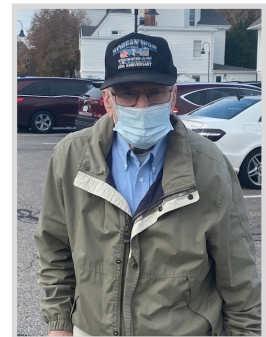


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It's an honor to salute Concord's veterans every November. Bob Marquis (Marine Capt.) returned as our emcee and Concord's Veterans Agent, Dick Krug, looked sharp in his khakis. The breakfast was once again a Grab & Go and over 80 vets and families drove through. Thank you to The Concord Lions for supplying patriotic masks for everyone and thank you to the Concord DAR for its wreath of recognition.



Thanksgiving TV Corner

- 9:00 AM Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade
- 12:00 PM National Dog Show by Purina
- 4:45 PM The Wizard of Oz



Reminder Corner

Thurs. Dec. 30
**New Year's Take
Out Chinese Food**
Grab & Go



**Harvey's Treasure Chest
Gift Shop in Person & Online**

Chocked full of holiday items that delight. All proceeds benefit the COA.



Your Top 7 Tips for Online Holiday Shopping

7. If you have favorite online retailers, bookmark those sites & only use those links, instead of clicking on offers in ads, emails or texts that *appear* to be from those retailers.

6. Always look for the letters *https* at the beginning of the Website address. There should be a padlock icon to the left of the address so you know the Website has a “Secure Sockets Layer.”

5. Even on secure Websites, **it’s not a good idea to store credit card or other personal information.** But if you have, and later find that you have clicked on a site impersonating the one with your information, change your user name and password immediately.

4. Don’t respond to notifications for orders you never placed. They are “phishing” emails to steal your personal info. Beware of e-mail notifications from what appear to be delivery companies such as FedEx, UPS or the U. S. Postal Service regarding a “problem” with delivery that can be “fixed” by clicking a link. Contact the delivery service directly to see if there is a problem.

3. If you do online shopping in a Wi-Fi area, make sure your device is protected with a **Virtual Private Network**, so your private information can’t be viewed by hackers – like that woman having lunch two tables over.

2. **Criminals love charity scams.** Never click on a plea for a contribution in an ad, or social media. Go directly to the organization.

1. **Keep an eye on your bank and credit accounts,** to make sure purchases are legitimate and debit amounts are correct.



Tech Tutor Corner

GCFLearnFree.org is free and supported by the Goodwill Community Foundation. Another free website that teaches seniors basic computer skills is **TechBoomers.com**. If you can afford to pay for an online series, try **Geekatoo.com**. It costs \$79 for a two-hour tutorial instruction along with technical support.

TEK workshops are free to the public. They offer technology learning events both on tablets and on smartphones across cities throughout the U.S. Call: 202-434-3021. **SeniorNet.org** offers basic online computer courses for seniors. They also offer instructor-led workshops at 36 learning centers in the U.S. There’s a membership fee of \$43 initially. Visit online or call 239-275-2202.

Lifelong Learning Institutes (LLIs) offer many courses to retirees. To find an LLI that offers computer/technology classes, contact your closest adult college.

OasisNET.org/connections offers free computer and digital technology classes locally across 30 U.S. cities. Visit online or call 314-862-2933 x-272.

Comedy Corner

I am no cook. But I can follow the directions. Which said to let the bird chill in the sink for a few hours.



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