

EAST MONTPELIER Signpost

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ROSIE CUETO: FROM BEEF TO BOARDS

Is there anyone in town who knows more about town property than Rosie? Or about the beginnings of U-32? Or for that matter, about local politics?

Most of you who are reading this article have seen Rosendo "Rosie" Cueto at one time or another. Rosie is as active in retirement as he was prior to his retirement -- serving the public. Most every working day Rosie is at the computer in the Town Clerk's office doing his job as a Town Lister. It would be rare for him to miss an East Montpelier Town Meeting or U-32 District Meeting. Many days he can be seen delivering mail throughout the town. Rosie may be perceived by many as a thinker. Rosie is also a "doer."

Rosie grew up in Montpelier and graduated from Montpelier High School and Vermont College before joining the Army and serving in the Pacific during World War II. His father, Rosendo, Sr., had opened a meat market on Barre Street in Montpelier in 1922 and, although Rosie had planned to work for Green Mountain Power when he was discharged from the Army, he joined

his father at the market. Rosie and his father ran the first licensed slaughter house in the state of Vermont. Until the demand exceeded the supply, the Cuetos sold only native beef. They raised, slaughtered and cut their own beef during the hours that they were not at the store.

Waiting for your order at Cueto's Market usually resulted in a discussion of current political issues -- at any level. Rosie always had a strong opinion on any issue you wished to choose. After spending 33 years of long six-day weeks at the market, Rosie "retired" in 1979 so he could have more time to himself and to raise beef cattle on his farm in East Montpelier.

As usual, his interest in local affairs landed him right in the middle of one of the "hot" issues of the day. In the late sixties, when population projections showed that Montpelier High School would be unable to handle students from the surrounding towns, a committee was formed from members of the towns in the Union District No. 32 to evaluate a union school and choose a site. Rosie was a member of that committee, which saw several towns withdraw from the District and Montpelier vacillate until it was too late to rejoin. As a member and chair of the first U-32 School Board, Rosie was one of the architects of the "open classroom" concept that was unique at the time the Jr/Sr High School opened. Rosie tells of the many innovative ideas that were explored by that Board, several of which were introduced at U-32. One idea that was talked about was a business-education coalition. The original board thought it was important for students to be involved with the business community and for businesses to be in the school. Twenty-five years later the board is talking about this issue again.

The role of Town Lister has become increasingly challenging in recent years, and Rosie takes that challenge seriously. He spends at least a couple of hours each working day meticulously collecting, evaluating, and filing



Rosie, his grandson Damy and friends



data about properties in East Montpelier, in addition to hours spent visiting the properties.

In addition to Town Lister, Rosie's civic activities have included Selectman of East Montpelier, Central Vermont Rotary, Montpelier Merchants Bureau and Montpelier Chamber of Commerce. He has been named Montpelier's Man of the Year and Central Vermont Rotarian of the Year.

Rosie and his wife Val live on Murray Road in East Montpelier. Their son Jeff is an environmental engineer with the State of Vermont. Their daughter Julie is a consumer representative with Lincoln-Mercury in St. Albans.

Rosie Cueto is a man with a headful of town history and politics, school budgets, and property appraisals -- a man with a vision of the future and a mind for the practical and the pocketbook.

Don Welch

Don lives on Bliss Road and is an actuary at National Life.



A TASTE OF HISTORY

The last *Signpost* announced a pair of "History Nights" at the Four Corners Schoolhouse in May and June. Paulie Coburn and the organizers were amazed at the enthusiastic response. A summer meeting is now scheduled for August 4. People will be gathering at the schoolhouse at 5:30 with a picnic lunch in hand and will carpool for a tour of some of the town's older cemeteries.

Other ideas came forth at the meetings, so look for possible tours of early houses in town, a visit to the one-room schoolhouses, and maybe an oyster supper. Share your ideas with Paulie (223-6886).



FROM THE TOP OF THE SIGNPOST

What has animal tracks, trees, and 2350 owners? You guessed it, our East Montpelier Town Forest. Do you know how lucky we are to have this lovely forest of about 100 acres reserved forever for the use of us all? You probably never gave it much thought. So -- what use is a Town Forest?

A forest is like a huge garden. It grows, and the harvest has value, if you want to think about dollars. During the thirty or more years since the Town Forest was created there have been several timber sales, the most recent one in 1983. The Town Forest Committee manages these, and the income provides for forest management, roadside clearing, and services like providing disease-resistant elms for townspeople.

There's an even greater value for us to think about. Like a garden, the forest is a quiet and beautiful place to walk. The Town Forest Committee has marked the trails with animal track signs, guiding walkers over the Coyote trail, the Fox trail and others. No matter that the signs have been gnawed voraciously by the animals themselves who had a taste for delicious paint! The markers are being repainted with an unpleasant pigment and some colored flagging as well. Best of all, a new trail is being developed especially for those who are not hikers. Now you will be able to park at the turnout on Haggett Road (about midway between County Road and Adamant Village), walk an easy ten minutes in a loop back to where you started, and have the joy of discovering the Town Forest.

I hope many of you will sample this treat.

Jean Cate

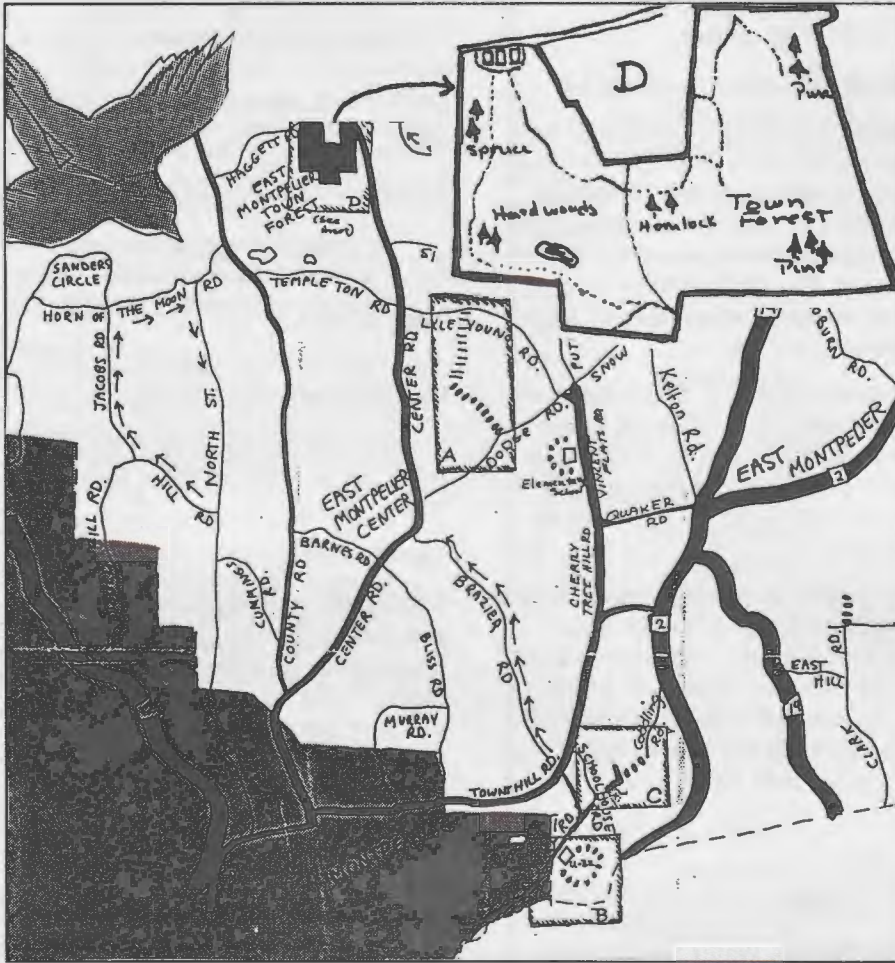
RALLY DAY PREVIEW

Rally Day 1993 will be on Saturday, September 11. A group of planners are already meeting to develop activities for everyone. Here are some sneak previews:

* Another unforgettable Variety Show! Would you like to be part of it? We're looking for talented East Montpelier performers. If you have a hidden (or not-so-hidden) talent or if you know of someone who **MUST BE SEEN**, call Ginny Burley at 229-0826.

* A Kids' Hike. Yes, a group of kids will lead a hike (or several) but you don't have to be a kid to go on it.

* A mini-Town Fair will be set up in the auditorium. You can enter your prize pumpkins, your best cherry pie, or a special flower arrangement. Plan ahead for this one.



GO TAKE A HIKE

Don't let another summer go by without taking advantage of one of the four hiking trails available in East Montpelier. None of the trails are difficult and all are enjoyable.

Enjoy beaver ponds, pine woods, hardwoods, wildflowers, birds and maybe you'll even see a moose. (I saw one at Chapell Pond on Templeton Road this spring.)

This summer the trail group will be marking the trails, and the accompanying map will help you find them. If you choose to hike in the Town Forest, the map of that area shows where these trails are located.

Trail marking is lots of fun, and volunteers are needed to help. Call a member of the trail group to find out where you can help:

Nona Estrin - 223-7745

Madeleine Mongan - 223-2579

Carolyn Shapiro - 229-5675

Happy Trails to you!

Dodge Road to Lyle Young Road (A)

Park at the Dodge Road Legal Trail access on the north side of Dodge Road between Lyle Young Road and East Montpelier Center. Take the trail north to the Cleaves Farm Trail which crosses via a farm road north to Lyle Young Road.

U-32 Trail (B)

One mile parcourse starting and ending on the east side of the U-32 playing field. Park in the parking lot or outside the gate on weekends. We are welcome to use the 1/2-mile track when it is not in use by the school.

The Old Cutler Road (C)

Take Schoolhouse Road and turn left onto the old Cutler Road. You can visit the tiny and interesting Wheeler family cemetery on the right or follow the old roadbed to see an active beaver pond. The trail currently goes past Eastwood development on the left, down a washed out roadbed and under the pond!

The Town Forest Trails and Varied Woodlands in the Town Forest (D)

Park at the East Montpelier Town Forest parking lot on the south side of Haggett Road just west of Adamant as you head toward the County Road.

David E. Burley

CHURCH CHIMES

Old Brick Church
Old Meeting House

The Strawberry Festival at the OBC will be held on Thursday, July 1, at 5:30. Bring your appetites for fresh strawberries and biscuits.

Rev. Hamilton Coe Throckmorton, pastor of these two churches, will be taking a five-month sabbatical leave beginning in August. He, his wife Mary Senechal, and their sons Alexander and Taylor, will be traveling to Bainbridge Island, Washington, where they will be staying at a minister's house (who will be spending her sabbatical in Pennsylvania). They look forward to the new sights and sounds of the Pacific Northwest.

Sharing the pastoral work for Hamilton will be two seminary students who are also church members. Deborah Bremer LaPorte of the Old Brick Church is attending Union Theological Seminary in New York City, and Susan Cooke Kittredge of the Old Meeting House is attending Andover Newton Theological Seminary in Newton, Mass. Deborah will also assist Hamilton for two months before he leaves, and Susan will do so for three months after his return.

Worship services during July will be at the Old Brick Church at 9:30 a.m.; in August they will be held at the Old Meeting House at 9:30. Potluck brunches will follow.

During the month of July there will also be worship services at the Old Meeting House Wednesday evenings at 7:30 celebrating "Fruits of the Spirit" with Deborah Bremer LaPorte.



THE SELECTBOARD

Weston Cate, Allan Couch, Edie Miller

March 24, 1993

- * Appointed Edie Miller as Select-board representative to the Four Corners School Association.
- * Appointment of Town Officers:
Recreation Board - Kevin Wood
Board of Adjustment - Eugene Troia
Zoning Administrator - Roger Chapell (3 years)
Regional Planning Commission - Stuart Friedman
Ed Blackwell, Alternate
Acting Town Service Officer - Rev. Paul LeFevre (August to December while Rev. Throckmorton is on sabbatical).
- * Approved applications to renew liquor licenses for the Creamery Country Store, C.P. Dudley Store, and Riverbend Store.

* Discussed upcoming training opportunities for employees and officials. Eleven officials will be attending the UVM Extension Service Town Officers Conferences. Road crew was encouraged to attend local roads programs.

April 7, 1993

* Purpose of meeting was to open bids for truck cab and chassis and equipment. Bid for equipment went to Vermont Municipal Equipment. Bid for the truck not decided due to confusion over specifications.

April 13, 1993

- * Mike Garand gave monthly road report. Voted to have engines overhauled on two trucks.
- * Agreed to repave a mile of Towne Hill Road from Montpelier City Line to Gallison Hill Road.
- * Voted to award bid to J&B International for new truck for sum of \$33,772.
- * Voted to accept the curb cuts and rights-of-way for proposed Carver subdivision on Casavant Road.
- * Appointed Nona Estrin and Larry Reed to Recreation Board bringing

membership up to five.

April 28, 1993

- * Discussion of illegal dumping. As landfill costs rise and illegal dumping increases, the Town has two equally unpleasant options: encouraging such dumping by cleaning the sites or just leaving it. Board considered ways to inform taxpayers of the cost of illegal dumping.
- * After learning that Nancy Brazier's curb cut had been approved, voted to inform her that granting access to a Class 4 road does not obligate the Town to change its maintenance of the road.

* Discussed comments received in the public hearing on the draft Town Plan. Voted to give Tim Carver until May 26 to present a section on property rights which will be considered for inclusion in the Plan at the meeting on June 9.

* The Agency of Natural Resources has determined that to build a new septic disposal system for the Town Office will require relocation of the Crystal Springs Water System transmission main a minimum of 50 feet.

* Consideration of request from Winooski Hydro for the Town to grade their road and push back snow banks. Agreed to give them the same service provided to anyone: \$35.00 per hour as road crew time permits.

* Approved renewal of Town's contract with Cartographic Associates for update of the parcel maps at a cost of \$1,075.

* Appointed Pat Fitzsimmons and Al Goodine to the Recreation Board bringing the membership to seven.

May 12, 1993

- * Discussed summer workplan as drafted by Mike Garand. Will begin culvert work, then ditching, then gravel resurfacing.
- * Many requests received for grading in the construction area on Towne Hill Road. Have directed requests to Agency of Transportation - expect new contractor will be accepted soon.

* Requested Zoning Administrator to investigate the auto repair and/or sales taking place at Mr. Carriveau's property on County Road.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Chair: Johanna DeMartino

April 1, 1993

- * Elected Johanna DeMartino as Chairwoman for one year.
- * Approved final plat for 9-lot subdivision on Casavant Road by Tim and Anne Carver.

April 15, 1993

* Reviewed proposed site plan for new facility for the G. E. Credit Union to be constructed on the former Blake and Loso lot. Approved site plan, permanent sign and temporary sign for the building.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

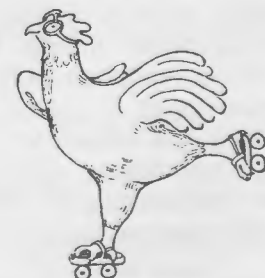
Chair: Jeff Cueto

March 22, 1993

- * Conditional use permit was granted to Larry Brown for printing business.
- * Denied Michael Czok application since it doesn't conform with minimum right-of-way to access lots and inadequate frontage.

May 10, 1993

- * Granted conditional use permit to Raymond Peterson to open a retail food store selling salvaged food products on Route 14 in building owned by Rus and Company.
- * Granted variance from the front yard minimum requirements for the zoning permit application of Abigail Faulkner to construct a garage at her home on Kelton Road.



**EAST MONTPELIER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

*Jan Aldrich, Jim Hiner,
Tony Klein, Burr Morse, Sue Stephen*

April 6, 1993

* Discussion of whether or not to fill the 5/6 grade position vacated by Dot Naylor who is retiring. Lengthy discussion with input from many parents. No decision reached as board felt it needed more information.

May 6, 1993

* Heard report of configuration committee. Voted to accept committee recommendation to not hire 5/6 teacher to replace the retiring teacher. Instead there will be two 2/3 multi-age classes and one straight grade 3 class. One grade 3 teacher would move to grade 4; grade 4 teacher would move to fill 5/6 vacancy. Money saved by not hiring 5/6 teacher would be used to implement multi-age project and reinstate 1½ classroom aides.

* Hired Gene Bowen to fix water problem at the back of the school.

**FOUR CORNERS
SCHOOLHOUSE ASSOCIATION**

President: Don Donnelly

Renovation at the schoolhouse has completed the installation of new restroom facilities.

The schoolhouse is "on call" for community activities. Please call Don Donnelly at 223-8697 or Marion Codling 223-2058 to reserve it for use.

Green Valley Campground
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Running the campground means being on call 24 hours a day and seven days a week. What is it that makes it all worth while? "The people are fantastic!" Ginette exclaims enthusiastically. Retired folks, young families, singles out bicycling for a few days; the crowd is diverse. Most love to congregate around the community fireplace to swap travel information, meet other travelers, just enjoy the camaraderie. Many love to talk about

CONGRATULATIONS!!

**To the Sixth Grade Graduates
from East Montpelier
Elementary School:**

*Sarah Amell
Lauri Brewster
Melissa Burkholder
William Carpenter ^h
Danny Carver
Lisa Crossman
Matthew Curtis
David Dull
Eli David-Friedman
Joey Davidian
Adam D'Este
Justin England
Alec Foote
Merrill Gates
Josh Goodine
Emily Guilmette
Karen Hambro
Sarah Harvie
Becky Hawkins
Karen Hill
Erin Hudson
Chad Hurlburt
Sarah Kelley
Chrystal LaPoint
Caitlin Milazzo
Richard Morey
Tom Morse
B.J. Nubrown
Gabe Ollin
Ben Parker
Jeff Parker-Noyes ^h
Johneal Pecor
Erin Redmond
Matt Riportella-Croce
Liz Robinson
April Tanner
Kara Teschmacher
Zachary Tonnissen
Jake Urman
Terry Wilson*

^h - Homeschooled

**To the Seniors graduating
from U-32 High School:**

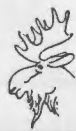
*Eric Allen
Alfred Annis
Thea Babic
Niall Bjornlund
Rebecca Brown
Jonathan Boyd
Tamara Chenette
Arthur Clark
Kristopher Clark
Mathew Collins
Daniel Cote
Heidi Duff
Thomas Jay Ekis
Peggy Fair
Daniel Guyette
Jason Haggett
Scott Hawkins
Eric Hazel
Patrick Keough
Jamie Laquerre
Jennifer Macie
David MacLeay
Jessica McNaughton
Sara Nist
Emily Parker
Chris Pelkey
Larry Perry
Katie Rob
Jason Sanborn
Eric Sibley
Andy Skea
Jen Vassar
Andre Welch
Kerriann Wilder
Terry Winters
Jennifer Witham
Jon Wolff
Fletcher Wood
Carrie Works
Karen Wright*

their past, sharing great stories around the campfire. Barriers that might exist at home in the city or suburbs drop by the wayside as a retired executive traveling in a \$300,000 RV asks questions of the young couple touring the East with a tiny pop-up trailer. Visitors from other countries are fascinated by our American culture, and in the

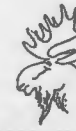
campground people are happy to share stories about themselves and their way of life. People from all walks of life mingle together and enjoy East Montpelier's "biggest little campground in Vermont."

Nancy Thomas

*Nancy lives on Putnam Road and is the
interagency coordinator for the
State Department of Education.*



MOOOOOOSLIPS



✳ Here are a few housekeeping details we need to share with our readers:

- Is your address correct?
- Are two copies coming to your address?
- Do you know of anyone in town not receiving the Signpost?

Let Dave Coburn know (223-6886) so that the mailing list can be kept up to date.

✳ Mailing problems cost us money, and right now we have none to spare. Indeed the cupboard is a bit bare, so if you've been meaning to send a small check, now's the time. Mail to Box 80, East Montpelier or call 223-2693. Thanks.

✳ Heidi Sherman received a Master's Degree in Music Education from Central Connecticut State University in New Britain, CT. Her thesis was a vocal recital where she sang 18 pieces in five languages from memory. She is daughter of Anne and Roger Sherman and teaches music in Poughkeepsie, NY.

✳ The entire Elementary School will be studying Franco-American culture next year. Any townspeople who have French heritage, language, music, craft, cooking, and the like, and who would like to share it with the classes are invited to call Fran Weinbaum at 229-0940.

MILESTONES

(Received by the Town Clerk by June 1)

BIRTHS

♥ Trevor Jordan Cote born to Anita Kim & Michael B. Cote on February 19, 1993.

♥ Jessica Boucher Hurlbert born to Denise A. Boucher & Brian E. Hurlbert on March 5, 1993.

♥ Trey Raymond Langevin born to Kelie Lee & Raymond P. Langevin on March 16, 1993.

♥ Mariah Shaye Karr born to Kathy Marie Plante & Montgomery S. Karr on April 15, 1993.

MARRIAGES

♥ Scott Arthur Belanger and Heather Ann Burrus on May 22, 1993.

♥ Robert Cleveland Brown and Heather Rene Rolland on May 23, 1993.

♥ Kenneth W. Irish and Sandra A. St. John on May 29, 1993.

PASSINGS

Beatrice Anderson on April 27, 1993. She lived in the Sandy Pines Trailer Park.

Odivine Mary Laperle on April 29, 1993. She was the wife of Arsene Laperle and mother of Norman and Maurice Laperle and Annette Lawson.

Andre Jeffrey Baril on May 9, 1993. He lived at the Green Valley Campground.

LAND TRANSFERS

(Received between January 29 and May 31)

D. Michael & Margaret Czok to Michael P. Vereline: 10.1 acres on Upper North Street.

Beatrice C. Haggett to John & June L. Knudsen: 1.7 acres and dwelling on Haggett Road.

Ann Talbott Stone to Malcolm W. & Diana W. Fielder: 0.6 acres on County Road.

Robert J. Wilson to Kathleen S. Wilson: 1 acre and dwelling on corner of County Road and Barnes Road.

Paul A. Mascitti to David E. Rogers: 2.3 acres and dwelling on Route 214.

Christopher Pratt, et al. to Frank & Patricia Carriveau: 1.23 acres on Cherry Tree Hill Road.

William G. Joy to Sandra I. Joy: 3 acres and dwelling on Jacobs Road.

Margaret Lindsey Wade to Christopher M. & Rebecca L. Crandell: 2.4 acres and dwelling on Powder Horn Glen Road.

James R. & Mabel C. Wright to Karl H. Johnson & Harriet E. Harrington: 3.15 acres on Barnes Road.

Estate of Kenneth Pickel to Barbara Belcher, David Pickel, Audrey Mylchreest, Randy Pickel, Alberton Pickel, Brian Pickel, Timothy Pickel, Alyssa Pickel, Kelly Pickel, and Lorraine Muniz: 6.5 acres on Clark Road.

Frances Donaghy to Frances M. Donaghy, Peardon Donaghy, Elizabeth Donaghy Garrett, and John Donaghy: 44 acres and dwelling on Horn of the Moon Road.

Weston A. Jr. & Jean M. Cate to Paul S. & Sandal W. Cate: 50 acres & dwelling on County Road.

Clifton & Elaine Haggett to Julie Manns Rochat & Mark H. McEathron: 10.1 acres and dwelling on Haggett Road.

Anne Unangst & Barry Rufenacht to Thomas T. & Suzanne B. Howard: 8.1 acres and dwelling on Center Road.

Heidi E. Pollard to Annagret F. Pollard: 0.23 acre and dwelling on Factory Street.

John & Polli Hopkins to Raymond and Bessie Tellier: mobile home in Sandy Pines Trailer Park.

Gloria Biron to Gloria Biron, Jeffrey & Robin D. Biron: 3.5 acres with store & primary residence, U.S. Route 2, East Village.

Edwin C. & Dorothy A. Codling to Edwin C. Codling & Dorothy Codling Living Trust: 7 acres & dwelling, U.S. Route 2, East Village.

Deadline for the next issue is August 1.

Please get copy to Janice Waterman, RR 1, Box 4330, Montpelier, VT 05602, 223-5826

There are openings for children in Grades 1 - 6 in Fran Weinbaum's After School Program. Call 229-0940 FRAN WEINBAUM Bliss Road

GREEN VALLEY CAMPGROUND: WHERE THE WORLD STOPS BY

From April 1st each year until November 1st, Emile and Ginette Gosselin serve as East Montpelier's hosts to hundreds of people from all over the world. For some, Green Valley Campground is a destination for a spring weekend, a summer vacation or as a base for a foliage tour of central Vermont. Many campers, about 90% Ginette estimates, are transients on their way east to Maine or north to Canada and many regularly make Green Valley a stop along their way. As many as fifty percent of their visitors are Canadians. East Montpelier's only campground is particularly attractive to those who are French speakers because, as the sign out front says, "nous parlons française." Both Emile and Ginette are fluent in French, which is a real plus for many Canadian tourists.

For ten families, the attractive 10-acre spot on Route 2 near the village is their seasonal home. For the Gosselins these people are like family. They live closely together for much of the year and many of the campers enjoy helping the Gosselins with the activities of the campground. The campground mascot, Lady (alias Booger) is omnipresent at their campsites and shows a little extra weight from being a part of all these families. At the end of each summer the Gosselins throw a big going-away party for these seasonal campers. A cook-out and dancing in the streets with a live band caps the summer with a joyous finale.

Green Valley is small by most campground standards, but it offers as much or more than many larger facilities. Its upkeep and improvement is a labor of love for the Gosselins, and they pour both themselves and the profits from the business into constantly upgrading the operation. There are a total of 45 camp sites: ten for tenters and thirty-five with hook-ups for trailers and RVs. Over the years they've put in all new wiring, added sewage hook-ups to 22 sites and replaced the septic system. Last year they completed a major project of adding fill to an area that flooded regularly.

In addition the campground boasts an in-ground swimming pool, a bathhouse with washer and dryer, and a small convenience store that doubles as the office. Any camper needing more than the basics is sent up the road to Dudley's where many are referred from. A future goal is to put in a single central building that could replace the existing facilities and offer even more. As an additional service for both campers and locals, Green Valley also provides refills of propane for RVs and gas grills. Behind the main camping area, the hill stretches up with hiking trails and even a pond as a destination for an evening walk.

A high point at the campground is the large map of the United States and Canada which is mounted on the wall of the bath house. On it are positioned hundreds of pins showing where the campground's visitors hail from. While the number of folks from Vermont is small, there is a heavy concentration of markers in the northeastern United States as well as in the Maritime Provinces and Quebec. But the markers don't stop in the area within a day's drive of Vermont. They continue all across the entire continental United States and Canada. As Ginette says, "We could travel anywhere in the continent and have friends to visit

all along the way."

What doesn't show on this map are all the campers who come from beyond the borders of the map. There have been visitors from Alaska and Hawaii and many from Europe. New England is a popular destination for folks from Switzerland and especially Germany. An Australian touring the U.S. by bus once arrived with tent in hand, taking a taxi out from Montpelier.

The Gosselins started out their own camping many years ago with a tent. With their family of three growing children, they graduated to a pop-up camper and later to a twelve foot and then eighteen foot self-contained unit. They loved the traveling and the people that they met. Nine years ago they purchased the property in East Montpelier, moving from their home in Barre. It had been a campground in the past but had been closed down for five years. Facilities were very limited so they were almost starting from scratch.

Establishing and running the campground has been a family activity from the beginning. Ginette is at the campground full-time, spending many days on the move from 7 am 'til 11 pm. Emile is a self-employed contractor and is also very much a part of the operation, calling in regularly when he's not actually there. Their children are now 18, 20 and 21 and no longer living at home, but for most of their growing up years, they were an integral part of the operation. One story of their first summer at Green Valley was a classic example of this collaborative family effort. When it was purchased, the campground had an in-ground swimming pool, but the sides had completely caved in. The cost to have it removed and a new one put in was exorbitant, so the renovation became a family affair. Together with the children, Emile and Ginette dug out the collapsed walls by hand, back-breaking labor by any standards, and then reinforced the sides themselves. Professionals were brought in to complete the lining.

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Emile and Ginette with Emile's uncle, Clay Dezan

COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Selectboard	2nd & 4th Wednesday	7:15 Town Office
Planning Commission	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:30 "
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2nd & 4th Monday	7:30 "
Conservation Fund Advisory Comm.	2nd Thursday	7:30 "
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tuesday	7:00 Fire Station, Templeton Rd.
U-32 School Board	2nd & 4th Tuesday	7:30 U-32
Elementary School Board	1st Thursday	6:30 Elementary School
Town Clerk's Office Hours	Monday-Thursday: 9-5, Friday: 9-12	Town Office
Zoning Administrator	Tuesday & Thursday	1:00-2:30, Town Office
Four Corners Schoolhouse Ass'n.	3rd Wednesday	7:30 Four Corners Schoolhouse
Meeting times are subject to change		

EVENTS CALENDAR

July 1, Thursday, 5:30 p.m.	Strawberry Festival	Old Brick Church
July 22, Thursday, 7:00 p.m.	Rally Day Planning Meeting	Town Office
August 4, Wednesday, 5:30 p.m.	Picnic & Cemetery Tour	Four Corners Schoolhouse
September 1, Wednesday	School Starts	Elementary School & U-32
September 11, Saturday	Rally Day	Elementary School

WONDERFUL, WONDERFUL SUMMERTIME

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