EAST MONTPELIER **JNPOST** September/October 1994

# **RALLY DAY '94**

Six years of celebrating Rally Day! Hardly seems possible. If you haven't already extracted the Rally Day program from your Tax Bill envelope, snatch it out and mount it on your refrigerator for the family to share. The day will include many old favorites: hikes, games, a farm tour, a Fire Department demonstration, Memory Hour, and of course food - lunch and snacks at EMES and the popular Bean Supper at the Old Brick Church. Come enjoy the day with your neighbors!

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#### DATE: SATURDAY, SEPT. 10 (RAIN DATE SEPT. 11).

Getting down to details, here are some activities to plan for:

**Parade** — Charlie Codling is planning another of his famous parades and is looking especially for decorated bicycles, horses and riders, and floats representing businesses and organizations in town. How about some family floats? Call him at 229-9622.

Town Fair - Bruce Chapell and his crew are looking for



entries in three categories: Veggies, Flower Arrangements, and Homemade Cookies. Adults and children are welcome to enter and will be judged separately. Entries must be at the EMES Gym by 10 a.m. to be judged.

Variety Show – this crowd pleaser has filled the EMES gym every year. Ginny Burley is looking for new talent, acts featuring townspeople of all ages, to amuse, inspire, and astound the audience. Call 229-0826.

Signpost Auction — Loring Starr and her helpers are rounding up gifts of goods and services to display on their big boards all day, to benefit US - the Signpost. To get in the act, call her at 229-0007. Everything sells!

Special for Kids! — There's more than ever this year for kids of all ages. Check out: the Rally Day Run, games, bikes and floats in the parade, the Kids' Hike, a Paper

Airplane Flying Competition at Four Corners, and of course the Variety Show at night. Free ice cream for all!

**Town History in Stitches** – the Four Corners Schoolhouse Association is presenting a very special show for Rally Day. Under the direction of Ruth Frost, they have conducted an antique quilt search which has unearthed some interesting quilts from East Montpelier and surrounding towns. The Quilt Show will be on display from 10 till 4 on Rally Day. Don't miss it!

Another first is a **Paper Airplane Contest** that Four Corners is sponsoring the same day. Kids of any age are welcome to enter the flying competition. Contact Don Donnelly for info-223-8697.



THE TOWN WEATHERVANE



#### THE SELECTBOARD

Allan Couch, Edie Miller, Frank Pratt

#### May 25, 1994

► Heard concern about drainage off Quaker Road on to the property of Linda Royce. Agreed to a site meeting. Road foreman suggested that a drainage swale above the pool needs to be opened up as it has silted over.

▶ Heard Listers' request for extension of time to complete the Grand List.

▶ Heard request to accept Albert Phillips' development road off Rt. 14 some concern over the road not meeting standards of AOT. Voted to send a letter requesting that applicant have an engineered plan for the road prepared so Town may consider acceptance.

► Discussed municipal building. Needs roof repairs; painting will be done by a student; Dean Hedges will move water line so septic system can be done.

► Decided to return computer recently purchased from Ormsby's due to dissatisfaction with machine and service.

#### June 8, 1994

▶ Paving bid for Quaker Road/Vincent Flats Road awarded to F.W.Whitcomb to pave 1.5 mile section.

▶ Winter sand bids went to Walmar Transport and McCullough Crushing.

▶ Heard concerns from Bob Nuner regarding illegal dumping on his property on Horn of the Moon Road.

► Appointed Paul White as the Town's Health Officer replacing Dr. Gregory McDonald.

• Warrants for killing of unlicensed dogs were approved.

► Appointed Sylvia Tosi Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator.

June 22, 1994

▶ Norma Raymond reported on the status of various delinquent tax collections and several pending tax sales. Voted to authorize her to begin tax sale process on Mr. Caldwell's property.

▶ Met with Doug Royce to offer options concerning drainage problem on his mother's property. No decision. ▶ Received a proposed ordinance prohibiting illegal dumping and burning of solid waste from the Solid Waste District. Board felt it needed more information but was generally favorable.

► Decided to invite the Calais Selectboard to a joint meeting August 24 to discuss fire services.

▶ McAuliffe's delivered new computer.

July 13, 1994

▶ Selectboard agreed to proposal from Melinda Vieux at CVSWMD about cleanup of an illegal dump site behind North Montpelier State garage by a crew from Vermont Corrections.

► Awarded roadside mowing contract to Reginald Poulin of Washington.

▶ Met with Mike Czok about process for obtaining approval of a right of way as a future town road to a landlocked parcel which approval is needed to get zoning permit.

▶ Removal of underground diesel oil tank at town garage appears to be more costly than amount budgeted. Will probably not be done this year.

► Awarded contract to G.M.Bowen for culvert work on Center Road near Blackwell property.

▶ Met with delinquent tax collector Norma Raymond to discuss tax sale of two properties — Earth Construction gravel pit and mobile home belonging to Charles Holt — there were no bids. Agreed to wait awhile before trying again. Taxes on other properties advertised for tax sale were paid prior to sale.

► Tax rate set at \$2.57, up 4¢ from last year. Grand List dropped primarily due to decreased value of C.V. Landfill which is now operating as a transfer station.



#### NEW AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

At the home of Heidemarie Heiss Holmes, Coordinator. With activities that promote creativity and cooperation for children ages 6-10, including arts, crafts, cooking, sports, skiing, hiking, and more.

Monday - Friday, 3:15 to 5:15, \$35/week Call 223-1227 for more information.

#### PLANNING COMMISSION Chair: Johanna DeMartino

#### June 2, 1994

► Approved a request for an oversized sign for Don Donnelly real estate business on Rt. 14.

▶ Walked the old town sand pit to see if there is any value in the Town keeping the property for use as a park or recreation area. Planning Commission thought the site might have additional value for residential development. Voted to recommend to Selectboard that recreation committee look at site and that the town attorney investigate right of way issue.

▶ Voted to approve Cote subdivision as amended by the State of Vermont.

▶ Approved new sign for Green Valley Camp Ground.

#### BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT Chair: Jeff Cueto

#### June 13, 1994

▶ Hearing for Wendall and Lou Blanchard requesting permission to construct 8'x28' woodshed with less than adequate road setback. Denied application because of inadequate setback.

#### July 17, 1994

▶ Hearing for Dario and Darcy Cacico requesting variance to build a deck 15' from property line. Approved application — house built prior to zoning and only 27' exists from side property line to side of house.

#### TOWN REAPPRAISAL

The Listers will begin reappraising in early August. First to be worked on is the Cummings Road, North Street, and Horn of the Moon areas. Due to the work load, no appointments will be made unless absolutely necessary. Hopefully, the reappraisal will be completed by April 1995 so the new Grand List can be used. If anyone has questions, they may call the Town Clerk's Office (223-3313) or any of the Listers, Rosie Cueto, Steve Sinclair or Jim Goodall.

# THE SOCIAL COMMUNITY FABRIC OF EAST MONTPELIER

#### TOP OF THE SIGNPOST

Small town living is an art. Did you ever think about that? I've lived in many places—large and small—in my lifetime, and I've observed that living in a small town calls for certain skills and attitudes which aren't always a part of city life. Take interdependence. City dwellers may ignore their neighbors or not as they choose. The art of small town living asks us to be neighborly, both to provide security and support and to enrich our own lives. And the payback is usually more than worth it.

Another attribute of small town life is a sense of responsibility for making the town work. Our town—any small town moves on the backs of the people who live here. We can't simply hire someone else to run the schools, recreation, or the town government. THEM is US. If things don't go the way we want, we have ourselves to blame. Taking our turns at serving on boards and committees is vital to the art of small town living.

Some people are born to small town living and could never be transplanted to anything else. Others discover it by chance or design, and they soon learn whether it suits them or not. Small towns are generally a vigorous mix of the native, the apprentice, the convert, with always a few who would rather be elsewhere. That's our human condition.

Because we human beings are basically social animals, it is only natural that out of our gregarious instincts we create all kinds of organizations to bring us together, neighbor to neighbor. Our city cousins who inquire "whatever do we do" out in the country might be quite surprised to discover how many activities thrive in our small town. Indeed the Signpost staff was equally surprised when they set about featuring the town's organizations for this annual special issue. You may also find it enlightening. We certainly hope that each of you will find some tidbit of town information you were not aware of, and perhaps this knowledge will open some doors for you.

Jean Cate

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# RECREATION

"What do you people do to keep busy in Vermont?" I heard this question many times when I moved here seventeen years ago. I've rarely had time to ponder the question. There's always something to do — stack wood, plant and tend the garden, preserve and can, volunteer at school, teach Sunday School, and on occasion recreate. Where can one recreate in East Montpelier? Let me suggest a few ways.

In the summer, outdoor recreation opportunities abound. There is an array of hiking trails — a short walking course at the school, a new trail from Dodge to Center Roads, and across Templeton to the Town Forest on Haggett Road where there are also many trails. There are also many dirt roads to walk or bike on. Town maps and trail guides are available at no charge at the Town Clerk's office. The playground at EMES is a great spot for parents and kids to play during non-school hours.

There is an outdoor volleyball court at EMES open for anyone, and ball fields that can be used for a group game or family outing. The gate is locked but keys are available at the Town Office, the school and from Judy Cookson (479-2915).

East Montpelier is a member of Wrightsville Beach Recreation District. and Town residents can purchase a season's pass or pay a daily user fee. There are many picnic tables and grills and a walking trail on site.

Come fall there are some indoor sport activities for adults at EMES. There have been men's basketball on Wednesday night, general volleyball on Tuesday night, and women's basketball on Sunday, with a small user fee to cover the cost of maintenance. There is a playgroup for preschool children and their parents in the family room at EMES free of charge. There will also be a preschool starting three mornings a week this fall for 4 and 5 year olds.

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Once the temperatures dip below freezing, you can bundle up and enjoy the great outdoors. The Gully Jumpers Snowmobile Club is a group of very energetic people (including crosscountry skiers) who get trail use agreements from landowners, clear and mark trails, and groom them with a Tucker Snow Cat all winter long. Membership helps pay to keep those trails open, and applications are available at Dudley's, Laquerre's, and Benoit's. An ice skating rink at EMES is available during non-school hours at no charge. This year could be a good time to support these dedicated groups of volunteers.

The Four Corners Schoolhouse Association maintains the last one room schoolhouse in town as a community building. This traditional schoolhouse is available at no charge for community functions, and private groups can also rent the space.

In my search for recreational opportunities in town, I was struck by the variety of opportunities available at little or no charge. I inquired about stamp or coin clubs or a gardening club. To my knowledge there are none. Maybe someone might organize one.... It might be fun to trade perennials in the fall or gardening tips and seed catalogs over a cup of tea in March.

For now enjoy the plethora of activities available right in your hometown. Take a moment to thank some of the people who make it all possible. Consider becoming part of the volunteer pool yourself. The opportunities are endless, the rewards great. *Janice Waterman* 

#### YOUTH

East Montpelier is a cut above the average small town in the activities available for its young people. Let's take a quick look at what's out there.

Start with the Recreation Board and its projects. The Rec Board was organized as a town function in the early 70s with three appointed members. Just this year it was increased to seven members to give it the energy to offer a greater variety of activities for all ages. Much credit is due the devoted members—past and present—who have invested so much time and creativity in the Rec Board.

The Rec program is well-known for its swim lessons, first at the Montpelier pool, now at Wedgewood. Another early program was the skating rink, a real community project of pumping river water to flood the field behind the present Creamery Store in the village. Now a rink is flooded on school grounds through the efforts of volunteers led by Jon Dunkling.



Jon Dunkling coaching an enthusiastic T-ball team

In 1976 the Town purchased the Recreation Field next to the school. The Rec Board has over the past twenty years built two youth baseball fields and a soccer and softball field, plus the bases, dugouts, scoreboard, fences, portable toilet and concession stand, to make the popular Little League programs possible. The installation in 1990 of the chain link fence between the road and the fields provides more protection to the children.

With the increased membership on the Rec Board, new projects such as the four-mile walking and ski trail have been started between Dodge Road and Center Road. Other projects the Rec Board is considering include outdoor basketball and tennis courts if there is enough interest, expanded trail systems, and a bike/summer equipment consignment sale in April. Through the years the Board has provided good programs for our youth, and members Judy Cookson, Dave Burley, Nona Estrin, Pat Fitzsimmons, Allen Goodine, Larry Reed and Kevin Wood would be glad to hear your suggestions or offers of help.



#### Girl Scouts/Brownies

Girl Scouting has been active in East Montpelier since at least the 60s. Presently Junior Troop #867 has a full program of crafts, sewing, camping, field trips, and fund raising—oh, those Girl Scout cookies! They've visited Fort Ticonderoga and the Boston Museum of Science among other places, as they worked on the many badges that are their major focus. Leaders are Ginny Burley and Joy Wilcox.

There is no presently active troop for older scouts in town, though they may join Troop 441 in Worcester if they wish, and some have done so. Local area troops are looking forward to a cooperative Western trip in 1995 to visit several national parks and are fund raising toward that goal.

A Brownie troop of first and second graders has been active under the leadership of Penny Copeland, who is not able to continue this fall. Help, anyone? This group has met on Saturdays and after school, doing such projects as decorating sweatshirts, sewing cushions, starting seeds, making Mother's Day gifts. Penny hopes someone will help these eager girls.

#### **Boy Scouts**

Though there is no troop for older boys in town anymore, there are four Cub Scout dens organized under Pack #742, with Doug Nicholson as their den master. He helps organize the programs with each of the den leaders: 2nd grade—Rose Riley & Ann Carter; 3rd & 4th grade—Lois Lusignan; two 5th grade groups—Mike O'Hare and Chris Graham. The goal for all scouts is earning badges with projects which teach them new skills, the highest honor being to eventually become an Eagle Scout. The Blue and Gold Banquet in March, the Pinewood Derby in May, and a picnic in June are some of the special outings in the scout year. There is a new Tiger Cub group for first graders, with Linda Cueto as their den leader. Scouting, like all youth activities, is always needing adult volunteers. It is a great way to keep in touch with young people and make an investment in the future of our town.

#### Little League

Sandlot teams played for several years at the Kreis Field in North Montpelier before they officially became Little League teams, using the new Rec Field in 1976. Now part of Central Vermont Little League, they play teams in Cabot, Calais, Twinfield and Woodbury.

Presently there are three programs for boys and girls: two "major" teams who play 12 games a season, three "minor" teams with 9 games, and two T-ball teams for 6-7 year olds. Two teams of girls' softball have recently been added.

Independent of the school and run entirely by volunteers, these programs are enjoyed by well over a hundred East Montpelier kids. It's a fine example of small town cooperation that makes it possible for all these kids to "Play ball!"

#### East Montpelier Trailblazers

This newly organized group of young people, 3rd grade and up, have helped establish a newly blazed trail between Dodge and Center Roads and are mounting the markers this summer. They are also preparing a trail guide which they hope to have ready by this winter. The guides will identify the flowers and trees to watch for each season and will be available at the town office. The Trailblazers are working to keep the trails in good condition for townspeople to enjoy. It is a wonderful experience for a child to be introduced to nature and all its gifts. Helping them learn are their leaders, Ginny Burley and Carolyn Shapiro.

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#### 4-H Clubs

East Montpelier Golden Horseshoes Club is for kids 8 to 18 who want to learn more about horses but do not necessarily have their own. They've learned about the parts of a horse, how a farrier shoes a horse, the care a veterinarian provides, and how to groom and ride a horse. Holly Edwards is the leader, making her horses available to the members, and has help from Robyn Hall and Linda Cueto. During the year, the group takes part in the statewide Quiz Bowl and the Spring Festival. This year they won first place for their baler twine exhibit, which qualifies them to enter Eastern States Exposition in Springfield, Mass., in September. They also went to the UVM Horse Fair.



Holly Edwards and the Golden Horseshoes Club

The Clever Clover Calf Club has children from 6 to 13 years old who are interested in farming and raising their own calves. George and Patty Annis of the Morse Farm lead the group. Members come to the farm on weekends to help care for and learn how to show "their" calf. They may enter calves or heifers at the Washington County Field Days at Parker Field in July, as well as at State Day at the UVM arena, and with success there, maybe even Eastern States Exposition.

A 4-H garden group has been active for several years, this year led by Patty LaPerle because she "thought it worthwhile for the kids and no one else came forth." The kids get free seeds donated by the Rotary Clubs in the area. Programs on how to plant, use fertilizer, make compost, and make scarecrows help the kids create their own gardens which are inspected by senior volunteers. The gardeners may display their produce at Washington County Field Days where they vie for prizes. The program is coordinated by the Washington County Extension Service. At the end of the growing season, the Rotary Clubs treat the growers to a celebration supper.

#### SERVICE

The opportunity to serve the community—however that might be defined—is the reason most people give when asked why they belong to a service organization. Many of these organizations provide some tangible items like glasses or books, give scholarships, or perform needed public services such as fighting fires or giving shelter after a disaster.

But in truth, the reasons why people belong go far beyond that. There is the sharing of friendship, of being together in the joy of each other's company, of fulfilling the basic human need to be useful. And people belong for their own private reasons: to afford a means to pursue a personal agenda or to provide a ready-made audience for business or political purposes. A club provides a place where members will feel welcome and find ready acceptance. This can be particularly appealing to people who travel.

Each organization is different but, in the larger sense, they are very much alike. The one universality is that the members usually have something in common beyond belonging to the same group. They are all women, all Catholic, all veterans, all business people.... Something draws them to the organization even when they know little about what purpose it serves. There are two problems they all share—the need to maintain their membership by bringing in new people and the need to raise money. Finally, they all must have a reason for being.

Residents of East Montpelier belong to many service groups. Most are centered in either Barre or Montpelier and serve the larger community of which our town is but a part. Some are more distinctly rural, the Central Vermont Rotary Club being one example.

Formed just over 20 years ago, the 16-member C.V. Rotary Club holds its meetings in Berlin and draws its membership from the towns around Barre and Montpelier. It is one of almost 27,000 clubs in 150 countries that are members of Rotary International. Rotary grew out of an idea of Paul Harris who had spent most of his boyhood in Wallingford, Vt., and attended U.V.M. Paul was living in Chicago when, as a way to combat loneliness and to make friends among other young professionals, he and several friends began to meet once a week in each other's place of business.

The C.V. Rotary Club was the originator of and has for 20 years sponsored the 4-H Garden project. Scholarships for U-32 graduates, tree-planting, and student exchange programs have been among the services provided to the community by this service organization. In collaboration with the Salvation Army and the *World* newspaper the club has helped with the World Santa Program that provides warm winter clothing for area youngsters.





#### **CHURCHES**

There are two historic church buildings in town, both built in the early 1800s. They have encompassed communities of worship and social togetherness for nearly two centuries, though both have suffered being closed for years at a time save for occasional special services.

The latest rebirth began in the early 1950s when a group of young families decided to reopen the Old Brick Church and hire a part-time minister. The *Signpost* has profiled a few of those leaders—Gladys Dunkling, Dwight Clark, Marion Codling, Helen Allen. They were the founding members of the Brick Church Club, which still meets today.

By the early 60s another cadre of families decided that the Old Meeting House could be reopened for regular worship, and the two churches created a "yoked" parish which has been able to share a full-time minister ever since, and also a Spiritual Life Committee. There are services in each church from September to June (OMH 9:30, OBC 11:00), with summer alternating.



"Godspell" at the Old Brick Church

A strong attraction has been the choral music presented at Christmas and Easter time. With Celina Moore and June Morse providing musical leadership, the talented singers have also performed "Amahl and the Night Visitors," "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat," and "Godspell" in the past three years.

The churches also have a strong joint Mission Committee that decides what outreach organizations to support, locally and globally. At least four years ago it decided to become a Partner in Service with the Dept. of Social and Rehabilitative Services, the first-of-its-kind project in Vermont. Working with a local social worker, the churches fill the role of "resource grandmother," helping her supply the needs of the young people she serves, needs beyond the food and shelter that state funding covers. Other activities include a sister parish in Zambia and forums focused on a particular country, frequently led by a church member who has visited or lived there.

Another worship congregation is the Crossroads Christian Church, which has relocated to the road by the Coca Cola plant. This non-denominational, charismatic church is under the leadership of Reverend Robert Walton, with Sunday worship and classes for the children held in the church building, and Bible studies held in various locations in the area. The church was formerly the Community Bible Church that met in Montpelier. **FINAL THOUGHTS** 

It's not very accurate to pigeon-hole town activities as service or church or youth, is it? Whatever the focus of the groups, they all shake down to community—social interaction friendships. Here are some examples to demonstrate the point.

Early in this century the Extension Service throughout Vermont organized local Home Demonstration clubs for farm women. They provided lessons in up-to-date household techniques from canning to farm bookkeeping to making kids' clothes from grain bags. They were especially designed as outreach for women who were largely tied to the farm. East Montpelier had several of these clubs over the years, but they, like the Grange, gradually dwindled as farms went out and women had other options. The last Home Dem club, the County Road Homemakers, disbanded three years ago, but do you think they went out of business? Certainly not—they had too much fun getting together to quit. Now they are known as the Friendly Circle.

Here is another example to demonstrate the "glue" which keeps us working together in this small town. More than a dozen years ago the members of one small neighborhood decided to hold a neighborhood potluck. They mapped their area of town, identified each house and its family, and sent the maps as invitations to their gathering. Of course the gathering was lots of fun. Out of this small beginning grew the monthly potlucks that have been held ever since. How many other neighborhoods out there are also enjoying getting together on a regular basis? It's really easy to get started. Just talk to 2 or 3 families near you and it's under way. Who knows, you may even outgrow your homes and need to sign up to use the Four Corners Schoolhouse for your gathering! If these words spawn any new groups, be sure to write the *Signpost*; we'll put your neighborhood potluck on the town calendar.

Jean Cate



Primary Day - September 13, 1994, with voting at East Montpelier Elementary School from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Absentee ballots will be available by August 10 and until 5:00 p.m. on September 12, and no reason is necessary for requesting an absentee ballot. Voting may take place in the Town Clerk's Office until 5:00 p.m. on September 12, 1994. Anyone confined to home or hospital may have ballots brought to them by justices of the peace. Voters may request absentee ballots to be mailed, and they may be mailed back as long as they are in the Town Clerk's office by September 12.

The last day to have your name added to the checklist is August 27 when the Town Clerk's Office will be open Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

General Election is November 8, 1994. The deadline for voter registration for this election is Saturday, October 22, when the Town Clerk's Office will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon.

Cherie Staples

## EAST MONTPELIER **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL** Jan Aldrich, Jim Hiner, Tony Klein, Sue Stephen, Nancy Thomas

#### June 2, 1994

▶ PTO presented approved funding requests. Many items listed by teachers should be in regular budget. Tony Klein suggested the board may need to set aside contingency/discretionary funds for these. The board requested teachers present requests at the August meeting.

▶ Agreed to order eight lunch tables, a dishwasher booster, and a can opener.

June 16, 1994 - Special meeting

▶ Signed 1994-95 arbitrage agreement.

 Interviewed two candidates for librarian. Made offer to Ellen Knoedler.

• Contract between the boards and the teachers was settled. High points of the agreement are:

- -Compensation based on evaluation;
- -Salary schedule to be revamped;
- -One-year contract;
- -3% pay increase this year.

#### Other School Notes

New staff includes Ellen Knoedler, librarian; Kathe Stone, speech/language assistant; Donna Manley, chapter I coordinator; Patty Laperle, custodian.

The bus contract is with a different company with essentially the same routes as last year, a couple reversed. Check the Times-Argus in late August. If parents have changes in drop-off and pick-up points from last year, call the school right away.

A new pre-school program will be held three mornings a week for children 3-4 years of age, operated by Cynthia Hamilton-Perry and Becky Crandall. A playgroup will also be held two mornings a week by Becky Crandall. Both programs are funded by Essential Early Education (EEE) grants given to Washington Central Supervisory Union, not by the town's property taxes.

What do teachers do in the summer besides prepare for next year? Three took the course "Creating Multiage Environments;" one a writing course; one a math portfolio course; and one an integrated curriculum course. This fall seven will be taking "Reading Strategies: New Zealand Style" and nine will be attending a reading recovery conference.

# LOOSELIPS

\* Fifty friends and neighbors met in July to honor several long-time (and now former) residents. George and Minnie Lane (who served as Town Clerk from 1969 to 1983) are moving to South Dakota to be near their daughter, and Frank and Hazel Cate have moved to the North Barre Manor. Also celebrated that evening was the 90th birthday of Nellie Austin, formerly of Sandy Pines Trailer Park, now at the Lane Apartments in Montpelier.

★ Gregory Tosi, son of Don and Sylvia Tosi, recently returned from Terre Haute where he received his masters degree in athletic training on July 8, 1994, from Indiana State University. Greg had graduated from Lyndon State College in May 1993.

★ Heidi Sherman, daughter of Anne and Roger Sherman, and Michael Tucci were married on July 2 in Pawling, NY. She teaches elementary school music in Poughkeepsie.

★ JoEllen Cleaves and Steven Kuebler were married on June 18 in Agawam, Mass. JoEllen is the daughter of Austin Cleaves and Kate Allen Smith and the granddaughter of Helen Allen. JoEllen and her husband live in South Carolina.

 $\star$  Rabies — it's real and it's here! — a rabid fox was found on Coburn Road in East Montpelier. Remember to have your pets - of all sizes - vaccinated to protect them and us.

#### MILESTONES

(Received by the Town Clerk by August 1)

#### **BIRTHS**

♥ Benjamin David Conneman, Feb. 19, to Debra Gale and Thomas Conneman.

♥ Alyssa Marie Devereaux, Feb. 19, to Nancy Devereaux & Trevor Thorpe.

♥ Jordan Anthony Mureta, Feb. 28, to Jean & Douglas Mureta.

♥ Skyler Johnathan Matthew, March 19, to Joanne Ducas & Matthew Matthew.

♥ Cody Robert Dennis Brickey, April 22, to Sally & Shane Brickey.

♥ Amanda Kay Swift, April 25, to Catherine & William Swift.

♥ Daniel Robert Kelly, June 3, to Janet Renee & William Kelly, Sr.

♥ Cole Raymond Cacicio, June 6, to Darcy Ann & Dario Cacicio.

#### MARRIAGES

♥ Allan Claude Bristow and Gabrielle Renee Graziosa, April 18, 1994.

♥ Douglas Arland Bell and Leslie Ann Drown, June 18, 1994.

♥ Kenneth Morris Willey and Nancy Lynn Mashtare, June 18, 1994.

♥ Lee Wesley Eyer, II and Jo Ellen Palmer, June 18, 1994.

♥ Wilfredo Perez and Lorna Ann White, July 3, 1994.

♥ Peter A. Heitmann and Cathleen E. Butterfield, July 9, 1994.

♥ Gary W. Bailey and Bonnie J. LaPoint, July 9, 1994.

#### PASSINGS

• Burton B. Morrison, died March 19, 1994; husband of Eileen Morrison.

• Pearl Inez Ross, died April 1, 1994; mother of Russell Ross.

• Iona I. Philbrick, died April 2, 1994; wife of D. James Philbrick.

• Adele Lauzinskaite, died June 17, 1994; formerly lived with Hazel Bradshaw on Center Road.

#### LAND TRANSFERS

• Coca Cola Bottling Company of New England, Inc. to Pine State Tobacco & Candy Co.-4.9 acres and building on Route 14.

• P & G Sales, Inc.. DBA Ray's Homes to Lois Ackerman-new mobile home in Sandy Pines.

 Diana Antonovich to Miriam Antonovich-1/2 interest in water system and 3 acres.

• Richard Casavant to Robert & Heather Brown-1.37 acres off Paul Square/Pines development.

• Collette Lewis to Particia Renzello; mobile home in Sandy Pines.



# COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Selectboard Planning Commission Zoning Board of Adjustment Conservation Fund Advisory Comm. Volunteer Fire Department U-32 School Board Elementary School Board Town Clerk's Office Hours Zoning Administrator Four Corners Schoolhouse Ass'n. PTO Meeting 2nd & 4th Wednesday 1st & 3rd Thursday 2nd & 4th Monday 2nd Thursday Every Tuesday 2nd & 4th Tuesday 1st Thursday Monday-Thursday: 9-5, Friday: 9-12 Tuesday & Thursday 3rd Wednesday 2nd Tuesday

**Town** Office 7:15 7:30 ... 7:30 22 7:30 7:00 Fire Station, Templeton Rd. 7:30 **U-32 Elementary** School 6:30 **Town** Office 1:00-2:30, Town Office 7:30 Four Corners Schoolhouse

7:00 Elementary School

Meeting times are subject to change

## EVENTS CALENDAR

August 31, Wednesday September 6, Tuesday September 10, Saturday September 20, Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. September 24, 10:00-2:00 September 24, 12 & 1 October 22, Saturday, 9 a.m. First day of school for grades 1 - 12 First day of kindergarten Rally Day Brick Church Club Fall Fair Chicken Pie Dinner Fall Fair U-32 & EMES EMES EMES & others Old Brick Church Old Meeting House Old Meeting House Old Brick Church

AFTER SUCH A LOVELY SUMMER, ANY AUTUMN WILL DO!

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