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Festival of the Hills Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone involved in this year's Festival of the Hills! Thank you to those who attended, donated, performed, sold yummy food and beautiful crafts, and participated in the race, parade, log-splitting contest, and skillet toss. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces enjoying our town tradition!

To me, this felt like a new era of the festival taking off, and that energy was felt by many. Many attendees expressed that it was the best festival yet, from the parade to the children's activities, the skillet toss and log splitting, the record number of racers, the new parking format, fried dough and Café Conway, crafters, exhibitors, and especially the weather! The new board couldn't have done it without the help of seasoned activity coordinators and volunteers. I appreciate all your efforts in helping with the smooth transition. Your teamwork and collaboration made this process seamless, and it sets a wonderful precedent for the future. I'm already looking forward to next year's festival!

Hazel Goleman, Festival Chair

Winners of the Festival of the Hills Raffle

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

\$200 Grand Prize, *Baker's Country Store, Joannie Schwartz, Conway Fine Arts, D&S Scuba, Integrity Design and Construction, Jerry Sawma Family, YUP Coffee Roasters:* Gwen Raphael

Hand-woven shawl, *Lisa Hill:* Jody Lally
Handcrafted pottery, *Megan Hart:* Tim Pitkin (Northampton)
Pillow Pal Doll, Yankee Candle basket, *Karen Allyn:* Ira Band
Raku vase, *Bob Green:* Jeanne Thomas
Baby sweater, *Susan Fentin:* Michele Wood
Pruners, *Orchard Equipment & Supply:* Emily Maienza (Shelburne Falls)
Felt & silk scarf, *Wool and Weft:* David Nelson
Collage, *Debra Hoyle:* Linda Driscoll
CISA Products, *CISA:* Liz Fortier
Framed B&W photograph, *Geoffrey Bluh:* Wanda Roberge (Longmeadow)
Forged bottle opener, *Bob Compton:* Cayte McDonough
Andy Jaffe CDs, *Andy Jaffe:* Cynthia Holmes (Amherst)
Maple syrup, *Howard & Jeanne Boyden:* Julia Marlins (Chicopee)
Janet Ryan CDs, *Janet Ryan:* Gwen Raphael
Child's sweater, *Nancy Winter:* Sara Rashad (Greenfield)
Necklace and earrings, *Denise Dwelley:* Hank Horstmann
Handmade cards, *Robin Yerkes:* Theresa McLoughlin
Goodies from Provisions, *Benson Hyde/Provisions:* Susan Manatt (Shelburne), Marlene Znoy
YUP Coffee, *YUP Coffee Roasters:* Eliza Van Driesche
Framed cross stitch, *Phylis Dacey:* Arlene Spooner
Children's books, *Peter Rosnick:* Chipper Hogue
Christmas basket, *Kate French:* Michele Wood

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

Festival Parade Thank You

Another Festival of the Hills has brought many people to our community. The funds this generated for scholarships will surely help those graduating seniors looking for some added support as they go onto higher education or other pursuits.

I would love to thank my two partners in the parade, Michelle Harris and Kate French. They have offered me great support over the last three years. Their help has been invaluable, and I am grateful to both of them.

Thank you to all the participants. From the honor guard to Chief Bates, you all gave the parade watchers quite a show! Without each one of you, there would be no parade. I especially want to thank Steve Thomas (the Crow), who purchased those tiny pumpkins that were handed out to the delight of those recipients, which is one of the highlights of the event! According to Steve, he bought 175 of them from Ciesluk's Farm Stand in Deerfield at a generous discount.

You all were the stars of the day!

Kathy Llamas

Annual Town Tree Lighting and Carol Sing

The annual lighting of the Conway town tree will happen on Sunday, December 1, at 6:30 p.m. Please come celebrate the start of the holiday season at the Town Common. We'll sing some traditional carols and have hot chocolate and cookies. The tree lighting happens no matter what the weather is, so please dress accordingly.

Notes from the Town Administrator

I am so thankful that several people have expressed interest in potentially joining some of our committees. In particular, over the last few months two people have expressed interest in the Agricultural Commission. That commission needs three people in order to reorganize, so if agriculture in Conway is a passion for you, please consider stepping forward to join. The list of open committee positions is always listed on the home page of the town's website, conwayma.gov.

There are many projects going on behind the scenes in my office, and I would like to highlight one for you today: cybersecurity. This issue touches us all. Given that it is essential for a town to do its best to protect the information housed on our servers, I started off three years ago by changing the town's domain from a .com to a .gov, which is more secure. I have also asked employees who use our official emails to participate in cybersecurity training, which is now in its third year. As it happens, no matter what security measures are instituted, the weakest link is still us, the town employees. Phishing attacks, which are a form of false emails sent to us encouraging us to click on links or to divulge sensitive information, is the number one way in which cybercriminals are able to infiltrate and then corrupt our systems and data. This is true for us both at home and at work. One of the things I just learned through this training is that newer cars with electronics that allow us to plug in our phones create a gateway to be hacked by criminals. Who would have thought that our cars could lead to criminals accessing our banking or other information? It's daunting, because no sooner does the industry come up with security measures to attempt to thwart criminals than another form of attack pops up. It behooves us all to be vigilant. I urge everyone to learn what you can about how to protect yourselves, and I will continue to do all I can to protect the town's data.

Wishing you a joyful and restful Thanksgiving,

Véronique

Conway Firemen's Auxiliary

Thank you to everyone who came to or ordered takeouts from the Annual Firemen's Auxiliary Turkey Dinner held on Festival of the Hills weekend. It was a huge success, and we have received many positive reviews. We served 210 meals. Hope to see you again next year.

Looking for a way to do some community service but don't have a lot of free time? The Conway Firemen's Auxiliary is a small organization in town that is looking for someone like you. We meet only six or eight times a year for an hour in the evening. Annually we put on a turkey dinner, collect scholarship applications in the spring, and organize the Halloween Rag Shag Parade. Currently our members range in age from 19 to 85.

When disaster hits and the Fire Department is called on, we are behind the scenes providing firefighters with water, Gatorade, and often a sandwich. You don't have to have any connection to the Fire Department to join.

Come and talk to our members at our next meeting at the firehouse on November 19 at 6:00 p.m. This may help you decide if joining the auxiliary is something you'd be interested in!

Hear Ye, Hear Ye!

The Newsletter Committee that produces *Conway Currents* each month has an opening, and we would love to see YOU fill the seat! With the new year on the horizon, this is the perfect opportunity for someone who wants to make a contribution to the Conway community. As a member, you will have the chance to write pieces of your own while working together with a great group of people!

Other than having an interest in Conway, the only requirement for the position is to attend a roughly one-hour organizational meeting each month, so the time commitment is minimal. Helping to create this valuable community resource and seeing the finished issue in your mailbox can be a great source of pride. If you have questions, please email us at newsletter@conwayma.gov or call Kat Llamas at 413-695-5626.

Neighborhood History Chats

The Conway Historical Commission is holding informal research sessions in the Town Hall General Purpose Room on the fourth Friday of each month at 1:00 p.m. If you have any information or photos pertaining to the history of your neighborhood, we could scan the material for you. Historical family or neighborhood information will likely contain missing pieces of a larger puzzle that we're researching, which we can detail for you in return. If anyone is interested in participating in oral-history interviews – or knows someone who is – we are beginning to refocus on those too. For more information, please contact Bill Burnett by email at maplefarm116@gmail.com or by phone at 413-768-1353.

Sir Reggie's Homemade Jeopardy Quiz

Come up with the right answers to the questions in this category: "Southern States Referenced in Songs." Answers on page 23.

1. Where did John Denver's country roads take him?
2. What was on James Taylor's mind?
3. Where does this midnight train arrive?
4. About which state's blue moon did Elvis sing?
5. Although from Florida, from which "Roll tide!" state did this band take its name?
6. In what state is the Tallahatchie Bridge and who jumped off it?

News from the Board of Health

Home Heating Staying warm in the winter is important! With high costs for fuel and electricity, heating your home can be stressful. Both homeowners and renters can use fuel assistance, which pays for *part* of heating costs. As it can take six to eight weeks to process a no-cost application, it's best to start now!

You are eligible for fuel assistance if your household income is not more than 60% of the estimated state median income (\$106,500 in 2023). For example, that's an income of \$49,196 for a one-person household, \$64,333 for a two-person household. Income eligibility increases with household size. If your income exceeds these guidelines, the Massachusetts Good Neighbor Energy Fund could still help you heat your home this winter.

Locally, Community Action is the agency that processes fuel assistance applications; more information is available on their website, communityaction.us/program/fuel-assistance. You can apply between October 1 and April 30 in person, by phone at 413-774-2310, or online.

Community Action wants people to know this:

- Fuel assistance can pay for deliveries/heat usage only from November 1 through April 30.
- This is an assistance program; you are still responsible for your bills.
- Utility companies are not allowed to shut off your gas or electric service (if it heats your home) from November 15 through March 15.

Other Programs Community Action has other programs for renters and homeowners, including free energy-efficient and

weatherization assessments, as well as programs to fund repairs/replacements of heating systems.

Information from the Conway BOH is focused on our shared public health. Please consult your healthcare provider for your personal healthcare guidance. For the most up-to-date information, please see the town website conwayma.gov and the BOH webpage conwayma.gov/g/42/Board-of-Health.

Field Memorial Library Giving Tree

The Friends of the Field Memorial Library announces their annual Giving Tree. Give the gift of helping others!

We invite Conway residents to join us for our fourth year of support for the Hilltown Churches Food Pantry by providing items for local families that are struggling. The tree will be in the library from November 25 through December 18 and is located in the beautiful Italianate rotunda. It will be decorated with envelopes in which you can leave gift cards, donations, notes of support, and the like 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 from 3:00-6:00 p.m., Wednesday from 2:00-7:00 p.m., and Saturday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

The food pantry is requesting that we especially supply them with:

- Books for ages 2 to 18.
- Gifts cards that parents could use for children's gifts. They prefer Walmart cards and hope to provide \$100 per child for holiday gifts.
- Food items that could be used to make cookies and sweets for the holidays, such as flour, sugar, vanilla and almond flavoring, sprinkles, Hershey's Kisses, jams, coconut,

candied fruit, marzipan filling, and so on. These items are usually too expensive for people to buy on their own.

- Basic toiletries but with a seasonal “flavor” and maybe a bit special.

The food pantry will distribute most holiday items on Tuesday, December 10. We will try to get the early donations to them in time to distribute during these pre-holiday weeks. For more information go to ashfield.org/2391/Hilltown-Churches-Food-Pantry. For the library, go to fieldmemoriallibrary.org. Please be generous.

A Look into Conway History

Needed: Two Fence Viewers

by Patricia Ann Lynch

You may be wondering what a fence viewer is, why the town needs them, and what this has to do with Conway history. In his famous poem “Mending Wall,” Robert Frost questions why a wall is needed when his apple orchard can’t encroach on his neighbor’s land. “Good fences make good neighbors,” the neighbor tells him. While apple trees can’t wander, cattle and other farm animals can. Wandering livestock trampling crops – cornfields in particular – was a problem that early settlers had to resolve. Which brings us to the role of fence viewers.

In 1647 the Massachusetts Bay colonial government recognized that corn crops had to be protected from cattle by good fences (The General Laws and Liberties of Massachusetts Bay). Town selectmen were ordered to appoint two or more persons “. . . to view the common fences, of all their corn fields, to the end, to take due notice of the real defects and insufficiency thereof” in order to ensure that fences were adequate for the task and were regularly maintained to keep animals out. Farmers historically defined a sufficient fence as being “pig-tight, horse-high, and bull-strong.”

In other words, effective against fence squeezers, jumpers, and rammers.

The concept of fence viewers became state law in 1693 and is still part of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 49. Section 1 of the law states: “The mayor of each city, subject to confirmation by the city council, and the selectmen of each town shall annually appoint two or more fence viewers, to hold office for one year and until their successors are qualified.” This brings us to why Conway needs fence viewers: Currently, both fence viewer posts are vacant, so the town is not in compliance with state law.

So what role does a fence viewer still play in today’s world? In the present, as in the past, following a request by any citizen, fence viewers inspect fences to determine whether they are in good repair. When there is a dispute between neighbors, the fence viewer works to resolve their differences. Complaints between neighbors that still arise can include a fence’s size, condition, and distance from property lines.

In its 41 sections (Section 42 was repealed in 1963), Chapter 49 (malegislature.gov/Laws/GeneralLaws/PartI/TitleVII/Chapter49) sets out in meticulous detail every aspect of fence viewing, including defining what a fence is: “Section 2. Fences four feet high, in good repair, constructed of rails, timber, boards, iron or stone, and brooks, rivers, ponds, creeks, ditches and hedges, or other things which the fence viewers consider equivalent thereto, shall be deemed legal and sufficient fences.” Although damage to croplands by loose farm animals is not as serious a problem as it was in the 1600s, Sections 22 through 41 are devoted to this subject, including the establishment and maintenance of a pound for impounded animals.

Interested in helping Conway comply with state law by becoming a fence viewer? Contact Town Administrator Véronique Blanchard: townadmin@conwayma.gov, 369-4235 x 3.

Conway Historical Society News

The Conway Historical Society presents *Marshall Field and the Gilded Age* on Tuesday, November 12, at 7:30 p.m. Local historian David Barten will present a talk about Conway native Marshall Field. Field grew up on a farm in Conway. After moving to Chicago, he went on to make a fortune in the retail and wholesale business, eventually becoming one of America's wealthiest businessmen. David's talk will situate Field among his robber baron peers of the Gilded Age. The talk will take place at the Conway Historical Society Museum, 50 Main Street, Conway. All are welcome; refreshments will be served.



Marshall Field, 1834-1906

Historic Deerfield Passes The society has two season passes to Historic Deerfield and makes them available to all Conway residents throughout the season. Each pass admits up to four people. To reserve, contact Joe Zadroga at 413-824-2719; it's best if you can give 24-48 hours notice. Note: Passes should be picked up either the day before or the day of your planned visit and must be returned immediately following your use so that others may enjoy them. For more information on Historic Deerfield, including hours, see historic-deerfield.org.

Visit our website at conwaymasshistory.org for information on events, to search the collection, or to learn more about this volunteer organization.



Age-Friendly Conway takes a vote.



Local farms strut their stuff . . .



Admiring the library's art show.



Festival of the Hills Memories 2024



Kids' slide!



Scholarship winners through the years: That's what it's all about.



From log splitting to the parade; the historical society's opening to the skillet toss, there was something for everyone! Above left, the youth orchestra performs on the Conway Inn's front porch.

Senior Thanksgiving Dinner

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 at the club on Thursday, November 14. The meal will be served at 12:30 p.m., but come early to socialize with your friends and neighbors. Those who have attended in the past will attest to the variety, quality, and quantity of the food and the pies – so many kinds of pie! Suggested donation \$10.00. To reserve a place call Carolyn Thayer at 369-6948 or 413-559-0282.

From Conway's Kitchens

This month, we thought a recipe for stuffing would be appropriate, and looking through Conway's 250th Celebration cookbook we found two. And to complement the meal, try Julia's recipe for cranberry relish: enjoy!

Sausage-Apple Stuffing

1 lb ground sausage, fried and drained
 4 apples, unpeeled but cored
 2 medium onions
 4 stalks celery
 6-8 C bread crumbs
 Salt, pepper and sage to taste

Put first 5 ingredients through food grinder. Mix in seasonings. Add melted butter or hot water if dressing seems dry. Stuff turkey loosely or serve as a side with pork

Loretta Outhouse

Nana's Stuffing for Turkey

1 lb each of veal and pork
1 onion, chopped
1 C sliced mushrooms
1 C grated Parmesan cheese
2 C dry bread crumbs
Chopped parsley
4 or more eggs

Brown meats, onion and mushrooms. Add cheese, bread crumbs and parsley. Add eggs, beginning with 4. Work eggs into meat mixture until it is "the right consistency." As you may see, you are putting a meat loaf mixture into the turkey cavity. Roast the turkey - good idea to use meat thermometer. Stuffing sandwiches are good!

Jack & Sydney Ramey

JC's Tangy Cranberry-Tangerine Relish

1 package whole cranberries
2 tangerines
1/2 cup sugar (optional)

- Pour a portion of cranberries and one peeled and seeded tangerine into food processor; blend. Then add and blend half a tangerine with peel still intact; this adds a nice bitterness.
- Once the mixture has been well minced (think pickle relish), taste to see if it needs more tangerine flavor. If so, add the remaining half tangerine and blend again.
- Pour mixture into a bowl and taste. Does it need sugar at all? If you like it as-is, serve it up!

- If the mixture is too tart, add 1/4 cup sugar, stirring until it dissolves completely, Taste again. Does it need more sugar? Add the rest.
- If there is someone else around, ask them to taste the relish, because by this time your opinion of whether or not it needs more sugar is probably skewed. If the person tastes, then makes a puckered-lip face, add more sugar.
- If you have a citrus zester, dress the relish up by grating some tangerine zest over the top.
- Enjoy!

Julia Carroll

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 November 6. For more information, contact Patricia Ann Lynch, COA chair, at 369-4284 or email patricialynch@earthlink.net.

Senior Calendar for November

"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).

Monthly Foot Care Foot clinics are usually held on the first Monday of the month in Town Hall **BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Clinic hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The fee is \$25.00. For information or to schedule an appointment, call Pat Kocot at

369-4248 or 413-775-3629.

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. On November 14 there will be a Thanksgiving dinner at the Sportsman's Club. For more information or to be added to our email or phone list for announcements, call Carolyn Thayer at 413-559-0282.

Senior Strength & 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. Each class includes upper body, lower body, and core strength exercises with dumbbells and body weight and balance training. This Healthy Bones & Balance program is sponsored by RSVP. Contact leader Gary Fentin at 369-0001 for information and the Zoom link.

Walking Group The walking group has been enjoying its members' conversation and companionship while engaging in healthful exercise. Join the group every Monday, weather permitting, in front of the library at 10:00 a.m. 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.

Senior Services

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 413-522-9240 to borrow equipment **NOTE:** Please,

when loaned equipment is no longer needed, call Hank to return it.

SHINE Counseling The SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) Program provides free health insurance information and counseling to all Massachusetts residents with Medicare and their caregivers. People who have Medicare or who are about to become eligible for Medicare can meet with a counselor to learn about benefits and options available. A counselor will review programs that help people with limited income to pay health care costs. SHINE counseling is available by calling LifePath at 773-5555 or by contacting Meg Ryan, one of Conway's public health nurses, at 774-3167 x 158.

Transportation for Medical Appointments & Shopping The Shelburne Falls Senior Center provides curb-to-curb van transportation within Franklin County for seniors 60 and over for in-county medical appointments and grocery shopping. Call the center at 625-2502 to make an appointment at least 48 hours in advance or for information about reservations and fees. An application with a copy of a photo ID is needed to be pre-approved for ridership. For rides to out-of-county medical appointments, call the FRTA at 774-2262 x 163 for information and reservations.

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 made out to **Town of Conway with Conway Currents in the memo section, 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.

Personal Care Aide (PCA)/ Caregiver - needed in center of Conway. They say it takes a village to raise a child. Well it takes a village to keep an elderly person out of a nursing home as well. What does it take? It takes caring, dedicated, responsible people to do laundry, trash removal, cleaning, shopping, help with personnel tasks, cooking and so much more. We have had a good response finding people in Conway since the ad in *Conway Currents* has been running, but we still need PCAs for some shifts. Hours and days of the week are flexible: You could work as little as 1.5 hours to 25 hours a week. We also need some people to fill in when someone is sick, needs a personal day or vacation. Depending on the situation it could be 9 – 14 hours in advance or scheduled weeks in advance. Multiple people in this position would be ideal. Duties include: Assist with ADL's daily; some shopping, cooking and companionship; PCA care; Pass a CORI check; Pay is \$ 19.50/hour. We are currently working with MassHealth. Please contact David if interested. 413-768-8751.

Odd job man - for small projects, repairs, painting etc. Custom wood and metalworking available. Insured. Over 25 years experience. Call or email John; we can talk. 413-369-4064; spell938@earthlink.net

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. and third Thursday - starts around 6 p.m. - 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/Sunday 7 a.m.-5 p.m. **Note:** Thanksgiving day hours: 7 a.m. 12 noon. Find a variety of homemade desserts and baked goods – freshly baked cakes, muffins, pies, and cookies – and a

large selection of last-minute items. **Order your Thanksgiving pie by October 25; Order your Diemand Thanksgiving turkey by November 4.** Pick up a pumpkin, Indian corn, winter squash or sweet potatoes! Check us out on Facebook: facebook.com/Bakers-Country-Store for today's specials or call 413-369-4936.

Natural Roots Thanksgiving Market - Sunday, November 24th noon to 4 p.m, rain or shine! Come gather locally grown produce for your Thanksgiving feast including squash, potatoes, carrots, beets, garlic, greens, brussel sprouts and lots more. Locally grown essentials like chestnuts from Sunderland and cranberries from Eastern Mass. Gifts and treasures made by craftspeople and artisans from our community. Enjoy live music, hot cider and donuts, and horse-drawn wagon rides throughout the afternoon. 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. Our farm store is open to the public year-round, self-serve during daylight hours. Eggs from our own pastured hens, other local items including beef, chicken, pork, dairy, baked goods, honey, maple products, coffee, tea, ice cream, snacks, beverages and more! Natural Roots, 888 Shelburne Falls Rd., Conway, MA 01341, 413-369-4269, naturalrootscsa@gmail.com.

Your Home Town Realtor - Sarah Newman with Coldwell Banker Community Realtors. A Conway resident since 2002, I provide local, attentive and trustworthy service for home/land buyers and sellers throughout Franklin and Hampshire counties. To learn more about me, my services and brokerage company, please go to my website at Sarahnewmanrealtor.com. Here you will also find past client reviews and recommendations. Contact me directly at 413-548-6525 or sarah.newman@cbcommunityrealtors.com with any real estate questions you may have. I'd love to hear from you!

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.

Airbnb - South Shirkshire Road, just 3 miles from Shelburne Falls. Head to the Airbnb site to “A Country Retreat” to see the enhanced studio apartment. Pet-friendly, well-appointed with conveniences and artwork. Are family or friends visiting during Fall Foliage? Is someone in need of a quiet retreat? Available for single nights up to a month’s rental and beyond with consideration. Check it out!

November is here - which means winter is right around the corner. Be prepared for the first snowfall by stopping in for your Seymour 24” Snow Pusher or the 18” Snow Scoop. Grab a pair of gloves to protect your hands when working in the cold while you’re here – we have plenty of styles and sizes to choose from and we even have gloves for the kids! Don’t forget to check out our selection of cookbooks, like *The Harvest Baker*, and *The Apple Lovers Cookbook*. Both are loaded with delicious recipes perfect for Thanksgiving. It’s never too early to think about holiday gifts and OESCO Gift Cards are always available! Call or stop by to talk with Gemma, Rebecca, or Tim. Shop where the pros shop and thanks for buying locally. OESCO, Inc. (Orchard) M-F: 7-5; 369-4335.

Wreath Making Workshop - Saturday & Sunday, December 7 & 8, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Wilder Hill Gardens, 351 South Shirkshire Road., Conway, MA. Stop by anytime to make your own beautiful wreath or swag from exceptionally fresh mixed greens from our farm. \$25/wreath: all materials and instruction included. Wilder Hill Press and Gallery will be open: shop for original prints, hand made books, and ceramics! lilianjackman@gmail.com; wilderhillgardens.com; 413-772-9065.

Looking for gifts - that convey your love of Conway and surrounds? Visit *Worn at the Edges* for hand-printed wearable and mail-able local sights and sites! Print studio located inside The Mill at Shelburne Falls. Now offering custom screen-printing. See wornattheedges.com for more info or call 413-369-2526.

Knabe Baby Grand Piano - Serial No. 196960 - primarily used for instruction. Well-maintained with Damp-Chaser system. \$1,000 or will consider donation to school or other non-profit group. Text (preferred) 423-230-4996, or 413-559-1180 or email (response may be delayed) astridsanderson@yahoo.com

Jan & John Maggs Antiques and Art - Our big news this month is our Fall Opening on November 2 & 3. The shop is full of recent purchases, on view for the first time. We’ll be open from noon until 4:00 on Saturday and from 10:00 until 4:00 on Sunday, displaying some exceptional early furniture, jewelry, paintings, and smalls. We specialize in 17th-century English oak furniture, Queen Anne and Georgian jewelry, paintings, carpets, and small accessories. Our shop is open by chance or by appointment. You can visit us online at www.jmaggs.com or you can 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.

They’re back . . . - One afternoon weekend workshops available in collage techniques for groups of 2-4 participants. \$60 per person, 3 hours, materials provided. Contact Deb to schedule or inquire: 413-325-5579. A fun way to spend a fall or winter afternoon with family or friends! Gift certificates for workshops are a great holiday gift idea for the creatives in your life! There are lots of prints and small collage paintings at special prices for the holidays too! Debra Hoyle Studio and Gallery, 46 Main Street is accessible and welcomes all: Visit by chance or by appointment. [instagram.com/debhoyle.art.rockpaperscissors](https://www.instagram.com/debhoyle.art.rockpaperscissors)

Qigong Class for All - Qi ("Chi") is energy, vital force. Part of traditional Chinese medicine Qigong is about mastering your own energy. When you have sufficient and balanced Qi, you have no fire; you are at peace. When you have too much, Qigong practice can balance its excess. Qigong coordinates body movements, dynamic and static postures, breathing exercises and meditation. Acupressure protocols are used to alleviate blockages. Qigong is

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2. Carolina
3. Georgia
4. Kentucky
5. Alabama
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