



EAST MONTPELIER Signpost

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Top of the Signpost

When Jean Cate met with us to explain what she and the Signpost Board wanted in this issue, she was very clear. “We want to highlight the kids of East Montpelier,” she said. “We want to showcase the things they are doing, but we don’t necessarily want the stars who are already on the sports page. We want the ones who don’t get publicity.”

“Whoa!” we said. “There must be 500 kids in East Montpelier. We have to pare it down.” “OK,” she replied. “Let’s narrow the focus to 7th to 12th graders, but not necessarily those at U-32.” “Well, that helps,” we said, “but that still gives us about 200 kids. And if they don’t get publicity, how are we going to find out what they’re doing?” “Just do the best you can,” she said. “It will be a start, and I’m sure it will be wonderful.”

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OUR AMAZING TEENS

Sue Clayton, Hilari Farrington, and Ginny Burley

EAST MONTPELIER SENIOR HONOR STUDENTS AT U-32

Abigail Kate Hall is the daughter of Stuart and Robyn Hall of East Montpelier. Abby was a member of the field hockey team for four years and the U-32 Jazz band for three years. She received the University of Rochester Bausch & Lomb Honorary Science Award as a junior. Abby played in the Winooski Valley Music Festival Concert Band and appeared in the U-32 Variety Show. Abby served on Class Council for the past three years and was a member of the Project Fusion Committee, Peer Support and an organizer of the Student Outreach Project. Abby was active in the community as a member of the Board of Outreach Ministries at Bethany Church, a Spanish tutor at Berlin Elementary and the president of the Golden Horseshoes 4-H Club. Abby will attend Colby College in Waterville, Maine and major in Spanish and Latin American Studies.

Dylan Maxwell Cate is the son of Thomas Cate and Nancy Disenhaus of East Montpelier. As a freshman, Dylan’s narrative “The White Room” was selected as the statewide benchmark for a five-point score in Narrative Writing. He was named the Outstanding Musician at the 2003 and 2004 IAJE Jazz Festival, played in the Winooski Valley Festival for four years and the All-State Musical Festival for one. Dylan attended Boys’ State and was a member of the boys’ hockey, soccer and golf teams. He was a student representative to the U-32 School Board for two years, participated in the U-32 Mentoring Program and served on the Community Connections Council. He has received the Lyndon Institute Kingdom Award Honorable Mention for Fiction. Dylan will attend Vassar College in Poughkeepsie, New York.

Bradley J. Ferrada is the son of Joe and Lucy Ferrada of East Montpelier. Brad was a four-year member of the soccer, alpine ski and tennis teams. He was captain of his tennis and ski teams as a senior and received the Most Improved Award as a junior for tennis. Brad spent one summer in Honduras working on local building projects as a member of Amigos de las Americas. He worked towards his career goal of becoming an engineer by attending the Rose Hulman Institute of Technology Camp where he built a small hovercraft. Brad plans to attend Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York where he will major in Mechanical Engineering.

Ashton Adam Troia is the son of Gene Troia and Anne Carter of East Montpelier. Ashton was a member of the soccer, alpine skiing and track teams while at U-32. He received awards for the Most Dedicated Skier and the Coaches’ Award in 2003. He was the captain of the alpine ski team as a senior. Ashton played in the Winooski Valley Music Festival for four years, the All-State Music Festival for three years and was a member of the orchestra for the “Kiss Me, Kate” musical. He earned his Boy Scout Eagle rank in 2003. Ashton received the Social Studies Award as a freshman, the UVM Writing Competition Honorable Mention Award as a sophomore and attended the Governor’s Institute for Asian Studies. Ashton will attend Macalester College in Saint Paul, Minnesota.

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We met without Jean to generate names and ideas. We decided on three categories: Arts and Music, Computer and Technology, and Community Service. We split up and started contacting kids. What became quickly apparent is that there are kids doing some amazing things here, and some of them really don't want publicity.

Late in May, we met with Jean to give her an update on what we had learned so far. She was absolutely delighted. "Yes! That's just what we had in mind," she declared.

When we told her that we wouldn't be able to highlight probably more than 10 or 12 kids, she suggested that we write the Top of the Signpost editorial and make a disclaimer. We are not implying that the young people highlighted in this edition are the only ones doing praiseworthy things. This edition will not be the only one devoted to the youth of East Montpelier. If readers have ideas and names they would like to suggest, please contact members of the *Signpost* Board.

Sadly, we met at Jean's memorial service. We thought maybe we should postpone the kids edition and have this one devoted to Jean instead. All three of us heard her say, "Don't you dare!"

OK, Jean. We did our best. This one is still for you.

Sue Clayton, Hilari Farrington, and Ginny Burley

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SCOUTS

(To become an Eagle Scout a boy must complete a project whereby he can demonstrate leadership, team-work, and community service.)

Ashton Adam Troia Senior at U-32, Eagle Scout project: built a “Kick-back Board” for EMES.

“What is a “Kick-back Board?” The answer, according to Ashton Troia, is a wooden eight-foot high, 24-foot long, double-sided free-standing wall at which students at EMES can now kick a soccer ball and have it bounce back to them.

“I got the idea from a similar structure we built for my brother and me,” Ashton says, which saved the family’s barn wall from early destruction. “I went to the School Board and explained my idea and got their approval. I got funding from the (East Montpelier) Recreation Department, and from Onion River Soccer fund.”

Ashton says it cost about \$1,000 for materials and took about 40 hours of his own time with three volunteers to construct it. “I got some help from my father with the design,” he says, adding “It was a lot of fun.”

Sean Lusignan, Junior at U-32, replaced old dug-out at EMES Recreation Field.

A year ago, the home team got a new dug-out at the Recreation Field, and this year Sean Lusignan helped do the same for the visiting team.

“It took about one day to take down the old one and another day to put up the new one,” Sean explains. “It cost about \$1,000 for materials. I got \$500 from the Recreation Department and applied for a \$500 community grant from National Life.”

Sean’s dad, Brian, helped with the project, as well as Gene Troia, Nick Richardson, Sabin Clark, Peter and Logan Wells.

Dan Cueto, Junior U-32, organized shipment of used soccer equipment for Argentina.

Dan Cueto will be working on his Scout merit badges when he returns from a year in Pergamino, Argentina, but community service is on his mind in South America.

“Dan wanted to learn Spanish by immersion, and he wanted to play soccer,” his mother Linda Cueto explains. “It was his idea to spend a year in Argentina, and he pretty much made it happen himself through the American Field Service. When he started playing soccer there, he realized how little they had for equipment.”

Dan belonged to the Nordic Soccer Club in Essex and e-mailed some of those friends, asking if they would donate some used soccer cleats to the Pergamino Recreation Department. A box arrived with 15 sets of soccer shoes.

“They were so thrilled to get them,” Linda says. “Dan was surprised to find that they didn’t just hand out the cleats. They sign them out like we do bowling shoes!”

The donation was such a success that Dan plans to organize a bigger collection when he gets home.

Josh Riley, Senior at MHS, constructed an outhouse on the Long Trail.

The Rileys like to hike. When he was looking for a project to earn his Eagle Scout rank, Josh thought of the Green Mountain Club. Pete Antos-Ketcham, the supervisor of all build-

ing projects on the Long Trail, told Josh there is always a need for outhouses on the trail. Pete provided the plans for an outhouse with a “composting” base which helps reduce the impact of hiking on wilderness.

Josh knew he had to raise about \$400 to buy the supplies. He got a large discount from East Montpelier Home Center, which reduced his fundraising to about \$300. He contacted businesses and neighbors, ran bottle drives and left money collection jars at local general stores with posters explaining his project. Then the real work began. With the help of Jeff Cueto and Logan Wells, Josh put the structure together and then took it apart in sections small enough to transport up the trail near Sugarbush. He gathered some rugged friends from the U-32 football team to carry the pieces up the trail.

“Everybody learned quickly that something that seemed easy to carry at the bottom slowly gained weight all the way up the hill,” Josh wrote in his Eagle Scout Leadership Service Project Workbook.

One of the outstanding aspects of the project is the art work of owl and howling wolf painted on the door. “I sent the door away to my 7th grade art teacher (Dorothy Langevin of North Fayston) who just happened to be taking a special education course at UVM with my mom,” he writes. “She offered to paint the door and make it look different from all the other outhouses. This is something that I had been trying to do since the beginning, so people would know which outhouse I built and that it would stick in people’s minds. I sent the door over to her house, and a few weeks later it came back. It looked amazing.”

“I’m happy I did it,” Josh says. “It’ll be there for many years, and I’m very proud of it.”



ART AND MUSIC

Callie Richardson and her friend, **Thea Condxaxis** of Calais became interested in fantasy art while still in junior high. Now entering their junior year at U-32, the two have become accomplished and imaginative artistic collaborators. “We started out by being bored in school,” Callie said frankly, “so we started drawing together.” Inspired by the book, *The Last Unicorn*, they



began with drawings of unicorns but soon branched out to depict dragons, people, and horses. The two work together on a single piece, with each of them contributing something.

“We work mostly from our imaginations, thinking, ‘Hey, this would look cool’.” When asked what she feels proudest about having accomplished, Callie said that she has learned to improve her technique in charcoal and paint.

“I’ve also learned both horse and human anatomy.” Her interest in horses also stems from her great love of riding her chestnut Morgan horse, Dublin’s Independence. However, Callie and Thea have not confined themselves to fantasy art alone. “We’re writing a book called *Silver Eyes*,” she explains on a website that features their work. “It’s about some of our drawn characters. It’s set in Lythaea...our world.” In the future, Callie says she would like to work in larger formats, executing paintings in oils or acrylics. About sixty works by these young artists are featured on a website, elfwood.com. To see their work, click on “find” and enter either of their names.

Kate Papineau. “I guess that music’s in my blood”, says Kate Papineau, who will be a senior at U-32 next fall. It’s clear that Kate appreciates and enjoys her strong musical heritage. Her mother and her four aunts sing with her grandparents in a group known as the “Bolles Family” performing hymns and old favorites at area churches. “I started singing when I could talk. Later my cousins and I started singing together as our parents did, calling ourselves ‘The Second Generation.’” Kate’s singing has led her to take part in local theater productions, and to participate in pageants at both the state and national levels. She won

the talent competition of the Miss Vermont National Pre-teen Pageant three years in a row and later competed nationally in Florida. When asked which of her many accomplishments gave her the most satisfaction, Kate mentioned the CD she had released recently as her project for U-32’s Branching Out independent study program. “For my project I decided to record a CD and do a release concert.” The concert on June 4th went very well indeed and represented the culmination of the hard work and artistry that went into Kate’s project. Now on sale both through Kate and at Buch Spieler in Montpelier, the CD will hopefully generate some income to help to pay for her participation in the Berklee College of Music’s Summer Performance Program in July. When asked about her plans after graduation, Kate said, “I’d like to go to Emerson College and major in English. They have a program that would allow me to minor in voice at Berklee.” Kate concluded with the words of a true artist: “There is so much to learn!” she said.

Scott Cerutti. Like Kate Papineau, Scott Cerutti’s talent has roots in his family, which owns the Riverbend Store in North Montpelier. Just finishing his sophomore year at U-32, Scott said that it was his father and brothers’ participation in local theater productions that was the spark that ignited his involvement in acting and theater. “My first part was in the play *Gypsy* when I was only five or six years old. I played a ‘tryout kid’—one of the most unimportant parts in the entire play,” he said modestly. Since then, he has been involved in seven productions by local theater groups. When we asked him what drew him to theater, he stressed the enjoyment of meeting new people and the teamwork involved in the productions. Most recently in *The Sound of Music* by the Barre Players in which he played the Nazi youth, Scott has also performed in *Fiddler on the Roof*, played a pick-pocket in *Oliver!*, and was one of the king’s children in *The King and I* among other roles. It’s not unusual to find several members of the Cerutti family in the same play. In fact, the entire family participated in a production of “The Music Man” by the Barre Players in which Scott, his brothers Chuck and Neil, and their father Moe, all acted. Scott’s mother, Sue, worked on publicity. Though he’d like to act in both *Grease* and *Jesus Christ Superstar* sometime in the future, Scott claims to see theater only as an enjoyable hobby, like playing the guitar, singing, and drawing which are among his other interests. His career choice is in the sciences. “I plan to be a herpetologist: someone who studies reptiles and amphibians.”

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BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE TOWN OFFICES

Jessie Taylor



THE TOWN LISTERS

Rosendo (Rosie) Cueto has been town lister for "Oh, I don't know 12, 15 years." (It has actually been

18!) His office is a bright, well organized portion of one of the meeting rooms at the Town Clerk's Office. Venetian blinds hang the entirety of one wall filtering out the bright July sun. File cabinets, several tables and a desk with computer adorn the space. Large land maps hang in one corner. On every table there are piles of papers neatly arranged with paper clipped sections. It is a comfortable space.

The town listers are the subject of this particular article in the series on the Town Offices. As Rosie pulled out one file after another and put forth the different aspects of a lister's duties, I was duly impressed. To date, each and every person I have spoken with at the Town Offices has emphasized the fact that the complexity of running the town has snowballed over the past decade. Rosie stated that, previously, he used to work on Saturday mornings with an occasional evening meeting. Now, he works every morning and says he could easily be there all day. He predicted that in the near future the job of lister will have to be an appointed position rather than an elected one in order to keep up with the demands of the job.

My initial question to Rosie was "What is the listers function in the town?" His immediate answer was, "To raise money to keep the town alive!" He then launched off into the details of what he meant. The listers obviously keep up the Grand List. This means recording all transfers, new buildings, additions, remodels and adjusting the value of the property accordingly.

There are many details involved in this. Act 68, the Land Use Program, the Homestead Act and current value fluctuation all need to be computed. Map changes are sent to Littleton, NH where new maps are drawn up, and, of course, the inevitable computer/paper trail is updated.

The Grand List appraisals are determined by the common level of appraisal or CLA. CLA is the difference between the list price and sale price of a property. If the assessments are less than 80% of the sale prices over three years, then the town is required to reappraise its Grand List. For example: if a property is listed at \$80,000 and sells for \$100,000, this is 80% of the realized price. This happened in 1985 and then again in 1995. At the moment, with the inflated sale prices of the present market, the figures have dropped to about 87%. Rosie guessed that within a year or so another reappraisal might be necessary.

There are three listers for the town of East Montpelier—Rosie Cueto, Chief Lister, and Earle Montague and Ross Hazel. When a transfer or change has taken place, two of the three listers visit and make assessments. Then the appropriate changes are made to the Grand List. Ross began as lister by appointment in 2003 as there was no one running. He then ran and won in the last election. He says he enjoys the complexities of the job as well as really getting to know East Montpelier real estate. Earle had been lister for two terms. Having lived on Putnam Road for 35 years, he knows the area well. When asked about the role of listers, he chuckled and said "we are keepers of the problem!"

Funding a town is a concern for all who live here. May we thank our listers for their dedication in keeping East Montpelier the thriving community that it is.

A NEW LOOK FOR THE LOBBY WINDOW

Conrad and Ann Ormsbee have changed the Lobby Window at the Town Office for the Historical Society to show pictures and items about granite being shipped through East Montpelier in the olden days. Its title is *East Montpelier - Granite Went Through It*. There are maps that show the route from Adamant to the Montpelier- Wells River Railroad railroad station that used to be on VT14, where the trail parking area is now.



A NOTE OF INTEREST FOR LILY ADMIRERS

The day lilies that residents donated a couple years ago for a Lily Garden at the Town Clerk's Office were in full bloom during the month of July and into August. They brought many wonderful comments from people who have come into the office.

Thanks to all who donated their lovely lilies.

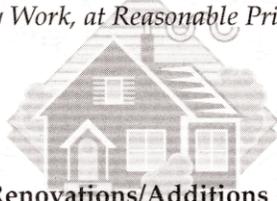
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TOWN WEATHERVANE

Milestones

Births:

- > Obediah Quaid Delorey, born May 8, 2004, son of Katlyn Susan & Matthew John Delorey.
- > William Michael Sancibrian, born June 10, 2004, son of Nicole Sue & Marc William Sancibrian.

Marriages:

- > Seth Adam Dion to Amanda Jean Gay, June 19, 2004.
- > Marcus Allen Sweetser to Maria Leonora Teresa Edson, June 26, 2004.
- > Derek H. Wheeler to Lona Marie Maxwell, July 17, 2004.

Deaths:

- > Elizabeth (Betty) Hudson, July 25, 2004, mother of Joanne Guilmette, Pam Pollock, Gary and Tim Hudson.

Property Transfers:

- > Paul & Elaine Manghi to Michael Duane & Ellen Knoedler, 2 acres, Markham Rd.
- > David H. & Phoebe C. Houghton to Kevin McCollister & Erica Zimmerman, 55 acres & farm, Center Rd.
- > Robert E. & Judith A. Nist to Donald P. & Lynn L. Commo, 1.64 acres and dwelling, Barnes Rd.
- > David A. & Pauline E. Coburn to William Cyrus Royce II & Wendi Lee Coburn, 3.2 acres, Daggett Rd.
- > Judson H. Lightsey Jr., trustee to Glen G. & Esther C. Goodall, 2.7 acres and dwelling, Maplewood Rd.
- > G. William & Dorothy J. Allard to Janet E. Allen, 4.87 acres, VT14N.
- > Chad E. & Amy B. Scribner to Will D. Pacheco & Cynthia E. Horan, 12.3 acres, North St.
- > Arnold F. & Beverly L. Holtman to Tilden & Charleen Kaufman, 10.0 acres & mobile home, County Rd.
- > Douglas E. & Jean M. Mureta to Thomas & Debora Post, 1.0 acre & dwelling, Cherry Tree Hill.
- > Charles J. Stone Jr. to Charles J. Stone Jr. and Susan Atwood-Stone, trustees of the Charles J. Stone Jr. Living Trust, 1/2 interest, 29.3 acres, County Rd.
- > Robert & Judith A. Nist to Frances R. & Catherine Valenti, co-trustees of the Francis R. Valenti Trust, 7.6 acres, Barnes Rd.
- > Scott Dimick & Troy D. Dimick to Joseph H. Thomas, Jennifer A. Rand &

Kevin Rand, Mobile Home, Sandy Pines Tr. Pk.

- > Robert T. Nuner to Bruce Butler, mobile home, (moved out of town) Horn of the Moon Rd.
- > Lena P. Brazier and Thomas H. & Ann M. Brazier to Michael A. & Kristen L. Lynch, 6.39 acres, off Bliss Rd.
- > Florence J. Young to Florence J. Young, trustee of the Young Living Trust, 1.6 acres & dwelling, Center Rd.
- > Stephen R. & Rachel T. Pinard to Stephen R. & Rachel T. Pinard, Trustees, 2.37 acres & dwelling, Tay-Con Drive.
- > Michael J. Donnini & Pamela S. Kessinger to Ellen G. Leonard & Janice Walrafen, 10.2 acres & dwelling, Cherry Tree Hill Rd.
- > Thomas H. & Charlotte E. MacLeay to Joseph A. & Tina S. Feeney, 3.5 acres & dwelling, Bliss Rd.
- > Valerie Wilson & Barry B. Rufenacht to Richard A. & Linda J. Meleady, 12.51 acres & dwelling, Partridge Run.
- > Norma Raymond to J. Stuart & Robyn L.D. Hall, 3.01 acres, Towne Hill Rd.
- > Edna Tofani to Edna Tofani and Donald Tofani Sr., 33.7 acres & dwelling, Coburn Rd.
- > Paul O. & Suzanne G. Gruhler to Paul O. Gruhler, 16.0 acres & dwelling, North St.

Selectboard

May 17, 2004

- > Continued discussion of intersection of US2 and VT14.
- > Approved excess weight permit for Andrew Stanley.
- > Approved a letter to the Fire Department requesting change of format for budget requests.

June 7, 2004

- > Brazier Road Public Hearing - Petition was submitted requesting reclassification of Brazier Road from Class 4 to Class 3 road. Concerns discussed were the process for reclassification, required road changes, cost and impact.

June 7, 2004

- > Discussion of convening a study group for the possible US2 & VT14 round-about.
- > Excess weight permits approved for Danny Marquis & Sons Transport and Masterson Excavation.

TOWN WEATHERVANE

- > Barre Town will extend ambulance service under the current contract while new contract is drafted. The idea of a regional ambulance and fire service is being discussed.
- > A Verizon pole request was denied because it was inside town right-of-way. Road Foreman Garand requests all future approvals be only for pole placement outside the town right-of-way.

June 21, 2004

- > The Selectboard approved Dubois Construction bid for work on right bank of Winooski River off Coburn and Cate Farm Roads contingent upon approval by Road Foreman Garand.
- > Board approved and signed the Warrant to Kill Unlicensed Dogs as required by statute for both Constables.
- > Deborah Fillion was approved as Acting Zoning Administrator.

Planning Commission

March 4, 2004

- > Approved request from Susan and Hugh Hawkins to establish dog grooming business in their Old Farm Rd. home.
- > Approved final amended survey map for 7 lot subdivision on Cassani property on US2.
- > Dean Monteith took over as zoning administrator, and outgoing zoning administrator Diana Chase was thanked for her service.

March 18, 2004

- > Reviewed and discussed draft of contract with Burnt Rock planning consultants.
- > Commission is reviewing and updating existing zoning regulations.

April 1, 2004

- > Reviewed Town Plan and suggested areas where new zoning regulations can help implement the plan.

April 15, 2004

- > Approved the Cookson's proposal to subdivide their property at 4558 VT14N to create two new lots of 2+ acres and one lot of 3.34 acres for existing residence, pending approval of right-of-way and confirmation that current access permit covers the additional building lots.
- > Approved application of Tracy Phillips for a sign for her retail gardening business.
- > Elected officers: Rob Chickering, chair-

person, Rick Hopkins vice chair, Deborah Fillion corresponding secretary.

May 6, 2004

- > Approved home occupation business for day care center and art studio for Ellen Leonard and Janice Walrafen at 170 Cherry Tree Hill Road.
- > Approved building addition for Michael and Cheryl Rus, 3240 Towne Hill Road.
- > Amended final subdivision plat for Cookson subdivision was approved.

May 20, 2004

- > Approved Peter Duhamel sketch plan to divide his land off VT14N into 2 parcels with the understanding that the survey will show at least 60 ft. of road frontage on VT14 for lot #2.

June 3, 2004

- > Approved subdivision plan to adjust lot line in previously approved subdivision at 805 Horn of the Moon Rd. for Dan Smith and Flor Diaz Smith.
- > Reviewed bylaw update recommendations as presented by Burnt Rock consultants.

June 17, 2004

- > Washington County Field Days was granted temporary permit for a sign.
- > Dean Monteith announced his resignation to take a full time position.
- > Deborah Fillion was appointed acting zoning administrator.

Elementary School

April 6, 2004

- > Discussed student enrollments by grade level for the following year and the plan for three second/third grade multi-age classrooms.
- > Eliminated a part time library assistant position.
- > Accepted, with regret, the resignation of foreign language teacher, Emma Waldo.
- > Approved amendment to the Transportation Contract for two more years.
- > Approved Laura Giammusso's request for a job share position for the coming school year.
- > Approved leave requests for Jennifer MacHarg, Lisa Gariboldi, and Maureen McDermet.

May 11, 2004

- > Discussed plans for the Community Connections Program for the coming year and its funding. To make the program sustainable several staffing posi-

tions will not be filled and some payments will be required of children attending activities.

- > Approved the hiring of Rebecca Yahm as a tutor.
- > Approved the hiring of a para-educator for the remainder of the school year.
- > Formed committees to hire long-term substitutes for certain positions.
- > Adopted the following policies: Public Complaints about Personnel, Mandatory Drug & Alcohol Testing: Transportation Employees, and Role of Religion in the Schools.
- > Thanked Margaret McCoy and Bob Rigger for creating a school website.

U-32 Jr. & Sr. High School

May 19, 2004

- > Voted to accept \$500 donation from Kurrle Corp. to be used for outdoor playground space.
- > Congratulations to Randy Brown for being named Walmart's Teacher of the Year.
- > Graduation for the class of 2005 will be on June 17, 2005.
- > Approved the following appointments, J.B. Hilferty, social studies teacher, Maja Wilson, English teacher, Christy Spannbauer, Food Service.

June 2, 2004

- > Voted the following funding: Thomas Mechanical to work on the control panel, Katy Associates to remove an underground fuel tank, to resurface an area outside the cafeteria, to purchase a mat for the front door, to purchase glycol for the heating /cooling system and to obtain estimates for redesign and repairs for the front entrance.
- > Appointed Mary Ellen Simmons as math teacher.
- > Approved creation of positions for Building & Grounds Supervisor and Head Custodian.
- > Albert Petrella will be paid \$1,000 for extra duties he assumed at the end of the school year.
- > The Middle School and High School Assistant Principals' salaries set at \$63,000 for the '04-'05 school year.
- > Approved the following salary increases for the 2004-2005 school year: 4% for non-bargaining unit positions, 2% for the Network & Support Administrator.

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June 16, 2004

- > Mark Berry, Tom Williams and Rob LaClair will form committee to discuss use of facility including categories of events, personnel required, coordination of events and a fee structure.
- > A School Board Retreat will be held on 6/23/04 to discuss Montpelier collaboration, goals for 2004-05, and review accomplishments in 2003-04.
- > Approved a request to offer a salary of up to \$61,000 with a 261 day contract to a Special Education Coordinator.
- > Approved a list of financial actions including bids for investments, Arbitrage Borrowing, checking services, oil, gas and \$500 bonus for the lead custodian.

- > Approved the revised 2004-05 action plan.
- > Stephanie Keitel was granted leave of absence for 2004-05 school year.
- > Approved appointments of Janet Snyder, Foreign Language, Sue Anne Mayette, Speech & Language, Jessica Kipnes, Assistant Athletic Director/Athletic Trainer and fall and winter coaches.
- > Approved teacher exchange agreement with Lamoille Union for the 2004-05 school year.

June 23, 2004 Board Retreat

- > Voted to appoint Albert Petrella as Buildings & Grounds Supervisor and David Hannigan as Head Custodian, both non-bargaining positions.

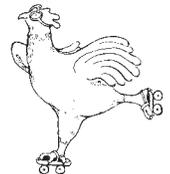


PRIMARY ELECTION NEWS

Early Voter or Absentee Ballots for the Primary Election are available after August 16. You can vote at the Town Clerk's Office or take your ballot home to vote and then either bring it back or return it by mail. Absentee Ballots also can be obtained by calling the office (223-3313) and one will be sent in the mail as long as you are a registered voter. Full instructions on the voting procedures are included with the ballot.

The Primary Ballot is the ballot where you get all the ballots for the parties that have candidates on at least 3 different ballots and the voter will have to decide which party they prefer and vote only on that ballot.

Last day to register to vote in the Primary Election is September 7. The Town Clerk's Office will be open from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to receive new applications for adding names to the checklist. People who are not eligible to register to vote by this date but who will be by Election Day may also register. They may file with Town Clerk a written notice of intent to apply and then take the Voter's Oath on Election Day.



CHURCH BELLS



Old Brick Church
Angelo Tillas, Pastor

Sunday Services at 10:00 am
Phone: 223-1232



Old Meeting House
Rev. Susan Cooke Kittredge, Pastor

Rev. David W. Connor, Associate Pastor
Worship & Sunday School at 9:30 am
Phone: 229-9593



Crossroads Christian Church
Rev. Bob Walton, Pastor

Worship and Sunday School - 9:30 am
Phone: 476-4843 & 229-9389

RUNNING THE ROADS

The Central Vermont Runners' Club is sponsoring a five mile Fun Run on August 26, here in East Montpelier. Registration is from 5:00-5:45 at the Old Meeting House with the run to follow at 6:00. A five dollar entry fee is required. This will go to the OMH Missions Committee. Call Tim Noonan at 223-6216 if you need more details.

NEWS FROM THE OLD MEETING HOUSE

The Sunday service on September 5 will be held at Caspian Lake. For more information call 229-9593. On Sunday September 12 Sunday School will resume.

On Saturday, October 2 the annual Chicken Pie Dinner will be served with seatings at 12 noon, 5 pm, and 7 pm. Reservations will be needed.

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE

The Schoolhouse Association has decided it's time to paint the schoolhouse. If you're interested in helping with that project you might want to give Hobie Guion a call.

In other business, the Schoolhouse is formulating plans to coincide with the Rally Day festivities. See the Rally Day article on Page 9 for the list of these events.



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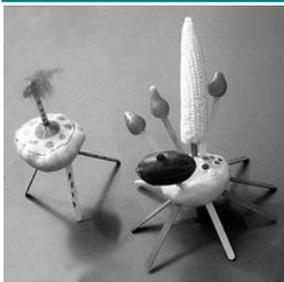
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RALLY DAY IS ALMOST HERE!

Mark your calendars! The Rally Day Committee is planning a fun day for all ages at the East Montpelier Elementary School and other locations around town on **Saturday, September 11th.**

Start off with a pancake breakfast at 8:00 to benefit the fire-works! Then join a group of bicyclists for a leisurely ride, or kids from ages 2 to 12 can enter one of the foot races. For the less energetic, there'll be a community painting project. And, of course, Vegetable Decorating. To donate giant zucchinis and surplus vegetables for this event, call Janet Allen at 223-0931.

Other fun activities include lawn games, face painting, a bubble pool and more. Take a front row seat for the Fire Department's demonstration of the "Jaws of Life." Then learn how to escape a fire and other safety tips by touring the "House of Hazards" exhibit. The EMFD also hosts the popular inflated jumping gym. For those of us who want to relax, drink tea and share some quiet activities with neighbors, don't forget the Cozy Corner Cafe in the gym. There will be live music by Hilari Farrington and Benedict Koehler, as well as Susan McKenney and friends. Coffee drinkers will find some of Bob Watson's best brew at the Information Table.

The Farmer's Market/ Craft Show has turned into a Rally Day mainstay and we invite East Montpelier makers and growers of all ages to participate. There's still time to sign up for a booth. Last year the front lawn of the school was brimming with baskets, jewelry, smoothies, pottery, vegetables, decorative cards and much more: all made or grown in our town. You can rent a space for \$10.00, and it's only \$5.00 for those high school age and under. We'd love to see our talented East Montpelier kids

show off and sell their creations. We are limiting food products to desserts and drinks. Call Jennifer Boyer at 223-8926 for information.

March, ride or drive in the annual Parade. Call your neighbors and make a float! See who will be Citizen of the Year! Kids, bring your bikes to the decorating area before the parade. Call Hobie Guion at 223-1808 with any questions.

Lunch will be a variety of foods prepared by members of the Crossroads Christian Church. Then work off that meal in one of the Family Soccer games. Or gather at the Four Corners Schoolhouse for a Memory Hour devoted to "Some Good Old Fashion Fun from Decades Past." Share tales of how you, your family and neighbors had fun when you were young. What games did you play? How did you entertain yourselves?

Ready for another adventure? Join members of the Trails Committee on a nature walk. Then we'll all head over to the Cate Farm for a tour of the fields and greenhouses where they grow organic vegetables, medicinal herbs and flowers.

Getting hungry? The Old Brick Church will host their annual Baked Bean and Ham Supper at 5:00. Call 223-5705 to make reservations. Or, if you prefer chili, come to the Elementary School gym at 6:00 where members of the Old Meeting House



Photos by Sylvia Tosi

2nd Annual Fireworks Fund Drive

Once again, Northstar Fireworks is donating a fireworks display for Rally Day on Sept. 11th. We are asking for donations (food, equipment, labor, or cash) to help cover some of the Swenson family's out-of-pocket expenses. You can help as a donor, volunteer, or business sponsor. Send tax-deductible contributions to:

"East Montpelier Fireworks Fund"
c/o Town Clerk, P.O. Box 157
East Montpelier, VT 05651

If you have a business, please consider joining this year's business supporters.

PATRONS:

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Cathi & Bill Buni Kaplan
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C.P. Dudley's Store (Robin & Jeff Biron)
Thistle Hill Pottery (Jennifer Boyer)

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Riverbend Country Store (Mo & Sue Cerutti)

— Rally Day Coordinating Committee



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will serve you a bowl (regular or vegetarian) with corn bread and ice cream. Between bites, you can bid on items at the Signpost's Live Auction, featuring our favorite auctioneer, Dave Connor. Bring your check-book! We hope to have a wonderful variety, including dinners, sports equipment, artwork, organic produce, antiques and more.

Please call Rhoda Chickering at 229-5005 if you have goods or services to donate. A list of items will be available from the Town Clerk after September 1.

The evening will be topped off with live music by Colin McCaffrey and the annual Fireworks spectacle by Northstar. Thanks again to Dave and DeeDee Swenson!

Remember to look for your Rally Day Schedule with your tax bills in the mail, and JOIN THE FUN!

TOWN HAPPENINGS

RECREATION COMMITTEE

The Recreation Committee has been taking a rest from the busy spring of working on the field. The Summer Swim Program was successful with approximately 30 children participating and learning the fundamentals of swimming and water safety. The Recreation Field is becoming a popular place in town for all sorts of recreation-sports, family or company outings, walks or quiet time or fun-with-the-dog and frisbee. The Recreation Committee has spent a lot of time over the last few years working on the field. We have plans to revamp the softball field over the next year and are always looking to improve the field for the variety of uses. It is maintained so that it can be used and enjoyed by everyone in town.

WANTED: PERENNIALS - The latest project is a Community Perennial Garden to be planted in the corner to the right of the entrance way. As the fall brings the time when gardens are thinned and weeded, donated plants would be a welcomed addition to the Town Field for all to enjoy. If you have any "extra" plants or will be thinning out your gardens, please think of this project. Drop off bags/boxes of plants at the Town Clerk's Office and they will be planted at the field.

To any and all of you who would like to be a part of planning or participating in the various activities that take place around town: The Recreation Board, The Trails Committee and the Four Corners Schoolhouse would welcome interested parties. If you're wondering who to call to become involved with one of these groups, give Terri Conti a call at the Town Clerk's Office.

PRE-SCHOOL AND PLAYGROUP CHANGES AT THE FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE

There will be new faces at the Pre-School held at the Four Corners Schoolhouse this fall. The former lead teacher, Becky Crandell, has accepted a kindergarten position at Rumney School, and her assistant, Diana Fielder, has retired. Both teachers will be missed; we wish them well.

The Pre-school, which is still sponsored by WCSU, will be led this fall by local resident Beth Parker with Lisa Forbes as her assistant teacher. Both women have extensive backgrounds in early childhood education and are looking forward to teaching in East Montpelier. The Pre-School runs Monday-Thursday mornings and serves Washington County with the students primarily from East Montpelier. They expect to teach 24 children this coming school year.

The playgroup which was previously run through WCSU will now be sponsored by the Success by Six program. They plan to hold playgroup Friday mornings. If you are interested in more information regarding the playgroup, contact Michelle Bedell at 229-1475.



Johnna Bond

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The EMFD has responded to 165 calls as of August 1, 2004, plus we provided medical coverage for the Washington County Field Days in July.



We're happy to report that we have added a few new members to our squad. We continue training and recently have been working on extrication and use of air bags. Other departments have been invited to join in our training, and the process has been well received.

Look for us at Rally Days again this year. We'll be there with the ever popular "jumping tent," and we also plan to provide you with a demonstration of some of our equipment. Many of our crew will be involved with the fireworks display. We look forward to seeing all of you.

Robin Copping

In Memorium

Michael J. Bliss
Assistant Chief
1955 - 2004

VIDEO REVIEW

One of the new Vermont videos at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library is Vermont Public Television's newest video, "The Final Voyage of the Ticonderoga" (25 min.). The S.S. Ticonderoga worked on Lake Champlain from 1906, when she coordinated with trains to carry people and freight north from New York City, to 1954, when she was used as an excursion ship. Using both modern and historic film footage, the video shows how and why the Ti was moved the treacherous two miles across land from Lake Champlain to her present site at Shelburne Museum in Shelburne, Vermont. After 47 years on the lake, her final voyage took 65 days, 20 hours and 28 minutes in 1955.

The video is interesting not only because it shows the Ti when she was sailing on Lake Champlain but also shows the engineering challenges of moving something that is 220 feet long and 59 feet wide. Originally built at the Shelburne Ship Yard, and after major restoration in 1995, the last passenger steamship in America can be seen at the Shelburne Museum.

Claire Gilbertson

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SWISS STEAK

Elva Walker

Get any sized slice of round steak cut at least one inch thick. Place on board and pound into both sides a quantity of flour. Sear in fat on both sides. Place a layer of sliced onion on top and cover with a pint can of canned tomato or sliced fresh tomato. Add salt and pepper, and cook slowly in a covered dish on top of stove or in the oven until done. Serve in its own gravy.

Elva was married to Ted Walker, one of the owners of the woolen mill. They lived on Factory Street. She taught school and was very active in the church and the community. After Ted died, Elva remarried and moved to Barre.

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

RECIPES FROM THE COMMUNITY COOK BOOK

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

by *Paulie Coburn*

Paulie's Comments

I followed this recipe exactly and the steak tasted just like what my mother used to make.

It is a good use for fresh tomatoes; of which there is often a surplus this time of year.

EAST MONTPELIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Anne Ormsbee, V.P./Treasurer

Hilari Farrington recently presented a program on the rich heritage that Quakers brought to East Montpelier (then part of Montpelier). Founded in 1640 in England by George Fox, Quakers, or Friends, based their spiritual practice on plainness, simple living, honesty and truth. They made no distinction between laity and leaders, men and women played equal roles and care of the poor was a central tenet.

In 1657, the first boatload of Quakers arrived on Long Island, and fifty years later many began moving into Vermont. The Montpelier Society of Friends was the first religious group organized in the town, and, by 1840, Quakers composed 70% of the local population.

In 1789, Clark Stevens and David Wing from the New Bedford, Massachusetts Monthly Meeting, purchased 300 acres located approximately on what is now the corner of Towne Hill Road and Cherry Tree Hill Road. Clark and Caleb Bennett built a simple meetinghouse near the Stevens' home. It later became the ell to one of the Stevens' buildings.

In 1809, the Society procured a building once used as a store and 3/4 acre of land on Cherry Tree Hill Road. The store was moved to its new location in front of the cemetery, and the Society set about repairing and furnishing the meetinghouse. Timothy Davis built two small tables for each end of the House, one of which may be at the Vermont Historical Society. A partition divided the

House in half, one side for men, the other for women.

Clark Stevens became an energetic leader in the Society of Friends as well as holding town offices. He was also a founder of the Washington County Anti-Slavery Society. He declined higher political office, however.

The last of the early Quakers in town was George Davis, son of Timothy Davis. His farm, located on Snow Hill Road below the Four Corners School, was known as "Quaker Willow Farm." The Quaker Cemetery on Cherry Tree Hill is the burial site of many members of the Clark Stevens family as well as other (East) Montpelier Quakers. A large monument, now almost hidden by brush, stands on the site of the Caleb Bennett home on Cherry Tree Hill where many family members were buried.

Many thanks to Hilari for her presentation.



The Quaker Cemetery off Cherry Tree Hill Road

Photo by Dave Coburn

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
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

Notice from State Treasurer

A mandatory license fee surcharge of \$2.00 per dog license shall be collected by each municipality for the purpose of funding the dog, cat and wolf-hybrid spaying and neutering program. This fee is effective as of July 1, 2004.

Fees for neutered or spayed animals will change from \$5 to \$7 for those licensed by April 1. This fee includes the \$4 for the town, \$1 for the rabies program and \$2 for the spaying and neutering program. After April 1, there is an additional \$2 late fee which goes to the town.

Fees for unneutered or unspayed animals will change from \$9 to \$11 for those licensed by April 1. This fee includes the \$8 for the town, \$1 for the rabies program and \$2 for the spaying and neutering program. After April 1, there is an additional \$4 late fee which goes to the town.

For more information call the Town Clerk:223-3313.

EVENTS CALENDAR

August 26	Fun Run (Registration from 5:00 to 5:45 pm)	6:00	Old Meeting House
September 7	Last day to register to vote in Primary Election	10:00am-Noon	Town Office
September 11	Rally Day	8:00am- it's done	EMES and elsewhere in town.
September 11	Baked bean and ham supper	5:00pm	Old Brick Church
September 14	Primary election day (Polls open 7:00am to 7:00pm)		EMES gym
October 2	Chicken pie dinner (seatings 12:00pm, 5:00pm, 7:00 pm)		Old Meeting House
October 4	First day to request Early Voter/Absentee Ballots for General Election,	9:00am - 5:00pm	Town Office
October 25	Last date to register to vote in General Election	9:00am - 5:00pm	Town Office
November 2	General Election (Polls open 7:00am to 7:00pm)		EMES gym
November 11	Veterans' Day - Town Office closed		
November 15	Town/School taxes due	by 5:00pm	Town Office

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