

EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

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EVERETT JONES — MARKET GARDENER AND ANTIQUES DEALER

by Elaine Manghi

Just at the end of a treed lane, at the southern end of Guyette Road, is "Jones's". From the festive string of lights in the evening, or the neatly displayed vegetables and self-serve mode all day, every day, it would appear that here is the hobby or moonlighting sideline of a neighbor.

But as soon as you pull over, you suspect more goes on here. You are most often "greeted" by Shaboo, a friendly, yet cautious Chinese Sharpei, and always greeted with a 60s transistor radio playing 50s music. And if you are lucky you will be assisted in your purchases by Mr. Jones — Everett, or Jonesie, as he prefers and is most often called. I say lucky, because once you meet, much of it is not fun or easy. You

sense the accomplishments and determination. The lettuce and radishes of spring and the beets, potatoes, and gourds of autumn left neatly priced for trusted customers are the result of seven years of intense and slow-but-sure rehabilitation, patience, and dogged determination.

Jonesie lives here, and has for about twenty years. He

moved here from Massachusetts to help his parents run a store (now Box Office Video) in East Montpelier village. He had a greenhouse with plants and vegetables for sale at one time. He had been a chef and restaurant manager in Massachusetts, he's cooked at Green Mountain Diner (once Galfetti's) in Barre, and run an antiques business. For most of his time in Vermont he has worked for E.F.Wall, once situated on the Barre-Montpelier Road, then expanding to Northfield, and later to South Barre. He worked as warehouse manager as well as doing some electrical work.

Seven years ago, one course of Jonesie's life ended, but another began. He suffered a stroke that left him paralyzed

on the right side (he's right handed), without speech, and with much of his memory gone. He was not given much hope.

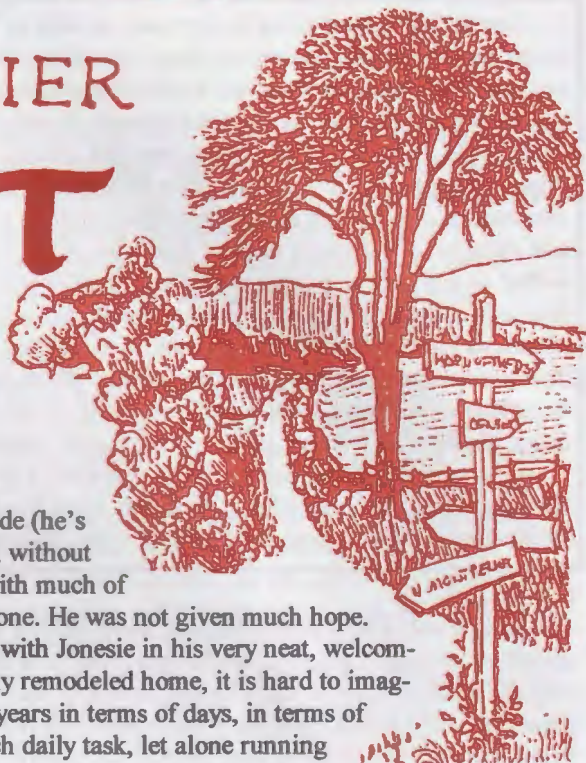
In sitting with Jonesie in his very neat, welcoming, completely remodeled home, it is hard to imagine the seven years in terms of days, in terms of relearning each daily task, let alone running the riding mower and tractor, building the garden stand, maintaining a home, preparing meals, and reorganizing the antiques and garden businesses that he has been running for three years.

At his side have been the family, Jackie and three step children, his four children in Massachusetts and neighbors such as Stanley Christiansen and Jim Clemons.

Jim has encouraged and supported him with renewing his driver's license this winter. Jim is impressed by the way Jonesie has jury-rigged his tools and developed jigs and templates in order to continue an antiques business he'd run before his stroke. He has altered the workshops and tools to be run with one hand where a job used to require two.

Stanley has been of help riding with Jonesie once he had his permit, and has helped with errands and gotten him to social gatherings such as lunch and cards at the Twinfield Seniors in Plainfield. Stanley is pleased that he has gotten to know Jonesie, a hard-working and determined neighbor.

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Something is happening in our town, as well as elsewhere in our country, which warms my heart. It changes lives in more ways than you can ever imagine. It affects some families intimately, but it will most surely make changes in our community, our schools, and our neighborhoods over the passage of time. What I am speaking of is the adoption of a child from a family who cannot care for that child into a family able to give love and stability to that young person. And what spurs my gratitude to that adopting family is the news I've recently learned about two such adoptions right here in East Montpelier. One of these adoptions binds a child from a foreign country into a welcoming family here; the other represents the joining of a metropolitan American child with a local American family. In both cases, I honor the families making such a life-changing decision.

Of course these two families aren't the first in town to take this step. The East Montpelier Elementary School and U-32 Junior-Senior High School have become more diverse by a lot

than they were in their early days. This diversity has enriched the school experience, exactly as it makes our community life more broad-based and understanding. Since we live in a state with a population more homogeneous than most, the adoption idea may seem foreign to some of us. Is it presumptuous of us to think that we can offer more to a child than that child's birth parents can give? I like to think that it may be so, and I was absolutely thrilled to hear Matthew Riportella-Croise perform magnificently on the violin recently. Matthew was adopted into an East Montpelier family about 18 years ago, and his achievements speak well for him and the nurturing family who brought him up.

May our newest adoptions bring happiness to the new families, may the bonding be strong, and may our community be a welcoming home.

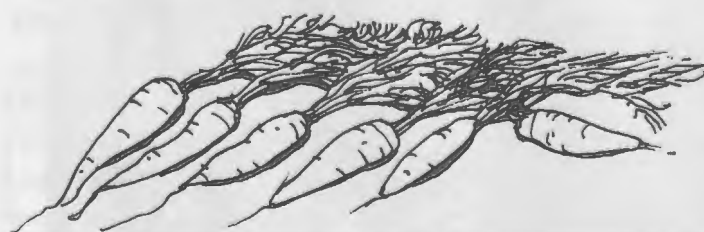
Jean Cate

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Jonesie will gladly offer a helping hand, as well as graciously accept one. Ginny Callan has borrowed a ladder, and we used his truck to move a piano. Ginny, who has been a neighbor since before the stroke, says she's impressed with how the stroke hasn't changed the endless energy and activity at her neighbor's. She says Jonesie always was a go-getter, always doing something, juggling a full-time job, an antiques business, home remodeling and maintenance, and organizing the yearly reunions of food and horseshoes for relatives and neighbors. This hasn't changed since the stroke. She is sure to add that she sees his constant effort and persistence at improving the speech, and physical accomplishments.

Jo Chickering, who recently suffered a stroke herself, admires Jonesie's recovery and likes his style of operating the garden business. She had visited and toured his garden in the past, hearing of his plans to add this or plant that. Since her stroke she has written of her situation, complimenting his progress as an inspiration.

I am impressed with Jonesie's openness and sharing, and his incredible patience and persistence. Many who stop for the evening's vegetables hear and see his progress. He speaks of the anger and the frustration too, and again I try to imagine each day of the seven year journey: the long walks with brace, then cane, the struggle with speech to communicate, and the remodeling of a tool in order to use it. His endurance is paying off. He's planning what vegetables to plant more of, and which are not profitable. He is enjoying the accomplishment and freedom of driving again, and I'm sure planning the 4th of July reun-



ion - the 19th! (with only one year's break after the stroke).

I have been greatly impressed and inspired by this neighbor's patience, attitude and sense of humor. And talk about confidence, three years ago when he started gardening, he planted asparagus. Watch for "Jones's" spring opening!

Elaine and Paul Manghi own and operate Manghi's Bakery in Montpelier. A year and a half ago, they moved to Markham Road. They love the neighborhood and are neighbors of Everett Jones.

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MILESTONES

Births

- >Brenna Plan Teresa Connor, born October 22, 1997, adopted by Stephen & Janet Connor on December 1, 1998.
- >Jack Anthony Benedict, born September 24, 1998, son of Shelley L. & Anthony M. Benedict.
- >Ashden Michael LaPoint, born December 4, 1998, son of Chrystal Jean LaPoint.

Marriages

- >Leon E. Hopkins, Jr., to Gloria A. Biron, February 13, 1999.

Deaths

- >Esther Frances Hill, died January 23, 1999, spouse of Richard W. Hill.
- >Natalie Brooks Beal, died February 7, 1999.
- >Robert M. Papineau, died March 2, 1999, spouse of Harriet F. Papineau.
- >Elvira May Slayton, died March 12, 1999, mother of A. Richard Slayton.

Land Transfers

- >Gray R. & Cynthia A. Muir to Ritchie E. & Joanne M. Dunster, 3.22 acres & dwelling, Towne Hill Rd.
- >Lassie Culling Adams to Reuben Culling Adams, 6% interest, 9.6 acres & dwelling, Brazier Rd.
- >David B. & Georgiana C. Parker to Fairmont Farm, Inc., 4.5 acres & dwelling, Lyle Young Rd.
- >Audrey Lafirira to Rita Rene Buglass & Elyse Andrea C. Hubacker, 1.4 acres & dwelling, VT Rt 14S.
- >Orilla Bailey to Glenn D. Bailey, 39.9 acres & dwelling, Fitch Rd.
- >Vermont Housing Finance Agency to Earl Montague, .54 acres & mobile home, Quaker Hill Rd.
- >Norman Suprenant to Sherry Suprenant, 1.5 acres & dwelling, Factory St.
- >Clifford W. Bowman to Clifford W. Bowman Revocable Trust, 21 acres on Gallison Hill & Towne Hill Rd. (2 lots).
- >Peggie L. Jones to Jon H. Jones, 3.4 acres & dwelling, Upper North St.
- >Nancy Hawkins to Dennis Hawkins, 119 acres & dwelling,



CHURCH BELLS



OLD BRICK CHURCH

Rev. Marcheta Townsend, Pastor
Worship, Sunday School and Child Care
11 a.m.



OLD MEETING HOUSE

Rev. David W. Connor and Rev. Susan Cooke
Kittredge, Co-Pastors
Worship, Sunday School and Child Care
9:30 a.m.



CROSSROADS CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Rev. Bob Walton
Worship and Sunday School - 9:30 a.m.



GREEN UP DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 1

On Vermont Green Up Day, Saturday, May 1, people all across the state will be tidying up their towns. In East Montpelier, many people will be working together to clean up an old tire dump. If you would like to participate in that project, call Paul Erlbaum at 223-5782.

If you would prefer to focus your efforts in your own neighborhood, you can stop by the Town Clerk's office and pick up free garbage bags. Working together, we can keep Vermont beautiful!



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SELECTBOARD

*Tom Brazier, Chair,
Edie Miller, Tim Meehan*

February 3, 1999

>Discussed "Town's motion to alter" the decision of Act 250 District Commission concerning proposed City of Montpelier sewage sludge composting facility. Board continuing to seek certain public health conditions.

>Appointed Chrisson George and Lisa Rice to Recreation Board through March 2001 Town Meeting, and Margaret Langer to CV Revolving Loan Fund through March 2000 Town Meeting.

February 17, 1999

>Frank Pratt, the Town's representative to Regional Transportation Advisory Committee, and AOT staff Ann Kries, Art Bombardier, and John Gruchacz met with Selectboard to discuss status of engineering plans for Routes 2,14 and Quaker Hill Road intersection.

February 25, 1999

>Pre-Town Meeting Forum. Questions regarding budget and other items on agenda for Town Meeting were answered.

March 3, 1999

>Signed grant applications to AOT for paving grant for Gallison Hill Road and for culvert grant on Cherry Tree Hill Road.

>Bill Bryant, Administrative Assistant, submitted his termination notice, effective May 1, 1999.

>Recognized its appreciation of outgoing Planning Commission Chairman Doug Johnson. Will send a letter thanking him for his service.

PLANNING COMMISSION

Carol Welch, Chair

March 4, 1999

>Discussed Town Plan.

>Discussed efforts to improve zoning regulations on signs. Need further feedback from Selectboard.

March 18, 1999

>Elected Carol Welch as Chair and Tracy Phillips Vice-Chair.

>Approved request by Vermont Fireworks to use old transmission building on Route 14 for an office, storage and workshop.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

Claudia Bristow, Chair

>Approved request of Molly Power and John Ordway to construct a second dwelling on their property on Sanders Circle, with the condition that the applicant acknowledge that the proper side and rear setbacks will be required if the parcel is ever subdivided.

EAST MONTPELIER FIRE DEPARTMENT

by Bill George, Captain EMFD

Recently in *The World* newspaper there was an article that centered on how a local young woman was able to think calmly and clearly to perform STOP, DROP, AND ROLL after her clothes caught on fire. The article went on to state that she learned how to do this from members of the East Montpelier Fire Dept. This article has generated a lot of praise for your fire department, and I would like to mention other firefighters and people who have made the fire prevention program

work in both the East Montpelier and Calais schools. The article mentioned one half of the infamous "Bill and Bob Show", and I would like to mention the other half. I am Bill so that must be Bob. Yes, the one and only Bob VanZandt of North Montpelier fame. Together, for over the past ten years, we have been the classic Mutt and Jeff fire prevention team, with him being short and me being tall. Not only has our message been taught to young people in the schools but, on many occasions, has carried over into the store that he operates with his wife, Karen. Young people come into the store and say, "I know you, you are the fireman." That is all that is needed to get Bob talking about fire prevention and the fire department.

Other people that have assisted are Forest Davis, Deborah Schick, Jon Winston, Michael Bliss and the other members of the fire department. Also, members of the Auxiliary have donned costumes, notably the Crash Test Dummies which were a big hit along with Smokey Bear. This program would not be as successful as it has been if it were not for the cooperation of the staff of the East Montpelier and Calais Elementary Schools. If your group would like to have a member of the fire department present a fire, burn, or injury prevention program, call Bill George at 223-7741.

The Fire Department needs people to volunteer their time to serve on the Emergency Planning Committee. If interested in serving please contact Bill George at 223-7741.



Thanks Bill — so long and best wishes

Since July, 1991, we have shared Bill Bryant with the Town of Waitsfield. He has been the Administrative Assistant to the Selectboard and worked in East Montpelier Wednesdays and Thursdays. Alas, starting in May, he will be in Waitsfield full time.

April 29 is his last day in East Montpelier. There will be a reception at the Town Office from 4:00 to 6:00 that afternoon. Plan to stop and say good by to Bill.

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**EAST MONTPELIER
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Jan Aldrich, Chair, Richard Curtis, Lisa Rice, Cheryl Rus, Nancy Thomas

February 4, 1999

- >Approved tuition rate of \$6,068 for FY00.
- >Richard Curtis reported on bus committee meeting.
- >Heard hot lunch report. Pleased with work of Bobbi Huoppi.
- >Application has been submitted to participate in the Vermont Excellent Schools Program. The Foundation for Excellent Schools will select 25 schools to give technical assistance to for improvement plans.

March 4, 1999

- >Welcomed Lisa Rice as new member of board.
- >Elected Jan Aldrich as Chairperson, Nancy Thomas as Vice-Chairperson, Lisa Rice as Clerk. Committee assignments for board members were made.
- >Gladys Cote and Barbara Pelkey presented the new reading anthology being used in first grade.
- >Kate Ross, Kate Rogers, and Becky Crandell presented information on the Washington Central Early Education Program.
- >Applying to Vermont Dairy Promotion Council's Scoreboard Committee for cost of a new scoreboard.
- >People from the Vermont Excellent Schools Program will be at EMES March 18.
- >During February vacation, New England Air Systems wired fan in kitchen and installed ventilation over copier machine in workroom.

SCHOOL GRADUATIONS

EMES sixth grade graduation — June 14
U-32 graduation — June 18

U-32 JR. SR. HIGH SCHOOL

Tony Klein, Chair, and Ginny Burley, East Montpelier members

January 27, 1999

- >Approved a three year contract with

Angolano & Associates to provide audit services.

>Heard the Principal's report, the Student Assessment Report data for Language Arts and Mathematics, discussed the resulting Action Plan areas, and the Governor's Diploma Program and Advanced Placement exams.

February 10, 1999

- >Approved tuition for FY 2000 of \$7,236.
- >Jon Winston presented proposed site plan. Board discussed parking, ADA compliance issues, landscaping and Shapiro building. Approved plan.
- >Peter Schober discussed letter from Andy Shapiro regarding the East Montpelier Sludge Plant. Voted to write letter as an interested party.

February 23, 1999

- >FY 2000 budget presentation. Answered questions from guests.
- >Appointed Wes Cate III as Technical Director.

March 10, 1999

- >Tony Klein appointed as Chair, Ginny Burley as Vice-Chair, Eric Zency as Clerk. Committee assignments made.
- >Voted to elevate Girls Ice Hockey Club to varsity status.
- >Mike Law reported on Middle School Basketball.

RECREATION NEWS

Our annual clean-up day for the recreation field is Saturday, May 1, 1999, starting at 8:30 a.m. That's the day we prepare the field for softball, t-ball and baseball. We paint the dug-outs, we clean out the shed, we rake and burn brush and generally make the field a good place for our kids to play sports. This year our goals include making a one-way entrance with separate exit to the parking area; a new parking configuration; a new dug-out for the baseball field; a new tiny tots play area; and later in the year, a new sign. The only way we can do all of this is if YOU help us. We need East Montpelier residents to come dressed to work. Bring your rake, your gloves, and clippers. If your child participates in sports, we especially encourage you to join us!

Did you know that the recreation field next to the Elementary School is owned by the Town of East Montpelier? The school uses it for physical education classes. The baseball, softball and t-ball program is run by the Central Vermont Little League using the recreation field. The soccer and basketball programs are organized by the Elementary School, and the football program is sponsored by the Recreation Board. East Montpelier is unique in this way. In many towns the recreation department sponsors all sports. The Recreation Board is working with the school to better serve our children.

We are looking for people to serve on the Recreation Board. We generally meet on the third Monday of each month at the Town Office at 7:00 p.m.

Rally Day, Rally Day! You remember how great Rally Day '98 was! Well, it's time to start planning for Rally Day '99. We would love to have new people on the planning committee. Please join us at the Four Corners Schoolhouse on April 27 at 7:00 p.m. for our first meeting. Call Rachel Senechal at 223-0539 if you want to join us, but can't make it to this meeting.

Rachel Senechal

TRAILS COMMITTEE

- >The trails are closed to bikes and horses until June 1 because of mud season.
- >The committee is looking for one or two people to be stewards of Section 1- from the Town Forest to the Town Garage. This means contacting the committee if you see any problems or fixing very small problems yourself. If you like to hike in this area and would like to help please call Nona Estrin at 223-7745.
- >Help from many people is needed during the summer for short and simple projects to maintain the trails.
- >If you would like to serve on the Trails Committee please contact a member.

Nona Estrin, Board Member





Photos by Elliott Morse

THE SESQUICENTENNIAL AT EAST MONTPELIER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

February was a busy month at the East Montpelier Elementary School with many classroom events taking place. Students were busy preparing for the Celebration of Learning that took place February 18th, as this year's theme was the 150th Birthday of our town.

Mrs. O'Hare's kindergarten class studied about life as a child in the "Old Days". The students noticed that stenciling was used to decorate walls and floors. The kindergarteners stenciled notecards, sack towels, wooden boxes, canvas bags, wall hangings and aprons.

Mrs. Cote and Mrs. Pelkey's first grade classes heard many townspeople tell stories about growing up in East Montpelier. These students also made puzzles of older homes in town. Along with Mrs. Parker's and Mrs. Rob's second grade classes, the first graders located the homes on a giant map of East Montpelier. The second graders visited the Four Corners Schoolhouse. Stanley St. John talked to the second grades about the Four Corners School fire. Other visitors to these classrooms were Gladys Dunkling, Edward Cote and Weston Cate. The second grades also designed and created an old fashioned primer.

Mrs. Pastore's third grade made a beautiful stenciled quilt and created fabulous town murals. Mrs. Christy's third grade created some wonderful historical fiction which was based on the actual East Montpelier town records. These students also created detailed models of what the land looked like or what their story told.

Elliott Morse spoke to Mrs. Gariboldi's fourth grade class about maple sugaring and students created a detailed wall display about sugaring. Mrs. Gannon's fourth grade class created a splendid mural of East Montpelier and students studied the houses they live in. Students in Mr. Moran, Mrs. Barrett and Mr. Tait's 5/6 classrooms each made their own timeline as to what was happening in 1849 to the present in East Montpelier and the world.

Ellen Knoedler



THE PLAY - EARLY EAST MONTPELIER

"Early East Montpelier", a three-act play by Marilyn Blackwell, Ellen Hill and Johanna Nichols, written for the Bicentennial in 1976, will be presented again on September 24 and 25, 1999. Actors and the production staff will be your neighbors, some of whom may be descendants of the early settlers of our town. Volunteers are needed to help with the production in the following areas: acting, set design and construction, stage management, props, costumes, lighting, publicity, box office, and music. Come help us involve the community in a celebration of our past, get to know your community history, and meet your neighbors. To volunteer, contact Maurice Cerutti, producer, at 454-1720, or Alban Richey, director, at 454-7862.



EAST MONTPELIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY

>May 5, 1999, 7 p.m. - Four Corners Schoolhouse - Conservation of family memorabilia with Andy Christiansen.
>June 2, 1999, 7 p.m. - Four Corners Schoolhouse. Program to be announced.
For more information contact Anne Ormsbee, 223-5372



Vermont Heritage Weekend

by Elliott and Florence Morse

Did you ever wonder what role East Montpelier played in the Civil War or where our heroes and soldiers are buried? What exactly was the "Great Rebellion"? Are you curious about the history of our only surviving covered bridge, the Coburn bridge? And did you know that North Montpelier, once known as Rich's Hollow, had large woolen mills in operation from the early 1800's until the late 1950's?

If the answers to some of these questions are of interest to you, you might want to set aside some time on June 19th and 20th which is Vermont Heritage Weekend. Here is how we in East Montpelier got involved with Vermont Heritage Weekend.

Last September 23rd, some interested East Montpelier people, led by Anne Ormsbee, met at the Four Corners Schoolhouse and decided to rejuvenate the East Montpelier Historical Society, which had been dormant for some ten years. The group elected officers and discussed some goals of the new organization. A letter was read inviting our reformed group to the Brookfield Historical Society, so my wife Florence and I, along with Fred and Nancy Strong, journeyed down past the Brookfield floating bridge to the Marvin Newton House, built in 1830. Unbeknownst to us, this meeting had been called to investigate interest in a weekend of history in the central Vermont area. The meeting was attended by representatives from the Vermont Historical Society along with people from Brookfield, Tunbridge, Williamstown, Northfield and several other towns. We returned to East Montpelier with this news and a committee was formed consisting of the Strongs, Anne Ormsbee and ourselves. The next meeting was held at the Williamstown Historical Society with more towns represented and heightened interest. We decided to call this venture the Vermont Heritage Weekend. We had concerns about getting so much done in such a short time. We also wondered how the event would be funded. Fortunately, we got some exciting news at our next meeting. We now have a sponsor, Cabot Farmers Creamery, which is celebrating eighty continuous years of operation in Vermont this summer. It seemed like combining Vermont history with this anniversary would create a magnificent celebration.

Vermont Heritage Weekend will begin with a reception Friday evening, June 18th, at the Vermont Historical Society in the Pavilion Building. The event will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 4:00 p.m. Cabot Creamery will furnish each of the 37 participating historical societies with crackers and wheels of Cabot cheese. They will also furnish each town with publicity, publications, location banners and commemorative buttons. Upon completion of this project, each society will receive \$250. Sandy Levesque will coordinate the event for Cabot Creamery.

Highlights of the weekend include distribution of maps for self guided tours of Hope Cemetery in Barre City, the burial of a Northfield time capsule to be opened in 2098, a hands-on butter

making demonstration by folks from Waitsfield, a Waterbury special exhibit of Civil War memorabilia and medical records of Dr. Janes, renowned Civil War surgeon, a Montpelier exhibit featuring mystery photos and George Dewey artifacts, a Williamstown open house at their 1837 Universalist Church Museum, a unique Randolph museum and many on-going events such as a signing of Euclid Farnham's "A Pictorial History of Tunbridge".

East Montpelier's program for Saturday starts with a walking tour of North Montpelier led by resident Maurice Cerutti, followed by a discussion at the Coburn Bridge by David and Paulie Coburn. The afternoon will feature old time music singers led by Andrew Christiansen at the Old Meeting House. (If you would like to lend your voice, please call Andrew.) Historian Wes Cate will conclude the afternoon's events with a talk about the separation of East Montpelier from the village of Montpelier in 1849.

Saturday evening, the ladies of the Old Brick Church will be serving a delicious lasagna dinner. Sunday will start with a historical talk in the Cutler cemetery by Elliott Morse. The highlight of his talk will be stories of Vermont Civil War soldiers, and he will also point out their gravestones. Civil War buffs are invited to bring artifacts to share. Next, Fred Strong will be on hand to talk about the Old Meeting House. The old time singers will also perform again on Sunday. Washington Electric Co-op is celebrating a 60th anniversary this year and will have a speaker and many artifacts on hand throughout the day. The Four Corners Schoolhouse will be open all weekend with artifacts generously loaned by East Montpelier residents.

It seems a shame to wait until old age to gain an interest in history. Here in East Montpelier, the elementary school has been incorporating our Sesquicentennial into the teaching of history. Jon Gailmor, musician, and Peter Burns, storyteller, were hired to work with the students for two weeks. Students wrote their own songs depicting historical events and these songs were performed in concert. The school also had many long-time residents come and tell the students stories of the past.

We are looking for volunteers to help in every aspect of this weekend. Please contact any member of the committee if you are interested. Cabot plans to intensely promote this weekend, along with the Vermont Department of Tourism and Marketing, the Chamber of Commerce, *Yankee* magazine, and *Vermont Life*. Bus tour packages and brochures will soon be available. Perhaps this will become an annual event. We hope so!

Long-time residents of East Montpelier, the Morses continue to share their enthusiasm for the history of East Montpelier and have encouraged others to participate in Sesquicentennial events.

COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

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

Meeting times are subject to change.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Rally Day Meeting	Tuesday, April 27	7:00	Four Corners Schoolhouse
Open House for Bill Bryant	Thursday, April 29	4-6 p.m.	Town Office
Green Up Day	Saturday, May 1	All day	All over town
Recreation Field Clean-Up Day	Saturday, May 1	8:30	Recreation Field
Historical Society Meeting	Wednesday, May 5	7:00	Four Corners Schoolhouse
Historical Society Meeting	Wednesday, June 2	7:00	Four Corners Schoolhouse
EMES Graduation	Monday, June 14		EMES
U-32 Graduation	Friday, June 18		U-32
Heritage Weekend	Friday — Sunday, June 18 — 20		E. Montpelier and 36 other towns!

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