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Midsummer Brownouts

With the shutdown of three nuclear power generators in Milford—also called the three Millstones—Northeast Utilities has lost the ability to generate 2,650 megawatts of electricity. According to Emanuel Forde of NU's Corporate Communications, the company will succeed in beefing up its power generation by some 1,300 megawatts from various sources and with various strategies, but that leaves NU with about 1,300 megawatts less than usual.

During the hot summer months when electricity usage is at its peak, starting around 2 P.M. and continuing for several hours, some problems may be experienced. NU hopes that voltage reductions (brownouts) which are hardly noticeable to the general public will allow the electricity to continue to flow. But, as Forde also said: "Utility companies cannot operate on hope."

If available capacity is exceeded, extreme measures will become necessary and the company will use a "feeder rotation" strategy, sometimes called "rotational blackout." About 40 percent of electricity users, including hospitals and sewage treatment plants, are "protected" from rotational blackouts. The remaining 60 percent are divided into 12 blocks and each block will be turned off for a couple of hours and then restored in an or-

derly fashion. The public will be notified of these procedures by radio and television as long in advance as possible.

Acts of the summer gods can, of course, turn off the power without help from the utility company. In those circumstances, says NU's Forde, power will be restored and the orderly rotation commenced as soon as possible.

—Celia Senzer

Fire Department Elects

At its annual meeting on May 29 the Cornwall Fire Department elected a new slate of officers for a one-year term. Heading the department as chief is Dave Williamson, who moved up from assistant chief. Replacing him in that post is Rick Stone.

Elected as captains were Gary Heaney for Cornwall Bridge and Connie Hedden for West Cornwall. Rick Vanicky and Earl Tyler will serve as lieutenant and engineer for Cornwall Bridge; and Ron Laigle, Jr., and Norman Waynott will shoulder similar responsibilities for West Cornwall.

Brian O'Neill continues as rescue captain, and Steve Butler as lieutenant. The executive organization continues to be led by Steve Hedden as president, with Ron Laigle, Sr., as the new vice president.

The Fire Department welcomes new recruits, particularly young people (18 or

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older) as the average age of current department members reaches the mid-40s. Although

120 hours of training are required for Fireman I qualification, training is provided in the local area at times to fit busy schedules.

—Śtephen Senzer

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New Dining Places Open

There's new excitement in the Cornwall dining scene due to the opening of two attractive new establishments: Hedgerows Market in busy downtown West Cornwall, and the Tavern at the Inn in Cornwall Bridge.

Hedgerows is operated by Russ and Sharon Sawicki and owned by the Sawickis and their partner, Dan Cain, investment banker and owner of Hedgerows Farm. Located in the building which was for many years Yutzler's Country Store, the new market has been beautifully renovated and expanded to include an upstairs gallery with tables. The market carries grocery and dairy products, local produce, freshly baked breads, gourmet food items, and a wide variety of deli foods, as well as ice cream.

But Russ's specialty is the preparation of take-out food: soups, salads, entrees, madeto-order sandwiches, and desserts. In addition he will cater for in-market or in-house consumption anything from simple meals to full-course banquets.

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At the Cornwall Inn on Route 7, Todd Aichele and Pat Spaulding have opened the Tavern at the Inn. The Tavern has both a publike lounge and a more formal dining room where entrees can be ordered from an eclectic menu. Lunch and snacks are served from 11 A.M. on, and dinner from 5 P.M. to 10 or 11, Wednesday through Monday. Brunch will be offered on Sundays.

Says co-owner Todd, "We want to provide a comfortable place where local residents can get together in a relaxing atmosphere, socialize, enjoy a drink or a snack or a full meal, all at reasonable prices."

Of course, diners-out have other options, too. In West Cornwall the Brookside Bistro serves lunch and dinner daily. In addition to his usual breakfast and lunch business, Dave Cadwell is offering supper specials from 5:30 to 8:30 on Thursday and Friday evenings. Lisa Cruse's Ambrosia Tea Cottage in the Station Plaza serves light lunches, baked goods, and ice cream from noon to 5, Friday through Monday.

The Berkshire Country Store at the junction of Routes 4 and 128, and Baird's Market in Cornwall Bridge, both offer ready-to-eat dishes, baked goods, and sandwiches in addition to standard grocery products.

—Stephen Senzer

On the Housing Front

At its June meeting, the board of the Cornwall Housing Corporation elected Peter Hammond as president and Maggie Cooley as treasurer. Tim Prentice continues as vice president and Bee Simont as secretary. Ken Keskinen, who asked to be relieved of his duties as president, will continue to oversee the Parcel Program. The board is also creating an advisory council of local people who will meet with the board as a group and who will provide ongoing advice to members and committees.

The board is pleased to report that the State Bureau of Housing, recognizing Cornwall's housing efforts, has given the town a grant of \$16,540.

The board's request for expressions of interest in elderly housing brought few responses, so the board has set aside any immediate plans for such projects. However, Kugeman Village offers housing for all ages. At present, Administrator Anne Baren reports, 11 families are on the waiting list.

—Ken Keskinen

Re: Gravel, Booths, Dog Run

I assumed June had been a particularly busy month for our Planning and Zoning Commission. There were two hearings taking a total of seven hours, during which time its members went through reams of papers and maps provided by permit seekers and their supporters and opponents. But P&Z clerk Maggie Cooley said June hadn't actually been any busier than April or May.

Still, June was a month of several critical

decisions. P&Z said no to gravel mining in Cornwall—no to Jacqueline Strobel and no to her singer-composerenvironmentalist neighbor James Taylor. P&Z also

approved two previously unauthorized booths and two previously unauthorized picnic tables at the Berkshire Country Store on Route 4. And at the Little Guild of St. Francis Animal Shelter on Route 128, there was another victory for the canine tenants over some angry neighbors who said a new 50-foot outdoor dog run would increase the level of barking. The run won, but with a

limit of one dog at a time.

The gravel decisions were both unanimous, but opinions of P&Z members differed on the merits, if any, of the applications. In fact, they saw nothing good in the mining permit sought by troubadour Taylor. "Problematic" was the word one of them used because of a rather steep driveway to get to Route 7, to say nothing of the visibility of the operation. As for the Strobel plan, at least two commission members felt it might get their future votes if a revised application voluntarily spelled out some stringent conditions.

Finally there was the matter of the booths and tables at Berkshire Country Store. Walter

Dethier sought to modify the original permit which said, among other things, no booths inside and no tables outside. Last fall, Dethier put in booths and es. He then came to P&Z sked the commission to rize them. He brought mapetition signed by 200 chizers and several dozen rters who applauded his

tables. He then came to P&Z and asked the commission to authorize them. He brought with him a petition signed by 200 sympathizers and several dozen supporters who applauded his words as he pressed his case before the commission. On June 10, the commission finally said OK.

—John Miller

West Cornwall's Zip Code Day

The first Friday in June was a once-in-a-century day in West Cornwall. It was the seventh day of the sixth month of the 96th year of the 20th century, matching the West Cornwall zip code—06796.

At the post office, Betty Malesky, officerin-charge, served coffee and pastries, and lollipops for the kids. She had sold more than 100 pre-stamped envelopes and about 25 postcards marked with the 06796 zip code. There were mailings from as far away as California and Colorado with the request that the contents be 0679-sixed in West Cornwall.

This might be the last such celebration for the West Cornwall post office. A hundred years from now mail will probably be sent electronically, and post offices and their zip codes may go the way of automobile running boards and wooden tennis racquets.

—John Miller

Welcome

Sabrina Ria Brashares to Vivian Ditisheim and Tom Brashares

Heather Lynn Kearns to Elizabeth and Richard Kearns, Jr.

Jane Catherine Moore to Abigail and John Moore

Samuel Guthrie Neubauer to April and Alexander Neubauer

Annie-Rae Thibault to Lynne and Scott Thibault

Good-bye to a Friend

Marjorie Page Smith

Congratulations

Michael Dutton to Karen Jeffers Anna Timell to Stephen Roberts

Land Transfers

Donald A. Gray, Jr., et al. to Roy S. Walzer, 166 acres on Cornwall-Goshen town line for \$479,510.

Marcia B. Shaw to Town of Cornwall, 0.43 acres on Pine Street for \$13,000.

603 Danbury Road Inc. to Mark D. and Joy P. Marino, 13.6 acres on Johnson Road for \$65,000.

Hugh and Susan Ratcliff to Michael A. Price, house and 7.3 acres on Dibble Hill Road for \$707,500.

John A. Nuese to Greyledge Trust, houses and 366.9 acres on Johnson Road and Route 43 for \$2,000,000.

184 Quilts

Documentation days for the Connecticut Quilt Search Project began in Washington, Connecticut, in 1991 and ended in Cornwall on June 1 with a record number of quilts-184—being brought to Mohawk Ski Lodge for a day. A team of 20 volunteers, trained by fabric-dating experts and preservationists, identified, photographed, and recorded the stories behind them. The quilts included one made of a turkey-red dress that its owner had torn and been required by her mother to recycle as a quilt, at least one made by a man, and one all silk. The event was sponsored by the Goshen Quilters and the Northwest Corner Quilters' Guild, who will now be working with other quilting groups in the state to raise money for a book they hope to publish about quilts in Connecticut. —Anne Baren

Hughes Library Moves Ahead

On Saturday, June 1, the Hughes Memorial Library held an open house and dedicated its newly refurbished reading room to Myrtle and Arlington (Dutch) Yutzler. The Yutzlers had been active in library affairs and operations for many years.

The occasion also marked the completion of a year-long rejuvenation program under the direction of Bob and Estelle Stetson, library president and librarian. A new roof has been installed, the heating plant renovated, and insulation added. Capital funds have been reinvested, rooms repainted, new shelves put in, and-most importantly for any library—new books have been added to the library's reorganized collection.

Hughes Memorial Library is the familiar name for the West Cornwall Public Library Association, Inc., a private association originally founded in 1899. The library was subsequently named after the Hughes family, former residents of Cornwall, who contributed funds for the acquisition of the library building on River Road.

That building was one of the Cornwall district schools before the creation of the Consolidated School District in 1940. Some West Cornwall residents still have vivid recollections of attending classes in the building.

The library is open on Tuesday afternoons from 4 to 7 and on Saturday mornings from —Stephen Senzer 9:30 to 12:30.

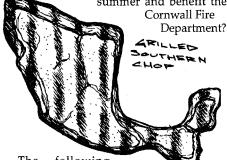
What a Memorial Day!

On Sunday night there was the Bridge Dance. Despite the feeling that our town had been invaded by hordes of out-of-towners there was something magical about this first summer event.

The festivities began at 5 P.M. with food and beverages available from the charcoal fires set up near the river. Cadwell's Corner was open for dessert and coffee and entertainment was provided by Karl Saliter, who delighted the crowd with juggling, unicycling, and other antics.

The country and western music, direct from Nashville, started at 7 and the line dancers took over the dancing area (enclosed with bales of hay) and performed their synchronized, highly complex routines with aplomb. Others strolled on the bridge, did their own dancing, and greeted neighbors and friends finally emerging from their interminable winter hibernation.

What better way to welcome summer and benefit the Cornwall Fire



The following morning a moving

commemoration exercise at the North Cornwall Cemetery was led by Charles Gold. A group of about 40 people visited and decorated the graves of each war veteran and, for the first time, the memory of two German World War II veterans was honored.

This commemoration was followed by the traditional Seamen's Memorial Service, led by Skip Lush at the Covered Bridge. The Rev. Scott Cady delivered an invocation, fol-

Letters to the Chronicle

TWO LONG-TIME VOLUNTEERS

After 20 years Dave Becker will no longer be serving as an officer in our Volunteer Fire Department. Dave has, at various times, been Engineer, Vice President, and President. He ran meetings, fought bureaucratic battles, and helped bring back the Covered Bridge Dance.

Ken Keskinen is stepping down as president of the Cornwall Housing Corporation after seven years. Ken has overseen the completion of Kugeman Village, which has provided a home for over 20 families, and also the ongoing Land Parcel Program that has already seen the completion of seven houses.

Dave and Ken have given countless, uncompensated hours and sweat to make Cornwall a better place. They both lead with style, good sense, and good humor. It is a privilege to call them my friends and I know I speak for many in thanking them for a job well done.

---David Cadwell

CHANGES IN CCC HOURS

In response to the needs of Cornwall parents as voiced in our recently completed survey, the Cornwall Child Center will be open for the entire school year of 1996/97 and will close only on major holidays and snow days.

Experience and the answers to the survey have shown us that most parents prefer other child-care options during summer vacation. If you do wish full-time child care during the summer of 1997, please let your voice be heard.

If you have any questions about the new schedule, please feel free to call me at 672-6961.

–Sarah Paul

SOUTHPAW BEVANS

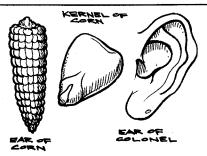
A most pleasant surprise to note that Tom Bevans had done the illustrations for the May

It was hard to believe at first. Could these have been old drawings done before his illness? If they were new he had managed to teach his left hand to perform.

lowed by a rifle salute and the tossing of a wreath on the waters of the Housatonic.

Later, in Cornwall Plains, to the fine music of the CCS Band, phalanxes marched, but the message was Peace. There were veterans, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, baseball and Tball teams, convoys of rescue vehicles. The standing-room-only crowd (a few were seated, some were in, not at, arms) heard the Rev. Peter Hammond hope that in future it would "not be too late to think of better ways than warfare to solve the problems of the world."

Ralph Gold presented the prized VFW Citizenship Award to a World War II veteran who had thought of one of those ways: free and open communication through the Cornwall Chronicle. "He replaced rumor with fact," and created, with his army of volunteers, an elegant publication which is now "an integral part of our lives." Tom Bevans, resplendent in red-checked shirt, beamed as



This warranted a trip down to visit and to ask him directly. We were both so proud-Tom to tell me and I to hear—these were indeed new drawings! His courage and determination are inspiring.

Great work, Tom. -Rob Robins, Sheffield, MA

A LOST AND FOUND CHICK

One day when we were fishing at Furnace Brook my brother Harris yelled that he heard one of our two new chickens! He looked around and found Chris, the gray one, sitting under the car on an iron bar by the back wheel. Chris seemed scared and wouldn't come out. We were amazed that he could have hung on there all eight miles from our house.

On the way home my Dad said, don't be surprised if the black one (Dotty) isn't there. He said she might have gone with Chris and fallen off and died. When we came in the driveway, honking our horn and holding up the chicken, Mommy and little Owen laughed and cried in astonishment. Mom said they had looked everywhere after we left and there wasn't a chicken in sight. We put Chris in the coop but she wouldn't stop calling for Dotty.

Mom called Phil Hart to see if he had any more chickens. During dinner she got a call from Mrs. Senzer, saying that she had found Dotty! She had discovered her at Lake Road and Town Street and stopped because she thought she was a baby pheasant. When she saw she was a baby chicken she put her in her car and drove to her house, where she called Phil Hart to see if he was missing any chickens. He told her it was ours! We never realized how fast news (and chickens) travel in Cornwall.

—Laura Monagan, age 7

he received this high honor.

Tom Brokaw, in a USS Normandie cap, had, unlike the veterans, "never had to fight a war when they were shooting back at me; I am in awe of them." Speaking from what he called "the womb of America," he was concerned for our future now that "common welfare has gone out of fashion.'

"What a celebration!" commented one observer. "We loved the speeches, the band, the prayers, the award presentation! And have you seen the Historical Society's Rumsey Hall exhibit? At last! A peaceful resolution! Happy Memorial Day!"

-Mary Ellen Geisser, Stephen Senzer, Ella Clark

Paintings by Sarah Calhoun

Just in time for summer, Sarah Calhoun has placed a fine exhibit of paintings, mostly botanicals, at the Cornwall Library. Calhoun, a (continued on page 4) (continued from page 3)

young artist, shows much potential in simple, well-composed single-flower paintings such as Cosmos and Black-eyed Susan.

She does best, though, when she stretches the limits, as in Autumn Wildflowers. In this painting, she steps outside of the normal and experiments in an unexpected way with texture and color. Sarah Calhoun's paintings will be on display through July 13.

—Alfred Bredenberg

Events & Announcements

The Grumbling Gryphons' Traveling Children's Theater will hold its sixth annual Theater Arts Program from July 8 through July 19. This year the program will be under the auspices of Region One's Kaleidoscope Program at Salisbury Central School in Lakeville. The session will culminate in an original theatrical production co-created by students and the Gryphons. Bus transportation to and from Salisbury Central will be available. There is limited space so call Linda Peppe as soon as possible at 824-5149 or 824-5774 for information and registration.



Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day: Want to safely dispose of pollutants such as cleaning products, household batteries, oil-based paints, pesticides, waste fuels? Pre-register and get detailed information at Town Hall (672-4959) Monday through Thursday, and then you will be able to bring items to HVRHS on Saturday, July 13, from 9 A.M. to 1. No pre-registration, no drop-off.

Joint Concert by Singing Groups: On Sunday, July 21, at 5 P.M. Cornwall's Coltsfoot Chorus and Northwest Passage will perform at the North Cornwall Church, presenting a program of gospel, madrigals, blues, folk, contemporary, and classical music. There is no charge and people are invited to bring picnics for supper afterwards on the lawn.

Carrot and Stick

Carrot: The Chronicle's secretary's dog received license #007 (which you'll recall is James Bond's "license to kill"). Doesn't match dog's disposition-will swap this desirable low number to first July contributor who shows any interest.

Stick: Cornwall without a Chronicle—it could happen if you rely on someone else to support us; we need everyone to chip in.

Tennis on Pine Street: The Cornwall Limited Liability Corporation has generously donated the use of the tennis courts on Pine Street to the Town of Cornwall for the summer season. The courts are available to all Cornwall residents and their guests (residents must be present). Rules are posted at the courts. Park and Rec. will be in charge and reserves the right to refuse any person access to the courts based on negligence or misuse of the property.

Rummage Time! Cornwall's Rummage Sale, sponsored by the Woman's Society, will take place in and near the United Church of Christ Parish House on Saturday, July 20.

Contributions to the sale may be made at the Parish House July 1 through 18. 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 or mattresses can be accepted. Any questions? Call Cilla Mauro (672-6969) or Thalia Scoville (672-6288).

For the sale, please bring change and bills of small denominations. Outside tables with assorted merchandise plus furniture and clothes (this year to be on display at the Town Hall) will go on sale at 9 A.M. Bake sale, too. Numbers will be given to early arrivals to insure everyone an orderly and safe lineup at the doors of the Parish House, which open at 10. The VFW will serve coffee and doughnuts and lunch. Doors close at 4 P.M. The \$2 Bag Sale is from 9 to 12, Monday, July 22. Most of the proceeds benefit the Woman's Society's college scholarship fund.

July Fest: Park and Rec. invites you to celebrate life in the USA at its July Fest on Saturday, July 6, from 12 to 5 P.M.! There will be Good Times on the Green and, at 1 P.M., the Most Patriotic Bike Parade with prize—also games, crafts, ice cream, and VFW food. The Cornwall Cup softball championship will be up for grabs at 1 and 3 Р.м. (Which Cornwall will win-Village, West, or Bridge?) Call Ray Augustyn (672-0295) for info about playing. Bring a blanket and enjoy the cool sounds of the Backwoods Trio from 2 to 5. Don't miss it!

Cornwall's First "Poetry Slam": Everyone is invited to this free celebration of poetry and performance sponsored by the Friends of the Cornwall Library at the library at 8 P.M. on Saturday, July 13. Using the format of regular "poetry slams" (with local modifications), participants will present original work of no more than three minutes' duration and may use whatever means of expression they want to get their work across. Creative performance is encouraged—anything goes. Writers of all ages are invited. Call Phyllis Nauts (672-6608) if you wish to participate or want more information.

Hughes Memorial Library in West Cornwall is planning an intergenerational Reading Partnership Program for children and adults, tentatively scheduled to begin on Thursday, July 11. Adults and children will take turns reading to each other. For information call Jayne Ridgway at 672-0279.

Children's Library Programs: A story hour for preschoolers will be held on Friday mornings at 10. Led by Fran Chapell, the sessions will include stories, activities, and snacks. Middle readers will have their own evening program on Wednesdays at 7 р.м. Led by Joyce Samson, there will be a weekly topic with reading/discussion. Grow with Books is the theme for the summer, and a bare tree drawn by Tony and Sharon Antonios will acquire a leaf for each book listed on children's book logs.



A Republican Caucus will be held at 7:30 P.M. on July 16 at CCS. The caucus is required by state and party rules to select a candidate for Registrar of Voters to run in the November election, and to endorse nominations for Justices of the Peace. All registered Republican voters are encouraged to attend.

A Democratic Caucus will be held at 7:30 P.M. on July 23, at the Town Hall. The caucus is required by state and party rules to select a candidate for Registrar of Voters to run in the November election, and to endorse nominations for Justices of the Peace. All registered Democratic voters are invited to attend.

The Cornwall Historical Society will exhibit various types of rocking chairs from July 6 through July 27. Hours on Saturdays are 9 to 1 and on Tuesday from 9:30 to noon. Anyone who would be agreeable to lending a chair for the exhibit should contact Paula Holmes (672-6427).

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