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## Winners of the Festival of the Hills Raffle

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

\$200 Grand Prize, *Baker's Country Store, Conway Inn, Joanie Schwartz, J&J Maggs Antiques, D&S Scuba, Integrity Development and Construction, Jerry Sawma family, YUP Coffee Roasters*: Tom and Kate Winans  
Hand-thrown raku vase, *Bob Green*: Jim Krupa  
1/2 gallon maple syrup, *Howard & Jeanne Boyden*: Nancy Winter  
Handwoven shawl, *Lisa Hill Plain Weave*: Kelly Phillips (Buckland)  
Gardening items and cookbook, *OESCO*: Sue MacDonald  
Handcrafted pottery, *Megan Hart Pottery*: Carolyn Thayer  
Goodies from Provisions, *Benson Hyde*: Frankthebaldguy & Jody Lally  
Jack Masson pottery, *Barbara Masson*: Penny DeGeorge  
Framed B&W photo, *Geoffrey Bluh*: Annie Bigwood  
Baby sweater, *Susan Fentin*: Carolyn Thayer  
Handfelted wool luminary, *Wool & Weft/Sue McFarland*: Tony Somers  
\$25 gift certificate/vegetable basket, *Natural Roots*: Shelly Tippet  
Hat and glove set, *Nancy Winter*: Lora Woodward  
Artwork, *Debra Hoyle*: Jodi Greenberg  
Hand-forged bottle opener, *Bob Compton/Rising Sun Forge*: Mary Irwin

Andy Jaffe jazz CDs, *Andy Jaffe*: Jody Lally  
Handcrafted necklace, *Denise Dwelley*: Lorna Hamilton (Ashfield)  
\$50 gift certificate, *Conway Natives Nursery/Lilian Jackman*:  
Marsha Stone (Greenfield)  
Handmade photo cards, *Robin Yerkes*: Louise Beckett  
2 pounds YUP Coffee, *YUP Coffee Roasters*: Conrad Liebenow  
Children's JoJo books, *Peter Rosnick*: Hillaree Haberle

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

## Thank You, Conway!

A heartfelt thanks to our Festival of the Hills volunteers and supporters! As the crisp autumn air settles over our beautiful hills, we want to take a moment to extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who made this year's festival such a memorable success. This beloved annual tradition would not be possible without the incredible spirit and dedication of our 100+ local volunteers. From planning to setup to the final cleanup, your tireless efforts are what breathe life into this event year after year.

A special thank you goes out to all the activity coordinators: the ones who worked behind the scenes throughout the year to organize everything from the log-splitting contest to the skillet toss, children's games, craft fair, parade, vintage car show, green team, and more! And of course, thank you to those who brought extra fun and flavor and kept everyone smiling with fried dough and Café Conway. Your commitment, creativity, and attention to detail brought joy to hundreds of festival goers and created the kind of small-town magic that Conway is known for.

We also want to thank everyone who attended the festival: neighbors, friends, and visitors from near and far. Your participation and enthusiasm make this event feel like a true celebration of community. Thank you for supporting the scholarship fund through donations, the raffle, and purchases:

Your generosity directly benefits our local students and helps us invest in Conway's future.

If you missed out on the festival or didn't get a chance to grab some "Enjoy Conway" merchandise, you can still shop our full range of products at our online store at [festivalofthehills.com/shop](http://festivalofthehills.com/shop). It's a great way to support the festival scholarship fund and show your Conway pride year-round!

As we look ahead to next year, we invite you to join the Festival of the Hills Committee and help us continue to improve Conway's only all-town celebration. Whether you have new ideas, love organizing, or just want to lend a hand, your involvement will make a real difference. Together, we can keep this tradition thriving for years to come.

Together, we showed once again what a small town with a big heart can do. We are proud and grateful to be part of such a dedicated and vibrant community. Thank you, Conway! See you next year on the hill.

The Festival of the Hills Committee

## Bake Sale Thank You

Thank you to everyone who baked, bought, and worked to make the Annual Festival of the Hills Bake Sale a huge success once again. All receipts support the FOH Scholarship Fund for graduating Conway high school seniors.

## Firemen's Auxiliary Thank You

The Conway Firemen's Auxiliary would like to extend its heartfelt thanks to all the members of our community and surrounding area who came out and participated in our annual turkey dinner fundraiser. In a time when support and resources for our first

responders is critical and tight, we can't express how important it is to have yours. The funds raised from this year's event will help us provide our local Fire Department with equipment and training to ensure their safety while answering the call to assist our community.

Conway Firemen's Auxiliary

## Friends of the FML Update

**Book Sale Thank You** A big thank you to all who donated books and came to shop at our October book sale! Our success is due to your generosity! We will have another book sale in the spring. Look for our notices!

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

We invite Conway residents to join us for our fifth 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 24 through December 17 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, colorful gift bags will be 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.
- Gift cards (preferably Walmart cards) that parents could use for children's holiday gifts. We hope to provide \$100 per child. (Please mark the amount on the card.)
- 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, etc. These are usually too expensive for people to buy themselves.

- 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. We will bring later donations the following week. For more information go to [ashfield.org/2391/Hilltown-Churches-Food-Pantry](http://ashfield.org/2391/Hilltown-Churches-Food-Pantry). For the library, go to [fieldmemoriallibrary.org](http://fieldmemoriallibrary.org). Please be generous.

## Ambulance Service Thank You

Our family would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the Conway volunteer ambulance corps for their exceptional professionalism, kindness, and compassionate care following my recent accident. The dedication and calm expertise of the volunteers made a difficult situation far more manageable, and we are truly thankful for their service to our community.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation to the Conway community for the many thoughtful gestures, words of encouragement, and offers of help received during this time. Your support and care have been a tremendous source of comfort to our family. We feel deeply fortunate to live in such a caring and generous community.

With heartfelt thanks,  
Betsy and David Potter



## Swimming Pool News

Consider joining us on November 8 (rain date November 9) beginning at 9:00 a.m. for our fall cleanup. We'll be clearing leaves from ditches, moving and cutting brush, wrapping grills, putting away the diving board, and carrying out other tasks to close the pool for the season. Bring gloves and your favorite tools, and we'll supply a treat to keep you going.

## Notes from the Town Administrator

The Senior and Veteran's Tax Work-Off program for the FY2027 tax season will begin in January of 2026 and run through September. As with this year, there are five openings for this program, and the jobs will be organizing paperwork and filing. For more information about the program and applications, please contact Adam Reed at [assistant@conwayma.gov](mailto:assistant@conwayma.gov) or 369-4235x 0.

This month I'm excited to bring you the following announcement about our latest MVP project. Please note that three of the five new member openings will be filled by Conway residents.

The towns of Ashfield and Conway have received a grant from the Massachusetts Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs to help protect our communities from the impacts of climate change. The funding, which comes from the state's Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness program (MVP), will support the towns in gathering input from those most negatively affected by extreme weather and other climate-related dangers. The input gathered will help the towns identify future projects that will strengthen neighborly connections while preventing or managing the harsh realities of the changing climate.

A group of five leaders representing key committees in both towns, known as the MVP Core Team, has come together and conducted research on who might suffer most as a result of climate

change. The team determined that they would like to hear more about the challenges faced by low-income residents, older adults, people facing high housing costs, farmers, parents with young children, and young adults. The core team is seeking five new members who have strong ties to these communities, who are passionate about improving the environment, and who are excited to talk to their friends and neighbors about how they are affected by climate change and how to create a stronger, more resilient community.

Those who join the core team in this capacity will be known as “community liaisons” and will receive a stipend of \$200 per month from December 2025 through July 2026. The three people from Conway (two more will be from Ashfield) selected for this role must live in Conway, commit to attending two meetings per month for the full eight-month period, and be willing to get out and talk to their neighbors about their climate-related challenges. All community liaisons, along with the rest of the core team, will receive training to help them develop effective strategies for preventing and managing climate change. All core team members will also review existing research, conduct community outreach, and collaboratively decide how to spend \$100,000 worth of grant funds on a project that will help protect all residents, with a focus on those most vulnerable to climate-related disasters.

Those who have the qualities being sought and who would like to serve on the Ashfield/Conway Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness team as a community liaison should fill out an application at [tinyurl.com/townofconway](https://tinyurl.com/townofconway). For questions or more information about this opportunity, you may contact Caitlin Marquis, a member of the core team, at [ashfield.conway.mvp@gmail.com](mailto:ashfield.conway.mvp@gmail.com) or 413-203-9845.

Thank you for all you do, and Happy Thanksgiving!

Véronique

## Notes from Conway Grammar School

**Veterans Day Celebration** CGS would like to welcome local veterans on Friday, November 7, to honor you in a special celebration with an all-school assembly and optional time in classrooms to speak with students. This was a highlight for our students in past years and an honor for our school community. Please RSVP to [gayle.farrick@frsu38.org](mailto:gayle.farrick@frsu38.org) by November 1 if you would like to attend.

**Spaghetti Supper** The sixth-grade class is holding a spaghetti supper to benefit their trip to Nature’s Classroom. They would like you to save the date of January 16, with a snow date of January 23, to join them in the cafeteria or order a takeout. This special event brings the community together and benefits the students in many ways. More details to follow. Save the date and be on the lookout for our flyers.

## COA Games Days

The Age-Friendly Conway Committee has found from its surveys of Conway’s older residents that one of the top needs respondents reported was more opportunities for socialization and community interaction. Playing games was often mentioned. The Council on Aging (COA) is working to organize monthly gatherings at Town Hall to play games. We checked the afternoon availability of the general purpose room and found that it is normally free on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We would like to know the following:

- Which is preferable, Tuesday or Thursday?
- What time period would you prefer: 1:00-3:00 or 2:00-4:00?

To respond, call COA chair Pat Lynch at 369-4284 or email [patricialynch@earthlink.net](mailto:patricialynch@earthlink.net). If enough people respond, we will proceed with setting this up. We will provide a variety of games, or you can bring your own favorite.

# Eating Around Town

## Pumpkin Pie with Hazelnuts

Patricia Ann Lynch

### Ingredients for First Layer

- 1/3 cup ground hazelnuts
- 1/4 cup granulated brown sugar
- 2 Tbs softened butter

### Filling Ingredients

- 2 eggs plus 1 egg yolk
- 1 cup unsweetened canned pumpkin puree
- 1 Tbs flour
- 2/3 cup granulated brown sugar
- 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp ground cloves
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup heavy cream

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Prick a 9-inch pastry shell all over the bottom with a fork. Bake for 10 minutes with pie weights.

Increase the oven to 450 degrees. Combine ingredients for first layer into a paste and spread over the partially baked pie shell. Bake for 10 minutes.

Turn the oven down to 325 degrees. Mix filling ingredients together and pour into the pastry shell. Bake for 45 minutes.

Serve pie at room temperature or cold. Optional: Serve with unsweetened whipped cream on the side.

## New Signs in Town Celebrating Biodiversity

*Pollinate Conway!*, a small team of volunteers dedicated to gardening with native plants, recently installed a long-lasting and informative sign along the new shrub border at Veterans Memorial Park. Featuring colorful wildlife photos, the sign outlines the ecological benefits of the garden. Thanks to our engineer friend, Ned Spencer, for helping us install the signpost. We are grateful to Conway voters for approving Community Preservation Act funds for this habitat restoration project at the 2023 Special Town Meeting.

We also replaced the sign at the pollinator garden on the town common with a bigger, brighter version of the original one. It features artwork by Maggie Madole of Conway and was funded by the Open Space Committee. Come see the gardens and signs! Scan the QR code or visit the town website:

[conwayma.gov/p/160/Pollinate-Conway](http://conwayma.gov/p/160/Pollinate-Conway) for more information. We welcome anyone who wants to join our efforts!



## GCC Senior Symposia

Registration, at \$10 per talk, will be entirely online. Registration is free for those who wish to attend but cannot afford the fee. Mark “scholarship registration” when you register for a program. Visit the [Senior Symposia website](#) to sign up. Descriptions are available on the website. Parking at the John Olver Transit Center garage will be waived for these symposia.

**Wednesday, November 5** Todd Olanyk will share his expertise as a manager of fisheries and wildlife resources at MassWildlife.

**Thursday, November 13** Andrew Goodman will return to discuss his most recent book, *Paris Undercover*, a remarkable story of two intrepid women.

**Thursday, December 9** Tim Blagg will enlighten us about a little-known period of Massachusetts history, when there was a “war against Christmas” in the 17th and 18th centuries.

## Conway Historical Society

The society is pleased to announce a special genealogy workshop on Saturday, November 15, at 2:00 p.m. at the museum, 50 Main Street. Learn from several experienced researchers how to plan your research and locate the free resources relied on by [ancestry.com](https://ancestry.com). We'll share experiences and tips on locating historical documents, tracking down information, and how to avoid some common errors and pitfalls. The event is free and open to the public, a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in the community who share an interest in preserving local history and family stories.

Please note that there is no parking at the museum. Park on the street or behind the town office at 32 Main Street.

## Update from the Board of Health

**Winter Mood Shifts** With less daylight and colder temperatures, mood shifts are common during winter. You may notice lower energy or feelings of sadness. We can tend to stay to ourselves and eat or sleep more. You can counter these changes by making healthy choices. See friends, family, and neighbors, even when you don't feel like it. Get outside for more sun exposure, keep window blinds open when indoors, and stay active with regular exercise. If your mood interferes with daily life, especially if you have thoughts of harming yourself or others, contact your healthcare provider for professional help.

**Protect Against Winter Illness** It's not too late to get flu and COVID vaccine shots. Remember these precautions: Wash your hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, and avoid touching your face. Consider wearing a mask in crowded indoor spaces.

**November Is National Gratitude Month** Feeling gratitude can help reduce stress and anxiety, increase happiness and good moods, and enhance your ability to face challenges and setbacks. Gratitude practice can lower blood pressure, improve sleep, and reduce pain. Consider reflecting, journaling, or meditating on what you are grateful for. Tell others what you like about them. Look for times to be kind and generous. You may feel better appreciation for others, stronger social connections, and more self-esteem, creativity, and satisfaction!

**National Diabetes Awareness Month** Help prevent diabetes with a healthful diet, increased physical activity, reduced stress, and enough sleep. If you are overweight, take steps to lose a few pounds. If someone in your family has diabetes, ask your healthcare provider about a blood test to see if you are developing it. If you already have diabetes, check your sugar levels regularly, take medications as prescribed, and keep up with regular medical appointments.

With a little added attention, you can feel better and improve your health this winter. Tell a friend what you're doing. Bonus: Ask them about what they're doing!

*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 and the BOH webpage at [conwayma.gov/g/42/Board-of-Health](https://conwayma.gov/g/42/Board-of-Health).*



## Reverend Jim D. Moore

March 1, 1936-October 14, 2025

Reverend Jim D. Moore, also known as Jimmie Dale Moore, 89, passed away peacefully on October 14, 2025, in Conway, Massachusetts. Born in Fayette, Alabama, Jim's life was marked by a deep commitment to faith, community, and creative expression. Jim dedicated his career to serving as pastor to five Congregational churches across Western Massachusetts. His pastoral journey included leading congregations at the Norwich Hill Church in Huntington, the United Congregational Church of Conway, the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, the Williamsburg Congregational Church, and the Haydenville Congregational Church.



Jim spent most of his last 50 years living in Conway. He loved the people and the community and considered it home and a wonderful place to live.

Jim is lovingly remembered by his wife Chris Eugin, daughters Sarah Rebekkah Moore and Katie Eugin Moore, and son Spencer Eugin Moore. He was predeceased by his brother Charles Walker Moore. Jim's legacy lives on through the lives he touched — as a pastor, an artist, a writer, and a devoted family man. May his memory bring comfort to those who knew him. Per Jim's wishes there will be no funeral service; the family may decide to have a celebration of life gathering in the future.

## Perform with Heart of the Valley Chorus

Heart of the Valley Chorus, a women's voices barbershop a cappella group, is inviting members of the community to sing along with them at three free, open rehearsals this holiday season.

Anyone aged 9 to 99 who enjoys singing in the “treble” range – soprano, alto, mezzo, and high men's parts – is encouraged to come learn a few seasonal and holiday songs and then perform alongside the chorus at the Bombyx Center for Arts and Equity in Northampton on December 13. Singers under 16 are welcome with an adult.

Heart of the Valley Chorus has been bringing its unique blend of barbershop harmonies to the Connecticut Valley for over 40 years. The group is dedicated to sharing their music with underserved populations and creating a safe and welcoming space for all singers.

The group's open holiday rehearsals are scheduled for three Wednesdays – November 19 and December 3 and 10 – at 6:30 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church on Rocky Hill Road in Northampton. Heart of the Valley Chorus is not a religious group. Anyone interested in joining this special holiday program should contact Stephanie at [heartofthevalleychorus@gmail.com](mailto:heartofthevalleychorus@gmail.com) or visit [heartofthevalleychorus.org](http://heartofthevalleychorus.org) to sign up.

## Update from the Field Memorial Library

**Additional Book Sale Gratitude** Thank you for your donations to the library book sale! We were able to add around twenty titles to our collection from among the books that were donated. Your book donations have been so helpful in our efforts to provide books to our community alongside what we are able to purchase with our book budget.

**Seed Library Update** We are accepting seed donations for our seed library in anticipation of the next growing season. Please help us add to our collection for the 2026 harvest. Reach out to the library director if you have any questions regarding adding your seeds.

**Volunteer Update** We are in the process of adding volunteers to our library team. At this time we have received a number of

applications and have started to train folks. We welcome applications from anyone else; however, there will be a waiting list once we have added six volunteers to our team. As we become familiar what this program entails, we might decide to take on more volunteers for projects. Thank you to everyone who has shown an interest thus far!

Phoebe Hynes, Director, Field Memorial Library  
[director@fieldmemoriallibrary.org](mailto:director@fieldmemoriallibrary.org) - 369-4646

## Splendid Book Chat

by Aimee Anderson

Hello. This month's first book selection is *Ships* by George B. Stevenson from the Golden Book Series (Western Publishing Co., 1969). Not to be confused with the Little Golden Books for children, these books are "little" (approximately 50 pages) powerhouses containing a wealth of facts. *Ships* is filled with interesting information on seagoing vessels spanning ancient Egypt to the United States Navy. The book is broken into categories of function, such as luxury, cargo, firefighting, and fishing vessels and warships. Each type is described briefly and well illustrated. In the back is a glossary of nautical terms and a short quiz on information contained in the book. The information is not a deep dive into all there is to know about the topic, but is rather an interesting and informative introduction to each type of vessel. It doesn't take long to read through and absorb quite a surprising amount of information.

My second choice is also small, a tiny book in the TAJ Mini Book Series: a short biography of American film costume designer Edith Head, titled simply *Edith Head*, by Isabella Alston and Kathryn Dixon (TAJ Books International, 2014). The book begins with her start in the costume design business, which she bluffed her way into in 1924, despite lacking art, design, and costume design experience, by (as she later admitted) "borrowing" other students'

sketches. She worked at Paramount Pictures for 43 years before moving on to Universal, where she remained until her death in 1981. During her long career, Head was nominated for 35 Academy Awards, winning eight Oscars for best costume design. For me, the main appeal of this powerhouse of a book is the 70+ pages of design sketches and photos of actors who wore her designs – including Grace Kelly in *Rear Window* and Paul Newman and Robert Redford in *The Sting* – as well as of Audrey Hepburn's iconic little black dress in *Sabrin*, and Bette Davis's mink-trimmed knockout of a dress in *All About Eve*. The accompanying short histories of the films for which she designed and directors and stars with whom she worked – many of whom became her friends for more than fifty years – are a delightful glimpse into movie-making history.

Please join me again next month for another Splendid Book Chat.

## Council on Aging Thanksgiving Dinner

Save the date! Thursday, November 13, is the day on which the Council on Aging's Annual Thanksgiving Dinner will be held at the Conway Sportsman's Club on Elmer Road. The meal will be served at 12:30 p.m., but come early to socialize with your friends and neighbors or those whom you haven't yet met. Those who have attended in past years can attest to the variety, quality, and quantity of the food. Service is family style with dishes passed around the table. Suggested donation is \$10.00. To reserve a place call Carolyn Thayer at 413-559-0282.

## 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 5. For more information, contact Patricia Ann Lynch, COA chair, at 369-4284 or email [patricialynch@earthlink.net](mailto: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 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 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. NOTE: Reservations are taken at each month’s clinic for the following month. Reserve a space now for the December clinic. 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. See this issue of *Conway Currents* for information about the Thanksgiving dinner at the Sportsman’s Club this month and the holiday dinner at the Whately Inn in December. For reservations, 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 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.

**Walking Group** The walking group meets in front of the library every Monday, weather permitting, for walks around town. Enjoy companionship and friendly conversation while engaging in

healthful exercise. For more information and the fall meeting time, contact Phylis Dacey, 369-4326.

**Yoga for Seniors** Led by Jody Smith-Soles 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 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.

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## Currents Advertisements & Notices

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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](mailto: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](mailto:lmbeckett@crocker.com). **Deadline is the 15<sup>th</sup> of the preceding month**. If you want to discuss your ad or have any questions, please call or email [lmbeckett@crocker.com](mailto:lmbeckett@crocker.com).

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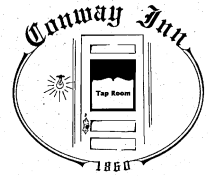
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**Personal Care Aide/Caregiver** - needed in center of Conway. We have had a great response finding people since the ad in *Currents* as been running, and 80% are from Conway. **Thank you Conway!** What does it take to keep an elderly person out of a nursing home? Everything you can think of: caring, dedicated, responsible people to do PCA care, laundry, trash removal, cleaning, shopping, cooking, help with personnel tasks, like toileting and dressing. Motorized wheelchair bound elderly female managing medications independently requires no help feeding. No heavy lifting in this case. Right now, we need to fill our injured PCA's shifts and backup shifts **ASAP**. We continue to need backup PCAs to fill in when someone needs a day off or has an emergency at home. Evening and day shifts available with variable hours depending on the shift. We currently work with MA Health and Tempus. Tempus offers many free professional development classes under its union contract including CNA training with certification and first aid. Current rate is \$20/hour. Must pass a CORI check. The population in Conway is getting older and we all may need help in the future! Please contact David if interested. 413-768-8751.

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**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 p.m.; Sunday 7 a.m.-3 p.m. Find a variety of homemade desserts and baked goods and a large selection of last-minute items. Check us out on Facebook: [facebook.com/Bakers-Country-Store](https://facebook.com/Bakers-Country-Store) for today's specials or call 413-369-4936.



**Natural Roots Thanksgiving Market** - Sunday, November 23rd, 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 wonderful opportunity to fill your Thanksgiving table with delicious local food. [www.naturalroots.com](http://www.naturalroots.com). Natural Roots, 888 Shelburne Falls Rd., Conway, MA 01341, 413-369-4269, [farmers@naturalroots.com](mailto:farmers@naturalroots.com).

**It's November** - and in the Hilltowns, we know that means snow could fall any day. Whether it's heavy slush or perfect powder, you'll be glad you went to OESCO first! Did your shovel finally break last winter? We have sturdy 18" snow shovels and 24" snow pushers from Seymour Midwest. Can't find half of your favorite pair of winter work gloves? Check out our selection of thermal-lined, waterproof Kinco gloves to keep your hands warm and protected in cold, wet conditions. Still have firewood that needs to be processed? We carry Trail Boss axes and Seymour splitting mauls, and we also sell and service Split-Fire log splitters. Call or stop by to talk to our knowledgeable sales staff. Shop where the pros shop, and thanks for buying locally! OESCO, Inc. (Orchard) M-F: 7-5;



**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.

**Jan & John Maggs Antiques and Art** - Our annual **December Gift Fest**, featuring scores of affordable antiques spanning four centuries, will begin online on Tuesday, November 18 and extend through



December 21<sup>st</sup>. Our shop in Pumpkin Hollow will be open from 10:00 until 2:00 on Sundays during the Gift Fest and at other times by appointment. Visit us online at [jmaggs.com](http://jmaggs.com). To arrange a visit to the shop, email [jmaggs@jmaggs.com](mailto:jmaggs@jmaggs.com), or call 369-4256.

**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 the voice with Peter Barley. Referrals available. Come to my studio in Conway or visit online. Conway has been my home town since 1985. First lesson half off. 413-695-0375.



**Debra Hoyle Studio and Gallery** - welcomes visitors by chance or by appointment. Holidays are on their way and there's lots of inventory here at the studio, so paintings and collages are priced to sell. Shop locally this season and share the bounty of arts and crafts in our area! *Also at the studio:* Collage workshops are available for beginners and experienced artists, and gift certificates for these are a great idea. Come with a friend and try something new! Two-hour workshop is \$65 per person which includes all materials. Contact Deb at 413-325-5579 for info. or to make an appointment. Browsers welcome, no pressure. [instagram.com/debhoyle.art.rockpaperscissors](https://www.instagram.com/debhoyle.art.rockpaperscissors)

**After School Drawing for Kids!** - Tuesday afternoons for children ages 6 and older, with Hannah Harvester at the art studio, 46 Delabarre. With the Monday class full, I'm starting a Tuesday after-

school drawing group, and there are two spots left. Help your child gain a lasting and supportive skill that will be with them for their whole life. We draw from observation and imagination, using pencil, colored pencils and markers, and India ink. Every once in a while we'll paint or do another special project to keep things fresh. We learn to observe and respond with line and color, and also to look at each other's work with eyes for learning and appreciation. Tuesdays afterschool (kids can take the bus) to 4:45, sliding scale of \$25-35/per class. Beginning Oct. 28 but open until spots fill. Write to me for more details at [hannahharvesterfineart@gmail.com](mailto:hannahharvesterfineart@gmail.com) or see my website, [www.hannahharvester.com](http://www.hannahharvester.com).

**Paint your own porcelain ornament** - Sunday afternoon, November 16 from 1-4 with Megan Hart. Kids and adults, \$10 an ornament. Cider & cookies. More information or to register, please contact me at 413-522-6707 or email [hartpottery@gmail.com](mailto:hartpottery@gmail.com).

**Leatherworking Tools** - Rather complete set of leatherworking tools: knives, edge bevels, punches and dies, rivets, edge dyes and finish tools. Lots of brass and bronze findings, buckles etc. Includes several hides, oak leather for sandals, oil tanned for bags and belts as well as garment leather for vests, bags and more. Also includes "Modern Leather Design," by Donald Willcox. Free to someone who's serious about doing leatherwork. 369-4035

**Calm Computing** - Tech help, made local. Having trouble with your computer, Wi-Fi, printer, or phone? Calm Computing provides friendly, down-to-earth tech support right here in Western Mass. Whether it's setting up a new computer, solving email issues, getting your smart TV online, or just making things "work like they should," we make technology simple again. We offer in-home visits, phone, and remote support with no long waits or confusing jargon, just patient, practical help. Serving Conway and surrounding towns for over a decade. Calm Computing LLC (413) 548-5358 • [CalmComputing.net](http://CalmComputing.net) – Your local tech experts – calm, clear, and close by.



**Local family** - seeks used AWD/4WD car in good condition before the snow arrives. Hopefully under 150,000 miles and \$10,000 – can go up a little. Contact 347-417-3209 or [solarisfam@gmail.com](mailto:solarisfam@gmail.com).



Lara Thomas prepares to flap her wings in the 2025 Festival of the Hills parade. A good time was had by all!

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