

The Some Times Newsletter

Thanksgiving Through The Years

After the first Thanksgiving was celebrated in 1621, each of the 13 American colonies held an annual harvest festival and day of thanksgiving. There was no set day for the holiday, and it varied among the colonies.

In 1777, George Washington decreed a day of thanksgiving to celebrate a British defeat during the Revolutionary War, and he and subsequent presidents proclaimed Thanksgiving Days periodically over the next 86 years, although not every year and not on any particular date. In the early 1800s, these annual Presidential proclamations came to an end, and it wasn't until 1863 that the holiday resumed.

During the Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln declared a national Thanksgiving to occur on the last Thursday of November, and it has been observed annually ever since. In 1939, in an effort to stimulate the economy during the Great Depression, President Franklin D. Roosevelt tried to move the holiday to the third Thursday in November, giving stores more time to advertise Christmas merchandise before December 25. About half the states refused to change the date, and in 1941, Congress compromised by choosing the fourth Thursday of November, which is sometimes the last Thursday and sometimes the next to last.



Growing Old Funnies

- ⇒ Growing up is mandatory; growing old is optional.
- ⇒ Forget the health food, I need all the preservatives I can get.
- ⇒ When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- ⇒ You're getting old when you get the same sensation from rocking a chair that you once got from a roller coaster.

Do You Have A Question About Car Maintenance That You Want Answered?

We love to hear from all of our good friends and clients who enjoy reading our 'Some Times' monthly newsletter. If you have a question about anything related to your vehicle, feel free to give us a call at (541) 476-9646.

Black Friday

The earliest evidence of the phrase "Black Friday" applied to the day after Thanksgiving in a shopping context suggests that the term originated in Philadelphia, where it was used to describe the heavy & disruptive pedestrian & vehicle traffic that would occur on the day after Thanksgiving. This usage dates to at least 1961. More than twenty years later, as the phrase became more widespread, a popular explanation became that this day represented the point in the year when retailers begin to turn a profit, thus going from being "in the red" to being "in the black".

Veterans Day

Veterans Day is a holiday dedicated to all veterans of our armed forces. In 1918 on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month, an armistice was declared between Allied nations and Germany in World War I. Veterans Day is now celebrated on the 11th day of November every year to commemorate the armistice and to honor our military.

Be sure to thank a veteran this month!

The whole team here at STAR Automotive would like to thank all veterans of the armed forces for their commitment to the protection of our freedoms!

THANK YOU!



Tire Pressure and Cold Weather

The cooler it gets, the more important it is to check your tire pressure. Under-inflated tires are dangerous, and tire pressure decreases by about one pound per square inch for every ten degree drop in outside air temperature. If you are unsure about your tire pressure or have questions, give us a call at 541-476-9646.



Don't forget to set your clocks back! Daylight Savings Time ends on November 6th!

Frying A Turkey Safely

According to the Hearth Patio and Barbecue Association, about 2 million people fry their turkeys for Thanksgiving. Insurance companies and fire safety organizations are urging these home cooks to be extra cautious to avoid serious accidents. The Consumer Product Safety Commission has reported a sharp increase in the number of turkey fryer accidents caused by tipping, boiling over, and igniting oil. Underwriters Laboratories Inc. offers these safety guidelines:

- ✓ Use turkey fryers outdoors at safe distances from buildings and flammable material.
- ✓ Don't use turkey fryers on wooden decks or in garages, and make sure they are set on a flat surface.
- ✓ Do not overfill the fryer with oil.
- ✓ Monitor the temperature of the oil closely. If you notice any smoke, turn off the burner immediately before the oil ignites.
- ✓ Don't let children or pets near the fryer, even after use.
- ✓ The oil inside the cooking pot can remain dangerously hot for hours.
- ✓ Make sure the turkey is completely thawed. Moisture from a frozen turkey can cause the oil to spill over, causing a fire or even an explosion.
- ✓ Keep a fire extinguisher nearby and never use water to put out a grease fire.
- ✓ And most importantly of all, please turn off the flame when you drop your turkey in. I found out the hard way as to why they ask you to do that. FIRE!

Full Synthetic Motor Oil

We now only carry full synthetic motor oil. As the industry is changing to synthetic motor oils over conventional and synthetic blends, STAR Automotive is getting ahead of the game and offering you better protection and longevity of your vehicle's engine which will save you money in the long run. We will be competitive with our prices and we want to be sure we stay price conscious for you.

Benefits of Full Synthetic Motor Oil

- ⇒ Fewer emissions
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- ⇒ Reduced engine drag from greater resistance to thickening
- ⇒ Oil effectiveness/quality is more predictable and uniform
- ⇒ Better all-weather protection
- ⇒ Quicker engine start up time
- ⇒ Helps clean engine sludge and deposits.

As always if you have any questions please give us a call at 541-476-9646 and we will be happy to answer them.



3 Key Tips for getting your car ready for the change of seasons

- ✓ **Car Battery:** Fall is a good time to inspect your car battery, making sure the cables and terminals are snug, and retighten as necessary for good contact. You can bring your car in for a FREE battery test.
- ✓ **Tires:** Proper maintenance and responsible driving can maximize the mileage in a set of tires. Monthly tread inspections can inform when the tires warrant replacement. If you're not sure stop in and we'll take a look at your tires.
- ✓ **Wipers:** If your wipers are leaving streaks of water on your windshield, then it's time to replace them. Wipers typically need to be changed every 6 to 12 months. We offer FREE installation when you buy your wiper blades from us.

Jolene's Corner

Turkey, Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Cranberries, Green Beans , Stuffing/Dressing, Rolls, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Oh! and do not forget the pies. Pumpkin, Sweet Potato, Pecan, Apple Cranberry,. This is just a short list of what will be served on Thanksgiving. I love mashed potatoes. Back in June I read about a different way to cook mashed potatoes by cooking them in an infused cream with herbs added. I just had to give it a try. This way of cooking the potatoes does not leach out the potato flavor and infuses cream and herbs into the potatoes while cooking. It does take a little longer to cook the potatoes but the end result is a much more flavorful side dish. Try this recipe for your Thanksgiving Feast .

Herb Infused Mashed Potatoes

Serves 4-6

- 8 Medium sized Yukon Gold or Yellow Potatoes quartered unpeeled
- 2 cup heavy cream
- 2 cups whole milk
- 4 cloves garlic peeled and smashed
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Salt and pepper



Add potatoes, cream, milk, garlic, thyme and bay leaf in a large pot. On medium low to low heat bring to a gentle boil. Boil for 15-20 minutes until potatoes are just tender when the tip of a knife goes through with little resistance. Be careful as the cream mixture will foam up and boil over the pot. If this happens lower the heat even more and stir the potatoes to dissipate the foam.

Strain potatoes and reserve the cream mixture. Remove bay leaf, thyme stems and garlic. Place potatoes back into the pot and mash with a potato masher. After the potatoes are mashed start adding the cream mixture to the potatoes, one ladle at a time. You may not use up all of the cream mixture. Mix thoroughly until you get the consistency you desire. Smooth and creamy. Add the butter and mix well. Season with salt and pepper. Enjoy.



THANKS FOR THE KIND WORDS!

Absolutely top-notch! No gouging going on here... they fixed what needs to be repaired WITHOUT trying to up your costs with un-needed parts. -Rhonda

Who doesn't eat on Thanksgiving? A turkey because it is always stuffed.

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