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The beginning of Discover Conesus was during the late winter of 1973. A small group of like minded neighbors saw a need for a news outlet specific to Conesus.

The first issue was only 4 pages. Articles were type written in 3.5" columns, art work was cut from magazine ads, and everything was then cut, trimmed and hand pasted to a master, and then mimeographed in the Conesus United Church basement on a borrowed machine.

The date was April 1974.

The first three months were "complimentary" and were hand delivered through out town by the Boy Scouts. The original Troop 79.

The proposed price was 20 cents per issue / \$2.00 per year.

The paper took off quickly.

The stories in that first edition were mostly the doings of the local groups and associations. The names behind the writings were easily recognized, as Conesus was a small, quiet, farming community.

There were complaints about taxes. There was praise of the fire department.

Month by month the subscriptions increased. The all volunteer staff stood firm behind their mission statement: "Monthly Newspaper-Published Non-Profit to Inform the People"

Jump ahead 36 years.

Conesus population has increased over 50%.

Discover Conesus is now delivered to almost every 4th home in Conesus. We have subscribers all over the world.

The days of typing and scissors and glue pots are behind us.

Today it's email, and scanners, and fax machines, and

cell phone photos, and the internet.

The average issue is over six times the original in size.

The children of those 70's local groups now provide the coverage of their events.

The price is now 50 cents per issue and \$5.00 per year.

The paper is written by our readers. We do not have an active staff of reporters.

Copies of Discover Conesus are available at:

- Westers Country Store - Rt. 15, Conesus
- Par Keys Lounge - 7290 Rt. 256, Scottsburg
- Wests Shurfine - One Main Street, Livonia
- Lakeville Liquor-5885 Big Tree Rd. Lakeville

Subscription requests are \$5.00 per yr. (sorry no credit cards) and should be addressed to:

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The mission remains the same - to inform the people of Conesus.

And the writers are still recognized in town, because although the town has grown, it hasn't lost its roots.

Small town living as seen through the paintings of Norman Rockwell, the radio shows of Garrison Keillor, and the humor of Carol Burnet.

One evening, during the first summer I spent in Conesus, I was sitting on the deck with my neighbor Paul solving the world's problems over a beer after a day at work.

Watching the sun drop below the hill.

I mentioned my coworkers asking about my long commute everyday to work.

Paul thought for a moment, took a sip, and said "When you live where we live, it's worth it".

Scott MacFarlane
Editor, Discover Conesus

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