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The Some Times Newsletter

The Most Important Safety Feature on Any Vehicle Your Brakes!!!

So IMPORTANT — we'll check them at NO Cost to you

A properly operating brake system helps ensure safe vehicle control and operation and it should be

checked immediately if you suspect **any problems**, says the non-profit Car Care Council.

"While a **semi-annual brake inspection is a good way to ensure brake safety**, motorists should NOT ignore signs that their brakes need attention," said Rich White, executive director, Car Care Council.

The Car Care Council reminds motorists to look for the following **warning signs that your brakes need**

to be inspected:

- **Noise:** screeching, grinding or clicking noises when applying the brakes.
- **Pulling:** vehicle pulls to one side while braking.
- **Low Pedal:** brake pedal nearly touches the floor before engaging.
- **Hard Pedal:** must apply extreme pressure to the pedal before brakes engage.
- **Grabbing:** brakes grab at the slightest touch to the pedal.
- **Vibration:** brake pedal vibrates or pulses, even under normal braking conditions.
- **Light:** brake light is illuminated on your vehicle's dashboard.

If you experience any of these symptoms give us a call at 541-476-9646 or visit us at www.stargp.com.



Merry Christmas ! Season's Greetings!

During this holiday season, we send best wishes to you, whether you are celebrating according to your religion, family customs, or just for the magical fun of Santa and gift giving. We wish for joy, love, and peace, to you and your family.

However you observe the holidays, they bring joyful times. As greetings ring out through the halls and decorations bring color to every corner; a feeling of brotherhood surrounds us.

The spirit of Christmas also reflects our dedication to helping those in need, to giving hope to those in despair, and to spreading peace and understanding throughout our own country and the world. We are reminded again of all the men and women in our Armed Forces. We are grateful for their work and personal sacrifices in defending our freedom and keeping our homeland safe.

May the spirit of the holidays renew our commitment to harmony and working together for a future of success.

To you and yours, from all of us here at STAR, we say "Merry Christmas!" "Season's Greetings!" and "Happy New Year!"

A Few Holiday Shopping Tips

It's the holiday season, so here are a few tips for trying to stay sane and purchase the best gifts.

- ◆ Plan your holiday shopping. Make a list of what you want to buy, and for whom you need to buy.
- ◆ Set a budget so you don't overspend.
- ◆ If you shop online, pay attention to the details. Is shipping free or is there a charge?
- ◆ Get an envelope or file for your receipts so you can keep track of how much you have spent at any given moment.
- ◆ Know stores' return policies. That way you can relay the information necessary if the gift needs to be returned or exchanged.
- ◆ Beware of sales that really aren't sales.
- ◆ Wrap things as you go. Keep everything at home, and wrap the gift the minute you walk in the door. You'll feel more relaxed and prepared

You're Invited to a Christmas Party

Tuesday December 24, 2024

Come One, Come All! Enjoy some holiday cheer and celebrate with us from 10am until ? We will have soft drinks, coffee, chips & dips, cheese, a few of those long Deli sandwiches from the Lil' Pantry Market, shrimp and all sorts of other stuff to eat. We're usually done by 2pm or (when the food is gone).

Smart Gadgets Support The Environment And Your Bottom Line

Want to save some money and help the environment? Take a look at some of these household gadgets that can do both:

- The right TV. When you buy that big flat-screen television, get an LCD (liquid crystal display) instead of a plasma TV, which uses more power. Choose a model that uses a light-emitting diode (LED) as a backlight instead of a fluorescent light source, as LEDs are more efficient and will cut your energy costs some.
- A better shower head. Refit your shower with a low-flow shower head (one that reduces water volume to about 2.5 gallons per minute). You'll cut your water bill.
- Motion sensors. Don't worry about accidentally leaving the lights on. A motion sensor will automatically turn the light off when a room is empty for a pre-set period of time, reducing your energy use and your electric bill.

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day seeks to honor the

victims of Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor, an

American Naval

Station. The attack is

often cited as the

catalyst for American

involvement in the Second World War, given that

President Franklin D.

Roosevelt declared war on Japan the following day.

At 8am on December 7th, 1941, without prior

warning, the Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service

attacked a Naval Station at Pearl Harbor, located on

Oahu, Hawaii. The base was attacked by 353

Japanese fighter planes. In total, 2,403 people

perished, another 1,178 were injured, four U.S. Navy

battleships were sunk and 188 aircrafts were

destroyed.



Wake Up To Apples

Did you realize that apples are better than caffeine at keeping people awake in the morning? It could very well be the sweetness which boosts our energy... but I think that it's the activity involved in chewing the apple that stimulates our brains and minds as well as our jaws! You can pre-cut your apple into slices for ease of eating so that you won't have a green ball stuck in your mouth if the boss walks by! Putting peanut butter (unless you are allergic) or cream cheese on the apple slices makes it an even better snack. Go organic when you can, and your energy will be even higher

The Cold Water Solution

Sam went to visit his Uncle Pete, who lived out in the country with his dog. Uncle Pete served lunch, and as they were eating, Sam noticed that his plate didn't seem completely clean. He asked his uncle about this.

"Clean?" Uncle Pete said. "They're as clean as cold water can get them."

He brought Sam a drink, and the glass looked cloudy. As Sam examined it, Uncle Pete just laughed. "Now don't you worry," he said. "Those glasses are as clean as cold water can get them."

Finally Sam got up to go, but Uncle Pete's dog, guarding the door, began to growl. Sam looked at his uncle for assistance.

"Oh, don't worry about him," Uncle Pete said. "Come over here by me, Coldwater!"

Don't Get Caught Out In The COLD!!

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Jolene's Corner

There are certain flavors that bring in the holiday season. Home baked cookies, fruit cake, stringing popcorn. You get my drift. The following recipe is definitely Christmas. Cranberries, oranges, and surprisingly peaches with spices to give it that Christmas magic. This can be made in October when Cranberries start to show up in stores. This also will make a great homemade Christmas Gift. Just tie a bow around the jar and give it as a gift.

Cranberry, Orange, Peach Topping

4 peaches pitted, peeled or use nectarines
 3 large oranges peeled, finely chopped and seeded if necessary
 1 cup finely chopped cranberries
 1 tablespoon lemon juice
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/2 teaspoon ground nutmeg
 1/4 - 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves (1/4 teaspoon cloves if you want a milder clove flavor)
 5 cups sugar
 1 cup water
 1 pouch liquid fruit pectin



In a water canner place 4-5 pint jars and add water to cover and fill the jars. Bring to a boil to sterilize the jars. Place lids in a small saucepan filled with water and bring to a simmer. Turn off heat.

Chop the peaches, cranberries in a food processor separately until fine small bits. In a large deep stainless steel saucepan, combine the peaches, orange, cranberries, lemon juice, cinnamon, nutmeg and cloves. Stir in the sugar and water, blend well.

Over high heat, bring the mixture to a full rolling boil that cannot be stirred down. Stir frequently to prevent scorching. Once boiling, quickly add the fruit pectin, continuing to stir vigorously.

Return the mixture to a full rolling boil. Boil hard for 1 minute, stirring constantly to ensure the spices are evenly distributed. Remove from heat and skim off any foam that may have formed on the surface.

Ladle the hot filling into prepared jars, leaving 1/4-inch headspace at the top. Wipe the jar rims clean and center the lids on the jars, applying the bands until fingertip tight.

Process the filled jars in a boiling water canner for 10 minutes (15 minutes if over 1,000 feet in elevation). After processing, remove the jars and let them cool on a bath towel undisturbed for 24 hours before checking the seals. Store in a cool, dry place.

This is good over pancakes, waffles, ice cream, angel food cake, cheesecake.

If you want to make a jam add 2 packages of liquid fruit pectin.

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Right the First Time, On Time, Every Time since 1975

STAR Automotive is a giving tree location for CASA of Josephine County. Together we can bring hope, cheer and love to our children in our community that so desperately need it. Last year was a great success and we want to thank all that participated and gave your heart in supporting our communities CASA children. Lets make this year better than last year. ***If you choose to make a donation, STAR will take \$25.00 OFF of labor on any repair or maintenance from your bill. (Not to include oil changes, batteries or sublet).*** It is easy to donate. Just come down to the shop and pick a donation card that touches your heart. Donations need to be returned to the shop no later than December 16th or you can deliver them to CASA. To learn more about CASA please visit <https://jococasa.org>



“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around. - Leo Buscaglia



Please Help a CASA Child!

- ★ Choose a Giving Tree Card
 - ★ Shop for a CASA Child
 - ★ Return the **new, unwrapped gift**, with the card attached by December 16th, or deliver to CASA (gifts that come in after December 16th will still be distributed!)
- Donations forms are available in the CASA Office or donate at www.jococasa.org

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