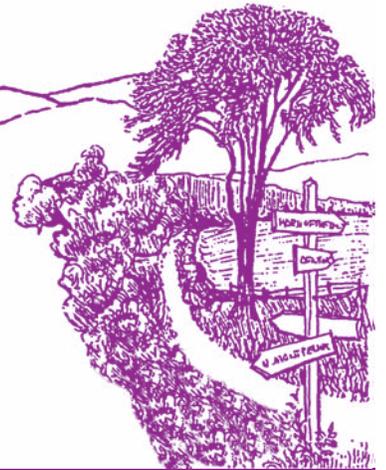


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JOANN VELANDER: HOLDING OUR CHILDREN'S HANDS

On a summer day, if you drive up Railroad Lane, you are very likely to hear laughter, giggling, splashing, and singing. It is another day at Jo Jo's daycare. JoAnn Velander is a very special member of our community. Known as Jo Jo to many of our children, she has lovingly run a daycare in East Montpelier for 28 years. When asked how many children have been through her daycare, Jo Jo laughs and says, "I can't even imagine. I know them all but haven't ever counted them up!" Many of her "children" are still in touch.

I distinctly remember the first time I met Jo Jo. She had been highly recommended to me by several parents and my oldest son was on her waiting list. I knew she had been a daycare provider for a number of years, so I assumed I would be meeting a kind, older woman. When she met me at the door, I asked her if her mother was home. She gave me an

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WAKE UP AND SMELL THE COFFEE

Have you noticed a new sweet aroma in the air as you drive through the intersection of Routes 2 and 14 in East Montpelier? Believe it or not, thanks to East Montpelier's First Family of Coffee, it's the wonderful smell of roasting fresh coffee beans. Just a few doors down from Dudley's is the home of Capitol Grounds' new roast house.

Bob Watson and his family have moved their coffee bean roasting operation out of their downtown café and into East Montpelier. When the Montpelier-based coffee house moved from its original site, where it has been since 1998, to its new location on State Street, the Watsons decided it was time to relocate the coffee bean roasting operation to a separate larger site. Bob knew he wanted to bring his business to his hometown. Bob and his family have lived on upper North Street for 20 years. He has now developed the village property to house his roasting operation and accommodate their growing wholesale business. The Watsons also plan to lease space soon for a future retail operation.

The opening of Capitol Grounds in Montpelier in 1998 was the culmination of Bob's lifelong dream to own his own business. But he never dreamed it would be a coffee house. Except for a five-year stint as a salesman for local radio station WNCS and a short hitch in the Vermont State Tax Department, Bob has spent his entire adult life working in most of the area's finest and unique restaurants. In fact, it was always his desire to own his own pub. But marriage to his wife Kim (20 years ago) and the birth of his two daughters

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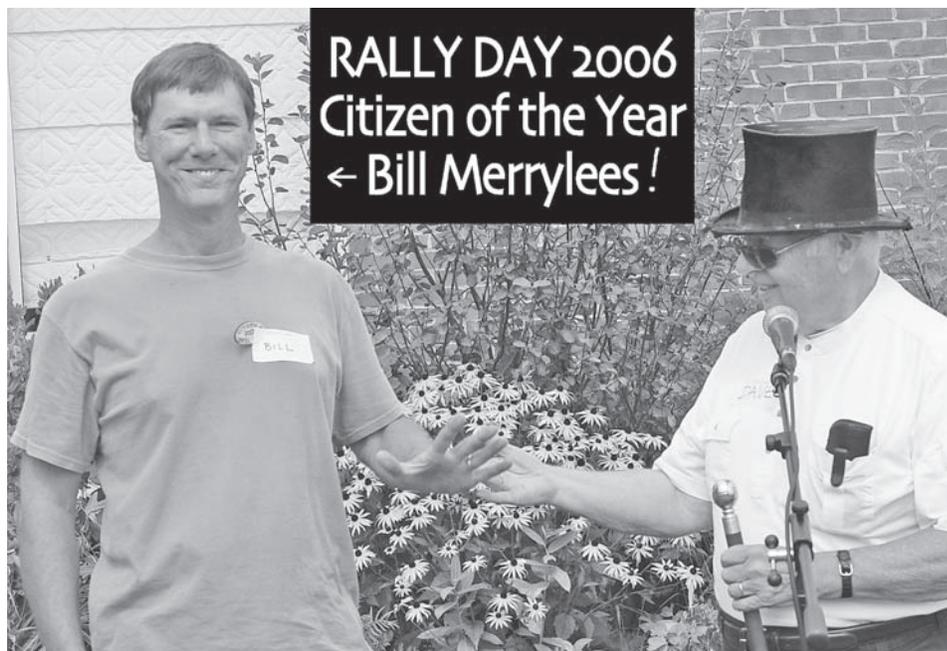
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TOP OF THE SIGNPOST

I missed Rally Day this year for the first time ever. What I mean is: I literally missed it. Not being there has left a kind of void in my sense of September. Rally Day is a way to reconnect with the wonderful neighbors and friends in East Montpelier—a sort of fall version of Town Meeting Day. It always brings me a joyful exuberance and warm community feeling.

As I take up writing for the Top of the Signpost, I'm very aware of the shoes I'm filling—Jean Cate's—and I realize that part of what I'm feeling as "missing" has to do with Jean. So much of East Montpelier's strong sense of community pride and participation sprang from Jean's vision, enthusiasm, and indefatigable spirit. I remember Jean's Memorial Service, when the Unitarian Church was packed with scores of people whose lives have been enriched by Jean's kindness and dedication. She showed us that one person really can make a difference and left us a legacy of hope and citizen involvement that we can draw upon year in and year out. The *Signpost* and Rally Day are just two of the many ways that Jean's spirit lives on in East Montpelier.

—David Connor



"I never dreamed that collecting roadside trash and riding a unicycle would lead to such a great honor!" Rally Day's Citizen of the Year Bill Merrylees accepts his award from Parade Grand Marshall Dave Coburn. Bill has headed up the Bill Koch Nordic Ski League for kids, serves as our town's Green-Up Day Coordinator, teaches unicycling in area schools, works for PEP (Physical Education Program), and volunteers on the Rally Day and the Jean Cate Community committees.

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odd look (and the benefit of the doubt) and told me that her mother lived elsewhere and she was JoAnn Velander. My second thought was, I am sending my son to "the Ivory girl!" After meeting her that first day, I knew I wanted my children there.

When I asked some of "Jo Jo's kids" what they like about going to Jo Jo's, I was told "it's a place to play with my friends," "she has the best sandbox," "we always do really fun things," and "I like to snuggle with her and read."

Jo Jo has a wonderful way of bringing out the best in our children. She nurtures them and teaches them about sharing, learning, and caring for friends and neighbors. Children learn so many wonderful things about friendship from her.

Summertime brings on "Camp Jo Jo." Jo Jo comes up with different themes each week to make the summer special. When Jo Jo comes up with a theme, watch out, she does it big! There have been such themes as Teepees, Hawaiian Week, and Pirate Week, including—of course—a treasure hunt! During winter break, she has even been known to do beach week in her kitchen, complete with a wading pool. I am always amazed by her energy and creativity.

JoAnn is the daughter of long-time East Montpelier residents Robert and Caroline Barney. Jo Jo grew up on Route 14 across from her grandparents' farm, then known as the Barney Farm, now known as the Bragg Farm. She is one of eight children. She attended the Four Corners Schoolhouse, East Montpelier Elementary, and was in the first class that graduated from U-32. She married her high school sweetheart, Russ, and for a brief time they lived in Berlin. They then settled in East Montpelier and raised their daughters, Jennifer and Wendy.

Jo Jo loves the outdoors and has many hobbies that reflect that love. In her spare time, she can be found working in her garden, taking walks, snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing, or visiting family. I love taking walks with her and usually learn something about nature along the way. She is constantly on the lookout for birds and animals, and if she doesn't know the name of what she sees, when we get back to the house, she pulls out a book to look it up. Jo Jo truly embodies our elementary school's mission to nurture lifelong learners.

A typical day at Jo Jo's can be summed up in one word: Fun. While it is hard to tell what they will be up to, you will definitely hear laughter, respect, caring, and nurturing. Many a day the



JoAnn with Lucas, Maeve, Calen and Andy

projects look like so much fun that the parents have to drag themselves away.

JoAnn has had a tremendous impact on the community by helping so many of us raise our children. She is truly a town treasure. I am so proud to call Jo Jo a friend.

—Johnna Bond resides on Route 2, east of the Village, with her husband Chuck and her sons Kevin and Andy.

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ters, Julia and Liz, made him realize that the pub business didn't mesh with his family lifestyle. Bob returned to school and earned a business degree from our own local Community College of Vermont. With the degree, he was able to secure a very stable position in the tax department for the State of Vermont. The security of the position was nice, especially with raising a young family, but Bob's independent spirit and dream of owning his own business far outweighed the pluses of a secure job. So with the blessings of his family, Bob and his partner, Bob Plante, set out to open Montpelier's first coffee shop, complete with on-site coffee bean roasting. They opened in the spring of 1998 and have been growing ever since.

I asked Bob, "Why a coffee shop?" His response was that it was the next best thing to a pub and it didn't conflict with his lifestyle. His goal was to simply have a great coffee shop. And although Montpelier had many restaurants, it didn't have a place where people could meet, hang out, and get the finest, freshest, on-site roasted coffee possible. He seems to have hit the concept squarely on the head. Capitol Grounds has been welcomed with open arms since the very first day of its opening. Today, Bob has to solve the good problem of having more people to serve than the current traffic flow design can handle. When they first opened, the wholesale side of the business didn't exist. The idea was to roast just enough to satisfy their own retail needs. Bob had no idea that the demand for his coffee would grow so quickly. Fans can find Capitol Grounds' coffee in more than a dozen other locations.

The business is a huge piece of Bob Watson's life. He is easily on the go 14 to 16 hours a day, seven days a week. His growing staff now includes his wife Kim (when she is not working at her job with Stone Environmental) and his two daughters, a junior and a senior at U-32.

The Watson family is so appreciative of all the community support their business receives. Bob feels a constant need to give back to the community, and never says no to any community event. It is truly his way of saying thank you, East Montpelier. I asked Bob if he had any closing thoughts. He thought for a second, smiled, and simply said, "I love East Montpelier!"

—State Representative Tony Klein and his wife Jennifer Boyer, who owns and operates Thistle Hill Pottery, have lived on Powder Horn Glen Road for 20 years. They have two grown children, Jesse and Tim.

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First, a great big thank you to all the folks who made the *Signpost* Silent Auction on Rally Day such a success this year. All the helpers, contributors, and bidders pitched in to generate \$3,225 for our major annual fundraiser.

Our *Signpost* annual budget is a pretty simple matter. All our staff members are volunteers and our only significant expense categories are Printing and Postage, both of which increased during the past 12 months to about \$965 per issue. Six issues a year, sent to all East Montpelier households, cost about \$5,800. Last year, our miscellaneous expenses totaled less than \$150. On the income side of the ledger last year, we have the auction proceeds, \$820 from advertising, \$2,376 from contributions, \$260 from subscribers, and \$40 from interest.

You can see at a glance that your contributions are a very significant part of the funds that support our hometown publication. This is where the "please" comes in. Many of your fellow townspeople have been very generous in their support of the *Signpost*. We really need your donations in the year ahead to balance our budget. Please send them and your comments and suggestions to our address on the back page. Thanks in advance for your continued support.

—Rob Chickering, Business Manager

LOG ON AND HAVE A LOOK

The *Signpost* website, www.emsignpost.com, is up and running! What you will find there is a portal into the "doings" of the East Montpelier community: a meetings calendar, links to information on town, school, state, and, eventually, federal resources. As time permits, all of the past issues of the *Signpost* will be posted, complete with clickable links to featured persons, businesses, and authors.

The ads for the businesses that support the *Signpost* are there as well, with links to their web pages. The website will also provide space for additional advertisements that are not available in the paper edition. Town residents who have out-of-town businesses will now be able to place an ad. Ads and notices for short-term events can be placed on the home page.

The bimonthly *Signpost* is not going to be replaced by the website. Rather, the website will provide current information on local events, something the paper edition, with its long lead time, cannot do. It will also serve as a portal to the East Montpelier community and as an archive of things gone by.

If you find the website useful on a day-to-day basis and would like to have it open when you start your web browser, log on and follow the given instructions for the option.

—Dave Coburn

YOUNG PEOPLE FOCUS ON THE HOMELESS

Hats Off to Our Donors

Thanks to the generous silent auction donors listed below, \$3,225 was raised. That's enough money for three full issues of the Signpost!

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On September 24, the Youth Group from the Old Meeting House Church went to Boston Common in Massachusetts. The group consisted of 12 or so high-school students from U-32 and Montpelier high schools along with some parents. At midday, we joined up with another church group from Framingham, MA. We set up a meal of over 300 sandwiches, along with chips, cookies, crackers, fruit, and juice which we had brought along.

When the clock struck one on the Old South Church, people started appearing out of the park to attend the Common Cathedral church service held each Sunday for homeless people. Everyone gathered in a circle and was asked to meet someone there they didn't know. I met Bill, a man who had lived in the park for six years. Drugs and alcohol had ruled his life and caused him to become homeless. At first he had resisted the help of the church, but they had reached out to him and, with their help, he was able to pull his life together, find housing, and stop abusing substances. He now returns each Sunday to play his banjo along with the songs.

The service was brief with a lot of joyful singing and was followed by the lunch we had set up. People took enough food to last them up to a few days and were clearly very thankful because they were so hungry.

Then Vermont's own Blue Grass Gospel Project performed right there on Boston Common. The music went on for a few hours and was greatly enjoyed by all who were there.



The Blue Grass Gospel Project

On November 10 and 11, The Old Meeting House will be hosting a benefit concert played by the Blue Grass Gospel Project. The Bluegrass Gospel Project features six of New England's premier bluegrass, country, and folk musicians. The profits will go toward Vermont's own homeless by providing a major donation to the Good Samaritan Haven, a homeless shelter in Barre. The Youth Group will also have a Silent Auction at this event to benefit the Good Samaritan Haven. We are looking for donations of goods and services. If you have anything you want to donate, please call Wendy Soliday at 229-9594 or Charlie Catlin at 229-4273. Please stop by the Parish House to bid on items on Friday (Nov. 10) starting at 6 p.m. and continuing through the evening, and on Saturday starting at noon. We'd love your support.

—Alice Curchin is a grade 9 student at U-32.

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TOWN WEATHERVANE

MILESTONES

Births:

- Abigail Sophia Leighty, born July 14, 2006, daughter of Emily Pierson & Levi Erikson Leighty
- Kameron Chris Allen Graves, born July 28, 2006, son of Terri Marie Stridsberg and Scott Allen Graves

Marriages:

- Christopher Michael Quesnel to Sara Lynn Pearson, August 5, 2006
- Patrick Michael Seitz to Nicole Marie Clafin, August 26, 2006
- Scott J. Sibley to Jodi L. Blondin, September 16, 2006

Deaths:

- George Elmer Hood Sr., July 29, 2006, spouse of Margaret P. Hood
- Susan M. Lavelle, July 31, 2006
- Mildred B. Heller, August 17, 2006, former resident on Dodge Rd. and grandmother of Amy Hill Glendinning, Cummings Rd.
- Cole G. Patchen, August 27, 2006, son of Joanne Dunster

Land Transfers

- Nathan R. & Dorothy A. Danforth to Casey J. & Amanda G. Northrup, 3.16 acres and dwelling, US2
- David L. Blosser to David L. Blosser & Sally Redpath, 10.28 acres & dwelling, Towne Hill Rd.
- High Bay of East Montpelier, L.L.P. to R.C. Hazelton Co. Inc., 6.4 acres & industrial site, US2
- Deborah Gordon to Timothy W. & Flora E. Lamson, 7 acres & dwelling, County Rd.
- T. Wayne & Helen M. Clark, Trustees of the T. Wayne Clark Living Trust, to Vermont Land Trust, Inc., et al, development rights, conservation restrictions, and option to purchase on 71.7 acres, Codling Rd.
- T. Wayne & Helen M. Clark, Trustees of the T. Wayne Clark Living Trust, to Vermont Land Trust Inc. et al, trail easements, Codling Rd.
- Jerome W. & Katherine B. Vaughn to Jerome W. & Katherine B. Vaughn, Trustees of the Vaughn Living Trust, 1 acre & dwelling, Carleton Blvd.
- William J. & Susan A. Brunelli to David C. Mathies & Karen M. Bradley, 77 acres & dwelling, County Rd.
- Jeffrey I. & Joanne Holm to Albert Petrella & Sheila R. Glaess, 10.5 acres & dwelling, Old Farm Rd.

- Thomas P. Myers to Joan A. Myers, 10.9 acres & dwelling, Cummings Rd.
- Clayton R. & Joyce G. Copping to Bradley T. & Lori F. Millington, 0.011 acres, easement, VT14N
- Thomas DelGrego Estate to Bradley T. & Lori F. Millington, 3.1 acres & dwelling, VT14N
- Beverly C. Lavin & Frederick Wendel Coburn II to Beverly C. Lavin & Frederick Wendell Coburn II, Co-Trustees of Coburn Farm Irrevocable Trust, 225 acres & farm buildings, Coburn Rd.
- Aaron W. & Nicole Codling to Phillip A. & Jessica Heinz, 10.1 acres & dwelling, Walbridge Rd.
- Maurice A. & Lucille M. Laperle to Maurice A. & Lucille M. Laperle, Mark, Alan & Gary Laperle, & Jodi-Lynn Brown, 1.5 acres & dwelling, US2

SELECTBOARD

July 24, 2006

- Heard a report from Lister Rosie Cueto.
- Approved Residential combined school and municipal tax rate: \$2.8425 and Non-Residential combined school and Municipal: \$2.8369.
- Supported a grant that the EMSLI committee is applying for in order to conduct a feasibility study for the Senior Living project.
- Approved payment of the Ambulance Contract Invoice in the amount of \$64,675.00.
- Authorized payment of grader expenses: \$160,000.00 to be paid out of the Capital Reserve account and an equipment loan for \$16,100.00 will be applied for.
- Approved a retiree benefits policy.

August 14, 2006

- Discussed plans for a Town Meeting Article to bring the town into compliance with Local Funding of Tax Agreements for next year.
- State Police traffic fines revenues are \$8791.00 to date.
- Approved curb cuts for John Graham and Bruce Johnson.

September 5, 2006

- Town Clerk Terri Conti stated that 1,179 Tax Statements were mailed, and that she is preparing for next week's Primary Election voting.
- Approved placement of a WEC utility pole on Brazier Road.

TOWN WEATHERVANE

- Road Commissioner Garand requested more detail in the road policy concerning winter operations.
- Heard a report from the state highway department that the Rt.2 & 14 intersection project will be delayed until at least May 2008.
- Approved Deb Fillion as Interim Zoning Administrator.

September 18, 2006

- Heard a report from Planning Commission Chair Rob Chickering on progress of the Commission's project to rewrite the Zoning and Subdivision Regulations.
- Heard from Interim Zoning Administrator Deborah Fillion about private signs that have been erected in town that look like road signs and could lead to confusion for emergency crews during 911 responses. Selectboard agreed to more formally outline criteria and a process for naming recognized private roads.
- Heard a report from town sewage officer, Carl Etnier. He will be meeting soon with former sewage officer, Richard Czaplinski to resolve some issues and move communications forward more promptly.
- Road Commissioner Garand presented a draft road policy that he and Selectman Steve Jerome have been working on.

PLANNING COMMISSION

June 1, 2006

- Fire Chief John Audy expressed his concerns about emergency alarms and fire department access to commercial properties.
- Michael Birnbaum of Cloud Alliance, which provides high speed Internet service, requested clarification about permits needed for a "whip" antenna.
- Final review and approval of the PC's Rules of Procedures and Ethics

- Approved a sign permit for Joe Sicely.
- Hopkins reported on a hearing he attended related to the wetland mitigation site at the old gravel pit off Coburn Road.

June 15, 2006

- Approved a permit for Pat Malone for a 6400 ft² addition to an existing facility located at 50 Packard Lane.
- Conducted a sketch plan review for a proposed fuel distribution center to be constructed in the Industrial Zone B by Ellery Packard.
- Conducted a sketch plan review for a proposed subdivision by Peter Duhamel on Rt14N.

July 6, 2006

- Continued a public hearing on Peter Duhamel's subdivision until August 3 when a complete survey would be available.
- Continued a public hearing on Kathy Karr's subdivision until July 20 when her survey would have the names of all abutters.
- Approved Sue Chickering's subdivision effective upon receipt of properly stamped and signed paper survey.
- Conducted a sketch plan review for John Graham's proposed subdivision.

July 13, 2006

- Met with the East Montpelier Wastewater Advisory Committee and their consultant, Forcier Aldrich & Associates, regarding their project to conduct a wastewater assessment and feasibility study in the East Village and North Village. The groups planned a "build-out analysis" and sought and received feedback from the PC on four items affecting scoring of results.

July 20, 2006

- Joint meeting with the ZBA for a variance and permit approval for a Fueling / Distribution Center with an office building, an addition to an existing maintenance shop,

and construction of two cold storage buildings located at 290 Packard Road. Variance and approval were granted.

- Approved Robert Morse subdivision of his property located at 550 Coburn Road with the condition that a complete survey with all abutters be submitted.
- Conducted sketch plan review of Guilmette subdivision.
- Conducted sketch plan review of Garland subdivision.

August 3, 2006

- Ross Haverstick (ZA) announced that he was leaving the position of ZA and recommend to the select Board that Deborah Fillion be appointed as interim ZA.
- Approved Peter Duhamel subdivision off Rt14N with the condition that the applicant submit a new survey with the names of all abutting landowners.
- Continued a public hearing on Steven Noyes site plan review for four self-storage units on RT14S until August 17, 2006, at which time the applicant and fire chief could resolve concerns of the fire department.
- Continued John Graham subdivision hearing until September 6, 2006, on request from applicant.
- Conducted a sketch plan review for a boundary adjustment for Jim Grundy and Dave Grundy on Clark Road.
- Conducted a sketch plan review for a subdivision for Bruce Johnson on Sodom Pond Road.
- Conducted a sketch plan review for a subdivision for Cathy Smilovitz on Horn of the Moon Road.
- Approved a sign permit for Plainfield Hardware.

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ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

January 9, 2006

- Approved variance for Terry Allen for proposed addition to her house on Guyette Road.

February 13, 2006

- Approved a Conditional Use permit for Kenneth Bailey to create two lots for the purpose of allowing single family residential homes to be constructed. The property located at 4243 US Rt2 is in Commercial Zone A

April 6, 2006

- Approved a variance for Richard and Gaye Christiansen to construct an addition to house Plainfield Hardware on their newly acquired building, formerly known as Legare's Farm Market located at 4723 US Rt2.

July 20, 2006

- Granted a variance for Ellery Packard to construct a Fueling / Distribution Center with an office building for the related project as well as an addition to an existing maintenance shop and the construction of two cold storage buildings located at 290 Packard Road. The fueling center and office area will not meet the usual front setback requirements.

September 11, 2006

- Granted a conditional use permit for Joe and Ann-Marie Dixon of Green Road, for a bed & breakfast at their home, subject to the proposed conditions regarding a maximum of 4 guest rooms, a minimum of 10 off-street parking spaces, signage and lighting, and permits in place from Dept. of Health and Agency of Natural Resources.

U-32 JR. & SR. HIGH SCHOOL

July 12, 2006

- Received a report on the Middle School from Mark Mooney. Middle school students get two trimesters of foreign language instruction each year.
- Made a change to the proposed Graduation policy text as suggested by the Superintendent.
- Voted to authorize Rob LaClair and Mark Mooney to approve the school bus routes on behalf of the Board.
- Approved appointment of Lisa Burbach as Academic Coordinator.

August 9, 2006

- Voted to approve tuition waivers for three students.
- Adopted a Graduation policy.
- Approved the Department Heads supplemental contracts.

August 23, 2006

- Approved the 2006–2007 Student/Parent Handbook.
- Approved the fall appointment of coaches.
- Approved moving \$1,500 from the fund balance to the facilities budget to cover costs.

September 6, 2006

- Principal Keith Gerritt led the Board in discussion about how to "take U-32 to the next level."

KELLOGG-HUBBARD LIBRARY NEWS

All East Montpelier residents are entitled to a free library card!

FOR YOUNG READERS

The most popular pre-school story time in Central Vermont takes place three times a week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the Kellogg-Hubbard Library. The fun begins at 10:30 a.m. with stories, songs, and crafts. No sign-up is necessary and everyone is welcome.

- School-aged children are welcome to join NECI chefs at 3 p.m. on November 13 for "Cooking and Booking," a program about books and food! Please sign up your child by calling 223-4665.



FALL PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY: FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT RACHEL SENECHAL AT 223-3338.

- On November 1 at 7 p.m., Julia Alvarez, author of *How the Garcia Girls Lost their Accents* and other popular books, will present the program, "Saving the World," as part of our First Wednesdays Series.
- East Montpelier's own Dave Grundy will be presenting *Funeral Planning: a Consumer's Perspective* on November 9 at 7 p.m. Dave is a member of the Vermont Funeral Consumer Alliance Board. He will be accompanied by the director of the National Funeral Consumers Alliance.
- On November 16 at 7 p.m., Adam Kane of the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum tells the gripping tale, "The Sunken Canal Boats of Lake Champlain," through slides and artifacts recovered from the wrecks.
- At 7 p.m. on December 6, General Anthony Zinni, retired Commander in Chief of the US Central Command will share his views on the post-Cold War world. Due to an anticipated large audience, the program will be held at the Unitarian Church in Montpelier.

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PAULIE'S RECIPE

MARY PAPINEAU'S APPLE PIE

5 large apples, pared, cored, and sliced
1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
1 large cup light brown sugar
1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
small piece butter
juice of one lemon



Pour lemon over the apples. Combine spices and sugar and mix with the apples. Put apples into prepared crust and add small pieces of butter then put on the top crust. Bake at 425° for 20 minutes and then reduce heat to 350° and bake until apples are done, about 20 minutes more.

Paulie's comments: I tried this recipe with half the amount of brown sugar and liked it much better. It all depends on how your family likes their pie and how sweet the apples are. Having it a bit tart is a good excuse to "perk it up" with maple syrup.

Orchard Valley School Wins First Prize

The Orchard Valley School proudly announces that its 5/6-grade class won a first-prize ribbon at the Tunbridge World's Fair. The class made corn husk dolls and entered them in the Junior Produce Group Craft category. Teacher Valerie Daniel and her seven students created the display of dolls depicting a Native American village. This is the second award the class has received. Last year, they had an award-winning pumpkin and sunflower.

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MONTPELIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Old and new methods of food preservation were the topics of the Historical Society's August program presentation. Teresa Doyle explained the importance of salt, spices, fermentation, drying, smoking, and underground storage of food centuries before refrigeration, freezing, or canning. The audience shared numerous memories of how local families raised and stored food in more recent times. Paul Cate offered samples of switchel, a hay-time beverage concocted by mixing brown sugar, molasses, cider vinegar, and ginger with cold, cold water (recipe from *Putting Food By*, by Janet Greene, Beatrice Vaughn, and Ruth Hertzberg). Paul says switchel gets better with time and the addition of more water.

In September, Duncan Wilkie, archaeologist with the Vermont Transportation Agency, spoke about the 1812 military burial ground at Camp Burlington, parts of which were unearthed during renovations to the North Street area a few years ago. The identification of these soldiers' remains is still underway in Hawaii and must be completed, if at all possible, before final burial takes place.

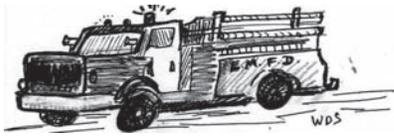
Also, at the Society's annual meeting in September, the following officers were elected: Teresa Doyle, President; Anne Ormsbee, Vice President/Treasurer; Florence Morse, Secretary; Paulie Coburn, Curator.

Hope you'll join the Society on November 20 for a presentation by Paul Wood of Hardwick on the old railroad between Hardwick and Woodbury. Call Anne Ormsbee at 223-5372 for more information.



This picture of three East Montpelier Town Clerks, Sylvia Tosi, Terri Conti, and Minnie Lane was taken last summer. Minnie Lane was visiting her niece in Montpelier. She lives in Colome, South Dakota, where her daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren live.

RESIDENTS INVITED TO DISCUSS EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES



In order to better serve the needs of the community, the members of the East Montpelier Fire Department (EMFD) feel it is time to upgrade the current Fire Station facilities. EMFD members and community volunteers from East Montpelier and Calais have begun gathering information in order to plan for a new facility.

The current East Montpelier Fire Department facilities consist of the Templeton Road fire station and a small satellite station housed in a garage opposite the Washington Electric Cooperative office in the village of East Montpelier. For more than 6 years the multiple problems associated with the current fire stations have been under discussion. We would like to discuss these issues with the community members of East Montpelier and Calais.

- The Templeton Road station is too small and needs many upgrades to meet current codes.
- The pattern of responses has shown that the location of a primary station in East Montpelier Village is desirable.
- The current Village "station" is a borrowed garage with no running water or other facilities.
- The Templeton Road station should be maintained as a satellite station to best serve the west side of East Montpelier and Calais off County Road.
- The towns of East Montpelier and Calais passed articles totaling \$25,000 to provide architectural design and civil engineering work for services leading up to a bond vote.

The EMFD Facilities Committee has two members appointed by the Calais Select Board, one member appointed by the East Montpelier Select Board, and four members from the Fire Department. The Committee has met regularly to refine the issues and has retained the firms of Scott + Partners Architects, DuBois & King (Mechanical/Electrical) and DeWolfe Engineering (Civil) to develop project solutions.

- The Committee has met with the Select Boards of the two communities at joint meetings.
- The Committee is working on plans for a new station to be placed at an East Montpelier site that would support the current and future needs of the Department.
- The Committee and their engineers are evaluating several potential sites for the new station.
- The Committee's goal is to bring a proposal to the towns at next year's March Town Meetings.
- The Committee will provide regular updates on its progress and hold informational meetings to receive input from the communities. For more information, contact Don Welch at 223-6208.

—Don Welch, East Montpelier Representative

ENGINEERS' INITIAL REPORT PRESENTED TO WASTEWATER COMMITTEE

The East Montpelier Wastewater Advisory Committee met with the project engineers from Forcier Aldrich & Associates on Wednesday, October 4, and reviewed their report of the work completed to date. They have tabulated the landowner surveys, done on-site field inspections, perused town and state septic permit records, and completed a build-out assessment in the two Village areas.

In July, members of the Committee and the consultants met with the East Montpelier Planning Commission to describe the project and respond to questions from the members of the Commission.

The schedule for future meetings is as follows:

- Wednesday, Nov. 8: presentation of the "short list of alternatives"
- Wednesday, Dec. 6: presentation of the "cost estimates for alternatives"
- Wednesday, Jan. 3: public presentation of the "final draft" (most likely at the elementary school)
- Wednesday, Feb. 7: completed report presentation

The Wastewater Advisory Committee invites anyone interested in this project to come to the meetings at the Town Office and participate in the discussions. Timely feedback from committee members and other interested parties is crucial for the project engineers to stay on track for completion of the final report.

—Cherie Staples



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INFORMATORY: JUST WHAT IT SOUNDS LIKE

It is a rare talent, I think, to be able to coin a word or phrase that has real meaning and resonates with enough people to make it become part of our vocabulary. It is possible that one of East Montpelier's own, Weston Cate Jr. has been able to do just that.

Wes, former Town Moderator, Selectman, and, in general, one whose advice is often sought on any number of topics, had the idea that the town needed an *Informatory*. "What's that?" you say. Well, it's just what it sounds like—an opportunity to become informed. Wes, noting that several important citizen-driven efforts are underway in East Montpelier, realized it was time to let those citizens not directly involved hear about this important work and to gather their feedback. Thus, he called for an *Informatory*, which was held on September 27. Proving Wes' point that such a session was needed, more than 50 East Montpelierites attended the session—and refreshments weren't even served. By and large, this is better attendance than at most other public forums (outside of Town Meeting) in many years.

On behalf of the Selectboard and the citizens of East Montpelier, I thank Wes (and the Jean Cate Committee which supported his grand idea) for making the *Informatory* a wonderfully informative and interesting session. Let's keep using that word, and—who knows?—we may find it in the dictionary one day.

—Edie Miller

A RECAP OF THE EVENING...

The work of six groups was presented.

The Greater East Montpelier Peak Oil Group was represented by Carl Etnier, Jim Grundy, and Dave Grundy. This group is working to raise awareness of what may happen after the world oil supply peaks. They are recommending ways to decrease oil use by individuals and groups in our community.

East Montpelier Senior Living Initiative was represented by Austin Cleaves. EMSLI did a survey of town residents to determine whether people see a need for senior housing in our town. They are exploring ways that this housing might be provided and have submitted a grant proposal that will help them continue to plan and establish housing for seniors.

Central Vermont State Police Community Advisory Board was represented by Don Welch. This board is a conduit for information between the Select Board and the State Police. They have purchased signs for the Neighborhood Watch groups.

Neighborhood Watch Groups were represented by Joyce Wolkomir, Pam Bockes, and Larry Brown. Joyce and Pam explained how the central County Road Neighborhood Watch Group was formed. Larry Brown is assisting in the formation of a group in his section of Route 14 and is facilitating the formation of Neighborhood Watch Groups throughout East Montpelier.

East Montpelier Fire Department Facilities Planning Committee was represented by Don Welch. The Wastewater Advisory Committee was represented by Bob Morey. (Please see their reports on page 10.)

GREETINGS FROM EMES

We have hit the ground running, and the year is off to a great start. One of our big thrills this year is having the East Montpelier Elementary School preschool under our roof. For the past few years the preschool had been housed at the Four Corners School House. It is amazing to think that we, at EMES, will get to see these wonderful young children grow and develop for the next 8 or 9 years. It is something I am looking forward to, though it would be really neat if I could figure out how to do this without actually getting older myself. Anyway, it is great to have all of our students housed under the same roof.

We have also had the pleasure of welcoming two new staff members: Chef Reid Asaro and Guidance Counselor Kristen Dickerson. Both come highly touted and have clearly lived up to their billing. I commend them both for very quickly making such a positive impact on our school.

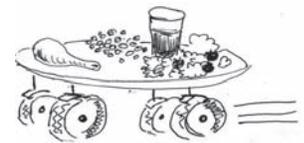
Finally, at the beginning of every school year we, the staff, take pride and pleasure in renewing our commitment to the welfare and education of all the children of East Montpelier.

—Mitch Golub, Proud Principal of EMES

TWIN VALLEY SENIOR CENTER SERVES DINNER AND MORE

The Twin Valley Senior Center serves East Montpelier, Plainfield, Cabot, Marshfield, Calais, and Woodbury.

The Center serves a very delicious, well-balanced meal at the Schoolhouse Common in Marshfield every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, except on major holidays. The suggested donation for each meal is \$3 for seniors, but come anyway even if you don't have the money.



Additionally, we deliver meals-on-wheels in our area and sponsor a shopping trip on the first or second Thursday of each month, providing transportation from your home to Price Chopper and Kinney Drug Store on the Barre-Montpelier Road.

We will have a Thanksgiving Dinner in November and a Christmas/Holiday Dinner in December. Call the Center at 426-3447 for details. Leave a message if no one answers.

Our Director is David Hunter (229-4507), Board Chair is Joyce Fowler (454-8306), and our Head Cook is Winnie Munding (426-3254). We are always glad to welcome new people at the Center!

—David Hunter

COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Selectboard	1st & 3rd Mon	7:00	Town Office
Planning Commission (PC)	1st & 3rd Thurs	7:30	Town Office
Zoning Board of Adjustment	1st & 3rd Tues	7:30	Town Office
Conservation Fund Adv. Comm.	2nd Thurs	7:30	Town Office
U-32 School Board	1st & 3rd Wed	6:00	U-32 School
Elementary School Board (EMES)	2nd Tues	6:30	Elementary School
Recreation Board	3rd Mon	6:30	Town Office
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tues	7:00	Fire Station, Templeton Rd.
Four Corners Schoohouse Assoc.	2nd Wed	7:00	Four Corners School
Wastewater Advisory Committee	1st & 3rd Thurs	6:30	Town Office
East Mont. Senior Living Initiative	2nd & 4th Tues	6:30	Town Office

NOTICES

October 30, 2006: Last Day To Register to Vote for the General Election, voter registration ends at 12 p.m.

November 7, 2006: General Election

- Polls open: 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Polling place: East Montpelier Elementary School on Vincent Flats Road

November 15, 2006: First installment of Property Taxes due by 5:00 p.m. at Town Office

EVENTS CALENDAR

The Bluegrass Gospel Project will perform on Friday and Saturday, November 10 and 11 at 7:30 at the Old Meeting House in East Montpelier Center. Tickets will be sold at Bear Pond Books and will be \$12 before the show and \$15 on the day of the show. These are benefit concerts for the Good Samaritan Haven in Barre.

Orchard Valley School's Fall into Winter Fair, Saturday, November 11, from 10 to 3 at the Route 14 campus at the base of Hammett Hill Road. Join us for a day of crafts, puppet shows, yummy food, and seasonal activities for the whole family. Call 456-7400 for more information.

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