Don’t Feed the Bears
Since bears in Cornwall are definitely on the increase, Rick Stone, our Animal Control Officer, says whatever you do, don’t feed the bears! Secure your garbage well away from the house. Put your bird feeders entirely out of bear’s reach. They can reach remarkably high and pull the strongest bird feeder down to bear level. Do not socialize with a visiting bear. Female bears with cubs nearby can be particularly dangerous. In sum, leave ‘em alone! — John Leich

Winners All
Cornwall Consolidated School Principal Bill Oros calls the eighth-grade class of 1999 his “told-you-so class.” When others doubted the class members’ abilities as fifth graders, Mr. Oros predicted that they would be a group of achievers; in fact, he pronounced this one of the best classes to graduate from CCS in terms of academic achievement, test scores, and social skills.

Evidence of Mr. Oros’s forecasting skills was the number of graduates who were called to the podium during the 59th annual graduation ceremony on June 15. Twelve students of the 26-member class took home at least one of the traditional awards. Jessica Bate received the VFW citizenship award, and Kristen Ingersen, the Dottie Herman memorial Award. Because there were so many gifted candidates, this year the Civic Club was asked to increase the number of its annual student awards. Those recognized for achievement in Art were: Samuel Bruehl, Sara Buck, and Brit­ tany Zuckerman; in Music, Elizabeth Cady, Jamie Canton, Daniel Hammond, Brian Lynn, and Meagen Pastre; in Physical Education, Jamie Canton, Devon Gilroy, Daniel Hammond, and Amanda Hunter. Each winner received a $50 U.S. Savings Bond.

Teachers presented academic awards to Sara Buck and Amanda Hunter in algebra; Elizabeth Cady and Meagan Pastre in eighth­grade math; Sara Buck and Amanda Hunter in science; Jessica Bate in French. Sara Buck received the Historical Society award for his­ tory. Brittany Zuckerman was awarded the Mark Van Doren writing award, and Sara Buck the Edna Peeb award for most improvement in English.

Finally, the Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards, to those students who earned an A- or better in all four major subjects, went to Sara Buck, Jessica Bate, Meagan Pastre, Elizabeth Cady, Amanda Hunter, and Brittany Zuckerman.

Steve Thibault, 1979 CCS alumnus and uncle of 1999 graduate Arianna Holmes, delivered the commencement address. He recalled the lessons and values of a small-town education and some of the teachers who contributed to his growth, then instructed the graduates to “do what you love and you will be happy.”

The awarding of diplomas was followed by another new “tradition.” For the first time, graduates wore caps and gowns; holding their proofs of success in one hand, with the other they transferred the tassels of their mortar boards from left to right, then flung them aloft in celebration—every one a winner. — Barbara Gold

Library Gets Foundation Grant
The Cornwall Library has received a grant of $2,000 from the Ellen Knowles Harcourt Founda­tion in New Milford to help finance operation of an expanded children’s program.

The grant came in response to an application describing the children’s program written by Amelia Buck, Cornwall Children’s Lib­rarian, and David Grossman, a trustee of the Library. The program is designed to bring to performers who will provide musical, theatrical, and puppetry events as well as exposure to literature and folk tales. Different events will be oriented to preschoolers, early readers, and middle school students.

Writing to announce the grant award, Paul B. Altermatt, President of the Harcourt Foun­

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The highly successful Spring Frolic at Mohawk on May 15 raised $23,000 for the Cornwall Library's capital campaign.

On June 5, a capacity audience filled the UCC to hear Tom Brokaw and a panel of five Cornwall WWII veterans discuss Brokaw's best-selling book, The Greatest Generation. The event was sponsored by Friends of the Cornwall Library, for the benefit of the Library's capital campaign, and raised a total of $3,217 at the door.

Remembering Gary Hepprich
Gary Hepprich, who died last August at the age of 49, has been posthumously designated 1999 Citizen of the Year by the Thanhannuck (a variant of Taconic) Grange 100. Gary was honored particularly for his work in instigating the 911 emergency call system in Cornwall. He was devoted to the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, of which he was a member for 25 years, and Fire Chief for 15.

The National Grange was founded in 1867 as a fraternal association for both men and women to promote the interests of the nation's farmers. The Cornwall Grange branch was founded on May 22, 1885.

Today the Grange is committed to improving "the quality of life in America's families and communities." In Connecticut the Grange sponsors the annual State Agricultural Fair in Goshen (July 23-25 this year).

Gary's widow, Carol, and his father, Charles, were present at the May 27th Grange meeting to accept the award in his honor.

—John Leich

And the Boot Goes On
Back in the fifties, Marc Simont detected a trace of ennui in his son's age group during the always-too-long summer vacation. Not enough to do. "So, take them out on the soccer field," suggested his practical wife. "Perk 'em up with a little exhaustion."

"The name of the game is 'football,'" Marc corrected. "Football field. Not soccer field." Then he got on the phone with Hans Wolf, ace Waterbury Eagle footballer, and the rest, as they say, is history. For the next twenty-odd years, on Sundays from 11 A.M. to 1 P.M., and during a season-ending four-day soccer binge over Thanksgiving holiday, Cornwallians all the way from five-year-olds up through the age-is-only-a-state-of-ministers raced up and down Hubbard Field, chasing a spotted ball.

The grumbling team physician of this ongoing Sunday activity was the legendary "24-hours-a-day-but-never-on-Sunday" Brad Walker. Marc tells of taking an ailing goalie with a finger which had been spectacularly rearranged on Sunday to Dr. Walker's in-house office. "Damn fool," the doctor diagnosed, glaring at the digit and shedding cigarette ashes simultaneously. Suddenly, he vised on the goalie's wrist with one hand and wrenched the offending joint apart with the other. (No aspirin.) Satisfied that all fingers were pointing in the same direction, he was left quite at peace and quiet. "Damn fool," he repeated by way of goodbye. "Ow," complained the goalie softly.

Marc, with the field getting longer each year, bowed out of the family football at age 60-plus. Several course changes occurred at this point: a growing national interest in the sport, and the maturing of the youngsters whom Marc and Hans had brought into the game, raised the level of play several notches. A very able Cornwall United team formed to compete with teams from surrounding towns. And concurrently, there developed scheduled pick-up games of more serious players who gathered at the high school field on Thursdays and Sundays during the summer, 6 P.M. till dark. These latter games survive robustly to this day, retaining still the original friendliness of play. With Cornwall's Billy Gold and Art Ginger keeping things on track, the games are fun to watch, as well as play. Overhead kicks and other legerdepied (i.e., foot magic) are the order of the day, all to the tune of enthusiastic advice called in from the sideline kibitzers.

Last summer, Hans's son Tom, a former varsity player at all levels himself, revived the original all-family games at Hubbard Field, and these are continuing this summer.

The prospect of playing alongside his son Stefan, now 13 years old, at the Gold-Ginger Sunday evening games is also something he hopes will come about in time.

In any event, Marc, summer ennui for Cornwall football believers has gone south. We thought you'd like to know.

—Scoville D. Soulé

Honors for Natasha
Our hats are off to Natasha Cole, who is, perhaps, the hardest-working and most determined of all the 108 students who graduated from HVRHS on June 17. Some people might consider Down's syndrome an insurmountable obstacle to success in life, but not Natasha. A member of the National Honor Society, she has received a number of other awards during the last few months: the title of Outstanding Young Adult with Down's syndrome from the Connecticut Down's syndrome Congress; a $1,000 scholarship from Governor John G. Rowland's Coalition on Employment Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities; and a similar amount from the Cornwall Woman's Society Educational Fund. Natasha will enter Northwestern Community College in Winsted this fall.

Now 21, Natasha lives in West Cornwall with her parents, Sally and Toby Cole, who came to this country from England when their only child was five years old, in search of further opportunities for her development. They are now American citizens. During her school years, Natasha has also worked for a daunting array of local businesses—the Interlaken Inn, the Salisbury Bank and Trust, you name it—and in the last few years has spent much of her free time helping out at the Falls Village Day Care Center and the North Canaan Elementary School. At college, she hopes to major in early childhood education.

Speaking of Natasha's accomplishments, her special-education teacher, Brigid Somers, says: "Her parents afford her the dignity of trust. She has attended all functions at school and at work without a chaperone. I regard her simply as a person, not as a person with a disability."

—Jean F. Leich

Welcome
Claire Mollie to Donna Silbert and Kevin Foley
Crawford Nicholas to Leslie Robbins and Nick Marks

Congratuations
Ginger Pallokat to Donald Betti, Jr.
Molly Simon to Gregory Smith

Land Transfers
Howard W. O'Dell III and William R. O'Dell to Damien Oskwarek, 42.6 acres on Kent Road for $42,500.
Elizabeth Perry to Howard S. Vogel and Bobbie Best, 62 Cemetery Hill Road for $170,000.
RI Waterman Properties, Inc. to Paul Biondino, house and 2.2 acres at 9 Frederick Drive for $55,000.

Robert A. Gandolfo to Jerome J. Mazurkewicz, house and 1 acre at 261 Kent Road for $155,000.
Cornwall Ltd. Liability Co. to Benjamin S. Gray, house at 48 Jewell Street for $151,750.
Benjamin S. Gray to Thomas J. Hubbard, house at 48 Jewell Street for $500,000.
Estate of Lotte Seehaus to Elia L. Clark, 7.9 acres on Town Street for $12,000.
David M. and Hope F. Danoff to Francisco Alves and Hugo Barnett, 10.9 acres on Great Hill Road for $61,500.
Peter D. Caruso to Maryanne Barry, house and seven acres at 70 Hautboy Hill Road for $147,500.
Biggest Bridge Dance Ever
On May 30, a record crowd of merrymakers young and old turned out for the Cornwall Fire Department’s eighth annual Covered Bridge Dance, enriching CVFD by approximately $8,000. During the course of the evening the village side of the bridge was converted into a medieval revel in which tasty food and drink were served, boisterous music was provided by the Timerider band, and Cornwall’s professional juggler, Karl Saliter, entertained. The hundreds of kids under ten who got in free were especially drawn to his fire-eating antics, as he balanced on the shoulders of the brave and strong.

But not all was joy. A man (not a Cornwallian) was intoxicated, caused a disturbance, and was charged with peace-breaching, threatening, and interfering. Too bad for him—but he didn’t spoil the party.

—John Leich

Lest We Forget
Poppies and phlox, sweet William and daisies; these and many more were scattered on the pleasant slope of the North Cornwall cemetery in a ceremony that, as always, marks the beginning of Memorial Day. As his father and grandfather and great-grandfather had done before him, Charles Gold led a small procession of adults and children to decorate the tombstones of the 52 veterans buried there, pausing at each to recount a few details of their lives and service. As the sun rose higher, the names rolled on, from James Wadsworth, soldier in the Revolutionary War, to the most recently interred veteran of World War II, Carl Yutzler.

Meanwhile, the Seaman’s Memorial Service was getting underway in West Cornwall, bringing tourist traffic to a halt at the Covered Bridge. In the sudden silence, Pastor Scott Cady delivered a prayer for those who had died at sea and a wreath was cast into the river below. Then, after taps and a rifle salute, four flag-bearing veterans in uniform marched away and traffic resumed as usual.

In Cornwall Village, the Memorial Day Parade got underway about 11 a.m. as the marchers made their way up Pine Street past the cheering crowd: The Cornwall School Band enthroned on bales of hay; the preschoolers and T-ballers marching this year for the first time; the Scout Daisies, Brownies, Juniors, Cadettes, and Cubs, and the 4-H Club dogs with their proud young escorts; all this interspersed with trucks manned by the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department, not to mention a gorgeous yellow 1932 Chrysler phaeton, piloted by its owner, Charles Hepprich.

The recipient of this year’s VFW award was Michael Gannett, whose 30-year career with the U. S. Foreign Service included a wide variety of postings abroad, from Santiago de Chile to Teheran, Iran. After retirement, he came home to settle in Cornwall, becoming Town Historian in 1986, and it was at his initiative that Cornwall finally ratified the Constitution of the United States (203 years late!)

ON BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR
In his poem, “Mending Wall,” Robert Frost wrote that “good fences make good neighbors.” I have never really agreed with that thought and am happy to say that we have no fences between the Wilson and the Yutzler houses...

The relationship between our families was so meaningful to us. Jill and Carl had no children, so they delighted in acting as Aunt and Uncle to ours. Every event throughout the year...was remembered with little treats baked by Jill and delivered by Carl...Jill and Carl never missed a school assembly, even those first concerts with Seth learning to play the trumpet...Web, the saxophone, and Win, the slide trombone...

After Jill died, Carl talked to me about his life and his days in the military. I enjoyed hearing about adventures in New Guinea—old war stories. He told me about life during the Great Depression and World War II and the years after. Because of both Yutzler brothers, I feel that I know a great deal about the institutions in Cornwall as chronicled by Carl in his stories and illustrated by Dutch in his wonderful paintings.

In this day, it is rare that people are born, raised, live, and die in the same town and can reach back to a collective history which they are willing to share with those willing and eager to learn. Carl had no agenda but that of friendship. He loved his wife and family, his neighbors, and his town. He asked for nothing in return except this "sense of community." Most Americans have lost the opportunity to be a good neighbor—suburban and transient living make it increasingly difficult. We cherish our years with Jill and Carl and next door...

In closing I would like to end with a passage from our poet, Mark Van Doren...

Let’s go. Let’s be somewhere awhile
And not be anywhere.Along by
To the fields to the woods.
To the river and the sea.
Pray

Pamela Pray Wilson
[Excerpted from a eulogy delivered at the May 22 memorial service for Carl Yutzler]

GOOD COOKS/GOOD SCOUTS
We would like to thank the parents who helped at the Girl Scout cookout on June 8. The people who cooked burgers and dogs for the 140 who attended were a huge help. We couldn’t have had the cookout without the delicious dishes brought by the families of each Cornwall Girl Scout. Once again Mohawk Ski Area was generous enough to let us use the facilities.

Thanks again to the parents and people who support Girl Scouting in Cornwall.

—Tricia Collins and Diana Holmes

A MODEST PROPOSAL
1. Our school needs a new gym/auditorium and additional classrooms. A proposal has been offered by a task force and School Board, and supported by Park and Rec., but the selectmen are digging in their heels, and one has said he will not vote for the $25,000 needed for the first step.

2. The state is clueless about what to do with its surplus. The New England Patriots didn’t want it, so note the state lawmakers are going to send each of us a $50 rebate check that almost nobody wants. (A UConn poll showed that 78 percent would prefer that the money be spent on schools or roads.)

3. Why don’t we all sign over our $50 checks to the town, with the stipulation that it be used for the school project?

Do I hear any seconds?

—Ed Ferman

LIFE IS BEAUTIFUL
Bravo to Carol Goodfriend, soprano, Beth Samuels, mezzo-soprano, and Natasha Ulyanovsksy, accompanied for their moving performance May 29 at Cornubia Hall. The concert was well attended and, thanks to our donors, substantially swelled the coffers of Cornwall Extrs For Kids. The Board wishes to express heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Carol, Beth, and Natasha for their tremendous generosity and talent. Life is beautiful when talented Cornubians come forward and dedicate their time, energy, and talent to enrich the lives of our children. Kudos to Mare Simont for the poster design.

While singing praise, the Board wishes also to extend its gratitude to the Reverend Scott Cady, who has recently resigned from his reign as President of the Board. A founding member, Scott has provided a tremendous service as he led us on a mission over the past six years to equalize opportunity for all Cornwall children to participate in enrichment activities regardless of their financial means. Scott’s many contributions will be missed.

—Robin Freyberg, President Cornwall Extrs For Kids
Events & Announcements

Community Hoe-Down: A square dance for all ages, from beginners to experts, will be held at the CCS gym on Thursday, July 29. Culver Griffin is the caller and Country Spice, a three-piece band, will provide the music. Come early around five o’clock and bring your supper. A large grill outside the gym will be ready for barbecuing your hot dogs or hamburgers. Dancing begins at 6:30 and ends at 9:30 p.m. Sponsored by Park and Rec. and the Cornwall Child Center.

Rummage: This year’s Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Woman’s Society of the United Church of Christ, will take place on July 17 in and around the Parish House and on the grounds of the former Marvelwood School. Contributions to the sale may be delivered to the Parish House every day except Sunday until July 14. Please pack books in small boxes and cover items to protect them from rain. All items should be clean and in working condition. No TVs, mattresses, or large appliances can be accepted. Any questions? Call Cilla Mauro (672-6969) or Thalia Scoville (672-6288).

For purchases on sale day, please bring change and bills of small denominations. Numbers will be assigned to early arrivals to ensure order and safety for the lineup at the doors of the Parish House, which open at 10 A.M. Outside tables with assorted merchandise plus furniture and clothes will go on sale at 9 A.M. The VFW will serve coffee and donuts and lunch. Doors close at 3 P.M. The $2.00 Bag Sale is from 9 to noon, Monday, July 19.

Most of the proceeds benefit the Woman’s Society Educational Fund. The success of last year’s sale enabled awards totaling $7,200 to go to six students who graduated in June. They are: Russell Cheney, Natasha Cole, Melissa Dolan, Rebecca Hoskins, Bianca Marchetti, and Caitlin MacNeil.

Addendum: The editors have learned of another June graduation: Justine Anne Ingersoll graduated from the Washington Montessori School on June 5. She will attend Miss Porter’s in September. Congratulations!

Be Cool

Tips for staying cool in Cornwall’s hottest month: 1) Stay inside with new computer and watch it freeze; 2) Head down to Cream Hill Lake for a dip; 3) Send donation to Chronicle, which will make you splendidly cool in our book!

Art in Cornwall: At the National Iron Bank, Andy Charlton will exhibit photographs during the month of July. At the Cornwall Library, the exhibition of Bill Nimkin’s prints continues through July 10. Beginning July 12, Wallace Harding will be showing watercolors at the Library. At the Wish House, Ellen Moon’s exhibition of watercolors will continue through the end of July.

Sunday Soccer: Soccer players of all ages—girls and boys, parents, and singles—are invited to kick in at Hubbard Field in Cornwall Plains, Sundays, 11 A.M. to noon for organized family-style pickup games. Rubber-soled and turf shoes allowed—no cleats. Drinking water recommended. Call Tom Wolf (672-6106) or just show up. All are welcome.

Garden Tour: The annual Garden Tour to benefit Cornwall Extras For Kids will take place on both sides of the river featuring two contrasting gardens this year. On Saturday, July 17, from noon to 3 P.M., garden lovers may journey to Douglas Mayhew’s (of Mayhew Orion) unique garden of earthy archeological/sculptural delights at 20 Kirk Road (right hand turn off Route 7, 1.3 miles north of the Covered Bridge). From 3 to 6 P.M. continue on to Katherine and Michael Gannett’s magnificent park-like setting with gardens aglow with daylilies and other sumptuous surprises. Croquet anyone? (328 River Road, 2.6 miles from Route 128, past 4 RR crossings.) Refreshments served. Tour tickets $15.00. Rain date: Sunday, July 18.

Free Blood Pressure Screenings: Visiting Nurse and Home Care Northwest announces a new series of free blood pressure screenings at Stop & Shop in North Canaan on the first Thursday of each month, 11 A.M. to noon. A screening includes blood pressure reading and counseling on medications and diet.

Kids’ Evenings at Library: On Friday, July 16, at 7 P.M., the Library will present Shadows ‘n’ Light, a family theater performance by puppeteer Jim Napolitano, featuring shadow puppets and songs and stories from children’s literature, followed by a short improvise & demonstration. Join your friends first for a picnic supper on the lawn at 6 P.M.; drinks and dessert will be provided. On Friday, July 23 and 30, at 7 P.M., the Library will present two classic films: Treasure Island first, starring Wallace Beery and Jackie Cooper, and the following week Heidi, with Shirley Temple. Story hours for children continue Wednesdays and Fridays, as shown on the calendar.

Help Wanted! Cornwall Park & Rec. wants to sponsor a youth soccer league this fall but is dependent upon having a sufficient number of managers/coaches. Anyone who is interested, please call Diane Coe, 672-6546 for further information.

Summer Choices: CCS PTA offers three workshops open to all children in the community. Grade level is as of September ‘99.

Culture in the Country with Carla Whiteside offers an experience of four different cultures—African, Japanese, South American, and Native American for grades 3 through 8 at CCS, July 5, 7, 12, 14. Fee: $10 for one class, $18 for two, $30 for four.

Showtime with Leslie Elias and Ellen Moon will offer theater games, improvisations, masks, storytelling with a community performance at the end of the program. Grades 3 to HS. July 19 to 23 at CCS. Fee: $75 per child (siblings $65).

Mist Magic, Mermaids & Monsters is a theater workshop with Leslie Elias for grades K through 3 at Cream Hill Lake Association, August 3 to 5. Fee $40 per child (siblings $30). Call Dave Samson (672-0616) for details.

Summer Concert Date Change: The Park and Rec. dance at CHLA, with music by Ram Miles and Advanced Phunk will be on Friday, July 23, from 9 P.M. to midnight, not July 16. Suggested donation: $7. For reservations call Skip Hunt at 672-3171.

Parties to Caucus: Republicans will caucus on July 20 at 7:30 P.M. in the Town Hall to nominate candidates for selectmen and other town offices in the November elections. All Republican voters are encouraged to attend.

On July 27, also at the Town Hall, Democrats will hold their caucus at 8 P.M. to nominate their candidates for town offices. All Democratic voters are urged to come.

Both parties will also hold their regular Town Committee meetings prior to their caucuses.

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