

Driver Not Wanted

Last summer, I took my child to the Falls Village library for story hour. One of the books we read was Mo Willems's *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*, and as a bonus for the day a Region One bus driver showed up with a big yellow school bus. In addition to letting the toddlers get on the bus, we parents got a spiel about the need for drivers. For \$20 an hour, you could even bring your child to work, a boon for a driver who might be concerned about the dearth of childcare in the region.

It's no secret Region One is in desperate need of bus drivers, a pandemic-related crisis that continues to trouble school districts the country over. According to the National Education Association, employment of K-12 bus drivers is 15% lower than it was in 2019. A combination of poverty wages, aging workforce, health risks, and the demands of the job have all contributed to the issue, as school districts continue to hunt for willing drivers.

But recently, news arrived at town hall that the region is considering a novel solution. The school district has been approached by a Detroit-based transportation and mobility start-up, Mobio, about joining a pilot program to test self-driving buses in rural districts.

According to the selectmen's office, Mo-

bio identified Region One as having appropriate terrain, surface treatments, and traffic flows for its flagship product, a 20-person autonomous EV bus, which is being co-produced by Ford at the company's River Rouge complex. If the region agrees to Mobio's terms, the program will begin in the fall of 2024 on two routes, one of which serves Cornwall.

Chair of the Cornwall BOE, Iris Hermann, voiced concerns that she says have been commonplace since hearing about Mobio's offer, saying that while the bus driver shortage was serious, no one in town was ready to let their kids get on a driverless bus. "It's bad enough thinking about whether the person in the Tesla passing me on Route 4 even has his hands on the wheel, let alone a bus full of kids." But, she conceded, this is going to be left up to the voters.

A referendum is scheduled for later in the spring. —Lou Dyte

Jewels of the Grand List

When people call construction projects or buildings a "white elephant," they rarely refer to its color. The label is often used to convey that the expenses to run a place are out of proportion to its value or usefulness to the owner. Take the sandstone man-

sion on a 445-acre property above Johnson Road in the northern part of town. Put on the market in 2005 for an asking price of \$25 million, it did not find a buyer until earlier this year. Fourteen years later. And for a lot less.

Still, the \$12 million price it garnered was high enough to set a new record for residential real estate transactions in all of Litchfield County. Which somehow fits the résumé of the man who had bought the land in the 1980s and in 1992 built the four-story palace with its 20 rooms, tennis court, space for horses, and a swimming pool.

The owner's identity was never a secret. Ivan Lendl, eight-time major tennis champion and former world number one, lived here with his wife, Samantha, and their five daughters full time until southern Florida became their new center of gravity. A *Sarasota Herald-Tribune* headline, "Ivan Lendl Steers Daughters Toward Golf," explained what was behind the move.

A lesser-known fact about the property was obscured by its official Goshen address, 400 5 1/2 Mile Road: the dwelling sits on Cornwall land—a location that made the 63-year-old immigrant from Czechoslovakia the biggest provider to Cornwall's

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event Online Event In Person 	1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Democratic Town Committee Meeting 7 pm Library 	2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presidential Preference Primary 6 am–8 pm Town Hall Board of Selectmen 7:30 pm Hybrid/Library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inland Wetlands/Water Courses Meeting 7 pm Zoom 	4 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Levels Vinyasa Yoga 5:30–6:45 pm The Union 	5	6 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint Spring Watercolor Art Class 10–11:30 am Library Child Center Flannel Fling 6 pm Torrington Country Club Old Time Community Dance 7–9 pm Town Hall
7	8 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Park & Recreation Meeting 6:30 pm Hybrid/Library Cornwall Agricultural Advisory Commission Meeting 7:30 pm Town Hall 	9 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knitting Group 9:30–11:30 am UCC Community/Senior Lunch Noon UCC Parish House West Cornwall Septic Committee 5 pm Zoom 	10 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Education Meeting 4:15 pm CCS 	11 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Woman's Society Talk 10:30–11:30 am UCC Parish House All Levels Vinyasa Yoga 5:30–6:45 pm The Union Board of Finance Meeting 7 pm Zoom 	12 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Donald Polk, III Opening Reception 3–5 pm National Iron Bank 	13 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint Spring Watercolor Art Class 10–11:30 am Library Storytime with Rita Delgado 10:30 am–Noon Library Joelle Sander Opening Reception 5–7 pm Library
14 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mixed Media Opening Reception 11:30 am–1:30 pm UCC Parish House 	15 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deadline: May Chronicle Copy 	16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board of Selectmen 7:30 pm Hybrid/Library 	17 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community Social Hour 3–4 pm Town Hall 	18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cornwall Conservation Commission Meeting 9 am Library All Levels Vinyasa Yoga 5:30–6:45 pm The Union 	19 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Hearing 7 pm CCS 	20 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Paint Spring Watercolor Art Class 10–11:30 am Library International Poetry Day 2–4 pm Library/Zoom
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28	29 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Affordable Housing Commission Meeting 5 pm Zoom 	30	31	This Month: Sundays: ♦ Hatha Yoga, 9–10:30 am The Union; ♦ Yoga for Good, 10:45 am–Noon The Union; Mondays: ♦ Integral Qigong/Tai Chi, 10–11 am The Union; ♦ Hatha Yoga, 5:30–6:45 pm The Union; Wednesdays: ♦ Hatha Yoga, 8:30–9:45 pm The Union; ♦ Beginner's Tai Chi, 5–6 pm Town Hall; Thursdays: ♦ Meditation, 4:30–5:15 pm The Union; Fridays: ♦ Yoga for All, 9–10:15 am The Union; Saturdays: ♦ All Levels Vinyasa Yoga, 9:30–10:35 am The Union;		

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grand list. His property tax contribution? Close to \$100,000 a year.

In contrast, the new owners' identity is a secret. The estate, split into several pieces, went to a number of limited liability companies filed in Wyoming shortly before closing in mid-January. The Cowboy State doesn't require shareholders' names to be put into the public record.

As far as the Lendls are concerned, they are keeping a foothold in Cornwall. They used the proceeds to purchase several buildings on Cobble Hill Road, plus some vacant land for \$6,250,000.

The new activity in the high-end segment of the real estate market has a number of positive long-term effects.

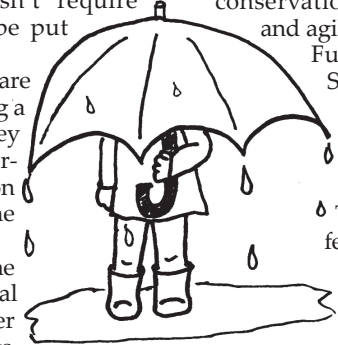
The grand list, the compilation of all taxable real and personal property, will trend higher. But it will only be accurately reflected by the next general cyclical revaluation in October 2026.

By that time, the lingering legacy of former "Castle" owner, Alphonse "Buddy" Fletcher, should have been taken care of. The hedge-fund manager, who had cobbled together a chunk of Cornwall, eventually stretched himself thin and had to file for bankruptcy. He left the stage like a ghost some years ago and had his bank, JP Morgan Chase, handle the task of finding buyers for buildings and land.

Two parcels the bank got off their ledger became the focal points of arduous, headline-making civil litigation in the Torrington court. At least one dispute, about a 17.566-acre parcel on Valley Road, between the new owner and the Coltsfoot Valley Association, has been settled. The property was bought by the Cornwall Conservation Trust. And the plaintiffs withdrew their complaint against CVA, which included a demand for \$2.1 million in damages (they had bought the land for the bargain price of \$90,000).

The legal issues with a second parcel from the Fletcher collection have not been solved. As the *Chronicle* reported in January, the spat had escalated to two indictments and a guilty verdict against the new owner. The litigation about a right-of-way to access the 13 acres off Cook Road with an old house deep in the woods started more than two years ago and is ongoing. One question pondered goes as far back as 1903 when the town of Cornwall abandoned the cul-de-sac off Pritchard Road as a public road.

As of now, the court's position which blocks the owner from accessing the property, is legally binding. But, as the judge hinted at in a preliminary decision rendered in mid-March, that interpretation of a complicated real-estate puzzle might be revoked.



—Juergen Kalwa

Furnace and Fish

"That's a big problem." Mike Jastremski was concerned. We were looking down from Route 4 at the Furnace Brook fish ladder. In the fish channel was the piece of a tree—about 11-feet long and eight inches in diameter. "Heavy. Waterlogged. Gotta get it out of there." Mike is HVA's "watershed conservation director"—burly, bearded, and agile.

Furnace Brook is, according to Starr's history, "the largest stream entirely within the township." It is a spreading tree of tributaries that eventually funnel down to its opening into the Housatonic. The ladder is about a thousand feet up from the mouth.

Earlier in the day, Mike had led me to the site of the furnace itself (upstream from the ladder) and handed me—somewhat tottery and in borrowed hip boots—down the steep and slaggy slope to the water running dark and foaming white over the stones. I'd planned to wade there, but he said, diplomatically, "Well, the flow is a bit strong today; we don't need to go in."

On the slope by the brook, I had picked up a few brightly colored pieces of slag. Slag is the scum from iron processing, but to call it "scum" does not give credit to its beauty: shiny jagged pieces of midnight blues, blacks, deep purples, and greens. The slag's color indicates the efficiency of the furnace; solid green proves proper amounts of ingredients: ore, charcoal, lime, and blast.

On the tall opposite bank are stone remains of the 1833 Cornwall Bridge Iron Company furnace wall which was once 30 or more feet high. (A hill by a furnace slopes usefully from above, so the trestle can send materials—charcoal, lime and ore—down into the furnace to meet the blast.)

In the early 19th century, brooks served many purposes. Furnace Brook had, for example (according to Allen's *Cornwall in 1801*) many "works": One gristmill, one mill to grind bark for a tannery, several sawmills, one forge and "one mill to grind Wheat, Corn &c." The ore, at that time, came from neighboring Salisbury and Sharon. But by the end of the century, industries turned to coal and electricity for power. The furnace closed in about 1892. And by then, of course, most of the trees were gone. Furnaces eat about 1,200 bushels of charcoal a day. But now the brook runs free.

Nonetheless, trout had a hard time after a 1992 road repair obstructed fish from moving upstream. HVA installed a fish ladder in 1995; it was replaced by the current more permanent one in 2014. A constant problem is road runoff from Route 4 which dumps bad stuff into the brook and—particularly in summer—warms the water.

Goodbye to a Friend

Marjorie Bacon Gracey

Congratulations

Jessie S. Elliott and James M. Schiele, Jr.

Elizabeth Lane Arthur and Daniel H. Callahan, Jr.

Trout like it cold, and, for the most part, they benefit from the shade of hemlocks in the ravine.

Gone is Connecticut's fish opening day (traditionally the second Saturday in April), when cars lined the road and VFW fish fries followed. But the fish are still there, thanks to the ladder which supports spawning migrations and to DEEP stocking of brown trout. Furnace Brook is a "Wild Trout Management Area Class 2," one of only two such streams in the state; it is a critically important thermal refuge. It supports more trout during summer months than any other thermal refuge. And now it is also swaddled in the Cornwall Conservation Trust's 107-acre preserve.

So let's hear it for this most multi-talented brook, its friends, and for the return of the natives.

—Ella Clark

Catscapade

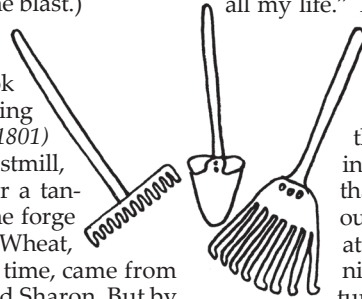
Watching the blizzard from our new home in Cornwall Village, any quiet snow-day joy quickly dissolved amid a growing family crisis: Rosie, our cat, was missing. Mid-March temperatures in the high 50s the day before must have beckoned Rosie through the same irresponsibly propped-open screen door we accessed to clean the patio.

Conversations slid from blame to despair, days became weeks, her food dish lay untouched, her litter unsullied. I tried to console the kids, even convince myself: "She'll turn up. I know cats. I've had them all my life."

The cats I had grown up with though, had been different, sophisticated, independent, proud. My first cat, Mittens, dying at age 13, sensing both that the end was near, and an inevitability of veterinary euthanasia, waited patiently by our screen door. She slipped out at the first chance to a more dignified passing, embracing nature's life cycle.

Rosie, in contrast, was no experienced prowler. Sure, she had proven herself an admirably sadistic indoor mouser. But until recently, she'd been a city apartment cat, carted up to Cornwall weekly against her will, far more versed in dust bunnies and twist ties than wild rabbits and coyotes.

Worry at home grew to panic. We put up pitiful lost cat signs at the library and Little Guild. We pried into barns and garages in the village after sunset, headlamps pointed quickly toward the slightest mewl. Even gracious introductions to most sympathetic neighbors, both furry and clothed,



could not temper our discouragement.

Now five weeks out, snow long gone, we widened our search perimeter, braving our way across Foote Field. Only slightly ignoring trespassing signs, we landed in the lumber wonderland that is New England Naval Timbers. It is truly a separate dimension, mounds of sawdust carpeting driveways, Brobdingnagian barked pillars, piled high in pyramids, lining the paths. Heavy slicing machinery that would excite both carpenter and mass murderer lay silent, hungry to feast on the surroundings. Fascinated as I was, we focused, clicked our tongues, looking for any flash of mottled gray fur. By dusk, we had landed on a shaded porch at the edge of the Naval Timbers property, a woman shaking her head in sympathy. "Nope. I see bears, and the occasional raccoon triggers my crittercam, but I'll keep watch." Emails exchanged, we plodded home, our kids none too pleased by our lack of progress.

Two days later, miraculously, a glorious MPEG video attachment provided proof of life for our weary Rosie; the grainy gray timestamped footage captured her slinking around that porch at 1:43 A.M.

A climactic, but stressful, week followed, including a failed tender trapper caper, complete with footage of Rosie outsmarting the cage, and a frightened, bloodied raccoon, who did not. I spent several frigid five-hour contemplative moonlit evenings on that porch, motionless in shadows until after midnight. Rosie eluded me each time, snatching an early bite before I arrived, and again after I left, clearly enjoying her high stakes games of cat and mouse.

Finally, alerted by Duke, the lumberyard maestro, to Rosie's last haunt under a shed, I mounted a full-scale operation: carrier hidden behind a log, two cans of food, blanket for my lap, and a tangle of yarn to ball up, just the Zen activity to lure her in. Three excruciating hours later, curiosity finally killed Rosie's outdoor id. She settled gently in my lap, I wrapped her tightly in the blanket, stuffed her in the carrier, and hurried home. God, though, wouldn't it just have been so much easier if Rosie were a damned dog?
—Ben Lesch

Cornwall Briefs

• **Zeroing in on a milestone birthday**, they were 70 when they came together the last time for a celebration. Not 70 women, mind you, but all of them 70 years old, born in 1944 and with a Cornwall connection. They came together and shared one birthday cake and lots of memories. This year will be the next opportunity to enjoy each other's company for another milestone birthday. The date has been set, July 27, but while the event is shaping up, the planning team of Amy Christaldi, Nora Horan, and Nancy Berry would like to reach out early to spread the word among all freshly minted

female octogenarians to join them. Contact nancy.g.berry@gmail.com for more details.

• **Grants available for students.** The Bradford Scholarship, a four-year stipend, is available this year to any Cornwall student planning to enter the University of Connecticut in the fall of 2024. Those interested should contact the Board of Education clerk at akosciusko@cornwallschool.org for more information and to request an application. Completed applications are due by May 13.

The Cornwall Conservation Trust is offering up to \$1,000 to graduating high school and college students residing in Region One who are working on environmental conservation issues. The program was established in 2008 by an endowment of the

Calhoun family. This year's deadline for the application is May 1. More information is on the organization's grants page at cornwallconservationtrust.org. The trust, along with its naturalist walks, will be offering a series of trail introductions this year. Its website has more information on how to get up-to-date announcements on upcoming treks.

• **Improvement work on the Mill Brook** retaining wall in West Cornwall will begin on April 15, which means access to River Road will be closed for two weeks.

• **A hearing about the school and the town budget** is scheduled for April 19 at 7 P.M. at Cornwall Consolidated School. The budget meeting became necessary to deal with growing expenditures related to recent storms and a growing number of Cornwall students attending Housatonic Valley Regional High School in Falls Village.

• **The town is looking for a lifeguard** at Hammond Beach (the deadline to apply is May 15) and for a highway department maintainer (job requirements: a commercial driver's license and experience using heavy equipment.) Applications and inquiries for both positions should go to Jane Hall in the selectmen's office assistant@cornwallct.gov.

• **People may not know** when they need to obtain the proper paperwork to start a job on their building. The answer is easy: before, not after. Which is one of the many requirements the Connecticut Building Code has set when going about to "construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building." The devil is in the details of many a thing, including installing electrical, gas, or plumbing systems. Conclusion: The property might be your castle, but it is not sitting in your own kingdom. Peter Russ, Cornwall building official, knows all the details.

• **Founded in 1993, Chore Service** has helped seniors in the Northwest Corner with many things like light housekeeping, laundry, companionship, grocery shopping, transportation to medical appointments, and outdoor work, regardless of their ability to pay for those services. Its summer fundraising events have become a

Letter to the Chronicle

CCS SEVENTH-GRADERS WILLING TO HELP

In an effort to foster a community that continuously prioritizes inclusiveness, seventh-grade students at Cornwall Consolidated School have been learning about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the roles that we all can play to ensure equal access for all individuals.

Some ways seventh-graders have been increasing universal layers of inclusion are by updating the handicapped parking symbols, printing 3D Braille signs for classrooms, ordering new books for the school library that address the ADA and disabilities, as well as learning some sign language.

Seventh-grade students are also interested in the authentic experiences of individuals with disabilities in our community. Students would love to volunteer with individuals who are willing to share their experiences, while helping out with household jobs, such as yardwork, cleaning, arranging, carrying, lifting, or any other way we can make life a little easier.

Students feel it is a great way to say, "We see you and we value you as members of our community!" If you are interested in having the seventh-graders from CCS assist you in some way, please contact the school at 672-6617 or email Will Vincent at wvincent@cornwallschool.org. Seventh-graders are willing and wanting to help.

—CCS Seventh-Graders

highlight on the social calendar. At the same time, its counterpart further south, the Litchfield Hills Chore Service, needed a little help itself to stay afloat. So, the two have come together under one roof recently. With a combined force of 45 full- and part-time workers and about 250 clients, the consolidated organization will serve a total of 13 towns.

—Juergen Kalwa

Events & Announcements

Park and Recreation

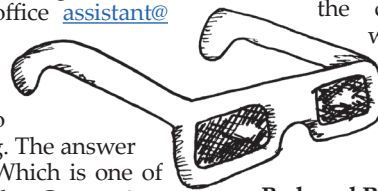
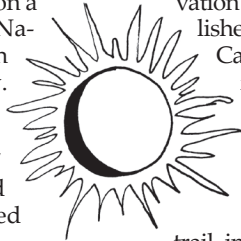
Foil Fencing Club will be open to children ages 7 to 11, and adults ages 12+. Kids and adults can train recreationally or competitively to participate in fencing tournaments. For updates on dates and times and to register go to Cornwallparkrec.org. Questions? Email park.recreation@cornwallct.gov.

Senior monthly lunch on Tuesday, April 9, at noon at the UCC Parish House. RSVP by April 7 to park.recreation@cornwallct.gov or call/text 860-480-0600.

Community social hour on Wednesday, April 17, from 3 to 4 P.M. at the UCC Parish House. Drop by for snacks and drinks with friends.

Senior monthly breakfast on Tuesday,

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April 23, at 9 A.M. at the UCC Parish House. RSVP by April 21 to park.recreation@cornwallct.gov or call/text 860-480-0600.

A new round of COVID vaccinations organized by Jen Markow will be available at town hall on April 24 from 11 A.M. to 4 P.M. Insurance cards are required.

The Democratic Town Committee will meet on April 1 at the Cornwall Library at 7 P.M. to elect officers and delegates. All Democrats welcome.

A presidential preference primary for both the Republican and Democratic parties will be held on April 2 in the town hall, 24 Pine Street. Polls are open from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. Absentee ballots are available from the town clerk's office Monday through Thursday from 9 A.M. to noon and 1 to 4 P.M. Completed ballots must be returned by 8 P.M. on Primary Day.

At the Cornwall Library:

Paint Spring in Watercolor: Art class with Collette Hurst on Saturdays from 10 to 11:30 A.M., April 6, 13, and 20. Students of all levels welcome. A fee of \$75 payable to instructor at first class. Register at cornwalllibrary.org.

Storytime with Rita Delgado: Saturday, April 13, from 10:30 A.M. to noon.

International Poetry Day is April 20. From 2 to 4 P.M. experience the live/Zoom real-time hybrid connection of poets from all across the United States and the world. The event is free, but register at cornwalllibrary.org. Contact event organizer C. C. Arshagra at arshagra@gmail.com for more information.

"Flannel Fling" benefit for Child Center will be held on Saturday, April 6, at 6 P.M. at the Torrington Country Club. This is an evening with dinner, drinks, and dancing. Visit cornwallchildcenter.org to purchase tickets.

Old-Time Community Dance: Square, circle, and contra dances taught and called by Paul Rosenberg to the lively music of Relatively Sound Band from 7 to 9 P.M. on Satur-

Like Furnace Brook

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day, April 6, at town hall. Beginners welcome. No partners necessary. Donations requested to pay caller and tip the band. For more information, contact Debra@Motherhouse.us or 672-0229.

The Cornwall Woman's Society will host a talk by Lynn Martorell and Keavy Bedell about counseling for families during end-of-life situations on April 11 at 10:30 A.M. in the UCC Parish House at 8 Bolton Hill Road. Lynn has been a local community educator and a hospice volunteer since 1999. Keavy Bedell will share her experiences and talk about East Mountain House, a hospice home being considered for the local community. The program is free.

Art in Cornwall

At National Iron Bank, an opening reception from 3 to 5 P.M. on April 12 for the collection of acrylic and mixed media artwork by Donald Polk III, the youngest artist to host an art show in the bank's history. Lemonade and light refreshments will be served.

At the library, opening reception for Jolle Sander's "Live It Up!" on April 13 from 5 to 7 P.M. The show will hang until May 18. Registration is requested for the opening.

At the UCC Parish House, an exhibit of artworks in mixed media by Lisa Keskinen and paintings by Lynn Lena Curtis will open with a reception on Sunday, April 14, from 11:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. and continue through May 19. Viewing times are Monday to Thursday from 9 A.M. to noon, Sunday, from 10 A.M. to noon, and by appointment with Lisa (lisa@keskinenarchitects.com) or Lynn (4lenacurtis@gmail.com). Call church office for further information at 672-6840.

Earth Day Events

Help clean up Cornwall on Saturday, April 27, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Join us at Foote Field for light refreshments by the Cornwall Association before going out or coming back. C&M Carting Solutions' dumpster will be at the field until 5 P.M. for all roadside trash collected. Bags, gloves, and safety vests provided if needed.

From 9 to 10:30 A.M., join the Cornwall Garden Club to plant and spruce up town hall; bring a rake and trowel if possible.

At 3 P.M. you're invited to town hall for an intergenerational arts & ecology drama/art/music workshop in honor of the Earth, culminating in a 5 P.M. Earth Day Pageant

on the town green with live music by Berkshire Resilience Brass Band, Jane Prentice on fiddle, and Ellen Moon in her larger-than-life Golden Lady Puppet. A 5:30 P.M. potluck dinner in town hall will be followed by a 6:30 P.M. performance by workshop participants at the library and a 7 P.M. premiere screening of the Grumbling Gryphons' environmental movie, *Count Ampula and the Carbon Curse*. Then, from 7:30 to 8:30 P.M., share your stories, songs, thoughts, poems, and music for the Earth on an open mic. All events are free. (Parade and all other festivities will be held inside town hall if it rains.) To learn more, contact Leslie Elias at 672-0286 or grumblinggryphons@gmail.com.

Beginner's Tai Chi on Wednesdays, 5 to 6 P.M. in Cornwall Town Hall. Fee is \$50 per month; the first class is free. For more information: Dave at 672-6726 or davidcolbert7@gmail.com.

CCS Kindergarten registration for the 2024-25 school year will be held during the month of May. Registration for children who are five years old before September 2 will be on Wednesday, May 15, and for children who turn five on or after September 2 (and through December 31), registration will be on Friday, May 17. Please call the school office at 672-6617 to schedule a time for your child/children to visit the school. Parents need to bring immunization records, birth certificate, and proof of residency on the day of registration.

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Cornwall Park & Recreation

Events

Pickle Ball at CCS Thursday Nights 6pm-8pm until the end of school

**April 27: Earth Day Cornwall Clean Up with C&M Carting at Foote Field
9am-1pm. Dumpster there until 5pm (not for household waste)**

April 24: Spring Covid Vaccine Clinic, 11am-4pm at Town Hall

**May 1: Lunch & a show- Goodspeed Opera House to see
“The Mystery of Edwin Drood” with lunch at the Gelston House**

June 22: Annual Town Picnic at Hammond Beach- 5pm-8pm

**July 13: July Fest with Too Blue Band at 4pm on the Village Green
with Food Trucks**

**July 18: Lunch & a show- Goodspeed Opera House to see
“South Pacific” with lunch at the Gelston House**

**August 10: Taste of Cornwall at 4pm on the Village Green with
Grain Thief Band and local businesses and nonprofits.**

**September 11: Lunch & a show- Goodspeed Opera House to see
“Maggie” with lunch at the Gelston House**

Fall Flu & Covid Vaccine Clinic- Date & Time TBD

October 31: Halloween- Dinner and Trick or Treating

November 17: Chili Cookoff and Pumpkin Chunkin’ Event

December Date TBD: Santa and the Grinch Event

Commission Meetings

**Commission meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month except
for October & November due to holiday conflicts.**

**Meeting Location is at the Cornwall Library, 30 Pine Street. Meeting will be hybrid
with in-person at the library (weather permitting) and via Zoom at 6:30**

**April 8th
May 13th
June 10th
July 8th
August 12th**

**September 9th
*October 10th
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December 9th**

