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AUTO FACTS YOU OUGHT TO KNOW *By Eric Meltzer*

I drive a lot of different cars and many of them are old or odd. One thing that's hard not to notice is how comfort, ergonomics, and convenience have slowly displaced more practical engineering pursuits like ease of maintenance and efficient manufacturing designs. In many ways, this is a good thing. We have become a mobile society and climate control or wireless cell phone connectivity are must have items for many drivers. Cars have certainly grown physically in size to accommodate safety and convenience items. Airbags are stashed everywhere in a car and all those electronic niceties incorporate miles of wire, control units, and modules and it all has to go somewhere. Now, of course, we can hardly conceive of a new vehicle that doesn't have a sound system with multi media interface and soon, a car without the option to drive hands free will seem positively antiquated.

Spartan interiors were once expected and in something like a truck, they were downright bare. Steel slab dashboards, stiff foam upright seats with no reclining positions – or room in the cab for it, upholstery that was nonexistent except for the "cool weave" vinyl on those seats, it was all business in those early cabs. This always struck me as odd since truck drivers literally lived in their rigs and I thought that's where the luxury or at least, convenience should be, rather than in a car meant for grocery-getting. But cars evolved first, with convenience tidbits eventually worming their way downstream to economy cars and over to work trucks. And of all the simple improvements the ubiquitous cup holder has become so pervasive in all things motorized, they seem to have always belonged however this was not always the case.

Not long ago, there was a whole industry thriving around accessorizing a vehicle. Mostly plastic items but wood, upholstered, and fancier custom wares filled aisles of auto part stores, department stores and truck stops, not to mention car part and accessory catalogs. Remember J.C Whitney? The bible of all things cheap and automotive. They're still around with an equally impressive on line presence but nothing matches the feeling of flipping through thin newspaper-like pages of black and white images with correspondingly small printed descriptions and applications packed tightly between glossy covers, all sent for free, right to your mailbox, monthly. Marketing genius to a young car guy like me. Now, there are so many internet auto part and accessory options, they all seem to blend together although, they are much easier to search.

Back, when the average drink was dispensed in a 12 oz. can and a cup of coffee was really a cup of 8 oz., the average cup holder, although still considered somewhat frivolous in a car, was available in many forms. Many people from traveling salesmen to delivery drivers rigged up acceptable contraptions to prevent spilling their beverage and manufactured universal holders were available, too. Some hung from the gap where the door panel met the side window, some were just weighted or had suction cup bases to sit on a dashboard, others were incorporated into a console to fit snugly on the transmission hump in front of a bench seat. I think it was a rule that every grandparent had to have a small plastic trash bin with a concave bottom straddling that hump in the floor. I know, I'm waxing nostalgic for some and just confusing others, but once-upon-a-time the average car had a hump and a bench seat. These vehicle designs were common enough to make universal accessories applicable to many different cars. Custom made consoles could really lend a touch of class to an otherwise bland interior and even had features like drink coolers and custom stereo mounts, maybe even a compartment for 8 track or cassette tapes. Of course, a unit of this magnitude would rest between bucket seats but there were always consoles for smaller applications.

Now, everything from lawnmowers to powersport vehicles have cup holders and most buyers wouldn't even consider a car without one. Today's cup holders are big enough to accommodate the largest fast-food thirst buster where drink volume is measured in quarts instead of ounces. Modern cars with their uniquely molded and integrated interiors don't allow much room for universal accessories and there is little need for them. Convenience and luxury has become mainstream, still a part of me misses the excitement of wandering an aisle or leafing through a catalog while mentally outfitting a "new" car with accessaries.

For now though let's focus on the excitement and fun to be had at the Fryeburg Fair. See you all there!

The Sand Dollar Foundation is a non-profit resource for cancer patients in the greater Mount Washington Valley and Western Maine Regions. It provides mentorship, education, and financial support for self-care therapies in holistic and integrative wellness. SDF was founded in 2019 by Mellanie Smith, a two-time cancer survivor whose journey to healing inspired her to help others. Mellanie was first diagnosed in August 2012, with Large B-cell Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, suffering debilitating side effects of chemotherapy. Just shy of three years of being cancer-free in 2015, Mellanie heard the dreaded words "It's back". Fortunately during her cancer-free years she learned the healing art of Reiki, became an Herbalist, and learned what Mindfulness Practices meant and the beauty of a positive mindset. She had also started a business helping other people realize their own healing potential so was prepared mentally, physically, and spiritually this time. She had hope, resources, and a wellness plan that she believed could heal and cure her. Mellanie dug deep and started a customized wellness plan. Within four months, she was cancer free and has been ever since.

The wellness therapies that Mellanie did all came with an out-of-pocket expense. She used credit cards and went into debt to pay for the treatments that were ultimately curing her. Mellanie did not want another cancer patient to ever feel the way that she felt in those moments and that is how and why The Sand Dollar Foundation was created. In folklore, the sand dollar symbolizes transformation, healing, hope, clarity, trust, personal power, strength, bravery, the ability to navigate uncertainty, encouragement, inspiration and faith.

SDF is a 501-C3 non-profit, therefore its mission is to allow the entire journey an individual takes with the foundation to be free. They fundraise each year through events, private donors, and sponsorship in order to continue providing services to cancer patients at no charge. SDF is composed of a volunteer Board of Directors and are an integral part of the foundation. They stay updated on the progress of patients along with questions, concerns, and helpful feedback from the clients and the providers. It is important for SDF to constantly adapt and expand in all areas of fundraising, donations, marketing, reaching new clients and finding new providers that have an interest in the foundation's mission.

The foundation's network of providers range from holistic care, mind-body therapies, biologically based practices, body-based practices, biofield therapy, and whole health systems. Integrative medicine takes account of the whole person including all aspects of lifestyle. Holistic medicine aims to prevent and treat diseases and ailments, and improve a patient's general health and well-being. It is important that education and resources on integrative and holistic wellness are part of the patient's healing experience. Each approved applicant receives unlimited mentor sessions. The foundation is working toward including opportunities for its clients including wellness events each month, access to organic markets and grocers, and cancer support group opportunities.

We all know someone affected by this disease, The SDF would like to help these patients calm the waves of cancer one service at a time. For more information about The Sand Dollar Foundation, please visit www.sanddollarfoundation.org or call 603-662-6497.

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Fryeburg Town Managers Report - *by Katie Haley*

As colder weather approaches I wanted to remind people of numerous resources that are available to help with rising heating and energy costs.

Community Concepts is accepting appointments (1-800-866-5588) for their LIHEAP program. Per the Community Concepts website "the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) offers money to help homeowners and low-income tenants pay for heating. The LIHEAP is not intended to cover all heating costs, but to help with paying the heating bills. If you cannot afford to heat your home, pay your electricity bill or benefit from energy improvements such as new insulation, a new heating system, or energy-efficient appliances, help may be available. The Low Income Home Energy Assistance program is called LIHEAP. They assist low income people and families with their heating and cooling bills. This program is therefore, a yearlong program that is available 12 months a year. To benefit from the LIHEAP assistance you need to qualify. We provide the current Federal Poverty Rates nationwide below. You are automatically qualified for LIHEAP assistance if you participate in the SNAP food stamps program, TANF Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or the SSI program through Social Security"

Also, assistance might be available through the Town of Fryeburg Emergency Fuel Fund. This program was set up years ago to assist residents with winter heating needs, pending certain requirements. Applications are available at the Town Office. This program is funded solely through donations so please consider donating if you are able to do so and help out other less fortunate residents.

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Parking on Grounds - $ 5.00 to $10 (premium)

Highlights:
Mon - Woodsmen's Day is Monday • Night Show: Noveau Redneck
Tues - Senior Day (65+ FREE) • Night Show: Eli Young Band
Tues - Sun: Harness Racing starts at 1:30pm
Wed - Sheep Show, Flower Show, Pig Scramble • Night Show: Dirty Deeds
Thur - Beef Show, Ox and Horse Pulls • Night Show: Rave X Outer Limits
Fri - Calf & Pig Scramble • Night Show: Alexander Kay followed by Fireworks
Sat - Grand Parade, Ox & Horse Pulls • Night Show: TBA
Sun - 4-H Contest, Pig Scramble, Ox & Horse Pulls

Fryeburg Fair is pleased to present over 200 of Maine's most talented musicians and entertainers throughout the Fair week. Performances are ongoing in five different locations.

Lots of animal barns, exhibit halls, demonstrations, food vendors, crafts and artisans, merchants, and of course amusement rides and games.

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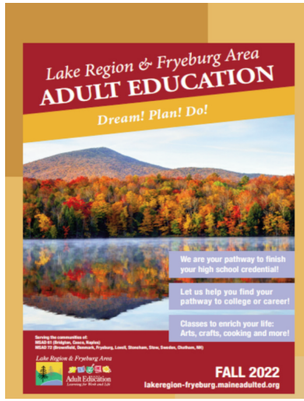
Simple and Tasty Meatloaf

Ingredients
- ▢½ medium onion diced
- ▢1 tsp butter
- ▢2 eggs
- ▢¾ cup milk
- ▢¾ cup seasoned breadcrumbs
- ▢2 lbs ground beef
- ▢1 Tbsp ketchup or chili sauce
- ▢1 tsp Italian seasoning
- ▢2 Tbsp fresh parsley chopped
- ▢salt & pepper to taste

Meatloaf sauce ▢½ cup chili sauce ▢½ cup ketchup ▢2 Tbsp brown sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. In a small pan, cook onions in butter until tender. Cool completely. In bowl combine eggs, milk, and breadcrumbs. Allow mixture to sit for 5-10 minutes. Add the ground beef, onions, 1 tablespoon of ketchup or chili sauce, Italian seasoning, parsley and salt & pepper to taste. Mix until combined. Form a 8"x4" loaf on a prepared baking tray. Bake for 40 minutes.
Meanwhile, combine the chili sauce, ketchup and brown sugar. Spread mixture over the meatloaf and bake for an additional 10-15 minutes.
Allow meatloaf to rest for 10 minutes before slicing.



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Little Angels Service Dogs by Melody Nester

Oct. 22, 2022 – Little Angels Service Dogs will offer Trick or Treating for children at their location, 1088 US Rt 302 in Bartlett, NH from 6-8 pm on Sat, Oct. 22. Businesses wishing to participate and set up their own booth in a family-friendly setting are invited to call 603-374-5156 or email darlene@littleangelssd.org. This is a free event though donations will be accepted. For the safety of all animals we ask that you please leave your pets at home.

Oct. 21-22, 2022 - Little Angels Service Dogs will be sponsoring a PG13 Haunted River Walk at its location from 7-10 pm. Admission will be by donation. For more information, visit the Events page on LittleAngelsServiceDogs.org. For the safety of all animals we ask that you please leave your pets at home.

Dec. 3, 2022 - Grinchmas is coming… or Grinchmas Who-Liday Spectacular is. This 5th annual event presented by Little Angels Service Dogs will be held this year from 12:30-2:30 pm Saturday, Dec. 3 at John Fuller School on Pine St. in North Conway. Included will be chalk drawing; decorate-an-ornament and other activities; Whoville hair styling by stylists at The Root Cellar; photos with the Grinch, Santa and Mrs. Claus; the "Reindeer Stable" featuring Little Angels Service Dogs; and more. Hot cocoa and Christmas cookies will also be available for a small donation.
Admission is free but Little Angels Service is seeking sponsors to fund costs. For more information, email Melody@littleangelssd.org.

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Fryeburg Public Library *by Jennifer Spofford*

Dear library patrons and supporters. This will be my last FTM article. It was a pleasure working for Fryeburg and getting to know everyone. I will truly miss Fryeburg Library's devoted patrons and the Town employees. My last day will be October 11th. Please stop by and meet the new library director.

We are expecting Deva's Anime Club to start in October. The group will meet every Friday at 3:30pm in the Weston Room. Please contact Deva by email if you have any questions; fryeburganimeclub@gmail.com

Our book discussion group will be meeting in person Wednesday, October 12th at 10:00am to discuss the One Book, One Valley selection, Night of the Living Rez by Morgan Talty. The One Book, One Valley event will be held at the Majestic Theater in Conway, NH on Thursday, October 27th at 7:00pm.

Please visit www.onebookonevalley.org for more information.

During the colder months, our walking group will be put on hold until spring. The Rec Center will have open gym in November for those interested in taking a leisurely indoor stroll.

We are hoping to host an outdoor movie of Hocus Pocus on Friday, October 14th at 6:00pm. Please call to let us know you will be attending. This event is tentative to staff availability. Little ones and family please join us every Saturday for story time with Ms. Jennifer at 10:00am.

Closed Monday, October 10th Our library hours are Mondays 9-4, Tuesdays 12-6, Wednesdays 9-4, Thursday 9-4, *Friday 12-6* 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. t 207-935-2731 or email library@fryeburgmaine.org. Visit our website for program schedules, library policies, newsletters, and services- www.fryeburgpubliclibrary.org

Stats for the month of July: 484 patron visits, 654 items circulated from the library collection, 15 programs offered with 54 attendees.

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Understanding Medicare by Bert Weiss • 603-986-5650

Medicare Annual Enrollment period is just around the corner. Some time around October first all Medicare Advantage members will get a notice of changes document in their mail. DO NOT just toss this. Take a look. My recommendation for any changes is to contact a licensed agent who is certified to write Medicare Advantage plans. We are trained to deal with the complex issues of choosing the plan with the best fit for each individual client. Everybody is different.

This year agents are able to write plans on the phone, but all phone conversations must be recorded and kept for 10 years. The basic reason for this change are the companies that advertise on TV, then pull a fast one on you. The rules are complex and recordings verify the agent has done their job according to the rules. The agent will be required to read you all the disclaimers, so bear with us. Essentially, it is much easier to meet in person than on the phone. The requirements are the same, but you can choose to read the disclaimers.

Agents are not allowed to discuss 2023 changes until after October 1st. Annual enrollment is from October 15th to December 7th. During this time, anybody eligible for Medicare can change Medicare Advantage plans, or Prescription Drug plans. Both of these are guaranteed issue during this period, meaning you can't be denied or uncharged for any pre-existing conditions. January 1 - March 31 is called Open Enrollment. During this period, Medicare Advantage members can make one change.

Medicare Supplements are different. With these, guaranteed issue is only when you start taking Medicare. After that, everybody is subject to medical underwriting. You could be denied or charged more if you answer a critical question as yes. In Maine, there is one company that doesn't do underwriting. In New Hampshire, there are none. In NH rates are age banded, so you pay less when you are 65 and more when you are 80. In Maine, everybody pays one rate.

I always write, if you are not confused by Medicare, you aren't paying enough attention. Getting older or disabled has it's downsides. Medicare eligibility is definitely on the positive side, right up there with significant life experience.

Eastern Slope Regional Airport by Eric Meltzer

It was great to see such a large turnout at the Eastern Slope Aviation Academy aviation day on August 27. The Academy and event, located here at the airport in Fryeburg, was a big success and the staff and friends of the aviation academy did a great job showing what aviation is all about as well as the opportunities available in aviation today.

Safety rules were observed throughout the day and participants were respectful of ongoing operations at the airport. Morning fog burned off and a spot landing contest was held among advanced aviation academy students in their post-solo training phase where cash prizes were awarded while WMWV simulcast from the ramp. The flight simulator was available to try out with flight instructors present to offer guidance and answer questions and coffee and donuts were available.

Hundreds of people of all ages and families participated in an introductory flight in a general aviation airplane and 3 Cessna single engine aircraft took turns flying eager participants during the late morning and early afternoon. UAV or drone demonstrations took place as did model airplane and model glider demos and a candy drop for the kids happened later. Burgers and hotdogs were grilled and served and ice cream was scooped and after lunch a brand new Light Sport airplane called a Vachon Ranger flew in from Vermont that the aviation academy is raising funds to buy and use as a trainer in their fleet. The Grumman project airplane was on display in its disassembled condition showing what students have done under the eye of a mentor in bringing this derelict plane back to the skies. Hopefully you were able to make it to the airport for aviation day but if not keep an eye out for next years event or check out aviation academy at their website, easternslopeaviationacademy.org for information and opportunities.

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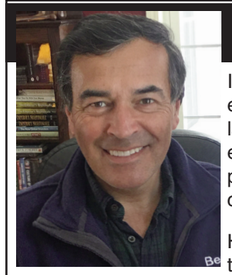

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In Maine we have not seen as many of the questions raised elsewhere relating to election integrity. But nonetheless, in the last couple years there have been some changes to our election law that should improve ballot security and the voting process and allow for an open, transparent, and smooth conduct of our elections.

Here are some recent changes to our elections you may want to know about. This year the following bills became law:

- L.D. 1779, "An Act To Protect Election Integrity by Regulating Possession of Ballots and Voting Machines and Devices" which strengthens chain of custody requirements for ballots and tabulators to prevent election interference by outsiders
- L.D. 1821, "An Act To Protect Public Election Officials" makes threatening an election worker a crime which can be investigated and prosecuted by the Attorney General.
- L.D. 1830, "An Act To Amend the Election Laws" which, among other provisions, adds ID cards from federally recognized Indian tribes as acceptable proof of identity when registering to vote.
- L.D. 231, "An Act To Establish Open Primaries" which beginning January 1, 2024, allows an unenrolled voter to vote in a single party's primary election, including a party's presidential primary election, without having to enroll in that political party.
- L.D. 1155 "An Act To Require Election Transparency and Audits" was incorporated in the supplemental budget. This new law requires the Secretary of State to produce and publicly disseminate a guide to election procedures, develop and conduct a training program for new municipal clerks and implement a system for collecting and logging concerns from members of the public regarding the conduct of elections.

The measure also requires the Secretary of State to design and conduct a risk-limiting pilot post-election audit after the November 2024 general election and requires the Secretary of State to conduct post-election audits beginning January 1, 2025 on eligible elections that are selected by the Secretary of State for audit according to criteria established by rule and to submit a report on the pilot post-election audit to the Legislature by February 1, 2025.

In 2021, the following news laws were enacted:

- L.D. 916, "An Act To Protect Data Privacy and Security in Elections"
  This law provides that a political party, an individual or an organization engaged in "get out the vote" or other efforts may not cause specifically identifiable information about a voter that was obtained from the central voter registration system to be made accessible to the general public, including by causing the information to be made available on the Internet.
- L.D. 1126, "An Act To Update the Voter Registration Process"
  This law requires the Secretary of State to create a process for accepting online voter registration applications through the Secretary of State's publicly accessible website beginning November 1, 2023. The process must require that an individual submitting an online voter registration application disclose a current, valid Maine driver's license or nondriver identification card number or the last four digits of the applicant's social security number.
- L.D. 1363, "An Act To Amend the Laws Governing Elections"
  Makes a number of changes to expand the ability of people to vote absentee, and to clarify how automatic voter registration will work at the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, part of the Secretary of State's office. It provides that a person who is 16 years of age and who is conditionally registered to vote is qualified to serve as an election clerk.
- L.D. 1575, "An Act To Improve Maine's Election Laws"
  Allows an individual registering to vote to verify their identity with a student photo ID document. It requires the municipal clerk to include in their report the location of each secured drop box and the times for in-person absentee voting in the municipality. It authorizes the Secretary of State to adopt rules governing pollwatchers, additional party workers and others present in the polling places. And it clarifies that absentee ballots may not be counted until after the polls have closed on election day, all election day ballots have been cast and all absentee ballots have been processed.

District 70 Rep Nathan Wadsworth
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I felt this article was too important not to repeat:

Property Tax Stabilization for Seniors

Readers should be aware of a new law sponsored by Maine Republicans, that will help seniors remain in their homes by stabilizing property taxes at age 65. "An Act to Stabilize Property Taxes for Individuals 65 Years of Age or Older Who Own a Homestead for at Least 10 Years," will go into effect on August 8, 2022 and applies to property tax years beginning April 1, 2023.

This new State program allows eligible senior-citizens to stabilize, or freeze, the property taxes on their homestead. Each year, individuals who apply to their municipality by December 1 will have the property tax billed to their homestead frozen at the amount billed in the prior tax year.
Municipalities are reimbursed by the state for any lost revenue from the tax freeze.

To be eligible, an individual must meet all of the following as of April 1 of the property tax year for which they are requesting stabilization (as of April 1, 2023 for applications due December 1, 2022):
1) at least 65 years old,
2) a permanent resident of Maine,
3) have owned a Maine homestead for at least ten years, and
4) be eligible for a homestead exemption on property they are placing in the program.

Maine Revenue Services has made the application available online in that event that you, or someone you know, may benefit from this new tax relief program. Completed application musts be submitted to your municipality for determination of eligibility by December 1. If your property is located in the Unorganized Territory, the form should instead be filed with Maine Revenue Services.

For information on determining eligibility, please contact your local municipal or the Property Tax Division of Maine Revenue Services by phone (207) 624-5600 or email prop.tax@maine.gov.
www.maine.gov/revenue/taxes/tax-relief-credits-programs/property-tax-relief-programs/stabilization-program

As always, please contact my office if you have any additional questions or I can be of assistance to you. I appreciate the opportunity to represent you in Augusta.

FRYEBURG RESCUE by Eric Meltzer

As you can probably imagine Fryeburg Fair week is generally our busiest for call volume. We schedule overlapping shifts at our station and plan on running our 3 ambulances throughout the week. We evaluate peak demands based on prior years calls for service knowing that no 2 years are exactly the same but there are still there similarities in the data to help plan and gain valuable insight. During nice weather we tend to see high call numbers and the second weekend is often busy enough to require mutual aid from our neighboring services.

You might see an ambulance staged at the Fairgrounds on Main St or occasionally at one of the other fair first aid stations but we generally stage at our station as its a central location for responding to calls within the community and our 5 town coverage area in addition to the fair. We have a good working relationship with Fair First Aid and their initial response to medical or trauma calls on the fairgrounds helps us be ready as we arrive on scene. We are also in touch by radio with traffic control who does an excellent job of clearing the way for emergency vehicles to get to the fairgrounds or through traffic to calls in town. Stay well this fall and as always we thank you for your trust and support.

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