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From the Transfer Station Attendants

We would like to express our thanks to Missy and Matt Borowiec, as well as a small group of other residents. Without their kindness, the dog community would be very disappointed. These few continue to donate dog treats to the transfer station, which everyone who brings their dog says has become the highlight of their adventures.

Most residents are not aware that the town does not supply the dog treats or the lollipops that are given to children. The cost for these comes from the pockets of your transfer station attendants. That is, until Missy and Matt Borowiec and a few other very special residents decided to help keep your furbabies and young children happy to go for a ride to the Conway Transfer Station.



The TSAs and Conway puppies all want to say “Thank you!”

Notes from the Town Administrator

This month is a plea for service. We have openings on some very important town committees, which include:

- **Capital Improvements Planning Committee** (1 opening, selectboard appointment) This committee reviews all capital requests made by department heads (these are large

expenditures, such as vehicles) and maintains a spreadsheet of the town’s current and future capital needs with respect to vehicles, other equipment, and buildings.

- **Community Preservation Committee** (1 opening, selectboard appointment) This committee reviews applications for use of Community Preservation Act funds. Funds may be used for historic preservation, open space and recreation, and affordable housing. If the application is voted out favorably by the CPC, it is then put on the warrant for Annual Town Meeting for the vote of the town.
- **Planning Board** (1 opening and 1 associate member opening, elected unless filling a vacancy between elections) This committee’s job is to review applications for projects in town, such as solar arrays and cell towers, as well as to make recommendations to Annual Town Meeting on updates to the town’s protective zoning bylaws.

The people who give of their time on these boards and committees provide a vital service to the town; in fact, the town could not function without their service. If you have expertise to share, or just a keen interest in the subject area, please do reach out to either the chair of the committee or to me for more information.

Thank you to all of you who serve!

Véronique

Update from the Friends of the FML

Chili Cook-Off After five years, the Friends of the Field Memorial Library's Chili Cook-Off returns on Saturday, February 8, from 12:00 noon to 2:00 p.m. in the library's community room. This is a chance to gather, enjoy tasting the best chili Conway has to offer, and vote for your favorites! Prizes will be awarded for the chili voted the best.

Here's some information about how this will work: *Chili contestants*: Let us know if you will be entering chili in the cook-off at lindamcdaniel2@verizon.net. Bring your chili in a crockpot or self-warming pot and provide a ladle. Make enough chili to serve six to eight people. We will have available small two-three oz. cups for tasting before we set out big bowls for full-bowl eating. We'll begin setting up at 11:30 a.m. on February 8. *Chili eaters*: This event is free for all! Tasting and voting will start at noon, eating your heart out after that; contest winners to be announced by 1:30 p.m. Beverages, toppings, cornbread, and desserts will be provided. All are welcome to come and enjoy a chili feast whether or not you bring chili. It's a fun time to get together.

Free Passes at the Library The Friends of the FML has passes available for several museums and parks. Come see what is available by looking at our museums pass board located near the circulation desk. Each pass enables free admission of a varying number of people. Please check with the librarian to reserve a pass and find out what it will cover. There are passes for MASS MoCA, the Eric Carle Museum, Historic Deerfield, the Clark Museum, Wistariahurst Museum, the Pioneer Valley Symphony, and a DCR state park pass. The DCR pass allows parking year-round at any Massachusetts state park. Even though many park amenities are closed for the season, walking, hiking and other activities are available to get you outside and appreciating the beauty of nature. Some parks also have indoor programs. To find park locations, visit mass.gov/visit-massachusetts-state-parks/locations.

Cultural Council Thank You

Conway Grammar School would like to send a belated thank you to the Conway Cultural Council for sponsoring our visit from Larry Spotted Crow Mann. His engaging presentations through songs, games, stories, and more provided our students with a meaningful opportunity to learn about the rich culture of the

Nipmuc people. We deeply appreciate the council's support in bringing such a valuable educational experience to our school community.

Public Information Session

The Conway Selectboard and the Sustainability Committee will hold a public information session on February 19 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall. The committee will present results of the December 2024 streetlight inventory and field audit conducted by RealTerm Energy, Inc.

Conway's annual streetlight bill is over \$9,000. The selectboard and Sustainability Committee seek to optimize the quality of our streetlights and to save energy and money by switching to LED bulbs and eliminating unnecessary lights. The proposed lights will comply with best practices for safety and visibility as well as energy efficiency. Quality is ensured when lights are filtered downward, configured to cut glare, dimmable, and warmer in color. LED bulbs save on both cost and energy, and they also last longer. The committee is seeking a Green Communities state grant to cover the cost of conversion. Prior to the presentation residents may notice light poles in town tagged with yellow ribbon, indicating this fixture is being considered for removal.

We look forward to seeing residents at this information session. The session will be on Zoom as well as in person, and will be recorded. Questions or more information? Email us at sustainability@conwayma.gov.

Second iPad Lottery!

Through a hybrid programming grant from the Executive Office of Aging and Independence, formerly the EOEI, we can provide additional technology and training for residents of Conway,

Deerfield, Sunderland, and Whately age 60 and over. This grant will also allow us to offer hybrid programming in-person and online.

The focus of this grant is to enhance digital literacy and access for older adults. To increase access to technology, residents of Conway who are age 60+ are eligible to apply to this lottery for an opportunity to win one of fifty tenth-generation WIFI and cellular-capable iPads. The goal of this grant is to increase access to and knowledge of technology by removing cost-prohibitive barriers, such as the cost of the iPad, training on how to use it, and access to the internet.

There are no income guidelines. This lottery is open to everyone who meets the residential, age, and availability for training requirements. Please note: only one member per household may win the lottery; this grant allows up to \$500 value per household (residential homes are exempt from this exclusion).

Applications are available at the Conway Town Hall, from the Conway Town Administrator, and at the South County Senior Center. For questions, contact Chris Goudreau at 413-768-1066.

Swimming Pool News

Thank you for your donations toward our 2025 operating expenses. Your monetary support proves how much the pool means to Conway. Another way to show your support is to attend one of our spring and fall volunteer days.

Our 2025 meetings begin on February 11 and will continue on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. either at the Conway Grammar School or at the pool, weather dependent. The year 2025 marks our 75th anniversary. Planning for this will take place throughout the winter months, and we welcome your ideas. If you are not interested in coming to a meeting but have ideas, please contact us at conwayswimmingpool@gmail.com.

Senior Snowshoe Hikes

Hilltown Land Trust is again partnering with All Out Adventures this winter to offer a series of senior snowshoe hikes at the DAR State Forest in Goshen, MA. Join us on Wednesday mornings for one- to three-mile snowshoe walks along beautiful trails. We will have two treks per day, departing at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, divided into multiple groups by ability level and interest. Please arrive 15 minutes early to sign in and get geared up. In the event of insufficient snow cover, we will hike together instead. Beginners are welcome to attend.

There is no cost to attend, although a donation of \$5.00-\$20.00 in support of All Out Adventures programming is appreciated. Snowshoes, poles, and traction aids are provided free of charge.

Senior Snowshoe Hike Dates

- February 8
- February 22
- March 8 (at Bullitt Reservation, Ashfield)
- March 15

RSVP required by phone or email. Phone: 413-584-2052. Email: info@alloutadventures.org. Questions? Email Sarah: sarah@hilltownlandtrust.org.

News from the Board of Health

The American Heart Association has dubbed February Heart Health Month. According to the CDC, heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women, killing about one in every four people it affects. Our individual risk for heart disease comes from both our family history and our lifestyle.

Small lifestyle changes made over time can lead to big improvements in heart health. Steps to improve heart health

include continuing with routine medical care, exercising regularly, choosing healthful foods, limiting salt intake, and reducing or quitting smoking. One resource for heart-healthy recipes is the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's website, healthyeating.nhlbi.nih.gov.

Heart Attack A heart attack is serious and can be deadly. If you see signs of heart attack, call 911 immediately. A heart attack may not present as the dramatic movie scene of someone grabbing their chest. Here are some symptoms of heart attack: chest pain; feeling weak, lightheaded, or faint; pain in the jaw, neck, or back; pain or discomfort in one or both arms or shoulders; shortness of breath.

Signs can be different in men and women. Breaking into a cold sweat, feeling as if a rope is squeezing the chest, upper back pressure, and dizziness and fainting may be important-to-identify symptoms in women. More information can be found on the American Heart Association website, heart.org.

Cold Weather Safety With frigid temperatures settling in across the commonwealth, now is a good time to remind ourselves how to stay safe during low temperatures and winter weather. Check out these links: [Extreme Cold Safety Tips](http://Mass.gov) | [NOAA, Winter Weather](http://NOAA.gov) | [FEMA, Winter Ready Partners Toolkit](http://FEMA.gov) | [FEMA, Winter Storm Safety Tips](http://FEMA.gov) | [MEMA, Warming Centers Guidance](http://MEMA.gov) | [Mass.gov, Preparing for a Winter Storm](http://Mass.gov) | [CDC, Indoor Safety During and After Winter Storms](http://CDC.gov) | [CDC](http://CDC.gov).

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.



History Chats

The Historical Commission's monthly research sessions during the winter, December through March, will be by appointment, some on the fourth Friday, some not, to avoid cancellations due to poor driving conditions. Please stay in touch if you have a topic that you'd like researched or have researched yourself. Contact Bill Burnett at maplefarm116@gmail.com.

Sir Reggie's Homemade Quiz

Fill in the blanks with the correct number(s). Answers on page 19.

1. Behind the ____ ball.
2. ____ the waffles, we're out of batter.
3. ____ dots are called "boxcars."
4. "____ and ____ blackbirds baked in a pie."
5. Courtroom drama, "____ Angry Men."
6. ____-penny nails.

Update from the Field Memorial Library

The Field Memorial Library invites you all to come take a look at our new books. We have a range of sought-after titles waiting to fly off the shelves. Please come and talk to our librarians about your book desires. We're here to help you find your story!

February is Black History Month. Please come and engage with our displays. We have a diverse selection of resources to share with you to celebrate and recognize the breadth of Black and African-American culture in the United States.

This year's theme in 2025 is "African Americans and Labor." "The theme . . . intends to encourage broad reflections on intersections between Black people's work and their workplaces in all their

iterations and key moments, themes, and events in Black history and culture across time and space and throughout the U.S., Africa, and the Diaspora. Like religion, social justice movements, and education, studying African Americans' labor and labor struggles are important organizing foci for new interpretations and reinterpretations of the Black past, present, and future. Such new considerations and reconsiderations are even more significant as the historical forces of racial oppression gather new and renewed strength in the 21st century." For more information in regard to this theme continue reading at asalh.org/black-history-themes/.

Phoebe Hynes, Director, Field Memorial Library
director@fieldmemoriallibrary.org

Homeopathic Medicine in Conway

by Yulia Stone

This year's Conway Historical Society's speaker series opens on March 11 with an interactive event led by Leslie Chaison, director of the People's Medicine Project – peoplesmedicineproject.org. We will talk about local plants and their use in traditional medicine. Attendees will have a chance to share knowledge or family memories on the subject. Look for the next issue of *Conway Currents* for details.

Doctors of "homeopathic order" often made use of herbs that could be purchased from a druggist or prepared locally. Homeopathic physicians lived and worked in Conway alongside their conventional colleagues until their branch of medicine gradually lost its status. Dr. D. T. Vining had a large practice in Conway and neighboring towns for over thirty years. Conway's last resident homeopath, Dr. C. A. Washburne, left around 1912.

Arguably one of the reasons for the decline of homeopathic practice was the proliferation of patented "cures" sold by opportunistic conmen through mail order. They were rarely

effective and often unsafe, especially by modern standards. Before the Pure Food and Drug Act was signed into law in 1906, every newspaper contained dozens of advertisements for pills, tonics, and "restorers" promising to cure every malady from pneumonia to baldness.

In the museum collection is a letter from Dr. J. A. Lawrence of Brooklyn, New York, sent in 1884 to Hattie (Newton) Parker, with information for the cure of catarrh – an obsolete term for nasal congestion with mucus production often associated with the common cold or seasonal allergies. Remedies for this often included herbs with decongestant and soothing properties, such as eucalyptus, peppermint, and thyme. Replying to the inquiry Hattie had apparently sent in response to an ad in a newspaper, Dr Lawrence expressed his willingness to mail her a trial sample of his medicine for \$2.00 – equivalent to \$64.39 in purchasing power today). He enclosed an eight-page pamphlet promoting "Le Grande's Arabian Catarrh Remedy."

We don't know whether Hattie ordered the medicine, but we do know the fate of Dr. Lawrence and his peculiar enterprise. To be continued . . .

Join the society! Membership is still just \$10.00 for individuals and \$18.00 for families. We welcome new members and volunteers to help with research and cataloguing, event production, and managing our social media.

Dear Reader

Greetings. *Conway Currents*, which comes to you every month and which you are reading right now, has asked me to produce some content for your reading pleasure. I promptly agreed and set about thinking up ideas. I'll admit I went blank for a time, trying to come up with something interesting or funny or dramatic that you might like to read. After some searching in the corners of my

consciousness and feeling a bit unconfident (a word that makes my computer groan but explains the feeling exactly), it seemed best to write about something I love. This love has been a true and life-long best friend and constant companion. Maybe you share this love? **Books.** All kinds of books – almost anything between covers – including travel books, instructional manuals, cookbooks, novels, poetry, short stories, etc. And there is nothing as nice as sharing a book with someone, and sharing it with you, my neighbors, will be especially nice.

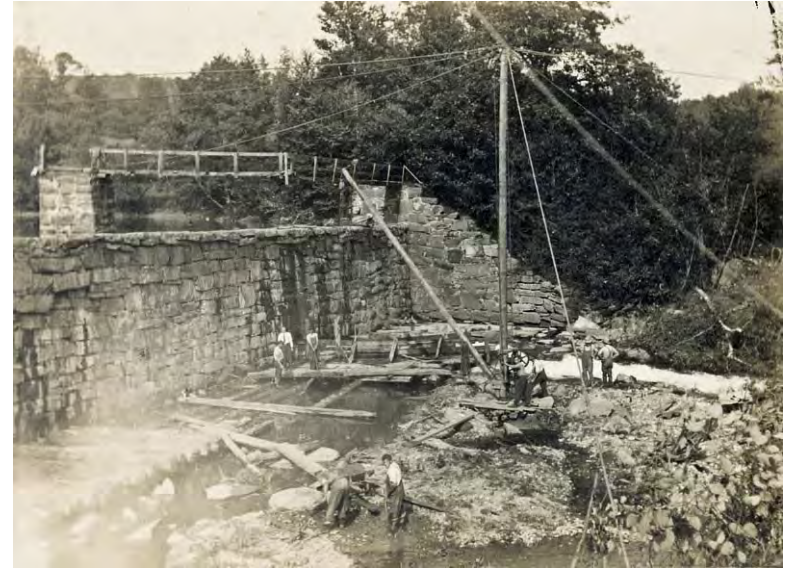
It is my plan to share two books with you each month. The choice of books will be random in nature: things of interest or some special feature that deserves to be highlighted. Hopefully you will find something that delights you in the selections of books in the coming issues. Return to this space next month for some Splendid Book Chat.

Thanks, Aimee Anderson

From the Archives of the Conway Historical Society

Around the time of the Civil War, Conway was a mill town powered by the South River as it tumbled from Ashfield Lake to the Deerfield River. To harness the power, dams were built along the river and water was diverted to numerous mills like the Tucker & Cook woolen mill, which operated from 1857 to about 1912, not far west of today's Baker's Country Store.

Tucker & Cook's stone dam was built in 1866 near the intersection of today's Eldridge Road and Route 116. It impounded about twenty acres. The photograph shows men making repairs to the dam, possibly after the infamous 1869 flood that devastated bridges, factories, and homes along the South River.



Repairs to the 1866 Tucker & Cook Dam, c. 1870, Courtesy of the Conway Historical Society; Gift of Martha Day.

Ruins of the long-defunct dam and the silt that accumulated behind it for decades are still visible and still affect how the river behaves today. One idea for mitigating flooding in downtown Conway from climate change-driven extreme weather is to excavate that silt to create an area that would absorb some of the river water during present day heavy rain events. For more on the Conway Historical Society, visit conwaymasshistory.org.

Conway Residents Remember

Good Ole-Fashioned Sugarin' by M.L.C.

Sugaring refers to the gathering of sugar maple sap to make a flavorful natural sweetener: maple syrup. Maple tree sap runs in late winter or early spring during repeated freeze-thaw cycles that cause the sap to flow throughout the tree.

When my husband and I decided to team up with another couple to gather and sell sap from our local sugar maples, it was what I call “good ole-fashioned sugarin’”: drilling a hole into a tree, inserting

a tap (a small metal spout), and hanging an aluminum bucket from the tap to catch the dripping sap. You tried to drill just to the layer where the sap was flowing, being careful not to go too deep. If that went well, the sap would start oozing out of the tap and dripping into the bucket. Then a metal cover was placed on the bucket to keep the collected sap clean. The number of taps we set depended on the tree trunk's size. Larger trees could hold four or five taps, smaller trees fewer. You placed the sets high enough so that snow wouldn't bury them during winter storms. You then prayed that everything would stay in place. Wind could and would scatter the covers and buckets all over the woods.

To collect the sap, we often had to wade through deep snow, carrying gathering buckets from tree to tree and pouring the collected sap into them. When the weather was right, the sap buckets would often be overflowing. No matter, we checked each set and gathered what was in each bucket regularly. When the gathering buckets were full or the taps had all been checked, we trudged back to our truck and emptied the sap into a large collecting tank. When the tank on the truck was full (or we were done gathering), we drove to the sugar house and tested the sap's sugar content with a hydrometer. We recorded the amount of sap we had delivered and its sugar content each time we made a delivery. We sold sap to Boyden Brothers' Sugar House (Ray Boyden was the operator). When the season ended, we were paid for the amount we had harvested. The percentage of sugar in the sap determined the price paid for each delivery.

Today, except for small-scale maple-sugaring operations, the process has changed greatly. Now the tree sap flows through plastic tubing to holding tanks located as close to a road as possible. At the end of the season the taps are pulled and the tubing rinsed and left hanging in place. Sugaring is still hard work no matter how you practice it.



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 February 5. For more information, contact Patricia Ann Lynch, COA chair, at 369-4284 or email patricialynch@earthlink.net.

Senior Calendar for February

"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. A 48-hour notice is required for cancellations; without such notice, you will be responsible for the fee. 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. 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 or for the Zoom link.

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 7 a.m.-5 Sunday 7 a.m. - 3 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. Order flowers for Valentine's Day by February 10th. We have Valentine candy! Check us out on Facebook: [facebook.com/Bakers-Country-Store](https://www.facebook.com/Bakers-Country-Store) for today's specials or call 413-369-4936.

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.

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 energy cultivation: it's about aligning body, mind and spirit in one, to help bring clarity, awareness, balance, longevity, peace and fun. Just bring a mat and water! Class led by Alexandre Pazmandy, LMT- Every Saturday 10-11 a.m., Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road, \$25; Walk-ins welcome. 413-362-5173 - <https://ap.massagetherapy.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.

February is here - and as the days get longer, it's time to think about grafting. From grafting wax and seal to grafting tape and knives, we have all the tools you need. Learn more about grafting and other planting and propagating techniques with *The Plant Propagators Bible* and be sure to grab the new Tractor Mac, *Autumn is Here*, for the kids! OESCO has your last-minute pruning supplies as we make our way through the winter pruning season. Don't forget to protect your hands from the bitter cold with a pair of winter work gloves, available in a variety of styles and sizes. Call or stop by and 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



Jan & John Maggs Antiques and Art - 17th-century English oak furniture, Queen Anne and Georgian jewelry, paintings, carpets, and small accessories in our shop in Pumpkin Hollow. Although our OPEN flags won't be visible during the winter months, we're in the office, at our

computers, or on the phone daily. We invite you to visit us online on our website – jmaggs.com – or by calling or emailing to arrange a visit. There's plenty to see, and we're always happy to show visitors around and answer questions about the things we sell. 413-369-4256; or jmaggs@jmaggs.com

Feb & April Vacation/Summer 2025 Piano Programs - for Kids 5+ - Are you looking for fun activities during school breaks? We've got you covered at Glover Piano Studio in South Deerfield, MA! Join us Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-noon during February and April vacation, and Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-noon during the summer. Each day is packed with group & individual lessons, fun games, free play, movement, and even arts and crafts. Plus, we offer early drop off and late pick up at no extra charge for your convenience. For more information, or to reserve your spot, contact Dorothy Claire Glover at 601-421-5032 or visit gloverpianostudio.com.

Singing Lessons! - The School of Trusting the Voice by Peter Barley - Confidence building: use your unique voice; expand your range and quality of sound. Enjoy singing and optional guitar lessons. For students of all ages and levels, including those who think they can't sing, are tone deaf, or are afraid of singing or have voice injuries. The school of trusting your voice with Peter Barley. Referrals available. I can come to your home or teach online. Conway has been my home town since 1985. First lesson half off. 413-695-0375.

Debra Hoyle Studio and Gallery News - Deb's painting *Lemons in Winter 4* has been selected by the Thorne-sagendorph Gallery to be shown in their "100 Mile Radius" exhibit February 4 - March 28. Artists are from a 100 mile radius of Keene, NH and the gallery is part of Keene State College. Reception February 6, 4-6 p.m. Admission is free. Call 603-358-2770 for hours. A print of Deb's painting *The Party Always Happens in the Kitchen* will be displayed in the window at First National Bank, Bank Row, Greenfield during the month of February. Spaces still open for the *Collage Play Workshop* February 22, 12 - 3 at the studio. Materials included, no experience needed! The studio is open by chance or appointment. [instagram.com/debhoyle.art.rockpaperscissors](https://www.instagram.com/debhoyle.art.rockpaperscissors)
413-325-5579

Sir Reggie's Homemade Quiz Answers

1. 8
2. 86
3. 12
4. 4, 20
5. 12
6. 10



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