ Voted to approve spring coaches as presented.
- ◆ Voted to approve Tammy C. Hoermann: Academic Coordinator - Attendance & Student Supervision.
- ◆ Voted to accept the administration's recommendation for student discipline.

February 16, 2005

- ◆ Use of Video Camera on School Property and Buses moved to a third reading with amendment requiring the principal or superintendent to provide written grounds for using cameras.

- ◆ Field Trip Health Policy sent back to Policy Committee.
- ◆ Passed a motion to approve \$1,200 from the fund balance for new science textbooks.
- ◆ Voted to accept a \$2,250 Vermont Council of the Arts grant for arts integration across the curriculum.
- ◆ Passed a motion to accept the following retirements at the end of the school year: Alan Rexford, Piper Rexford, Carolyn Volpini, Dennis Beloin, John Mercer.

LARS CHICKERING-AYERS FOLLOWS A DREAM

by Sean Lusignan

While most of us were eagerly awaiting the arrival of February vacation, Lars Chickering-Ayers was already indulging in his trimester off. As we were sitting at home finishing papers for our teachers, Lars was screaming down giant chutes, up to his neck in powder. He spent the two weeks before our February vacation traveling through Montana, Wyoming, and Utah. Lars was skiing at world-renowned resorts— Snow Basin, Jackson Hole, Grand Targy, Bridge Bowl, and Alta. When asked which was his favorite, Lars replied "Alta." When asked what set Alta apart from the others, he said "the amount of snow and fun, which is why I spent one full week there." Lars hopes to travel back to Alta at some point in the future. The steepness of the terrain and the lack of trees intrigued Lars. This gave him the opportunity to practice new tricks without having to worry about objects obstructing his landings.

Lars is a senior at U-32. He worked this winter as a ski patroller at Mad River Glen Ski Area when he wasn't skiing out west, and he coached the ski team at the mountain: U-32 divides its school year into three trimesters, and Lars worked with the guidance department to take the middle one off and still be able

to graduate with his class. After he graduates from U-32, Lars plans on attending Montana State. He would like to pursue a major in snow science and compete in some free-style ski competitions while attending college.

Lars and I have been friends since first grade, and, though I can't always keep up with him on the slopes or bike trails, we still have fun.

Sean Lusignan is also a senior at U-32 and next year will be attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy where he'll major in marine engineering and, hopefully, play a lot of lacrosse.




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RECIPES FROM THE COMMUNITY COOK BOOK

"Taste-Tested" with hints and up-date as needed

by *Paulie Coburn*

"FEATHER BEDS" (TEA ROLLS) - INA PRAY

2 eggs well beaten	1 yeast cake
1 teaspoon salt	2 cups warm milk
3 tablespoons sugar	1/2 cup melted shortening
Flour to make a stiff batter	

Start at 9 a.m., let rise until 2:30 p.m. Roll and cut small, let rise until 5:30. Bake in hot oven.

Paulie's Comments

These rolls are very light and delicious.

I warmed the milk in the microwave then added the sugar & yeast. Let set until bubbles start to form, about 15 minutes. Add melted shortening or butter then the rest of the ingredients. You will need between 5 and 6 cups of flour. Knead until smooth and elastic. Let rise in a buttered bowl. (It didn't take until 2:30 for the dough to double in bulk.) Bake at 375 for about 20 minutes.

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

EAST MONTPELIER—GREEN UP DAY— MAY 7

Bill Merrylees

It's spring cleaning time again! You are invited to join your neighbors on Green Up Day, May 7th, to give our roadsides the makeover they need.

East Montpelier Elementary School will be the Green Up headquarters again this year. Green Up disposal bags will be available at school and town offices during the week prior to the Saturday event. Bags will also be available at the drop-off site at school beginning at 9:00, or you can use your own.

Green Up Day will happen rain or shine. As you're Greening Up, separate out recyclable containers, if possible, and empty any liquids out of them. If you find dumped items too big to transport, drag them (if possible) to a visible place on the roadside for later pickup. Bring your collected trash to the Elementary School between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Town trucks will be there during those times only for drop-off. Depositing trash in the school parking lot at other times is considered dumping. For further Green Up information, contact the town clerk's office at 223-3313 or coordinator Bill Merrylees at 223-4951; e-mail bmerry@together.net.

Consider contacting folks in your neighborhood about meeting on the 7th for a morning pickup. After all, Green Up and neighborliness are both Vermont traditions! If you plan your arrival at EMES between 11:00 and 1:00, you will be treated to a lunch organized by the Jean Cate Community Fund. Stay a while and enjoy sandwiches and cookies with your neighbors!



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

Robin Copping, Chaplain EMFD

The East Montpelier Fire Department is off to an extremely busy year. We have been on multiple calls of all varieties since January 1st. Our training schedule is just as busy. Several of our members also attend EMS training in Barre hosted by Barre Town EMS Services, with a wide array of topics taught by in and out-of-state physicians. This is a valuable experience for us, and we appreciate the monthly invitations to this free training.

Spring is upon us. That time-to-turn-the-clocks-ahead means it is also time to change and test your smoke detectors and CO detectors. It also begins the threat of grass fires. Please be diligent and attentive when burning grass or brush, and remember to get a Burn Permit first! These can be obtained from either Chris Reed, Fire Warden, or Bill George, Assistant Fire Warden.

During the weekend of April 2-3, several of us attended the Annual EMS conference at the Sheraton in Burlington, which is always a pleasure and a fine learning experience. This same weekend our department was represented at the Annual Dabble Days at U-32, an event designed for children. As always, we thank you, the public, for your great support.

BACKYARD BURN-BARREL CAN CAUSE POLLUTION

For at least fifteen years, it has been illegal to burn outdoors anything other than leaves, limb wood from pruning and wind-fall and untreated wood. Burning household trash contributes significantly to air pollution, and, if you burn such trash in your own backyard, you subject yourself, your children and your grandchildren to increased risk of cancer and other illnesses. Outdoor fires do not burn hot enough to convert glossy newspaper inserts, frozen food cartons, plastics, painted, varnished or pressure treated wood into harmless substances.

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Board read prepared statements summarizing their particular goals. Eventually it came to money and the hot debate began. Teachers are underpaid, administrators are overpaid, they should or should not have health care provided, we should all have health care provided but our taxes should not increase, our children's education cannot be shorted... I do not mean to make light of these issues. I only list them here to show the broad range of topics covered.

This is the heart of town meeting. The ability to discuss issues affecting your community and pocketbook directly with the town's administrators while your neighbors support you or offer a different view. Up until now my grumblings on such issues were voiced at the dinner table or social gatherings where the only thing accomplished was vented frustration. At the town meeting, if you ask the select board "why?" they will more than likely be able to answer your question and expound on how they came to their decision. Someone said to me once, "Two sides equally informed will rarely disagree." Although that statement is not absolute, it does have a ring of truth to it. If you participate in the town meeting, you can walk away with some questions answered and understand where your tax dollars are going. You will know how decisions were made and have the opportunity to offer a better solution. Mostly you walk away with peace of mind and a sense of involvement, and to me that's priceless.

Town Meeting: Musing of an Ex-patriot

Dona Matheson

Having just recently moved to Vermont from Canada, my husband and I were very interested in experiencing our first town meeting ever. We were asked to give our impressions of this venerable institution, and the following are a few of our reflections on that memorable day.

Canada does not hold "Town Meetings" and, as many of Canada's local, provincial and federal government policies are formulated *in camera*, i.e., behind closed doors to both public and press, we were elated to experience this more open form of representative democracy.

We came away from this, our first town meeting, with many positive impressions. With a community as small as East Montpelier and a challenging "weather day" to boot, we anticipated a rather small turnout. What a surprise! The school auditorium was full of people of every age and demeanor, and all seemed to be relishing the sense of purpose and community of this annual event. What was particularly impressive was that these participants were not representing any political agenda, corporate institution, or lobby group, but were ordinary folk

voicing their individual opinions and/or expectations on a wide variety of important local and/or larger issues. This is democracy at its best! Everyone's opinion is heard, and even though we may not agree on an issue, we can better understand the other person's point of view. To my mind, this greatly reduces the tensions which can sometimes taint the fabric of a community. Moreover, sometimes a more informed judgment can change our vote. This is particularly helpful in dealing with local issues which are unlikely to be addressed in the media. This is why the Australian Ballot is useful in some cases but not at the expense of the town meeting which represents one of the last (and best) bastions of the democratic process.

Another aspect of the town meeting which impresses me greatly is the submission of resolutions which can affect the community but can also impact the entire state, and, perhaps ultimately, the nation. In particular, this is referring to the resolution on health care and the deployment of the National Guard to Iraq. It would be irresponsible for any state governor to ignore such fundamental, grass-roots concerns on the part of his constituents. I feel this to be a powerful tool of democracy, our very own Weapon of Mass Construction!

Finally, of course, this annual event is a chance for neighbors to meet, eat together, chat, cement old friendships and make new ones. My husband and I look forward to attending future town meetings, next and every year, and ultimately hope to cast our votes as citizens of this great community in this great country.

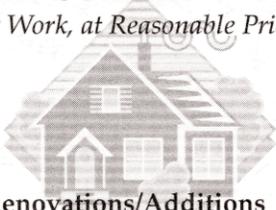
Town Meeting From The Perspective of a Newcomer

Kristen I. Bigelow

Town Meeting Day is a day that I always look forward to. I think it's a wonderful tradition that should always be with us. Yet I could not help but wonder why East Montpelier doesn't follow other towns in having a separate day for the school meeting. While this is a very important meeting, it is also not relevant for some citizens like me who do not have children. I noticed that many people left during the school meeting, and most did not return. It made me wonder why the school meeting had to interrupt town meeting. Why not hold it before or after town meeting, or better yet, on another day? Was it really necessary to have the school meeting scrunched between discussions of warnings and articles? Putting both meetings in the same day just made people more tired, less involved and alert and more likely to leave early. So I must ask our little town: Why are we doing this to ourselves? Why can't we give the school meeting a day of its own so both meetings can get the attention and discussion they deserve?

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

Ann Ormsbee



On Monday, **May 16** at 7:00 at the Four Corners Schoolhouse, the East Montpelier

Historical Society will host George and Stanley Morse who will talk about their care of the roads in years past.

On Saturday, **June 25** (rain date on the 26th), the Historical Society will celebrate the 200th birthday of the Rich's Hollow Tavern (a North Montpelier landmark built in 1805) with an afternoon and evening of dancing, games, music, and food all from that era. The meal will be pot luck with a BBQ provided. A suggested \$5.00 donation would be appreciated. Call Celina Moore at 454-7306 to volunteer with the planning or for more information as the date draws near.

In **July**, Tom Curchin and Sarah Kinter will host the group at their Snow Hill Road home. Their home was originally known as Jonathan Snow's Tavern, and, back in the early 1800s, was the scene of town meetings and community dances. Call Tom or Sarah at 229-2040 for times and dates.

On **Monday, August 15** at 6:30, Dave Coburn will meet anyone interested at the Coburn Bridge for a short talk to be followed by a slide show at the Kellogg Hubbard Library at 7:30. As always, everyone is encouraged to join in any or all of the East Montpelier Historical Society events.

RECENT MEETINGS

In **February**, the Society enjoyed a meeting with Kathryn Gladding Breer and her family, hearing about Jennie Gladding's memories of raising a family in the Horn of the Moon. About 1955, Jennie recorded her memories, stories, and poetry in a mimeographed collection which was later expanded by her family to include more poetry. Kathryn, who now lives in Barre, recalled she was brought up as a "child of the community."

In **March**, Chris Stone of Cummings Road presented a program on Vermont (and East Montpelier) geology. His talk helped explain how pockets of granite appeared in the area, why parts of town have such sandy soil and others have clay, and when hills and mountains were formed. Many thanks to Chris for his interesting presentation.

AN OLD STORE LEDGER AND A BIT OF HISTORY

Also in March, the Society was given a store ledger by the Calais Historical Society. This ledger appears to be from one of the earliest stores in North Montpelier and contains sales entries from March 27, 1843 to Jan. 28, 1845.

Across The Onion gives a sort of family tree of early stores in North Montpelier, so hang onto your hat:

Nathaniel Davis, who lived on what is now Hammett Hill Road, may have operated a store out of his house about 1797. In 1802, a Joseph Bowman sold a store he had built near Rich's Mills to Samuel Rich. This was sold to Nathaniel Davis in 1808, and John Pratt became a partner with Davis in 1810. Pratt left

the partnership and Nathaniel King (Davis' son-in-law) became a partner in 1817. By 1825, the store had been sold to Samuel Rich, and after his death in 1828, was left to his son John Rich. In 1831, John sold the store to Nathaniel Davis, Jr. By the late 1830s, ownership included three partners: Nathaniel Davis, Jr., Benjamin Southwick and Charles Sibley. In June 1840, John Jay Willard leased the store. Davis had financial difficulties in the 1840s, and, by mid-century, Charles Sibley seemed to be the successful owner of the "Union Store." The Walling map of North Montpelier in 1858 shows C. Sibley's store on the south westerly corner of what is now Factory Street. Meanwhile, a second store appeared on the North Montpelier scene, built by Rufus Moses of Calais and John Ware on property they bought in 1839 just to the northwest of what is now the "singing bridge." Ware sold his share to Jacob Rich (Samuel's son) in 1843, and now this store was known as Moses & Rich. This store ceased operation in 1847 and Charles Sibley moved his Union Store to the site in 1865. When Sibley died in 1868, his son Andrew sold the store to George G. Nye, with Nye's son William as manager. William purchased the store from his father in 1891 and ran it until his death in 1925.

Margaret Foster Kelleher owned the store from 1925 to 1944, when she sold it to three women partners. In turn, they sold it to Helen Sparrow, Burton Parker, and Lloyd Dunkling in 1953. In 1948, Sparrow and Parker had bought Pray's Store, which had been operated in North Montpelier by Walter Coates as a store and the Driftwind Press, and they combined the two stores in 1953 until it was sold to Champe Shepherd in 1964. The Shepherds operated the store until it was sold in February 1970 to Cornelius and Edith Bowlby. Joseph and Laura Brown bought "Corny's Store" in July, 1971, and ran it until they sold it in March 1973 to Rose & Bruce Bailey. The store finally closed in 1977.

The store ledger contains detailed sales records to area residents for such items as starch, butter, salt, eggs, oats, wheat, calico, ribbon, buttons, tools, straw hats, tobacco and snuff, nails, and frequent quantities of spirits and rum. There are even records of trade between stores, as when Moses & Ware paid for "tea borrowed January 7 last" and Moses & Rich bought rum.

I would offer a guess that the ledger comes from the store operated by Nathaniel Davis, Jr. on the corner of Factory Street. It is a fascinating gift, and we are deeply appreciative to Calais for it. And special thanks to Laura Brown for adding to the information about the store.

EAST MONTPELIER TOWN HALL DISPLAY

Conrad & Anne Ormsbee have changed the Historical Society display cabinet recently. The new display shows events of forty years ago including a picture of the old Town Hall. The last time we had Town Meeting there was in 1965. There is also a picture of Fran Delair who was our State Representative forty years ago when each town had its own representative.

COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

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
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tuesday	7:00	Fire Station, Templeton Rd.
E. Montp. Facilities Review Committee	2nd Monday	7:00	Fire Station, Templeton Rd.
Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc.	Last Tuesday	7:00	Four Corners Schoolhouse

NOTICES

**GreenUp Day
May 7
All around the town
Headquarters
at EMES**

**GreenUp Disposal bags
available at EMES
and the Town Offices**

(See Page 9 for more information)

EVENTS CALENDAR

April 28-30	The Wiz on Stage	7:30	Old Meeting House
May 6	Concert by Nightingale	7:30	Old Meeting House
May 7	GreenUp Day	All day	All around town
May 16	Historical Society Meeting	7:00	Four Corners Schoolhouse
June 20	Historical Society Meeting	7:00	Four Corners Schoolhouse
June 25	100 Anniversary of Rich's Hollow Tavern	See Page 11	North Montpelier

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