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AUTO FACTS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW *By Eric Meltzer*

Regarding a transaction, I define a good deal as what a buyer is willing to pay for an item and what a seller is willing to accept and a great deal is less than the buyer is willing to pay but more than the seller is willing to accept. There are many ways to determine the value of a vehicle and there are just as many guides to help. I've stated before that these guides are useful but they are just one tool to use in the process. Multiple factors add or detract from the price of a used car and many of these are objective. One person's “average condition” might be unacceptable to the next. An all wheel drive car might be worth more in Maine than in Miami, whereas a convertible might be just the opposite. An area that has a specific brand, new-car dealership, like a Chevy dealer, might help the value of that brand due to ease of parts and service availability, especially warranty and recall work.

When it comes to “Blue Book” values, NADA (National Auto Dealers Association) and Kelly seem to top the lists. NADA is favored by dealers while Kelly seems to have a lock on the consumer market. Values between the two can vary significantly and much of it is based on the information entered. NADA is pretty straightforward allowing the inclusion of the mileage and a few major options while Kelly asks for such details as color and minor upgrades to determine the price. NADA is set up for dealers and is more of a quick and dirty reference intended to give the user an idea at a glance such as in the auction lane or when valuing a car during a transaction. Values are broken down into retail and trade-in and further by rough, average, or clean condition. Whichever guide is used, these valuations are just that, a guide, not a rule. Whenever someone says that Kelly lists their car at some outrageous price my first thought is “then get Kelly to buy it!”

Additionally, there are numerous car sites and apps that will put a value on a car. Many of these focus on helping sellers sell, or buyers buy and the pricing component is just an additional aspect. Searching popular classified sites can help you narrow down your car's worth but there is frequently a wide chasm between asking price and selling price and the final selling price is seldom revealed publicly. These efforts will yield the best results when local market value is considered. Just beware that a car listed on a classified website month after month is probably priced too high and one that looks like it's too good to be true probably is.

The most effective pricing strategy is to take into account the various methods highlighted above, consider any improvements, compare to market value, shake it all up and determine a price. Like real estate, something that you might think adds value may actually be a detractor. A tow package on a pickup is a huge added value if you're planning on pulling a camper but if you're just using the bed to load up with trash on weekends, that same tow package is useless. It may even be cause for concern if the truck was worked hard by the previous owner. Transmission service is crucial on a tow vehicle and if maintenance was neglected that could come back to bite you. Similarly, performance modifications on a sports sedan could indicate a loving previous owner or a heavy-handed street racer. Either way, modifications should be considered a wash in terms of pricing and project cars rarely yield a full return on the initial investment.

Some characteristics of a particular car might not add value but instead add to salability. Consumers like the idea of a one-owner car even though, it only takes one owner to ruin a car. Lower than average mileage is always an easy selling point but people tend to overlook the maintenance that lies ahead and the additional service inherent in a car that has been sitting rather than driving. Perception can often lend a false sense of security and artificially inflated prices, so look past the buzzwords when shopping.

It all comes down to the final pieces of the transaction puzzle. As a seller ask yourself, who's here and ready to buy? How much time do you want to spend setting up appointments and dealing with no-shows? Sometimes a viable offer isn't so unreasonable no matter what the guides say. As a buyer ask yourself, how much time you want to spend looking at other cars? How many cars are of the quality, color, and equipment that you seek or that you can live with? It might be worth putting up a few more dollars to get the car you want. Don't let misconception cloud your judgment.



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“WHY MOVE TO MAINE” - Nicole’s journey from city life to a country farm



Nicole Fitzgerald is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts Cum Laude with a double major in Psychology and Women’s Studies. After college, she worked in Boston based shelters and treatment programs before becoming the Housing Director of Father Bill’s Place in 2000. Over the next 17 years she worked as Program Director, Operations Director, Chief Operations Officer, and Vice President of Management and she assisted in leveraging over \$50 million for housing solutions. During this time she also proudly served as a board member of the Wareham Area Coalition for the Homeless and as a member of the Asset Management Committee for NeighborWorks of the South Shore.

In 2014 Nicole and her husband, William, purchased a second home in Brownfield, Maine. This would be the start of a major lifestyle change for the family. For the next three years they traveled from Boston to their log cabin in Maine spending vacations and summers there with their two teenage sons. The boys fell in love with Maine’s lifestyle and begged their parents to move here full time. The boys had a dream to start a farm where they could work with animals. The couple eventually warmed to the idea and challenged the boys, then 13 and 14 years of age, to write an essay with your best pitch. After both boys each wrote a two page essay of “Why Move to Maine”, Nicole and William had no choice but to move!



In 2017 the Fitzgeralds listed their Brownfield log cabin and it sold in four days. They quickly landed the perfect home and 10 acres in Lovell, and their Boston home got an offer before it even hit the market. It happened just like that and the genesis of Fitzgerald’s Funny Farm was upon them. It was truly a dream come true and the family has not regretted making the move for even a minute.

Nicole has always had a passion for housing, and in 2020 she once again decided to turn her passion into a career. With all the determination and drive she faces every challenge with she received her real estate license in Maine and New Hampshire and proudly began working for Coldwell Banker Lifestyles out of Conway, NH where she works to date.

Whatever your real estate needs may be you can be sure that Nicole’s personal experience, attention to detail, dedication, and her passion for housing can work for you! Nicole’s motto is “Do what you love, love what you do!” and she sure does.



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Fryeburg Town Managers Report - by Katie Haley

Nomination papers for the two open select board positions will be available on March 7th and due back on April 15th. The elections will take place on June 14th.

As a last reminder this year, there are various property tax assistance programs available, primarily designed for seniors. One is the locally offered property tax assistance program designed for full-time residents over the age of 70; the applicants must also receive a property tax fairness credit from the State. Qualifying seniors need to apply by June 1st and may be entitled to up to either a \$250 reimbursement or \$250 put towards unpaid taxes. The State also has a Property Tax Deferral program; applications must be submitted to the assessor between January 1st and April 1st. Also, just as a reminder, Homestead Exemption and Veterans Exemption applications are due by April 1st.

The second half of 2023 property taxes are due on April 15th.

Please be sure to pay attention to the posted town ways. Each year we post roads to overweight vehicles so as to prevent damage to town roads.

As winter is nearing its end, I want to take a minute to thank our public works department for their efforts to keep our roads safe. The crew works long hours during storms and have contended with being short-handed and with equipment breakdowns but have worked hard to get the job done. Also, please be aware that there is a road salt shortage that has not spared us and we will be rationing salt as much as practical.

Please check the Town of Fryeburg website and Facebook page for news, events and general information.

Sunday
March 13th



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Harvest Hills Animal Shelter News

FEATURED PET OF THE MONTH

Bart, AKA Bartlett Dragon, is a ~5 y/o lab mix who was surrendered because his home was not the right fit. This fun, loving boy absolutely adores playing fetch and hiking!

Sweet Bart has some kinks that have made finding his forever home challenging. Bart is terrified of young children and has a history of resource guarding his food with other animals and people. This sweet boy will give you his paw for a treat every time, but if you touch his paws/ belly without his consent he is not shy in making his displeasure known! Bart is kind hearted, playful, and silly. He is a wonderful dog who needs a home that will respect his boundaries, and understands his anxieties. This handsome guy does get along with other dogs one on one, but due to his history of resource guarding would be best suited as an only dog. He has lived with a cat, though a management plan will need to be in place regarding food. Bartlett would do best with children 13+ who understand his boundaries.



For a visit or more information on Bart or other adoptable pets please call us at 935-4358 or visit our website at: www.harvesthills.org

This time of year is always a big planning period for area businesses. Many are already gearing up for what we all hope is a wonderful, busy, and safe spring and summer season in our community. Adult education is here to help with your training needs, and we can customize a training program to fit your business. Call us about opportunities to help with the cost of training as well. We can help!



If you want to continue your education, our College Transitions program can give you the edge you need to plan, prepare, and empower you to begin post-secondary training and education on the right foot! Our College Transition advisor can help you get ready for the summer session and to discuss what options are available for financial support. Call Rhonda Jacobson at 647-3015.

We hope your spring planning will include getting out and doing something new – or something you've been putting off for a long time! Our winter/spring catalog is online and is waiting for you to take a look at what we are planning. Visit us online at lakeregion-fryeburg.maineadulted.org, visit us on Facebook, or call 627-4291.

Catalog is online only, but if you want a print catalog, we can get one to you!

FRYEBURG RESCUE by Eric Meltzer

It seems that outdoor activities have increased in popularity since the beginning of Covid and winter sports are no exception. Ice climbing, skiing, winter hiking and camping, and snowmobiling are bringing out locals and visitors alike. The popularity of riding snow machines has really taken hold with rentals available right here in Fryeburg and parades of trucks pulling sled trailers from points south filling parking lots at trail access points.

The local snowmobile clubs have done a great job of keeping the trails safe as they do every year but responsible riding is important for the safety of all. In the few weekends that trails have been open we've seen a proliferation of crashes around Maine and New Hampshire and on the Saturday of the first good riding weekend we responded to 3 separate snowmobile accidents from the north to south in our coverage area as well as a mutual aid call to a nearby town.

Our UTV is equipped with tracks and an insert designed to safely carry a patient and EMT and we've been able to respond to some remote areas when necessary. We thank our public safety partners, fire departments and law enforcement, who are always willing to lend a hand when needed, especially with these wild lands calls. Whatever your winter activity of choice may be please be safe but if an emergency occurs call 911 as soon as possible to get help and resources coming. The sooner we get started the sooner help can arrive. Stay well.

Fryeburg Water District Trustees will be visiting their "constituents" in March to follow up on questions you posed while voting at the November 2, 2021 election and since re. potential/probable rate increase by Maine Water on behalf of Fryeburg Water Co.; concerns about PFAS in the water and the soil...



Please save Monday April 25th for a follow-up too!



Come listen to the great music of Carlos Olmeda every Sunday afternoon from 2PM - 5PM at the Fryeburg Kitchen & Marketplace on Bridgton Rd in Fryeburg (across from Jockey Cap on Route 302). Enjoy great food, drinks, and always a fun crowd!

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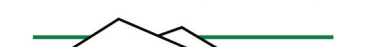
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Fryeburg Public Library by Jennifer Spofford

If you missed the Dungeons & Dragons workshop at the rec center in February, fear not! We will be offering another workshop Thursday, March 3rd at 4:00pm. Please call the library to sign up. On Saturday, March 5th, we will have Dungeons & Dragons Starter Sets available for check out. You can start your own campaign in the library or at home. For those familiar with Dungeons & Dragons, we have Game Master's Book of Random Encounters available for check out as well.



Book Group will be meeting March 9th at 10:00am via Zoom or in-person in the Weston Room. We will be discussing Come Fly the World by Julia Cooke. Please email librarian@fryeburgmaine.org for Zoom access.

Story time Saturdays are virtual until further notice. However, parents and caregivers are welcome to stop in and read a story to their littles any time! We hope to resume our face to face story time in the spring. We also have puzzles and games available for check out.

Since our take and make kits are so popular, we are looking forward to offering something special in March to celebrate Dr. Seuss's Read Across America Day. More information will be posted on our website www.fryeburgpubliclibrary.org and our social media pages; Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Christopher Walton will be presenting a slideshow about his worldly adventures on Tuesday, March 22nd at 5:00pm in the Weston Room. Again, more information will be posted on our website and social media.

Our library hours are Mondays 9-4, Tuesdays 12-6, Wednesdays 9-4, Thursday 9-4 and Saturdays 9-12. We offer free 24/7 WIFI, Interlibrary loans, public computers, Chromebooks, "to-go" programs, phone and tablet charging station, copying, printing, and faxing services. Visit our website for program schedules, library policies, newsletters, and services- www.fryeburgpubliclibrary.org

Library Stats for the month of December: 262 patron visits, 348 items circulated from the library collection, 8 programs, 19 attendees, 40 take and make kits dispersed.

Eastern Slope Regional Airport by Eric Meltzer

The transient hangar project is making progress. During the month of January, the majority of the above ground utilities were installed in the interior of the building including HVAC Units and ceiling lights. The space for the electrical room and backroom were brought up to grade, and utilities for those areas were installed and capped until the slab is poured. The remaining structural clips were installed and the building was structurally inspected with no major issues noted. Final structural inspection will be completed after the hangar door is installed. On the exterior of the building, the translucent Kalwall and building trim were installed and the stone veneer around the bottom of the building was also added.

It's anticipated during February that the remaining underground utilities will be installed including plumbing and the trench drains, all side and ceiling painting will be completed, the hangar floor will be brought to grade with proper reinforcement, and the slab will be poured.

The project is still on track for completion by May 30, 2022 pending no unforeseen delays. Once completed we'll be holding an open house for all to visit so stay tuned for details.

**Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband (ESRB) Committee
Receives ConnectME Broadband Planning Grant**

We all have realized the need for the Internet during our recent Covid experience. We also learned the importance of access to a reliable connection to serve all ages and all needs in our community, including remote learning, telehealth services, working from home, video chats with family and friends, news, and emergency alert systems.

The coalition of seven Maine towns known as the **Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband (ESRB)** committee has been awarded a \$72,000 planning grant for developing options to bring fast and affordable broadband internet service to the Western Maine towns of Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell, Stoneham, Stow, and Sweden.

In Jan '22 the towns committed to a joint planning process. The ConnectME grant will help cover a substantial part of the costs of determining the best options for improving/providing broadband services for the region's residents, businesses, and public facilities.

The committee will be seeking proposals from qualified consultants in early 2022 to help with survey work, network design, business models, and funding options including state, local, and federal grants. At the conclusion of the planning effort, the committee expects to provide options to the towns in the region for expanding or building the broadband internet connections for current and future broadband needs of ESRB towns. The committee is excited to start this work.

The first step, going on now, is gathering information from residents through an online survey and speed test that measures the range of service levels currently available in ESRB towns. Service levels vary from areas that are unserved, to underserved areas using DSL connections, to some who have satellite service, to those who have access to cable.

ESRB is encouraging participation in the Maine West Broadband Town Survey.

All ESRB town residents can help. If you have already taken your town's survey than we appreciate it and thank you! If not it would be so helpful if you would please do so as soon as possible! Responses will provide an understanding of the future needs for broadband Internet service in the ESRB towns.

Residents of the ESRB towns should visit their town website or esrbroadband.org to frequently take the speed test.

Eastern Slopes Regional Broadband (ESRB) is a coalition serving the towns of MSAD#72, which includes Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell, Stoneham, Stow, and Sweden in Maine, and Chatham, NH.

The group was formed following an initial investigation into the challenges of upgrading broadband services by the town of Denmark. Research showed that providers would have better ability to offer efficient proposals for building infrastructure and providing services for a larger population and geographic area.

The school district, with its existing connections and affinities between the municipalities, offers an easily defined territory that offers both proximity and common interests. ESRB has a committee made up of volunteers and municipal leaders from all of the member towns. Subcommittee work in communications, grant writing, community engagement, and other tasks is moving forward with representation from each town.

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1 large head green cabbage cut into wedges
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon black pepper



Instructions:

- Place corned beef into a large 4 to 8 quart pot with lid on stovetop. Roast should rest comfortably in the bottom. Pour beer (or beef broth) over brisket to cover. Add in worcestershire sauce. Sprinkle spice packet over brisket.
- Bring to a boil over high heat. Cover pot with lid and reduce the heat to low. Simmer for 50 minutes per pound of brisket, until the meat shreds easily with a fork.
- Add in potatoes. Place the lid back on and let cook 15 minutes, then add in carrots and cabbage wedges and season vegetables with salt and pepper Continue to cook, with the lid on, for 15 minutes until cabbage, potatoes, and carrots are all tender.
- Remove meat from pot and let rest 15 minutes. Slice against the grain or shred. Serve vegetables with as much or as little of the liquids as you'd like. Season with additional salt and pepper to taste.

NOTE: Be sure to monitor the liquids in your pot. If too much evaporation occurs and the liquid is running low, simply add more liquid (beer or beef broth).

Fryeburg is Rich With History and Notable People



One of the most notable people from the earlier days of Fryeburg would be Clarence Edward Mulford (3 February 1883 – 10 May 1956). He was well known as the creator of the character Hopalong Cassidy and wrote many works of fiction and nonfiction.

Mulford was born in Streator, Illinois. He created Hopalong Cassidy in 1904 while living in Fryeburg, Maine. His many short stories and 28 novels were adapted to radio, feature film, television, and comic books, often deviating significantly from the original stories. While many of his stories depicted Cassidy and other men of the Bar-20 ranch, he also wrote novels and short stories of other

Westerners, starting with Johnny Nelson in 1920. He also wrote nonfiction, mostly about the American West, the outdoors, and motoring.

More than just writing a very popular series of Westerns, Mulford recreated an entire detailed and authentic world filled with characters drawn from his extensive research. His biographer, Francis Nevins, characterized Mulford's writing as "rooted in Victorian convention."

Mulford died May of 1956 of complications from surgery in Portland, Maine. He set aside much of his money from his books for local charities. He had a strong love of Fryeburg and the people here and saw this as a way of giving back to a community that was his home for many years.

The Mulford Fund was established in 1950. Many activities and needs of Fryeburg are funded from his charitable foundation and is overseen by a committed board. One of the many gifts this charity offers is the free concerts in Bradley Park every July for families and community to gather and enjoy. He was and remains a true blessing to Fryeburg!

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Legislators are Reviewing the Governor's Budget

The Legislature met for only the third time in 2022, then heard Governor Mills deliver her State of the State address. Although constituent work has not stopped, committee work continues to be done remotely. This is disappointing to me and many of my colleagues, who feel that as the rest of Maine begins to return to normal, the legislature remains out of touch with many of the towns and cities that we represent.



There are a number of ideas in the Governor's address that have potential, so legislators are now reviewing her Supplemental Budget proposal for details on how she proposes to allocate the projected \$822 million increase in revenues. For instance, the budget contains \$655,200 to rebuild the Fryeburg Shooting Range, something I have been working on for eight years. The Maine Constitution requires a balanced budget, so that projected increase needs to be accounted for.

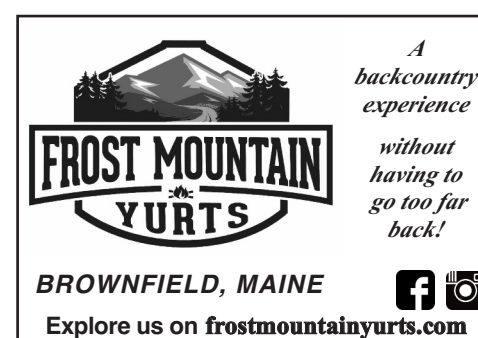
I am pleased that the Governor proposes to return at least some of the extra money (\$411 million) taken from taxpayers by sending out \$500 checks before November. Republicans would rather lower the income and/or sales tax to ensure that government does not take too much of your money in the first place. This would also address the imbalance going forward.

It is wrong for the government to grow bigger as family budgets get smaller due to inflation and higher heating, gasoline, electric, food and other times necessary for daily life.

Until we have a Governor and legislature that understand what is happening in communities across Maine, there will not be any tax reform or a commitment to letting people keep more of their earnings. I support having that important discussion this session, but you will likely see part of your money returned to you in a check from the Governor. If that is the case, I certainly believe people need those funds sooner rather than later.

As a member of the 130th Legislature, it is my duty to keep a careful watch on how tax money is spent, ensuring that it reflects the needs and values of Maine citizens. There is some potential for the remaining \$411 million to go to initiatives that will benefit Mainers, so I welcome your input as we go forward.

I welcome your comments, thoughts, and questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me for conversation.



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