



# CORNWALL CHRONICLE

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## \$20,000 School Plan Gift

In mid-November, New-Site Study Group Chairman Nancy Calhoun announced that an anonymous donor will pay a \$20,000 fee to Rhinebeck Architecture and Planning, a firm known for its cost-effective design, to develop a plan for a new school. The three members of the New-Site Study Group had visited the Taconic Hills Central School in Craryville, New York, designed by the firm, and were favorably impressed. After visiting a potential nine-acre building site adjoining Foote Fields in Cornwall Village, architect Louis Turpin expressed an interest in working with Dan Sexton of Casle Construction Corp. to make sure that the schematic plan he will propose for the site, while not as detailed, will be educationally the same as the original addition plan.

Meanwhile, the New-Site Study Group will try to find out if anyone is interested in buying the present Cornwall Consolidated School by placing a three-day ad in *The New York Times* after the holidays.

To learn more, remain seated after the Town Meeting on December 19 at Cornwall Consolidated School at 7:30 P.M. Both building study groups will present more detailed progress reports to the Board of Education and the Board of Selectmen.

—Carla Bigelow

## Again—Towering Questions

Once again, the tower controversy looms on the horizon of Cornwall's highest hills. This time, SBA (a tower-building company) and Sprint PCS (the eventual service provider) are proposing to build a tower on land off Popple Swamp Road owned by Ralph Gulliver. The tower would be one of three planned by PCS for cell-phone operation along the Route 7 corridor from Salisbury to Kent.

First Selectman Gordon Ridgway wants to insure that whatever tower building occurs serves the best interests of the town. In the present case, an alternate site might be on higher town-owned land atop Buck Mountain, off Dibble Hill Road and only a half mile from the Gulliver location. The Buck Mountain option would allow the town to set conditions that make the tower as unobtrusive as possible. Also, a single high tower on Buck Mountain might not only obviate the need for three separate towers to serve Route 7, but also serve portions of Route 4 and other areas.

Ridgway's hope is to work toward a comprehensive plan that will make Cornwall's towers both inconspicuous and few in number. The legal question of who has the final say on tower building is, in Ridgway's words, "like a ping-pong game in the courts—and right now the town has a pretty good shot."

At any rate, no towers will go up tomorrow.

Sprint PCS and the state Siting Council will have to do "propagation studies" to see which areas can be reached from several possible tower locations. And when a decision is tentatively made, Ridgway promises a meeting with abutting landowners as the first step. Wide distribution of information and public hearings would probably follow. —Bob Potter

## The Cogswells Return

On November 14, Cornwall was visited by two men whose roots go back to the earliest days of our town and our country: Theodore and Truman Cogswell, twin brothers and Native Americans, whose forebears split off from the Schaghticoke Tribe in Kent in the late 1700s to settle in North Cornwall. They served in the local militia during the Revolutionary period, and afterwards became coopers and stonemasons. The beautiful walls, built by Theodore and Truman's great, great, great grandfather, Nathan, can still be seen today, at the intersection of Rattlesnake and Cogswell Roads. And the earliest photograph in the Cornwall Historical Society's collection is of William Cogswell, known as "Cornwall's greatest athlete," who was killed in the Civil War. The last of the Cornwall Cogswells died in 1874. Theodore, an engineer, now lives in Missouri, and Truman, a retired commercial artist, in New Jersey.

The brothers, along with Theodore's

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						<b>1</b> Open Rotary Meeting 8 A.M. Cornwall Inn (p.4) Christmas Fair 10 A.M.-3 P.M. UCC
<b>2</b> <i>Islam and the West: Dialogue or Confrontation</i> 11:30 A.M. UCC Parish House (p.4)	<b>3</b> Bd. of Selectmen 7:30 P.M. Town Hall Park and Rec. 7:30 P.M. CCS	<b>4</b> New Site Committee 9 A.M. Town Hall Blue Mt. Satsang Every Tuesday 6:30-8:30 P.M. UCC Day Room Inland Wetlands 7:30 A.M. Town Office	<b>5</b> Play Group 10-11:30 A.M. St. Peter's Church Soup and Video Every Wednesday at Noon UCC Day Room	<b>6</b> Bend & Stretch Clinic 9:30-10:30 A.M. UCC Meditation for Mothers Every Thursday 1:15-2:15 P.M. UCC Day Room	<b>7</b>  Preschool-K Story Hour 10-11 A.M. Cornwall Library	<b>8</b> Open Rotary Meeting 8 A.M. Cornwall Inn (p.4) Sale of Holiday Decorations 8 A.M.-12:30 P.M. at Bairds; 1-5 P.M. at Cornwall Child Center (p.4)
<b>9</b> Sale of Holiday Decorations 11-11:30 A.M. at St. Peter's Church (p.4)	<b>10</b> HANUKKAH Blood Pressure Screening 3-4 P.M. UCC Day Room P&Z 7:30 P.M. Town Hall	<b>11</b> Housatonic River Comm. 7:30 P.M. CCS Library	<b>12</b> Play Group 10-11:30 A.M. St. Peter's Church	<b>13</b> Bend & Stretch Clinic 9:30-10:30 A.M. UCC	<b>14</b>  Preschool-K Story Hour 10-11 A.M. Cornwall Library Game Night 7 P.M. W. C. Firehouse (p.4)	<b>15</b> Deadline: Jan. Chronicle Copy Open Rotary Meeting 8 A.M. Cornwall Inn (p.4) Christmas Tree Lighting 5:30 P.M. Town Hall (p.4)
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<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Service of Lessons and Carols, 5 & 8 P.M. N. Cornwall Meetinghouse	<b>25</b> CHRISTMAS DAY	<b>26</b> Thurber Reading Tom Walker, 4:30 P.M. N. C. Meetinghouse ZBA 7:30 P.M. Town Hall* Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept. 8 P.M. W. C. Firehouse	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Open Rotary Meeting 8 A.M. Cornwall Inn (p.4)
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daughter Robin, spent a good part of the day at CCS, where in the morning they took turns entertaining grades one through four with a lively Q and A session ("What did you do with deer guts?" one boy asked) and games. They loved it when their teachers got to do silly things like pretending to walk like eagles or when they were told to outshout each other, but they got very quiet when Truman spun a folk tale involving crows, turtles, eagle claws, and ice people who melted into lakes.

Following lunch at the Moose (Theodore presented Gordon Ridgway with a check to be given annually toward upkeep of the North Cornwall Cemetery, where many of their ancestors are buried), the brothers shifted gears to meet the seventh grade. After a bit of history and an Algonquin lesson from Truman—the boys learned to shout "We are listening!" to which the girls replied "We thank you!"—the class went outside, where Theodore, a veteran of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division with over 900 parachute jumps, unfurled a well-used parachute and talked about free fall and what to do if your chute doesn't open. His advice for those contemplating taking up the sport: "DON'T DO IT!"

Now that the Cogswells have renewed their Cornwall connection we hope they will return often.

—George Kittle

## Let There Be More Lights

There will be 750 additional lights on the Cornwall Bridge Christmas Tree this year. The crews from Hawkeye, who have been re-stringing all the new poles along Route 7 going to Kent, had been staying at the Cornwall Inn. Inn host Tom McKenzie asked them to help out and they volunteered to do the re-stringing using their 55-foot cherry picker trucks. Local businesses donated some 30 new light strands and Brent Prindle at Cornwall Electric rewired a new box for power. The tree will be lit the weekend after Thanksgiving.

—Joanne Wojtusiak

## Cornwall Prepared

As distant as Cornwall seems from the rest of the world, recent events remind us how inextricably bound we remain to it. Given present concerns, town residents may be comforted to know we have an Emergency Operations Plan in effect—and have had one for years. It saw us through the tornado of '89 and was revised as recently as last month.

This plan works as a protocol for Cornwall's Director of Emergency Preparedness, Hunt Williams, who—together with First Selectman Gordon Ridgway, Fire Chief Earle Tyler, and Rescue Captain Phill West—coordinates the response to all town crises, from prolonged power outages to overturned trucks containing hazardous material.

Most situations, of course, can be handled

by our own Volunteer Fire Department and ambulance squads, who combined to answer 245 calls this past fiscal year, which ended June 30. The Town of Cornwall, CCS Principal Peter Coope, and the State Police have also recently created an emergency plan for the school.

In the event of a high-alert crisis, Hunt Williams can contact Jeffrey A. Daniels, Area 5 Coordinator at the State Office of Emergency Management in Litchfield. Depending on the situation we can then reach out to the Department of Environmental Protection for hazardous material containment and cleanup, to the American Red Cross in Torrington for food, cots, and bedding, even to the National Guard, who sent engineering units to help clear trees after the tornado. In other words, we are pretty well networked.

On October 29, Hunt, Gordon, Earle, and Phill met in Bantam for a workshop on bioterrorism, attended by State Senator Andrew Roraback and U.S. Representative Nancy Johnson. Topics included guidelines for bio-decontamination as well as the formidable problem of anthrax hoaxes, so far totaling more than 400 statewide.

If Cornwall had a weak point it was our inability to provide centralized shelter and a kitchen for large numbers of people. But the firehouse in West Cornwall has a backup generator that would allow it to serve as an emergency operations center. The generator at CCS has also been recently rewired to handle all school power. In a pinch both locations could house a fair number of people, with the Red Cross bringing in a field kitchen and/or food.

It seems that people prefer staying home rather than moving to a shelter in any case—and some of us are physically incapable of moving. The CVFD and First Selectman's Office keep an updated list of the homebound elderly and disabled.

Gordon Ridgway suggests preparing for an emergency the way families should prepare for the New England winter: 1) have a ready supply of food and water on hand in the event of a power outage; 2) plan on losing heat and having an auxiliary heating source; 3) buy a battery-powered or hand-crank radio and flashlight; and 4) become trained to take care of yourself and others, perhaps by joining the fire department and ambulance squads.

In the final analysis, if state resources are stretched to capacity, we in Cornwall have the great privilege, and responsibility, of depending on each other. Bound to the world though we may be, emergencies, like politics, turn out to be local.

—Sandy Neubauer

## Business Owners Convene

On Monday, November 12, the Association of Businesses in Cornwall (ABC) invited Cornwall business owners to a party at the Cornwall Inn. More than 70 people who earn their livings here accepted the invitation.

At the party, ABC's interim president, Tom McKenzie, discussed efforts to establish a farmers' market in Cornwall in 2002 as well

as plans for a town business directory. He also reported that ABC is working with town officials and the Department of Transportation to create pedestrian crosswalks in Cornwall Bridge.

Stemming from the Community Profile conducted by the Cornwall Association, ABC aims to create a healthy economic environment for those who earn their living in Cornwall, while maintaining the rural character of the area that drew its members here in the first place. —Carla Bigelow



## Welcome

Gabriel David Lopez-Casteel to Chandra Casteel and Luis Lopez

Katharine (Katya) Winsser to Ann Petracek and Johan Winsser

## Good-bye to a Friend

Melody McBreairsty

## Congratulations

Brian Kesl to Kee Anne Foyle

## Land Transfers

Coltsfoot Farm Ltd. Partnership to Pamela S. Beasley, 16.6 acres on Valley Road for \$85,000.

Russel V. and Elizabeth B. Hotchkiss to Paul J. and Joan M. Rogala, house and land on Johnson Road for \$175,000.

Raymond B. and Carol A. Scally to David Farrell, house and land near Kent Road for \$90,000.

## West Cornwall's Pocket Park

This past summer, the CL&P land adjacent to the Covered Bridge in West Cornwall was transformed into a pocket park by a group of local residents. Art Gingert and Stuart Grant began work in June and ultimately spent between 40 and 50 hours cleaning and reshaping this area. They cut down small trees and brush, and even waded out to the bridge pillars and removed the logs jammed against them. Eleven truckloads of brush and trash were taken to the dump. The result is a beautiful open view of our historic bridge and the Housatonic River.

This form of stewardship is not unusual in West Cornwall Village. Don Bachman and Tom Bechtle tended the little island at the intersection of Route 128 and Lower River Road, and Jamie Fowler and Ian Ingersoll contributed two picnic tables to the park. Other neighbors and supporters of the Village Improvement Association have cleaned, planted, and decorated public areas for the holidays.

The Covered Bridge draws visitors from all over the world. In ten days during the fall, visitors from Texas, Michigan, Delaware, the Philippines, the Netherlands, France, Germany, and England were among those who recorded their names and addresses in Ian's

guest book placed just inside the door of his shop. While we have sometimes been impatient with these visitors who hug the walls as we drive through the bridge, our view of the world has changed since September 11. We hope our park will become a place of brief repose for neighbors and strangers alike.

—Carla Bigelow

## A Playscape for Cornwall

Cornwall children will be happy to know that a town playscape may be on the horizon. Several months ago, the present owners of property called "The Castle" on Valley Road offered to donate its large play structure to the Cornwall Child Center. On November 1, the Center voted to accept the gift gratefully, giving half in turn (this thing is sizable) to the Park and Rec. Commission. After researching liability, safety, and location issues, commission members Deirdre Fischer and Bethany Thompson presented a proposal to the Board of Selectmen for siting the playscape on town land near the Town Hall and the new library.

On November 15, First Selectman Gordon Ridgway viewed the playscape and agreed to accept it (or part of it, depending on the Child Center's use) pending a review of questions ranging from safety to aesthetics. In the meantime, Denny Frost has smoothed the way by offering free removal of the playscape from the castle and safekeeping until a site plan is approved.

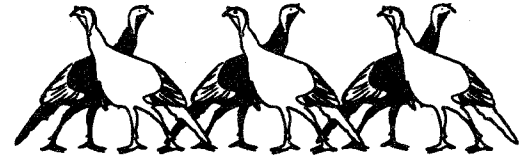
—Sandy Neubauer



## Elections 2001

Sixty-four percent of Cornwall's registered voters (626 out of 982) went to the polls (or voted absentee) on Election Day and gave Democrat Gordon Ridgway a sixth term as First Selectman. He will be joined on the Board of Selectmen by Democratic incumbent Earl Brecher and newcomer K. C. Baird, a Republican. Town Clerk Cheryl Evans and Tax Collector Helen Migliacci were endorsed by both parties as was the incoming Town Treasurer John Green. Also elected were: Democrat Tom Bechtle and Republican Sally Hart to the Board of Finance for full terms and Republican Jack Preston to a two-year term to fill a vacancy; Republican Peter Kalmes and Democrat Martha Loutfi as Board of Finance alternates; Democrat Becky Hurlburt, unaffiliated Phil Hart (running on the Democratic line), and Barbara Gold, Republican, to the Board of Education; Republican David Hurlburt to the Board of Assessment Appeals; Democrat Dave Colbert and Republican Pat Hare to the Planning and Zoning Commission; Ann Schillinger, Democrat, and Janet Gold, Republican, to the Zon-

## Letters to the Chronicle



### SPEEDING ON 128

On November 1, a small pickup truck struck the back end of the mail truck as it was pulling out of the parking lot across from Barbara Farnsworth's, demolishing its front end. No injuries were reported. The big surprise is that something like this hasn't happened sooner.

Anyone who lives on Route 128 in the vicinity of the village of West Cornwall can provide testimony to the lack of common sense and common courtesy displayed by many motorists, if not their flagrant disregard of posted speed limits. Those of us who live or work here have, in fact, become so accustomed to the speed at which many vehicles enter the village that we subconsciously walk and drive with programmed caution.

It's not that we accept it. We've simply gotten used to it, largely because the speed limit has no relevance. It might as well be five miles per hour because without the luxury of enforcement, nothing is going to change.

Is there not some meaningful way we can address this matter, if for no other reason than to attempt to maintain the tranquility and serenity of our village? More signs aren't the answer but what about speed bumps or the sort of traffic surveillance technology that utilizes speed sensors and video equipment? Surely there is grant money available for this and our state trooper barracks would be delighted with the revenue.

Perhaps there is a less obvious solution. If so and even if one doesn't come to mind, comments would be most welcome.

—Al and Pat Haut

### YES TO A PLAYGROUND

The idea of Cornwall having its own playground is wonderful. A place to meet other families and play. A place for the Cornwall playgroup to walk to and use on sunny days. A place by the new library where your trip could have the dual purpose of play and reading. And most importantly, the playground is a place where kids can swing and slide and climb in a contained area that belongs to all of us.

Support for this project comes from parents,

ing Board of Appeals; and Debra Morehouse, Tom Baird, Josh Perlstein, Skip Kosciusko, and Margaret Haske, all to the Park and Recreation Commission. My only excitement came when Don Bardot showed up to vote with Brigitte Bardot at his side. I looked up from my poll checker desk and Brigitte turned out to be his dog and *not* you know who.

—John Miller

## The Ages of Cornwall

The Bureau of the Census has begun to release more information on what our town looked like in April 2000. Here's an update on age and sex in Cornwall.

In total, our census came to 1,434 full-time residents (just 20 more than in 1990). Of this

people who work at the town offices, neighbors next to the site, and the Park and Recreation Commission, which will be responsible for its installation and maintenance. That the playscape has been donated and will be moved at no cost are incredible gifts and present an opportunity. Let's seize this moment to create endless moments of fun for our kids. (See "A Playscape for Cornwall," page 3.)

—Emilie Pryor

### TOWN-WIDE BOOK GROUP?

Bewailing the loss of the handwritten records of our reading habits that the coming library automation will cause, I complained to Ginny in the Library. She immediately countered with her reassurance printed in the fall issue of the Library Times: the cards will not be removed from books, and borrowers may sign and comment if they wish. She added that the Library is supposed to respect the confidentiality of borrowers and in the future legally cannot require signatures.

This is good news—not only do you get the information that so-and-so was interested enough in a book to check it out, but now the reader has been invited to say what she or he made of it.

It's a way of getting to know people when you know what they like to read. Certain names stand out for me when I'm trying to decide whether or not to bring a book home with me. A really interesting thought is that we have a town-wide forum for communicating our reactions to the books that come our way—sort of like an enormous book group that welcomes any level of participation from its members.

I like the look of the new library, and I bet it will soon feel as inviting, quirky, and unique as the old.

—Helen Vanam

**Editor's note:** The Chronicle does not publish pseudonymous or anonymous letters. But we will be glad to publish the entertaining letter signed Stacks Rat if the writer will come forward and identify himself/herself.

total, 350, or 24.4 percent, were under 18 years of age. Most of us—1,084 people or 75.6 percent of the total—were 18 or older. A sizeable group, 252 people or 17.6 percent of the total, were 65 years or more. In fact, 30 Cornwallians were 85 years old or a bit more.

Getting a bit more detailed: There were only 69 children, 4.8 percent of all residents, under five years of age in April 2000. Youth in the prime ages for CCS, between five and 14 years, numbered 225, 15.7 percent of the total population.

By sex, Cornwall was composed of 739 females (51.5 percent) and 695 males (48.5 percent). The age group over 18 was even more heavily female (569 vs. 515) than the overall total but Cornwall's under-18s included a

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few more boys than girls (180 vs. 170). And if you thought there were more old (beg pardon, mature) women around than men, you're right. There were 141 females aged 65 or above, compared to 111 males.

—David A. Grossman

## Events & Announcements

**Superintendents' Award Winner:** Eighth grader Kedryn Samson was honored November 15 at a dinner recognizing top students in Litchfield County schools. A peer mediator at CCS, she is described by her teachers as persistent, focused, and inquisitive. She not only plays the clarinet and piano but she was a part-time percussionist for the band last year. This year she is president of the student council. Congratulations, Kedryn!

**Town Meeting:** On December 19, at 7:30 P.M. at the Cornwall Consolidated School, the Board of Finance will request that the town appropriate no more than \$62,000 from the Unexpended Bond Proceeds Reserve of the Municipal Reserve to help pay the cost of developing plans for capital improvements at CCS.

Following the meeting, progress reports from the two school building study groups will be presented to the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education. The public is welcome to attend.

**Art in Cornwall:** *People and Places*, Joan Hinchman's photographs from her extensive travels, continues at the Cornwall Library through December 8. Beginning December 10, Richard Griggs, "The Thingmaker," will be showing some of his work at the Library. During the month of December at the National Iron Bank, Michael Moschen will be exhibiting studies for new pieces.

**Storm Watch:** Would you like to be checked up on during winter storms? If so, call the Selectmen's Office at 672-4959.

## Shortest Day Quiz

Winter solstice this year happens at 2:12 P.M. on December 21. This is a perfect day to: a) Stand an egg upright on its end; b) Stand a slice of bacon on its end; c) Send a check to the *Chronicle*. Correct answer is *c*. Despite popular myth, *a* can be done anytime, and *b* is possible only when the autumnal equinox coincides with Yom Kippur. Happy holidays!

**Greet the New Year** with breakfast at the UCC Parish House on January 1, from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M. Buttermilk pancakes with Cornwall maple syrup, sausages, cereal, juice, and coffee will be served. Donations will benefit the La Casa Project, an organization that builds homes for the poor in Mexico.

**The Skating Rink** at the West Cornwall Fire House will open as soon as weather and volunteers permit. Children must be accompanied by an adult, and a waiver concerning personal injury must be signed. Forms will be sent home by CCS and will also be available at a rink-side box. Hockey players must wear regulation protective equipment. People interested in donating money or volunteering time, please call Jeff Fox, 672-0192, or Ian Gingersoll, 672-1116.

**Don't Block the Snow Plows:** Effective December 1 through March 30, all vehicles must park at least six feet away from the paved portion of the road. Plowing can occur at any time, including setback plowing in clear weather. Vehicles in violation of this order will be removed by the Board of Selectmen.

"Choices" will host three upcoming events:

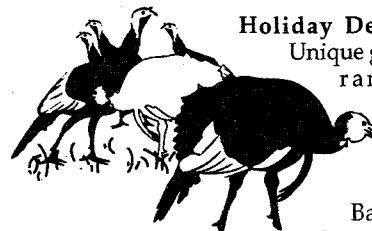
- Design a Gingerbread House, with Joyce Samson, on Wednesday and Friday, December 5 and 7, at CCS from 6:30 to 8 P.M., one adult per child, fee \$18. Call 672-0616.
- Oriental Origami, with Jack Austine, on Tuesday, December 4, at CCS from 7 to 9 P.M., ages 12 to adult, fee \$8.
- Tai Chi Chuan, with Leslie Elias, CCS gym, every Tuesday, beginners 7 to 8 P.M., experienced 8 to 9 P.M., fee \$5. Call 672-0286.

**Last Film in Series:** *The Ox Bow Incident*, a much-acclaimed western with a message, will be shown at the Town Hall on Tuesday, December 18, at 7:30 P.M. (Please note change of date.) The message is a strong indictment of injustice when a mob takes justice into its own hands. It has been called "one of Hollywood's finest moments." With Henry Fonda, Dana Andrews, and Anthony Quinn. 1943.

**Tree Lighting and Caroling** with the Hot Chocolate Society will take place on Saturday, December 15, at 5:30 P.M. in front of the Town Hall. Refreshments will be served by Park and Rec. Dress warmly.

**Candlelight Reading:** Tom Walker will read selections from James Thurber's works on Wednesday, December 26, at 4:30 P.M. at the North Cornwall Meetinghouse. This will be the fifth annual Tom Walker reading sponsored by Friends of the Cornwall Library. Admission free, everybody welcome.

**Islam and the West:** Dr. Ibrahim Abu-Rabi, Professor of Islamic Studies and Christian-Muslim Relations at Hartford Seminary, will speak at the UCC Parish House on *Islam and the West: Dialogue or Confrontation?* on Sunday, December 2, at 11:30 A.M.



## Holiday Decorations:

Unique greenery arrangements will be on sale on December 8 at Baird's from 8 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

and at the Cornwall Child Center from 1 to 5 P.M. On December 9, the sale continues at St. Peter's Church from 11 to 11:30 A.M. All proceeds will benefit the Child Center.

**The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Xmas Bird Count**, sponsored by the Housatonic Audubon Society, will take place on Sunday, December 16. Anyone who would like to go birding in our area for all or part of that day, or would be willing to record the birds at their feeders, should call Celia Senzer at 672-6898 for more information.

**Town Clerk's Holiday Schedule:** The Town Clerk's Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday, December 24 and 25. It will close at noon on Wednesday, Thursday, and Monday, December 26, 27, and 31.

**Rotary Meeting Speakers** in December, open to the public: December 8, Rotary Governor Mark Doyle, *Making a Difference in South Africa*; December 15, Sgt. Ray Buthe, Connecticut state trooper; December 29, Bill Hopkins, Hopkins Vinyard. All at 8 A.M. at the Cornwall Inn on Route 7. Continental breakfast, \$6.

**Game Night** sponsored by Park and Rec. will be held on Friday, December 14, 7 P.M. at the West Cornwall Firehouse. Bring your favorite games or use ours. Refreshments. Call Skip Kosciusko (672-3169) if weather threatens.



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