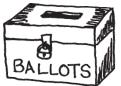


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For CCS, a Happy Ending

Latest and best news: Following final inspections, CCS was granted a permanent Certificate of Occupancy on Friday, October 6. This C. of O. replaces the temporary one that has been used since students returned to the renovated building and new gym, and it foreshadows the completion of a punchlist of items that will bring the project to conclusion at last.

A hint of relief, too. It's no secret that, despite a good reputation from its work on the Kellogg School and the Cornwall Free Library, contractor Casle Corporation effectively disappeared from the job. It failed to pay some of its subcontractors, failed to oversee work adequately, and failed to follow through with the final Torrington Area Health District (TAHD) septic system surveying and permitting procedures.

In its absence, the Building Committee has taken on the contractor's role and addressed remaining punchlist items, including septic, fencing, and tree work, the balance of which will likely be finished by the time you read this. Building Committee Secretary John LaPorta reports that the TAHD permitting procedure is now complete and that the Inland Wetlands final approval is pending.

More good news: The town will not pay more than the \$3,142,661 that represents the agreed Guaranteed Maximum Price for construction. As the project moves closer to the

final state audit, it may even come in under budget. A forfeited contractor retainer and a contingency fund held in reserve will cover final costs. The school project looks virtually put to bed.

One final bonus: Finance Director Lisa Simont reports that nearly \$40,000 in interest has accrued since project funding was bonded, with the Board of Selectmen having full discretion regarding where it goes, and when. Knowing Cornwall, the waterfall of happy suggestions as to what to do with this "found money" will be varied and bountiful.

-Sandy Neubauer

My Hou\$e Is Worth *What*?

Within the next two weeks, you will receive your new property assessment, and it will likely show a large increase. But you may have little to fear, even if the increase is 80 or 100 percent.

Cornwall Assessor Barbara Bigos just completed the 2006 revaluation, the first since 2001. "The purpose of reval," she says, "is not to raise money or taxes, but to make sure property owners pay a fair share of the costs of running the town and school. It's important to remember that the mill rate will be reduced substantially to offset the increases in assessments."

If the increase in your assessment is less

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than the average increase, your taxes will probably be going down. If it's more than the average, your taxes will probably go up. The average increase is not yet known but estimated to be close to 100 percent. (You won't be able to determine your new tax bill exactly until the budget and mill rate are set in May 2007.)

We asked Barbara about her methods of appraisal and how they differed from those in 2001. "I began by looking at every property that sold in the last two years and trying to figure out why it sold for its price. I then put a model in my computer before visiting and walking around every single property in town. The last step was to figure out how each property differed from the model."

She paid special attention to two items that were handled in a perfunctory way in the past: outbuildings and land. "Take two 24' x 24' garages: one might be a tear-down; the other might have two stories and heat and air conditioning for its antique cars. In the past they may have been assessed the same."

Land was also a key part of the reval. "I graded every site from one to ten. I looked not only for views, but for privacy, quiet, stone walls, ponds, all the things that matter in the marketplace."

Neighborhoods were not a factor in assessments. Highly valuable properties sit next door to far more modest ones. As Barbara said, "Every building lot is unique."

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Every Week This Month: Mondays: Jam Session, 7:30 p.m. Village Meeting House; Adult Basketball, 8 p.m. CCS Gym Tuesdays: Adult Volleyball, 7-9 p.m. CCS Gym Wednesdays: Bend & Stretch, 9:30 a.m. UCC; Play Group, 10 a.m. Playscape or UCC; Stretch Class, 5 p.m. Town Hall; Yoga with Ruthellen Griffin, 6 p.m. UCC; Tai Chi, 7 p.m. CCS Sundays: Meditation Group, 1-2 p.m. Debra Tyler 672-0229 for location			1	Meditation for Mothers 1:15–2:15 P.M. UCC Day Room	Story Hour (ages 4 & 5) 1:15 P.M. Library	4 Mohawk Trail Maintenance Project 9 A.M. † Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Book Reading 2 P.M. Library †
5 <u>w</u>	Park & Rec. 7 p.m. CCS Library Bd. of Selectmen T T 7:30 p.m. Town Hall Ag. Comm. 7:30 p.m. Town Hall	7 ELECTION DAY VOTE! 6 A.M.—8 P.M. Town Hall † Benefit Election Day Lunch 11:30 A.M.—2 P.M. UCC Parish House †	Inland Wetlands 7:30 P.M. Town Hall	Meditation for Mothers 1:15–2:15 P.M. UCC Day Room	School Closed Story Hour (ages 4 & 5) 1:15 P.M. Library	Motherhouse Stock Making 10:30 A.M1:30 P.M. UCC Parish House † Benefit Pot Luck Supper 6 P.M. UCC Parish House †
Film: Too Hot Not to Handle 11:30 A.M. UCC Cornwall Conservation Trust Annual Meeting 2 P.M. Town Hall †	13 Blood Pressure Screening noon-1 p.m. UCC Parish House	14 P&Z 7:30 P.M. Town Hall Housatonic River Comm. 7:30 P.M. CCS Library	15 Deadline: December Chronicle Copy	16 Meditation for Mothers 1:15–2:15 P.M. UCC Day Room What About Revaluation? 2–3:30 P.M. Town Hall † Bd. of Ed. 5 P.M. CCS Lib. Bd. of Fin. 7:30 P.M. CCS Lib. VFW Post 9856 8 P.M. W. C. Firehouse	Story Hour (ages 4 & 5) 1:15 P.M. Library	18 Girl Scout Turkey Drive 9–11 A.M. Cornwall Bridge † What About Revaluation? 10–11:30 A.M. Town Hall † Forum on Canaan 4–5:30 P.M. Town Hall †
19	20 CCS Early Dismissal 1 P.M. MIN What About Revaluation? 7–8:30 P.M. Town Hall † Region One Bd. of Ed. 7 P.M. HVRHS Democratic Town Comm. 7:30 P.M. Library	CCS Early Dismissal 1 P.M. Bd. of Selectmen 7:30 P.M. Town Hall	CCS Thanksgiving Recess Begins 1 P.M.	Transfer Station Closed	24 Annual Cornwall Talent Show 7:30 P.M. UCC †	Art Opening Wish House 4–7 P.M. †
26	27 ZBA 7:30 P.M. Town Hall*	28	Cornwall Vol. Fire Dept. 8 p.m. W. C. Firehouse	Meditation for Mothers 1:15–2:15 P.M. UCC Day Room		December 2 A Christmas Fair will be held from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. at UCC †

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Three public sessions will be held in mid-November (see calendar) to explain the valuation process and answer general questions.

If you feel the new value is too high—or if you are crestfallen because it's too low—you may call the assessor at 672-2703 to schedule a hearing (between November 18 and December 6). Keep in mind that the valuation you will receive is 70 percent of market value. Increase your assessment by 43 percent to figure the market value of your property.

Bigos warns that comparing your rate of increase with your friends is a waste of time, because it assumes that the last valuation was correct. But it is valid to compare the new valuation with a similar property. All assessments and property cards are public record, and they are available at the Town Office, though not online.

If you still disagree with the assessment after the informal hearing, you may file an application to the Board of Assessment Appeals between February 1 and February 20.

One tax that no one should disagree with is the motor vehicle levy. The drop in the mill rate after reval will mean a much lower tax on your car.

—Ed Ferman

Pig Haven

High atop Dibble Hill live a young couple named John Kapteina and Amy Duryea with their sons, Ean, three, and Payce, almost six, their pit bull, Buddha, and 27 Vietnamese Potbelly pigs.

The pigs live in a seven-acre, fenced-in area, complete with five small pig houses, but one or two are indoor pigs. On a recent visit I met one of these, Malik, whom some may recall from the Ag Fair. He was sprawled on a sofa, eyes closed (hidden, anyway, in folds of flesh), a yellow fang protruding from his lower jaw. As I scratched his bristly coat he made sounds I took for porcine purrs, until John set me straight. "He's actually growling at you. They're quite territorial in their home, but outside he'd be very friendly, always looking for a handout."

Potbellies originated in Vietnam, spread to Sweden, then Canada, reaching the United States about a decade ago, becoming something of a fad because they are small—maximum height 23 inches, weight 220 lbs. (a regular pig can weigh up to 1,500 lbs.)—intelligent (they rank fifth among animals), and make good pets. (Sometimes.) At first very pricey, they now cost about the same as a pedigreed dog. Some are free.

John acquired his first pig 13 years ago from a friend in Danbury. "It used to sleep in my bed with me—my girlfriend put a stop to that." Then he put a small ad for Potbellies in an animal publication. "Lots of people replied, wanting to pawn off their pigs." Soon he was running a sort of one-man Potbelly rescue service.

Many people adopt baby pigs thinking they will stay cute and cuddly, only to find out otherwise. "They can make great lowmaintenance pets," John told me as we walked outside to where the other pigs were milling around, snorting or grunting, Ean and Payce mingling fearlessly with them. "They're easy to house-train, and undemanding, unlike a dog," John said. "But not all Potbellies make good pets. When people call me wanting a pig I discourage them. I tell

them to read up on them first." One large pig was nudging my ankle. "That's Norton," said John. "He likes you." John gave Norton some leftover coffee, which he slurped up. "He loves coffee. Also beer. He can put away a six-pack with ease."

The pigs tend to gather near the source of food, which leads to squabbles. John pointed to a pretty black pig. "Can't go near her!" I asked Ean, perched on the fence, which was his favorite. "I like Spot!" he said, pointing to a large, variegated pig missing part of an ear. Diesel, a handsome female, had chewed it off. "There's a lot of jealousy and spite among them," said Amy.

And predators? "Before we built the 4,000-foot fence there were bear attacks," John said. "Now Buddha chases them off. He's fearless. He bites them in the butt. He also acts as referee, breaking up pig squabbles. He hates to see them fight."

—George Kittle

News in Brief

The selectmen arranged to have the DOT set up a radar speed sign and checkpoint on Columbus Day weekend on Route 128 at the hill leading into West Cornwall, presumably to rein in the out-of-towners racing through our village in their Hummers. Surprise! The first six speeders nabbed turned out to be Cornwall residents, one clocked at 60 mph. Subaru wagons can apparently reach such speeds, at least on a downhill grade.

- ❖ The Cornwall Annual Report is now available at the Town Office and post offices. Find out what our boards and commissions have been up to; study two pages of bewildering dump regulations (you never know when you'll get a pop quiz down there); peruse the always-popular financials; and, as a special bonus this year, test your knowledge of the town by working Matt Collins's Cornwall Crossword Puzzle on the cover.
- * Check out the new marketplace on the town website, which offers a Cornwallian array of products and services. You can buy antique clocks, hire a juggler, or have local produce and meat delivered to your home on Fridays. You can also find handymen, computer guys, and even—talk about farout stuff—retain a CPA! It's at www.cornwallct.org/market.html.
- ❖ By the time you read this, the \$43,000 (STEAP grant) pavilion will be up, overlooking first base at Foote Fields. The pine-sided structure has a gray metal roof and is a generous 30' x 48', big enough to house bleachers and picnic tables.

—The November Editors

Welcome

Emily Jeanne to Maureen and Christian Hudak Sidney Lawrence Crouch to Rebekah Marie Knox Noah Riley to Danielle and Joseph Fuller Alexis Brie to Heather and Michael Rougeot

Good-Bye to Friends

Peter Ball William Ward Beecher Elizabeth O'Neil

Congratulations

Sandrine De Saegher to Lopo Lindley Champalimaud Heather Lynn Ellis to Randy Lawrence Ralph

Land Transfers

Nature Conservancy of CT, Inc., to Cornwall Conservation Trust, 55.1 acres on Route 125 and Dibble Hill Road.

Paul W. Heintzinger and Rosemary Pipitone to Michael A. Pope, property at 66 Cornwall Hollow Road for \$386,000.

Timber Rocks LLC to Navneet Kathuria and Vandana Kumra, 5.056 acres and improvements at 38 Flat Rocks Road for \$900,000.

Olga Piszek Intervivos Qualified Terminable Interest Property Trust to James Leahy, 11.701 acres on Everest Hill Road for \$200,000.

Peter D. Caruso to Leslie Elias-Saed and Lawrence Saed, 6.084 acres on Lake Road for \$145,000.

Unusual Road Names

Today, as well as in the old days, Cornwall has some highly amusing road names.

The word Agag was given to an enormous rock on the hill leading into the north end of Dudleytown, and it became the name of the road up from the valley curving around the rock. Agag was king of the

Amalekites, but an early settler was no doubt a student of the Bible and must have known the original meaning of the word: as roof and floor. Looking up the hilly road, a person ould have seen it as a roof; looking down,

would have seen it as a roof; looking down, the rock would have been the floor.

Now the rock is half blasted away to make the road safe for snow plows. The name has been changed from Agag to Dudleytown Road North.

What a euphonic name is Ballyhack, a road that was discontinued as early as 1831 and then reconstructed in 1987, when several families built on it. It ran from Cemetery Hill Road near the town garage north to Dibble Hill.

Just west of the residence of Mary Sams, near the town garage, were the four corners of Ballyhack Road, Cemetery Road, the Crossway, and the Poughkeepsie Turnpike. Most of Poughkeepsie was abandoned in the early 1800s. Crossway was renamed Twixt Road about 1900 by Mrs. William Bennett after she purchased the land on both sides of the road

According to Gold's *History*, Rattlesnake Road is so called because 50 rattlers were killed on it one day in the 1740s.

The name Dibble Hill remembers one of our first settlers, a hero of the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars, Lieutenant Ebenezer Dibble. Dark Entry extends southeast from Cornwall Bridge, near Baird's, to Dudleytown Road. Some of the one-and-one-half-mile road follows Bonney Brook and its beautiful cascades and ravines.

The original Dudleytown Road, which is met by Dark Entry Road, stretches for three miles from Valley Road to the Warren Road on Route 45. It is named for the remote village founded by Gideon Dudley about 1750 and abandoned in the late 1800s (probably because of smallpox). Passing from Coltsfoot Mountain to Bald Mountain, it offers old foundations, stone walls, and charcoal pits. The silent beauty of the area has been preserved by the Dark Entry Forest Association.

Yelping Hill Road, less than a mile long, runs east from Town Street to Ford Hill Road. It was named, according to some residents, because of the sounds of the fox population. Property near it is preserved by the Yelping Hill Association, founded in the 1920s by a group of professors from Columbia and Yale.

Pest House Road, so called for the building that housed smallpox victims in the 1770s, runs from Hall Road to Indian Lane. It is a good walking path.

Doesn't Shinbone Alley stimulate your imagination as a road narrow and steep? One could easily scrape wagon hubs around the rocks. It was an extension of Bradford Road in Cornwall Hollow and a shortcut for the Scoville and Wadhams relatives to visit each other. Again, it is a pleasant name to remember.

—Liane Mosher Dunn

A longer version of this article appeared in *Cornwall: A Sampling of Our Heritage*, 1975.

STEAP Comes Through Again

The Connecticut Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) has awarded \$250,000 to the Town of Cornwall for the renovation and expansion of the Cornwall Historical Society's building.

The project will create more usable gallery space, better light, and handicapped access. The expansion will be at the back of the building and will not affect the appearance of the historical 19th-century building from the street. The total plan was estimated last year to be about \$385,000. The Historical Society is hoping to raise the remainder of the cost, above and beyond the amount of the state grant, from community donors.

STEAP funds can only be used for capital projects. The selectmen apply for a grant every year, but Cornwall has to compete with the requests of the other small towns of Connecticut, and we don't always get what we ask for. Last year an application for the same Historical Society project was turned down. In earlier years STEAP has funded Foote Fields and its pavilion, and the selectmen are currently considering a plan for expansion of the Hughes Library provided for by another STEAP grant. —Hendon Chubb

Home at Fenterlarick

My partner, Anne, and I recently moved into our house in West Cornwall, the only property we had considered, realizing it ex-

Letters to the Chronicle

HELPING YOUR NEIGHBORS

If you would like to help your neighbors in need stay warm and have enough food this winter, please consider donating to the Cornwall Food and Fuel Bank. The funds are used to pay heating-fuel bills and purchase grocery store gift certificates.

Or, you could help stock the Cornwall Cupboard pantry shelves, which are located in the Social Services Office and are accessible Monday through Friday, 9 A.M. to noon and 1 to 4 P.M. Non-perishable food items, household cleaning supplies, and personal care items are needed. There is also a shelf for pet foods.

As the holiday season approaches, you might like to consider anonymously "adopting" a child



or a family for holiday gifting.

A list of charitable funds that help Cornwall residents is available at the Town

Office. For more information on these and other programs please call me at 672-2603. Thanks to your generosity, I am often able to give assistance to families in crisis.

—Jill Gibbons, Social Services Director

LAMENT FROM 1907

Several years ago, after the chimney was taken down at Town Hall, I was asked to repair the roof. After removing the cricket, I found this wistful message written on the sheathing in pencil: "W. J. Weaver, November 28, 1907. Thanksgiving Day—no turkey."

—Jim Prentice

erted a strong pull on us both. We felt it deserved a compelling name. As we explored the grounds, we came across a spring that flowed from the center of a clearing between the house and the state forest. That discovery revealed to us the obvious name, Fenterlarick.

In the ancient Cornish language, "fenter" means a well, or spring, and "larrick" means a clearing, or field. We know this not because we are English or Celtic, or because we're linguists, but because we're avid English country dancers. If you've seen any of the recent movies of Jane Austen novels (such as *Pride and Prejudice*), you know what English country dancing is: gracious and lively social ballroom dances done by men and women facing in long lines.

Hundreds of new dances and tunes have been written in English country dance style. Among them is "Fenterlarick," published in 1977 by an Englishwoman named Joyce Walker. Ms. Walker responded to dancers' inquiries about the origin of the name of her dance by saying she thought it was the name of a hamlet in Cornwall.

The dance was a favorite of Anne's and mine, and we had a spring in a clearing right outside our front door, but before making our naming decision final, we thought we'd better verify the story. That is what brought us to Cornwall, England, in September, for a visit with an old dancing friend and native Cornishwoman, Beryl Jukes.

At Beryl's home in Camborne, we rummaged around and found a reprint of the first edition of an ordinance survey from 1813. We spread it out on the lounge floor, and on hands and knees, all pored over the old script and delicate lines. Suddenly Anne

exclaimed, "Fenterlarick!"
And there, sure enough, was a group of buildings at the junction of several roads, labeled Fenterlarick.

The hunt was on. Superimposing the old map on a recent ordinance survey revealed that some of the old roads were now public footpaths or farm tracks. On the way back to London the next day, we left the A39 for the back roads. We followed a nearby dirt road that led to a local farm, Trescowe, also on our map, hoping that it would lead to Fenterlarick. Instead, we found ourselves on a tractor path, up to our hubcaps in mud. As the car began to sink into the muck, we reluctantly turned back.

At this point, reasonable persons would have abandoned this quixotic adventure. But we pressed on, acknowledging that we were both nuts. Parking at the nearest village, St. Mabyn's, we found another public path, at the bottom of which was a stream, and beyond, a vast unmarked cornfield. We approached a well-kept farm and a cluster of old stone buildings. Could it be?

I hollered "Hello!" several times, summoning up a young woman wearing Wellies and surrounded by barking dogs. We explained our mission as coherently as possible (yes, we're from America, and there's this dance—well, it's English—and we have this house, it's in the other Cornwall, etc.).

"Is the name of your house Fenterlarick?" we asked. "No, it's Trelinden," she said. Our hearts sank. "But the previous owner told us he had changed the name," she added.

She invited us to walk around the grounds, on which were several stone buildings. The layout of the cluster matched the old ordinance survey fairly closely. The position, established by visually triangulating from the other known, named farms and buildings seemed conclusive. We had found Fenterlarick. It was indeed an old Cornish farm, near a stream in a clearing.

We exchanged E-mail addresses and good wishes. I promised her that the venerable name of her beloved property would live on in Cornwall, Connecticut, gracing a much-loved home in a uniquely beautiful part of the New World.

—Gene Murrow

Events & Announcements

Mohawk Trail Maintenance Project to install turnpiking: Saturday, November 4. Meet at 9 A.M. at the hiker parking lot on Route 4, east side of Cornwall Bridge. No rain date. Bring lunch, gloves, and—if you can—a wheelbarrow. For more information: Henry Edmonds, (203) 426-6459, or Kim Herkimer, 672-6867.

Chronic Fatigue Syndrome will be the subject of a book reading at the Cornwall Free Library on Saturday, November 4, at 2 P.M. Local author and expert Fred Friedberg, Ph.D., will discuss his new book, Fibromyalgia and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome: 7 Proven Steps to

Less Pain and More Energy. For more information: 672-6874.

The Cornwall Conservation Trust will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, November 12, at 2 P.M. at the Town Hall. Tim Abbott, director of the Litchfield Hills Greenprint Project, will speak on Conservation and Development in Cornwall: An Analysis of the Possibilities. Refreshments. For more information: Emilie Pryor, 672-4226.

The 2006 Talent Show, sponsored by the Cornwall Free Library, will take place on Friday, November 24, at 7:30 P.M. at UCC, with a mostly new lineup. See the insert in this issue or call the Library: 672-6874.

The New Exhibit at the Historical Society shows "What Did We Do Without TV?—Leisure Time in Winter." Games and toys, needlework, scrapbooks, musical instruments, books—all did not require electricity to entertain and enhance family life. Open 1 to 4 P.M. on Saturdays through November 25.

This Is a Test

A study by the Harvard Business School reveals that the average American is exposed to just over 500 ads a day. However, a psychological filter mechanism reduces the number we're aware of to about 75. Of these, only 12 produce a reaction—three negative, nine positive. And less than one is acted upon in a short period of time.

How typical is Cornwall? We'll compare your response to the coupon below to our total circulation. Then we'll let you know. In the interest of science, our thanks.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7, with voting at the Town Hall from 6 A.M. to 8 P.M. The familiar lever voting machines will be in place for this election; the new optical scan machines will not be used in Cornwall until the November 2007 elections. However, the state has provided one new voting machine accessible to those blind or visually handicapped; it will be in place in Town Hall on Election Day, and assistance will be available. Prior practice with a demonstrator system can be done on your home phone by dialing access (1-866-494-8683) and password

(101) numbers. For more information, call Registrars Ginny Potter (672-6191), Jayne Ridgway (672-0279), or Town Clerk Vera Dinneen (672-2709).

The Cornwall Ag Commission invites everyone to its second annual potluck supper on Saturday, November 11,

at 6 P.M. in the UCC Parish House. The commission will provide drinks; bring your favorite dish to share and also a nonperishable food item for the food pantry. If you can't attend but would like to contribute, send a check to the Cornwall Emergency Fuel and Food Fund, Finance Office, P.O. Box 68, Cornwall, CT 06753.

Election Day Soup-and-Bread Lunch at the UCC Parish House from 11:30 A.M. to 2 P.M. Proceeds go to the Cornwall Food Pantry.

Motherhouse Stock-making Workshop: Saturday, November 11, from 10:30 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. at UCC Parish House. For information and reservations: Debra Tyler, 672-0229, or lifeskills@motherhouse.us.

North Canaan, known by most of us as just plain Canaan, will be the second in a series of profiles of neighboring towns sponsored by the Cornwall Association. Canaan historian Kathryn Boughton, First Selectman Doug Hume, and long-time resident and merchant Fred Hall, 99 years young, will speak. Town Hall, Saturday, November 18, from 4 to 5:30 P.M. Refreshments. For more information: John Miller, 672-6493, JLM186@optonline.net.

Girl Scouts Turkey Drive: Saturday, November 18, from 9 to 11 A.M. in Cornwall Bridge in parking lot near the rug shop. Donated turkeys will go to the WQQQ turkey drive and be distributed to food pantries in Northwest Connecticut. If you'd like to donate a turkey but can't drop it off, call Bethany Thompson, 248-3009.

The 2006 Revaluation Process will be explained by Assessor Barbara Bigos and general questions answered at three public informal sessions at the Town Hall: November 16, 2 to 3:30 P.M.; November 18, 10 to 11:30 A.M.; and November 20, 7 to 8:30 P.M.

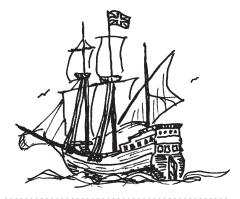
Art in Cornwall: At the Library, the show of paintings by Tom Walker will continue until November 11. Beginning November 14, Duncan Hannah will be exhibiting drawings, collages, and watercolors. In the case, Marc Simont's "Wazoes" remain through November.

At the Wish House, there will be an opening of the Thanksgiving Art Show, featuring works by local artists, on Saturday, November 25, from 4 to 7 P.M.

At the National Iron Bank, Robert M. Parker is showing watercolors and prints through the month of November.

Through November 26, Art at the Bridge will feature the mammoth tintypes of John Coffer and a group exhibition, *Earthtones*.

A Christmas Fair will be held on Saturday, December 2, from 10 A.M. to 3 P.M. at UCC. There will be crafts by local artists, an apple pie baking contest, a raffle for gift baskets, children's crafts and shopping, evergreen wreaths and decorations, holiday foods, and a soup-and-sandwich luncheon. To reserve wreaths: Joan Edler, 672-6789.



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