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Dempsey Dabbling

Holiday Season is Here!!!

This is the season that we all have been waiting for, the Holiday Season. Lots of family STUFF. Although Thanksgiving and Christmas are two of the biggest family holidays, with lots of potential for joy and fellowship, They tend to also bring lots of stress.

Many things can cause the stress, among them are the major congestion of shopping at the malls and big box stores.

Many are skipping the hassles of shopping at the malls and big box stores by shopping online. But where is the joy in looking at your computer monitor?

Your Country Register shops provide you with the solution to skipping the crowds while enjoying the holiday atmosphere of smaller unique shops you will find in your Country Register.

So get together with shopping friends and use your Country Register to find those great shops with all the atmosphere and personal shopping assistance. Go for it!

Tell the Shopkeepers You Saw Them in The Country Register

The 3/50 Project

"Save your local economy ... three stores at a time." This is a project that promotes doing business with your local shopkeepers to reinvest your shopping in your local community. Please read The 3/50 Project article later in this issue.

Think out of the box (store) and enjoy yourself at your Country Register shops while re-investing in your community.

Always, Always, Tell'm, Tell'm, Tell'm

I have for many years conveyed to our readers that it is very important that you tell our shopkeepers, when you visit their shops, that "...You Saw Them in The Country Register."Better yet carry your paper in with you. They love to see you carry into their shops your Country Register paper. It lets them know their investment in advertising in The Country Register is working.

Tell Your Shopkeepers You Saw Them in The Country Register!

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Advertisers' Event Calendar

The following special events are being held by our advertisers for your enjoyment. If you are out cruis'n the shops, stop at one, or more of these special events. To locate a shop, find the shop name in the "Shops by Shop Name" listing below the map on the inside back page of the paper. Then use the page number in the Shop's listing to locate the shop's ad, where you will find its location and more information. Enjoy the events!

Date	Shop Description	Event
Oct 31-Nov 3	**Medway Mill Antiques & More**	**Bob for Apples**
Nov - Dec	**Village Stencils** Every Saturday 10-5	**Free Stencil Demonstrations**
Nov 1-3	**Bittersweet Hollow** 9th Annual Open House	**Holiday Open House**
Nov 1-3	**Country Essentials** See ad for details	**Christmas Open House**
Nov 1-3	**Farmstead Mercantile** Beginning with the lighting of the barn at 5pm, see ad for more details	**Fall Open House**
Nov 1-3	**Tin Roof Primitives** Nov 1 & 2, 10-5: Nov 3, 10-4: closed Wed Oct 30 & 31	**Holiday Open House**
Nov 2-3	**Pierces Crafts Gifts Primitives** Free gift with purchase to the 1st 40 customers on Nov. 2, Selected Items on Sale	**40th Anniversary Weekend Celebration**
Nov 2-3	**Primitive Peddler** See ad for detail and more events	**Holiday Open House**
Nov 2-3	**Talula Bell the Country Cow**	**Christmas Open House**
Nov 2-3	**The Tole Booth** Enjoy refreshments as you shop for all your gift giving and decorating needs!	**12th Annual Open House**
Nov 9	**The Eclectic Collection** See what deals you can workout with the dealers	**Deal with the Dealers**
Nov 7-11	**Countryberries** 10-5 daily. Specials, Doorprize, Refreshments, Early Bird Savings 10-11am	**Christmas Open House**
Nov 7-11	**Personal Touch**	**Holiday Open House**
Nov 7-10	**Pierces Crafts Gifts Primitives**	**Annual Holiday Open House & Sale**
Nov 8-9	**The Gingham Goose** See ad for details	**Candlelight Preview**
Nov 8-10	**Bittersweet Blessings** See ad for more events	**Holiday Open House**
Nov 8-10	**Changes of Thyme** See ad for details	**Christmas Open House**
Nov 8-10	**Vintage Thymes Monthly Market**	**Farmhouse Holiday**
Nov 8-10	**Milltown Primitives**	**Celebrating an Olde New England Christmas**
Nov 9	**Thurston House** See ad for details	**Giant Warehouse Sale**
Nov 9-10	**Brick Mill Marketplace** Sat 10-5, Sun 12-5	**Yuletide Gathering**
Nov 9-10	**Country Marketplace** See ad for details	**Holiday Open House**
Nov 9-10	**Forget-Me-Knot** 20% off total purchase	**Christmas Open House**
Nov 9-10	**Mapleville Farm**	**Harvest Celebration**
Nov 9-10	**Robin's Village Barn** See ad for details	**17th Annual Open House**
Nov 14	**Homestead Primitives** Annual Open House	**Winter Gathering**
Nov 15	**Country Plus** See for more details and events	**Christmas Preview**
Nov 22-23	**Bittersweet** Come and enjoy the warmth, nostalgia and scents of an old-fashion Christmas	**Christmas Open House**
Nov 22-24	**Walker Homestead**	**New England Christmas by the Hearthside!**
Nov 23-24	**Willow Tree Country Shoppe** Door Prizes & Refreshments	**Christmas Open House**
Nov 23 & Dec 1	**Spencer Furniture** See Spencer article adjacent to their ad that provides more event details	**Carols of Christmas Home Tour**
Nov 29	**Primitive Peddler** for your 10%-30% off, see ad for more events	**Pick a Snowman**
Nov 29-30	**Bittersweet Blessings** See ad for more events	**Black Friday & Small Business Saturday**
Nov 29-Dec 1	**Primitive Thymes** See ad for details	**Very Prarie Christmas & Historic House Tour**
Nov 29-Dec 1	**The Stray Cat** See ad for details	**Holiday Shopping Sale**
Nov 29-Dec 1	**Wrentham Country Store** See ad for details	**A Vintage Holiday Open House**
Nov 29-Dec 24	**Carol's Country Corner Gift Shop** See ad for details	**Retirement Sale**
Nov 30	**Jackie's Primitives** Extended hours: 11am-7pm, Special discounts, raffles, & more	**Holliston's Holiday Stroll**
Nov 30-Dec 1	**That Little Basket** Sights, Sounds, and Scents of Christmas	**Christmas Open House**
Dec 6	**Country Plus** See for more details and events	**Christmas Open House**
Dec 6-7	**Avery Hill Farm** See ad for details	**An Olde New England Christmas**
Dec 6-7	**Bittersweet & Ivy** Lots of good old-fashion fun	**N. Scituate Village Candlelight Stroll**
Dec 6-8	**Elizabeth's Shoppe** See ad for details	**29th Annual Christmas Sale**
Dec 7-8	**Robin's Village Barn** See ad for details	**Silver Bells Holiday Extravaganza**
Dec 7-8	**HomeCraft Country Store** Grab Bag Weekend, see ad for details	**Holiday Open House**
Dec 7 & 8	**Spencer Furniture** See Spencer article adjacent to their ad that provides more event details	**Primitive Shoppe Christmas Open House**
Dec 8	**Purple Onion** **Free raffles & refreshments**	**White Christmas Open House**
Dec 13	**The Stray Cat** See ad for details	**Moonlight Madness Sale**
Dec 13	**Vintage Thymes Monthly Market**	**The Stockings were Hung**
Dec 14	**The Eclectic Collection** See what deals you can workout with the dealers	**Deal with the Dealers**
Dec 20-24	**Medway Mill Antiques & More** 10%-50% off	**Last Minute Madness Sale**
Jan 4	**Bittersweet Hollow** 9th Annual Sale	**January Clearance Sale**

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A Cup of Tea with Lydia

Three Kings Tea

Our grandchildren love to dress up as Nativity characters any month of the year. Often the glitzy royal robes appeal to them more than the shepherds' drab garb. They drape themselves with glittery fabrics, don shiny crowns, and become Magi—the wise men from the East. I think being "wise guys" and bearing gifts from afar is what appeals to them.

So, in the spirit of children and the Magi who followed the star, let's celebrate the season with a Three Kings Tea.

Royal Guests

This tea would be fun for children, adults, or families. Pick a date, make your guest list, and get ready for a festive teatime. If December seems too busy, host the tea on January 6, which is known as Epiphany and is linked with the wise men visiting the Christ child.

Royal Decorations

In December, your home is probably already decorated for Christmas. Nativity sets with wise men may sit in prominent places, and gold garlands, twinkling lights, and colorful balls may adorn your home or Christmas tree. All that's left to decorate is the table for the tea party.

Purple and gold plus glitz and glitter remind me of kings. For a royal touch, consider gold-lamé fabric, golden candleholders with scented candles, and cloth napkins in gold napkin rings. A glass bowl or brandy snifter filled with silver and gold Christmas balls would also look festive. If you have them, add crowns and stars to represent the Magi and the Star of the East.

Festive Foods

Select one or more holiday recipes you love to serve. If sugar-cookie cutouts are your favorite, cut them into stars, crowns, or wise men. And if children are invited, they could frost and decorate their cookies. For gold-topped cookies, sprinkle them with edible gold glitter or luster dust. (You can find these at candy or cake-decorating stores.)

If you serve cake, top it with a crown cut from a gold or silver doily, along with candies that look like jewels. For a royal glow, add three candles—one for each wise man's gift. My neighbor often frosts an angel food cake with whipped cream and decorates it with crushed candy canes. A mint or chocolate tea goes well with this cake.

I recently discovered a recipe for Three Kings Bread, which seems perfect for this tea. This sweet, eggy, Mexican Christmas bread reminds me of my mother's tea ring. Made with yeast dough and candied fruit, it's formed into a ring and resembles a crown with jewels.

Every tea party needs a pot of tea. My favorite for the holidays is Three Wishes, a blend of black teas with pomegranate, vanilla, calendula, and rose petals. (You can order it here: http://teatimegarden.com.) But choose your favorites, and include a decaffeinated blend for those who prefer one. For a merry sound, tie jingle bells onto your teapot's handle.

Festive Favors and Extras

Play joyous Christmas carols for background music or sing carols together. Be sure to include "We Three Kings," "The First Noel," and others about the royal visitors. Also, someone could read the story of the Magi from Matthew chapter 2, or children or adults could act out the story.

Since the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, you could ask guests to bring a wrapped gift to exchange or donate to a charity. Or buy inexpensive favors for guests to take home. Something spicy like frankincense or shiny like gold would be nice. However, the real gold of the party will be the treasured memories you make with family and friends.

'Tis the season to plan a Three Kings Tea. Won't you join me?

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From Lydia's Recipe File

Three Kings Bread

Easy to make. Looks and tastes delicious.

Ingredients:

- Your favorite yeast-roll dough or 2 loaves of ready-made frozen bread, thawed
- 1 package candied fruitcake mix or red and green candied cherries and pineapple
- 1 or 2 beaten eggs
- 3 tablespoons melted butter
- ¼ cup sugar

Directions:

1. On a greased cookie sheet, form the yeast-roll dough or two loaves of bread into a ring. Moisten the ends to make them stick together.
2. Press candied fruit into the top of the ring.
3. Let rise according to package directions.
4. Before baking, brush top with beaten eggs.
5. After baking, brush top with butter and sprinkle with sugar.
6. Return bread to the oven for 5 minutes.
7. Cool on cooling rack.

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1 can tomato soup
1 can cream of mush. soup
1 ½ cans of water
Salt and pepper, to taste

Combine all ingredients. Cook on low in crock pot for 4-8 hours. You can also simmer on the stovetop until done, or bake at 350 degrees in a covered casserole for about 2 hours or until done.

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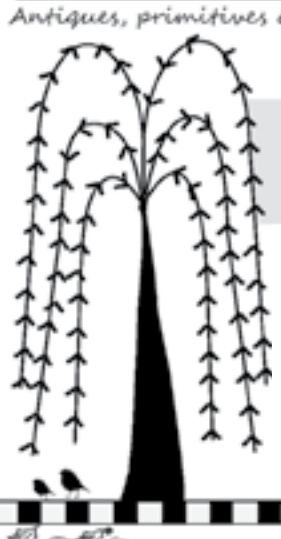

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Quilts That Redeem

Bittersweet Farewell

Just as life guarantees birth and death, "change" is interwoven in the spanse between the two. Most of it being beyond our control, we work to adapt, adjust, accept and move forward. This is what my Sew Promises quilt ministry group has to do in the loss of one of our members. Thankfully, the loss is in her move out of state, not out of Spirit! We've had to say goodbye to our quilting friend, "Miss J." With the sadness of her leaving, we also remember the good times.

Sherry Osland

Fond Memories

As girlfriends working together over the years, we remember those times fondly. There were times of learning new techniques and new vocabulary words; not the least of which were words like "wonky" and "cattywhompus." Giggles always erupted followed by efforts to more seriously FOCUS on what things should be according to measurements versus what they actually were. Add "hum ..." to the list of vocabulary words since there were many of those throughout the nights. One of those usually brought about a meeting of the minds. Those were the times I would remember something my Grandma used to say, "Two heads are better than one, even if one is a cabbage head."

As the fearless leader, I easily identified as the cabbage head! Since no Quilt Police were ever allowed in the door, we usually ended up ok.

One night, Miss J was not in attendance. It was a night of picking out individual bundles of somewhat coordinated fabrics to work with in teams of two. With an uneven number, one lady worked by herself. She had chosen fabric coordinates of lavenders, purples and grape/ivy prints.

Next We Met

When next we met, Miss J joined her in working on that particular top. She commented through the evening how she liked the colors and the way the top was shaping up. Earlier, it had become known that Miss J and her husband were putting their house on the market and they would be moving when it sold. Sadly, we processed that news. Various factors made the move a good - and right - thing for them. While we tried to process news of this change and to be happy for them, we also threatened to have a quilt retreat at her new house ... ready or not!!!

Exact Quilt

Little did she realize that night; she inadvertently gave us (not just an idea of the kind of quilt to give her) but the exact quilt to give her. Ironically, she had actually had a part in making it for herself! She didn't see our grins while she had her head down and sewing. When their house sold and it was Miss J's last night working with us, the memory of giving that particular quilt to her is an especially sweet chuckle for all of us. The reveal was, indeed, a bittersweet farewell.

I have the picture of her wrapped head to toe with a big grin on her face and wearing her purple grape quilt that night, both in my camera and my memory. Since leaving, she has let me know she has already used the beautiful quilt "we" made and gave her and it's her remembrance of the time spent with us. Hence, her special redeeming quilt from friends.

Our Threat

"However, Miss J! As I write, consider this a warning (I'm smiling). There just might come a day when we Sew Promise's ladies make good on our threat to come to your house for a quilt retreat! Watch out for an out-of-state white van when it pulls up to your door - all kinda wonky and cattywhompus with ladies spilling out of it ready to do some piecing and quilting. No doubt, with lots of Hum...s. See ya, Friend!"

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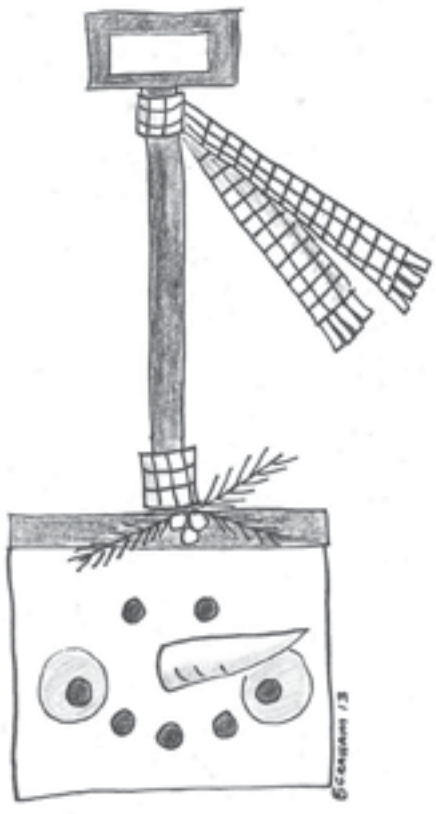

Materials:
Old or new, adult or child, metal snow shovel
White spray primer, sandpaper
Acrylic paint- white, black, lt. pink, orange
2" paint brush and round detail brush
Homespun or plaid wool about 3"x36"
Plastic evergreens and berries
Hot glue gun

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1. Sand and primer shovel
2. Paint handle and top of blade in black
3. Paint rest of blade white
4. Sketch in features. Dry brush pink cheeks.
5. Paint black circles for eyes and mouth.
6. Paint nose orange.
7. Wrap homespun or wool around base of handle. Trim and glue.
8. Tie rest of fabric at top of handle.
9. Hot glue berries and greens to brim of hat.

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Cooking With the Oldies

One of my favorite things to do while traveling is to scout out good local cafes and new eating experiences.

This summer gave me ample opportunity as I put many miles on the Mini traveling from Phoenix to Walla Walla, to Minnesota and back to Walla Walla and then it was almost time to pack up and head back to Phoenix. My sixteen-year granddaughter took the Minnesota journey with me. Lexi was a great companion, did a lot of the driving and knew all the stops along the way as she has made the trip many times. Lexi Swenson's roots are in Oklee, MN and mine are in Breckenridge, MN where my final destination was to attend the local high school all class reunion with my youngest sister and two cousins.

The Garage

If you ever travel through Bozeman, Montana you will find great food at The Garage on a corner in the downtown of this beautiful mountain college town. Lexi had eaten there before, knew the way, and we managed to have dinner there while headed east and lunch on our return trip almost three weeks later. Their menus are held together with two license plates and the food outstanding. We headed to Medora, ND in the Bad Lands the next day. Having heard about the annual musical in Medora for years, I had it on my bucket list. The musical was well worth the effort in spite of sitting outdoors in upper 40-degree weather for three hours. It had been 102 degrees the day before we left Walla Walla.

After a few days at the Swenson Farm I said goodbye to Lexi and her two brothers who have spent a couple years farming there and headed to a friend's cabin on Ottertail Lake. Karen Brewer, who I went to college with and roomed with during our first years of teaching in Minneaplois, was a great hostess.

Ottertail City

We spent three days taking walks, going to an estate sale looking for vintage bargains, and shopping at Ottertail City, Perham, and Battle Lake, all close by. Ottertail City is a very small town but we managed to spend a few hours at the lovely few shops there and get refreshments at Betty's Cafe, a long time favorite stop of the lake crowd. They had a case full of homemade pies and apologized for just raising the price by 10 cents a slice. Now a generous piece was costing $2.39. I had commented on how low their prices were! The rhubarb pie was gone that day as we arrived close to their mid afternoon closing time. But, the oatmeal pie was new to me and looked very tempting and even had a bit of a health kick to it. Aren't we suppose to eat oatmeal everyday?

It is less rich than pecan pie but similar. Now, in my search for a recipe to make my own oatmeal pie I settled on one that is pretty basic, probably because it had coconut in it. I did find many recipes including some without coconut, some with cinnamon, an Amish one with molasses while others used white syrup. One thing I would suggest for any recipe these days is to use extra large eggs as I have noticed that what we used to call large eggs aren't so large anymore. It would be fun to try several different recipes and compare them.

Oatmeal Pie

Ingredients:

2 eggs (extra large)
¾ cup(s) granulated sugar
¾ cup(s) dark corn syrup
4 tablespoon(s) (½ stick) butter, melted
1 teaspoon(s) vanilla
¾ cup(s) old fashioned, uncooked oatmeal
1/3 cup(s) shredded coconut
2 Tablespoon(s) all-purpose flour
1 prepared 9-inch pie shell, unbaked
Ice cream or whipped cream (opt.)

Preparation

Heat oven to 350°F. In large bowl, beat eggs until foamy. Gradually add sugar; mix well. Add corn syrup, butter and vanilla; mix well. Add combined oats, coconut and flour; mix well. Pour into prepared pie shell. Bake 40 to 45 minutes or until center is set. (Center should be firm when touched lightly with finger.) Cool completely on wire rack. Serve with ice cream or whipped cream, if desired. Store tightly covered in refrigerator.

Place in the Country

In Perham, MN, where we spent five hours having lunch and power shopping, we ate at Place in the Country & The Gathering Grounds Coffee Shoppe. The quiche was the best ever and served with cold peach soup and a slice of wheat bread containing cranberries and wild rice. This very vintage eating place and gift shop was decorated to the hilt on two floors and in every nook and cranny. There were other delightful vintage and antique shops and an awesome clothing store with top brands. Little did we know we were within a half a block from a well-known quilt store, Bay Window Quilt Shop. If I was a quilter I would have discovered that for sure as they are well known amongst the quilters for miles around. The maple nut ice cream cone in mid-afternoon just hit the spot and came from a lovely shop that also carried many different loose top quality teas. There were many more shops in Perham to discover and I hope to get back there another time.

Our day in Battlelake, MN included a delicious wrap filled with fresh veggies, turkey and a very tasty tangy light dressing. The restaurant that day was Gwendolyn's which is in a three story Victorian house and includes a lovely gift and floral shop. Art of the Lakes Gallery was having a special showing and it was most interesting. Another stop was at One Fine Day, a gift shop in another Victorian house that my grandparents once lived in. So, when I visit Battle Lake, it's always special to roam through that house that I used to visit nearly 70 years ago.

I hope you have enjoyed going on this little trip with me and you are inspired to bake an oatmeal pie or plan a nostalgic trip of your own.

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Burning Jar Candles

Reminiscent of a simpler time, the soft glow from a burning jar candle is the perfect accent for any décor, any time of the year.

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- During the first burn of a new jar candle, the wick should remain lit long enough for the wax to "pool" completely across the entire top. If the candle is not allowed to burn long enough, it will "tunnel" in the center and not burn evenly.
- Never blow out the flame: use a snuffer or a wick dipper. These are available in most shops that sell candles.
- Dip the wick into the melted wax to extinguish the flame. Stand the wick up right away, your wick is now primed for the next lighting.
- Allow the candle to cool before replacing the lid. This will help to avoid buildup on the rim of the jar.
- As always, never leave a burning candle unattended.

Enjoy the scent and the aura it creates.

Candi Hayford, owner operator of the Carriage Towne Primitive in Merrimac, MA

Quilting with Barbara

This time of year, quilters, and most other people, are looking ahead to the rush-rush-rush that the Christmas season has become, frantically baking, sewing and shopping.

So let's take a minute to leave the stress and remember or anticipate a more relaxed time.

4 Days of ...

In my case, the four-day quilters' retreat I attended last summer qualifies as one of these times, and I happily anticipate attending another in 2014. Held in a nearby town, this retreat was a highlight of my summer. Since most guilds have a summer recess, the retreat in August was a welcome chance to connect with quilting friends not seen since early June, as well as an opportunity to meet new ones.

It was run by two enthusiastic quilters who had attended retreats, but never organized one, and they did an incredible job! They planned the event for about a year, and overlooked absolutely nothing!

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Well Planned and Run

The participants each had an individual large table; the venue was roomy and bright; there were daily demonstrations by the organizers and a knowledgeable vendor; a massage bed was available; every participant received a bursting-full goody bag; draws for door prizes were frequent; a paper bag exchange of UFOs was enjoyed, and part of one afternoon most people participated in a jelly-roll quilt race to benefit a local charity.

And the meals! It is always such a treat to eat food that someone else has prepared, but knowing that someone else will tidy up and do dishes is like icing on the cake. The caterer, a local lady, has a stellar reputation, and we soon found out why. Every meal was delicious. And we had nothing to do but sew, visit and enjoy ourselves.

Recapping

So to recap: roomy, comfortable space, plus excellent food, plus a knowledgeable, well-supplied vendor, plus 35 friendly quilters and a chance to see their work, plus four days to quilt without interruption, equals relaxation and enjoyment far removed from the chaos of December. When you're at your busiest during the next couple of months, think about attending a retreat and feel yourself relax. Check a copy of *Country Register* or any current quilting magazine to find one, and perhaps the anticipation will lessen your stress!

P.S. I've already signed up for next year.

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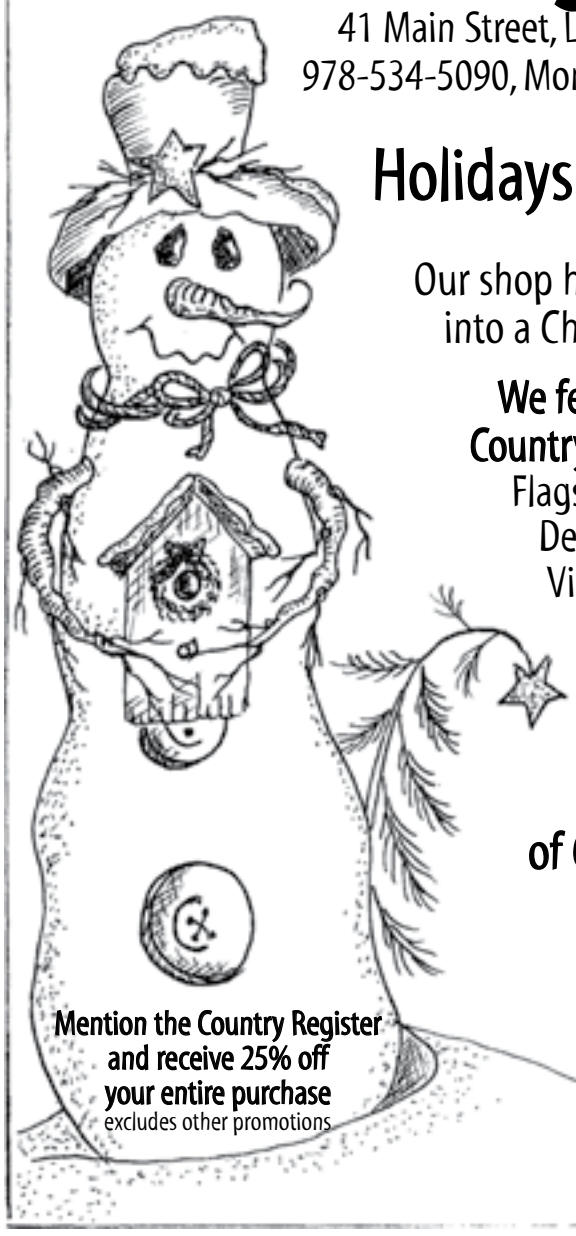

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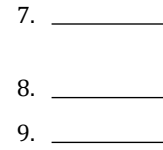

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Unscramble the words. Key is below.

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2.	_____	nrecad	Second of Santa's eight reindeer
3.	_____	gogegn	a drink made from a mixture of beaten eggs, cream, and flavorings
4.	_____	icseilc	a hanging, tapering piece of ice formed by the freezing of dripping water
5.	_____	wfoanksel	a feathery ice crystal, typically displaying delicate sixfold symmetry
6.	_____	tideylue	of or pertaining to the Christmas season
7.	_____	thewra	an arrangement of leaves and/or flowers in the shape of a circle
8.	_____	kfcrituae	a cake containing dried fruit and nuts
9.	_____	wpisohr	show reverence and adoration for a deity
10.	_____	ebmeredc	The 12th month of the year in the Gregorian calendar
11.	_____	rginegte	a polite word or sign of welcome or recognition
12.	_____	edierner	a deer of the tundra and subarctic regions of Eurasia and North America
13.	_____	lhoydia	a day of festivity or recreation when no work is done
14.	_____	osenass	each of the four divisions of the year: spring, summer, autumn, winter
15	_____	elstni	a form of decoration consisting of thin strips of shiny metal foil
16.	_____	sngdires	stuffing
17.	_____	psnrtese	gifts
18.	_____	eirtnw	the coldest season of the year
19.	_____	iesolmtet	a parasitic plant with white berries, traditionally used as a Christmas decoration
20.	_____	ianrtitdo	an inherited, established, or customary pattern of thought, action, or behavior

1. elves, 2. dancer, 3. eggnog, 4. icicles, 5. snowflake, 6. yuletide, 7. wreath, 8. fruitcake, 9. worship, 10. December, 11. greeting, 12. reindeer, 13. holiday, 14. seasons, 15. tinsel, 16. dressing, 17. presents, 18. winter, 19. mistletoe, 20. tradition

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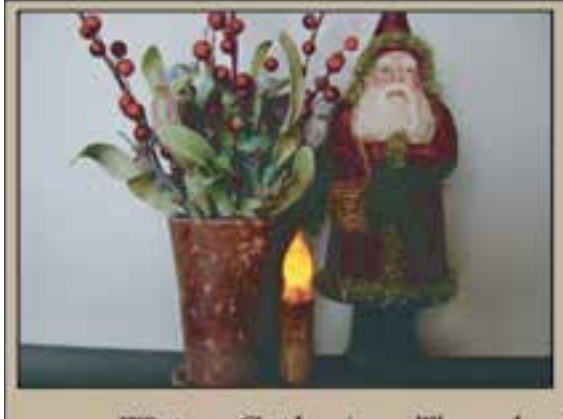

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Granted he was an octogenarian when he said these words, but he fully treasured his life. Uncle Henry had survived tuberculosis as a young man, living at a sanitarium for more than two years before being cured. It had been necessary for one of his lungs to be collapsed, and so he lived with the remaining one. Later, despite never smoking himself, he struggled with emphysema from second-hand exposure. His father passed away in 1919 when Uncle Henry was 14, and his older brother died of a brain tumor in his 40th year.

His life provided experiences to foster this contented response. He knew the value of breathing after surviving a disease that was frequently fatal when he was diagnosed in 1929. He knew how to pace himself peacefully through life. He knew how to give to those he loved and who loved him.

It is not surprising that he was a patient man. When I was learning how to drive, he'd ask me to "chauffeur" him and my grandmother to church. After church, we'd drive through the countryside. One Sabbath an old house distracted me, and I veered off the road. Uncle Henry said nothing of it, just calmly waved for me to keep driving. The next day a typed note was tucked into my hand. It explained what he felt had happened, and that it had been a good lesson in keeping to one's task. It ended with him telling me he loved me.

Uncle Henry was like a second father to my mother and a second grandfather to me. Born in 1905 he would live a long life, passing away in July of 1992 three days before his 87th birthday.

I was nineteen that summer, and I had the privilege of caring for him the last six weeks of his life. I learned two valuable lessons that I've carried within my bones ever since.

> Love isn't just
> a part of our lives.
> Love is absolutely
> everything.

I am both weaker and stronger than I ever imagined myself to be.

Love isn't just a part of our lives. Love is absolutely everything.

I strive to live with an attitude of gratitude and count our many blessings. However, sometimes the less than positive energy of the world slips beneath my skin.

It is at these times that I sense Uncle Henry's answering sentence in the air. These words were never a statement of complacency or stagnancy. They were expressions of gratitude and faith. He was thankful for the blessing of enough, and if more was necessary God would lead the way to provide for it.

I pause, and I travel back in time. Uncle Henry's words wash over me, and I smile.

There is indeed enough for the duration.

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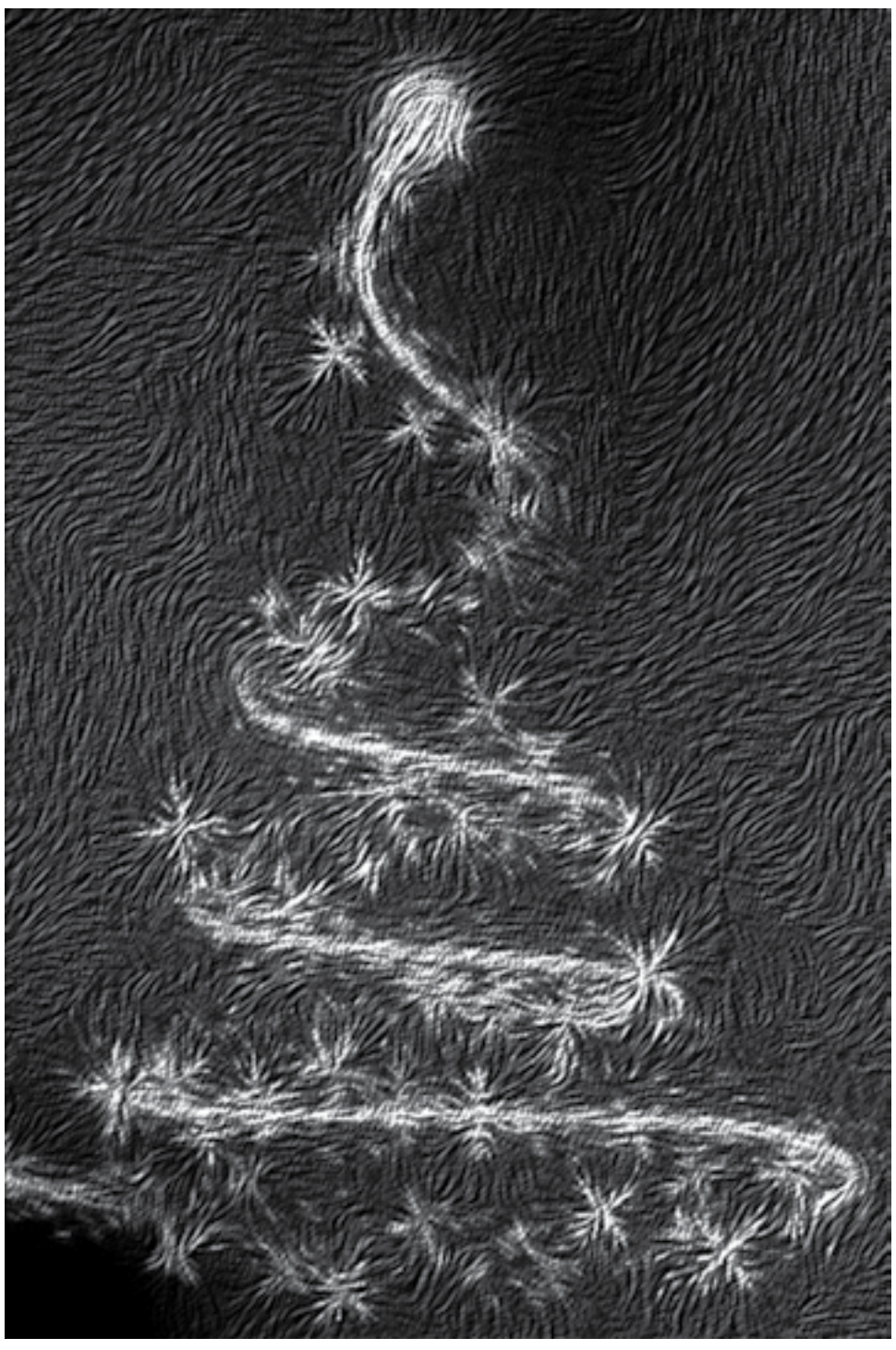

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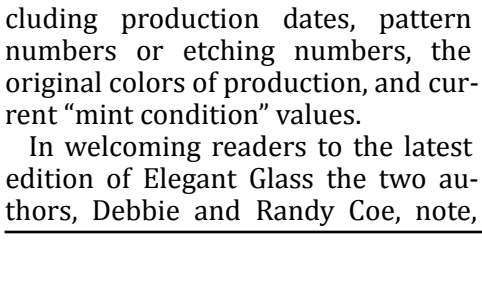

The World of Elegant Glass

This sweeping book presents all the favorites of the world of elegant glass including Cambridge, Fenton, Heisey, Imperial, Morgantown, New Martinsville, and Paden City. All are generously featured along with their own individual styles.

All the fine detail is extensive including production dates, pattern numbers or etching numbers, the original colors of production, and current "mint condition" values.

In welcoming readers to the latest edition of Elegant Glass the two authors, Debbie and Randy Coe, note, "America's finest glass making companies were covered in this book."

Oldest Pattern

They point out that the oldest pattern listed by the book in America is one produced by Fostoria in 1915. The newest pattern listed in the book is the Hobnail in Cranberry Opalescent which was still being made in the late 1990s.

"We wanted to offer a full span of patterns for all of you collectors, they add."

It certainly is that with patterns arranged alphabetically from American and American Lady to Wildflower and Willowmere. Besides full lines of dinnerware the coverage most often includes bedroom, bath, and further decorating pieces.

Collector Organizations

Additionally the book includes sections on collector organizations, replacing items, glass museums, and a glossary.

Debbie and Randy Coe have been involved in collecting and glassware dealing since the 1980s. They have written a number of glass-related books for collectors including Glass Animals and Figurines.

Elegant Glass: Early, Depression, and Beyond, 4th edition, by Debbie and Randy Coe, hardcover, 256 pages, is $34.99 plus shipping from Schiffer Publishing, www.schifferbooks.com.

Book review by Robert Reed
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Baubles and Bling

Many years ago, I purchased a case of costume jewelry at an auction. I was drawn to the sparkle and various colors of the rhinestones.

Some of the settings were old and had missing stones, but as a whole I saw the beauty in the bling.

Over the years, I've added more brooches and since have set the collection into an antique frame The jeweled art work has stood as a decorative piece on my bedroom wall ever since. Once in a while, I unfasten a brooch and put it on the lapel of a jacket. It's comical how people take notice and comment on the "unusual jewelry" I'm wearing. There's something about the shimmer and shine that catches the eye of "bauble and bling beholders". It puts a smile and dialogue on their lips as they inquire where I purchased it.

Someday, on a grand scale, Heaven will be full of bright and beautiful baubles and bling. Only it will be colors and hues we've never seen before. Revelation 21 speaks of streets of gold, gates of pearl, foundations decorated with every kind of precious stone: sapphires, emeralds, topaz, amethyst and other jewels I've no idea how to pronounce. It will be more dazzling than my frame full of brooches and pins.

Merry Christmas

Cheryl is an Elementary Reading Specialist of 30 years and author of 10 teacher resource books, devotionals and a children's book. She's a member of Pine Meadows Wesleyan church and a musician on the worship team.

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When the month of November is upon us there is a sense of anticipation within me that ignites my enthusiasm for decorating. Feeling a shifting, cold snap in the air, I am naturally drawn inside to sit by the wood fire to think and to dream. With the holidays right around the corner, my mind becomes filled with new ideas to create warmth, ambiance and an artful emphasis on bringing back the past.

Festive Symbols of the Season

Each year I always find a way to incorporate my favorite antiques into my holiday displays. Early handled crocks, painted country firkins and even wooden measures become perfect bases for my primitive trees, large and small. These festive symbols of the season add a sparkling, natural glow to each room of the house and I tuck them in any way I can. Even the corner of my harvest table becomes warmer with the primitive glint of lights on my petite cedar tree decorated with handcrafted spice balls spiked with cloves. My tavern room is softly alight by a slender tree that is decorated simply with handcrafted birds and turkey feathers nestled among the boughs. My early blanket chests become risers for other trees that just need "a little more height" to be seen from the road.

Christmas in New England

Early antiques appeal to me even more when they are adorned with the natural elements of the Christmas season. Branches of greens, cones of all sizes, strung nuts and bay, and even pears and pineapples all can add beauty to a primitive vignette. Pomanders made using apples or oranges dotted with cloves look stunning tucked among greens in a display of redware and pewter. This symbol of early New England adds natural texture and color that is pleasing and it creates warmth that is beautifully simple and brings one's heart back to a simpler time.

Inspiration for your own holiday decorating can come in many forms, but perhaps the most fun is to venture out to your favorite open house events. Without a doubt, my Christmas inspiration is at its peak when I take in the sights, sounds and ambiance at Milltown Primitives in its full holiday splendor. All six rooms create the feel of an eighteenth-century home readied for the celebratory season and the gathering of friends and family. It is the perfect early setting to not only shop for primitive treasures and holiday finds, but to have an experience straight out of colonial New England.

This holiday season seek inspiration and wonder. Take time to plan and create that special setting with your favorite antiques. Trust in the power of nature's elements to not only enhance your thoughtful displays, but to remind you of the spectacular beauty of simplicity.

For further information and inspirational photos Facebook us at Milltown Primitives.

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Cowboy Poetry

by Jane Ambrose Morton

Cody's Christmas Present

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Here, gently pat his glossy coat,
as you stand by his side.

His coat is black as blackest night,
his tail vanilla cream.
He's champing at his silver bit,
his amber eyes agleam.

Your little hand can grip his mane
in case he starts to fling you.
Just grab a-hold and don't let go.
It's there for you to cling to.

We know that you aren't ready yet
to rock across the floor.
But you can stand there patting him,
while we stand and adore.
This toy's for your great-grandparents,
we're ready to admit,
to link you to our ranching past
or one small part of it.

Someday we'll show you pictures of
yourself and your
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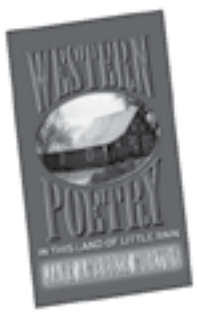
We hope that your first
Christmas here's
a blessed one indeed.



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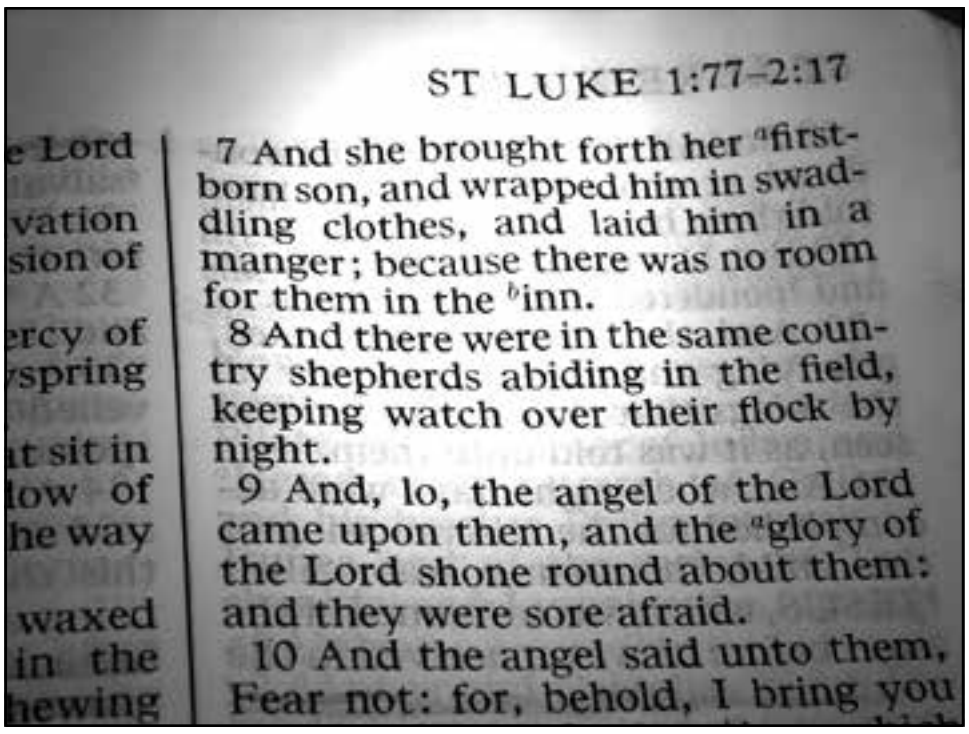
Top Management Tips

Tips forwarded to you by an HR consultant friend of mine…ponder these!

- Is better to do the right things haltingly than the wrong things with dispatch (if those are the only two alternatives facing you).
- It is better to strike a straight blow with a crooked stick than to spend your whole life trying to straighten it out!"
- It is tough to work for a nervous boss, especially if you are the one who is making him/her nervous.
- It is better to occasionally ask forgiveness rather than consistently ask for permission.
- Always do what your boss wants; if you don't like what he wants, change what he wants, but always do what he wants!
- It is easier to help your boss make up his mind than it is to persuade him to change it.
- Swift and obvious penalties pursue those who treat their boss's wishes in a light-hearted, cavalier manner.
- If you don't want to follow your boss's advice, don't ask for it. But once you ask and get his advice, don't complain if it's not the advice you wanted, you asked for it.
- Anything you are doing that your boss can't see...isn't happening. If you want to be recognized for something, be sure you do it in a recognizable form.
- Nobody is perfect...do your best and enjoy your work...or change your work!
- If you work for a boss...then work hard for your boss. When the time comes that you can no longer work for your boss...then make a career decision...but don't hang around and complain!!
- If you are doing the work of two people, the chances are that one of them reports to you!
- One of the principal obstacles in the development of self-reliance in subordinates is the boss's need to let them watch "a genius in action". Note: by the way, this statement, is ***not*** a compliment to the boss!!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7 And she brought forth her [a]first-born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the [b]inn.

8 And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

9 And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the [a]glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

10 And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you

An Old-Fashioned Christmas

Why is it after all these years of writing articles for The Country Register, the Christmas article is the most difficult (for me) to write.

Could it be because the message is the same with gift suggestions, entertaining ideas, and most importantly of all the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ? I struggle with it because the message is the same. And, because I like to put a different spin on whatever message I am writing, the challenge to change the presentation does not come easily for me.

Change the Message?

As I pondered over this, I began to ask myself, "Do I really have to change the message?" Right now our world and its values are changing almost daily, so why not go back to our roots, and celebrate the season as we did in our childhood. If there are young ones in your life, introduce them to what it was like to celebrate Christmas when you were growing up. Obviously you are going to have to prepare them for this, or they may not be open to the idea.

> The secret to a successful old-fashioned Christmas is how you approach the young ones,...

You might begin by inviting them to help decorate the tree. Could they help string popcorn and/or cranberries? For the little ones, perhaps they could help glue paper chains together. And, depending on where you live, could you plan a tree-cutting outing where everyone comes along to pick out the perfect tree and cut it down. Of course when you get home, the family can sit by the fire (if that is an option) and enjoy a nice mug of hot tea before putting up the tree.

If family is visiting from out of town and will be with you a few days, why not let the children help with baking cookies or other delights that you traditionally make for the holidays. This would be a perfect time to pass on your favorite recipes, which hopefully they will create when they have a family of their own. And don't forget a snack of tea and cookies is a great way to end your baking lesson.

Afterwards

On Christmas Eve, most people go to church. Afterwards, assuming you do not open presents on Christmas Eve, why not ride around the neighborhood and see the colorful display of lights, your neighbors have created. When you get home you can have a snack or even a meal depending on what tradition you follow.

Christmas Day at my house, before we open the presents, we read the Christmas story from the Bible. Then on a pedestal dish, we have a coffeecake with a birthday candle in the middle. We sing "Happy Birthday" to Jesus, enjoy our food, and then open our presents. Children need to know the reason we celebrate Christmas. So before the chaos of the day begins, it might be well to set aside that quiet time to pause and reflect what Christmas is all about.

Board Games

And, if you are staying true to an old-fashioned Christmas, perhaps you can spend the afternoon playing board games. You read it right... board games, not electronic ones. And, perhaps you could wind down the day by singing some Christmas Carols over a nice cup of tea and some of your home baked goodies.

The secret to a successful old-fashioned Christmas is how you approach the young ones, especially the teenagers. You may have to collect their cell phones (and other electronic gadgets) at the door, or at least insist that their phone be turned off. But, as they become engaged, they will soon realize there is a world without cell phones etc. that can be enjoyed.

Incorporate Your Values

What I have shared with you, are just suggestions. You know the time you have with your family. Try to incorporate as many of your values as you can without overwhelming them. Perhaps none of these ideas will work for your situation, but I hope it is a beginning to spark ideas on how you can teach the younger generation there is fun in the simple pleasures of life, and more importantly in being together as a family.

Merry Christmas!

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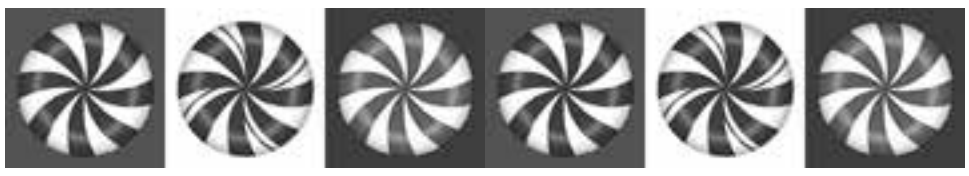

The Pause That Refreshes

Sitting here along the shoreline of the beach, feeling the warmth of the sun, while enjoying a tall glass of iced tea, it is then that I feel my first day of vacation has begun.

For you see, prior to arriving at this point, I was busy preparing for the trip in addition to making sure I had not omitted anything regarding elder care issues. If you are like me, the thought of going away for a few days is not met with enthusiasm and ecstasy, primarily because of all the extra effort that must be applied both before and afterward.

Feeling Relaxed

So, here I am sitting by the ocean, with my iced tea in hand, and finally for the first time in a long time, I feel relaxed, while experiencing a peaceful feeling settling over me.

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The days pass quickly, and at mid-point I am beginning to dread the thought of going home. Don't get me wrong, it's not that I don't want to see my family, but I know when I return I am stepping back into the demands of the real world. As much as I would love to be able to linger over iced tea while hearing the gentle roar of the ocean waves, alas, it will soon be coming to an end.

So, for the few days that remain of my vacation I will sit back and mediate upon the words Mutsuko Tokunaga wrote in his book, "New Tastes in Green Tea."

Refreshing Pauses

"Drinking tea punctuates our day with precious and refreshing pauses, whether it is after a satisfying meal, or a much-needed pause in our busy schedules."

So, whether you go on vacation or just do a "staycation", remember the pause that refreshes is the pause that will enable you to return to your everyday routine with a newfound joy, and a general overall good feeling that you can do what each day requires of you to do.

So take a deep breath and P A U S E !

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Essential Oils

Essential oils can increase energy levels!

The crisp cool early morning air makes me realize, as I write this, that September is well on its way and fall is coming. September is a busy month for me and I am sure everyone else also. There was Labor Day in my hometown of Atlanta, Kan., where locals and former locals gather for the yearly parade and a weekend filled with various activities and, best of all, just visiting with old friends and making new ones.

Next was Grandparents' Day at the schools and a lunch that was special because it was shared with grandchildren. Then it will be the Walnut Valley Festival where we will participate as a vendor. When I stop long enough to realize how busy my schedule has been, I understand why I sometimes feel tired. So I thought I would share some ways I use essential oils to help me feel energetic and vibrant.

Evening Soak

My all time favorite is enjoying an evening soak in a tub full of warm bath water to which I have added:

1/8-½ cup of Natural Sun Bleached Dead Sea Mineral Salt or Natural Pink Himalayan Mineral Salt

Then place one tablespoon of whole milk or ½ and ½ cream in a cup or bowl and add:

- Lavender Essential Oil 5 drops
- Black Pepper 2 drops
- Eucalyptus 3 drops
- Sweet Orange 5 drops
- Cypress 3 drops

When the above essential oils are added in the milk or cream, swirl them around in the bowl to mix them with the milk. When they are mixed, hold them under the warm bath water as it fills the tub. Then enjoy a nice, warming refreshing soak and feel how rejuvenated you will feel. People often wonder why the pure essential oils are added to the milk. It is because the oils will disperse in the water better if they are first dissolved in fat. This also makes it less likely to get any drops of an essential oil directly on the skin.

In the afternoon if I am tired and need a nap, but can't have one, I take a drop of peppermint oil on a tissue or cotton ball and place it where I can smell the aroma. Peppermint is stimulating and will make you feel awake. Peppermint is also good in a spray to use in a room, on your clothes, linen, or even as a spritzer on the body. An added benefit to the spray is that it will help keep a lot of the insects and bugs off when you are outdoors.

My Favorites

Also favorites are Sinus Opener Spa Blend and My Defense Spa Blend Oils in a warm bath salt soak in place of the above recipe. Instead of the listed essential oils, just use 15 drops of the Sinus Opener Spa Blend in the bath for those times when you feel bothered with allergies or feel like a cold is approaching. You will be amazed how much better you will feel. When you sense the "aching" symptoms of the flu coming on, use the warm bath salt soak with 15 drops of the My Defense Spa Blend and be surprised with how much better you will feel.

You can also use 8 drops of the Sinus Opener Spa Blend with 8 drops of the My Defense Blend in a warm bath salt soak to discourage both the cold and flu symptoms.

In fact, I think I need a warm bath salt soak tonight!

Wanda Headrick, owner of Flinthills Aromatherapy, draws on her extensive knowledge of essential oils to share non-chemical remedies to keep readers and their homes healthy.

All the essential oils, essential oil blends, carrier oils and other products mentioned in this column can be found at www.flinthillsaromatherapy.com or by calling Flinthills Aromatherapy, Inc. @ 620-394-2258 or by e-mail at info@flinthillsaromatherapy.com

Piecing Life Together

Be a Doer—Make Mistakes!

Did you ever have one of those days? A few days ago, because I failed to latch the gate that separates the cats from the dog, Puppy Brian found his way to the cat food and gobbled up every morsel. Oops!

_Barbara Polston

The Mistake

Just moments later, I grabbed the all-fabric bleach instead of the fabric softener and happily dumped the cap-full into the softener dispenser. Realizing my mistake, there was a bit of cleanup before the softener was appropriately employed. Oops!

These little mistakes didn't really upset me. Frankly, I found them a bit funny. I thought, perhaps, they were indicators that I should be paying better attention to my actions. Never one to hesitate to poke a bit of fun at myself, I posted about my day on Facebook.

Misunderstood Post

I was surprised by the comments I received. You would have thought that I had posted about tremendous personal tragedy and was tearing out my hair in frustration. Either my post didn't hit the right note or my online friends blew my little mistakes way out of proportion. Maybe it says something about how they respond to their own little mistakes or the standard they set for themselves.

Little mistakes happen in quilting all the time. The seam drifts off that magic quarter-inch mark. The points, meant to be crisp and meet precisely, are cut off. There's a tiny pucker in the curve of the appliqué. Oops, all.

The Decision

Each time a little mistake happens, the quiltmaker is faced with a decision. Do I rip that out and resew it or do I let it be? Part of the answer lies in the magnitude of the "oops" and the intended use for the finished product. The bar for competition quilts continues to inch ever higher. If the quilt is destined for competition, the decision is always to rip it out and do it again. If the quilt is meant for a child to drag through the yard as a security blanket, it's probably OK to let it be and move to the next phase of construction.

It seems to me that quilting—like life—is full of little mistakes. Some things I like about designing and making original quilts are the challenges faced along the way and the process of responding to them. Some of those challenges are accompanied by an "Oops!" And, yes, sometimes the word is a bit stronger.

In thinking about mistakes, large and small, I ran across the words of John Wooden. "If you're not making mistakes," he said, "then you're not doing anything. I'm positive that a doer makes mistakes."

So, be a doer
and make some mistakes!

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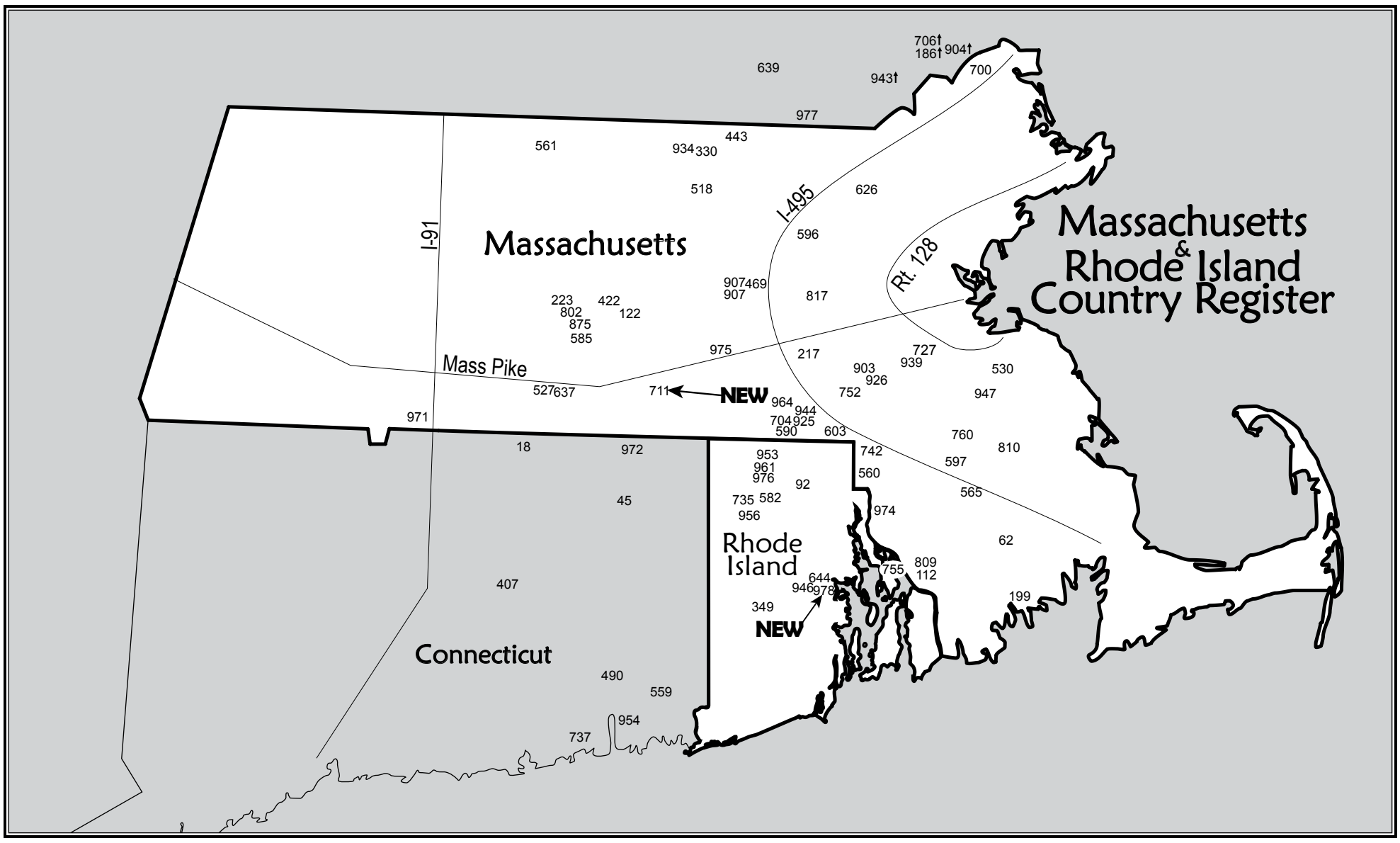

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Thur- Mon, Nov 7-11 10-5 daily
Specials Doorprize Refreshments
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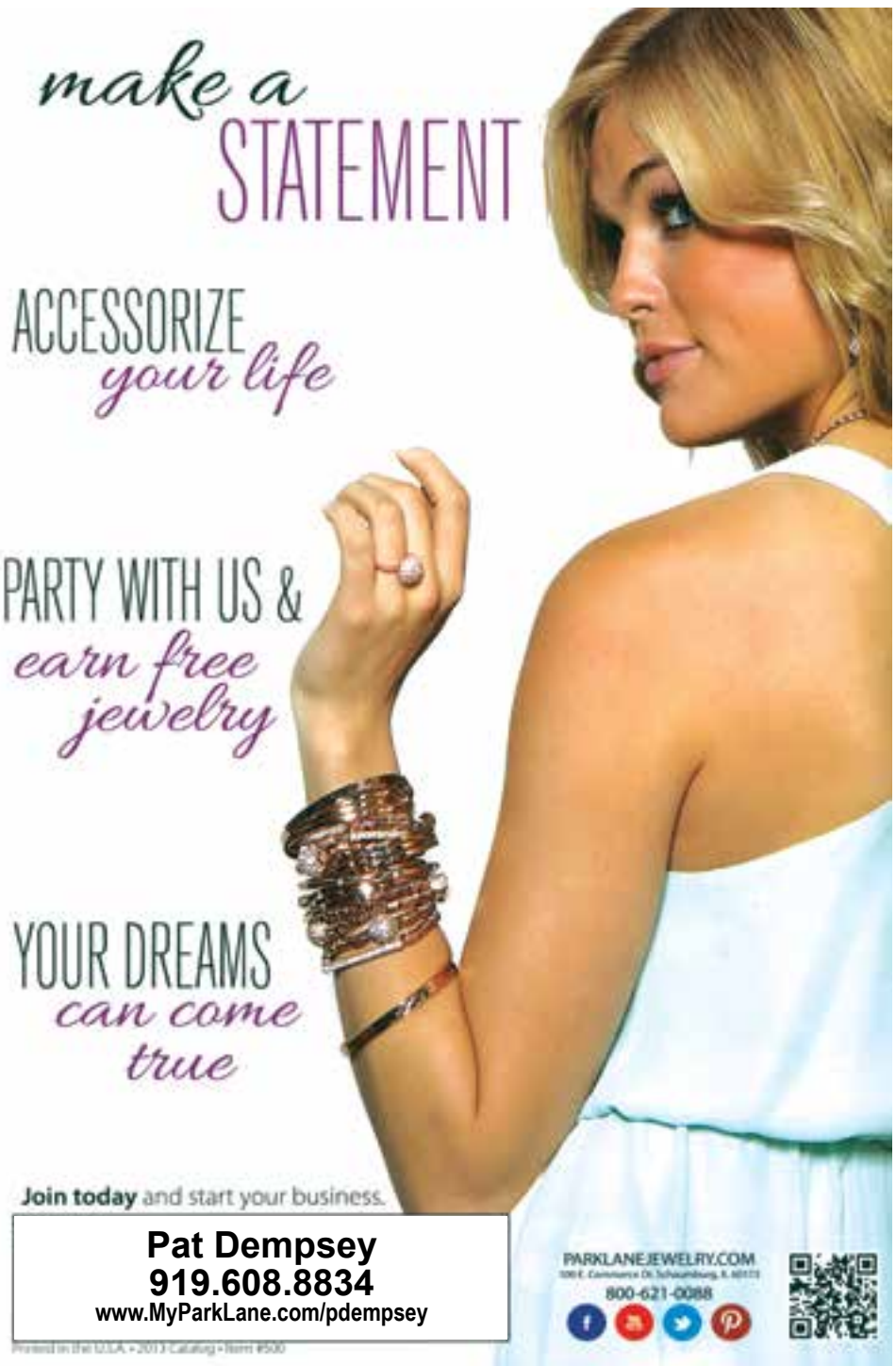

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