Wow!

Four Cornwall students this year have earned the four highest academic rankings in the HVRHS senior class. The top student, who will be valedictorian, is Julie Batterson; second place, and the role of salutatorian, goes to Heidi Hedden; the third- and fourth-ranked students are Daniel Ginger and Marianna Matthews. Again, wow!

—Barbara Klaw

The Budget of '96

The budget process this year is rather unexciting and relatively pleasant, compared to last year—so far! The Board of Finance (BOF) has accepted the budgets from the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education (BOE) with thanks for their hard work and the hard choices made by them.

The selectmen’s budget for 1995-1996 is 2 percent less than the previous year, excluding the money to be allocated for renovating the town offices. The Highway Department budget saves $8,488 over last year and the Sanitation Department (landfill, waste disposal and recycling) will save just over $10,000.

The proposed BOE budget, excluding fees payable to Region One, is up 1.75 percent. Cornwall’s share of the estimated Region One High School, Administrative and Pupil Services budgets is $80,500 more than last year. This increase is partially due to an increase of six Cornwall high school students as of last October (when the annual census was taken) and an estimated (by BOE) 3 percent increase in the Region One budgets.

The BOF is making a great effort to keep the mill rate at last year’s level of 17.25. However, revenues are still a little uncertain, depending in part on Governor Rowland’s final budget, and in part on whether there will be any Pequot casino funds. As things stand at the moment, Cornwall’s highway maintenance funds from the state will be reduced by 60 percent.

With a little luck, all will become clear by the time of the town budget hearing to be held on April 28, Region One will have finalized its budget, Governor Rowland’s budget will be set, and there will be more information about the proposed renovations to the town offices, their cost and the revenue to offset it. The town meeting to vote on the 1995-1996 budget is scheduled for May 19.

—Celia Senzer

Correction

The April 2 concert at Cornubia Hall to be performed by Anne Chamberlain and Katherine Hannauren will begin at 5 P.M., not 8 P.M., as announced in the March Chronicle. We regret the error.

Auction Time Again (Almost)

A bevy of bidders will flock to the Mohawk Mountain Ski Lodge on Sunday, April 30, for the Cornwall Child Center’s Fourth Annual Auction. Previews and the silent auction will begin at 1:30 P.M. with the live action beginning at 3 when auctioneers Dave Cadwell and Bill Rashbaum extract extravagant bids for items ranging from stays at vacation homes to home-cooked meals. As always, copious complimentary hors d’oeuvres and wine will be served.

A raffle drawing for a Shaker-style rocking chair valued at $450 donated by Ian Ingersoll will conclude the afternoon. Tickets ($1), on sale at Northwest Lumber, Cadwell’s Corner, and HairWest, may also be obtained from Susie Williamson (672-0042) or any Child Center board member.

This year’s proceeds will go toward the landscaping of the new Center as well as for operating expenses, which currently outstrip income by an alarming $2,000 a month.

Donations of objects of all shapes and sizes, and especially services, are avidly solicited. Call Teddy Bury (672-6344) if you have something to contribute. Admission is $5 per person and child care is available if you pre-register with Sharon Sawicki (672-2975).

—Jamie Monagan

APRIL 1995

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY

2 Daylight Saving begins (set clocks ahead 1 hour)

3 Concert, Chamberlain & Hannauer
   Park & Rec.
   7:30 P.M. Town Office
   Bd. of Selectmen
   8 P.M. Town Hall
   Cornwall Hall

4 Registration for Kindergarten CCS (p.4)
   7:30 P.M. Town Hall
   Inland Wetlands
   8 P.M. Town Hall

5 Registration for Kindergarten CCS (p.4)
   W. Cornwall

6 Registration for Kindergarten CCS (p.4)
   Bd. of Finance special
   meeting with Bd. of Ed.
   and Bd. of Selectmen
   7:30 P.M. Town Hall

7 Judy Gaify
   Children’s Story Hour
   10 A.M. Library

8 Workshop, Susan B.
   Anthony office, W.
   Cornwall Post Office
   Bldg., 12:30-4 P.M.
   (p.4)

9 Palm Sunday
   Opening: “Creativity and
   the Community” 1–5 P.M.
   Silo Gallery (p.3)
   Poetry Reading 8 P.M.
   Cadwell’s

10 Repub. Town Comm.
    7:30 P.M. CCS Conf. Room
    Hous. River Comm.
    7:30 P.M. CCS Library
    Democratic Town Comm.
    7:30 P.M. Town Hall

11 CCS PTA
    7 P.M. CCS Lib.

12 Cornwall Housing Corp.
    4:30 P.M. Kugeman Village
    Bd. of Finance
    Special Meeting
    (if necessary)

13 Good Friday

14 Fishing Season Opens
   Conservation Comm.
   Raffle Draw
   10 A.M. W.C. Firehouse (p.4)
   Easter Party
   11 A.M. Town Green (p.4)

15 Easter Sunday
   Good Friday
   Cornwall Assn.
   4 P.M. Ellises’, 158 Town St.
   Opening: “Recycled into
   Art Show” 5–7 P.M.
   Yankee Pedlar (p.5)

16 Easter

17 HVRHS Bd. of Ed.
    7 P.M. High School
    Bd. of Selectmen
    8 P.M. Town Hall

18 Special Olympics Comm.
    7 P.M. Town Hall (p.2)

19 Corn. Lib. Trustees
    4 P.M. Library Bldg.
    Bd. of Ed.
    5 P.M. CCS
    Bd. of Finance
    7:30 P.M. CCS Lib

20 Judy Gaify
   Children’s Story Hour
   10 A.M. Library

21 Good Friday

22 Earth Day
   Cornwall Assn.
   10:30 A.M. Ellises’, 158 Town St.
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   Art Show” 5–7 P.M.
   Yankee Pedlar (p.5)

23 Madeleine L’Engle
   11:30 A.M. UCC (p.4)
   Child Center
   Auction 1:30 P.M.
   Mohawk Lodge (p.1)

24 Beginning of
   TV Awareness Week (p.2)
   ZBA
   8 P.M. Town Office

25 CCS 3-Day Open
    House begins: 7 P.M.
    Writing Workshop
    (p.4)

26 TV Literacy Workshop
    7 P.M. CCS (p.2)

27 Student Art Show
   9 A.M.–3 P.M. CCS (p.4)

28 Judy Gaify
   Children’s Story Hour
   10 A.M. Library
   Games Night
   7 P.M. W.C. Firehouse (p.2)
   Public Hearing on Budget
   8 P.M. Town Hall

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Note: Deadlines for May Events & Announcements
and Calendar listings is April 15.
**Milkers Back on Cream Hill**

Starting in May, the gleaming silver milk truck that hasn't been seen on Cream Hill for almost two years will be lumbering up the hill again to collect milk from the Golds' Cream Hill Farm.

John and Maria Nye, who have been operating the farm from their base in Washington, Connecticut, since July 1993, are moving to Utah, where they can buy land much more cheaply and run a dairy farm in what they feel is an atmosphere that's friendlier to dairy farming. The Gold and Nye cows have been sorted out, with the Golds' milkers coming back from Washington, where they have been living, and the Nye stock being assembled for the long trip by truck to Utah.

The Gold farm will be operated by James Kennedy, 27, who has been working for the Nyes for four years, and has spent much of the last two of those years at Cream Hill Farm. He expects to start milking about 60 cows early in May, and, with a part-time helper, gradually increase the milking herd to about 80. He already has some cows of his own, and the herd will eventually consist of both Gold and Kennedy animals—milkers plus another 60 to 80 young stock. Amy Jas­mine, who has been running the farm, has left to study artificial breeding at Cornell.

Kennedy intends to contract with other people to plant and harvest the fields. The Nyes probably went the farthest and closest with this method of farming, but everyone is starting to do it in different ways.

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**The Turkmenistan Connection**

Of the 58 Turkmenistani athletes and coaches coming to our area on June 26-29 prior to their participation in the Special Olympics World Games, only one speaks English! So all Cornwallians out there who speak Russian are very much needed to help with translating during the group's visit to Cornwall and surrounding towns.

Plans for Cornwall, Goshen, Sharon, and Litchfield's hosting of the Turkmenistans are rolling right along, as evidenced at the March 15 meeting at our Town Hall of the regional organizing committee. During their three days here, the visitors will relax, overcome jet lag, get used to our weather, practice their sport, meet people, and participate in activities planned by their host towns. These activities tentatively include a welcoming ceremony at Mohawk Ski Area, a picnic, a pancake breakfast, tours of the Audubon Center in Sharon and the Washington Indian Museum, demonstration matches, and a barbeque and concert at the Goshen Fairgrounds. On June 29 the visitors will depart for New Haven for the nine-day World Games, which will be the largest sports event ever held in Connecticut.

The next meeting of the Special Olympic Committee is on Wednesday, April 19 at 7 P.M. in the Town Hall. Help is still needed in the areas of back-up housing, language services, volunteer support for local activities (including transportation around our area), and fund-raising. Contact Cornwall Coordinator Bill Dinneen at 672-6740 or Gordon Ridgway at 672-4959 if you would like to participate in any way.

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**What's New With Cable?**

A telephone interview with the manager of Laurel Cablevision indicated that Cornwall will be wired by early summer. The company will start activating homes by late summer or early fall. No starting location is known at present but this will be determined in the next few weeks. Prices will begin at $10 for basic service. The Cornwall Association will sponsor an informational meeting with Laurel in late May. Look for the date in the next Chronicle.

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**Zuckerman's Animals Are Back**

Since Scott Zuckerman's studies of wildlife were at the Cornwall Library almost three years ago they've lost none of their power to stir human feelings of delight and regret. Delight because these are ideal creatures in an ideal world, themselves created of the same dense, richly-textured lifestuff as the woods and streams they inhabit. A fox lopes across a frozen field, a pheasant wings heavily from a hidden covert, trout leap in a brook—all live their lives free of man's interference. Regret because man inevitably interferes, shifting the natural balance of wild populations by hunting, for food or for fun, and by appropriating these lands for his own.

In the tradition of Dutch masters, Scott creates life and movement in fast, deft brush strokes, his sense of intimacy and atmosphere by multi-layers of deep, glazed color. Until April 8.

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**Cornwall TV Awareness Week**

With cable wires newly lining our roads, and mini-satellite dishes sprouting from trees and roofs, Cornwall is fast losing its status as a near-TV-free zone.

Henry Labalme, a part-time Cornwall resident and founder of the Washington, D.C.-based organization "TV-Free America," doesn't see more TV as a blessing. He's the force behind National TV-Turnoff Week (April 24-30), a week when all Americans are encouraged to eliminate or reduce the amount of TV they watch.

In a telephone conversation, Henry said that the real purpose of the Week is to help people alter their viewing habits, to move from TV addiction to thoughtful selection of programs and careful consideration of how much TV they watch. "We can't control the programming," he went on, "because of the right to freedom of speech, but we can control ourselves as we make appropriate choices as to how we use our time."

The organizers of Cornwall TV Awareness Week are emphasizing the positive spirit of the town-wide effort: "The intention isn't to condemn TV, but to encourage people, particularly families with children, to explore other more positive ways of spending their free time. Helping children to be more selective is also a goal."

Just before Awareness Week, local school kids will keep viewing logs to track—and possibly help to trim—their tube habits, and they will analyze how to "just say no" to TV-encouraged consumerism and violence.

Activities scheduled to help screen-wean during TV Awareness Week include a TV literacy workshop led by independent documentary producers (and new Cornwall residents) Catherine Tatge and Dominique Lasseur, who are creators of "What Can We Do About Violence?" with Bill Moyers, "Joseph Campbell: Power of Myth," and other PBS programs. The workshop will be held on Wednesday, April 26, at 7 P.M. at the Cornwall Consolidated School.

A Park & Rec-sponsored games night will be held on Friday, April 28, at the West Cornwall Firehouse at 7 P.M. Bring your favorite board or card game and come for an evening of old-fashioned, TV-free fun. All Cornwallians are heartily invited to both events.

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**Welcome**

Mary Katherine Kosciusko to Anne and Skip Kosciusko
Marissa Louise Larson to Donna and Ted Larson
Wilson Ford Terrall to Lib Tobin Terrall and James Terrall
Charles Lafayette Van Doren to Sally and John Van Doren

**Congratulations**

Amy Elizabeth Bishop to Scott Douglas Camassar
Debra Tyler to Chris Hopkins

**Land Transfer**

H and S Trust to Richard H. Fry, house and land on Mansonville Road for $71,000.
Cornwall Artists Go Regional
Two area exhibitions will be displaying the talents of Cornwall's many artists. First, the Silo Gallery in New Milford will present "Creativity and the Community—Artists from Cornwall" from April 9 to May 2. More than 20 Cornwall artists will show their work.

Todd Piker, president of the Society for Connecticut Crafts, is curator of the show. Todd says that he is "proud to be part of the living legacy of the Cornwall artist," a legacy that has been manifested in the "Friends of Rose Algrant Show" and the on-going shows at the Cornwall Library. "It's high time," Todd adds, "that we show the rest of the world what all the fuss is about!"

The Silo Gallery, which is open every day from 10 to 5, is located at Hunt Hill Farm, 44 Upland Road in New Milford. All are invited to the opening party on Sunday afternoon, April 9, 1 to 3 P.M.

Another opportunity is offered by the "Recycled Into Art Show," sponsored by Artwell and Second Nature, both of Torrington. Artwell is a not-for-profit arts organization. Second Nature, on Main Street, is an "Earth-friendly" store owned and run by Cornwall's Lori Welles and Karen Fisher. Artists are given boxes containing similar scrap materials and used items that are to be "recycled into art." Six Cornwall artists will join others from the area to meet the challenge presented by the organizers. The artwork will be displayed in the lobby of the Yankee Pedlar Inn from Earth Day, April 22, until May 2, from 10 to 4 daily. A silent auction of the works will benefit both Artwell and the Audubon Center of Sharon. The opening reception, to which all are invited, is from 5 to 7 P.M. on Saturday, April 22.

—Ken Kesikinen

JUBILEE JOURNEY
Last year the Church School of the United Church of Christ formed a partnership with the Jubilee School, an alternative private school led by Karen Falcon, in Philadelphia's inner city. Families from the Jubilee School came to Cornwall for a visit last June.

On March 9 Corey Fontana, Cynthia Bianchi, Dustin Tuthill, Sara Carchrae, the Whiteside family, my father, Peter, and my brother, Dan Hammond and I went to Philadelphia. We took the train from New Haven. The purpose of going was to find out what it was like to live in the city and go to their school.

We arrived in Philadelphia at four p.m. and were driven to the Falcons' house. After a potluck supper we broke up into groups that would stay at different houses. We stayed with the Davis family: Terry, Tuesday, Terrence, Tyrell, and Tanisha. There were two beds in our room, and my Dad gave them to us and slept on the floor.

The next morning at the Jubilee School we gathered in a big circle and told each other about what things were like where we lived. Then we divided into grades. Kindergarten through third went into a small room, and fourth through sixth stayed in the large room which was divided down the middle by dividers like bulletin boards. I was in the sixth grade since that was the highest it went. We worked on an Egyptian museum project which they were just finishing. We had pizza for lunch, followed by a 40-minute recess at Clark Park, about four blocks away, which the school uses as a playground because they have no space for their own. When we returned to school Carla Whiteside gave an interesting talk about what it was like to grow up of mixed race. At the end of the school day we stayed and played computer games until the potluck supper. Then we returned to the Davises' and played Sega. The next day we went to the Philadelphia Zoo. It is a really nice zoo and we all had a great time. After the zoo we went back and got our stuff and went to the train station. I had a great time in Philadelphia, and look forward to seeing the people from the Jubilee School when they come to Cornwall again this June!

—Ben Hammond

WHAT THE CAT DRAGGED IN
My orange cat, Claude, arrived through the upstairs cat window with something white draped across his jaus, pure white, like a damask dinner napkin.

It was an ermine (I understand they can be very mean). Once downstairs Claude soon released his captive, and at last it scooted out the front door, Claude in pursuit. The ermine escaped, presumably heading toward the stream (where Claude once caught a mink).

Meanwhile, I had a good close-up look at the beautiful captive. Pure shining white fur, with an inky black-tipped tail, just like the robes at the opening of Parliament in the National Geographic!

—Ann Peterson

MOVE OVER, REBECCA LOBO
For some, the height of female athletic excitement is Rebecca and her UConn championship team racing up and down the basketball court. But for sheer challenge give us a Juliet Lyon, competing on the HVRHS wrestling team. Yes, Ma'am, exhausting, muscle-straining, no-time-out, head-to-head combat! There's a sport for red-blooded American women!

And how did Juliet do this year in a supposedly all-male sport? Eleven wins and only seven losses, that's how. No quarter asked. None given.

Juliet, who lives in Cornwall Plain, startled quite a few people with her choice of sports. She certainly surprised her parents. In fact she might even be a bit self-perplexed, truth be told. But she enjoys wrestling and that's that.

Juliet's father, Bill, feels sorry for the boys she beats, but not Juliet. Kind and loving baby sitter though she be outside the gym, she has no pity in competition. Always direct, she owns to a certain sense of satisfaction in seeing the glum expression on her latest victim across the mats during the matches following hers. "It's their fault for losing," she points out with irrefutable logic. "And besides, they get over it in a few minutes."

In her short 15 years, Juliet has already met life head on and chased it around the block a time or two. She has acted two years in summer stock, has sung in a children's choir, written some first-class poetry, and is currently playing trumpet in a couple of bands.

What next, Juliet?

—Seville D. Soule

DANCING UP A STORM
On Saturday, March 11, Cornwall Extras for Kids sponsored its First Annual Square Dance. The event was remarkably not just for the rollicking fiddle/hammered dulcimer/piano music, nor for the luscious chocolate chip cookies, nor for the fact that Extras made $35. Dancers delighted in it because it was a family affair that brought together a wonderfully various community. Oh, there were babes in arms and mustachioed fathers and long-haired ladies lolling about; young girls sashayed, toddlers clamped, and our own award-winning JoAnn and Robert Bailey (celebrating his 75th birthday with their girls) cartled onto the floor for the final waltz.

—Ella Clark
Events & Announcements

Open House at CCS: On Tuesday through Thursday, April 25, 26 and 27, Cornwall Consolidated School will be open to all visitors for a three-day open house sponsored by the PTA. During the school day visitors may drop in and be treated to a tour by our students. You may then sit in and participate in as many classes as you wish. On Tuesday at 7 p.m. a writing workshop will be held for people of all ages. On Wednesday at 7 p.m. a workshop on TV literacy will be held. And on Thursday the school will be open all day and evening for a student art show. The PTA hopes that all of the many people in our community who have not been to the school in a long time will come in and see what life is like inside these walls. For more information, call 672-6617.

Anyone Got a Lectern? The Cornwall Library needs a wooden lectern for its Sunday afternoon programs of readings and talks by local talent. Please phone Phyllis Nauts 672-6607 if you have one to donate.

Park and Rec Activities: The annual Easter Party will be held on the town green on Saturday, April 15, at 11 a.m. There will be a magic show and Easter egg hunt for children of all ages.

Youth basketball will be starting this month. Any adults interested in coaching, please contact Mark Pastre at 672-0179.

Kindergarten Registration for the 1995–1996 school year will be held on April 4, 5, and 6. Any child turning five on or before December 31, 1995, is eligible. Parents should call the school office at 672-6617 to schedule a time for their child to visit the kindergarten room and meet Mrs. Wadhams, the kindergarten teacher. Parents need to bring their child’s birth certificate and official immunization record with them.

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All Cornwall high school juniors, at HVRHS or otherwise, are eligible to apply for this conducted five-day introduction to federal government. Political leanings are not a factor. To apply, phone Don Bardot, 672-6276.

"Understanding Our Dreams," a two-part workshop for women sponsored by the Susan B. Anthony Project and conducted by therapist Elaine Stewart-Thomas will be held April 1 and 8, 12:30–4 p.m. Locations: SBA office at 434 Prospect Street, Torrington on April 1, and second-floor office in the Post Office Building in West Cornwall on April 8. Preregistration required. Phone 489-3798 or 672-3291 for details.

Author Madeleine L’Engle will speak at the United Church of Christ on Sunday, April 30, at 11:30 a.m. Her subject is "Mortal Meanness and Divine Plenitude." Discussion will follow. Everyone invited—come early for refreshments.

Woman’s Society Scholarships: Applications for scholarships are available for any Cornwall student graduating from a public or private high school this year. Forms may be obtained at the Guidance Office at HVRHS or from Thalia Scoville, 672-6288. Deadline for return of forms is May 1.

Easter Flower Sale: Cornwall Extra for Kids is happy to announce its Second Annual Easter Flower Sale. We will again have Easter lilies, hyacinths, daffodils, and tulips. Please call Scott Cady (672-0143) or Barbara Stone (672-6256) by April 7 to order. Pick-up will be at St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Cornwall on Thursday, April 13, from 4 to 6 p.m., and Saturday, April 15, from 9 a.m. to noon. All flowers are $10 a pot. Don’t miss this sale. Last year’s flowers were gorgeous!

Get Ready to Fish: 1995 fishing licenses will be on sale at the West Cornwall Firehouse on opening day, Saturday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Cost is $15 for a resident and $25 for a nonresident license. For more information call the Town Clerk’s office, 672-2709, Monday through Thursday 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CCS Science Fair Winners this year were:

Grade 5, Grace Gilroy—"How foods affect your mood."

Grade 6, Alina Lobert—"How hamsters are affected by moon cycles."

Grade 7, Win Wilson—"Is man-made snow more acidic than natural snow?"

Grade 8, Rusty Cheney—"Zeolites are volcanic rock. Advertisers claim they remove odors. Do they really work?"

Projects were judged by the following criteria: scientific thought, creativity and origi- nality, display board, oral presentation, and understanding of the project.

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