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Elise Stefanik The Chronicle interview

Q: Why are you opposed to health care for everybody?

A: I want to make health care affordable and accessible for evervone. I think the cost of health care continues to rise.

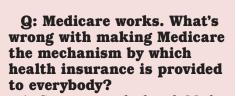
I think we need to work on lowering costs for health care and I've been very supportive of fixes of the Affordable Care Act. I authored the biggest fix, the

repeal of auto enrollment, which benefits individuals. Let's say you have a spouse and you're on their health care. The Affordable Care Act would have required you, without any knowledge of you being aware of, automatically enrolling in whatever your employer's health care was, which would have triggered a tax penalty on you because you are double enrolled. We repealed that.

We repealed the medical device tax to help lower costs. We passed associated health care plans to allow small businesses to pool together, work through their local chambers to increase their purchasing power when it comes to purchasing health care insurance.

I am for affordable, high-quality health care. It should be more accessible. It's just philosophically, I don't think it should be a government-run program.

Verbatim transcript: 2-term Congresswoman interviewed by Chronicle editor Mark Frost 2/12/18



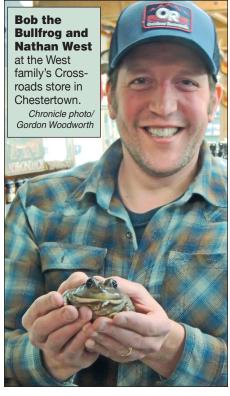
A: Sure, so we deal with Medicare cases frequently in our office. It is an important program for our seniors, but there are significant examples of waste,



fraud and abuse. We need to fix aspects of that program. I am also concerned about how much of a tax increase that would be. Vermont has entered into a Medicare-for-all single-payer system and it has huge fiscal challenges for the state. That's one of the reasons why I think a Republican governor was elected in the State of Vermont.

So I don't support a \$1-trillionplus tax hike on the American people to have a government-run

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Bob the bullfrog: Sign of spring?

By Gordon Woodworth

Chronicle News Editor

Bob the Bullfrog has reemerged from underneath the Crossroads Country Store in Chestertown.

"He hibernates under the sump pump," said Nathan West, whose family owns the store. "When it warms

Crossroads store, Chestertown

up, he pops out. It's a sure sign of spring." Nathan estimates Bob named by Nathan's nephew — is 10 years old.

"Some kids caught some frogs and brought them in to sell them to us," Nathan said. "Every one of

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Toni Sommo's moment

Jeff Mead at the **Cool Arena deposits** \$2-million check ► 3

Must teachers' role include thwarting killers. too?

JUST Water adds tangerine

By Cathy DeDe

Chronicle Managing Editor

Glens Falls-based JUST Water is adding three new infused flavors — tangerine, lemon and applecinnamon — and a smaller 330-milliliter container size.

JUST's celebrity coowner Jaden Smith



- son of Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith — leads the roll-out this week.

He was to appear on The Today Show Wednesday, followed by a full-court media day, JUST Chief **Operating Officer** Jim Siplon told *The* Chronicle. The new

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