



Volume 4, Number 10 - October 2023



Saturday, September 30th

- 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Festival Bake Sale** - Town Common, in front of the Library
- 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Friends of the Field Memorial Library Fall Used Book Sale** - Field Memorial Library
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Visit the Historic Boyden Schoolhouse** - by the Conway Grammar School
- 5:30 p.m. **Firemen's Auxiliary Turkey Dinner** - Conway Grammar School.
To reserve call 369-4636

Sunday, October 1st

- 8:45 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. **Registration for Covered Bridge Classic 10k Road Race**
- 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. **Friends of the Field Memorial Library Fall Used Book Sale**
- 10:00 a.m. **Covered Bridge Classic 10k Road Race**
Field Memorial Library
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Art Exhibit** - Field Memorial Library

- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **“Happy Jack” Chesbro: Conway’s Hall of Famer** - Conway Historical Society Museum, 50 Main Street.
- 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Café Conway, Craft Fair, Information Booth, Festival Merchandise & Raffle Tables, Fried Dough, Cider & Donuts, Homemade Candy, Children's Activities** - Town Center
- 10:15 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. **Music: Dan Kennedy** - Ballfield
- 11:15-12:00 **Music: Seven Mile Line** - Ballfield
- 11:30 a.m. **Log Splitting contest** - Ballfield
- 12:00 p.m. **Presentation of Tricia Donovan Scholarship** - Music Tent
- 12:15 p.m. - 12:50 p.m. **Music: Young Musicians Showcase** - Ballfield
- 1:00 p.m. **Parade** - Kicks off at OESCO
- 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. **Music: Janet Ryan & Straight Up** - Ballfield
- 2:00 p.m. **Skillet Toss Contest** - Ballfield
- 2:30 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. **Music: Isiah Goleman** - Ballfield
- 3:00 p.m. **Music: Buddy McEarns Band** - Ballfield
- 4:00 p.m. **Festival Raffle Drawing** - Town Hall



From the Board of Assessors

You will soon receive the first Fiscal Year 2024 tax bill, and we would like to tell you about the changes. This year it was necessary to increase values across the board by +10% for all owners in order to keep our valuations of all properties at full and fair market value, as mandated by MGL, Ch 59, §38 . If you watch the sales of properties in Conway, you have seen how sale prices have continued to rise. While +10% is a significant increase in our taxable values, the increase in the total taxable value town-wide moderates the increase in the tax rate.

Conway issues tax bills semi-annually, so the bill that you receive now and the one that will come in April 2024 are both for FY2024, which runs from 7/1/2023 to 6/30/2024. If you purchased your property in 2023, you will notice that the name of the previous owner is still on your bill; although this may seem odd, it is correct. Property taxes are assessed as of January 1, and the owner of record as of that date must be included on the bill but will disappear next September.

You might qualify for abatement or a personal exemption. An abatement reduces the value of the property taxed, and you can apply for this *only* in the 30-day period between the mailing of the fall bills and their due date. A personal exemption gives you a refund or credit on your bill, based on a personal circumstance, such as age and financial status, being a disabled veteran, blindness, or a few others; applications for exemptions must be filed by April 1, 2024.

Applications and more detailed information on these programs are available online at mass.gov/info-details/taxpayer-forms-and-guides, on the town website conwayma.gov, and at the town offices and Town Hall. We are glad to mail them to you as well. Please don't hesitate to ask questions – we're happy to help!

Lee Whitcomb, Adm. Assessor, Conway Board of Assessors
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FML Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Field Memorial Library annual Fall Book Sale will be held on Saturday, September 30, and Sunday, October 1, at the Field Memorial Library from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The sale coincides with Conway's Festival of the Hills on Sunday. There will be a large selection of books and puzzles. Proceeds benefit the library's educational and cultural programs.

We are now accepting donations of books, and we especially welcome children's books, books on local history, puzzles, and recent books of all genres. Donations – in good condition, please – can be brought to the library during open hours: Monday 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., Wednesday 2:00 to 7:00 p.m., Saturday 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Check the library website, fieldmemoriallibrary.org, for more information. I am usually in the office Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons and am happy to make an appointment with you for another time. I work mostly from home; the best way to reach me is by email: assessors@conwayma.gov.

Halloween Rag Shag Parade

On Tuesday, October 1, the Conway Firemen's Auxiliary will host the traditional Halloween Rag Shag Parade for local residents. The parade will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the small common at the juncture of Shelburne Falls Road and Route 116, in front of the former Masonic Hall Building. Everyone will then follow a fire truck to the Town Common opposite the library. The auxiliary will hand out candy and serve refreshments of cider and donuts at the common from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Don't miss all the fun!

There will be no judging of costumes this year, nor will there be a pumpkin-carving contest.

Apply Now for Cultural Council Grants

The Conway Cultural Council's 2024 Grant cycle opens on September 1 and closes on October 17, 2023. Grants are given to support a variety of cultural projects that will benefit the people of Conway. Programs in the arts, humanities, and sciences are projects that are considered, including exhibits, festivals, field trips, short-term artist residencies, workshops, lectures, and programs in schools.

The Conway Cultural Council gives preference to applicants from Conway and/or programs that take place in Conway and also considers the number of residents served. Typical grant amounts range from \$150 to \$500. For more information about the Conway Cultural Council's priorities and how to apply for a Cultural Council Grant, please visit massculturalcouncil.org/Conway.

The Conway Cultural Council is made up of volunteers who are appointed by the selectboard. If you are interested in serving on the council or if you have questions about the grant process, please email conwayculturalcouncil@gmail.com. The mission of the Mass Cultural Council is to promote excellence, education, diversity, and inclusion in the arts, humanities, and sciences in order to foster a rich cultural life for all Massachusetts residents.

Fournier Interpretive Trail Is Now Open

In 2022 the Forest and Trails Committee received a grant from the Conway Cultural Council to develop an educational interpretive trail on the Fournier property behind the Conway Grammar School (CGS). We engaged the CGS sixth-grade class of 2022-2023 in this service-learning project. Their goals were to use the town property as an outdoor classroom and to expand public knowledge by identifying trees, shrubs, plants, and geological, natural, and historical features.

During the school year, the students identified and chose topics of interest to them, researched and wrote about each, then placed signs along the trail. As they explored the property during different

seasons, they got to know the land and experience learning about outdoor features.

Each of the 19 signs marks a specific feature and has a QR code that links to the town website, conwayma.gov, where you can read the students' research reports. You can view these pages, as well as a map of the trail, on the Forest and Trails Committee page on the town website by clicking on the link for "Fournier Interpretive Trail."

This trail fosters educational opportunities for the general public as well as CGS students, today and ideally for years to come. The students took great pride in creating this project. Sadly, some of the signs have been vandalized. Our hope is that the community will respect students' efforts and protect the trail for future students to learn and build upon. We invite everyone to come see the trail and learn about this wonderful land we call home.

The Forest and Trails Committee would like to thank Jaime Jackman and the 2022-2023 sixth grade, the Conway Cultural Council, the Conway Highway Department, and all the volunteers who helped make this possible.

"Clean Sweep" Bulky Waste Recycling Day

Franklin County Solid Waste Management District is holding the fall Bulky Waste Recycling Day on Saturday, October 21, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The three drop-off sites are Mohawk Trail Regional School at 26 Ashfield Road (Route 112 South), Northfield Highway Garage at 49 Caldwell Road, and Whately Transfer Station at 73 Christian Lane. Residents from any of the district's 21 member towns may bring bulky items such as tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other large items. Mattresses and box springs will not be accepted at this event.

Disposal fees, cash only, will be collected during check-in at each site. A complete list of prices for the most common items is at

franklincountywastedistrict.org. The price list will also be provided to participating town halls and transfer stations. Residents and businesses do not need to preregister for the collection. Additional information is posted on the town website, conwayma.gov.

From the FRCOG Public Health Team

A number of no-cost vaccine clinics will offer both flu and COVID-19 vaccines around Franklin County during October. The majority of folks aged six months and older are eligible for both vaccines. A full schedule of dates and times is available online at frcog.org/covid, where you can also preregister. Preregistration is encouraged so that clinics can plan how many vaccine doses to bring! Some vaccines will also be available for walk-ins. No internet? Give us a call at 413-774-3167 x 206.

Clinics in west county include Hawlemont Elementary School in Charlemont on October 18, Ashfield on October 13, and Mohawk Trail Regional School in Shelburne Falls on October 25.

If you or someone you know is homebound, has transportation issues, or has any other issue that makes accessing vaccine difficult, public health nurses can come to you! Please reach out to nurses Lisa White and Meg Ryan at 413-774-3167 x 156 or lwhite@frcog.org to schedule a vaccine appointment.

Flu vaccine will be available at Walk-in Wellness hours in Conway at the Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Friday, October 6, and in Shelburne Falls at the Senior Center from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 24.

Notes from the Town Administrator

Looking ahead, there will be a special Town Meeting on Saturday, December 9, at 1:00 p.m. at the Conway Grammar School, so please mark your calendar.

We truly have an amazing form of government in open Town Meeting, which is where you as residents are able to shape the future

of your town. The selectboard makes the policy decisions, which I carry out on their behalf. They and the Finance Committee meet every week from January until May with all the departments and committees and then vote on the budget to be presented at Annual Town Meeting each June. You, however, are the ones who get to decide whether the town will actually spend the money you pay in taxes as presented at Town Meeting by the Finance Committee, selectboard, and Capital Improvements Committee (who put forward recommendations for large items such as vehicles), or not. I know that the way government works can seem puzzling, and who has time to figure it out anyway? Given that, I am working on creating a booklet for Conway that outlines all the departments and committees and what they are responsible for, similar to what Tom Hutcheson did with the Town Academy. In this way I hope to help demystify town government. If any of you has expertise in producing this kind of booklet, I would welcome your help. In the meantime, I hope you will attend and share your thoughts and voice at future town meetings.

I wish everyone a very merry Festival of the Hills and a Happy Halloween!

Véronique

Attention Veterans

First, let me introduce myself. My name is Roger Goshea, and I am a member of Hale Clapp VFW Post 3295 covering the towns of Deerfield, Sunderland, Whately, and Conway. Are you interested in attending the Conway Grammar School's Veterans Day assembly on November 9? If interested, please contact me at 413-369-4318 or email me at rfgoshea@yahoo.com.

Details are being worked out. This is an opportunity for the students to meet and interact with our local veterans. Hope to hear from my fellow comrades.

The Sad Results of Contest #1389

by Sir Reginald Buttwinker



Photo #1



Photo #2

There was only one submission. Sigh! I'd asked for a one- or two-sentence description of Photo #1, and I received only one (perhaps cannabis-infused?) interpretation: "An alien in a Northampton parking lot." . . . So, so close! If you had written, "The shadow of a man watching another man watching something in a hole" – Photo #2, you would have received a bonus jar of Papa Papapopolosi's Almost Pork, Pickled Pigs Feet, au jus. You're still getting the yumiliscious Perkarski's links.

Notes from an Old House

by Julia Carroll

As a steward of an old house, the one thing you quietly hope for is to be lucky enough to find the occasional treasure. We homeowners aren't alone in thinking this, as often the first thing people ask when they learn that I live in an early nineteenth-century house is "Have you found anything cool?" I suppose they are imagining money or some valuable trinket worthy of a feature spot on Antiques Roadshow: an old coin purse intentionally hidden

under the floorboards, a packet of letters President Lincoln wrote to a supporter. These discoveries happen, we are told, "all the time," and are evidently one of the allures of inhabiting an old home. However, as best I can tell, this sort of discovery is an urban – or rather, a rural – legend. So far we've found nothing, and I mean *nothing*, that the roadshow warriors would consider valuable. But the little things we have stumbled upon are valuable to us, mainly because of what they have taught us about the history of the people who lived in our home before and in Conway more broadly.

We are fairly sure that some of the people who first lived in our house, or at least the people living here by the 1840s, were carpenters. A lot of people in Conway worked with wood in some way, what with it having been a mill town during this time, and we have happened on a few items that reflect this history. When cleaning up the small attached barn, we came across an old wooden toolbox. Sadly, it was too far gone to pick up in one piece, but the small, rusty compass and foot-long carpenter's caliper were both salvageable. Elsewhere around the property we have recovered old axe and adze heads, perhaps the very ones employed in shaping the timbers used for our house's frame or to split accordion lath. In one of the attics we found wooden sap buckets full of small, tapered pegs. Since they are in sap buckets, they could be maple spouts, but they also look like the wooden pegs used to connect our posts and beams – see photo, right. The surplus of these buckets and spouts/pegs begs the question of where they came from: Were they intended for sale? If pegs, were they removed from some portion of the house no longer standing and saved for later use? In addition to tools and house-building components, we have also found several interesting tidbits related to domestic life: pieces of dishware, a few glass jars, a Whitall Tatum insulator, a Langdon Batcheller & Co. corset box (well, half of it) dated 1882, and part of an early telephone system.



So, as far as house treasures go, we have plenty. They just aren't what a lot of people might consider treasures. Indeed, the most exciting find of all has been the collection of doors we've – quite literally – stumbled upon, most of which were stored in an attic. At one time, if counting those and the ones already hanging, we had over forty doors here! Now that I think of it, our "door store" is deserving of its own article. Next time!

From the Files of the Conway Historical Society

Leon C. Germain and his brother, Victor, started an automotive garage business in the 1920s and built this service station on Main Street in 1921, next to the Conway House Inn. This image, from the history *Conway 1767-1967* edited by Deane Lee, probably depicts the business in the early 1950s. (The Nash brand automobile, advertised over the right-hand window, was discontinued in 1957.)



Germain's Garage c. 1950s. Leon Germain is farthest to the right. From *History of Conway, 1767-1967*, Deane Lee, editor

According to Lee, Germain and his brother operated L. C. Germain and Co. until 1962. The business was active in the community over the years and even promoted itself with branded items like matchbooks, playing cards, and a General Motors cookbook, items that can be seen on the Historical Society's website collection, conwaymasshistory.org.

Over the years many people were associated with Germain and Co., people whose family names are still familiar today: Walter Eldridge, David Belair, Claude Belair, Sr., and Norm Wolfram. Germain was the chief instigator in creation of the Conway Swimming Pool in the early 1950s, which is why it was dedicated to him.

Now, after years of low-profile existence on Main Street, the building has been refurbished by Robert Llamas, a trustee of the Historical Society, who plans to open the Conway Trading Post package and convenience store by year's end, restoring Leon Germain's garage as a visible commercial presence in the center of town.

Update from the Field Memorial Library

October starts with a bang at the library as the Festival of the Hills kicks off on Sunday, October 1, after months of careful preparation. At the library this means that the interior will be transformed into an art gallery featuring works by Conway area artists. This transformation, led by Conway's own Aimee Anderson, is remarkable in that one can tour the exhibit and almost be unaware that behind the curtains backing the works on display lies a library of 13,000 books, CD audio books, and DVDs! It is an extraordinary feeling and unique to our town. Please stop by to view the work of our talented neighbors and for a little while feel as if you are in an art gallery in Manhattan, Chicago, or Los Angeles. Then, when you walk back out, you can revel in being back in our country town, brought together at the festival by the hard-working and dedicated volunteers who bring it alive. Special thanks to Adria Elskus, who, along with many volunteers, is making the festival happen this year.

October continues with Columbus Day/Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday, October 9. Although the library will be closed that day in observance of the holiday, the movement to add Indigenous Peoples Day to the holiday name, or even change it entirely to that title, taps into the widespread recognition and knowledge of the fact that the Puritans and other colonists took this land from its original inhabitants. In our time, given the challenges of climate change, respect for Original Peoples' relationship to the earth and its grounding in ecological

awareness has grown. At the Field, we strive to make available to readers of all ages resources that demonstrate this respect and enable them to learn more about the clashing world views of native populations and our dominant history of exploiting the land and other resources. At the library we have a wide range of books for adults and children that provide the background of and current knowledge about Indigenous life, which many think can offer ways to improve our care for the land and water that nourish us. Two items in our library demonstrate this clash: *Braiding Sweetgrass* describes how native populations lived with ecological awareness, while *Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fate of Human Societies* describes how European culture and technology overwhelmed the native lifestyle. Our July deluge certainly heightened the interest of many in reckoning with global warming brought about by the development of natural resources for human consumption.

We would like to hear your thoughts on what, if anything, to do in order to change the name of the holiday as a reflection of this clash. We aim to set up a moderated forum on our web page to collect anything you have to say about the proposed change and then report back to you in the coming months.

Last month I said that I hoped to report on the dramatic increase in our circulation since going “live” on CWMars on December 7, 2022. Life has intervened to postpone this report, but it will be coming soon.

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Conway Residents Remember

Cold-Weather Memories of M.L.C.

Got up to a dark, damp, bit of a chill. Looked around the kitchen this morning and realized our "new" kitchen is 36 years old. Yikes! Would love to have this old house redone again, but it serves us well just as it is. We rebuilt the drafty old house as we could afford to, and now it is "comfortable" even if "well used." We raised three kids here and lived here all our married lives after renting an apartment for the first three

months of our marriage. We bought this house for \$9,600 dollars way back then and over the years literally rebuilt it.

When we bought it, it had no central heat, with only a space heater and kitchen kerosene stove for heating. Luckily, my grandmother (Dad's mom) used an oil-fired heater, and she let me watch and learn how to use, clean, and maintain it. When I think about it, I can still hear the "glug, glug, glug" of the upside-down bottle of kerosene at the back of the stove. It was handy to have that experience when we bought this place. As much as I thought I would never use the lesson of the kerosene-fired heating stove, it darned well came in handy here. The first September morning we moved in, I was so thankful for my gram letting me watch (at a distance so I wouldn't get "oil" on me) her change those wicks, trim them down, and reuse them until they were in desperate need of changing, and the messy, smelly job of cleaning that heater years ago. Amazing how lessons about things we thought we would never do come in handy.

My mother's mom taught me how to lug coal up from the coal bin, stoke the coal-stove fires, and shake the racks to sift the coal ash into the bin below the fire box. She emptied the ash box herself and kept us at a distance to just "watch," Little did either of them know how those watching days would come in handy later in life. Thankfully we got central heat put in: my dad brought an oil-fired furnace and installed it after he and Mom stayed over in this house one very cold winter night.

Time to leave this memory-filled lane and move on into the day. It makes this oldster realize how lucky we have been to have this house and been able to rebuild it over these many years.

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. The next meeting will be October 4. For more information, contact Patricia Ann Lynch, COA chair, at 369-4284 or email patricialynch@earthlink.net.

Senior Calendar for October

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 **NOTE:** Please, when loaned equipment is no longer needed, call Hank in order to return it.

"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 413-774-3167 x 156 (Lisa) or x 158 (Meg). Note: Flu vaccine will be available at the October 6 clinic.

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.

Mah Jongg A Mah Jongg group meets at Town Hall at 10:00 a.m. every Wednesday. This group plays the Wright-Patterson style of Mah Jongg, which was created by the Officer's Wives Club at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in the early 1920s. For more information, contact Phylis Dacey at 369-4326

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 on October 2. Clinic hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There is a \$20.00 fee. For information or to schedule an appointment, call Peg Tiley at 369-4010.

Senior Meals In most months meals are held at Town Hall on the second and last Thursdays of the month. Meals may be eaten in or

picked up at noon. For more information or to be added to our email or phone list for announcements, call Carolyn Thayer at 369-6948. Note: There will also be a distribution of fresh, organic produce from Natural Roots Farm, depending on availability.

Walking Group The walking group has been enjoying the group's conversation and companionship while indulging in healthful exercise. Join the group on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in front of the library, weather permitting. For more information, contact 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 link.

Currents Advertisements & Notices

Rates for ads up to 150 words are: one month \$8.50, three months \$16.50; six months \$26.50, twelve months \$45.50. 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://conwayma.gov/> > How do I . . . ? > Pay for > 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 15th of the preceding month.** If you want to discuss your ad or have any questions, please call or email lmbeckett@crocker.com.

Help Wanted - Looking for someone with experience with horses to put my 3 horses in their barn on the evenings I work. The days vary and can include weekends. \$40/day. drlpreston@gmail.com

For Rent - One bedroom log cabin on 1.5 wooded acres. Oct. 1 - June 1. 5 minutes drive to Shelburne Falls. 2 miles to Natural Roots CSA Farm Store. Newly furnished. \$1,600 plus utilities & plowing. Forced hot air heat. Washer dryer in basement. High speed Internet. No pets. There are a few plants that need watering. Check www.airbnb.com or www.vrbo.com for Cozy Country Retreat Cabin located in Conway, MA for photos. 207-632-6698.

House Above The Hollow - Need accommodations for visiting family or friends? House Above The Hollow is a charming one-bedroom apartment in a lovely Greek Revival home overlooking the historic Pumpkin Hollow. For more info visit [airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com) House Above The Hollow.

Looking to sell or buy a home? - Conway native Laura (Kuzdeba) Dziura is here to help you navigate today's real estate market, while providing exceptional support along the way. Buying and selling throughout the Pioneer Valley - contact Laura today: laurad@delaprealstate.com or 413-695-3743.

Home Organizing - room design, and small repairs. I'd love to help you maximize your space, stage for sale, spruce up for an event, or transition to life's next chapter. I'll see you through with efficiency, ease and the "heart of a midwife." Jiyanna Vagedes, Home Consultations, jiyannarose@gmail.com, 413-387-8934

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 7 p.m.-ish, and third Thursday - starts around 6 p.m. - of each month! Look for the blue flag on the porch.



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 – freshly baked cakes, muffins, pies, and cookies – and a large selection of last-minute items. We have flavored iced and hot coffee, fruit smoothies, gluten-free bread and bagels, and ice cream cones! Find mums, Indian corn, pumpkins and winter squash. We now have Pine Hill cider and apples. **Taking orders for Diemand 10-27# turkeys: deadline to order is October 31.** Check us out on Facebook: facebook.com/Bakers-Country-Store for today's specials.



Country-Store for today's specials.

Help wanted for 1-6 p.m. Must be 17 or older. Apply within during store hours.

Natural Roots Farm - We are a horse-powered CSA farm located along the South River right here in Conway. Enjoy this beautiful, bountiful farm and the vibrant community that we feed. Our farm store is open to the public year-round, self-serve during daylight hours. We offer eggs

from our own pastured hens as well as other local items including beef, chicken, pork, dairy, baked goods, honey, maple products, coffee, tea, ice cream, snacks, beverages and more! Details on our website: www.naturalroots.com. Natural Roots, 888 Shelburne Falls Rd., Conway, MA 01341, 413-369-4269, farmers@naturalroots.com.

Jan and John Maggs Antiques - specializing in 17th-century English oak furniture, Queen Anne and Georgian jewelry, paintings, carpets, and small accessories. Our next online antiques show will be the Fall Fox Valley Antiques Show on October 21 & 22, and our Fall Opening will take place on November 4 & 5. You'll find more details on our website as the dates approach. Our shop is open by chance or appointment. Visit us online at www.jmaggs.com or stop in whenever you see the blue doors on the front of the barn. Alternately, arrange an in-person visit by calling us at 369-4256 or emailing jmaggs@jmaggs.com.



Wilder Hill Press - Saturday, October 7, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Learn two important, fun techniques in one workshop amid the gorgeous fall flowers of Wilder Hill Gardens. First we'll explore the historic process of cyanotype printmaking to produce gorgeous, Prussian blue images. Then we'll fashion your work into two significant book types: the Codex and accordion. No previous art experience required, I promise! \$160 includes all materials. A variety of handmade books will be on display in the studio. To register or for more information contact Lilian Jackman, 351 South Shirkshire Road, Conway, MA. 413-625-9446. wilderhillgardens.com lilianjackman@gmail.com



Debra Hoyle Studio and Gallery - 46 Main Street. Showing Deb's current paintings and collages by appointment or by chance. Deb has been creating drawings, paintings and collages for many years. She's inspired by our landscape, the river, and the beauty of natural elements. Her work reflects a love of design, color, texture, shapes, and words. She has an extensive background in art history, fine arts, energy work, and writing. These elements inform the development of her collage paintings. Play and work are part of the process! instagram.com/debhoyle.art.rockpaperscissors – All welcome; accessible. 413-325-5579

Conway Quilts - Quilt repair, restoration and cleaning – bringing new life to old quilts. Contact Carol Baldwin at 413-345-8977 – hummerzinger@gmail.com

October - means cider season is in full swing and it's time for fall cleanup. The lightweight and durable Groundskeeper Rake will clean up leaves, sticks, and mulch without damaging surrounding plants. It is nearly impossible to destroy and, just in case, we carry replacement tines for quick repair. Stop in for your last-minute cider supplies and don't forget to mark your calendars for this year's CiderDays; OESCO will be demonstrating the very popular Lancman Water-Operated Cider Press at Clarkdale Fruit Farm on Nov. 4th where there will be plenty of delicious, freshly pressed cider to taste. We hope you can join us! Call or stop by to talk with Gemma, Rebecca, or Tim about all of your cider and fall cleanup needs. Shop where the pros shop and thanks for buying locally. OESCO, Inc. (Orchard) M-F: 7-5; 369-4335.



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Viola and violin lessons at Conway Fine Arts - Openings available for individual and group viola and violin lessons at Conway Fine Arts' new location at 86 Main Street. Teaching children and adults of all levels, beginner to advanced. Study music with Geoffrey Archambeau, a professional classical violist and violinist with decades of experience performing and teaching. Improve how you play, listen, and hear music. For more information, contact Geoffrey by email at conwayfinearts@gmail.com or by phone at 215-760-0729.

Conway-based ensemble - Tiny Glass Tavern gives its next concert "Let us Dance, Let us Sing" on Wednesday November 1, at 7:30 p.m. at Edwards Church in Northampton. "Let us Dance, Let us Sing . . . Let us Revel and play . . . Since old Time these delights will remove." Let us treat you to our upbeat selections from a wide variety of styles, all culturally very specific, but together so relatable through their playfulness and embodied spirit: You'll hear 17th century hornpipes, jazz manouche, art songs inspired by American and Spanish popular music, Brazilian sambas, French chansons, Klezmer, originals by Adam Simon and Paul Morton and much more. Tickets and information at www.tinyglasstavern.com

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