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Winners of the Festival of the Hills Raffle

We are grateful to the donors (in italics), without whose generosity the raffle would not be possible. All winners are from Conway unless otherwise noted.

\$200 Grand Prize, *Baker's Country Store, Conway Inn, Joanie Schwartz, Natural Roots, D&S Scuba, Integrity Development and Construction, Jerry Sawma Family, YUP Coffee Roasters:*

Jim Krupa

Hand-woven blanket, *Megan Hart:* Susan McCarthy

Jewelry set, *Eileen Schneider:* Barbara Masson

Raku fired stoneware, *Bob Green:* Ashley Liu, Sunderland

Baby hat, *Susan Fentin:* Mary Irwin

Loppers, *Orchard Equipment & Supply:* Elaine Campbell

Felt-and-silk scarf, *McFarland's Handwork:* Denise Schwartz

South Deerfield collage, *Debra Hoyle:* J. Smith

CISA membership and products, *CISA:* Ashley Liu, Sunderland

Hand-woven runner, *Ute Bargmann:* Jane Brown

Framed B&W photograph, *Geoffrey Bluh:* Marsha Stone,

Greenfield Forged bottle opener, *Bob Compton:* Nancy Winter

Andy Jaffe CDs, *Andy Jaffe:* Jim Krupa

Maple syrup, *Howard and Jeanne Boyden:* Clark Pearce

Piano, voice, or ukulele lesson, *Janet Ryan:* Anne Peramba, Paul Cannella (Los Angeles)

Baby sweater and hat, *Nancy Winter:* Leah Phinney

Necklace and earrings, *Denise Dwelley:* Martin Dellert

Handmade cards, *Robin Yerkes:* Carol Wendel

Herbal body products, *Sara Coblyn/Sweet Roots Garden:* Hank H.

Fyewood candle holders, *Pixie Holbrook/John Rioux:*

Tera Tippet

Goodies from Provisions, *Benson Hyde/Provisions:* Steve Schneider, Ann Howe

YUP coffee, *YUP Coffee Roasters:* Nancy Winter

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who purchased tickets in support of the Festival of the Hills Scholarship!

FOH Bake Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone who supported the annual Festival of the Hills bake sale on Saturday. To those who baked or who purchased the baked goods, it was greatly appreciated. See you next year on the Saturday before the annual Festival of the Hills.

Gail Connelly

Thank You from the Firemen's Auxiliary

The Conway Firemen's Auxiliary would like to thank everyone who attended or ordered takeout at the annual turkey dinner that was held on festival weekend. Your patronage made it possible for us to have another successful dinner.

Conway's Open!

Now that we have such a selection of apples around us, I recommend that you try some of the great recipes from *Conway's Open*, a cookbook created for the town's 250th anniversary celebration in 2017! Some books are still available. If you'd like a copy, you can get yours at OESCO or the Conway branch of Greenfield Savings Bank: a bargain at \$10.00 each. Funds raised now go to the Festival of the Hill Scholarship Fund.

Try Phylis Dacey's "Apple Crisp." It's super easy to put together and so tasty! If you're partial to Clarkdale apples, try Clarkdale's "Applesauce Cake" or "Nobby Apple Cake" from Bartlett's Orchard in Richmond, which was a favorite of Thelma French. Janice Kreitner submitted a "Cranberry Chutney/Salad" recipe that is now my family's must-have for Thanksgiving! Apple pie recipes (all so different!) include "Nana Gretl's Apple Pie" from Suzanne Artemieff, "Aunt Gert's Apple Pie" from Alan Doty, and "Apple Crumb Pie" from Jenifer Coliskey, to name a few. There is a killer "Curry Squash Apple Soup" from Bob Compton and Meg Burch. Of course, there is always Bud Lively's 1819 Artillery Punch – Savannah if you're really daring!

Come and get it! Kate French

Conway Council on Aging

Council on Aging meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at 9:00 a.m. in Town Hall. Next meeting will be November 2. For more information, contact Patricia Ann Lynch, COA chair, at 369-4284 or email patricialynch@earthlink.net.

Senior Calendar for November

Durable Medical Equipment Loans The COA has items of durable medical equipment available for loan, including wheelchairs, transfer chairs, walkers, crutches, canes, tub and shower chairs, commodes, and raised toilet seats. Call Hank Horstmann at 369-4405 to borrow equipment.

"First Friday" Walk-in Wellness Clinics Clinics are held on the first Friday of the month in Conway Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Regional public health nurses Lisa White, RN, and Meg Ryan, RN, staff the clinic. There are no out-of-pocket costs to residents for this service, which is provided through the town's membership in FRCOG Cooperative Public Health Service. For more information, call 413-665-1400 x 114.

Healthy Bones & Balance Classes Classes meet on Tuesday from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m. and Friday from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. on Zoom. Contact leader Gary Fentin at 369-0001 for information and the Zoom link.

Monthly Foot Care Foot clinics are usually held on the first Monday of the month in Town Hall BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. The next clinic will be November 7. There is a \$20.00 fee. For information or to schedule an appointment, call Peg Tiley at 369-4010.

Senior Meals Meals are held at Town Hall on the second and last Thursdays of the month. For more information and to be added to our email or phone list for announcements, call Carolyn Thayer at 369-6948.

Walking Group *Note Time Change:* Starting this month the walking group will meet at 10:00 a.m. in front of the library on Mondays. For more information, call Phylis Dacey at 369-4326.

Yoga for Seniors Led by Jody Fontaine on Wednesdays in person at the library and on Zoom. Class times: mat yoga 10:00-11:00 a.m.; chair yoga: 11:15 a.m.-12:00 noon. Call Jody at 413-824-9435 for information or for the Zoom links.

Senior Holiday Dinners

Celebrate an early Thanksgiving holiday with the Council on Aging at the Conway Sportsman's Club on Elmer Road. The COA is holding a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the fixings for seniors at the club on Thursday, November 10. The meal will be served at 12:30 p.m., but come early to socialize with your friends and neighbors. To reserve a place, call Carolyn Thayer at 369-6948.

The COA will also be holding its annual December holiday meal at the Whately Inn on Thursday, December 8, at noon (the buffet will be open at 12:30). The per person cost is \$23.00. We need 25-30 people to sign up for this event in order for it to be held.

Thank You from the Bennetts

My mother, Kathy Bennett, would like to thank everyone who has sent a card, wishes her well, and is asking for updates on her health as she continues her recovery from the stroke she had. In addition to a stroke, she is also recovering from an ankle fracture. She is home and very happy to be here. She is out of splint/cast and in a boot. She says hello to everyone who has inquired about her and hopes to say hello in person sometime soon.

Special thanks to the crew that came when she was in need: you're all very much appreciated!

Kathy and Tammy Bennett

9K for K9, Sunday, November 13, 2022

Do you love to run? Or maybe you prefer walking! Come on out on Sunday, November 13, and support your local dog shelter! We will be hosting the Ray Brown Memorial "9K for K9" at the Wendell State Forest in Millers Falls.

You have a choice of either a 9-km (5.6 mi) trail run or 3-mile walk on the dirt roads of Wendell State Forest, Ruggles Pond, 392 Wendell Road, Millers Falls, MA 01349. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Run starts at 9:00 a.m. Walk starts at 9:05 a.m.

- Runners: Preregistered \$30, on race day \$35
- Walkers: Preregistered \$20, on race day \$25

Register online at www.runreg.com/ray-brown-memorial-2022-9k-for-k9-trail-run.

No dogs allowed on running route (sanctioning rules): safety precaution. Leashed dogs are welcome to join the walking route.

Proceeds to benefit the Friends of the Franklin County Regional Dog Shelter (a 501 c3). For additional information call 413-676-9182.

Pickleball in Conway!

Come play pickleball! Our outdoor courts are located on the basketball court next to the tennis court. Our indoor court is in the Town Hall gym.

You may use the outdoor court any time you see that it not already in use. The equipment – including a net, paddles, and balls – is stored in the bench near the ballfield shed. You can email ConwayMAPickleball@gmail.com to get the combination to the locked bench. Please be courteous and return the equipment when you are finished and relock the bench. Be sure to email us your feedback and suggestions.

We have set up a couple of free-play time slots to encourage people to play or learn how to play. Free-play time is for players of all levels. Beginners are welcome. Pickleballers are a friendly group and love to teach others the game. To participate in free-play time, you may use the sign up-genius below so that you can see how many players may be coming. Bring a friend or two and pass the link along if you like, and HAVE FUN! You can sign up using the links on the town website – www.townofconway.com/calendar – or use these:

Outdoor free play (as weather permits):
signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BACA92AA5FBC16-ballfield.

Indoor free play beginning November 8:
signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4baca92aa5fbc16-conway

If you would like to host a regular indoor play session, scheduled weekly, please email me at ConwayMAPickleball@gmail.com. At present the indoor court is not available for private party one-time use.

Volunteers for Invasive Species Removal

Volunteers are wanted to help remove invasive species from the Fournier property trail on Saturday, November 5, from 10:00 a.m. to noon (rain date November 6). The Fournier property, located adjacent to the Conway Grammar School, has a trail needing some care to allow for safe and enjoyable access from the school grounds. There are areas near the trail head and next to the school that are filled with Asiatic honeysuckle, bittersweet, and barberry, along with other invasive, nonnative plants.

The Forest and Trails Committee is sponsoring this invasive plant removal party. Guidance and a few tools will be available. You are invited to also bring your own tools (loppers, hand cutting tools, pruning saws, root saws, pry bars, shovels).

We will meet at the Conway Grammar School in front of the playground area. If you want to help, please contact Cynthia at 413-230-7185.

Thanksgiving Market at Natural Roots

Sunday, November 20, noon to 4:00 p.m. - rain or shine!

We will have a full selection of our own produce for your Thanksgiving feast, including squash, potatoes, carrots, beets, garlic, greens, and lots more. We'll have other locally grown essentials like chestnuts from Sunderland, cranberries, homemade pies, and more. There will be local artisans and craftspeople selling their work, live music, hot cider and donuts, and we'll be offering horse-drawn wagon rides throughout the afternoon. We hope this event continues to be a warm and welcoming event that brings our community together and shares the wealth of talents our membership is filled with.

We still have space for more craftspeople, makers, healers, and artists to become vendors at our event! Please email us if you're interested.

Mark your calendars! This is a lovely event, not to be missed, and is a great opportunity to fill your Thanksgiving table with delicious, sustainable, and local food you can feel great about sharing with your loved ones.

Holiday/Christmas Giving Tree

The Friends of the Field Memorial Library in Conway announce their annual Holiday/Christmas Giving Tree. No dumb gifts this year: Give the gift of helping others!

We invite Conway residents to start thinking now about supporting the Friends of the Field Memorial Library Holiday/Christmas Giving Tree, which again will support the Hilltown Churches Food Pantry and provide items to local families that are struggling. The food pantry is requesting that we especially supply them with the following:

- Books for ages 2 to 18.
- Gift cards that parents could use for children's gifts. They prefer Walmart gift cards and hope to provide \$100 per child for holiday gifts.
- Food items that could help families make cookies and sweets for the holidays (such as flour, sugar, vanilla or almond flavoring, sprinkles, chocolate kisses, jams, coconut flakes, candied fruit, marzipan filling, etc.) These are usually too expensive for people to buy on their own.
- Basic toiletries but with a seasonal flavor and maybe a bit special.

The tree will be in the library from November 28 through December 19 and is located in the beautiful Italian rotunda. It will be decorated with envelopes in which you can leave gift cards, donations, notes of support, etc. for the people who use the food pantry. In addition, there will be colorful gift bags available in which you can place donated items and/or take to fill and bring back. The library is open to receive

donations each Monday 3:00-6:00 p.m., Wednesday 2:00-7:00 p.m., and Saturday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

NOTE: Since the food pantry will distribute most holiday items on Tuesday, December 13, we will try to get the early donations to them in time to distribute during these pre-holiday weeks. For more information go to <https://ashfield.org/2391/Hilltown-Churches-Food-Pantry>. For the library, go to <https://fieldmemoriallibrary.org/>.

Please be generous. Instead of a tie, tell him you donated to help others. Instead of one more perfume, tell her you helped someone bake Christmas cookies. And please: No more holiday sweaters! Buy and give great books for kids!

Update from the Field Memorial Library

On October 2 the library was transformed into a Festival of the Hills art gallery by a resourceful and energetic group of volunteers and artists led by Aimee Anderson. The effect was dramatic as the classic interior made a beautiful space for displaying art by many talented artists from Conway and surrounding towns. More than 600 visitors toured the exhibit and marveled at the high-quality images, sculptures, and other creations. Many thanks to all who made this experience possible!

The “Barcodathon” of the FML collection continues, and as of October 20 we had coded more than 9,300 items! We are now closing in on completing the barcoding and are preparing for the process of patron registration that will result in all being able to get an FML library card. The first in over 121 years, these cards will surely become collectors’ items. Please stop by the library and complete a library card registration form to secure your card and access to all CWMars resources through the FML. We are so grateful for our barcoding volunteers, and we look forward to the next phase.

The Friends of the FML offer thanks to all who attended the Friends' successful book sale during the Festival of the Hills. Your donations

and purchases will help the library provide more programs and improved offerings. Look for another book sale and other activities this coming spring!

Our exhibit of images juxtaposing handwritten and barcoded records illustrating our transition from analog to digital records will continue through November. The exhibit includes quotations that reflect on how our digital life offers access to incalculable resources but also brings the risk of misinformation, manipulation, and false information. These quotations underscore the ALA’s and the Field library’s mission to expose misinformation and identify false information.

Please order all items for Inter-Library Loan through the FML. If ordered through your card at another library, they arrive at the FML without any identifying information, and we must send them back. This will change when our membership in CWMars is fully operational.

The library is chock full of new titles, classics, and hidden treasures, especially now that we have been updating the collection as part of the barcoding effort. Stop by and discover something only you can find. The library will have regular hours through all of November: Mondays 3:00-6:00 p.m., Wednesdays 2:00-7:00 p.m., Saturdays 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

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

Conway Historical Society Program

On Tuesday, November 15, 7:30 p.m. Professor Emeritus Richard D. Little will give a presentation on *Armored Mud Balls* at the Historical Society Museum, 50 Main Street, Conway.

Richard Little, author and Professor Emeritus of Geology, will tell the story of the origin and meaning of the rare Jurassic-age sedimentary rock features known as armored mud balls. Some of the best examples of these sedimentary structures have been found near the Connecticut River in several Western Massachusetts towns. Professor Little will bring samples and discuss their importance in understanding local geology. This presentation is free and open to the public Refreshments will be served.

Harvest Rituals

by David Fisher

After much anticipation, we finally got our first significant frost. With it we said goodbye to the last of the tender crops (namely eggplant) and thank you for all that you and your cousins, peppers and tomatoes, have given us this year! We then say hello to the annual delicacy of frost-sweetened kale, spinach, and carrots. These and other plants are triggered by freezing temperatures to increase their sugar content as a means of preventing (or at least delaying) their tissues from being damaged by the cold weather. Hello!

This time of year is filled with such quintessentially autumnal phenomena that to write about them seems immediately cliché. At the same time, how can one not exclaim in awe and delight at the botanical fireworks that line every highway, street, path, and lane? When I zoom out and behold a familiar expanse, it seems as though some enormous painter from above must have passed through in the night with a very large paint roller. Same landscape, different color. Stepping back farther still and looking down from an extraterrestrial perspective, I imagine a ring of color encircling the entire globe, beginning at the highest latitudes beneath the Arctic and slowly, steadily unrolling its bright, warm cap down over the world.

Meanwhile, here on the ground, creatures of all sorts are, of course, madly caching and stowing against the dark, lean times ahead. This takes an intact, deep inner knowing, for without it why would any creature have a care for tomorrow amid such copious bounty today?

Among the phenomena in which I absolutely delight are the farmers harvesting their last crops of the year. It would seem that this immense descending light whispers ancient instructions, as it travels southward, directly into the bones of farmers and animals alike. Steadily, purposefully, knowingly, farmers windrow squash and fill bins by the hundreds in Hadley, in Ohio and in Michigan. Carrot diggers magically lift thousands of pounds of sugary glowing spears out of the earth and pour steady streams of gold into bins in Maine and Amherst. Potato harvesters the size of small houses comb the rich soils of Whately and Idaho, unearthing millions of tons of starchy tubers to sustain us all. Corn is gathered, one richly painted ear at a time, in the same manner it has been gathered for two thousand years by wrinkled hands from browning gardens, while brittle bean pods are carefully picked into baskets.

Like cosmic clockwork, the magical golden light casts down on us the harvesters' spell, setting us to work in a trance of awe and gratitude.

A Look into Conway History

Conway's British Namesake

by Patricia Ann Lynch

Does it seem strange that our town, born when the American colonies were inflamed with rebellion against our British overlords, is named after a British general and politician? Field Marshall Henry Seymour Conway (1721-1795), our town's namesake, began his military career in 1737 while still in his teens. He received command of a regiment in 1749 and rose to the rank of general and Commander of the Forces. At the same time, he served in the House of Commons from 1741 to 1774 and



*Henry Seymour Conway - detail,
Thomas Gainsborough*

again from 1775 to 1784. His government service included his critical appointment as Secretary of State for the Southern Department – which included responsibility for the American colonies.

It was Conway's political career rather than his military career that led to our town's choice of him as our namesake. Throughout his government service, he spoke out against Britain's increasingly punitive treatment of the American colonies. His strong opposition to the use of general warrants – arrest warrants that did not name the person to be arrested – cost him the favor of King George III, his place in the king's household, and his military command as well in 1764. The king, however, could do nothing about Conway's political career, which continued until he lost his seat in Parliament in 1784.

While Conway was Secretary of State for the Southern Department, he was instrumental in the repeal of the Stamp Act of 1766, an unfair and much-hated tax on all colonial legal and commercial papers, including newspapers. In Parliament, he continued to oppose hard-handed colonial taxation policies. When Britain's response to the rebellion in the colonies was outright war against them, Conway strongly criticized this policy and played a critical role in the House of Commons resolution against continuing the war. As brave in his opposition to his own government's treatment of the American colonies as he had been in the battles in which he fought, General Conway is surely worthy of our having taken his name as our own.

Gardening Beyond the Catalog

Winterberries: A Splash of Winter Color

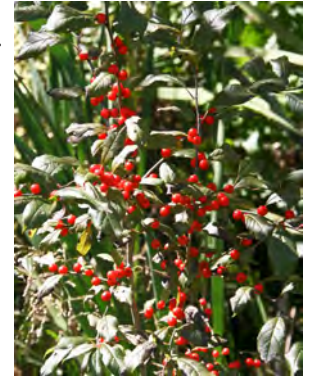
by Patricia Ann Lynch

Next time you drive along Whately Road, just beyond the sign for Cricket Hill Road look to either side and you'll see bushes aglow with brilliant red berries. This splash of color in the fall and winter landscape is the signature of winterberry holly (*Ilex verticillata*). A native of eastern North America, winterberry holly is a deciduous relative of the evergreen American holly (*Ilex opaca*). The loss of its

leaves in fall makes its appearance even more dramatic, the reason it's prized as an ornamental shrub. In the wild you'll find it growing in damp thickets, marshy areas, and along ponds and streams.

The berry clusters (called drupes) appear in late summer and persist throughout the winter and into spring – unless eaten by birds, for which it's a critical source of winter food. This feature is the obvious source of its common name. If you want to provide impact and interest to your winter landscape, consider adding a few of these plants.

Winterberries are dioecious – with separate male and female plants – and only fertilized female plants produce the colorful drupes characteristic of this species, so you'll need to buy at least one male plant, which can fertilize six or more female plants. This slow-growing shrub typically reaches a height of 3 to 15 feet. Although it's most commonly found in moist, acidic soils, it can also be grown successfully in average acidic, medium-to-wet soils in full sun to part shade and adapts to both light and heavy soils. Winterberry holly has no serious insect or disease problems, and – an added plus – its flowers are pollinated by bees.



Newsletter Committee Seeks New Member

The *Conway Currents* Newsletter Committee is seeking a fifth member to join us in our efforts to produce a monthly town newsletter that gives creative voice to residents; connects readers to local activities, programs, groups, and services; and provides a vehicle for the town administration to communicate information townwide. Required: residence in Conway, enthusiasm for our community, and a desire to volunteer your services. This is a selectboard appointment. If interested, please email a letter of interest to Kathy Llamas, Newsletter Committee Chair, at conwaycurrents@gmail.com or newsletter@conwayma.gov.

Meet Me at the Station

Well, it has been a bit since we last saw each other on the platform, but I wanted to thank you all for riding the rails with us this fall season. The track leading to the Mall will be closing for the winter season shortly, so I want to give you its upcoming timetable:

We will be taking no donations after November 6. The Mall Mavens will then begin the process of preparing the Mall for its annual winter rest. Visitors to the Mall can still shop the weeks of November 9-13 and 16-20. The doors will close at the end of day on November 20. The Mall will be open February 5 and March 12, 2023, for shopping only, weather permitting. The Mall will resume its normal operations on April 2, 2023.

We have all appreciated the generous outpouring of donations and support. I could not close this message without acknowledging the amazing women who make the Mall the rich and wonderful place that it is. Their dedication and selflessness and the amazing work they do keep the Mall tidy, clean, and ready for business! If you see Denise Dwelley, Doreen Xiaoli, and Abigail Selva at the Mall, please give them a nod of thanks!

Until the spring flowers start to bloom, enjoy the start of the new year and see you on the rails!

Kat

Notes from the Town Administrator

As of November 1 the town's new website, conwayma.gov, will go live. Please do visit our new website and give us feedback. If you see things that could be added to the website or made clearer, do let us know, as we value your opinions and input! Please also be sure to sign up for alerts for information on any board or committee you wish to follow.

Employee emails will be changing at the same time. For instance, my old email address was townadmin@townofconway.com; my new one is townadmin@conwayma.gov. Emails sent to the old address will be forwarded to the new addresses for a few years, so that everyone will have time to make the adjustment.

There will be a Special Town Meeting on Saturday, December 10, at 10:00 a.m. at the Conway Grammar School, so save the date!

Here's to a safe and Happy Thanksgiving for all!

Véronique



Town Committee and Commission Openings

Would you like to become more involved in your local town government? Do you have a few hours a week or a month to share with the town? If so, please consider joining the many hardworking volunteers who help make this town the lovely place it is by adding your voice on one of the following committees:

Agricultural Commission, 3 members

Cable Advisory Committee, 1 member

Capital Improvements Planning Committee, 2 members

Community and Economic Development Committee, 1 member

Energy Committee, 3 members

Personnel Committee, 3 members

Thanks to all of you who serve in Conway!



From Conway's Kitchens

A favorite recipe from Kathy Llamas

7-Layer Cranberry Magic Bars

Ingredients

- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 3/4 cup melted butter
- 1 can condensed milk
- 3/4 cup chocolate chips
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup flaked coconut
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- 1 cup chopped pecans (optional)
- 1 tsp salt (optional)

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Line a 9x13 pan with parchment paper.
2. Combine graham cracker crumbs with the butter and press mixture into prepared pan. Drizzle 2/3 of the condensed milk evenly over the crust. Do not spread milk with fork or knife as it may break your crust.
3. Mix chocolate chips, dried cranberries, coconut, marshmallows, and nuts along with the salt (if you use the nuts and salt) in a bowl then sprinkle mixture over the condensed milk.
4. Pour remaining condensed milk over the mixture.
5. Bake for 25-30 minutes until lightly browned.
6. Cool completely before cutting into bars.

May be stored covered at room temperature for 3-4 days or refrigerated for up to a week.

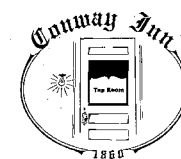
Currents Advertisements & Notices

Rates for ads up to 150 words are: one month \$7.75, three months \$15.75; six months \$25.75, twelve months \$44.75. For cost of longer ads or to include images (limited), call or email Louise at 413-559-1180 or lmbeckett@crocker.com.

Pay by checking account or credit card through the town's website: <https://townofconway.com/> > [View or Pay a Bill](#) > [Pay Newsletter Advertising](#) or send a check to **Conway Currents, PO Box 240, Conway, MA 01341**. Please send the text of your advertisement to Louise by email at lmbeckett@crocker.com. **Deadline is the 20th of the preceding month.** If you want to discuss your ad or have any questions, please call or email lmbeckett@crocker.com.

Handyperson wanted - Conway's Field Memorial Library is looking for a handy person. We need someone who can do small jobs periodically for the library. Tasks may include carpentry, painting, refinishing, and small-scale renovation projects. This position could be perfect for someone with good skills who is looking for flexible work on their own schedule. Compensation is negotiable. If interested, please address inquiries to the library trustees at foothills94@comcast.net and hrboyden@gmail.com.

The Conway Inn - Open for pizza, chicken wings, and breadsticks, Friday and Saturday, 4 - 10 p.m.; Sunday 5 - 8 p.m. Call 413-369-4428 for takeout. Live music jams, second Friday of each month! Look for the blue flag on the porch. *We will open at 5 p.m. on Thanksgiving - Happy Thanksgiving!*



Join Natural Roots CSA - for delicious, fresh vegetables grown right here in Conway. We have several CSA share options, including part-time and low-income shares, main season (June through October) and winter shares. Our farm store is also open to the public year-round during daylight hours. We offer eggs from our own pastured hens as well as other local items like beef, chicken, pork, dairy, bread & baked goods, honey & maple products, coffee & tea, ice cream, snacks, beverages and more! Support a horse-powered

farm in Conway and enjoy this beautiful, bountiful farm and the vibrant community that we feed. www.naturalroots.com. Natural Roots, 888 Shelburne Falls Rd., Conway, MA 01341, 413-369-4269, farmers@naturalroots.com.

Baker's Country Store - open seven days a week for all-day take-out



breakfast and lunch: Monday-Friday 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Find a variety of homemade desserts and baked goods and a large selection of last-minute items. We always have freshly baked cakes, muffins, pies, and cookies. Still

have some mums, as well as pumpkins, mini-pumpkins and Indian corn. Also have local sweet potatoes, winter squash and Pine Hill apples and cider. *Thanksgiving - open 7 a.m. - 1 p.m.* Taking orders for pies - 413-369-4936. Check us out on Facebook:

facebook.com/Bakers-Country-Store for today's specials or call 413-369-4936. **Help wanted:** apply in person during regular store hours.

Wholey Cow Farm - Selling raw cows milk, free range chicken and duck eggs, ethically raised meat, Jane's goat milk soap, and a multitude of other local products. Visit our farm store on Wholey Road or contact us at jwjwholey@gmail.com or by phone at 413-369-4638.

Quail Eggs for Sale - Fresh quail eggs from our small backyard flock. They taste just like chicken eggs but are even more nutritious. \$3 for half a dozen and \$5 for a dozen. Call 369-0326 or email Lynn at lynnpodosek@yahoo.com.

Get your holiday shopping done early - and support your local church by shopping for Rada Cutlery! All cutlery is made in the USA and includes a lifetime guarantee. This fine cutlery is in high demand - the stylish design makes it attractive but still retains quality that will last a lifetime. Choose from many options, sure to help you in performing any kitchen task and creating all your favorite recipes. And your purchases will support the United Congregational Church! Items are available for ordering and viewing at Tea at Two on Thursday and Friday 1-5 p.m. and Saturday from 10-5 p.m. Paper catalogs available by request. To order, call Tina Burnett at 369-8035, or use this simple link: bit.ly/3mTpO18.

Happy Thanksgiving! - November is here and winter is close behind. Our large assortment of gloves will prepare you for working out in the cold. We have Thermal Grip Gloves, Hydroreflector Lined Waterproof Gloves, Thermal Insulated Pigskin Gloves and Frost Breaker Gloves- just to name a few. The OREC Snow Bull Walk-Behind Plow works perfectly to clear even the heaviest of snow from walkways and driveways with minimal effort. Our Snow Pusher shovel, with its wide 24" head, will move snow out of your way with one smooth push. Want to get ahead on holiday shopping? Give the gift that keeps on giving; OESCO gift cards are the perfect stocking stuffers! Call or stop by to talk to Gemma, Rebecca, or Tim: they're happy to help! Shop where the pros shop and thanks for buying locally. OESCO, Inc. Orchard Equipment. Monday-Friday: 7-5; 369-4335.



Jan and John Maggs Antiques - Our annual Fall opening, showcasing many of our most recent acquisitions, will be held on the weekend of November 5 & 6. We'll be online only on Saturday the 5th but we'll be open for in-person shopping on Sunday the 6th. We invite all to come on Sunday to have a look at our latest finds.



Looking ahead, our annual December Gifting Event will begin on Thursday, December 1st, with more than one hundred gift-appropriate antique and vintage pieces, including stocking stuffers and less costly pieces purchased during the year for this special event. Details will appear in December's *Conway Currents*.

Jan and John Maggs Antiques. 17th-century English oak furniture, Queen Anne and Georgian jewelry, paintings, accessories, and carpets. In the black barn in Pumpkin Hollow. Open on Sundays and by appointment. Email jmaggs@jmaggs.com or phone 413-369-4256 to arrange a visit.



Conway artist Hannah Harvester - invites you to her cozy home studio on Delabarre Ave. for the first annual Holiday Card Printmaking Extravaganza! Adults, mature teens, or children 8+ with their adult helper/printmaking partner are welcome to enroll. Hannah will lead you through the block printmaking process from design to finished product, and you'll leave the workshop with several hand-printed holiday cards to send to your nearest and dearest. Start a wonderful tradition, learn something new, have fun with your family, and begin to feel festive. Sign up for either Saturday and Sunday

November 10/11, 1-4 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday November 17/18, 1-4 p.m. \$55 per person or \$75 per child/adult unit includes 6 hrs. of instruction and all materials. Space is limited. Reserve your spot at www.hannahharvester.com or contact hannahharvesterfineart@gmail.com to learn more.



Wreath Making Open House - at Wilder Hill Gardens! Saturday December 3, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday December 4, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Drop by any time to learn the traditional art of weaving a wreath, swag, or garland from exceptionally fresh, mixed greens from Wilder Hill Gardens. All materials provided. Dress warm! Hot drinks and snacks provided. \$20/wreath, \$15/swag. Garlands: \$10/yard.

WILDER HILL gardens



Shop our annual Wilder Hill Press seconds sale for original prints and pottery. One of a kind gifts: limited edition letterpress books, original prints, carved porcelain platters, red clay sculpture, and Herbal Hydrosols.

Contact: Lilian Jackman, 351 South Shirkshire Road, Conway, MA. 413-625-9446. wilderhillgardens.com. Email lilianjackman@gmail.com

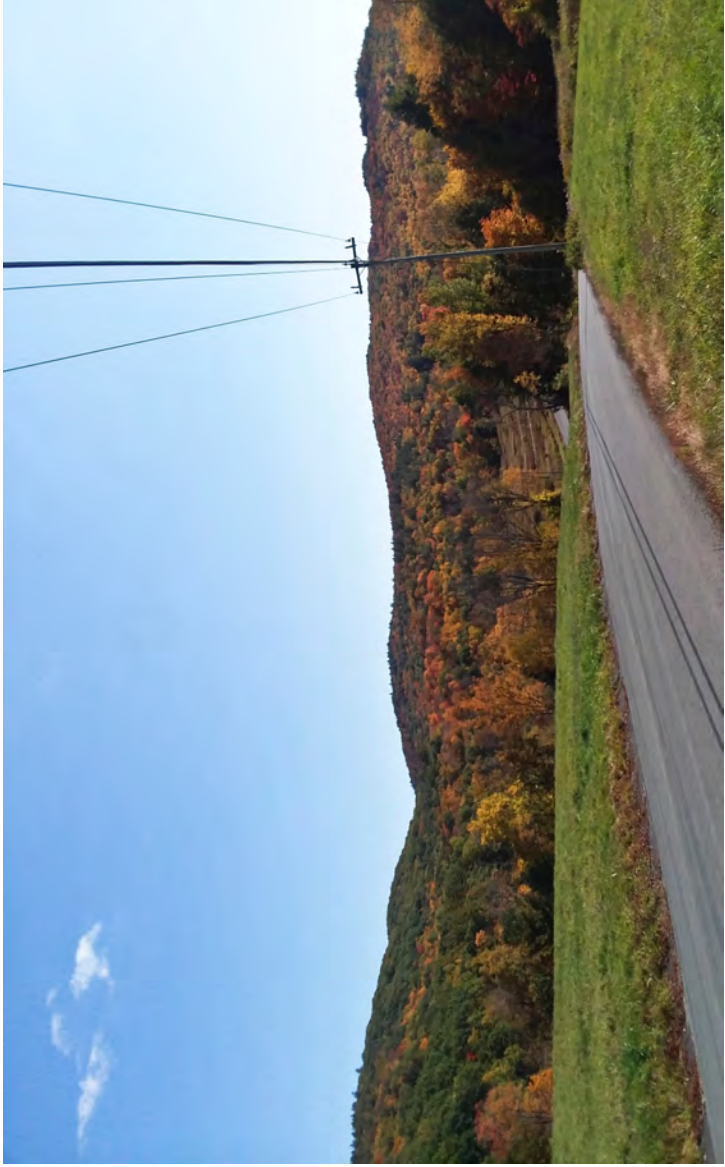
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Sorry, that's just what *Conway Currents* can't do! In order to meet our press date, we cannot accept submissions received later than **11:59 p.m. on the 20th of the month.**

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