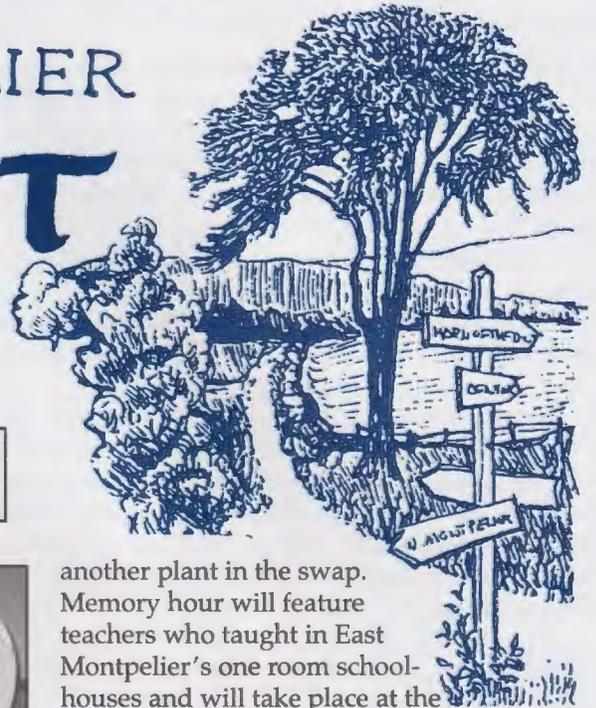


# EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

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## SHARE THE ADVENTURE AT RALLY DAY SEPTEMBER 6, 1997

We're approaching that time of the year again. It's the time that East Montpelier comes together to join in fun and friendship. For our 9th Annual Rally Day, we have perennial favorites and new perennial! For the early birds at 8 a.m., we're featuring a two hour hydrology and nature walk on Sparrow Farm Trail. Runners of all ages will compete in the Rally Day Rural Race. Shutter bugs can enter their photos in the first Annual Photo Contest. There are two age categories (15 and under and 16 and older) and three photo categories: East Montpelier Close-ups, East Montpelier Scenics, and East Montpelier Friends, Family and Neighbors.

A Tree Walk will begin at 10 a.m. on the Holden Trail on Center Road. Gardeners, cooks and floral designers can show their wares in the Town Fair. New categories include the best Quick Breads and Table Top Scarecrows. Let your creative juices flow.

Bring your dancing shoes for the 11:00 showcase. We will see dance demonstrations and then join the fun in a contra dance for young and old. For those of you who want new perennials in your garden, be sure to stop by the Four Corners Schoolhouse for the first perennial swap and sale. If you bring a perennial ahead of time, then you can take

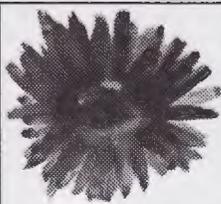


another plant in the swap. Memory hour will feature teachers who taught in East Montpelier's one room schoolhouses and will take place at the Four Corners Schoolhouse.

Come share your favorite memories with others. If you want a ride from the elementary school to Four Corners Schoolhouse, you can ride in a solar car.

Bike tours and the Kids Art Hike are popular afternoon activities. The *Signpost* Silent Auction goes on all day and evening, ending during the intermission at the Variety Show. Isn't it amazing how much talent we have in East Montpelier!

The Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary will provide morning munchies and lunch. The Old Brick Church will serve their traditional Baked Bean Supper topped off with brownie a la mode. The Carroll Badger Memorial Hike always brings hikers for the beautiful views. And for a quiet moment or two, you can learn how to make origami boxes using recycled Rally Day programs. Come join the fun, meet new neighbors and renew old friendships on Saturday, September 6, 1997.



## HEARTSENER

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*After school art classes  
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HEARTSENER offers drawing, sculpture, & painting for 9 weeks, once weekly from 4:00-5:15 after school. Sessions begin Thursday, October 2. Price: \$90 plus \$15 materials fee. Call Heidemarie Heiss Holmes at 802/223-1227.





# THE TOWN WEATHERVANE



## SELECTBOARD

*Eddie Miller, (Chair), Tom Brazier, Tim Meehan*

**May 28, 1997**

- Approved "Adopt-A-Site" program with the Knights of Columbus for an illegal dumping site on Muddy Brook Road.
- Confirmed Town's hiring of Jason Buck with Road Dept.
- Accepted Cemetery Commission's recommendation to not sell old town hall property adjacent to village cemetery.

**June 11, 1997**

- Agreed to hold public hearing in September about E-9-1-1 Board's street naming and addressing ordinance.
- Discussion of request for special town meeting re: proposed sewage sludge composting facility. Denied. Seeking balanced discussion in ANR and Act 250 hearings.
- Appointed Susan Cooke Kittredge, new pastor at Old Meeting House, as Service Officer.

**July 9, 1997**

- Set 1997 tax rate at \$2.13, a five cent reduction from 1996.
- Discussed status of permit hearings for Montpelier Sludge Composting Facility and progress in negotiations for consideration in lieu of taxes.
- Authorized Road Foreman to purchase disposable cameras as needed.
- Richard Czaplinski presented proposed sewage ordinance amendment, retains original language and cites new state regulations.

## PLANNING COMMISSION

*Doug Johnson, Chair*

**June 5, 1997**

- Approved adding retail store for bakery and deli to Paul Shper's video store.
- Voted to hire recording secretary for planning commission, and for public hearings as necessary.
- Discussed process for considering revisions to current zoning regulations. Voted to table further discussion of revisions.

## EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

*Jan Aldrich, Chair, Richard Curtis,  
Cheryl Rus, Loring Starr, Nancy Thomas*

**June 5, 1997**

- Approved hiring Lisa Gariboldi for fourth grade teaching position.
- Approved hot lunch prices for 1997-98 school year, same as last year.
- Approved hiring Sandy LaPerle to plow and sand.
- Approved extending bus contract for two years with Bruce Transportation Co. Seatbelts will be installed.

## U-32 BOARD

*Peter Bluhm (Chair); Ginny Burley and  
Tony Klein, East Montpelier members*

**May 14, 1997**

- Interviews for Director of Buildings and Grounds

**May 20, 1997**

- Working session on goal setting.

**June 3, 1997**

- Voted to sanction Project Graduation as a school sponsored activity.
- Appointed William Dunn as permanent technology teacher for coming year.

**June 17, 1997**

- Heard committee reports.
- Appointed Sarah Lowery for three tenths social studies position, S. Renee LaRue to social studies, Praxis. Accepted resignations of Pat Pennock and Greg Quetel and approved one year leave of absence for Melissa Werner.

**July 1, 1997**

- Authorized hiring of Marta Cambra as associate principal of Middle School for term of one year.
- Appointed Kevin Conroy technology coordinator, Ronald Brown physics teacher, Denise McCord special education teacher, Carley Stevens-McLaughlin art teacher, Jeffrey Ferrara science teacher, Janet Hewitt individual assistant, Seth Bridges foreign language teacher, Myrna Freed nurse's aid and Marie Luce and Gib Houghton custodians.

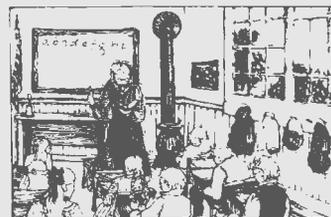
## FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE

*Weston Cate, President*

- Thanks to those renting the schoolhouse for leaving the rooms clean, neat and orderly. The schoolhouse has been used for a garage sale, practice by the Golden Horseshoes 4-H Club and the Rally Day Committee. We would be very happy to receive from anybody in the community sturdy card tables that they no longer use. Phone Weston Cate, 223-2951.

- Plans for Rally Day, Sept. 6, include: Perennial Plants Sale/Swap - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Phone Ruth Frost, 223-6892, by Sept. 3 if you have perennial plants to donate. Memory Hour, 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.. Theme will be Teaching at the Four Corners Schoolhouse; former teachers will speak. Alumni are especially invited to share their experiences.

- Many thanks to the perennial garden owners who generously opened their gardens to the public on July 26th, making our first tour a great success.



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## HOW YOU GET HERE FROM THERE?

### TOP OF THE SIGNPOST

Everyone has a story to tell. I've believed this for some time, but if I ever had doubts, this special issue has confirmed my belief.

Our *Signpost* team set out to ask our friends, neighbors and co-workers why they decided to move to East Montpelier. Their replies ranged from "Born here" to some quite unusual tales. Read them for yourselves. Of course the reasons printed on these pages are only a sampling of the stories that are out there. You may want to pose the question to some of your neighbors and friends.

To accompany our stories, quite a few townspeople furnished pictures which you will find made up into a collage on the centerfold pages. The fun will be to see how many you can identify. We hope that our little adventure will help you know East Montpelier better.

*Jean Cate*

**Dawn Anderson & Richard Forcier** — Dawn says, "I moved to Vermont because I fell in love with the state at the age of ten, when I camped in Groton with my grandparents. As soon as I was able, I moved here from Massachusetts by way of Wyoming. I landed on Horn of the Moon Road in East Montpelier, where I've lived for nearly twenty years." Rich and Dawn were married in December 1996, so Rich is now also a resident of town.

**Alice & Dick Angney** — In 1965 they were living in Burlington when he got the job of opening an office for the FHA in Montpelier. They wanted to be nearer work and in a country setting. What they chose was a piece of land in East Montpelier on which they built their house. They thought it might be for only a few years!

**Don & Libby Atkins** — Don was working at the First National store in Morrisville when he was transferred to the store on the Barre-Montpelier Road. They needed to find a home in the area, and in 1968 they drove around a bit and liked the house on Quaker Hill Road where they have lived ever since.

**Jana & John Bagwell** — In 1994 they were living in the midwest, summering in the Colorado mountains. Part of Jana's job for the Oklahoma League of Cities and Towns involved "quality of life" studies. She decided to design her family's own quality profile, and since they were considering making a major move, they were excited when Burlington, Vermont, headed the list. They came, got stuck in a traffic jam on Route 7, and decided this was not the exact place for them. Their Bed and Breakfast guide led them to Cherry Tree Hill. This was it. Within days they bought a house near Adamant and have loved it ever since.

**Gloria Biron** — She and husband Ernie previously owned a small grocery store on the corner of Berlin and

River streets in Montpelier. When the city improved the intersection, the store closed. Looking for another store, they learned that Dudley's in East Montpelier was for sale. Charles and Doris Dudley sold to them in 1971; they signed papers one day and took over the next day. In the years since, the store has been enlarged but the Birones kept the old general store atmosphere. They lived in quarters upstairs. Ernie died several years ago, and when son Jeff and his wife Robin took over the store, Gloria moved to a new house on Lyle Young Road. She "likes living in East Montpelier."

**Bob & Nancy Bisson** — Nancy and Wally Farnum came with a young family to East Montpelier for the schools, the location near Montpelier, and the view from their property. Bob joined Nancy when they were married in 1985.

**Barbara & Doug Bragg** — Doug was born and brought up in East Montpelier. "We chose to live here to be close to our business, and we chose to expand the business here because of our strong and friendly local support. Being a little off Route 2, the traffic is slower and we attract the more serious tourists for our sugarhouse and gift shop."

**Diane & Larry Brown** — They moved from Boston in 1980 for the lifestyle. Vermont was the most receptive state for home schooling, and the Browns had three young children. In 1983 they chose East Montpelier for their home and the printing business. They enjoy the safe environment and nearness to all kinds of activities, and especially enjoy being a part of community activities.

**Jody & Ray Brown** — After their marriage, they left Boston for Woodbury where they camped on land they owned. Various jobs sustained them, then in 1982 they bought the Drawing Board, an art store in Montpelier. For years they had driven by the now unused Morse Schoolhouse on the County Road and longed to make it their home. They also wanted to enroll his son at U-32. It took three years to realize, but their dream happened.

**Joe & Laura Brown** — The Browns lived in Westchester County NY and looked around for a general store to buy. In 1971 they bought Corny's Country Store in North Montpelier and ran it, with the post office, for two years when they sold it. They found they enjoyed living in Vermont and moved to the Gallison house a few houses down the road, where they still live. They were instrumental in helping to keep the post office in North Montpelier.

**Dave Burley** — From 1974 to 1977 Dave worked in Alaska on the pipeline. In 1976 he answered an ad in the US Farm Agency brochure for "a 78 acre (more or less) woodlot at a reasonable price" in East Montpelier. He put a \$1,000 deposit on it, sight unseen! The next year he worked in Saudi Arabia, but in 1979 he finally claimed his land and started building. The next year Ginny visited him. They were married at the house in 1981. (Turns out that David

Grundy performed the ceremony – his first as Justice of the Peace in East Montpelier! The Grundys are the *Signpost's* newest team members. They laid out this issue - their first.)

**Jean & Wes Cate** — Each of them had lived in many places growing up, but Vermont has strong historic ties for them both. After they married in 1944 they headed “home.” It took four moves within the state, but in 1977 they bought an old farm on the County Road. “We hardly gave a thought to Wes’ ancestor Enoch Cate who moved to East Montpelier in 1792, but that bit of history has spurred lots of family research. We have found in this town our ideal of what community can mean.”

**Moe & Sue Cerutti** — “My family and I live in North Montpelier because the home has been in the family for more than sixty years and holds many memories and historic reminders of the past. The home reminds us of the good people who lived here before and inspires us to live up to the standards they set. The home also keeps us close by our extended family.”

**Dave Connor & Ann Stanton** — Ann taught at Wells College in New York state. Her 1988-89 sabbatical brought her in touch with Mary Belenky in Marshfield. Liking Vermont, she and Dave looked for property. They liked the Old Meetinghouse as a church home, the red schoolhouse in the Center was for rent, *and* Ann landed a job at Vermont College. It all fit. To bring this story up to date, Dave served as interim minister of the Old Meetinghouse and in September will become its regular pastor, a job shared with Susan Cooke Kittredge.

**Ed & Gladys Cote** — Ed’s parents bought a farm on Horn of the Moon Road in 1938 (it recently burned). He was born the next year and has lived most of his life in that area. He met Gladys during the years 1965-67 when he was in Kentucky working for the railroad. Gladys lived with his parents when she moved here to take a teaching job in Calais. They were married in 1968 and she has been teaching at EMES since 1971.

**Becky & Chris Crandell** — In 1986 they moved from Colorado and bought a house in Berlin. They found it hard to integrate in that town with many centers, and after Becky had worked at EMES as part of her job with the school district, they found a house they liked on Powder Horn Glen. They moved here in 1993, and feel it was the perfect move for them.

**Richard Czaplinski** — He says that he has “farm in his bones and blood.” Though he lived a number of years in Montpelier, he was always looking for country land he could afford. In 1977 Rick Barstow offered to sell a piece of his Adamant property with gradual payback. Richard cut the logs, built his own energy-efficient house with the help of a friend, carved out garden and orchard, and has lived there almost 20 years.

**Rich & Shawn Davidian** — They discovered Vermont in 1970 on their way back to the midwest from their Cape Cod honeymoon. First they settled in Walden but driving to their Montpelier jobs during the oil crisis decided their next move. They wanted a rural atmosphere within 20 minutes of Montpelier – and a log cabin. All of these they discovered in East Montpelier Center. Good schools and great neighbors were a bonus.

**Michael Duane & Ellen Knoedler** — In 1982 these two moved back to the Montpelier area. When looking for a permanent home, they chose East Montpelier because of the schools and their wonderful view.

**Gladys Dunkling** — Gladys was born here and except for a period of less than ten years has always lived here. She was in the service during World War II, married and lived in Keene NH, then in Plainfield before permanently moving back to East Montpelier.

**Nona Estrin** — Nona joined the Goddard College staff on the Northwood Campus in 1969. Her family had summered in Danby Four Corners so she already had a love affair with Vermont. But to settle here? After several Cali-



fornia intervals, she carefully checked town credentials and chose East Montpelier for its excellent school, the new EMES, with its outstanding principal, Cora Copping. In 1979 she built the house where she's lived ever since.

**Abigail Faulkner & Hobie Guion** — "It was luck that we moved here to East Montpelier. Hobie is a builder and we were looking for a house to fix up. We found a house on Kelton Road and have been working on it since 1992. We love this community."

**Janetlee and Jim Goodall** — Jim was born here and has lived here all his life except for the 7 1/2 years they lived in Montpelier. Jan moved here from Springfield when she was 12. Why? "Where else could you live that would be so beautiful and so close to everything?"

**Sharon Gouveia and Jim Grundy** — Jim came with his parents at age three. Sharon came as an intern at Foodworks in Montpelier while she was a student at Rutgers. She arrived by bus with her bike, some clothes (which she was allowed to leave at the police station overnight) and a promise of an overnight room at a hostel off Towne Hill Road. She met Jim at the copy machine in the hall between Foodworks and Solar Works where they worked. After graduation she moved to Vermont. They were married May 24 this year.

**Darlene & Dave Grundy** — Dave was selected as Science Team Leader for U-32 when it opened in 1972. The previous summer a family camping trip provided time to explore the area and choose a place to live within the five towns in the U-32 district. After a visit to each of the schools, they chose East Montpelier because of a conversation with Norm Ferland, a music teacher who worked in

several schools, and Cliff Morse, the school custodian. They found property on Clark Road which was so inexpensive they asked Minnie Lane, the Town Clerk, to learn of any problems with it. They eventually purchased it and learned later that the seller thought he was selling a smaller lot! Their home was built in 1971 by Richard Clark Builders. Darlene taught at EMES from 1974-96.

**Donna & John Hall** — The Halls were living in Chelsea and John was working for the UVM Extension Service. They wanted to buy a farm, knew what size they were looking for, wanted excellent schools for their children, and looked all over the state. Edith and Nelson Baldwin had a farm and a nice herd of cattle in East Montpelier. Donna and John heard good things about the schools, and they purchased the farm in time for their eldest child to enter first grade.

**Wayne Hamilton & Rachel Senechal** — They moved here about five years ago from Hallowell ME when Wayne took a job in the Chancellor's office of the State College system. They wanted to find a rural site near Montpelier. It didn't hurt that Rachel's cousin Mary Senechal and her husband Hamilton Throckmorton lived in East Montpelier. They found the right house on the hill just above East Montpelier village.

**Steve Holmes & Heidemarie Heiss** — He took a job in Montpelier and started looking around for a house they could afford. They wanted a rural setting that was reasonably close to work. They liked the feeling of East Montpelier and also already knew some of the people in town.

**Carol & Denis Houle** — "We had no particular reason to move to East Montpelier except that we found a house that was affordable in a decent neighborhood. We like it here."

**Doug & Joanne Johnson** — They came from Ashland, MA in 1983 and found a house on Kelton Road that they liked and that was it.



**Charlotte Karr** — Her closest friend lived in the Center and Charlotte loved the country. When she heard of Lease Land property available for \$250, they bought it and built a fireplace and shack so they could spend time there. They finally built the house 20 years later. Her mom took a dim view of their moving “way out into the country!”

**Ann & Steve Kroll** — They lived in Connecticut, Steve commuting by train into New York City. Both wanted a less hectic life, room for their dalmatians, and “at least six months of snow.” Some research later (including Nova Scotia) they decided to try Vermont. They made their first trip here, liked Central Vermont, found a log house on Haggett Road and moved up. Next task was finding work!

**Audrey Lafirira** — “I never left here. I’ve always lived in East Montpelier. I have moved three times; from the village on Route 2 to Route 14 South, then to Carleton Blvd.”

**Celina Moore** — “After living in New York City for several years where Tom was working in pediatric research and I was studying and performing my singing, we began to dream about living in Vermont full-time, not just weekends in Pomfret. We looked for a place where we wanted to live and a hospital and community that was in need of a pediatrician. As soon as we found Central Vermont to be right for Tom, we amazingly quickly stumbled upon our wonderful old house. The decision was a really perfect one for us.”

**Jamie & Mike O’Hare** — They originally developed an interest in Vermont during skiing trips to Killington when they were living in Queens, N.Y. It was the quality of life and the schools which decided them to move here.

**Ann & Chuck Parker** — Chuck worked on the Morse farm as a kid and had watched their current house being built. When it became available to buy, they were ready. They were interested in a good school for their kids. Ann has taught at EMES since the early 70’s.

**Carolyn & Harold Pastore** — They moved to Montpelier from New York and bought a house in Waterbury. When they started looking for a place to build, they chose East Montpelier. By then Carolyn was teaching there. They liked the school and especially the dead end road on Powder Horn Glen. They say the Glen was a great place to raise their children.

**Ed & Barbara Pelkey** — They were living in Montpelier and “their view was their next door neighbor’s bathroom.” They wanted to be close to Montpelier but in more open country, so they chose their current spot on the Center Road.

**Courtland Perry** — Growing up in Montpelier, he knew the area and the people. After their marriage, they worked for a time in Burlington, but when his company moved to Waitsfield, they decided that’s not where they wanted to live. They bought a lot in Powder Horn Glen but when the “for sale” sign went on the Tracy Farm on the County Road, they were ready. After several years in the farmhouse, they built in 1987 on a piece of farm land.

**Manuel & Marilyn Piro** — Marilyn was born and raised in town. Manuel was born in Williamstown, orphaned at a early age, and spent eight years at the Kurn Hattin Home. The two met during their senior year at UVM, married and moved to Middlebury. Gradually they moved further north, ending up in East Montpelier in 1963. They lived in Ellen Hill’s house until 1970 when they had a house build on an acre of land on Marilyn’s parents (the Ormsbees) farm.

**Mary Lou & Roy Potter** — They moved to East Montpelier from a mobile home in Berlin. They were expecting their third child and needed a new home. “We had always



loved this house on Route 14, kept track of it, and when it appeared for sale in the newspaper, we looked at it the same day, without even knowing whether we could finance it." They did and have lived there ever since.

**Norma Raymond** — They looked for a house that was out of the city and that they could afford. In 1948 they found it in East Montpelier on Towne Hill Road. She now lives just a stone's throw from that original house.

**Maggie & Rick Rebmann** — Maggie drove by this house on the County Road and fell in love with it. It was not for sale, but over time, Mrs. Belanger heard that Maggie was interested and decided to sell. Maggie feels it is a gift from Mrs. Belanger. Rick moved to East Montpelier when he married Maggie. She has been the minister of the Unitarian Church in Montpelier for fifteen years.

**Chris & Becky Reed** — The Reeds have actually moved to East Montpelier Center twice. The first time was in 1974 when they bought land with Chris' brother. In 1978 they left for a year only to return to land across the street from their first home. The nearness to Chris' job with the Montpelier Fire Department, the excellence of East Montpelier schools, and the Reeds' involvement with the church and local affairs keep them here.

**Alban & Margaret Richey** — Margaret's mother, Rachel Hollister Milne, bought her grandparents' farm in North Montpelier from her aunt, Ruth Hollister Butterfield, and willed it to them when she died. They've lived here since 1986 and enjoy being in the country yet near to both Barre and Montpelier.

**Alison Underhill** — She came to Warren as a single mother in 1976. After a bit of looking, she fell in love with this house in Adamant which "was a wreck." She has made it distinctly hers in the intervening years and says it's fun "being the last house in town" (before the Calais town line).

**Bob & Karen VanZandt** — Karen had been to Vermont only once until their honeymoon. Bob knew the hills and was an avid skier; Karen fell in love with "God's country." When overcrowding overcame the small Connecticut town where they lived, the VanZandts decided to move to Vermont. The Riverbend Store was for sale, and this business opportunity brought them to North Montpelier.

**Jerome & Katherine Vaughan** — They lived in Montpelier for over twenty years. The desire to live outside the city sent them looking, and they found their house on Carleton Blvd. They "love it here."

**Charlie & Janice Waterman** — He was still a student at VTC, she was employed by CVH as a dietitian. They had lived briefly in Barre, Springfield and Cabot, always renting their homes. When a fellow CVH worker, Bea Anderson, wanted to give up her home in the Center, Janice and Charlie protested that they weren't ready to buy a house. But when they saw it they loved it and changed their time table. They've been there ever since.

**Karen & Michael Winchester** — "Our first step into East Montpelier came with Mike's employment at Whitcomb Auto in 1981. When Mr. Whitcomb retired in 1987, we started Winchester Collision Repair at the same location on Route 14. In August 1993 our current home on the corner of Fair Road became available and was perfect to buy and move our business to. Our move to East Montpelier came in steps and we're making our little piece of town into a comfortable place to raise our daughter and two sons."

**Joyce & Richard Wolkomir** — After graduating from Syracuse University, these two married and moved to New York City, the obvious place for journalism graduates. Richard worked for McGraw-Hill, Joyce for Scholastic Magazine. In two years they wanted out of the city and applied for numerous positions in Maine, New Hampshire and Vermont. With no offers in the first two but five in Vermont, they settled on Montpelier and a job doing PR for the Vermont Education Association. In 1967 they found this house on the County Road. It needed lots of work, but they loved the lay of the land, the cows they could watch from the house, and so they've been upgrading the house ever since. That is, between their hours as free-lance magazine authors.

*These interviews and stories were done by our regular staff members: Jean Cate, Dave Coburn, Dave and Darlene Grundy, Margaret Richey and Sylvia Tosi.*





# THE TOWN WEATHERVANE



## RECREATION BOARD

*Pat Fitzsimmons, Rachel Senechal, Co-Chairs*

- > John Dunkling attended a Sports First Aid Clinic - an EMT should provide basic first aid training for all coaches.
- > Plan to purchase set of soccer goals, paint machine for marking fields and case of paint, and a picnic table unless someone wishes to donate one.
- > Dave Coburn donated electrical panel box for Field of Dreams.
- > Will ask Laura Johnson to attend a meeting to discuss plans involving school property, and ways to support recreational activities during recess.
- > Nona Estrin will identify and label shrubs that should not be cut down in the hedgerow between the school and the rec field.
- > Will ask Karen Bates from VT Wetlands Division to map land so a trail can be planned on the perimeter.

## BOARD OF THE LISTERS

*Rosie Cueto, Jim Goodall, Steve Sinclair*

Believe it or not, the tax rate is dropping from 52.18 to \$2.13. This 5 cent drop means a \$50.00 savings on a \$100,000 assessed home.

How did this happen, when tax rates seem to always be rising? Even though personal property taxes (amounting to \$816,200 in 1996) were voted out, the Grand List increased by \$1,834,200. The Town also received \$100,018 toward the Current Use program, an increase of \$82,197 over 1996. State aid for schools increased to \$103,108.

1998 will see a change in how taxes are paid. H-527 is a complicated piece of legislation, and we are still trying to fathom the mysteries of the school tax, local share and municipal tax as to how they will be implemented.

## EAST MONTPELIER CEMETERY COMMISSION

*George Fitch, Chair*

**June 16, 1997**

Visited the White Cemetery on County Road, June 2. It was possible to dig up pieces of what once were grave-stones but difficult to identify stones and impossible to replace them. Will leave final judgment of cemetery's future to later date.

## EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT

*Chief Jon Winston, President Bill George*

- > Ground officers are: Deputy Chief, Michael Garand; Assistant Chiefs, Elliott Morse and Robert VanZandt; Captains, Bill George and Tom Brazier; Lieutenants, Earl Smith, Larry Brown and Michael Bliss. Also appointed Tom Brazier as Emergency Medical Officer in charge of the Fast Squad; Truck Officers, Greg Pelchuck and Ron Holmquest; and Department Training Officers, Larry Brown and Earl Smith.
- > East Montpelier is receiving assistance from Malter

Consulting to develop a town disaster plan. It is hoped a preliminary draft will be ready by the first of September. If anyone would like to participate in the development of this plan, contact Bill George at 223-7741.

## CHURCH BELLS OLD BRICK CHURCH

*Rev. Marcheta Townsend, Pastor*

Worship hour and Sunday School will return to 11 a.m. starting Sept. 7.

Two granite memorial benches have been dedicated to the memory of Marshall Hodgeman and George and Helen Allen. Placed on the front lawn, they are surrounded by perennials donated and planted by church members.

## OLD MEETING HOUSE

*David W. Conner and Susan Cooke Kittredge, Joint Pastors*

Worship hour and Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.

Celebration will be held Sept. 7 at 9:30 a.m.

## TOWN OFFICE DISPLAY

EMES fourth graders used the GIS program to map many of the historic properties in East Montpelier. The computer map is on display at the Town Clerk's office. Ann and Conrad Ormsbee set up the display using pictures taken by Sean Lusignan and other pictures taken 25 to 40 or more years ago. There are also several items made by the students: colonial lanterns made by Maia Stone and Chelsie Anderson, a maple tree tap by Matt Call, a hatchet by Chris Pollack, a Vermont game by Crystal Doe and a hoe boy by Daniel Cueto. Come see it!

## MILESTONES

### Marriages

Alan Maurice LaPerle to Kimberlee Annette Powers; May 30, 1997.

William Joseph Croteau to Kathleen Ann Muennink; June 1, 1997.

Todd L. Parker to Bethany S. Guyette, June 14, 1997.

### Births

Paige Noelle Brigham; April 28, 1997. Daughter to Karen Sue and David Alan Brigham.

Stephanie Gabrielle Bonnett; May 6, 1997. Daughter to Sarah Louise and Wyatt Paul Bonnett.

Jordan Thomas Rus; May 13, 1997. Son to Michelle Ann Whitcomb & Thomas Paul Rus.

Magdelene Lily McCaffrey; May 27, 1997. Daughter to Laura Crosby Williams & Colin James McCaffrey.

Sean Marcus Kemp; June 8, 1997. Son to Marcia and Stephen Kemp.



# THE TOWN WEATHERVANE



## Deaths

- Arthur Paul, Jr.; May 26, 1997.
- Jeanette Abramovich; June 5, 1997.
- Joyce R. Christiansen; June 6, 1997. Wife of Stanley L. Christiansen.
- Marilla A. Thomas; June 15, 1997. Wife of Robert L. Thomas.
- Mary L. Hulbert; June 26, 1997. Wife of Lloyd Hulbert.

## Land Transfers

- > Robert H. Morse to Robert H. Morse, Trustee of Robert H. Morse Living Trust; dwelling on 22 acres on Coburn Road.
- > Todd & Kimberly Jones to James R. and Erin K. Ward; mobile home in Sandy Pines MHP.
- > Cheryl Potter to Willis Backus; dwelling on one acre, East Village.
- > Northfield Savings Bank to Everett & Mabel Bissell; mobile home in Sandy Pines MHP.
- > Samuel Thompson to Charles W. Harman; 11 acres on Factory Street.
- > Peter Wells & Gordon Wells to Carolyn B. Schnitger & Gordon Wells, Trustees; dwelling on 15 acres, Rte. 14 N., quit claim / right of first refusal.
- > Carolyn B. Schnitger & Gordon Wells, Trustees to G. William Martin, Jr. & Dorothy J. Allard; dwelling on 15 acres, Rte. 14 N.
- > Miriam Antonovich to Miriam Antonovich, Trustee; dwelling on 3 acres, 1.5 acres, and 50 acres, Upper North Street.
- > Gordon D. & Margaret M. Moyce to Robert E. Labbance & Kathie Jill Hickman; dwelling on 3.29 acres, North Street.
- > Christopher & Judith A. Graham to John R. & Joanne M. Reynolds; dwelling on 9.2 acres, Cherry Hill Road.
- > Richard A. & Alice W. Angney to John P. Ostrum & Nancy J. Cresswell; dwelling on 19.4 acres, Center Road.
- > Charles D. Karparis to Anthony M. Benedict; dwelling on 2.67 acres, County Road.
- > William M. & Verna E. Brownell to Alec J. and Grace A. McIntosh; dwelling on 3 acres, County Road.
- > Doris L. Phillips to Patrick A. Phillips; dwelling on 15 acres, Rte. 14 S.
- > David G. Devine & Susan A. Hughes-Devine to VT Housing Finance Agency, mobile home on 3.1 acres, Rte. 14 S.
- > Edward J. & Loretta A. Friihauf to VT Land Trust, Inc., Town of E. Montpelier, VT Dept. of Agriculture & VT Housing and Conservation Board; 118 acres, County Road, conservation easement.
- > Edward J. & Loretta A. Friihauf to VT Land Trust, Inc. & VT Housing and Conservation Board; 118 acres, County Road, access easement.
- > Edward J. and Loretta A. Friihauf to Fairmont Farms, Inc. 188 acres, County Road.

- > Sandal W. & Paul S. Cate to VT Land Trust, Inc., 61 ± acres, County Road, conservation easement.
- > VT Housing Finance Agency to Teresa F. Doyle; dwelling on 2.25 acres, Rte. 14 S.
- > David B. & Darlene A. Grundy to David B. & Darlene A. Grundy Living Trust; dwelling on 26.7 acres, Clark Road.
- > Peter J. Wells to Richard G. & Carole Casavant; 1.5 acres, Rte. 14 N.
- > Northfield Savings Bank to Richard G. & Carole Casavant; dwelling on 2.99 acres, Rte. 14 N.

## EMES Sixth Grade Students

Phillip Barber	Kate Heffernan
Logan Cate	Laurina Holt
Sheldon Codling	Blake Hutchins
Christopher Connor	Matthew Joly
Nora Connor	Amanda Kimball
Shaun Deschamps	Nathan Klein
Niki Doe	Jay Lyford
Will Duane	Anna MacKenzie
Adam Duff	Annie North
Leah Erlbaum	Lance Perry
Zachary Fitch	John Ricciarelli
Brooke Gannon	Toby Robinson
Sarah Graves	Caitlyn Sikora
Karen Gray	Andrew Stephen
Hannah Hamilton	Phoebe Stone
Heather Hart	Kuenzi Wiswall

## East Montpelier U-32 Graduates

Erin Beardsworth	Ramon Hudson
Colin Blackwell	Alyssa Johnson
Katherine Carpenter	Jessica Kaiser
Barbara Carver	Karen Lane
John Cook	David Martin
Jesse Crossman	Rebecca McCarty
Jeremy Davis	Drew McNaughton
Jason DeForge	Jeffrey Merritt
Christopher Dodge	Stephanie Nist
Nora Duane	Kelly Palmer
Brendan Eaton	Matthew Pelkey
Abigail Edwards	Justin Redmond
Carl Elwert	Matthew Sheppard
Aren Emigh	Selina Smith
Joel Fielder	Alex Teschmacher
Nicholas Floersch	Amy Watker
Jeffrey Guilmette	Susan Witham
Susan Hambro	Stephany Yahn
Samantha Hawkins	

## COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Selectboard	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wednesday	7:15	Town Office
Planning Commission	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday	7:00	Town Office
Zoning Board of Adjustment	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Monday	7:30	Town Office
Conservation Fund Advisory Comm.	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday	7:30	Town Office
Volunteer Fire Department	Every Tuesday	7:00	Fire Station, Templeton Road
U-32 School Board	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday	6:30	U-32 High School
Elementary School Board	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday	6:30	Elementary School
Recreation Board	3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday	7:00	Town Office
Town Clerk's Office Hours	Mon-Thur: 9-5, Friday	9-12	Town Office
Zoning Administrator	Tuesday & Thursday	1:00-2:30	Town Office
Four Corners Schoolhouse Assn.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday	7:30	Four Corners Schoolhouse

Meeting times are subject to change.

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Saturday, September 6	Rally Day	All Day	EMES and about town
Saturday, September 6	Baked Bean Supper	5:00 p.m.	Old Brick Church
Sunday, September 7	Celebration Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Old Meeting House

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