



An Interview with Bob Armstrong

by Kathy Llamas



Bob Armstrong arrived in Conway in 1980, when you could buy good land in the town for about \$1,000.00 an acre. While some things have changed since those days, much of what he loves best about the town remains pretty much intact.

Bob lived in the town of Stow, Massachusetts (near the intersection of Rte. 2 and I-495), before moving to Conway. The year was 1980, and he worked for

Digital Equipment Corporation. This company, under its trademark, DEC, was a pioneer in computer manufacturing. It is interesting to note that Digital was also innovative as a work-from-home employer, allowing Bob to work from his home in the hills of Conway from 1980 until 2002. Working from home was such a new concept that DEC often asked him to speak about it during interviews until it became more common.

Bob and his wife, Judy, purchased their home in northern Conway from a UMass professor, Don Carew, who had purchased it from a state police officer named Heck. Bob raised a large flock of sheep during his early days in Conway. At one point 40 to 50 ewes and between 75 and 80 lambs were under his family's care. Their family grew to include four children.

Since his retirement, Bob has enjoyed the freedom to work on projects that both interest and inspire him, including climate change and in support of political candidates.

Being new to Conway myself, I was fascinated by the many projects Bob has initiated or contributed to that have benefitted our town. One of the first of such projects began in 2004, when Bob and several of his computer-savvy friends were concerned that a large segment of Massachusetts residents lacked access to a broadband network. This group was well versed in envisioning and creating networks. They eventually concluded that to see this idea come to fruition, they would have to do the work themselves. The collaboration dubbed themselves Wired West. Conway is one of many partially served cable areas. Although Wired West never fulfilled its mission of a western mass network, it convinced the state to fund building out all of the partially served towns and to pay much of the costs for unserved towns to build their own fiber optic networks. As chair, the broadband committee negotiated a ten-year contract that included bringing cable to 110 homes in northern Conway. With the additional state funding, almost every home in Conway now has access to cable and high-speed internet if desired.

Bob and I spoke about another project he's passionate about: the aggregation of electrical service. "Aggregation is now permitted by state law," he stated, "but every town must create and manage its own aggregation. The process begins with the approval of the selectboard and town meeting, involves working closely with suppliers and other town boards, and approval of the DPU. One of the challenges to this work is that small towns like ours do not use enough electricity necessarily to garner a good rate." Bob and those who were on this team knew that bidding together increased their buying power as a block and brought forth the results they were hoping for. The agreement was the culmination of a four-year effort. "Climate change is real. It feels great to be able to offer this program – where more green energy can be purchased at a lower rate than even Eversource can negotiate." The new aggregated

electric bills went into effect on August 1, 2020. Conway residents will see that savings reflected in their September statements.

I was curious about what drew Bob to run for the selectboard. He was a friend of Jim Moore, who had served on the board for some time. When Jim decided to leave the board, he hoped to find good candidates to step up. It was around this time that Bob decided he wanted to get more involved and run for office. This has been a journey of approximately eight years, but this is his first opportunity to serve as the chair of the selectboard.

Bob appreciates having the opportunity to use his energies and skills to make good things happen for Conway. And I, for one, do too.

C.L.A.S.S. Update

The Conway Learning and Skill Share (C.L.A.S.S.) idea has gotten some interest since it was introduced last month. So far, we have one respondent with a background in vocal lessons as well as piano and guitar. Another person who inquired about the program has been studying the U.S. Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and Federalism and thought there might be a like-minded person with whom to pursue the study and engage in good conversation.

I myself am a paper crafter, and I enjoy working with fiber and needle arts as well. I love languages and know a smattering of many. I would love to learn much more about sewing and smocking.

For more information on how to connect with a C.L.A.S.S. member, to add your own skill, or to seek a partner to learn with – whatever your interests are – feel free to email conwaycurrents@gmail.com or call Kat Llamas at 413-695-5626.

Conway Council on Aging

The COA receives a grant from the state Executive Office of Elder Affairs and an appropriation from the town. Meetings are held on

the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall. During the COVID-19 crisis, non-COA participants are invited to join by conference call. The number to join the meeting is 369-1541; the participant ID is 1541#. For more information, contact Patricia Ann Lynch, COA chair, at 369-4284.

Senior Calendar for August

- **Healthy Bones & Balance Class** This free class, sponsored by RSVP, meets Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. Contact leader Gary Fentin at 369-0001 for a link to the Zoom class.
- **Monthly Foot Care** Foot clinics are held on the first Monday of the month in Town Hall by appointment only. The next dates are Aug. 3 and Sept. 8 (a Tuesday because of the holiday). Call Peg Tiley at 369-4010 for information or to make an appointment. Face masks are required.
- **Senior Meals** The COA hopes to resume senior brunches and lunches in September or October, depending on the COVID-19 situation.
- **Walking Group** The group meets at 9:30 a.m. Monday mornings in front of the library, weather permitting. Social distancing is maintained during walks. Call Phylis Dacey at 369-4326 for information.
- **Yoga for Seniors** Led by Jody Fontaine on Wednesdays. Class times: mat yoga, 10:00-11:00 a.m.; chair yoga, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Call Jody at 413-824-9435 for links to the Zoom classes.

Senior Services

Durable Medical Equipment Loans The COA has items of durable medical equipment available for loan, including wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, canes, tub and shower chairs, commodes, raised toilet seats, and a recently donated CPAT machine. Call Hank Horstmann at 369-4405 to borrow equipment or if you have equipment to donate.

Home-Delivered Meals Meals on Wheels are still being provided during the COVID-19 crisis by LifePath for Conway seniors up to seven days per week. Call LifePath at 773-5555 for further information and registration.

Van Transportation The Shelburne Falls Senior Center provides curb-to-curb van transportation within Franklin County for seniors 60 and over, for medical appointments and shopping. However, daily trips are no longer available. Call the center at 625-2502 to make an appointment at least 48 hours in advance or for information about reservations and fees. For rides to out-of-county medical appointments, call the FRTA at 774-2262 for information and reservations.

Conway Healthy Bones and Balance Program Zooms into Action!

Gary Fentin, an RSVP-certified Healthy Bones & Balance instructor and a twenty-year resident of Conway, has been conducting Zoom classes for Conway seniors since April 21. The class meets every Tuesday morning at 9:00 a.m. for an hour and includes upper body, lower body, core, and balance exercises. The sessions have been an incredible success, and there are now ten seniors attending on a regular basis. No prior experience with strength training or use of Zoom is required. Gary provides an introductory session to review the mechanics of Zoom and the classes.

RSVP of Pioneer Valley, the volunteer connection for people 55 and older, has loaned dumbbells to participants who didn't have weights at home. Before receiving the dumbbells, participants creatively used canned goods of various weights as substitutes. All participants are enthusiastic about the program and report that they are getting stronger! If anyone is interested in learning more about the sessions, please contact Gary Fentin at gary@gsfentin.com or at 369-0001.

They're Back! Prevent Mosquito Bites!

Mosquitoes can spread diseases that make you sick. In Massachusetts, mosquitoes can give you eastern equine encephalitis (EEE) virus or West Nile virus (WNV). EEE can cause severe illness and possibly lead to death in any age group. EEE does not occur every year, but based on mosquito sampling, a high risk of occurrence of human cases currently exists.

Outbreaks of EEE usually occur in Massachusetts every 10-20 years. These outbreaks will typically last two to three years. The most recent outbreak of EEE in Massachusetts began in 2019 and included twelve cases with six fatalities. The first EEE positive mosquito sample within the state this season was detected in Orange on 7/2/20 and Wendell on 7/6/20. Risk levels remain elevated through to frost.

The best way to avoid both of these illnesses is to prevent mosquito bites. You can be bitten at any time. Most mosquitoes are active from just before dusk, through the night until dawn.

There are steps that you can take to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites and the illnesses they can cause. Protect yourself from illness by doing simple things:

- Use insect repellents any time you are outdoors
- Wear long-sleeved clothing
- Schedule outdoor activities to avoid the hours from dusk to dawn during peak mosquito season
- Repair damaged window and door screens
- Remove standing water from the areas around your home

For more information, including current risk levels and findings of EEE and WNV in Massachusetts see www.mass.gov/mosquitoes-and-ticks or contact Regional Public Health Nurse Lisa White for more information at 413-665-1400 x-114.

Community Action, Resources and Advocacy

Coronavirus messing with your finances? Need a little extra help with your bills? If you live in Franklin or Hampshire county call us! 413-475-1570 for help with:

- Utility Bills
- Rent
- Water/Sewer
- Hot Water
- Internet
- SNAP Applications

Maximum Household Income before taxes and any deductions:

Household Size	Gross Monthly Income
1	\$3,988
2	\$4,554
3	\$5,125
4	\$5,692
5	\$6,150

Free and Confidential Program of Community Action Pioneer Valley, 393 Main Street, Greenfield MA 01301, www.communityaction.us

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Are you Homeless or at Risk of Becoming Homeless?

New funding has enabled the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program to serve eligible households facing a housing crisis due to a loss of wages or increase in expenses related to or resulting from COVID-19.

Franklin County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) is conducting RAFT intakes online and by phone while offices are closed to the public (stay updated at www.fcrhra.org). We are not able to accept walk-ins at this time.

Visit www.fcrhra.org/emergency-assistance/raft or call 413-863-9781 x-150 to complete an assessment. There is some flexibility at this time; a RAFT administrator will contact you after you complete an intake to discuss your particular situation.

If eligible, RAFT funds can help you in a variety of ways, including:

- Rent arrears
- Mortgage arrears
- Utility arrears
- Security deposits
- Move-in costs (first/last/security)
- And more . . .

If you are not eligible for financial assistance, Franklin County Housing Consumer Education Centers (HCEC) staff will provide you with information for other resources available in the community. Please call 413-863-9781 with any questions.

Unexpected Encounters

By David Fisher

When I was a boy at summer camp, one of my favorite times in the day was at assembly, outdoors in the forest, seated on log benches around a large patch of ferns, when we would be given the opportunity to share 'scout reports' - uncommon sightings of wildlife, with the whole camp. Today I have a scout report to share with you. Last Thursday evening I took a walk with my good friend, Thomas, through the farm fields and up the valley. Upon entering the first hay field past the veggies, we came upon a doe who regarded us for some time before leaping into the brush for cover. No matter how common (and no matter how many vegetables they eat), deer never cease to amaze me with their delicate grace.

We continued on our way and before long we happened upon some interesting fungi, including a large bolete, which, to our surprise, turned from a crisp cream color to reddish, yellow, green, and then blue inside before our very eyes, when we broke a piece of its cap - how cool!

Shortly after our mushroom encounter we sat on the log bench above my favorite view down over the river and out onto our far field. Just as soon as we sat, a very large great blue heron (a friend of Gabriel's who he has named Leroy) flew just a couple feet over the river, heading upstream over the island in the middle of the river. As we watched Leroy's magnificent flight path, we immediately saw what appeared to be three ducks in the river, in the riffles just below the island. It was dusk and making out the details of these floating creatures wasn't easy, but based on their shape I assumed they were the three surviving merganser ducklings of the much larger brood (13, I believe there were, to start out this season). However, these creatures were bobbing below the water and popping up again, then diving over one another and when we saw them scurry upstream and then ride back down the rapids, I

quickly realized they were not mergansers at all, but rather a mother otter and her two otter pups! Holy Moly do these guys know how to have fun! They'd jump up onto the bank and shoot up alongside the river at rocket speed, only to leap into the water again for another ride down the rapids. They were wrestling and splashing just like my two kids do in the river on a hot summer evening! The mother must have been over three feet long from tip to tail and we were rapt, soaking in all of the carefree otter frivolity that we could until darkness drew the curtain on the show. For a second act though, the fireflies lit up the forest like fairies amongst the trees and the bats enthralled us with their arial acrobatics against the backdrop of purple, blue-grey clouds on a pale yellow almost-night sky.

For me this was a lovely reminder that, though we spend a lot of time and energy thinking about and tending our cultivated crops and domestic animals, our activities are just a part of the vast web of activity here on this farm. As I made my way back to home for bed, grinning over these delightful encounters, I heard some twig snapping over head in the mulberry tree in our yard. When I got my light to investigate, at first I could find nothing but mulberries dripping from the branches. Then, as I scanned upwards, I saw a raccoon looking sheepish and trying to act like a branch, as still and straight and narrow as he could. That crafty, masked berry gobbler!

Update from the Field Memorial Library

The Field Memorial Library (FML) "steps-side" process for picking up materials and returning them to our outside book drop is underway and working smoothly. To help you know what is in *some* of the FML collections, we have added a "Collections" page to our website at <https://fieldmemoriallibrary.org>. This page has several links to online spreadsheets showing portions of our collections that may be browsed or searched. To search any of them, use the Windows command "Ctrl-F" or the MacOS

command "Command F" to find an item. You can also request any item, and we will search our collections. If we do not have it, we will try to obtain it for you. The Inter-Library Loan (ILL) process is beginning to restart but is not fully operational as of this writing. To request an item, send an email with your requested title(s) and author(s) to director@fieldmemoriallibrary.org.

"Steps-side" pickup is available in 30-minute pickup windows on Mondays from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All items are loaned for three-week periods and may be returned to our outside book drop box.

Visit our website to see titles at FML related to racism that shed light on the black experience in the United States as well as other timely topics.

The FML remains closed to physical visits while we work out reopening plans and resources and schedule some much-needed renovation projects resulting from town meeting funding through the Community Preservation Fund. We appreciate your patience while we work out details that will ensure the safety of all who visit the library. Please check our website for updates.

We hope you are well and managing during this uncertain and stressful time. Please let us know if you have any questions, suggestions, or concerns regarding how FML may be of service.

All Best,

David Whittier
Director, Field Memorial Library
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<https://fieldmemoriallibrary.org>

Celebratory Walk in Conway: All Invited!

To mark the anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment to the Constitution of the United States and 100 years of women's suffrage, the Friends of the Field Memorial Library invite you to join us for a walk through downtown Conway on Saturday, August 15, at 10:30 a.m. The walk begins at the steps of the Field Memorial Library, circling up the sidewalk of Route 116 to Baker's Country Store and back to the library. Some sashes and signs will be available for participants. Victorian (suffragette) costumes encouraged. Precautions because of COVID-19 will be observed: masks and social distancing. Please join us. We hope to see you there!

A special gift for first-time voters!

In celebration of 100 years of women's suffrage in the United States, the Friends of the Field Memorial Library would like to invite all those who are voting in their first elections this year to receive a special literary gift. The gift will be presented on the steps of the Field Memorial Library on August 15, 2020, at 11:15 a.m., following the celebratory walk. To receive your gift please sign up at thadinwma@gmail.com.

Conway Community Forest Stewardship Planning Project

It's time to continue our work together on the Community Forest Stewardship Planning Project. We appreciate your help with the April survey and the first Community Forest Stewardship Planning Workshop in May. We hope that you will follow us through to the project's close with our work over the next couple of months. We based our education efforts on a globally accepted definition of Sustainable Forestry Practices, which states that SFPs are practices that steward forests in a way and at a rate that maintain their biodiversity, productivity, regeneration capacity, vitality, and

potential to fulfill, now and in the future, relevant ecological, economic, and social functions at local, national, and global levels and that does not damage ecosystems.

We listened to your community and the values that you hold and how you choose to define SFPs for your forests. Your survey responses indicate a love for the forests, a desire to care for them within a framework of ecosystem values, and your low interest in deriving direct economic value from them. Their treasures run much deeper than that to you.

As we move into the final stages of this project, we need your help deciding on appropriate Sustainable Forest Practices. We encourage review of the material on the town webpage, <https://townofconway.com/forest-stewardship-plan/>. We are working on the Forest Stewardship Management Plans. We will be posting a second, short survey for your feedback on potential Sustainable Forestry Practices within your forest ecosystems. We invite you to the Goals, Objectives, and Sustainable Forestry Practices Zoom Workshop.

Meeting information for our workshop on August 12 at 7:30 p.m.:
Zoom meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/97271514312>.
Meeting ID: 972 7151 4312
Join by phone: 1-646-558-8656 US (New York)

Please contact Mary Wigmore with any comments or questions at wfrmanagement@gmail.com or 413-628-4594.

If you find any errors in this issue of *Conway Currents* please let us know by contacting Pat Lynch at patricialynch@earthlink.net. Our aim is to present clear and accurate information of interest to the community.

Pollinator Project Update

By Sue Bridge

What *is* going on with the Friends of Conway pollinator project on Audubon's meadow on Rte. 116? In short, no surprise – COVID-19.

The pandemic caused Mass Audubon to close all its lands across the state in March, just when we had planned to smother grasses and weeds that compete with traditional pollinator plantings. When Audubon lands finally reopened in late May, the grasses had grown tall, and many had gone to seed. Our window of opportunity had closed.

University of New Hampshire Professor Cathy Neal – a senior experimental agronomist specializing in large-scale pollinator projects – tells us that none of the big pollinator projects she knows of was able to move forward this year.

The plan now is to mow and when possible scoop up cuttings and seeds two or three times this summer and through the fall. Then, if the weather cooperates, lay down black plastic to smother new growth late this fall. This may (*may*) allow us not to lose a year and to move forward with native pollinator plantings in the spring.

Stay tuned!

The deadline for articles and ads in the newsletter is the 20th of the preceding month. Please send your content, comments and suggestions by email to Kathy Llamas at conwaycurrents@gmail.com. Thank you!

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Garden Club Notes

“August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time.”

– Sylvia Plath, *The Unabridged Journals of Sylvia Plath*

In New England, August usually brings with it hot, humid days, but later in the month the weather can be unpredictable, some years with rainy periods, others with drought. If you plan an August vacation, prepare your garden for your absence.

- Stake top-heavy lilies and dahlias to prevent damage from wind and rain.
- Water rhododendrons and camellias thoroughly to assure good development of next year's buds.
- Mulch to hold in moisture and keep weeds at bay.
- Cut back herbs to encourage the growth of new leaves for harvesting before the fall.

The aims of the Conway Garden Club are to stimulate interest in gardening and related skills, to enhance the natural beauty of our area, and to educate and promote environmental improvement. The club welcomes suggestions for new projects that would benefit the town. Contact Pat Lynch at 369-4284 or email patricialynch@earthlink.net.

Springfield MRF Recycling Changes Effective July 1, 2020

Clear plastic cups will now be acceptable in container recycling. Printing on the clear cups is OK. Lids and straws must be removed and placed in the trash. Other plastic cups, such as Styrofoam™ colored “keg” cups, and opaque (cloudy) plastic cups are not acceptable for recycling, despite any recycling symbols. If a clear cup is labeled “compostable” it should NOT go in with recyclables. Clear plastic egg cartons (paper inserts removed) will be acceptable. Place

clear plastic cups and clear plastic egg cartons in with container recycling.

As of July 1, 2020 shredded paper is no longer accepted. Residents can sometimes bring confidential documents to area businesses such as copy centers for secure shredding and some local banks sponsor free shredding events. The alternative to shredding through a business or event is disposal as trash or, if shreds are paper only and no plastic, in compost.

Aerosol cans that contained food or personal care ingredients must go in the trash or with bulky waste. Aerosol cans that still contain hazardous ingredients, such as spray paint, must go to a household hazardous waste collection.

Questions? Visit www.springfieldmrf.org for more information.

Conway Swimming Pool Committee Reminder

We are happy that so many of our Conway residents are enjoying the pool this summer.

We would like to remind all Conway residents using the pool that they may convey to others our guidelines and pool use rules in a friendly and welcoming manner. If you are concerned that nonresidents may be using the pool, either make a general announcement that the pool is for residents only or ask everyone on the beach if they are residents.

This is the method the Board of Trustees has agreed on. Singling out specific individuals is never condoned.

Thanks and enjoy the pool.
The Pool Committee

Unheard Melodies

by Nicole Braden-Johnson

"Heard melodies are sweet, but those unheard /Are sweeter"
– John Keats "Ode on a Grecian Urn"

Phoebe's Sonnet

Perched on the porch's sturdy branching beams
Is a quadruplet composition of masses of mosses and twiglets –
Four nests for a single pair of gray-feathered Phoebes,
Though only one cradles the labor of their love.

From the bough falls half a milky, mottled, moon-like orb,
A delicate shell no thicker than a baby fingernail,
That comes to rest among dew-laden spiderwebs
Strewn across the grass like so many silver lace doilies.

Avian cherubs grow as down and plume cover pink newborn skin
Until finally fully-formed fledglings take their first flight.



A Very Short Story

SB

Two days ago, of an early summer evening after a long, hot day, I was sitting on the terrace enjoying a glass of something, watching the way-up, rose-gold clouds, listening for birds, waiting for Beau Rufus, my 12-year-old Maine coon cat companion, who usually joins me . . .

After a while I heard the telltale snorts of an angry deer. Eventually I spotted it, half-hidden behind this year's tall grass, coming up the dirt driveway toward the cottage. A snort, a pause, a few steps advance, a pause, another snort.

I slowly stepped up onto the terrace wall, looking down, the better to see what was happening.

There was Beau Rufus himself, lying stretched out full length across the driveway in all his long, blond splendor, facing the intruder, barring the way. The deer advanced two steps, then two more. Another warning snort. BR didn't budge. Eventually the deer, unnerved by his small challenger's sheer will, turned west and downhill into the thick foliage and disappeared.

My protector – 12 pounds, 32 inches long including tail – got up, stretched leisurely, yawned, and joined me.
All in a day's work.



What Does Conway Mean to You?

This month's image (page 21) courtesy of Pat Lynch. Send us your photo of that special place in Conway! We will publish an image each month as long as you want us to and as long as we have space. Images may be either in color or black and white and should be sent via email to conwaycurrents@gmail.com. Either a .tif image in 300 dpi or a high-resolution .jpg will be fine. Send a brief description of your photo and add a few words telling us why this place is special to you. We look forward to your submissions!

Town of Conway Volunteer Opportunities

Town committees are always in need of volunteer members. The committees below especially need volunteers:

- Finance Committee: contact Nick Filler at jnicholasfiller@gmail.com
- Parks, Recreation & Trails Committee: contact parksandrec@townofconway.com
- Energy Committee: contact Peter Martin at plm314@hotmail.com
- Council on Aging: contact Patricia Ann Lynch at patricialynch@earthlink.net

Unless otherwise noted, contact Lisa Turowsky, assistant@townofconway.com with questions or for more openings throughout the year.

The Conway Inn

by Barbara Llamas

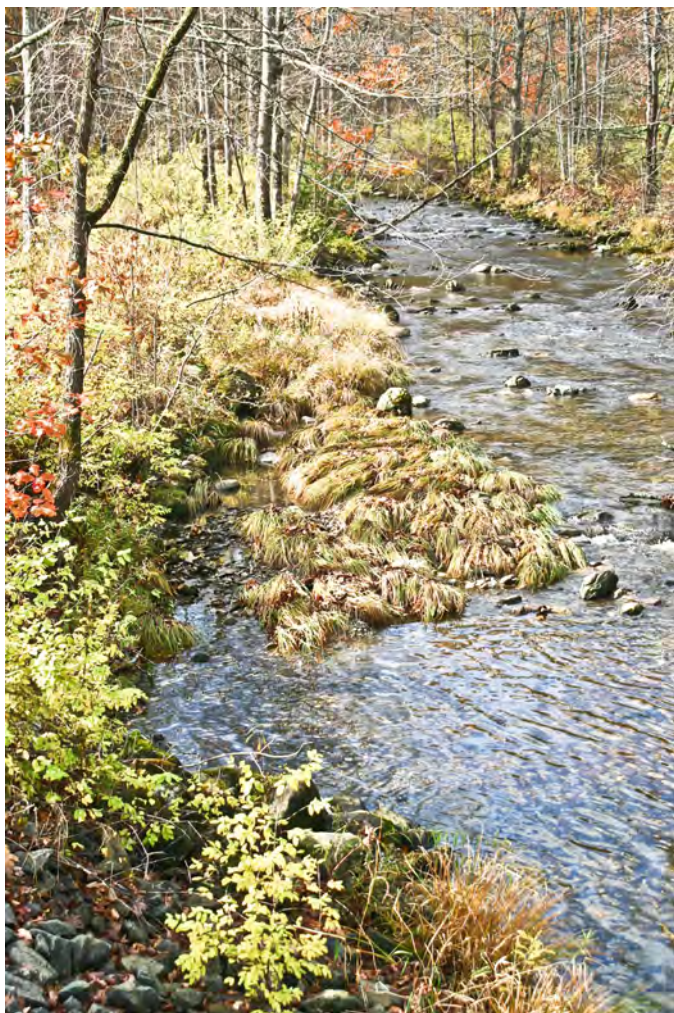
Due to some lifting of the COVID-19 restrictions, we are now able to offer limited seating indoors as well as outside in the back yard.

The inn will continue to be open Sunday through Thursday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and on Friday and Saturday from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. for pizza, chicken wings, and breadsticks. Take-out orders may be placed starting at 4:00 p.m. We are now able to serve alcoholic beverages for dining at the inn and to sell bottled beer and single-serve wine with to-go food orders. Call 369-4428 to place your order. Thanks again for the hometown spirit you've shown toward your local businesses!

Baker's Country Store and Luncheonette

The store is open seven days a week for take-out breakfast (served all day) and lunch. We now have limited seating outside and inside due to the partial lifting of the COVID-19 ban on dining-in restaurants. Current hours: Monday-Friday 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 7:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Call 369-4936.

Local blueberries and vegetables continue to arrive: tomatoes, corn, cukes, squash and beans. Don't forget that we have a variety of homemade desserts and baked goods, as well as a large selection of last-minute items. We feature freshly baked cakes, muffins, pies, and cookies. Put in your order today for one of Helen's famous pies! Check us out on Facebook: [facebook.com/Bakers-Country-Store](https://www.facebook.com/Bakers-Country-Store) for today's specials. We look forward to seeing you again soon.



South River, Patricia Ann Lynch, 2006. "The sight of the South River flowing below the hill my house is on prompted me to tell the real estate agent, 'This is it!' That was in the fall of 1986, and the river is still my special place."

Megan Hart Pottery

Megan Hart of Hart Pottery will be displaying her work curbside in a handcrafted pottery cart by neighbor Steve Thomas of 3 Crows Woodworking. Come take a look!

Friday through Sunday
afternoons weather permitting.
192 Academy Hill Road.
413-522-6707.



Interested in Volunteering for the Newsletter?

Do you have a story to tell, a column we might publish regularly, or time to spare? Interested in serving as a volunteer on the newsletter committee? Let us know at conwaycurrents@gmail.com.

Coming soon! *Conway Currents* will run advertisements and accept donations once a mechanism for payment has been put in place. For information on advertisement payment contact Janice Warner at treasurer@townofconway.com or call 369-4235 x 2.

Town Office Personnel and Hours

Call 413-369-4235 and follow the instructions to reach the appropriate office.

Conway Select board: Robert Armstrong, Chair, Erica Goleman, Philip Kantor

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Town Administrator: Tom Hutcheson
Mon.-Thur. 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Fri. 9:00 a.m. - noon

Asst. to Town Administrator: Lisa Turowsky
Mon. 2:00 - 8:00 p.m., Tues., Thur., Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Town Clerk: Laurie Lucier
Tues., Thur., Fri. 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Treasurer/Tax Collector: Jan Warner
Mon., Wed., Thur. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Asst. Treasurer/Tax Collector: Lynn Kane
Mon., Wed., Thur. 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Accountant: Michael Kociela
Monday afternoons or by appointment

Assessors' Clerk: Laura Hutt
Mon.-Wed. 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Thur. 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Board of Health Clerk: Ginnie Knowlton
Thur. 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., Sat. 9:00 a.m. - noon