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Berkshire Country Store Is Back

Earle and Carol Tyler are the new owners of the Berkshire Country Store, and they hope to have it partially up and running about the time this issue of the *Chronicle* arrives in your mailbox. They'll begin with coffee, groceries, and newspapers. Everything else, including gasoline and a deli, they hope to have operational a few weeks afterward.

When I visited the store in mid-June they were busy cleaning the place. Still to come were new floors and carpets and a paint job. Would you believe that to re-open they needed something like nine or more licenses from the state for selling gas, dairy products, baked goods, frozen food, candy, cigarettes, and operating a kitchen/deli, all requiring separate documents and fees? The most recent owners, the Cochrans, had closed the store in early January. Now everything must again be brought up to code.

Earle Tyler, also known as Cornwall's veteran fire chief "Corky" Tyler, said one major problem is the computers in the gas pumps, which currently cannot register a per-gallon price above \$3.99.9. He said there is a wait of four to five months for new computers that can be changed as the price of gasoline goes upward, frequently several times a week. A solution would be to allow Berkshire to sell its gas by the half-gallon, something the state apparently frowns on.

Carol Tyler will run the store, and her son, Jason Allen—also a partner—will live in the apartment on the lower floor. Corky will continue working his day job for the Torrington Parks Department but said the Berkshire Country Store will eventually be his "retirement" job.
—John Miller

Are We Driving Less?

There is some evidence that \$4-a-gallon gas is finally causing Americans to change their driving habits. Use of public transportation is up, and the volume of gasoline bought over Memorial Day was down, as much as 7 percent from 2007.

Are we driving less in Cornwall? We should be; only California, Hawaii, and Alaska have higher prices than Connecticut. As of mid-June, regular in the state ranged from \$4.13 in New Milford to \$4.47 in Stamford. In Cornwall Bridge it was \$4.40. Surprisingly, our local retailer and the Litchfield County distributor say that so far they have not noticed any significant change in volume. (You can get best prices and fuel saving tips at connecticutgasprices.com/index.aspx or GasBuddy.com.)

We asked some Cornwallians if the high prices had changed their habits.

"Absolutely! No vacation this year. We're sticking close to home and constantly figur-

ing strategies for driving less. If we're out of dog food, we'll feed them meat loaf rather than going to the store."—Susan Vanicky (Jeep Cherokee)

"I work a four-day week to avoid one 100-mile commute a week and try to arrange shopping as part of our commuting pattern. Also work at grouping trips so we can accomplish more than one or two things at a whack."—Ralph Gold (Hyundai Elantra)

"My driving hasn't changed. I have to drive for my business regardless of the price of gas. It is only that my blood pressure shoots up into dangerous territory when I fill up my car."—Lazlo (Subaru Forester)

"We are driving slower, combining trips, and walking more. When we are in Torrington volunteering at the soup kitchen we do grocery shopping and buy gas at Cumberland (\$4.17 last week)."—Pat Blakey (Toyota Camry and Ford Ranger)

"If I'm out of birth control pills, we go without sex rather than making a run to the drug store."—Name withheld (Dodge Viper)

"We've been more conscious about the way we go shopping; if we have errands to run, we'll combine it with a food shop. There's not a lot of cutting back left to do! Carpooling to work is not a possibility. Last year we bought a VW Rabbit; mileage is in upper 20s around town. Our GMC 4x4 now sits in the drive most days."—Lori Welles

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In rural areas like Cornwall, a major decline in consumption may have to wait until we are all driving fuel-efficient vehicles. If you're thinking of trading in your guzzler, the July issue of *Consumer Reports* lists the best new and used gas-saving cars. The highest rated compact sedans are: Hyundai Elantra SE (27 mpg), Honda Civic (31), Mazda 3i (30), Subaru Impreza 2.5i (24), and, of course, Toyota Prius (42), which is now the ninth-best selling car in the United States. So maybe it's time to lose that Dodge Viper.

—Ed Ferman

Busy

Before it rises and turns onto the shoulder of the hill, Town Street meanders through overgrown meadowland, now woods. On the uphill side it's boggy. Actually it's more than boggy: it's a shallow pond, and in it is a handsome new home with a water view. Beavers have arrived.

The beaver (*castor canadensis*) is an engaging creature with a friendly, unthreatening manner. He has an inquisitive nose, dexterous forepaws, and a cool set of extra transparent eyelids, like underwater goggles. Beavers are peaceful and intelligent, and they mate for life. In the animal world they're the stars of cognitive behavior: they reason, use tools, and build complex structures. They are remarkably adept and inventive engineers; in the winter, for example, they lower the water level so they can surface under the ice to breathe. They're visionaries, and their projects are mighty: in Northern Alberta there's a beaver dam 2,790 feet long.

They are wonderful animals on someone else's land, though on yours, they might seem problematic. Beavers alter the landscape more than any other creature except man, and they are unstoppable. Tireless, resourceful, and determined, beavers want things their way, and that way is a big pond with a lodge in the middle and a dam along the downstream edge. It may not be what you had in mind, but before you consider eviction, consider the beaver's place in the world.

The beaver is a naturalist's dream: everything he does is good for the planet. *Castor canadensis* is a keystone species, creating rich habitats for fish, ducks, wading birds, turtles, and frogs. But beavers do more than that. They're like benevolent super-creatures, in charge of a system that sustains life on earth.

In natural hydrology they're huge. Beaver dams and the ponds' wide, absorbent edges provide flood protection. Beavers' quiet pondwaters allow young creatures to thrive and layers of rich organic matter to settle. Their wetlands are portals to the aquifer, which provides our groundwater. Their dams filter streamwater by producing bacteria, which need the phosphates and nitrates from agricultural runoff to survive. Miraculously these bacteria also devour pesticides and herbicides. And as if all this were not

enough, beavers have a sense of humor and enjoy practical jokes.

Okay, they cut down a lot of trees, and they put the pond where they want it, not where you do. If these are problems, help is available: get "Coexisting with Beavers," which offers solutions like Beaver Deceiver and Castor Master. Go to www.beaversww.org.

It's not in the Yankee spirit to let someone else move onto your land and develop it for his own purposes, but the beaver's purposes are admirable. He'll take down that scrubby woodlot and create a clean, glimmering, exquisite pond, filled with thriving wildlife.

An earthly paradise on your property: isn't this an offer you can't refuse?

Cornwall is rich in beavers. Recently, in their pond on Cream Hill Road, I noted mallards, Canada geese, a handsome gray heron, and close to a zillion spring peepers.

Also a small dark head tugging a v-shaped wave, swimming steadily toward the rushes. Someone was hard at work, saving the planet.

—Roxana Robinson

Memorial Day 2008

A bright and breezy Memorial Day, a day both solemn and festive, began at North Cornwall Cemetery, where some 28 people, plus one indigo bunting (a brilliantly blue bird, for ornithologically challenged readers), convened to listen to Charles Gold comment on some of the 57 war veterans buried there and to leave cut flowers at the graves. To see so many familiar names recalls the scene from Thornton Wilder's play *Our Town* where the recently deceased characters in that town's cemetery observe the living. Here, for instance, was gentle Carl Yutzler who, according to Gold, felt he could never aim a gun at anyone but cooked for our troops during World War II.

Then on to West Cornwall for the Seamen's Memorial. No indigo bunting this time, but a jet streaked up the river shortly before the service began. Over 40 people assembled for the veterans' march down to the covered bridge, a brief prayer, Benjamin Ackerman's taps, and the throwing of a wreath into the Housatonic, there to make its way to the ocean.

Next, Cornwall Village to position oneself for parade, speakers, a seat, and shade. And what a parade it was! At least 13 veterans, a marching band, the Library Express "float," Brownies, baseball team members, 4-Hers, firemen and EMTs and their really big vehicles, and assorted old cars do us proud.

Among the highlights of the morning's exercises: the school band played better than ever; the citizenship award was justly conferred upon Master of Ceremonies Ralph C. Gold (who recused himself from his own introduction); Matthew Matsudaira and Myles Clohessey played taps flawlessly; and Wendy Kennedy,

whose daughter Jessica enlisted in the air force and spent a year in Afghanistan (and now is in Okinawa), gave the annual address. She spoke about both the worry for her daughter's safety (likening it to a really long prom night) and the pride in her and her fellow servicemen and -women's accomplishments. For Mrs. Kennedy Memorial Day has new meaning.

The annual UCC church fair fed those who migrated to the tents and entertained the younger attendees with games—and, of course, frogs.

Nearly 4,100 men and women have lost their lives in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2003. How to comprehend this number? Imagine driving through our pretty town on a busy, popular weekend like Memorial Day and seeing not one soul. It gives pause.

—Honora Horan

Welcome

Julissa Rose Gonzalez
to Jessica Maher and Ernest Gonzalez

Good-bye to Friends

Mary Cahill
Esther Mary Kenny
Honor Helen Smith
Gertrude Tripp
John Zinsser

Land Transfers

Cornwall Housing Corporation to Markus N. Kuehnert, property and improvements thereon at 34 Mansonville Road for \$150,000.

Estate of Caleen Degreenia to Nicholas W. Xatzis, two parcels and improvements thereon at 15 Railroad Street for \$225,000.

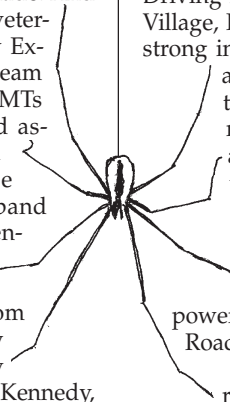
Cornwall Housing Corporation to Walter R. and Katherine Skiff Kane, 1.150 acres on Kent Road for \$25,000.

Extreme Weather

The beginning of the second week of June brought some wild weather to Cornwall. A heat wave resulted in unprecedented early dismissals for CCS on Monday and Tuesday, June 9 and 10. The morning of the 10th started with a tornado watch issued for Litchfield County, letting us all know that the heat wave would probably not end quietly.

At the P&Z meeting that evening, we nervously rushed through the final agenda items as the lightning flashed non-stop, the thunder got louder, and the wind picked up. Driving home on Route 125 from Cornwall Village, I noticed that the wind would blow strong in one direction, then would switch and blow hard in the opposite direction. Small twigs and leaves were already in the air and littering the road as I drove under huge pines along the path a tornado took 19 years ago. It had started to rain by the time I reached Route 128. I passed under a tree that had already fallen and was suspended on the power lines over Route 128 at Wright Hill Road.

The rain hit hard by the time I reached the CCS ball field. I had to



stop in the middle of Route 128 because my windshield wipers were useless. It was as if I was being sprayed on all four sides of my car with fire hoses. I couldn't see anything outside the car. It was completely disorienting, and I didn't dare try to move anywhere. Fortunately, that blast lasted only about a minute before it became intermittent enough that I could creep along the last mile home, wending my way around several fallen trees.

The fire department was soon dispatched and told to report to the firehouse for numerous calls. My daughter Mary Kate and I went up to help. Many firemen were already there, and First Selectman Gordon Ridgway was starting to map out where trees were reported fallen across roads. Firemen were sent to drive the roads searching for other downed branches and trees.

Our first duty was to try to go get Joyce Hart, the rescue lieutenant, down to the firehouse. We drove up to Cherry Hill Road but were stopped quickly by downed trees. We moved the first, but then saw another, then another, plus wires in the road. We had to give up at that point. That scenario was repeated all over that part of town. There were large trees down and blocking Cream Hill Road, Scoville Road, Rattlesnake Road, Town Street, Cogswell Road, Route 128, Dibble Hill Road, Pierce Lane, River Road, Route 63, and Route 4. Some roads had numerous trees down, with snapped poles and wires on the ground.

Around midnight, Mary Kate and I ran into one poor soul at the junction of Rattlesnake and Cogswell roads. He'd been diverted from Route 63 and was trying to get to Lime Rock, and had no idea where he was. Rather than try to explain how to get there safely, we told him to follow us as we went along the only route left open—down Route 4 and through Cornwall Bridge. Cornwall Bridge seemed so quiet and clean in contrast to the shambles we'd left in the north half of town.

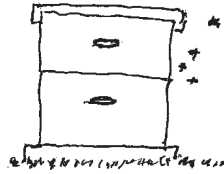
Needless to say, with so many trees down and power out, Region One schools were closed the next morning, painfully extending the school year one more day. The fallen trees trapped many residents, and power was not restored to some for several days.

—Annie Kosciusko

Editor's Note: For information on how to prepare for storm emergencies, ask at the Selectmen's Office for a free Red Cross pamphlet. Cornwall's Emergency Management Team (Nev Dunn, Mike Geyselaers, Gordon Ridgway, and Hunt Williams) is a good source of advice as well.

West Cornwall Focus Meeting

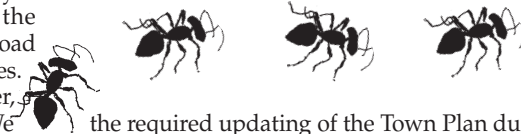
Pat Hare, Planning & Zoning vice-chair, opened the May 27 meeting at Town Hall to a full house of mainly West Cornwall residents. The meeting was focused on getting ideas about what to do about the problems facing the village of West Cornwall. A similar meeting concerning Cornwall Bridge was held in March. Both meetings are part of P&Z efforts to enlist citizen recommendations for



THE JOY OF BOOK-SORTING

A powerful incentive for working at the Rummage Sale is that those who sort the incoming goods have first crack at the treasures. Yes!—they pay full price, and who wouldn't, when the merchandise is so, um, magnificent.

Over at Mohawk, we book-sorters groan when the musty loads arrive. Dust, mice, and damp all love books and their depredations must be dealt with. How rewarding it is, then, to come upon a great prize amid the detritus. It's all worth it when you can take home a cookbook like



the required updating of the Town Plan due in 2008.

James LaPorta, P&Z alternate and a member of its Economic Development Committee, spoke of the survey his group had conducted on how much growth there could be in West Cornwall and found there was still room for expansion, an opinion immediately challenged by Ian Ingersoll, Russ Sawicki, and Todd Piker, who noted that they were built out.

Tom McGowan, Cornwall's planning consultant, further reported that West Cornwall is in a river valley with historic septic and water problems that challenge today's Department of Environmental Protection standards. But he offered hope in the form of village zoning, flexible setback regulations, and common septic and water systems to solve some of the problems.

Pat then asked everyone for comment. Speeding cars was the first complaint, and sidewalks, crosswalks, and speed bumps were suggested. Others saw Torrington Area Health as a problem and suggested that we hire our own sanitarian or share Sharon's. Some spoke about what a great place it is to raise children, how high rents are, how Town Hall could be more encouraging to business and how ugly the bridges are. To get a complete picture, a suggestion was made to conduct a property audit, going to all owners of every structure to see what was going on in them and what they had to say.

The meeting wound down with the audience wistfully remembering West Cornwall 30 years ago when businesses were booming and solutions to problems were often local. Ian Ingersoll, perhaps remembering those days, said, "We don't expect you to help us, just get out of our way." —Norma Lake

How Healthy Is Our Lake?

There is only one lake entirely in Cornwall, Cream Hill Lake. It is also the location of most of our swimming and boating activity.

For the past several years Torrington Area

Letter to the Chronicle

The New Joys of Jello, or a duct-tape user's guide to feng shui.

And sometimes you discover a personal note tucked into a book you're dusting. Here, in its entirety, is the most valuable historical document found in the 2007 Rummage Sale. It was printed in huge 30-point type; the name has been changed to protect the innocent:

Well since you have ended our relationship I hope your [sic] happy with your new boyfriend and I hope I never have to see your face again.

Bob

PS Here are the ugly pictures you sent me.

—Franny Taliaferro



Health has tested the water for safe swimming levels every two weeks during the summer at both the Town Beach and Cream Hill Lake Association. The quality has been consistently very good. The low level of development and clean runoff area (no feed lots, cornfields, or heavily fertilized lawns) around the lake are major contributors to this.

The level of milfoil, an invasive weed, has been held in check by the naturally occurring weeds. This is the primary reason that weeds are not harvested on the lake. The absence of the natural weeds would encourage the milfoil.

So far zebra mussels have not entered the lake. To maintain this status, we must all be vigilant about washing boats and canoes with a mild Clorox solution if the boats have been in waters other than the lake.

Enjoy the water and know that you are safe and being watched after. The lake is healthy.

—Ralph Gold

Events & Announcements

An Alex's Lemonade Stand will be at the Cornwall Bridge Firehouse on Saturday, July 5, from 11 A.M. to 3 P.M., hosted for the fourth time by Reilly Hedden. All proceeds go to Alex's Lemonade Foundation to help fight childhood cancer.

Congrats to Another Grad: Schuyler Ebersol was inadvertently omitted from last month's story on Cornwall graduates; he leaves the Washington Montessori School and heads to Hotchkiss in the fall.

A Guided Tour of West Cornwall: Walk with Denis Curtiss and hear about the village of 50 years ago when he was growing up. Learn about previous industrial activity and later busy commerce in the village. The tour and a descriptive map are sponsored by the Cornwall Historical Society. Meet at the Post Office parking lot at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, July 26.

The Cornwall Community Picnic will take place on Friday, July 4 (rain date July 5), from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. at Foote Fields. The Cornwall Cup softball game starts at 1 P.M. Skip Kosciusko (480-2571) heads up the West Cornwall/North Cornwall team, and Pat Hare (672-3215) leads the Cornwall/Cornwall Bridge team. Contact them if you want to join the friendly competition. Lunch will be served from 12:30 to 2:30 P.M. by CCS eighth graders. Donations will benefit their class trip. Inflatable rides add to the fun from noon to 4 P.M., with the tanker truck making an appearance during the day. Co-sponsored by Park & Rec. and The Cornwall Association.

A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at its new location at the Cornwall Free Library on Pine Street on Thursday, July 17, from 1:30 to 6:15 P.M. Registration is in the meeting room at the rear of the building. Call 1-800-GIVE LIFE, or Pat and Gerry Blakey at 672-6516 for more information.

Art in Cornwall: Food-themed artwork continues at the Cornwall Free Library through July 6. Verne Henshall's photographic exhibit, *Morocco and More—A Visual Journey*, will begin on Wednesday, July 9.

At the iO Gallery, *Girls, Girls, Girls* continues through July 20. On July 26, an opening reception will be held from 5 to 7 P.M. for a Masters show featuring artists Peter Seltzer, Frank Federico, Frank Bramble, and Patrick Purcell.

Northern Exposure Gallery's photo exhibit, *Town and Country*, continues through July 26. On summer weekends from noon to 5:30 P.M. (see calendar for dates), the gallery will host outdoor art shows on the rear lawn of The Wish House. Part of the proceeds will benefit local charities and organizations.

Freedom of the Press

The Glorious Fourth is notable in our day for minor explosions and showers of dazzling sparks in the evening sky. The declaration that was signed on July 4, 1776, promised us not just the pursuit of happiness, but freedom of the press. The *Chronicle* occupies a modest place in the pantheon of American journalism to be sure; still, with no advertisers to influence our reporting, we do need your support. Thank you!

Iraq for Sale, a documentary film about the activities of Blackwater, Halliburton, and other private contractors, will be shown on Friday, July 18, at 7 P.M. at the Cornwall Free Library. The screening is sponsored by the Cornwall Iraq Moratorium Network. For information call 672-0183.

Motherhouse Events:

- July 12: workshop, *Keeping the Family Cow*, 10 A.M. to 1 P.M. at the Local Farm Barn. Learn about caring for a backyard cow. Bring a dish for a potluck lunch; \$35/person, \$50/family of up to four. Pre-registration a must.

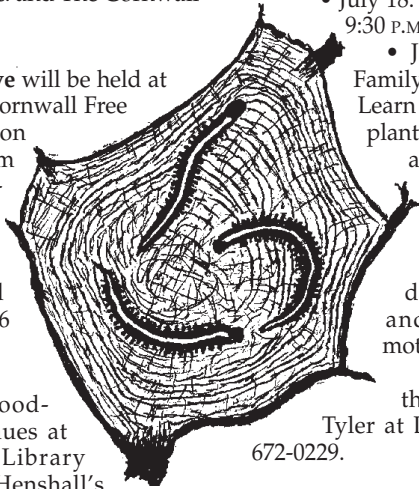
- July 18: Family Round Sing, 7:30 to 9:30 P.M., Local Farm Barn. Free.

- July 19: Stringing Along Family Weed Walk with Joe Brien. Learn to identify and use fibrous plants to create your own cordage. Bring a dish to share for lunch. Free. 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at Local Farm.

- July 26: Mother/Son Day, 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. A day of activities for mothers and sons to share. \$35 per mother-son pair.

For more information on these events, contact Debra

Tyler at Debra@Motherhouse.us or 672-0229.



The Rose Algrant Art Show, 48 years old and going strong, has over 40 local artists displaying their wares in a multitude of media at the Cornwall Consolidated School starting Friday, July 25, from 5 to 8 P.M. Weekend hours are: Saturday, July 26, from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M., and Sunday, July 27, from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. A percentage of the proceeds will be donated to the Cornwall Conservation Trust Scholarship Fund. Contact Phyllis Nauts for more information at pnauts@optonline.net or 672-6608.

The Annual Rummage Sale will take place on Saturday, July 19, Sunday, July 20, and Monday, July 21. (See insert in this issue.)

A Chamber Music Concert with flute, viola, and cello will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Saturday, July 19, at the Cream Hill Lake Association. Everyone welcome.

Grumbling Gryphons Theater Arts Camp for children ages 6 through 14 starts Tuesday, July 29, at the Town Hall from 9:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. and ends with a final performance on August 2. Contact director Leslie Elias at grumblinggryphons@yahoo.com or 672-0286 to sign up.

The Cornwall Free Library has extended its summer hours. Starting July 7 through August, it will be open Mondays from 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.

A Nutmeg Book discussion group for children in grades three through eight will be held on Monday afternoons; the first meeting is at 4 P.M. on July 14. Contact the Library (672-6874) if interested.

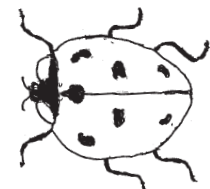
"Catch the Reading Bug" is the theme of this year's Young Readers Summer Reading Program. Special events and performers have been scheduled for Wednesday nights and some Friday mornings starting July 9. Visit www.cornwallfreelibrary.org for more information.

Frances Kiernan will speak about her new book *The Late Mrs. Astor: A New York Story* on Saturday, July 12, at 4 P.M.

Sally Van Doren will speak about her new book of poetry, for which she won the Walt Whitman Award, on Saturday, July 26. Time to be announced.

Tax Collector News: The first half of real estate and personal property taxes is due July 1. Tax bills of less than \$100 and motor vehicle bills are due in full, otherwise second-half payments will be due January 1, 2009. Any tax not paid by August 1 is delinquent, and interest of 1.5 percent per month (including July) will be applied to unpaid balances.

For the first time, payment by credit card and e-check will be accepted through the Official Payments website, www.officialpayments.com, or by calling 1-800-272-9829. Use the Cornwall jurisdiction code 1774. A fee will be charged to the taxpayer for this service. Look for payment information in the lower right corner of the tax bill.



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