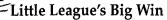
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Congratulations to Cornwall's Red Sox for the team's World Series sweep of the Kent Mets on June 20 with a 7 to 5 win. The league consists of six teams from Cornwall, Kent, and Sherman. Cornwall finished the regular season in first place with a record of 12 wins, 2 losses, and 1 tie.

Team members from Cornwall's fifth to seventh grades included Dillon Bracken, Winfield Wilson, Ted Cheney, Colin Gold, James Healy, Freddie Scoville, Theo Austin, Chris Barrett, Corey Fontana, Tyler Grimes, Steven Heaney, Nick Hunter, David Nickeson, Robert Sterzl, and Dustin Tuthill.

Umpires for the season included Rusty Cheney, Jason Lynn, and Kevin Harmon. Coaches included Rick Lynn, Steve Butler, Gary Heaney, and Rob Hunter. —Rick Lynn

Recognizing Polly

On June 15 Mary Swift Calhoun received the "1995 Outstanding Community Volunteer from Cornwall" award at a Haight Vineyard ceremony in Litchfield. This is an annual event honoring outstanding citizens in Litchfield County.

One is more than humbled by the list of contributions that Selectman Gordon Ridgway offered the award committee to support Polly Calhoun's nomination. First, let's take a sampling by year:

1931: started the Cornwall Girl Scout Troop and was its leader or otherwise involved for 32 years; 1948: started girls' basketball program at CCS; 1978: wrote a book about the history of Cornwall, which she used to complete credits to obtain her degree from Sweet Briar College.

Polly's achievements are perhaps best measured by their duration: six years as a director of the Litchfield County Farm Bureau, also as a deacon of the First Church of Christ; eight years as head of Cornwall's Fish Program, and ten as a Hospice volunteer; also, 19 years on the Cornwall Board of Education. Add to this 20 years with the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. Add 27 years with the Reading for the Blind Program in Lenox, Mass. Add roughly 60 years with the local Woman's Society and its annual rummage sale. It all comes to a total of about 210 years.

To say nothing of raising a family of six and running the farm milk route while Frank Calhoun was in the legislature! —Bob Potter

New Plan for Cornwall Plain

During sessions with Tom McGowan, Cornwall's planning consultant, P&Z has been considering modification of the Cornwall Plain section of the Town Plan. The village is a residential zone with a few other uses allowed by special permit. The departure of the Marvelwood School would leave large buildings strictly limited to school use.

In response to concerns about the future of the village, the commission has drafted an amendment to the Town Plan which will have a public hearing July 10 at 8 P.M. in the Town Hall. The new policy would recommend "innovative zoning options which will permit the productive re-use of the school buildings...provided such uses...are consistent with the residential historic character...of the village...." This could provide the basis for a new regulation allowing limited commercial use, such as professional offices.

-Ginny Potter

Addenda

Last month's story on high school graduates omitted two Cornwallians: Sarah Quesnel graduated early and is working as a dental hygienist; Elisabeth Waterston will move from Groton to Yale with an undecided major. —Bob Potter

Memorial Day Remembered

Recognition of those who served their country in World War II made Memorial Day 1995 a special ceremony. Speaking to an overflow audience in the CCS gym, four veterans of

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fifty years ago shared reflections on their experiences: Ralph Scoville, Charles Hepprich, Larry Gates, and Charles Russ. In addition, all veterans of World War II were awarded 50th anniversary commemorative pins. A commemorative plaque was given to the town, and a group photo was taken of the 30 veterans present. As a mark of respect, the honor roll of Cornwall veterans was read in its entirety.

The VFW chose Fred Bate III to receive this year's Citizenship Award for his service to country and community, and especially for his more than 30 years with the Fire Department.

Another note: this was only the third indoor ceremony since 1969. —Ginny Potter



The Littlest Parade

The threatening weather that caused the Memorial Day ceremonies to be moved from Cornwall Plain to CCS did not stop the parade. Park & Rec member Mark Pastre found himself faced with about 40 young people who were determined to march up Pine Street, rain or no rain.

Led by the Girl Scout color guard, which represented our Special Olympics guests with the addition of the flag of Turkmenistan, marchers included the Brownies, Cub Scouts, members of T-ball and the CCS Yankees and Red Sox baseball teams, along with "Martha" Cheney, draped with the U.S. flag, as the official dog. Since there were no fire engines, Department of Environmental Protection officer Eric Nelson brought up the rear with the official vehicle, complete with flashing red lights and siren. A small crowd, mostly of latecomers who hadn't heard of the site change, made up for its lack of numbers with noisy enthusiasm.

—Doc Simont

Afternoon of a Fawn

On their way to an Inland Wetlands field trip along Birdseye Brook, Steve Hedden and Bill Hurlburt found themselves behind a doe and a newly-minted fawn skittering down Valley Road. The pace was too much for the fawn, and just before the bridge it staggered into



the roadside grass and collapsed. The mother leapt away to the tree line, from which point she kept a rather cowardly watch.

Steve and Bill parked nearby and climbed along the brook to the proposed spot for a new bridge. They were eventually joined by the rest of the Inland Wetlands folk, the property owners, an engineer, and neighbors, most having left vehicles all over the sides of Valley Road.

When the site visit broke up an hour later, the fawn was still precisely where it had been told to stay, lying only inches from tire tracks left by cars swerving off the road to park. It posed obligingly for photographs and then got up and tottered into taller grass.

-Maggie Cooley

Howard Stone's Watercolors

Howard Stone has chosen animals as subjects for his recent works, on exhibit at the Cornwall Library until July 8. The figures of birds, cats, turkeys, sheep, a dog, a goose, owls, and cows stand out against Stone's characteristic lightly washed backgrounds. Green wisps suggest the grasses of a field; the barest streaks of blue on white, the sky.

You'll smile at the fantastic sketch of a wart hog he's included in the exhibition. But my favorite has to be the miniature in the children's room—an exquisite landscape of yellow and green, with bare stalks of trees and the palest of purple skies.

—Alfred Bredenberg

Bridge Dance a Blast

Despite threatening skies, a large crowd of revelers turned out for the Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department's fourth annual Covered Bridge Dance on the evening of May 28. Those who came to dance or

May 28. Those who came to dance or socialize were rewarded with an enjoyable night out as the rain held off long enough to get in a full evening of dancing and dining.

And dine they did. The CVFD went through 250 pounds of roast beef, 100 pounds of hamburger, 250 pounds of fries, and gallons of soft drinks. Numerous desserts and coffees were enjoyed at Cadwell's. Consumption of adult bever-

ages was in a responsible manner and everyone was well behaved, while still having a roaring good time. The CVFD raised about \$6,500, which will go towards the department's operation.

One of the most satisfied attendees was Tucker the bloodhound. He was hiking the full length of the Appalachian Trail with his master Steve, from Attleboro, Mass. They stopped in town for the evening and had such a good time that they said they'd probably return next year. Tucker especially liked his meal of burnt burgers and roast beef ends. Two nights later, Tucker was making an appearance on a network news report on the Great Barrington tornado. He sure gets around.

—Dave Becker

Welcome

John Edward Haddon III to John and Karen Haddon

Good-bye to Friends

Catherine L. Brescia
Sabina Lietzmann
Irene C. Monroe
George C. Waterston
Arlington "Dutch" Yutzler

Congratulations

Gilbert Jerome Beers to Mary Angela O'Neal Susan Theresa Schillinger to Gregory Alain Choa Daniel Denison Harding Horan to Julie Ann Beglin

Land Transfers

Anne A. Hubbard to Emilie M. and Joseph W. Pryor, house and 23.24 acres on Rexford Road for \$900,000.

Samuel Paul West Blac, Jr., et al. to Marc B. Porter, house and 1.26 acres on Scoville Road for \$219,000.

Thomas F. and Gale B. Hartch to Richard A. and Rosalie R. Furniss, 5 acres on Cornwall Hollow Road for \$55,000.

Scholarship Awards

The UCC Woman's Society was again impressed with the applicants for scholarships—"world travelers all, with the ability to present themselves, their past experiences, and future dreams with a great deal of finesse."

Scholarship gifts were awarded to Julie Batterton to Western Conn. State University, Melissa Borggreve to Heidelberg College in Ohio, Daniel Gingert to Emory Uniersity, Heidi Hedden to the University f Pennsylvania. Jennifer Heiny to the

versity, Heidi Hedden to the University of Pennsylvania, Jennifer Heiny to the University of Vermont, Sarah Anne Kochman to the University of Alaska, and Justin MacNeil to Dean College.

—Thalia Scoville

Events & Announcements

Library Birthday Party: The Cornwall Library celebrates its 125th birthday on Saturday, July 15, with a boffo party sponsored by the Friends of the Library. At 5 P.M. at UCC, Sam Waterston and Friends will read a selection of famous first lines, and Ken Keskinen will offer an original ode.

A gala children's parade will lead the celebrants to the Library for a reception with food and wine at 6 P.M. Exhibits about the Library's past will be on view along with a video prepared by some of Cornwall's high school students about the Library's past and present. The Library's new T-shirt will be on sale. Funds raised by the Friends for the event will also buy the Library some muchneeded birthday presents.

Donations may be sent to the Cornwall Library, Box 126, Cornwall, CT 06753. For more information, please call Lisa Lansing at 672-2659.

Republican Caucus: All registered Republicans are welcome and encouraged to attend the party caucus at 7:30 P.M. on July 18 at CCS. Anyone interested in running for a town office should contact William Hurlburt, Denton Butler, Donald Bardot, or Donald Hedden.

Democratic Caucus: All Democrats are urged to attend the party caucus on July 25 in the Town Hall at 7:30 P.M. to nominate candidates for the November town elections.

Calling All Artists: The West Cornwall Merchants Association invites all artists to participate in its fourth annual "Paint the Town" by selling their works depicting Cornwall scenes at a July 15 silent auction coinciding with a day-long jazz festival and bazaar in West Cornwall. The silent auction will be held in the Brookside Bistro. A live auction of two special works will be held at 7 p.m. with a jazz concert to follow, both on the Green on Lower River Road.

Artists may paint at any time up to July 14, by which date works must be delivered to Cornwall Bridge Pottery. Part of the proceeds of the silent auction will go to the Cornwall Child Center.

If requested, organizers of the event will help artists secure commissions to paint specific Cornwall scenes or houses. For more information call Todd Piker (672-6545) or Pat Spaulding (672-6800).

Citizen CPR: The CVFD is planning to offer the community CPR classes that will be low in cost and designed to fit individual needs. In areas that have active citizen CPR membership, the rate of successful resuscitation rises from 5 percent to 16–20 percent. For additional information call June Starr (491-2414).

The Northwest Corner Quilter's Guild is planning its second annual quilt show, to be held at the United Church of Christ on August 26. The Guild was overjoyed with the response to last year's show, and would like to hear from the many people who expressed (continued on back page)

Letters to the Chronicle

LIMITED LIABILITY SPEAKS

Many people are asking questions about the future of the Marvelwood campus. Now that contracts for this property are about to be signed, we would like to explain

the situation for everyone.

The Marvelwood School will be moving to Kent. The buildings now owned by Marvelwood will be purchased by the Cornwall Limited Liability Company. Who other than Ben Gray and myself is involved in this purchase? I hope everyone will understand that up until this point we have had an obligation to protect these people's privacy, especially when the outcome was uncertain. This information will be made public after the contract has been signed.

Last September Ben and I read in the newspaper that Marvelwood had put their campus up for sale. We felt that leaving the future of this critical area to the unknowns of the real estate market was dangerous, and that it would be preferable to have local control. Fortunately we were able to put together a package with the help of others in Cornwall and make an offer which was later accepted by the school.

As a second goal, we wanted to make these buildings available for town use at affordable cost. Our purchase was not meant to preclude the town from acquiring any buildings, but rather, to provide a way of making that possible without the town having to purchase the entire campus. Last fall I contacted several town officials and offered to withdraw our offer to Marvelwood if the town planned to make an offer of its own. We are and have been ready to negotiate with the selectmen for any building or buildings. Following preliminary discussions the selectmen prepared architectural studies and estimates for the buildings, which should help move the process along. Taking into consideration the additional costs for alterations, we will try to make this work within a budget that makes sense for the town regardless of the value that the property would have on the open market. Inquiries from several other potential users have been made, and we hope the town will move swiftly toward a decision.

Third, we hoped to reduce the institutional use of the property. Private "for profit" use or residential use of these buildings will generate tax revenue. Our intention is to sell, or renovate and sell, the six formerly private houses as private houses once again. Future plans for the other four Marvelwood buildings (if not purchased by the town) have already been presented informally to P&Z. We hope the commission will amend the zoning regulations to allow for some low-impact, non-residential uses, such as offices or apartments.

Lastly, pending approval of the subdivision of the main campus, a party has agreed to purchase Miller Dormitory (a.k.a. the Pizza Hut), and it is my understanding that it will be offered, at no cost, either to the town or to the Cornwall Housing Corporation.

I hope this letter has answered most of the

questions. There are obviously many views as to what facilities the town should have for offices and other community uses. This is a unique situation and an opportunity not likely to be repeated. In creating this opportunity it was not one of our goals to also create a divisive issue. Balancing the need to control spending with the need for services and planning for future needs does not have to become one. Hopefully, we will come together and a consensus will emerge. On behalf of Ben and myself, we are very truly yours, —Rick Wolkowitz

CVFD THANKS

The Cornwall Volunteer Fire Department would like to say thanks to the citizens and businesses of Cornwall and our fellow departments in the area for helping to make the Covered Bridge Dance on May 28 the success that it was. We especially want to thank the residents and businesses in West Cornwall for their cooperation in dealing with the closing of the roads in the village for the evening.

—Dave Becker, Vice President, CVFD

HELP BOBBI CLARK

Bobbi Clark has touched our community in several ways—as a CCS parent, a participant in church and town life, and a faculty member at Marvelwood School since 1987. Her husband, Dryden, also teaches at Marvelwood. They have two teenage children.

Bobbi had breast cancer in 1993, undergoing surgery and aggressive chemotherapy. This past January a routine checkup revealed that the cancer had spread to her bones. She was referred to the John Dempsey Hospital in Farmington and accepted into its Blood Stem Cell Transplant Program, now her only survival alternative.

According to her oncologist, Bobbi is an excellent candidate, and she is due to begin the transplant procedure soon—but is on the verge of being denied treatment because her insurance company is refusing to pay.

The total cost of this procedure is \$175,000. Through the generosity of many people we have raised the initial \$20,000 which has assured her place in the Transplant Program. She entered the hospital on June 23 to begin the procedure. We are now seeking additional help to enable Bobbi and her family to cope with the heavy financial hurden

Bobbi has devoted her time and energy to helping so many, especially children and young people. Now she needs our help!

Donations may be sent to: The Deacon's Fund, United Church of Christ, 8 Bolton Hill Road, Cornwall, CT 06753. Please indicate the Bobbi Clark Fund in the memo section of your check.

Polly Calhoun, Peter Hammond, Bee Simont, Peg Keskinen, Hugh and Lynn Cheney, and Bobbi's friends at Marvelwood join us in thanking you.

—Jerry and Pat Blakey

Events & Announcements (cont'd)

a desire to have quilts shown this year. Please call Corinne Levy (672-6377) or Jill Gibbons (672-0033).

Cornwall Craftspeople are invited to sell and/or demonstrate their work at the Agricultural Fair on August 26. Please register with Peter Ripley (672-6716).

Women and Self-Esteem: The Susan B. Anthony Project will offer a six-week support group at the agency's office above the West Cornwall post office. The first meeting is Wednesday, July 5, at 7 P.M. Call 672-3291 or 489-3798 for information and to register.

July Fest: Everyone is invited to celebrate the festivities of the Independence Day weekend on Saturday, July 1, 1 to 7 P.M., at the Cornwall Town Green. Park & Rec joins with the Cornwall Drug and Alcohol Prevention Council in sponsoring this community event.

The softball tournament will begin at 1 P.M.; contact Ray Augustyn (672-0295) if you want to play. Between 2 and 5 P.M. there will also be volleyball, sack races, an egg toss, and more. At 4:30 Robin and David Paton and Friends will lead a songfest followed by square dancing. Rain date is Monday, July 3.

The McThump and the Pot Belly: Wondrous and curious musical

instruments from the skilled hands of Tim Prentice and his friend Steve Silverman will form an exhibit at the Historical Society on Pine Street from July 15 to August 15.

On Saturday, July 15, from 3 to 5 P.M., Tim will demonstrate the playing of the instruments, encouraging spectators to have a go themselves; the exhibit is definitely for public touching and trying out. The musical artifacts include the Mother Plucker (base drum and clothesline), the Pot Belly, the Two-by-Phone (a mock marimba of mahogany and mailing tubes), the McThump (pickle jugs from McDonald's), and the Pan Pipe (played by whacking the open ends of the tubes with the hand). Following the demonstration, the exhibit will be on view on Tuesdays 9:30–noon and Saturdays 10–1.

The instrument show is returning home after a successful road trip—to the Century Association in New York and the Special Olympics in New Haven.

Rummage Sale Alert: Cornwall's rummage sale, held in and near the United Church of Christ Parish House, will take place on Saturday, July 22.

By now, spring housecleaning has prob-

ably turned up contributions to this year's Woman's Society college scholarship sale. Donations may begin to arrive at the Parish House on July 1. Please help by packing items in boxes that can be handled by those not endowed with large muscles. Cover items left outside to protect from rain. All items should be clean and in working condition. No mattresses can be accepted. Any questions? Call Cilla Mauro (672-6969) or Thalia Scoville (672-6288).

Shoppers in the know bring change and bills of small denominations. There will be VFW coffee and donuts and lunch later. Out-of-doors furniture and mixed merchandise and the Rumsey Gym clothing sales begin at 9 A.M. Bake sale, too. Numbers are given early arrivals to insure everyone an orderly and safe lineup at the doors of the Parish House, which open at 10. Doors close at 2. The \$1 Bag Sale is at 9 A.M. Monday, July 24.

Recreation Building Needed? Anyone interested in examining Cornwall's needs for such a building is invited to a meeting on Tuesday, July 11, at 7:30 P.M. at the West Cornwall Firehouse. For information call 672-6797.

Summer Sports—

Soccer: Sunday morning soccer, while no longer played on Hubbard Field, is alive and well at the high school in Falls Vil-

lage. Play starts at 10:30 on Sundays for anyone over 13 (there is no upper limit). For further information contact Art Gingert (672-0077) or Bob Stair (824-7128).

Softball: Hubbard Field does come to life on Sunday evenings, however, with a comeone, come-all softball game at 6 P.M. Further questions will be answered by John Calhoun (672-6747).

Swimming: The Cornwall swim team is looking for competent swimmers between the ages of 6 and 18. Anyone interested should contact Nick Kotchoubey (672-6283) or Hector B. Migliacci (672-6879) as soon as possible.

Cornwall Housing Corporation's questionnaire in the May issue of the *Chronicle* addressed the need for and interest in affordable elderly housing in Cornwall. The response was quite positive. Therefore, an informational meeting will be held this fall. Watch for the date, time, and place.

If you did not respond but would like to, copies of the questionnaire are available from Ella Clark (672-4817). The CHC welcomes all constructive comments and suggestions.

Library Reading Programs with Judy Gafney continue for preschoolers on Friday mornings at 10 and for middle readers on Wednesday evenings at 7. T-shirts with the "Reach For The Stars" theme are on sale to benefit the Library.

Swimathon: The Cornwall swim team will hold a fund-raising swimathon at Cream Hill Lake Association on July 12 from 3:30 to 5 p.m. Contact Nick Kotchoubey (672-6283) or Hector Migliacci (672-6879) or any swim team member to pledge your support.

Cornwall Child Center Summer Session runs each Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. until July 28. Study topics include sea life, Native American outdoor living, and cooking with the tastes of summer. Please call 672-6989 for information.

Town Food Pantry Thanks to the generosity of some of our Cornwall neighbors, there is, once again, a small Food Pantry at the Town Office. If you are in need, please feel free to take what you can use. Office hours are Monday–Thursday, 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. No questions asked; no proof needed.

Elders' Rent Supplements: Renters who were 65 or older by 12/31/94, or who are receiving Social Security disability benefits, may be eligible for a grant from the State of Connecticut.

Some of the requirements are: the applicant must have resided in Connecticut for any one-year period prior to filing; income, including Social Security, may not exceed \$21,200 if single or \$26,100 if married; 5 percent of qualifying income must not exceed 35 percent of total rent and utility payments.

Application forms and additional information are available at the Assessor's office Tuesday and Thursday, 9 A.M. to noon and Wednesday 1 to 4:30 P.M. Application must be made by September 15, 1995.

Theater Arts Camp: West Cornwall's Grumbling Gryphons will present the fourth annual Summer Theater Arts Camp for children ages 6 to 16 the week of July 24–28. Enrollment for the program is limited and early registration is recommended. For more information or to register, call the theater office at 672-0286 weekdays from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M.

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