

EAST MONTPELIER SIGNPOST

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HILARI FARRINGTON

ANNA SAXMAN

Hilari Farrington lives on Markham Road in East Montpelier and is the Director of the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier. Hilari moved to East Montpelier about 12 years ago because she wanted her son Joshua to attend U-32. Hilari and her husband Benedict Koehler purchased the home from Ray and Lucille Lovely, and their contract contained a unique provision. "The deal was made when we offered to keep the cat that the Lovelys could not bring with them," explains Hilari.

Hilari's love for reading and public libraries started early in her life. "My parents did not have a lot of money, but they believed that reading was very important. They took us to public libraries regularly." She pursued her love of libraries, graduating with a Master's degree in library science from McGill University. She worked as a librarian for Concordia University and also as a free lance journalist in Quebec. She is fluent in both French and English.

After moving to East Montpelier, Hilari commuted for 14 years to Stowe where she was the director of the Stowe Free Library. Often on her way to work, she would pass the Kellogg-Hubbard Library in Montpelier and wonder if she could ever work there. In 2001, Hilari's wish came true and she was hired as the director of Kellogg-Hubbard.

Hilari's passion and enthusiasm for the role of public libraries is evident. "I love talking about books with people who like to read, and I love seeing new people coming into the library and discovering what's here." She is committed to increasing community use of the library. "In the last year, Kellogg-Hubbard had the busiest year ever. On one day in March, the library loaned out 1,000 items!"

Hilari recognizes that the library offers more than just a place to find a good book to read. "People with health issues or

who are coping with death or divorce use the library for information, as do people who are interested in building a deck, fixing a roof or making a pond." The busy children's library is used extensively by area students working on research papers or looking for something great to read. The library also offers lunchtime concerts and evening lectures and speakers.

In her efforts to bring books to people, Hilari has been successful in securing grant funding to begin the Bookmobile project which will extend the library resources outside its walls and into our communities. The project will include a mobile van full of books which can travel to community meeting places, senior centers, daycares and recreation areas.

But books are not the sole focus in Hilari's life. Irish music also plays a prominent role. As a child Hilari played a number of different instruments. Her father would bring home unusual instruments for her to sample, like the Kalimba from Africa. "See if you can play that!" he would say. Usually, Hilari could. So it is not surprising that she now plays the Irish harp and the Irish accordion. She and Benedict play traditional Irish music together. Benedict creates and plays traditional Irish bagpipes. These uilleann (pronounced "ill in") bagpipes are intricate instruments made of wood, hand-forged brass and leather. They differ from Scottish bagpipes in that one does not blow into the instrument. Instead, air is forced through by a bellows, creating an enchantingly beautiful sound.

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Top of the Signpost

Twelve years is either a very long time or a blink of an eye depending on how you measure it. For the *Signpost*, it marks its whole existence. Twelve years ago, we were putting together Volume I Number 1. Our brave goals were to "cover town affairs in an understandable way and focus on special people, places and events in town." That we are still in business must mean that we must be getting something right. We wrote: "we are committed to publishing every two months and will do so as long as townspeople appreciate and support the venture." We did and you did.

In twelve years, so much has changed. Some special people have died - John Holden, Carroll Badger, Ellen Hill, Bob Parker, Harry Morse, George Sibley, Helen Allen, Al Couch, Roger Chapell and a host of others. Businesses have come and gone, and houses have blossomed in former farm fields. But at the

same time, East Montpelier has escaped runaway growth and is today a pretty stable town. How do we measure that stability? Consider the bedrock issues like Town Planning which engage our thoughtful concern today just as they did twelve years ago. We have a strong and cooperative Selectboard which serves us well. A major attraction of our town is the extensive trail system which has grown over the years. We still gather to Green Up our town each May. Think of our enthusiasm for Rally Day, which was just a fledging town celebration twelve years ago. These are some of the elements which help make East Montpelier such an appealing place to live.

And may we consider that the *Signpost* contributes its bit by helping connect us as a community? We hope so. We appreciate how warmly you have supported us these twelve years.

Jean Cate

Musicians from all over the world arrive at Hilari and Benedict's home and studio to play music, learn about the bagpipes and to buy the finely crafted instruments. The house is filled with Irish music as the musicians enjoy a "session." Benedict, whose mother is Irish, teaches and plays throughout the country.

Hilari brings passion and enthusiasm to both her job and her music. By sharing these special gifts with us, she has enriched our community.

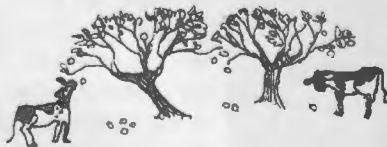
Anna Saxman lives on Bliss Road in East Montpelier with her husband Rob Halpert and daughter Julie. She is a lawyer

IN SEASON

A NEW BOOK BY NONA ESTRIN & CHARLES JOHNSON

On Tuesday, July 30, Nona and Charles will unveil their new book on the natural history of the New England Year at the Bear Pond Bookstore in Montpelier. The *Ponderings* notice states that "Johnson, with his thoughtful essays, and field artist Estrin with her lovely drawings, watercolors and lively observations, track the mesmerizing progression of weather and wild-life throughout New England..."

The reading will begin at 7:00 pm at the bookstore. Let's turn out and hear what they have to say!



THANK YOU TO THESE LOYAL SUPPORTERS!

The *Signpost* welcomes contributions. Any amount would be gratefully received \$5, \$10, \$25, even \$50. Send your donation to Anne Sherman, The *Signpost*, 315 Putnam Road, East Montpelier, VT 05651-4119.

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GOODBYE PAULIE—HELLO TERRY

Paulie Coburn who has served as Assistant Town Clerk and Treasurer since 1984 retired on June 20. She had gone to the Town Office that July to register a puppy that had just reached dog-hood and the Town Clerk, Sylvia Tosi, asked her if she might be looking for a job. The short trial of "part-time" work became an 18 year, almost full-time, career.

Together, Sylvia and Paulie have seen the renovation of the Town Office, the coming of the computer system, fax machine, email and more part-time help in the person of Ginger Hopkins.

With her retirement, Paulie will no longer have to head out into the snow while her husband Dave, who retired over a year ago, starts on his second cup of coffee and the crossword puzzle. She will also get to spend more time with the grandkids.

Teresa "Terry" Conti has been hired by Sylvia to fill the position. Terry is the wife of Sandy Conti, and they live on VT14 S.



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Worship and Child Care 9:30 am

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Rev. Bob Walton, Pastor
Worship and Sunday School - 9:30 am

ALL ABOUT TOWN

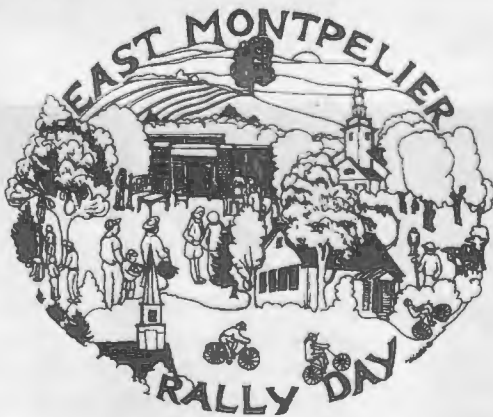


Photos: Rick Mastelli

RALLY DAY

Join us on September 14, 2002, for Rally Day, a day of fun, frolicking and friendship. To prepare for our community celebration, take some prize winning photos this summer and enter them in our photo contest, and plant weird and unusual vegetables for the vegetable decorating contest. Our homegrown parade takes creative people like you to design a float with your friends.

- ☎ To contribute an item or service to the *Signpost* Auction call Deborah Fillion at 229-1320.
- ☎ To enter the Craft Fair and Farmer's Market call Jennifer Boyer at 223-8926.
- ☎ To volunteer with the Rally Day Committee call Rachel Senechal at 223-0539.



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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Elliott Morse, President

The East Montpelier Historical Society is planning a Fall exhibit, "Guess What This Is?" to be located in the glass case in the Town Clerk's office. Conrad & Anne Ormsbee (223-5372) would welcome items of antiquity—small tools, gadgets, sewing or cooking supplies, etc.—that could be included.

FOUR CORNERS SCHOOLHOUSE

Rachel Senechal, President

At the annual meeting in April, Rachel Senechal and Hobie Guion were re-elected to three-year terms. Rachel was re-elected president, Hobie Guion vice-president and Marion Codling clerk-treasurer.

Diana Fielder has been elected as a Board Member for a three-year term to April 2005.



The Four Corners Schoolhouse Association is presenting an evening with three landscape designers on Thursday, July 25, from 7-9 pm. The topic is "Color Your Garden: Spring through Fall."

The panelists are Liisa Bradley, Jean Vissering and Barbara Weedon. The public is invited to join us.

EAGLE SCOUT

The General Assembly adopted a Joint resolution congratulating Brian M. Lusignan for his special achievement of attaining the rank of Eagle Scout. Brian is a senior at U-32 High School where he is managing editor of the school's student newspaper, the U-32 Chronicle, and an active thespian in Stage 32, the school's drama organization. This autumn, he will commence his studies at Boston College. For his special Eagle community service project, Brian constructed a bridge along the Catamount Trail.

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THE TOWN WEATHERVANE



SELECTBOARD
Tim Meehan, Chair
Tom Brazier, Edie Miller

March 18, 2002

- Approved Excess Weight Permits for several companies, made Town Officer appointments, approved Liquor Licenses for Riverbend and CP Dudley Store and approved farm contracts for Tax Abatement Agreements.
- Approved Cartographic Associates Inc. 2002 Tax Map Maintenance Proposal.
- Final Certification for the CV Landfill Transfer Station was received from Agency of Natural Resources.

April 1, 2002

- Approved access permit to Waldorf School on Towne Hill Road.
- Voted to name the private road off US2 in village beyond intersection of US2 and VT14 Evergreen Lane.
- Discussed need for a "roaming dog" ordinance, a public hearing on speed limits on Town roads and a meeting on health insurance.
- Heard from Carol Rose, Alcohol and Safety Consultant to the Governor's Highway Safety Commission regarding Brazier Road which has become a through road for U-32 students. Nona Estrin spoke to the speed limit concerns for Schoolhouse Road.
- Received petition asking that Brazier Road be posted for 25 mph speed limit.

April 15, 2002

- Conservation Committee reviewed the Conservation of Brazier and Pratt Lands project. Will set a public hearing.
- Met with School Board Representatives Jan Aldrich and Nancy Thomas regarding cost of services provided by the Town Clerk and Treasurer that can be billed to EMES.
- Voted to purchase winter sand from McCullough as recommended by Road Foreman Mike Garand.
- Pauline Coburn will be retiring the end of June. Suggested advertising and other methods to begin recruitment process.

May 6, 2002

- Anne Sherman and Patrick McCoy have agreed to serve interim appointments to the Board of Adjustment until replacements can be found.

- Heard that plans for the Village Bridge had arrived and no changes to the alternative selected by the Selectboard have been made.

May 13, 2002

- Voted to provide \$30,000 from East Montpelier Conservation Committee fund for the Brazier and Pratt conservation project as outlined in the proposal from Trust for Public Lands.

BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Claudia Bristow, Chair

April 8, 2002

- Conducted a site visit to the Roy D. and Joanne Bair property, regarding building a new garage. Variance granted.
- Will set hearing to hear request for variance by Greg Blake to convert building purchased from David Gauthier to two apartments and commercial spaces.
- Two communication tower applications are pending.

April 22, 2002

- Recessed hearing on communication tower until May 13.

PLANNING COMMISSION
Carol Welch, Chair

March 7, 2002

- Zoning Administrator Gene Troia reported on his site visit to the Cote property. Mr. Cote needs to file an amended application for the last building built and one for the proposed new building.

- Eighty responses received to date from the Town Plan survey.

April 4, 2002

- After hearing, voted to approve subdivision of Richard Wiswall. Copy of Conservation Area regulations given to Colin McCaffrey, owner of 30 acres bought from Wiswall. The land is located in an Aquifer Protection Area.
- Approved application of Nancy Audette to use her home on US2 as a Registered Daycare.
- Hearing on Gregory Blake's proposal to use existing 4,200 square foot commercial building on VT14 South for two apartments and two commercial spaces. Referred to Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- Approved plan of Jim Magoon to replace a drainage ditch between two parking lots with an 18 inch culvert at Vermont Country Campers.

April 18, 2002

- Discussed conservation of Chris Pratt and Tom Brazier parcels.
- Will send letter to Don Cote regarding refile application for building and recommendation that he contact the Environmental Review Board to amend Act 250 permit.

May 2, 2002

- Voted to move the Blake/Gauthier permit request to the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
- Voted to approve sketch plan and warn a preliminary and final plat review for Chad Scribner for subdividing 25 acres on VT14N into two 10+ acres lots for single-family residences.

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS

The Town Plan Committee of the Planning Commission has tabulated the results from its survey taken three months ago. Over 100 surveys were returned, approximately 10 percent of the East Montpelier households. The Committee would like to get more citizen input on two general topics which seem of particular interest.

You are invited to attend informal discussions with the Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meetings at 7:00 pm at the town office building.

- **July 18, 2002:** Patterns of new housing, growth centers, villages, affordable housing, rate of residential growth.
- **August 1, 2002:** Preservation of rural character, scenic resources, agricultural land, undeveloped land, natural resources, historic structures.



THE TOWN WEATHERVANE



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Jan Aldrich, Chair
Lucy Ferrada, Bob Riggen
Anna Saxman, Nancy Thomas

U-32 HIGH SCHOOL

Tony Klein, Chair
Ginny Burley
East Montpelier members

MILESTONES

March 7, 2002

- Reorganization meeting. Re-elected Jan Aldrich Chairperson, Nancy Thomas Vice-Chairperson and Anna Saxman Clerk.
- Set goals for the year.
- Afterschool programs will begin next week and there are plans for a summer camp in conjunction with summer school.
- Laurie Foster will be reassigned as school nurse for 2002-03 school year.
- Will set up hiring committees for a guidance counselor (0.8 FTE), one fifth-sixth grade teacher (1.0 FTE) and a Spanish teacher (0.5 FTE).

April 4, 2002

- Thanked Ginger Hopkins and Recreation Board for excellent Easter Egg Hunt held March 30th.
- Bob Riggen reported on Technology Committee discussions. Staff will be asked what they would like to see in their classrooms.
- Voted to allocate \$2500 of fund balance to start the Capital Improvement project.
- Accepted resignations of Rollin Tait and Jeannie Bess.
- Voted to hire Kathleen Murtagh as para-educator full time for remainder of year.
- Voted to hire Barbara Dall as part-time English as a Second Language teacher for remainder of year.
- Pam Dunkling will be returning to her position as music teacher in the fall.

March 20, 2002

- Amy Molina, Athletic & Recreation Director, distributed report with statistics for middle school and high school programs. Fifty one per cent of all high school students and 73 per cent of middle school students participate in at least one interscholastic team.
- Approved Spring Coaches as presented including corrected rate of pay.

April 3, 2002

- Jon Winston reported that final stages of carpet installation, paint and built-ins are in progress. All activities will be moved out of the new gym in the week of April 15. Guidance and Administration will move to new offices Friday before vacation. Classrooms will be moved and entire building open when students return from vacation.
- Voted to restrict co-curricular activities to enrolled U-32 students and registered home schoolers in the U-32 district.

April 12, 2002

- Held a brief meeting to approve resignation of Sarah Razez and 2002-03 appointments.

May 1, 2002

- Voted to hire a Network and Support Specialist to work as assistant to the Director of Technology and to create another administrative, non-bargaining Information Technology specialist position. Current Technology Assistant position will not be filled at this time.

Correction to birth listed in last issue

Zai Indigo Gluck is a boy, February 16, 2002. Parents - Elyse Andrea Coleman Huback Gluck and Rita Rene Gluck.

Births

- ♦ Emily Claire Ferguson Ehret, March 13, 2002, daughter to Kristie Lynn Ferguson and Glen Anthony Ehret.
- ♦ Danielle Marie LaRose, March 20, 2002, daughter to Vickie Lea and Richard Allan LaRose.
- ♦ Neil Michael Tucci, son to Michael & Heidi Tucci, April 19, 2002—grandson of Roger and Anne Sherman.

Marriages

- ♥ Ty Christopher Rolland to Nancy Lynn Audette, May 4, 2002.
- ♥ James Bryan Shanley to Kimberley Ann Kendall, May 17, 2002.

Deaths

- ♦ Melissa Ann Richards, May 4, 2002, spouse of Larry Richards.

Land Transfers

- Fecteau Homes to Dawn Seguin, mobile home, Sandy Pines Mobile Home Park.
- Virginia Breer to Cary Breer and Virginia Breer, 3.3 acres and dwelling, Taylor Farm Rd.
- David L. Blosser and Karen S. Blosser to David L. Blosser, 10+ acres and dwelling, Towne Hill Rd.
- William & Alice Millard and Sherry Surprenant to Jane E. Eastwood, 1.5 acres and mobile home, Factory St.



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Events of Note

EAST MONTPELIER TRAILS

by Jamie Shanley

East Montpelier Trails is making progress towards our ultimate goal of a 17-mile loop through the town, including connections with Montpelier trails and the Cross Vermont Trail. The proposed conservation of the Pratt and Brazier lands would add an important segment to the southeastern side of the loop. We are also actively working on the northwestern side, investigating possibilities for connecting the Sparrow Farm Trail with the Esther Salmi and Town Forest sections. Finally, we are working with Cross Vermont Trail to complete the few miles of trail paralleling US2 through East Montpelier.

East Montpelier Trails, together with the Gully Jumpers Snowmobile Club, recently purchased a small parcel of land on the old railroad bed on VT14 south of the village. At Town Meeting, East Montpelier voters agreed to exempt property tax on this parcel. The two groups will maintain the site and continue to provide off-road parking in the interest of public safety.

The Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District and the National Tree Trust provided tree seedlings and rose bushes which we planted on Green Up Day to help beautify the site. Plans are underway for more landscaping and a sign to honor the historical significance of the site—the old Fairmont railway station.

East Montpelier Trails welcomes three new board members: Carly Claghorn, Elaine Parker, and Les Birnbaum. For more information or to volunteer, call Jamie Shanley (223-4856) or Chris Abrams (223-4038).

GREEN UP DAY REPORT

by Bill Merrylees

The sun was shining on Green Up Day this year and so were scores of our townsfolk who volunteered their time greening up roadsides and public lands in East Montpelier. Thank you to everyone who helped out. In total, you brought in 1.12 tons of trash that would otherwise be blowing around our roadsides. Additionally you collected over 70 dumped tires, 200 lbs of recyclable metal and 16 large bags of bottles and cans.

We received help from Casella Waste Management who donated dumpster rental and hauling, the Central VT Solid Waste Management District who provided funds for disposal, Mike Garand and the town road crew who transported the tires and recyclables, and East Montpelier Elementary School. The students of Steve Moran's 5th/6th grade class were particularly helpful in getting the word out about Green Up Day to students and families.

and this word from Nikki Ward

Members of East Montpelier Trails and East Montpelier Gully Jumpers were out at a trail head and parking lot on VT14 on Green Up Day, planting trees and rose bushes to beautify the former illegal dumpsite. The dumpsite was initially cleaned up by volunteers in 2000 (over 6 tons of trash and metal and nearly 500 tires) and has seen little to no dumping since then. The site is part of the Central Vermont Solid Waste Management District's Adopt-A-Site program. Participants agree to clean up and monitor

a site for at least a year. The goal is to prevent dumping by showing ownership, so dedicated local community members are key to the recovery of a site. To demonstrate this ownership, members of the trails groups planted 20 one-year old tree seedlings and perennials.

KELLOGG HUBBARD LIBRARY NEWS

by Hilari Farrington

BOOKMOBILE UPDATE

Our upcoming bookmobile is a joint partnership with the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, the U-32 Library and Wheels Transportation and will be providing service to East Montpelier, as well as the other towns we serve. Sarah Severns was recently hired as our bookmobile coordinator and she has been hard at work looking for convenient bookmobile stops, getting grants for books and looking for volunteers. So far we were awarded a grant for children's books from the Children's Literacy Foundation and a \$5,000 grant from Community Connections to buy books and other library materials. To answer the big question, "WHEN?": the vehicle is currently under construction in Massachusetts. Although we'd hoped to have it by the summer, it looks as though they are projecting delivery for late fall. We'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, Sarah can be reached at 223-3338 if you have questions or ideas for our new library on wheels!

WE TAKE USED BOOKS, TAPES AND VIDEOS

Accomplish a cleanup of your home and help the library at the same time. As we look forward to our next fundraising book sale, we would love to have your books, tapes and videos that are clean and in good condition. Please don't bring old magazines, textbooks or Readers' Digest condensed books. All other donations can be brought to the office on the library's first floor during library hours.

STORY TIME

There's Story Time fun at the library every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday morning at 10:30 a.m. Bring your preschooler to bask in the excitement of great books and creative crafts. Also, don't forget to keep your children enthusiastic about reading throughout the summer holidays. Registration for the Vermont Summer Reading Program "Travel Far, Pay No Fare", begins at the library on Monday, June 17th. The focus will be on visiting imaginary places. Schedules of events can be picked up at the Children's Library Desk.

LIBRARY SUMMER HOURS (JUNE 1 TO LABOR DAY)

	Adult Library		Children's Library	
Monday	10:00 am	8:00 pm	10:00 am	5:30 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am	8:00 pm	10:00 am	5:30 pm
Wednesday	10:00 am	8:00 pm	10:00 am	5:30 pm
Thursday	10:00 am	8:00 pm	10:00 am	8:00 pm
Friday	10:00 am	5:30 pm	10:00 am	5:30 pm
Saturday	10:00 am	1:00 pm	10:00 am	1:00 pm

The library is wheelchair accessible, and all residents of Washington County are entitled to a library card. Just show proof of residence. For more information, call 223-3338.

Check out our website at <http://www.kellogghubbard.lib.vt.us>.

The Connection Road Map

By Brian Lusignan



How far would you expect to have to travel to find quality computer network service? New York? Burlington? Boston?

Actually, you can find it right here in East Montpelier. Complete Connection, owned by Rubin and Liane Bennett, provides local businesses with the services of a much larger company and the friendly accessibility native

to Vermont. The company can "build a network from start to finish, or expand on an existing one," said Rubin. They create a "road map" for businesses to follow that saves them "time and money."

Both native Vermonters, Rubin and Liane are trying to keep business local, despite the poor economic conditions of the state. When Rubin tells people he runs his own business, they inevitably ask, "Why are you here?" "We could be making six figures in New Jersey," Rubin stated, "but this is where we want to be. We love East Montpelier and we want people to know you don't have to go to Boston to get quality service." Liane agreed, saying that East Montpelier, to her, is a "central place on so many levels," and that the community has been "very supportive" and "genuinely caring."

Rubin, whose father owns a business, knew from the time he left high school that he wanted one for himself. He runs the technical aspect of the company. Skilled in use of the Linux operating system, Rubin started the company in 1997 as a side project while he worked a "real job" in Burlington. After a few years, the couple built a sizable client base and found they could no longer juggle between their office jobs and the company. Working 80 hour weeks, they realized they "would leave work, then go to work," according to Rubin, "we never saw anybody." They had to make a decision: quit the safety of their regular job and devote all their time to the fledgling company or close up shop. They chose the former. Now, they have one full-time employee and a sizable client base, 35 to 40 active customers according to Liane. All their customers have come by referral and word of mouth. Complete Connection has never advertised.

Liane runs the marketing and customer relations aspect of the company. Her job often involves keeping business in a language customers can understand. "It's exciting for us," she said, "but most people's eyes glaze over when we tell them what we do." Still, Complete Connection's service is one of its defining characteristics. "We don't want to be huge," Liane said, "we'd lose touch if we were too big. Our accessibility brings value to the company."

Liane graduated from Spaulding High School; Rubin attended Harwood. In a strange twist of fate, the two met in a

night club in Phoenix, Arizona. "We had to move 3,000 miles to meet someone who lived less than 30 miles away," Liane jokes. The two can think of "probably a dozen times when we've been in the same place at the same time" but never met, she added. The couple was engaged in Arizona and returned to Vermont to get married.

Now the two have a two-year old son named Justin. Between Justin and the company, it can be "a little hard to balance," said Rubin. "We work very, very hard every day." They often find themselves going to check their e-mail and spending hours at work. Such are the pitfalls of working from home. But the rewards are at least equal to the costs. "I totally love what I do every day," Rubin said, adding that "work takes on a whole new tone when you're self-employed." At the end of each day, he can say to himself: "I helped X many people today." Liane agreed that one of the greatest rewards is "the pride that we have, that it's ours."

Between a young child and a business, what do they do for fun? "We don't take vacations very often," Rubin admits, but when they can find time, they love the outdoors. "We spend so much time inside, we try to get out when we get the chance," he said. Rubin likes mountain biking, hiking, and downhill skiing--often bringing Justin along for the ride. "He always says faster," Rubin relates. Liane, who doesn't understand why



anyone would "strap themselves to two narrow boards and fling themselves down a mountain," coaches the Spaulding color guard and prefers the milder, cross country skiing. Rubin defends his pastimes: "we must always go faster."

For those interested in more information, Complete Connection is available on the web: completeconnection.com .

Brian Lusignan is a senior at U-32. He lives with his family on Lyle Young Road and plans to attend Boston College in the fall, majoring in communications.

COMMITTEE MEETING CALENDAR

Selectboard	1st & 3rd Monday	7:00	Town Office
Planning Commission (PC)	1st & 3rd Thursday	7:00	Town Office
Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA)	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 Wednesday	6:30	U-32 High School
Elementary School Board (EMES)	1st Thursday	6:30	Elementary School
Recreation Board	3rd Monday	7:00	Town Office
Revolving Loan Committee	2nd Wednesday	6:30	Town Office
Four Corners Schoolhouse Assoc.	2nd Wednesday	7:00	Four Corners Schoolhouse

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Lister—Rosie Cueto
(M-F 9:00-11:30)
Zoning Administrator—Gene Troia
Tu & Th 3:30-5:00

EVENTS CALENDAR

July 4	Fire works and celebrations	All day	All over town
July 18	Planning Commission—Housing policy development	7:00 pm	Town Office
July 25	“Color Your Garden” landscape panel	7:00 pm	Four Corners School
July 30	Nona Estrin & Charles Johnson—book reading	7:00 pm	Bear Pond Bookstore
Aug. 1	Planning Commission—Rural area policy development	7:00 pm	Town Office
Sept. 14	Rally Day	All day	All over town—but mostly at EMES

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