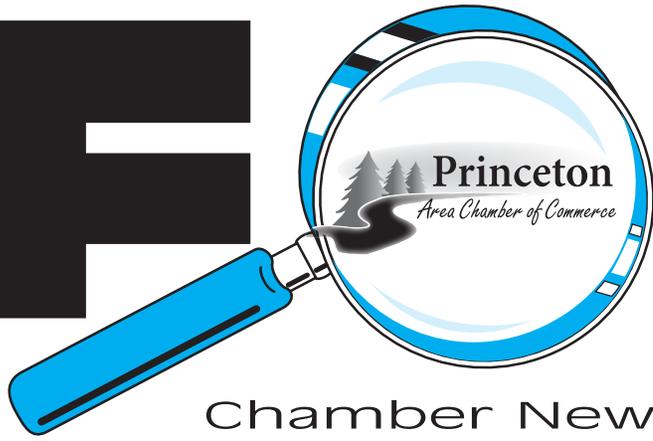


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ID#W14-592

Thursdays, February 27, March 6, 13, 20 and 27

Middle School Gym, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

\$30.00

Zumba Gold

Active Adults

This class will be 6-60 minute sessions of Zumba Gold with our instructor Brooke! Zumba Gold is an easy-to-follow program that lets you move to the beat at your own speed. It's an invigorating, community-oriented dance-fitness class that feels fresh, and most of all, exhilarating! Zumba Gold classes provide modified, low-impact moves for active older adults. Ditch the work out and join the party! Anyone can do Zumba! Come and shake it! Brooke's classes emphasize on fitness and are designed to be upbeat and give you a great workout all while having fun! Wear tennis shoes with low tread and comfortable clothing you can move freely in!

ID#: W14-601

Wednesdays, 2/26-4/2

Sterling Pointe Senior Center, 9:00-10:00 a.m.

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Prerequisite: Cake Decorating Basics class or experience working with decorating bags.

Saturday, February 22 at Middle School B117

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (with short break for lunch)

\$59 workshop fee includes supplies for workshop and light lunch

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For more information, visit www.Avaqynacres.com

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February 19, 6-8 p.m. @ 34706 Dolphin St. NW, Princeton

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January 27, March 7,
April 21, May 19,
June 16, and July 11.)



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Civic Betterment Club

January was super cold, but it didn't stop this hearty group! January was spent visiting members who can't be at our meetings anymore. We enjoyed coffee at the Caley House on January 8 with Eleanor Berdahl and Hazel Reeve, who are residents there. Then on January 21, Tiny Lingle invited us to Sterling Pointe for our monthly meeting. Thanks go to her children for serving their delicious coffee cakes. It was great to be with these members who have done so much for our club throughout the years.

Due to the early deadline last month, we didn't acknowledge everyone who has made our events successful last year. We extend special thanks to Art and his crew at Bremer Bank for allowing us to have our Craft Room there, and also to the Princeton Union-Eagle for publishing our events. Member Amy Wilcox was omitted from the list of our Santaville workers and she needs special recognition for entertaining everyone throughout the day with her singing and playing the piano. Amy also put in many hours to get items ready for the store at Santaville, plus she brought her daughter, Roseanne Shea, to help. Thanks, Amy, for being a great member! Betty Jensen also brought help for the Craft Room as her goddaughter, Roxanne Buddy from Baldwin, Wisconsin, worked with us too and the extra help was truly appreciated. Thanks also to Phyllis Sueverkruupp for donating items for the store.

December also brought exciting news for the community with the Minnesota Historical Society awarding a grant to replace the roof of the Great Northern Depot. We congratulate member Penny Quast for all her work to preserve this historic building for everyone to enjoy.

Our club contributed to a family's Christmas through Holiday Helping Hands, and we would like to thank Gloria Bromberg, Nancy Campbell, Maureen Gould, Char Kramersmeier, and the Immanuel Lutheran Church Women for the items they added to our donation.

We will be meeting on February 18 at 9:00 a.m. in the back room of K-Bob. Everyone is welcome to join us as we continue planning our Centennial Year. Please call our President, Judy Barnes (763-389-5855), with any questions.

Happy Valentine's Day!!



Friends of the Princeton Area Library

Friends of the Princeton Area Library held its annual meeting on January 9th at Merlin's. The main agenda item was election of officers for the coming year. Cathy Hegg - President; Janice Gerth, Vice President; Elaine Fink - Treasurer; Pat Dunham - Secretary; and Members at Large - Marilyn Heacock and Myrtle Slovik.

Meetings of the general membership are usually held on the first Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in the community room of the library. However, the February meeting will be held the second Thursday, February 13th.

Anyone interested in supporting the work of the library is encouraged to attend the February meeting. Members will be looking for new ideas for membership and new ways to involve members in programs and financial support of the library.

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Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce Winter GALA & Fundraiser

The Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce held their Winter Gala fundraiser on December 12, 2013. The event was a record breaker in attendance and a successful fundraiser to help support the mission statement and goals of the Chamber. Princeton Business owners and representatives along with Princeton community members enjoyed an evening of music, comedy, awards and fundraising events.

The theme this year was "A Formal Affair." While guests were encouraged to wear formal attire, all Gala visitors were asked to wear or purchase a mask or hat to accompany their finery. The guests were all dressed to the nines and Reynolds Balloon & Party helped to create the elegant atmosphere with decorating to suit the occasion.

The evening started off eloquently with the harp music of Ms. Heidi Street. Steven's Restaurant provided a sumptuous meal that included a variety of choices that would delight any taste palette. Later in the evening, the audience was kept in stitches by the entourage of Ventriloquist David Malmberg.

The silent auction was overflowing with a bevy of fun opportunities for bidding choices and the live auction auctioneer, Bill Meyer, added a whole new excitement to some of the more unique and valuable items available for bid.

In addition to being the Chamber's major annual fundraiser, it also acts as the backdrop to recognize the PACC Board Members that give so freely of their time and expertise to help maintain and grow a prosperous business and community environment for the Princeton Area.

The Award Ceremony was filled with applause as **Minuteman Press** was announced as **Business of the Year** as voted by their Chamber peers at the November Chamber Annual Meeting; **Princeton Public Schools** earned the title of **Civic Group of the Year**, also voted

by their Chamber peers. Votes had been sealed until the Gala's revealing at the Awards Ceremony. The 2013 **Person of the Year Award** was given to **Tom Vrchota** posthumously; Jessie Vrchota accepted the award on her husband's behalf with a touching tribute on his deep devotion to his family.

The Awards Ceremony also individually recognized retiring Board Members with heartfelt thank yous and engraved plaques as they came forward. Outgoing Board members were **John Herman (Fairview Northland Medical Center)**, **Deb Ulm (Steinbrecher Painting)**, **Holly Martinson (Crystal Cabinets)**, **Mark Oleen (Sherburne State Bank)** and **Scott Berry (Berry Law Offices)**. Retiring member, Scott Berry, received a standing ovation for his two years as president of the Chamber and his strong push to give the Board a business oriented focus and promote Princeton as a great place to eat, live, play, and shop. Newly elected members to the Chamber were asked to stand and be recognized: **Nikki Elton (Nikki's Salon)**, **Julia Espe (Princeton Public Schools)**, **Jeff Gongoll (Fairview Northland Medical Center)**, **David Haugen (Princeton Agencies)**, and **Curt Van Oort (State Farm)**.

Thank you to all who supported the Gala! The event proceeds help to fund some of the major activities and supportive contributions that the Chamber provides for the local business community and associated events such as: the Princeton Ambassador Program, Princeton Area Business and Community Expo, Rum River Festival, Fall Chili Fest and much more.

Presently, the 2014 Gala is scheduled to be held on December 4. Mark your calendars now and be on the lookout for that perfect cocktail or formal gown. It's rumored that next year's Gala will be even more spectacular!



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2014 Kinship Plunge

Kinship Youth Mentoring will be holding a "KINSHIP PLUNGE" for our Winter Fundraiser.

Sunday February 1, 2014

Registration begins at 11:00 a.m.

Plunging starts at NOON

Green Lake, Isanti County, Main Access

Located 1 mile south of Highway 95 on Xenon.

COST: Minimum of \$100 in collected pledges per plunger.

Non-Profit Organizations: Funds raised by non-profit groups will be split with Kinship Youth Mentoring of Princeton with 70% staying with your program and 30% going to Kinship. If you would like your organization to participate please contact the Kinship Office and request a "Kinship Plunge Organization Agreement Form." Complete and Return the Agreement Form to the Kinship Office by January 24, 2014.

This promises to be a very fun day! Team competitions and costumes are encouraged. Make a day of it, come for the Plunge and enjoy a fun family atmosphere!

Plungers must be 12 or older and in good health. Plungers under 18 must be accompanied by parent, coach or the group adult supervisor.

Registration and More Info: Contact Kinship Youth Mentoring of Princeton 763-631-5967 or kinship@shertel.net or on facebook:

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The Princeton Ambassador Program, along with the North Elementary Student Council, are co-sponsoring the first annual Valentine's Dance for Princeton students in the third, fourth and fifth grades. Tickets are \$15 per couple and must be purchased through the school by February 7, 2014. The student must be accompanied by either a parent or a guardian. This is an excellent opportunity for the Ambassadors and Student Council members to lead by example.

You are never too young to make a difference and be involved in your community. This Valentine's Dance offers students and families a fun and memorable evening together. The Student Council and Ambassadors have chosen the "Historical Society" as this year's recipient for a donation that will be presented the night of the dance.

Any questions, please contact Teena Nordin at 763-389-6831.



Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge

2014 Event Schedule

FEBRUARY

Snowshoe Hike

Saturday, February 8, 1pm - 4pm
Meet at the snowshoe shed, south side of CR 9, just west of the river. Watch for signs. Snowshoes provided.

Valentine's Day Full Moon Ski

Friday, February 14 - 7pm - 9pm
Meet at Blue Hill Trail. Bring your own skis and equipment.

Snowshoe Hike

Saturday, February 22, 1pm - 4pm
Meet at the snowshoe shed, south side of CR 9, just west of the river. Watch for signs. Snowshoes provided.

APRIL

Evening Moth Program

Friday, April 25, 8:00pm - 11:30pm
Join author Jim Sogaard to learn about these fly-by-night creatures. Meet at Refuge HQ on CR 9.

MAY

Spring Celebration of Nature

Saturday, May 10, 7am - 1pm,
Bird tour 7am at Mahnomen Trail;
Eagle's Nest Nature Store open 8am - 1pm; Audubon Center of the North Woods live birds, reptiles, amphibians and a porcupine, Friends' Plant Sale and Kids' Nature Craft 10am - 1pm and more! All activities at Refuge HQ unless otherwise noted.

Spring Butterfly Tour

Saturday, May 31, 10am - 12pm
Meet your guide at Mahnomen Trail.

JUNE

Bird Tour

Saturday, June 7, 8am to 11am
Meet your guide at the Blue Hill Trail.

JUNE

Wildflower Tour

Saturday, June 14, 10am - to 12pm
Meet your guide at Refuge HQ for the car caravan tour.

Summer Butterfly Tour

Saturday, June 21, 10am to 12pm
Meet your guide at Blue Hill Trail.

JULY

Summer Butterfly Tour

Saturday, July 5, 10am - 12pm
Meet your guide at the Oak Savanna Trail, beginning of the Prairie's Edge Wildlife Drive on CR 5.

AUGUST

Evening Moth Program

Friday, August 22, 8:00pm - 11:30pm
Join author Jim Sogaard to learn about these fly-by-night creatures. Meet at Refuge HQ.

SEPTEMBER

Bird Tour

Saturday, Sept. 6, 8am to 11am
Meet your guide at Refuge HQ.

Wildflower Tour

Saturday, Sept. 13, 10am - 12pm
Meet your guide at Refuge HQ for the car caravan tour.



Most of our tours and activities are family-oriented & FREE! Pre-registration is requested. Contact the refuge for details.

OCTOBER

Fall Wildlife Festival

Saturday, Oct. 4, 10am to 3pm
Our annual celebration of wildlife, beginning with a 5K run/walk through the refuge. Featuring author and wildlife photographer, Stan Tekiela, live birds, horse-drawn wagon rides, nature crafts, bird education, wildlife discovery, Eagle's Nest Nature Store, silent auction and food. Small fee for 5K and food. All other activities free. Classroom site on Old Schoolhouse Road south side of CR 9.

Sandhill Crane Viewing

View thousands of cranes in late September and October. Stop at Refuge HQ for maps and information, or download information from our website.

DECEMBER

Christmas Bird Count

Saturday, Dec. 20, 8am - 5pm
Join Friends of Sherburne Refuge to count birds on the refuge and in the local area. Meet at Refuge HQ.

Refuge HQ is located on Sherburne CR 9, five miles west of Hwy. 169. Directions from area communities are on our website. Refuge HQ & Eagle's Nest Nature Store Hours are 8am to 4pm Monday - Friday. Closed federal holidays. Posters with detailed information on each activity will be available on our website several weeks prior to the event.

Sherburne National Wildlife Refuge
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<http://www.fws.gov/refuge/sherburne/sherburne@fws.gov> 763/389-3323

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The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is committed to providing access to these events for all participants. Please direct all requests for special accommodations to Refuge Headquarters: 763/389-3323, sherburne@fws.gov, or TTY 800-877-8339 at least one week prior to the event. Updated 01/09/14

Winter Event Schedule

2013-2014

Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge



Candlelight Ski Event

Saturday, February 15, 2014 - 6:30 p.m.

Join us to ski under a (nearly) full moon! A lighted, double-wide, groomed trail will make a mile-long loop, which begins and ends at the headquarters/maintenance area. Dress for the weather. Layers are a good idea. You must furnish your own skis.



The Friends of Crane Meadows will also have snowshoes available for people to use. The snowshoe trail will follow alongside the cross-country ski trail. There will be a bonfire near the refuge maintenance shop, which will be open for people to warm themselves and socialize. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends group free of charge, but donations are accepted.

Habitat Day

Saturday, March 8, 2014 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Our 13th Annual Habitat Day features family fun and your chance to help wood ducks and bluebirds. You're invited to learn more about these wildlife species and assemble a free wood duck or bluebird box to take home. Your own hammer or cordless drill is helpful, but not necessary. Dress for the weather, as part of our activities will be outdoors. The event is free, but donations are appreciated. Note: If the event needs to be cancelled, the announcement will be made over local radio stations, and rescheduled for March 15th.



~ All events will take place, or begin, at the refuge maintenance shop/headquarters area ~

~ Events may be postponed or cancelled due to inclement weather or lack of snow ~

~ Sponsored by Friends of Crane Meadows National Wildlife Refuge ~

For More Information:

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Make your resolution to become a better winter driver

From Howstuffworks.com and article by Rachel Oswald

You wake up one morning to find the roads blanketed in a thick carpet of snow. It's still too early for the snowplows to have gotten around to your small neighborhood, but you have to get to work on time this morning. You're a little nervous about the commute, but you get in your car and begin your drive anyway.

After a little while with no mishaps, you grow more confident and inch back up to your usual speed. The radio is playing your favorite song, and the traffic conditions have you convinced that you won't be late. But now you're traveling down a hill toward a stoplight, and when you apply the brakes, you can feel that something's wrong. You're not coming to a smooth stop. Instead, you're slipping, and now the bumper of the car in front of you is alarmingly close -- right before you crash into it.

You've just become another of the more than 1.5 million annual car crashes associated with poor driving conditions caused by weather. These lousy driving conditions lead to an estimated 7,000 people being killed each year and 800,000 more injured [source: Eisenberg].

To avoid becoming another statistic, there are some common errors you should know so you can steer clear of them. In this article, we'll go over the top mistakes people make while driving in the snow.

1) Thinking 4wd or AWD makes you invincible.

While vehicles with four-wheel drive typically do perform better in snowy and icy driving conditions, the technology can backfire by giving drivers a false sense of safety. Four-wheel drive is used to send the specific amount of needed torque to each of your car's four tires to give it added traction to move forward through snowy roads. That doesn't mean, however, that you can race down the road at top speed in the snow and bring yourself to a quick stop. Four-wheel or all-wheel drive isn't going to give you the traction you need to brake. It can help you get through some difficult conditions, but it doesn't make you SuperSUV.

2) Not being prepared.

Many drivers find themselves caught off guard during the winter's first snow. In fact, the most dangerous day to be on the roads is the day after the first snowstorm. To ready your car for the winter, check that each of your tires has at least a 6/32-inch (4.8-millimeter) deep tread. All-weather tires can handle most driving conditions, but if you live in an area that gets a lot of snow, you should consider purchasing snow tires. Check your antifreeze levels and battery power and make sure that your defroster and rear window defogger work.

As far as the inside of your car goes, purchase a snow shovel and kitty litter or sand for digging yourself out of a jam and giving your vehicle traction. Flares, a flashlight and a snow scraper should also be kept in your car. Finally, consider signing up for a winter driving class in your area.

3) Following too closely.

Many people inexperienced with driving in the snow make a bad habit out of tailing the vehicle in front of them too closely. Like driving too fast, this lessens your reaction time if there's a problem with the vehicle ahead of you and you need to slow down suddenly.

It's recommended that you double (or if you want to be really cautious -- triple) your normal distance between cars, giving yourself a minimum braking distance of six seconds. Put another way, for every 10 mph (16 kph) you're traveling, you should give yourself four car lengths of space. So if you're traveling at 30 mph (48 kph), you should have 12 car lengths between you and the vehicle ahead of you.

You should also be looking ahead for stoplights, stop signs and curves in the road so you can give yourself adequate time to brake or steer around them.

4) Slamming on the brakes.

When you feel your tires start to slip, it's easy to panic and slam on the brakes. Don't do it -- this removes traction from your tires, taking away your ability to control your vehicle.

Once you've lost traction and your wheels are locked up, slamming your brakes won't change the situation. What you should do when you feel yourself begin to skid is ease off the accelerator and let the car slow down on its own. A moving tire means that there is still some traction, which is what you need to steer yourself out of a collision.

If braking is required and your vehicle comes with an anti-lock brake system, brake with steady, even pressure. If your car doesn't have ABS, then you should pump the brakes by quickly braking again and again.

When handling snow-covered corners, you should begin a steady braking as you approach the turn. Once in the corner, ease off the brakes and use the car's remaining traction to steer through the turn.

5) Driving Too Fast.

Driving too fast is the biggest snow driving error [source:Dunlop]. Drivers have a bad habit of thinking that once they've reached the highway they're fine to drive at their usual high speed. Wrong.

When your car starts to slip and you're heading for a crash, every second counts. Driving too fast reduces the amount of time you have to react and increases the severity of any collision. It also takes four to 10 times longer to brake on icy or snowy pavement than it does on dry asphalt.

You should slow your speed when the temperature is close to freezing and sleet and snow have begun to fall. Remember that there's no right speed zone to be traveling in when it's snowing, so you need to pay close attention to the road conditions and how your car is handling to gauge a safe speed.

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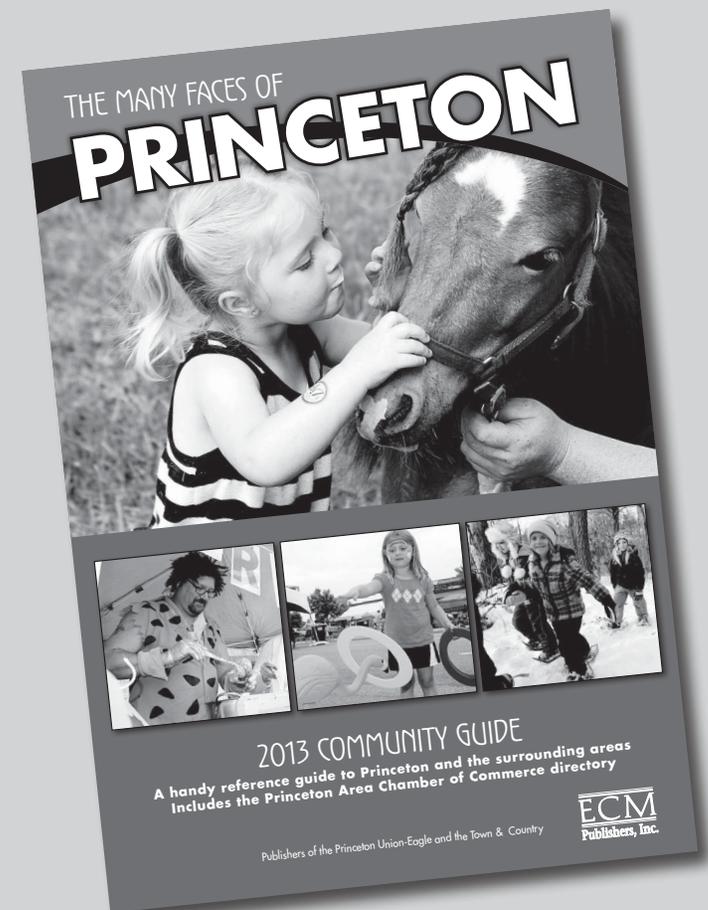
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