



## Reception to honor Steve Thibault

The Friends of the Library will host a dessert reception to honor retiring librarian Steve Thibault on **Wed. April 10 at 7 PM**. Steve looks forward to seeing all of his many library friends and patrons.

The reception will be held at the Field Memorial Library, Rt. 116 in Conway. On view will be old scrapbooks maintained by past librarians.

Please join the Friends of the Library to honor Steve Thibault and his wife Lorraine, and to celebrate a bit of library history. All are welcome!

## Special State Senatorial Primary Election on April 30th

Polls for the special Primary Election will be open at the Town Hall, 5 Academy Hill Road, from 7 AM until 8 PM on **April 30th 2013**. Voters intending to cast their ballot in Conway must be registered and/or make any party changes **before 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 10th**.

Anyone planning to cast an absentee ballot for the election is reminded that applications must be

filed before noon on the last business day before the election, and received prior closing of the polls.

Registration for the annual town meeting and the town election will fall just 7 days prior to the Primary, but remember: though the town session is held in advance of the Primary, **it will not make a new (unregistered) voter eligible to vote at the Primary.**

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## *From the Pastor's Pen*

**Dear Friends,**

It's hard to believe, but Spring has officially arrived. And with the new signs of God's wonder and creation springing forth around us, many of us begin to feel the urge to "spring clean." This may mean packing winter clothes away, sweeping off the porch, dusting the living room, washing the curtains. It also means many of us start dreaming about being in the garden, or taking hikes, or going swimming.

This year as you spring clean, I would encourage you to clean out on the inside, too. Try to find ways to clear out the cobwebs in your mind and open yourself up to new experiences. On this topic, I'd like to share with you a story that is becoming a favorite at our church.

A young couple moves into a new neighborhood. The next morning while they are eating breakfast, the young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside. "That laundry is not very clean," she said. "She doesn't know how to wash correctly. Perhaps she needs better laundry soap." Her husband looked on, but remained silent. This went on almost daily.

Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry, the young woman would make the same negative comments.

About one month later, again while the couple was eating breakfast, the woman looked out the window ready to complain, but instead her mouth

fell open and she was surprised to see nice clean wash on her neighbor's line. Pleased, she said to her husband: "Look out the window, she has finally learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this? I wonder how this came about?"

The husband quietly said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."

In all aspects of our lives, we are faced with situations that can be viewed from a variety of perspectives. So as you spring clean this year, don't forget your windows. For what we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look.

**Journeying together,**



**Rev. Dr. Candice M. Ashenden**

P.S. And if you are looking for company on your spiritual journey, please know that the doors of the UCC Conway, and my door, are always open to you

*\*With helps from Rev. Emily C. Heath*

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The United Congregational Church of Conway is a welcoming Christian community bringing generations together to celebrate God's presence and learn to grow in our faith. We humbly strive to offer hope, encouragement and love to each other, the Conway community, and the world through our actions and with our resources.

## Church Clips

We invite you to join us for worship Sunday mornings at 9:30 AM at the Conway Grammar School. Everyone is welcome!

† **If you need to reach the church**, messages may be left with Rev. Ashenden at 978-544-2801.

† **Rev. Dr. Candice Ashenden** holds office hours Mondays from 9:30AM - 12 PM and will be available in Conway on Monday afternoons for visitation, appointments, counseling, meetings, etc. She is always available at other times, by appointment (or in an emergency). She welcomes calls at home at any time: **49 Charles St. Orange, MA 01364**, or call 978-544-2801, or email her at [revcandi@gmail.com](mailto:revcandi@gmail.com).

† **UCC of Conway mailing address** is: **P.O. Box 214, Conway, MA 01341**.

## UCC Restoration Update

The restoration work on the outside of the church is nearly complete and the church is about to hire a general contractor to oversee the completion of inside work. This will include not only putting walls back together and shoring up damaged studs and sills, but also a partial kitchen makeover and a completely handicap accessible lower level. There'll be a new handicap entrance at the rear of the church into the parking lot and all bathroom facilities will be equipped with handicap-accessible fixtures and doorways.

Not surprisingly, additional repairs and expenses continue to crop up and we are still happy to receive donations. There will be a beautiful new sitting area on the side lawn of the church with the Lee Memorial Bench, a to-be-added French Bench, in honor of Thelma and Norman French, and a gray brick walkway with names of restoration project donors engraved upon them.

If you'd like to be a part of this exciting restoration to what we hope will be an even more often used "community center," you may send your donation to **UCC Conway Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 214, Conway, MA 01341**. All donations of \$100 or more can choose to be honored with an engraved brick.

Please join us in this project and know that no donation is too small...or too large! Thanks!

## Spring Bake Sale

UCC Spiritual Growth Team will be hosting a Spring bake sale on **Saturday, April 13th from 9AM - 12PM** at the Greenfield Savings Bank. There will be all kinds of delectable home-baked goods to purchase and eat there or to take home and enjoy later or enjoy with your family.



## Gardener's Corner

By Liz Pichette

At last, our gardens are waking from their long winter's sleep! First to emerge are early bulbs like crocuses, snowdrops and miniature daffodils. Species tulips also bloom early and while they are lovely, they are seldom seen in catalogs.

Most of the familiar, large tulips we know today were hybridized from species first brought from Asia Minor to Europe in the mid-1500s. Tulipmania, which occurred in Holland in the 1630s, was a speculation boom and bust based on these exotic blooms favored by the rising merchant and elite classes. While native species continue to grow in the wild today, only recently has interest in these lesser known tulips grown. Bulb producers are now selecting promising candidates for commercial sale, but please note that it is important to buy only bulbs that have been propagated in nurseries using protocols that preserve the wild colonies.

Most species tulips grow less than a foot tall with small cup-like blooms, many bi-colored with contrasting "eyes" at the bottom of the cup. Foliage can be long and thin or wide, mottled with mahogany-purple. They require well-drained soils and the

alpine types prefer rock-garden settings with several inches of stone gravel above the bulbs. If given ideal conditions, they can live for years, spreading by bulb-lets or self-sown seed.

*Tulipa greigii* and *T. kaufmaniana* are probably the most commercially available of the species tulips. Under 10" with wide, squat leaves, many burgundy-striped, they are topped with bright single or clusters of coral, pink to red blooms. Hardy in most soils, good drainage is essential. *Tulipa tarda*, only 4-6" tall, offers butter yellow blooms with white tips and is fairly easy to grow. Even smaller, at only 3-5" tall, *T. pulchella* has delicately scented, violet purple flowers. Giant in comparison at 10-12", *T. clusiana* sports pink blossoms with white interiors and a central red 'eye'. *T. turkestanica*, 5-8" tall, offers clusters of 3-5 creamy-white flowers per stem. *T. linifolia*, 4-6" tall, is bright red. Growers also offer dazzling species hybrids, calling them "botanical" tulips. One striking example, *T. 'Little Beauty'*, possesses vivid pink blossoms that open to expose a violet eye rimmed in white.

Look for these garden gems when visiting public or private gardens this spring and when you plan next fall's bulb planting, keep in mind these sweet harbingers of spring.

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## Garden Club Notes

The aims of the Conway Garden Club are to stimulate interest in gardening and related skills, to enhance the natural beauty of our area, and to educate and promote environmental improvement.

Thursday, April 11, 3:00 PM, Town Hall. Business meeting and organization for the club's annual plant sale.

The Conway Girl Scouts will join Garden Club members in making May baskets for delivery to surprise recipients on **May 1st, May Day**.

For questions about the Garden Club, contact Pat McLoughlin at 268-0313 or the email below.

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## Let's Go Swimming!

*By Tony Borton, Fundraising Chair*

If you've never been swimming in the Conway Pool you're missing one of the pleasures of living here. If you have, you know how much it's missed, and why it's repair is important.

The pool was closed two years ago because of a failure of the dam. Since then, the Conway Swimming Pool Committee has been working tirelessly to complete the repair. They've faced countless environmental, permitting and engineering obstacles, and now are ready to repair the pool.

The cost estimate for the repair is an astounding \$327,410 but with the help of the sale of a Conservation Restriction and a fund drive we've raised \$240,000. We still need to raise \$87,000 by May 1st so we can repair the pool this summer. We need your help to finish our fundraising so we can all be swimming again. Please contribute, no amount is too small or too large and all are tax deductible. A donation of stock to a 501c3 is a wonderful gift allowing 0 capital gains tax and a deduction on the Full Present Value of the stock. Contributions can be mailed to: **Conway Swimming Pool, 309 Whately Road, Conway, MA 01341** or in person at the Greenfield Saving Bank on Rt. 116 in Conway.

Thanks to all the residents that attended the special town meeting on **March 18th!** The support and warmth in the room was overwhelming. The funds from the M&M Germain Trust will allow us to finally make the swimming pool accessible to all!

For more information about the pool repair and upcoming fund raising events go to: [ConwaySwimmingPool.org](http://ConwaySwimmingPool.org).

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# April 2013 Senior Calendar

✍ **Free Monthly Health Clinic:** Public Health Nurse Lisa White, RN, BSN serving the Town of Conway is available on **Friday, April 5th** and the first Friday of each month in Town Hall from 9AM to noon. Get your flu shot! Contact Ms. White at 413-774-3167 ext. 106.

✍ **Council on Aging (COA):** Meetings held on the first Wednesday of the month, at 9:30 a.m. at Town Hall. Next meeting is **April 3rd**. The COA receives grants from the state Executive Office of Elder Affairs and an annual appropriation from the town. Patricia Lynch is COA chair. Contact her at 369-4284 with questions regarding senior activities.

✍ **Senior Shuttle Bus:** The Senior shuttle runs to Greenfield in April on **Thursday the 4th** and **Thursday the 18th**. Reservations must be made by 4:00 p.m. on the Tuesday before. Call **Heidi** at FRTA, @ 774-2262 ext. 103 to reserve a space.

✍ **Exercise Classes:** Exercise classes are held at Town Hall on **Wednesdays at 1:45 to 2:30 PM** and will continue until May. These classes, which include weight training, help maintain flexibility, increase endurance, and build muscle strength. For more info, call Pat Lynch at 369-4284 or Peg Tiley at 369-4010.

✍ **Walking Group:** Call Phylis Dacey at 369-4326 for more information.

✍ **Foot Screenings:** Bimonthly screenings are held at Town Hall by appointment only. To make an appointment, call Peg Tiley at 369-4010.



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## Remembering Shut-Ins

Though it doesn't yet feel like it, spring is only a heartbeat away. Why not bring some color into the life of a shut-in by delivering a small handful of flowers, or sending a card? We hope you will continue to take time from your busy schedule to remember those who cannot get out and about with a card, a letter or a visit. Your thoughtfulness and time can bring some much needed cheer to these individuals.

- ✍ **Edith Chase** at Buckley Health Care, 95 Laurel St, Greenfield, MA 01301.
- ✍ **Florence Hassell** at Vernon Advent Christian Home, 61 Greenway Dr. Rm. 118, Vernon, VT 05354-9474.
- ✍ **Elise Landstrom** at 447 Kendal Dr., Kennet Square, PA 19348.

If you know of others who should be included, please email their information to The Visitor at [visitor@uccofconway.com](mailto:visitor@uccofconway.com), or call and leave the information at 978-544-2801.

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## Annual Plant Sale Returns

On Saturday, May 11, the Garden Club will hold its annual plant sale, a long-standing tradition of the club, on the Town Hall lawn from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Modestly priced selections of many kinds of plants from members' gardens will be available.

Proceeds from the sale benefit the club's various projects around town. Take advantage of this opportunity to add tried-and-true specimens to your own garden while contributing toward beautification and environmental projects in Conway!



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## Medical Equipment Loans Available

Through generous donations the Council on Aging has medical equipment available for loan, including walkers, crutches, wheelchairs, bath chairs and commodes. Call **Julie Clark** at 369-4629 to borrow equipment, or if you have equipment to loan.



Featuring some of our town's favorite recipes

# Eating Around Town

By *Kate Van Cort*

This month: **Helen Spencer**

Anyone who knew Helen was aware of her incredible cooking talents. She also loved a simple meal and this **Turkey Meatloaf** is delicious. I think the secret is the sautéed onions and peppers!

*1+ pound of ground turkey*

*½ tsp salt and cracked pepper*

*Sauté 1ea diced onion, green & red pepper until they weep*

*1-2 slices of bread crumbs (she made her own)*

*1 large egg (she preferred Muriel Antes to any other)*

*1 big glob of ketchup*

*Add basil, oregano or marjoram as desired*

Mix together well – will be sort of sloppy. Shape into a loaf in an 8 x 10 baking dish. She preferred to let all sides roast. Cook at 325° for about 40 minutes.

Bon Appetite!

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## PTO News - Conway Grammar School mixes Hipsters and Pasta

By *Diane Hicks*

Put on your dancing shoes and join us on **Saturday, April 6th from 6-9 PM** at the school for “Hipsters on the Moonlit Beach”, a dance sponsored by sixth grade and PTO. Tickets are \$5 per person or \$15 per family. Children must be accompanied by an adult to attend. Proceeds will go toward the sixth grade’s end of the year trip and graduation. PTO will host a bake sale in conjunction with the dance.

spaghetti supper for **Friday, May 3rd** at the school. There will be an accompanying auction or raffle, and it should make for a fun community gathering.

The PTO is still looking for a new treasurer. If you are interested please join us for our next meeting. We have a PTO meeting scheduled for **Tuesday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM**, which will focus largely on upcoming events. We hope to see you there.

The PTO is also planning a

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# Café, Crooning and Cakes in the fryer



By Michele Harris

Café Conway is the bake sale on Festival day and a staple at the Festival of the Hills. It's in the big tent across from the Town Hall that houses tons of goodies! Standing front and center with a big smile behind these confections, you will find our own Elizabeth Downie!

Elizabeth organizes, makes phone calls, collects coffee urns, sets up, labels and prices...and to my amazement, NEVER gets frazzled (on the outside). Elizabeth has been with us for a few years now and is also a member of the FOH Board and is involved with all aspects of planning the FOH. She's very quiet, but can often be heard saying, "Oh, we have one of those, we can do that!" Poor Kevin...

A few steps off to the side of the cafe, you will notice a deep fryer getting hot and copious amounts of maple cream. May I introduce you to Mike Browsky? Mike, or as we call him, the Fried Dough Guy is in charge of this sell-out area of the FOH.

Mike, like Elizabeth, is one of those silent types. He's a busy guy, he doesn't like meetings, but when he walks in we know all is well. Mike works hard and gets as much donated as possible which makes the fried dough a

big contributor to the scholarship fund. He has a line-up of devoted volunteers who stand over that fryer and help him all day long. Mike's long-time volunteer Tony Kocot was a fixture in that area and is certainly missed.

While standing at Café Conway selecting some irresistible treat, you probably noticed that you hear music coming from somewhere...

That would be Janet Ryan. She is in charge of the music for the FOH. She has never gotten us Justin Bieber; she does better than that by lining up 4-5 local musicians and bands that provide top notch entertainment all day long... rain or shine!

At Conway Grammar School, Janet is the music instructor and brings in the kids chorus for us to enjoy as well. Could it get any better? You get to see your children and your neighbors out performing for the day...*Winning!*

Janet is a remarkable performer herself and can sometimes be seen in the line-up. What? You're not sure who she is, just look for the huge ball of energy in the little package with the power-house voice! Yep, that's our Janet.

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## What's the Story Morning Glory?

By Deb Hoyle

### ARRIVAL

Sudden wind bursting turns the bird  
around in its flight

The rest of the flock already settled in the  
big soft pine

Sheltered there but clinging as feathered  
branches furiously wave

This one though, traveling further than  
instinct intended

Is struggling in the spin—earth above,  
sky below

Collides with ledgy outgrowth and drop-  
ping into the waiting place

Heart pounding, wings aching, breath  
becoming a pant

Dark eyes wide and so bright reflect the  
whole world

And light upon the reddest of berries  
close to beak

That survived the winter and offer this  
pilgrim a way to stay

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This is a column of original writing about life  
in the hills.



## Help a Homeless Family in Haiti

On Sunday, April 7  
at 9:30AM, Alison  
Childs will be speaking  
in the Conway Grammar  
School library about  
her experiences in Haiti  
and about the needs of  
one particular family  
that needs housing  
desperately.

For \$7000, this family  
can purchase land and  
then begin to build  
a home. A few area  
churches have offered to  
help this family and the  
UCC Conway has put  
forward matching funds  
of \$500. All donations  
given in April will be  
matched up to \$500 and  
will be tax deductible if  
given through the church.

Please attend this  
important event and  
worship service. Dona-  
tions will be accepted that  
morning or can be mailed  
to **Second Monday  
Group, P.O. Box 214,  
Conway, MA 01341.**

UCC Conway will be  
hosting this event and  
providing refreshments  
following worship.

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# Another Thanks From the Assessors

*By Lee Whitcomb*

The return of the personal property forms is about 60% - one of the best years ever!

The next step in revaluation is to review the property sales in the past two years, from 1/1/2011 to the present day. Each sale is examined to make sure it was a valid, “arm’s length sale” (this basically means a willing buyer, willing seller, no unusual pressures on the agreement or in the financing, reasonable exposure on the open market). The arm’s-length sales reflect the true market value of property in Conway.

Many of you will have visited with assessor Malcolm Corse on his Monday-morning travels around town, taking new photographs of properties and checking our data. In addition to going to any properties that have had a structural change, we revisit 1/6 of the town each year to keep our data current and accurate. As part of the sales review, our local advisor from the Department of Revenue will be driving around Conway in early April. He takes about 100 property record cards (for all of the sales, the assessors’ properties, some random choices from

each group —single-family, trailers, multi-family, commercial, industrial, etc.) and stops on the road in front of the property to check the information on our card against what he sees, verifying the quality of the data we use for valuing each property.

Arm’s length sales tell us if our present values are high, low or right on the market values. We use vacant land sales and break out the land from the buildings in other sales to set next year’s values for land in Conway. All of the structures that sold are reconsidered as well, using their age, quality, and condition to test out taxable values per square foot for accuracy against the market. The Dept. of Revenue requires the new taxable values that we set on the houses that sold are required to be within 10% one way or the other of the adjusted selling price (20% for vacant land). This validates the over-all values applied to every property. We aim for a 5% margin from market and have been valuing at about 97% of selling price for the past several years.

More next month – spring may be here by then!

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## First Friday Health Clinic

Lisa White, RN, BSN and Town Nurse will offer regular First Friday walk-in clinic hours from 9 AM to noon at the Conway Town Hall throughout the flu season. The next session will be **Friday, April 5th.**



# 1st Annual Poetry Slam at Field Memorial Library



By *Aimee Anderson*

Poetry lovers are cordially invited to Field Memorial Library's First Annual Poetry Slam, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, **April 27th at 1:00 PM** in the adult reading room at Field Memorial Library. Bring your favorite work of poetry or original poems to read, or just join us to listen!

All ages are welcome. Please consider a diverse audience in your choice of presentation.

The Poetry Slam is in honor of National Poetry Month, an annual April event inaugurated in 1996 by the Academy of American Poets.

More information about National Poetry Month is at [www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org).

Further celebration of National Poetry Month will include posting of a daily poem to the Field Memorial Library's new Facebook page: [facebook.com/pages/Field-Memorial-Library/541395902559236](https://facebook.com/pages/Field-Memorial-Library/541395902559236) (or search for Field Memorial Library in the Friends bar of your FB page). Post your favorite short verse on the FML Facebook page for all to enjoy. A collection of poetry books will be on special display for the month of April at the Library. See you there!

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## Trustees of Library seek Part-Time Director

The Field Memorial Library Trustees are accepting applications **until April 15th** for the position of a **part-time library director**.

The position requires a bachelor's degree or equivalent, and at least 1 year of library experience. For more details regarding the position, please contact Chris Eugin at [euginmoore@gmail.com](mailto:euginmoore@gmail.com)

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## Field Library: Your Conway Resource

The **Field Memorial Library** is open on **Wed. from 3 to 8 PM** and on **Sat. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.** We have a good selection of popular new books and current magazines, a growing collection of audio-books, and a wide variety of movies on VHS and DVD.

The lending period is two weeks with a fine of 15¢ per library day for overdue items. Renewals may be made by phone at **369-4646**. There is a book drop next to the front door if you can't return during library hours. Please band or bag items to prevent damage.

Titles not owned by the library may be ordered through Inter-library Loan. These items must be returned to Field Memorial Library by the due-date on the lending slip to allow time for processing and transportation.

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## The Field Memorial Library-A Cool Classic

“The finest small library in New England,” that was how Marshall Field in 1899 described the stone library he wanted to build at the end of Main Street in Conway. By then, Field had long since left behind his family’s farm on Field Hill and gone to Chicago, where he had built the nation’s largest and most sumptuous department store. Field had also partnered with John D. Rockefeller to build the University of Chicago, and would leave \$8 million to found the Field Museum of Natural History. But he said that the library in Conway was the project that gave him the most pleasure. It was intended as a memorial to his parents, whom he credited with his extraordinary rise to success.

The Field Memorial Library, with its stately columns and lofty copper dome, may have seemed out of place in rural Conway, with its dirt roads and simple frame farmhouses, but it was very much in keeping with the thinking of the time about buildings that housed cultural institutions. An 1899 article in Greenfield’s Gazette and Courier stated, “The beauty of the buildings, and surroundings are designed by Mr. Field to be no less educational and conducive to the permanent benefit of Conway than the library advantages which are its original reason for being.”

The huge success of the World Columbian Exposition in Chicago in 1893, under the direction of Daniel Burnham, had given classical architecture new luster. Field,

one of the fair’s major supporters, witnessed the enthusiasm of thousands of visitors who came to see the miniature city of classical buildings and gracious grounds. He wanted his native town to share in this cultural moment. The architects whom he hired to build his library in Conway, Shepley, Rutan, and Coolidge of Boston, had already created other major public buildings, and the builders, Norcross Brothers of Worcester, were then working on the construction of the New York Public Library.

To bring the great stone blocks from the train station at the South River, special tracks were laid from the trolley stop at the head of Main Street to the construction site (which had been cleared by moving two houses across the street). To dig the trenches that would hold the immense weight of the library, workers had to go ten feet below the basement to get a firm foundation. The entire project, completed in 1901, cost \$86,500. The library archives have copies of twenty-two of the original construction drawings.

A first-time visitor who has climbed the broad granite steps and entered the great rotunda lined with columns of Brescia marble will sometimes pause for a moment, gazing upward to the skylighted dome.

One murmured, “Cool.”

**Friends of the Library**

**PULL OUT and POST  
this handy  
Conway calendar!**

# April 2013

**Something to add? Email your event,  
birthday or anniversary to *The Visitor*:  
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Community Preservation Comm. 3:30-5:30PM Town Hall</li> <li>Selectboard Meeting 7 PM Town Office</li> </ul>	<b>2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conway Quilters 9AM-Noon Town Hall</li> <li>Housing Committee 7:30-9 PM Town Hall</li> </ul>	<b>3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Friends of FML 7PM Conway Library</li> <li>Senior Exercise Class 1:30-2:30PM Town Hall</li> </ul>	<b>4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning Board 7-9 PM Town Office</li> <li>Board of Assessors Mtg 7-9 PM Town Hall</li> </ul>	<b>5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Walk in Health Clinic 9AM-Noon Town Hall</li> <li>Girl Scouts 3-5:30 PM Town Hall</li> </ul>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCC Service 9:30AM Conway Grammar Alison Childs Presentation</li> <li>Women's Serenity Grp Meeting 9am-10am</li> </ul>	<b>8</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCC Church Council Meeting 7:30-9:00</li> <li>Selectboard Meeting 7PM Town Office</li> <li>Board of Health Meeting 7PM Town Hall</li> </ul>	<b>9</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conway Quilters 9AM-Noon</li> <li>Conway Swimming Pool Comm.</li> <li>Conservation Commission 7:30-9 PM Town Hall</li> </ul>	<b>10</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dessert Reception for Steve Thibault-FML 7PM</li> <li>Parks, Rec &amp; Trails Committee 6-8PM</li> <li>Senior Exercise Class</li> </ul>	<b>11</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Garden Club 3-5PM Town Hall</li> <li>COA Foot Clinic 9AM-3PM Town Hall</li> <li>Board of Assessors 7-9PM</li> <li>Frontier Telethon</li> </ul>	<b>12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Scouts 3-5:30 PM Town Hall</li> </ul>	<b>13</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spring Bake Sale Greenfield Savings 9AM-12PM</li> </ul>
<b>14</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCC Service 9:30 AM Conway Grammar</li> <li>Women's Serenity Grp Meeting 9am-10am</li> </ul>	<b>15</b> <b>Tax Day (Taxes Due)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selectboard Meeting 7PM Town Office</li> </ul>	<b>16</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Conway Quilters 9AM-Noon</li> <li>Housing Comm. 7:30-9 PM</li> </ul>	<b>17</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Senior Exercise Class 1:30-2:30PM Town Hall</li> </ul>	<b>18</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Scout Leader Mtg 6PM</li> <li>COA Foot Clinic 9AM-3PM</li> <li>Board of Assessors 7-9 PM Town Hall</li> <li>Planning Board</li> </ul>	<b>19</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Girl Scouts 3-5:30 PM Town Hall</li> </ul>	<b>20</b>
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<b>28</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UCC Service 9:30 AM</li> <li>Women's Serenity Grp Meeting 9am-10am</li> </ul>	<b>29</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Selectboard Meeting 7PM Town Office</li> </ul>	<b>30</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due date for Festival Scholarships app.</li> <li>Special State Primary Election</li> </ul>				

## This Month's Event Highlights:

- Friends of Field Memorial Library Meeting - April 3rd
- Walk-In Health Clinic - April 5th
- Dessert Reception for Steve Thibault - April 10th
- Council On Aging Foot Clinic - April 11 & 18

- Frontier HS Telethon - April 11th
- Garden Club Meeting - April 11th
- Spring Bake Sale a GSB - April 13th
- Tax Day - April 15th

- Earth Day - April 22nd
- Arbor Day - April 26th
- First Annual Poetry Slam at FML - April 27th
- Special State Primary ELECTION - April 30th

## Town Readies for Annual Meeting May 13th

A bylaw change voted in the fall of 2011 moved our annual town meeting and election to **Monday, May 13th, at 7:30 PM.** The Town election will follow on **Thursday, May 16th.** Both meetings will be held at the Conway Grammar School.

Unregistered Conway residents must register before 8PM on **Tuesday, April 23rd.** To accomodate this, the Board of Registrars will hold special hours in Town Office Building from 9AM until 8PM that day. Residents registering by mail must have applications postmarked prior to the registration deadline.

The last day to submit articles for the Town Meeting warrant is **Thursday, April 18th.** Your article must be signed by at least 10 registered voters, and must be certified by the Town Clerk.

## Emergency Pet Preparedness

The Regional Preparedness Program of the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) is encouraging all pet owners to consider preparedness for their entire household, including furry, flying, and slithering friends.

Nina Martin-Anzuoni, who coordinates Franklin County's Disaster Animal Response Team (DART), says there are several steps pet owners can take to ensure their whole family is safe. "Start by making sure your pet has proper identification, so if they are lost you can be reunited more quickly, and then put together the basics, such as three days of water for each pet and at least three days of food in airtight, waterproof containers," says Martin-Anzuoni. She also encourages people to keep copies of their animals' medical records and, if possible, an extra supply of whatever medicine each pet may need in a waterproof container. Keep these supplies together in a backpack or something similar, which will allow for quick retrieval in the event of an evacuation.

"It's important to consider the special needs of your pets and whether their health and safety would be compromised in a power outage, which can result in extreme temperature shifts," says Martin-Anzuoni. In recent disasters, such as the October 2011 snowstorm, many homes were without electricity for



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## Your Dog Depends on You!

Dog owners take note: State Law requires dogs to be licensed yearly. Licenses expired on **March 31st-so if you have not gotten a license for 2013, your pet's license is expired.** After **July 1st**, owners are subject to a \$10.00 fine in addition to the regular licensing fee for each unregistered dog. Licenses are available from the Town Clerk on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings between 9AM and noon. You may also purchase licenses by mail at *Dog License, P.O.Box 240, Conway.* Please include SASE with 66¢ postage.

Make checks payable to the **Town of Conway** – Males and Spayed Females are \$3.00 each; Females are \$6.00 each. Requests must provide: owner's name and address, dog's name, age, breed color and gender and a **current rabies certificate.**

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## Burning Season Reminder

Open Burning Season in Conway runs **until April 30**—the end of this month! Residents must have a permit to burn.

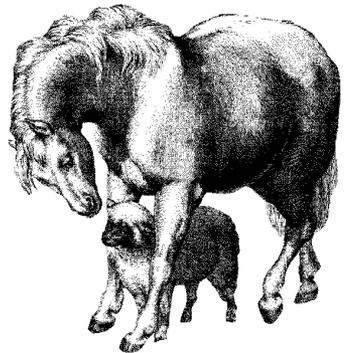
Apply at [www.fcburnpermits.com](http://www.fcburnpermits.com) or call **625-8200** to request permits.

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## Animal Inspectors Recommended

The Commonwealth requires the Conway Board of Health to appoint an Animal Inspector annually. The purpose of the position is to verify and maintain animal health within the town. For the past several years, this position has been shared in Conway.

In accordance with this, the BOH has recommended: **Anthony Borton**, Barn Inspector, who will check on the health and welfare of all livestock housed within the town, and **Joseph Colucci**, Quarantine Officer, responsible to follow up on incidents involving possible communicable diseases among the animal population.



### Pardon Us

“If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are there for a purpose. We try to print something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes.” *(from a weekly paper in Clermont, FL)*

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## EXCHANGES

**H**ave a job that needs to be done? Looking for jobs to do? Something to sell? For a small donation we will run your ad in EXCHANGES.

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Wednesdays 10:15-11:30 pm	Yoga	Firemans Assoc.Bldg. (next to Fire Station)	For all Levels
Thurs. 7-8:15 pm (once a month) 4/11 & 5/9	Restorative Yoga with Reiki Healing Touch	Firemans Assoc.Bldg. (next to Fire Station)	For all Levels
Fridays 9:30-10:30AM	Core Fitness	Firemans Assoc.Bldg. (next to Fire Station)	For all Levels
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# Spring Bulky Waste Collection

The Franklin County Solid Waste District is holding a “Clean Sweep” bulky waste collection on **Saturday, May 18th from 9 AM. to 12 noon**. The three drop-off sites are: the Buckland Recreation Facility on Rt. 112 South, the Northfield Highway Garage, and the Whately Transfer Station.

Residents may bring a wide range of items that are typically difficult to get rid of such as tires, appliances, scrap metal, furniture, mattresses, carpeting, construction debris, computers, televisions, propane gas tanks, and other large items. Materials will be recycled whenever possible. District residents are from the towns of Bernardston, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Deerfield, Erving, Gill, Hawley, Heath, Leverett, Leyden, Montague, New Salem, Northfield, Orange, Rowe, Shelburne, Sunderland, Warwick, Wendell and Whately.

You do not need to pre-register for the collection. However, there are charges for disposal. Disposal fees, cash only, will be collected from residents during check-in at each site. Businesses may participate. A complete list of prices for the most common items is available at participating town halls, town transfer stations, the District office at **50 Miles Street in Greenfield**, and online at: [www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html](http://www.franklincountywastedistrict.org/cleansweep.html)

Fall collection dates are: **September 21**, Household Hazardous Waste Day (locations TBA) and **October 19**, Fall Bulky Waste Collection (locations same as spring collection.)

For more information call the District office at 413-772-2438, or email [info@franklincountywastedistrict.org](mailto:info@franklincountywastedistrict.org). MA Relay for the hearing impaired: 711 or 1-800-439-2370 (TTY/TDD). The District is an equal opportunity provider.

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## Pet Preparedness (cont'd from p.16)

days and even weeks, which led to the owners of reptiles, fish, and other sensitive animals having to seek out emergency shelter for their pets. “It’s better to think about these needs ahead of time when there is an opportunity to plan rather than during the emergency when phones may not be working and businesses may be closed,” says Martin-Anzuoni.

She recommends researching local and regional boarding facilities, talking with friends and family who might provide a safe haven, and considering back-up power sources for your home, if that is an option.

People interested in more information on preparing the entire household for an emergency can visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or contact Martin-Anzuoni, who is also the contact person for DART, at [nina@frcog.org](mailto:nina@frcog.org) or 413-774-3167 x137.

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## Frontier to Hold Annual Music Telethon

Frontier Regional's Fourth Annual Music Telethon will be held on **Thursday, April 11th in the Frontier Auditorium from 6 to 9 PM.** At Frontier you can be part of the live audience, or tune in to FCAT Ch 12 to watch the event live and make a pledge. The show will be streamed live on the Frontier Website ([www.edline.net/pages/FrontierRegional](http://www.edline.net/pages/FrontierRegional)).

This exciting event will highlight many fantastic acts with talent drawn from Frontier and the community. Frontier senior, Christina Lankarge, is organizing the event which will both showcase our talented community and raise funds for the music department.

The gala event will feature the Frontier Wind Ensemble, Jazz Band, Concert Band and String Ensemble. Also performing will be T J and the Peepers, Alex Fortune, John Reynolds, Robie Bones and Fancy Trash.

A wonderful 2013 t-shirt design by Katherine Merrill will be featured on the black t-shirt with turquoise lettering, and available at the door for \$12. Donations will also be accepted at the door.

[athertok@frsd.deerfield.ma.us](mailto:athertok@frsd.deerfield.ma.us)

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## Painted Mini Bus Displays FCTS Pride

When the white minibus rolls down the street with a streaking eagle freshly painted on each side, there's no mistaking it comes from Franklin County Technical School. For opposing high school teams seeing the minibus pull into their parking lot can be intimidating. For FCTS students on a field trip it is a symbol of school pride.

Students and an instructor from the FCTS Collision Repair and Refinishing shop recently completed painting the eagle on each side of the 2004 GMC 14-seat minibus, based on a design by Programming and Web Design Instructor Marcus McLaurin.

"It's different from most minibuses you see," said Dale Daignault, 17, of Orange. "I like it

when I look at it and know that I painted part of it and it came out great."

Tyler Rock, 16, of Buckland, liked the artistic aspect of the project, which was a departure from the projects the students usually take on.

"It was a challenge," Rock said. "It's different from our past few projects where we painted a whole truck one color."



## GSFA Business Association Seeking Nominees

The Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association is seeking nominations for the Annual **Marvin J. Shippee Community Service Award**. The deadline for submitting nominations is **April 5, 2013**. This award is in memory of Shippee's leadership and commitment to volunteerism.

Nominees should demonstrate volunteerism above and beyond paid employment. The award recognizes service in the Shelburne Falls Area which includes **Ashfield, Buckland, Charlemont, Colrain, Conway, Hawley, Heath, Plainfield, Rowe, and Shelburne**. The recipient is preferably a resident of this 10-town area, but not required.

The criteria that guide the Award Committee (though not exclusive if additional criteria are deemed appropriate) are:

- **Level of community service**
- **Level of impact on the community**
- **Length of service**

The recipient should:

- **Demonstrate inspired leadership and involvement in community projects and be a "get-the-job-done person."**
- **Be a respected member of their town and community**
- **Be an individual, not a group, business, or organization.**

Those who wish to make a nomination should complete a Nomination Form. Nomination forms can be downloaded at [www.gsfaba.org](http://www.gsfaba.org), the GSFABA office, or by emailing [info@shelburnefalls.com](mailto:info@shelburnefalls.com). Nominations should be mailed to the GSFABA address on the following page by **April 5, 2013**.

[info@shelburnefalls.com](mailto:info@shelburnefalls.com)

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## Deadline This Month for Festival Scholarship

Completed hard-copy applications (available on the town website) are due at the Town Office by **Tuesday, April 30th**.

Festival of the Hills Scholarships are available to all graduating high school seniors from Conway who submit complete applications, regardless of school attended or post-graduate plans. Primary consideration is given to a student's community service, extracurricular activity, and academic achievement. Financial need, work history, and FOH service are also considered. Contact Phyllis Jeswald with questions at **369-4410** or at [Jeswald@verizon.net](mailto:Jeswald@verizon.net).

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## Germain Scholarship

The Mark and Mildred Boice Germain Fund provides a college scholarship for residents of Conway of not less than two years, prior to application. Scholarships are limited to the cost of tuition and textbooks, with a maximum annual award of \$2,500. Both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible and must re-apply each year. Applications are available from school guidance offices and the Conway Town Office and town website. Deadline for completed applications is **May 22, 2013**.

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## Conway Fireman's Auxiliary Scholarship

The Fireman's Auxiliary set up a scholarship fund to be given to a graduating Conway senior yearly, given in memory of Harold Fournier. One \$250 scholarship is awarded. Applications are available in the guidance offices at both Frontier Regional and Franklin Technical and at the town website. Applicants must be a resident of Conway. Primary consideration is given to students involved in community service or extracurricular activities and who plan to further their education in college, trade school, or a certificate program. Secondary considerations will be grades and family financials. Completed applications may be turned in to the guidance offices, to Helen Baker, an auxiliary member, at Baker's Country Store in Conway, or sent by mail to **Fireman's Auxiliary, PO Box 46, Conway, MA 01341**, by **Friday, May 3, 2013**. For additional details, contact Linda Baker at 369-4073.

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## Spring 2013 GSFABA Scholarship

The Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association (GSFABA) is also seeking applications from local students with interests in pursuing careers in business for its **Spring 2013 Scholarship Award**. The \$500 scholarship will be used to help the student continue his/her education through an accredited continuing education course or a college or university. The applicant must be a resident of one of the ten towns served by the Greater Shelburne Falls Area Business Association, a graduating senior, and have maintained good academic standing throughout high school.

Applications are available at school guidance offices and local town halls, or can be downloaded at [gsfaba.org](http://gsfaba.org). You may request a copy by email at [info@shelburnefalls.com](mailto:info@shelburnefalls.com). Applications must be submitted to the student's school guidance office or the GSFABA office by **April 5, 2013**. For more info, contact: **GSFABA, P.O. Box 42, Shelburne Falls, MA 01370, Phone: (413) 625-2526**.

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## Charlotte F. Street Scholarship

The Charlotte F. Street Scholarship is awarded by the Conway PTO annually to a graduating senior, from a public or private school that has been accepted by a college, university or school of higher ed. Students must be a Conway resident or have parents/guardians who live in Conway. Applications available at the Conway Grammar School and at Frontier.

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## Sportsmen's Club Scholarship

The Conway Sportsmen's Club Scholarship is for a graduating Conway student who exhibits excellence in academics and community service. Further information about the scholarship is available at the Frontier Regional School Guidance Office.

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