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AUTO FACTS YOU OUGHTA KNOW by Eric

In years past when cars were an unusual sight, there was little need for automotive security. Roads were little more than dirt paths and cars weren't reliable enough for the average person to operate let alone to abscond with one. How times have changed. Not only have personal vehicles proliferated, the demand from less savory members of society have kept pace. Automobile manufacturers have also risen to the challenge. Keys were employed to prevent theft. Door locks kept unwelcome people out and secured valuables. Similarly, trunks became locking compartments. Hood release latches were moved inside locked interiors. Steering wheels automatically locked when the key was removed. All these locks were a double-edged sword, protecting the rightful owner but also, sometimes to their chagrin, keeping them out in the event of lost or misplaced keys.

As thieves became more skilled at their craft a simple "kill switch" could be installed to prevent starting the engine if security measures were breached. Then, a locking kill switch took the simple to the next level. Followed by an armored key-locked hood to prevent by-passing the kill switch. Eventually, these interventions too were overcome. It seems someone always wanted the car more than the owner. Along came the radio transmitter popularly known as Lo-Jack. This was a system activated by law enforcement once a car was reported stolen and would disable the vehicle while sending out a signal allowing authorities to home in on it. But again, there were downfalls. The system was expensive for car owners and police departments and, of course, the car would have to be reported stolen for the system to be activated. This was a weak link when, for instance, someone was traveling and came back a week later to find their vehicle missing. This major delay gave the perpetrator all the time they needed to steal the car and remove the security system.

For a time car-jacking became an alarming trend in auto theft. Jumping into a vehicle when stopped and forcing the driver out or over became an easy way to get access to a car regardless of installed security measures. These circumstances could and sometimes would turn violent. The outrage of the public prompted harsher penalties for these actions which essentially put a stop to their casual nature. Additionally, auto manufacturers, with the help of technology, redoubled their efforts with automatically locking doors.

Current automotive technology introduced in the late 1990's allows for unobtrusive and passive solutions to auto theft. Coded keys or an electronic chip built into ignition keys have become the norm. This small unnoticeable device, will render a vehicle useless if not programmed to the particular car. Simply, the cars computer recognizes the coded key and allows the car to start. But again, auto manufacturers in an attempt to save us from ourselves have also inadvertently created problems, for where there are electrical solutions there are electrical gremlins. A vehicle's computer or ECU (Engine Control Module) can be subjected to failure from environmental conditions such as flooding or extreme temperatures over time and the chip in the key itself can fail. Attempting to start a car too many times with a bad or incorrect key for instance, will lock out the ECU preventing the car from starting. The computer will then need to be flashed using manufacturer proprietary software. In addition to the key chip failing, the collar which senses the key can fail. As vehicles get older these problems become more prevalent.

The good news is that this technology has dramatically reduced stolen vehicles. According to the National Insurance Crime Bureau auto thefts peaked in 1991 with 1.6 million vehicles stolen. In 2013 that number dropped to less than 700,000. Of course, technology is also a two way street. Professional thieves can clone coded keys and all the information is available through the vehicle's VIN (Vehicle Identification Number) Fortunately, this level of crime is generally reserved for the most expensive vehicles in the most populated areas. The best deterrent to joy riders and casual theft is simple. Remove the key and lock your car. Avoid the temptation to leave it running when you're not in it. Don't leave your keys in the open or by the door of your house. We all get a little lax with these most basic measures and no one wants to shut off a car when it's sub-zero outside but a little prevention can offer a lot of security.



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FRYEBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOCUSED ON RESULTS AND GROWTH

Since January 2014, the FRYEBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, spearheaded by the Fryeburg Business Association and consisting of: Western Maine Economic Council, Town Officials, Fryeburg Business Association Economic Committee, MWV Economic Development, Bridgton Economic Director, chambers, educators, and businesses have met seven times to ponder such questions as:

- How to lower taxes by creating economic development
- How do we provide a better environment for current and future businesses to grow

As a result of this much needed effort, some of the results that came from the meetings included: "A Guide to Doing Business in Fryeburg" which is available at the town office, recognition programs for new businesses in town, FAQ section on the town website, and much dialog on such issues as water treatment/sewer, expanded commercial areas, industrial parks, 113 Corridor, rail services, and Tax Increment Financing District just to name a few

As interest, needs, and questions grew so did the group of Stakeholders. Input from the Lakes Regional and the MWV Regional economic committees and the chamber of commerce were added to the brainstorming and problem solving sessions, building a highly effective collaborative. Research was underway to explore state funding and support. A small financial account was appropriated by the town voters to allow for possible future needs and expenses such as research, printing, travel, or seminar and educational events that relate to community economic growth and well-being. Businesses have been chartered from the state line to Osgood's on route 302, to the fairground on route 5, and down Route 113 to the town line through the volunteer efforts of the committees. Parking availability, town services and districts were outlined and identified and future needs were discussed and prioritized.

Regional priorities became a big part of the discussions which included polices, transportation, affordable housing, food industry, and the need for a skilled labor workforce. This led to our last meeting in October which included the area education leaders. Each educational leader presented a review of their programs, goals, and accomplishments. There was a high focus on working together without duplication across district and state lines - with no boundaries. Goals were to make sure no child fell between the cracks, exploring community connections via partnerships, sharing educators and costs across state lines, developing more opportunities and alternative education programs, and to get more businesses involved in the solution.

The next step is to bring more involvement into the discussions from the business community so we can better identify what we are doing right and what needs are not being met. Working together to better understand and create a direction will serve our community on all levels and we encourage your participation and insight. If you have any interest and/or ideas that you would like to share about the economic needs of Fryeburg as we move forward please email FBA@FryeburgBusiness.com and as always, all our meetings are open to the public.

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Town Manager's Report by Sharon Jackson

I would like to hear from anyone who brings children to the Graustein Park Playground. We are raising money, through donations, to buy new equipment to be added to what is there now. We are hoping to raise enough money to begin the project in 2015. Knowing the age groups using the playing now and knowing if the existing equipment is age related for their use will help us when adding new sections. Please call me with your ideas and bring pictures of equipment you would like to recommend.

The dog tags are in and it's time to license your dogs before the license expires on December 31st. Make sure to bring current rabies certificate and if you are licensing your dog for the first time, bring paperwork to show the dog has been spayed or neutered. IT will cost you much more if you wait too long and have to pay the fine.

I recently received a call asking why the Town's highway crew was putting cold patch on Main Street, stating it was illegal for us to perform maintenance work on a State road. The Town's Public Works department received a call from the Police Department concerning a section of State Road that was seeing a high volume of traffic and creating problems for travelers. The Town's highway crew filled in several bad areas with cold patch because the State crew wasn't working in the area that day. State and Town crews work together providing mutual assistance to each other as situations warrant. Earlier in the season, we were unable to get any cold patch and luckily the State had extra they gave us to fill many pot holes on Town roads. Fryeburg has agreements with the Towns of Sweden, Brownfield and New Hampshire, where we each perform plowing across borders because of the location of the work involved. Under normal circumstances, the State crew would have responded to the location to fix the road. The Town's crew was able to come to the aid of the State crew and make necessary repairs just like the State came to our aid when we needed to fill many potholes and didn't have any cold patch. The goal that day was to make sure the road was safe for vehicles to pass safely.

All the windows in the American Legion building are scheduled to be replaced October 27th and 28th. The cemetery stone restoration project in the Village, North and West Fryeburg cemeteries should be complete by the end of October. The stones have been repaired and look very nice in their upright positions.

Remember to buy your Blue Transfer Station Window Sticker because the old one expired August 31, 2014.

The Town Office will be closed on Election Day, November 4th. Voting will be held at the American Legion on Bradley Street.

The Town Office, Library, Transfer Station and Highway Department will be closed the following holidays: Tuesday, November 11th, Veteran's Day; Thursday and Friday November 27th and 28th, Thanksgiving Holiday; Thursday, December 25th Christmas and Thursday January 1st New Year's Day. The Transfer Station will also be closed Wednesday November 12th, November 26th and December 24th. You can find these closing dates listed on the Town Calendar on the Town Web Site.

The next Selectmen's meetings are scheduled for November 6 and 20 and December 4 and 18. The meetings begin at 6:00 pm at the Town Office Meeting Room.

If you have any questions please call me at the Town Office or stop in to talk with me.

LRVC HOSTING CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION COLLEGE FAIR

Lake Region Vocational Center is pleased to announce their first LRVC Career & Technical Education College Fair on Wednesday, October 29 from 9:30 – 12:30 in the LRVC Great Room. The purpose of the event is to give LRVC students, who attend Lake Region High School, Fryeburg Academy, and Sacopee Valley High School, better access to information about the schools they are most likely to attend. The schools invited have programs that support LRVC programming; LRVC has articulation and dual credit agreements with many of these schools. Additionally, FAME (Finance Authority of Maine) and MES (Maine Educational Services) will be here to answer questions about financing and planning for post-secondary education. LRVC students will visit during their scheduled LRVC classes. We invite LRHS students to attend during lunch and any student from Fryeburg Academy or Sacopee Valley High School to stop by if scheduling allows. We also invite any interested community members to visit – it's never too late to consider going back to school! For more information please call the LRVC Student Services office at 693-3864, Ext. 385 or email madelyn.litz@lakeregionschools.org.

The schools attending are:

• American Maritime Officers • Birthwise Midwifery • BIW Apprenticeship Programs • Central Maine Community College Maine • Maine College of Health Professions • Cosmotech • Eastern Maine Community College • Husson University • IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers) • Kaplan University • The Landings School • Nashua Community College • New England Culinary Institute • New England School of Communications (programming now through Husson University) • Northern Maine Community College • Northeast Technical Institute • Southern Maine Community College • Spa Tech • St. Joseph's College • Thomas College • University of Maine at Fort Kent • University of Maine at Augusta • University of Southern Maine • Universal Technical Institute • Washington County Community College • WyoTech • York County Community College.

Dippitty Dog Tips For Your Dog by Kelly Willard

Thanksgiving is creeping up on us quickly and with all the cooking and baking going on it's likely you will slip a few morsels to the dog so here is some facts you need to know - there are certain foods that can harm your friend. A few include mushrooms, onions, grapes, raisins, chocolates, candy, sweeteners, walnuts, and macadamia and avoiding these all together is the safe bet. If you feel your beloved friend has eaten a large amount of any of these foods you should call your vet right away.

Keeping your dog in mind while cooking your delicious turkey you can whip up some awesome treats that are safe and healthy for him so he doesn't feel left out of the holiday fun. Here's a great one that quick and easy and 100% appreciated by your pooch all year long.

Peanut Butter and Bacon Dog Treats..

1C. peanut butter	3/4 c. nonfat milk
1 large egg	2 c. whole wheat flour
1/3 c. oat	1 tablespoon baking powder
2-3 strips bacon chopped	

Preheat oven to 375, combine all ingredients and roll out the dough. Cut into your favorite shapes and put on cookie sheet. Bake for 18 -20 minutes then flip cookies over and bake for another 10 - 12 minutes. Now the house smells great and your pup is begging for his special treats. The shelf life is about 1 week. Enjoy!



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During the last six months I have knocked on thousands of doors in District 70. It never ceases to amaze me what an incredibly beautiful area we live in. I have never experienced a more spectacular autumn than we had this year. As always I found it a pleasant and rewarding experience to meet my constituents in person.

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Meanwhile, I have been active in all five towns: Brownfield, Fryeburg, Hiram, Lovell and Porter and find all citizens have similar concerns: The Economy, Jobs, Education, the Environment, Health Care,

Children, Senior Citizens and Veterans Issues. Needless to say, these are serious problems and my six years as a State Representative on the Educational and Cultural Affairs Committee has proven to be a valuable asset. It is true, "Experience is the best teacher".

At the start of the academic year, the kids would converge on the school with lunchboxes in tow, packs on their backs and smiles on their faces. While they all shared in the excitement of embarking on a new year with their classmates, it was soon clear that they were not equally prepared for school.

The differences in school readiness appear early in childhood. Kindergarten teachers see big differences in children's academic skills. In the lunchroom, I could see the differences in their social skills and behavior. That learning gap is not easy to close and stays with children through their school years and beyond. A child's earliest years are formative for their success. Leaders in education, business, law enforcement and the military all understand that quality early education is one of the best investments we can make for children, their communities and taxpayers. A recent University of Maine study finds that the initial investment in early childhood is recouped by the time the child turns 14.

I'm proud of what the 126th Maine Legislature accomplished for early education by passing a bipartisan budget that restored a significant amount of funding for Head Start, which serves 3,000 at-risk young Mainers. We passed two key laws without the governor's signature: one to expand access to pre-kindergarten and another to grow the number of quality child care providers.

These are strategic investments from which we will all reap benefits later on. We know from extensive research that quality early education increases the rates of high school graduation and employment, leads to higher wages and decreases special education spending, the need to repeat a grade and the likelihood of being charged with a crime.

I hope I have convinced you of what a privilege it is to be an American citizen with the right to vote. Never forget the sacrifices of our Veterans who put their lives on the line to protect your rights and allow you the blessings of FREEDOM! To the younger generation I say, " This is all about your future. I am working for you and you need to join in the process with your very important vote".

Thank you for your confidence in me in the past. During the last six years I have had 100 % Perfect Attendance and a 100% Voting Record. I am asking you for your vote so that I may continue to have the honor and privilege of speaking for you in the House of Representatives.

FRYEBURG RESCUE by Eric Meltzer

We are in the process of adding new members to our roster of AHA (American Heart Association) CPR and First Aid Instructors. Through community outreach we offer CPR and First Aid training and certification at the request of residents and groups. If you're interested in learning CPR and First Aid please contact us and we will schedule training for you.

Triage is defined as "the assignment of degrees of urgency to wounds or illnesses to decide the order of treatment of a large number of patients or casualties". In the typical hospital emergency department or even in a situation such as a car crash or other disaster where multiple casualties may be present, medical professionals use vital signs, judgement, and experience to help place a priority on care. Arriving to the hospital in an ambulance with a relatively minor medical issue will not put you ahead of someone driven in their car with a major trauma. Make no mistake, when you need help, don't hesitate to contact an ambulance through the 911 Emergency system as soon as possible, but understand you may still have to wait to see a doctor at the emergency room if other patients with a higher priority are there too.

As autumn progresses and daylight gets shorter consider illuminating or posting reflective house numbers to make it easier for responders to locate you in the event of an emergency. A unique marker or reflective numbers at the end of your driveway is helpful as well. Fryeburg Fire along with Fryeburg Rescue remind you to be sure your chimney is clean. And remember to change the batteries in smoke and CO (Carbon Monoxide) detectors to ensure they are ready if needed. This is especially important as windows and doors stay shut for winter.

WHAT IS A SCHOOL BOARD – Powers and Duties by Pat White

Maine's constitution gives the State Legislature the authority to enact public school laws to be carried out by locally elected school boards. The authority of school boards has been described by the Maine Supreme Court as:

- The school committee acts as a public board. It in no sense represents the town. Its members are chosen by voters of the town, but after election they are public officers deriving their authority from the law and responsible to the State for good faith and rectitude of their acts.

That's a mouthful followed by the statement that "no department of our state government requires officials to be selected with greater care." The towns comprising SAD 72 take such great care that many slots in our school board fail to be filled without coercing and begging its citizens to serve and that isn't always successful. It's a pity because being a school board member is for some and can be for others a great learning experience and most rewarding.

Board members have a number of duties including; adoption of policies governing their school, management of the school, selection of a Superintendent, providing order in the schools and creating a stable environment for the education of their students. Other responsibilities include approving the superintendent's nomination of teachers and principals as well as dismissing them if necessary.

Similar to legislators, school board members, as elected representatives, establish and monitor educational policy. When a policy is adopted its implementation and enforcement are the responsibility of the board's administrators. The expertise and knowledge of school administrators must be relied on by the board when it considers, adopts and implements these policies. When the expertise, energies, and interests of administrators and school board members are used efficiently and in unison the result is a school district that is well balanced, productive and sound in its education goals for all students.

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Survey Said...

Last month, my campaign sent a questionnaire to every household in the district. The main topic was on EBT usage and welfare reform and most were centered around LD 1822, "An Act To Increase Integrity in the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families Program through Restriction of Expenditures".

This bill would have prohibited the use of an EBT card for the purchase of alcohol, tobacco products, lottery tickets, gaming activity and for posting bail. That was the form that was presented to the Health and Human Services Committee. A public hearing was held and then the work session to vote the bill out of committee. The vote was split between two versions; the majority report approved by the committee democrats removed the prohibitions and added to the locational prohibitions already in statute to include tobacco specialty stores. The majority report also told DHHS to develop an educational program on the use of EBT. (DHHS was already doing educational work. I took a day from work last year and attended the TANF/EBT training in Lewiston to learn about how DHHS worked.) The minority report, supported by republicans was the original bill.

The majority report was presented to the entire body in the House and accepted by a vote of 83 - 61. Then an amendment was proposed that would have added the prohibitions but at the same time changed the penalty for misuse to receiving a letter from DHHS. The amendment was defeated 33 - 111. Two more amendments were offered and both were defeated. Strangely, many campaigned on "Real Welfare Reform" because they voted for the first amendment to the bill.

So the bill came to the Senate in its amended form voted by the majority of the HHS Committee. The Senate then accepted the report from the House 20 - 15, then the same amendment offered and defeated in the House was added by a vote of 18 - 17, and that is how the bill eventually died, with the two Chambers disagreeing on the language of the bill.

As a result of inability to come to a conclusion, I polled my district. Of the 350 that have responded only one person has said yes to allowing EBT to be used to purchase tobacco products. There was a unanimous opinion on the other three questions on EBT usage; 100% NO to alcohol, lottery tickets and posting bail. 100% NO.

To quote the line from the television show Family Feud; "Survey said..." and my survey says NO to using taxpayer money for the purchase of tobacco products, lottery tickets, alcohol and posting bail. I will remember this when I see that bill again in the 127th Legislature.

"Star in the East" Craft Fair

Pythagorean Chapter #169, Order of the Eastern Star, in Fryeburg, will hold their annual craft fair on Saturday, Nov. 22, from 9AM to 2PM at the Masonic Hall, 50 Portland Street in Fryeburg. Listen to carols as you shop, and enjoy the wonderful aromas of Christmas. There will be wreaths, baked goods, ornaments, vendors, handmade crafts and much more. Come join us!!



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FRYEBURG POLICE REPORT by Chief Joshua Potvin

I am pleased to announce the hiring of two new police officers. I ask that you join me in welcoming Officers Brandon Weckbacher and Steven Iannuzzi to the Fryeburg Police Department. Brandon is a fulltime police academy graduate of the NH Department of Safety Police Academy and brings prior patrol experience. Steven is a full-time academy graduate from the Massachusetts Criminal Justice Police Academy and brings prior patrol and detective experience. I am confident that these two officers will prove to be an asset to our agency and support our ongoing mission to promote a safer environment and raise the quality of life for the citizens of Fryeburg.

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These six signs may be telling you it's time to lower your price.

- 1. You're drawing few lookers** - You get the most interest right after you put it on the market because buyers want to catch a great new home before anybody else takes it. If your real estate agent reports fewer buyers calling about your home than other homes in your area, that may be a sign buyers are waiting for the price to drop.
- 2. You're drawing lots of lookers but have no offers** - If you've had 30 sets of potential buyers come through your home and not a single one has made an offer, something is off. What are other agents telling your agent about your home?
- 3. Your home's been on the market longer than similar homes** - Ask your real estate agent about the average number of days it takes to sell a home in your market. If the answer is 3 months and you're pushing 5, your price may be affecting buyer interest. When a home sits on the market, buyers can begin to wonder if there's something wrong with it, which can delay a sale even further.
- 4. You have a deadline** - If you've got to sell soon because of a job transfer or you've already purchased another home, it may be necessary to generate buyer interest by dropping your price so your home is a little lower priced than comparable homes in your area. Remember: It's not how much money you need that determines the sale price of your home, it's how much money a buyer is willing to spend.
- 5. You can't make upgrades** - Maybe you're plum out of cash and don't have the funds to put fresh paint on the walls, clean the carpets, and add curb appeal. But the feedback your agent is reporting from buyers is that your home isn't as well-appointed as similarly priced homes. When your home has been on the market longer than comparable homes in better condition, it's time to accept that buyers expect to pay less for a home that doesn't show as well as others.
- 6. The competition has changed** - If weeks go by with no offers, continue to check out the competition. What have comparable homes sold for and what's still on the market? What new listings have been added since you listed your home for sale? If comparable home sales or new listings show your price is too steep, consider a price reduction.

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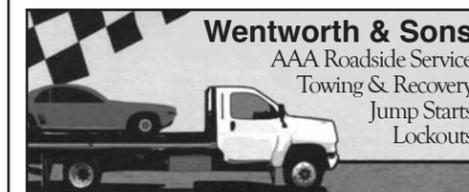


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