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Candidates Urged to File Christmas Parade... AWESOME Nomination Papers

By Jessica Fladvid jfladvid@kewaskumstatesman.com

any positions are up election throughout Washington County. The first day to circulate nomination papers is December 1, and the last day to file is January 7, 2003. Elections are to be held on April 1, and terms are due to begin April 15 for Village President and Village Trustees. All other offices begin May 1. A primary election is to be held February 18, if necessary. All positions to be filled are for a two-year term, unless otherwise noted

For the Town of Auburn, five positions are up for election. Town Chairman, to succeed Howard Laubenstein; Supervisors to succeed Merle Laatsch and Joseph Minz; Town Clerk to replace incumbent, Camilla Butzke, and Town Treasurer to succeed Shelby Sarauer.

For the Town of Wayne,

five positions are also up for election. Town Board Chairperson, to succeed Leander Herriges; two Town Board Supervisor positions are up for election to succeed Carl Klemme and Kieth Kriewaldt; a Town treasurer is to be elected to succeed Gerald Schulz.

In the Village of Kewaskum, there are also five positions to be filled. A Village President is to be elected to succeed John D. Kenworthy; three Village Trustees are to succeed Andrew Pesch, Larry Ammel, and Thomas Piwoni and a Municipal Court Judge is to be elected to succeed Daryl Laatsch.

The School District of Kewaskum is also having elections of School Board members. Three board member positions are up for election. The positions are for three years. Incumbents are Beth Steiner, Lisa Maul, and Gordie Dickman. Their terms begin April 28.



Shown above is the second place float entry by the Kewaskum 4-H club. Boltonville Fire Department took the show with first while the Kewaskum Sno-Chiefs took third. Fourth place was Geidel's Piggly Wiggly and fifth place was Kettle Moraine Sportriders.

Statesman Photo: Nicole Rawley

By Kevin Stautz Parade Chairman

Season's greetings everyone! I would like to thank everyone who participated in and everyone who attended this year's Christmas parade. The list of everyone who helped make this parade a success is long!

I'm sorry by press time I did not have a completed list of all the volunteers for the parade. But I promise I will have it completed for next week's edition of the Statesman.

My hat goes off to all the volunteers who gave unselfishly of their time and

Left, a memorial tribute to Josh Buncich who was killed last Tuesday night in an auto accident on Highway Buncich's tragic death was a blow to the Kewaskum community. Buncich was an active member of the Boltonville Fire Department and First Responders. The staff of the Statesman keeps the family of Josh in our prayers, he will never be forgotten by the lives he touched. A complete obituary can be found on page 15.

Statesman Photo: Andrew Kuehl

effort. And how about the ingenuity of the floats?! Keep up the good work. They get better every year!

I would also like to thank all who open heartedly brought food items for our local food pantries who have seen a dramatic increase in people needing food in our

Thank you to the businesses and organizations that purchased the ice sculptures. And for the record, none of the blocks of ice were destroyed by vandals that I know of, contrary to the rumors! The warm weather caused the ice blocks to melt from the bottom making them top-heavy and then made them fall over. I received quite a few positive comments about the ice sculptures and it is possible they may be back for future parades or festivals in the

Unfortunately the chili cookoff didn't fare as well as the parade, but, there's always next year and maybe with more planning who knows?

Well, I hope the parade help put the Christmas spirit in your heart. It was a pleasure chairing this event for all the wonderful people of Kewaskum

News Briefs

County Gets New 800 Number effective January 1, 2003 Washington County will be activating a statewide toll free number. At that time you will be able to reach the county toll free by dialing 800-616-0446. Also effective January 1, the use of the Milwaukee Metro lines (414 342-2929) will no longer be in use.

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God Needed A Firefighter



Christmas Concert at KHS Dec. 16

'Tis the season to be And so Kewaskum High School Music Department will put on their annual Christmas concert Monday. on December 16, at 7:30 p.m. in Rose Hall.

All five vocal and instrumental groups will present their holiday music. The Mixed Choir will sing "A Gospel Noel," the beautifully lyrical "Christmas Bells Carol," and the energetic "Alleluia."

The Treble Choir joins in with an acapella version of "O Come All Ye Faithful," a closely harmonized version of the French Carol "Jeanette Isabella," and an upbeat rendition of "Winter Wonderland." Ukrainian "Carol of the Bells," a John Rutter piece with Shakespearian text, "Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind," and a rousing "Joy To the World" highlight the Concert Choir's part of the concert.

The Concert Band will be performing an arrangement of "Silver Bells" and a very special arrangement of "The Night Before Christmas" featuring high school principal Donn Woolweber as narrator.

The Symphonic Band will be performing two special medleys of traditional music - "C'est Noel" by French Canadian composer Andre Jutras and "Christmas Music Winds" set for band by John Cacavas. The Symphonic Band's portion of the concert will also include Clare Grundman's setting of "Variations on Joy to the World."

Middle School Christmas Concert Dec. 19

The Kewaskum Middle School choirs will hold a Christmas concert on Thursday, December 19, beginning at 7 p.m.

The sixth grade choir will sing a medley of "Over the River" and "We'll Dress the House" along with "Eight Reindeer On the Roof" and a version of "Auld Lang Sine."

Partner songs are part of the seventh grade choir selections including "Deck the Halls" and "The First Noel." The eighth grade choir will conclude the choral event with a calypsoinspired piece "The Light Come Down" and the well known "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Several seventh and eighth graders will also sing solos and in ensembles. The concert will be held in the middle school gym and there is no admission fee.

KMS Band Concert Dec. 17

The Kewaskum Middle School Band department will present it's annual Christmas concert on Tuesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. The concert featuring the sixth, seventh and eighth grade bands and the jazz band, will be held in the KMS gym. Come and hear season favorites from very old to modern.

No one can plan a family's activities like a newborn

Swanson® Herb-Simmered Beef Stew Prep Time: 15 min. Cook Time: 1 hr. 30 min.

- 2 lb. beef for stew, cut into 1" cubes
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- 2 tbsp. olive oil 3 cups thickly sliced fresh mushrooms
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- Sodium Beef Broth 3 cups fresh or frozen baby carrots
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SEASON beef with pepper and coat with flour. Heat oil in saucepot. Add beef and cook until browned, stirring often. Add mushrooms, garlic, herbs and bay leaf and cook until mushrooms are tender and liquid evaporates. Add broth.

HEAT to a boil. Cover and cook over low heat 45 min.

ADD carrots and potatoes. Heat to a boil. Cover and cook over low heat 30 min. or until done. Remove bay leaf. Serves 6.

Nutritional Values Per Serving: Calories 416, Fat 12g, Protein 35g, Carbohydrate 43g, Sodium

Thank You

To All Who Purchased Memorial Holiday Lights

The Kewaskum Area Chamber of Commerce would like to extend a special thank you to all the generous people who purchased lights on the community's memorial holiday Christmas tree.

The proceeds from this annual tradition, are used exclusively to fund the yearly Christmas parade. The lights are placed on a live tree situated adjacent to the Kewaskum Welcome sign and wayside/visitor's gazebo located just west of the firehouse. The annual parade, held on Sunday, December 8, was again impressive and seems to grow better with each passing year. The parade grows a little every year thanks to the generosity of the donors listed below and the selfless people who take the time and effort to participate.

If you enjoyed the parade, make a note to help out by purchasing a light on the trees next year. As everyone realizes, the things you enjoy the most seem to always come with a price tag and the Christmas Parade is no exception. Without all the support, participation, volunteerism and financial backing of the community, the Christmas Parade simply would not exist.

Special thanks to the parade committee headed by Kevin Stautz of Hollywood Portraits and his crew of helpers and to all who participated. Thanks also to Gwen Dreher and her crew for taking time during this busy season to put up the trees throughout the community, decorate bridges and put the lights on the donor tree.

This year only white lights were used on the tree and they were purchased simply by community residents, businesses, and in memory of loved ones.

Our gratitude to the following contributors who supported the parade financially:

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XYZ CARD RESULTS

The winners at cards played at the Municipal Building Annex Wednesday, Dec. 4th were: SKAT: Francis Gilboy, 24-1--23 net; Allen Reindl, 19-5--

SHEEPSHEAD: Jacak, Delores Mielke and Elmer Graff.

Weekly Specials Mon. Dec. 9 thru Sun. Dec. 8 Whole Chickens79¢ IIb.

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ON THE RECORD

Real Estate Transfers

VILLAGE OF KEWASKUM

David L. Jr. and Leah Hanson to Marlene Renzaglia, \$170,000.

Ann Manthei to WAMF Investments, \$147,000.

Whispering WIllow Dec. LLC, Gary Klink to Robert and Marilyn Schlamer, \$109,900.

Carolyn Butz to Jeffrey and Melissa Buechel, \$125,000.

Michael and Debra Lyn Nigh to Douglas and Katherine Solheim, \$225,000.

Jerome and Fern Kreif to Karen Kissinger and Kenneth Kreif, \$133,000.

DS Peters Builders Inc. to Kathryn and Kevin Martin, \$151,100.

Daniel and Judith Survis to Mark and Tammy Duff, \$159,000.

Roger and Tracy Gavin to Frederick and Sophronia Volk, \$163,900.

Whispering Willows Dev. LLC, Gary Klink to Carolyn Butz,

RT Dev. and Management, LLC, William Russell to Warnkey & Lehn Inc., \$35,500.

TOWN OF KEWASKUM

Joseph Betla and Linda Ermisch to M&K Barton, LLC, \$35,700.

TOWN OF FARMINGTON

Philip H. A. Lamp Jr. and Philip Henry Lamp to Brian and Laureen Bastian, \$10,000.

Michael and Margaret Heilman to Scott Lukasik, \$235,000. Gene Survis to M&I Real Estate

holdings Sale, \$194,650.

Benjamin Michaels to Gordon and Kathy Michaels, \$299,000.

Gordon and Kathy Michaels to Howard L. Jr and Kari Bruss, \$134,000

TOWN OF WAYNE

Wilfer Properties Dev. LLC, Charles Wilfer to Paul and Dawn Koepke, \$74,900.

TOWN OF BARTON

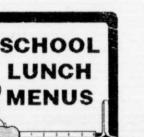
RT Dev. & Management, LLC, William Russell to Wilbur and Carol Bartley, \$172,100.

Theodore and Tammy Kugler to Christopher Buck, \$335,000.

Linda Schneider Tr to Robert and Patricia Potvin, \$153,300.

James and Barbara Coutley to Sheri Kempfer, \$380,000.

Laugh a lot. A good sense of humor cures almost all of life's ills.



KEWASKUM SCHOOL DISTRICT

Monday, Dec. 16 --Chicken alfredo, tossed salad w/asst. dressing, bread stick, corn & glazed cruller. *Cheeseburger/bun. (2) P.B. & J. uncrustable.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 -- Turkey & ham submarine sandwich, twister fries, pear slices & a Rice Krispie bar. *Chef Boyardee ravioli. (2) P.B. & J. uncrustable.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 --Chicken patty/bun, broccoli w/cheese sauce, peaches & a peanut butter crunch bar. *Mexican salad bar. (2) P.B. & J. uncrustable.

Thursday, Dec. 19 -- Bacon cheeseburger/bun, French fries, California blend veggies, tangy baked beans & a Christmas tree cookie. *Pizza hot pocket. (2) P.B. & J. uncrustable.

Friday, Dec. 20 -- Cheese pizza, fresh veggies & dip, garlic bread, applesauce & a strawberry shape-up. *State Fair corn dog. (2) P.B.& J. uncrustable.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

Monday, Dec. 16 -- Beefy noodle casserole, mini corn dogs, buttered peas, peaches, oatmeal bar, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 -- Turkey cubes over fluffy rice, broccoli/cauliflower, pears, dinner roll, Kit Kat bar, milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 --Mozzarella pizza dippers,

golden corn, Mandarin oranges, fruit Christmas cookie, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 19 --Hamburger on a bun (with the works), green beans, pineapple, cookie, milk.

Dec. 20 Friday, Stromboli, peanut butter applesauce, sandwich, Mandarin oranges, Rice Krispie bar, milk.

ST. LUCAS HOT LUNCH

Monday, Dec. 16 Hamburger/bun/cheese, fries, peaches, Heath bar

Tuesday, Dec. 17 -- Baked potato bar or macaroni & cheese, chicken steak, pickle spears, pineapple, pudding.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 --Corn puppies, tater tots, pizza dippers, pears, muffin.

Thursday, Dec. 19 --Spaghetti, garlic bread, corn, Mandarin orange, lemon bar.

Friday, Dec. 20 -- Chicken nuggets, mashed potato & tropical fruit, gravy, Christmas cookie.

CAMPBELLSPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dec. 16 --Monday, Grillburger/bun, cheese slice, French fries, fruit choice, cutie pie, milk.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 Spaghetti & meat sauce, parmesan cheese, salad bar, fruit, cookie, milk, dinner

Wednesday, Dec. 18 --Scrambled eggs or cheese omelet, sausage links, tri tater, applesauce, milk.

Wednesday, Dec. 19 -- Soft or hard shell tacos, cheese, lettuce, sour cream, tomatoes, pineapple chunks,

RESCUE CALLS

December On Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the village of Kewaskum for a person who fell. A transport was made.

Also on Deember 3, Kewaskum Rescue and **Boltonville First Responders** were dispatched to the town of Farmington for a person who was involved in a rollover car accident. A transport was made.

On December Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the village of Kewaskum for a person with back pain. A transport was made.

Also on December 5, Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the village of Kewaskum for a person with a possible heart attack. A transport was made.

Again on December 5, Kewaskum Rescue and **Boltonville First Responders** were dispatched to the town of Farmington for a person who fell. A transport was made.

December Kewaskum Rescue was dispatched to the town of Kewaskum for a person with numbness. A transport was made.

French bread, milk.

Thursday, Dec. 20 Chicken nuggets/ dip, Doritoes, mini carrots/dip, fruit choice, ice cream, milk.

WASHINGTON COUNTY NUTRITION PROGRAM

For the Elderly Menu Meadowcreek Complex

Monday, Dec. 16 -- Chilled orange juice, beef burgundy, egg noodles green beans & sliced carrots, French bread, raspberry bar.

Tuesday, Dec. 17 --Homestyle chicken, noodle soup w/crackers, homestyle meatloaf w/creole sauce, oven browned potatoes, succotash, 7 grain bread, toffee chip cookie.

Wednesday, Dec. 18 --Boneless pork loin w/lite gravy, mashed potatoes, seasoned stuffing, tossed vegetable salad w/ranch dressing, chilled applesauce.

Thursday, Dec. 19 -- Polish sausage, dark rye bread, sauerkraut, German potato salad, potpourri sherbet.

Ceramics at 9:30 a.m. every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month.

Bingo 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 10-11:30 a.m. Bring 50¢ prize to participate.

Community Bulletin Board

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Dec. 12: Dennis Kuehl Jeff Rawley Dec. 14:

Jessica Repovsch

Jon Stern

Dec. 17: Thomas A. Vorpahl Kyle John Vorpahl

Dec. 18: Cody Repovsch

Ethan Degnitz Dec. 19:

Lawrence R. Vorpahl

To have a birthday announced on the Community Bulletin Board Phone - 262-626-2626 Fax - 262-626-1382

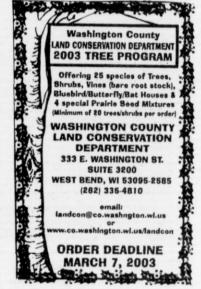
or E-mail - ckuehl@kewaskumstatesman.com

There is a deadline 3 pm Monday for Thursday publication.

BIRTH

DEGNITZ - A son, Grady Lloyd, was born to Andy and Michelle Degnitz, 8640 Fillmore Rd., Fredonia, on November 15, 2002. Grady was 21" long and weighed nine pounds, nine ounces. He joins his two brothers, Ethan, age four and Logan, age one-and-one-half, at

Paternal grandparents are Jim and Nancy Degnitz Fredonia. Maternal grandparents are Lloyd and Jane Merkel of Random Lake. Paternal great-grandparents are Richard and Minnie Degnitz of Fredonia.



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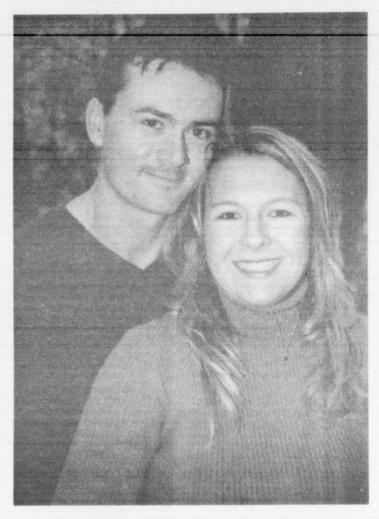


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PEOPLE NEWS

Berres - Hammer



Lisa Ann Berres and Scott Francis Hammer, both of West Bend, are planning a June 7, 2003 wedding.

The bride-to-be is a 1994 graduate of Kewaskum High School and will graduate from Marian College of Fond du Lac in May 2003 with a bachelor's degree in Human Resource Management. She is employed with Wachovia Securities of West Bend as a registered account administrator.

Her parents are James and Linda Berres, of 1685 Hwy. 28, Kewaskum. Lisa is the granddaughter of Eleanor Stroschine of Fond du Lac, the late Robert Stroschine, and also the late Andrew and Gertrude Berres of Kewaskum.

Scott is a 1994 graduate of West Bend West High School and a 1998 graduate of UW-Madison with a bachelor's degree in consumer science with an emphasis in retail management. He is employed with Ikon Office Solutions of Milwaukee as a sales representative.

His parents are Dr. Todd and Darlene Hammer of 1321 Stirling Ct., West Bend. Scott is the grandson of Edward and Hildegarde Hammer of West Bend and the late Mary Jean Hammer, and also the late George and Elvira Greig of Sheboygan Falls.

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*School-Based Mentor — Give one hour a week to a child during his/her lunch period. Help child with homework, run around on the playground, and share a few laughs. What a great way to give maximum benefit with a minimum amount of time!

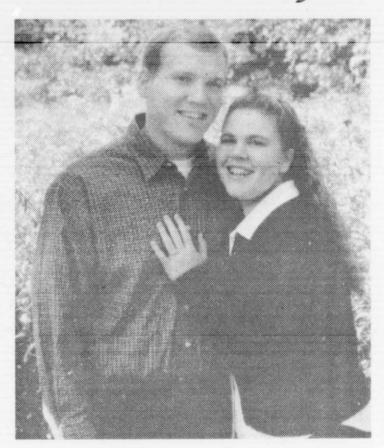
*Homework Advisor – Work with youth on daily homework assignments on subjects like Math, English, and Science! Give your time and talent in Jackson or West Bend locations between 3:00pm-8:30pm.

*Children's Room Helper

Interact with kids of all
ages. Help with crafts activities sometimes with parents present, sometimes
while parents are in educational seminars!

The time you give truly matters in the life of a child! We have over 200 other volunteer opportunities to choose from. Contact the Volunteer Center at 338-8256 to set up an interview to explore your options!

Puestow - Sommerfeld



Gary (Huntzie) and Puestow Debbie of and June Kewaskum Sommerfeld, and in loving Mark memory of Sommerfeld of West Bend, are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Michelle Puestow and Lee Sommerfeld.

Michelle is a 1999 graduate of Kewaskum High School. She is currently employed with Aurora

Health Center in West Bend as a Phlebotomist/Processing Laboratory Services.

Lee is a 1997 graduate of West Bend East High School. He is currently employed with Ernie Von Schledorn in Random Lake as an Automotive Service Technician.

The couple is planning an August 23, 2003 wedding.





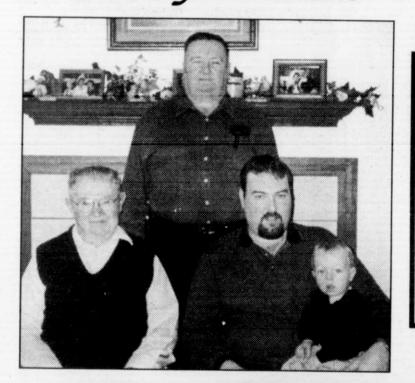
PEOPLE NEWS

Four Generations



Shown above at a recent family gathering are four generations of the Degnitz family. Front row, left to right: great grandpa Richard Degnitz of Fredonia, holding great-grandson Ethan Degnitz, and grandpa Jim Degnitz, Fredonia, holding new grandson, Grady. In the back row, dad Andy Degnitz, of Fredonia, is holding another son, Logan.

Four Generations



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Four Generations



Four generations are shown above. Front row, left to right: Grandmother Kathy Wagner of Kewaskum, and Mother Deanna Schwake, Mesa, Arizona, holding her daughter, Vanessa Schwake, Shown in the back row is Great-Grandmother Cyrilla Thull of Kewaskum.

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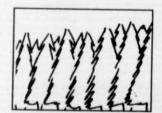
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Four generations of the Hahn family are shown in the above photo. Front row, left to right: great grandfather Oscar Hahn, of Campbellsport, and dad, Greg Hahn, of Kewaskum, holding his son, Joshua. Shown in the back row is grandfather Phil Hahn of Campbellsport.



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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

DECEMBER

KEWASKUM KIWANIS CLUB .- Will be meeting every Monday evening at the

Kewaskum Legion Lodge on Fond du Lac Avenue in Kewaskum. Cocktails begin at 5:30

p.m. with a dinner meeting at 6 p.m. For more information or to become a member please

There is a \$3.00 charge for publishing your event up to three times in the Community Calendar

LOCAL EVENTS

Christmas Cantata Service

The Campbellsport Area Ministerium invites everyto their annual Christmas Cantata Services, December 15th at St. Joseph's Convent (one block north of Main St), 2:00pm (limited seating); December 22nd at St. Matthew's Church (corner of Main and Helena Sts.), 4:00pm. This service will be enjoyed by young and old, as there is a combined adult choir from over 10 different area churches; a children's choir and an orchestra with high school band students and adults. Over 100 participants have been practicing since October for this event.

This Christmas Service will consist of Scriptural Readings, Congregational singing and the Cantata, with songs and narration by Stan Pethel. "The Perfect Christmas" has familiar carols mixed with new arrangements. The narration will feature readers from the

Lamplighters

Open House

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Feider Chess Tournament Returns Dec. 21

Organizer

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1979.

Ferber says that registra-

tion will take place at 9

a.m., followed by rounds at

9:30 and 11:30 a.m. plus

anteed five games. For more

information, call Ferber at

the name of Joseph P. Feider

II, who was an active mem-

ber of the Random Lake

High School Chess Club

when Ferber, now a retired

teacher, served as the advi-

sor. Feider died at the age of

20 in an automobile accident

that occurred on June 3,

Each participant is guar-

The tournament bears

12:30, 2:30 and 4 p.m.

Edward

WEST BEND - Heritage House will present a special The public is welcome to program at its Open House participate in the sixth on Saturday, December 14th annual Joe Feider Memorial from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Chess Tournament, which Cedar Community. The open will be held on Saturday, house will be hosted by the December 21, at the "Lamplighters," Cedarburg Lakeview Community Civil War re-enactment Library, Random Lake.

group.
Enjoy watching Sister
Mildred Rieber playing the
pump organ in the parlor,
grandma quilting in her
room, wool spinning and festive decorations being made.
This is a walk-through
tour...come anytime!
Divinity fudge, nuts, candy
and homemade crafts will be
sold. This program is free

sold. This program is free and open to the public. Join them.

Heritage House is locat-

ed on the Cedar Lake Campus, 5595 County Road Z, West Bend. It is a division of Cedar Community, a notfor-profit, church affiliated provider of health care, edu-

cation, rehabilitation and

various churches; it tells the story of Christ's coming into the world as a little child.

Participants are from Mt. Calvary, Armstrong, Eden, Dotyville, Lomira, Brownsville, Ashford, Wayne, Allenton, Kewaskum, West Bend and Campbellsport, ages nine to 84.

Church choirs are: Trinity Methodist (Lomira), Tabor Methodist (Eden), First Methodist, Campbellsport Salem United (CBS), Church of Christ (Wayne), United Christian Church of Christ (CBS), Shepherd of Hills (Armstrong, Dotyville and Eden), St. Martin's Catholic (Ashford), Matthew's Catholic (CBS), Our Savior's Lutheran (West Bend) and many others.

The Service is free; however, a freewill donation will be taken to help defray the Cantata expenses. The balance will benefit the Food Pantry of Campbellsport.

'Night of Lights' Planned in Random Lake

The public is invited to tour Random Lake's Night of Lights on December 13 and 14 for two evenings of seasonal activities.

Decorated hay wagons from Pleasant Valley Farms will provide tours of the community from 5 to 8 p.m. on Friday and 5 to 8 p.m. on Saturday.

Arbor Winds Farm will also provide a horse drawn ride on Saturday from 5 to 8 p.m.

All rides will originate from the Lakeview Community Library, 112 Butler Street. A \$2 per person fee (children six and under free) will be charged for the 20 to 30 minute ride.

Parking is available on the street or in the parking lot on the corner of Lake Drive and Butler Street. Hot chocolate will be sold by the Lions Club. Bell-ringers and donation barrels for Interfaith Food Pantry will also be in the downtown area. Non-perishable food and cash donations are welcome.

Also on Saturday, the Random Lake High School Chamber Singers will perform at 5 p.m. on the steps of the Lakeview Community Library.

All proceeds will benefit Random Redevelopment Corporation for it's downtown revitalization efforts. Wisconsin State Bank is underwriting the costs of the event. More information concerning Nights of Lights can be obtained by calling the Lakeview Community Library at 920-920-4825 or Burmesch Variety Store at 920-992-9031.

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Racing Fans Rev Up With New OREO Tailgate Tire Pie Recipe

(NAPS)-For more than 10 million fans across the country, race season means making pit stops of their own at tailgate parties before cheering on their favorite driver. To find the perfect tailgate party recipe, Nabisco has gotten under the hood in its test kitchens and come up with the new Oreo Tailgate Tire Pie. Fans can enjoy this tailgating treat while looking for the Oreo logo on the hood of racing legend Dale Earnhardt's car during the 2001

call Andrew at 262-370-0831.

OREO Tailgate Tire Pie Makes 8 servings

The Fuel
36 OREO Chocolate Sandwich cookies, divided
1/4 cup margarine or butter melted
24 Jet-Puffed
Marshmallows
1/2 cup milk

1½ cups heavy cream, whipped OREO Chocolate Sandwich Cookies for garnish

The Road Map Coarsely chop 10 cook-



This tasty tire totally tops it off!

ies; set aside. Finely roll 26 cookies. Combine cookie crumbs and margarine or butter; press evenly onto bottom and sides of 9-inch pie plate. Refrigerate.

Stir marshmallows and milk in 2-quart saucepan over medium heat until melted and smooth; cool completely. Gently fold two cups whipped cream into cooled marshmallow mixture; fold in chopped cookies. Spoon into prepared piecrust; refrigerate four hours or until firm.

Garnish with remaining whipped cream and cookies.

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Must-See Television: All-Time Holiday Favorites

For many people, one of the holiday traditions they eagerly await is gathering around the television to watch classic and new holiday programming.

From Claymation™ movies from your youth to modern-day sitcoms with a holiday storyline, December is filled with tantalizing shows all in honor of the holidays. Before you pop the corn, pour the egg nog and hop into comfortable clothing, check out this list of popular holiday shows that illustrate the true meaning of the season:

• "A Christmas Story"

— This all-time classic about Ralphie, a boy who dreams of receiving a Red Rider BB gun for Christmas, remains by far, one of the favorites for the holiday. And who could forget Ralphie's dad battling the blasted furnace and staring googly-eyed at a scantily clad lamp!

• "Home Alone" — Macauly Caulkin scores big brownie points for his portrayal of Kevin, the child who gets left behind at home when his family departs for a holiday vacation. When two bumbling burglars try to outsmart him, Kevin gets his just rewards.

 "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" —
 Family disfunction at its best! Clark Griswald leads his closest relatives through wild antics, including a Christmas light display to put Rockefeller Center to shame, super-speed sled ride, animal mishaps and more amidst the backdrop of a heartwarming holiday

"The Nightmare Before Christmas" — Is it Halloween or Christmas? In this Tim Burton animated flick spooky creatures decide to do their own version of Christmas. A clever plot keeps this one on the top of the list.

• "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer" — For anyone who's ever felt like a "misfit," this animated movie is still a favorite even after its umpteenth time being aired on TV.

• "Dr. Seuss' The Grinch Who Stole Christmas," — Even after Jim Carrey won raves with the full-length feature, the original animated version still wins hands-down as a must-see.

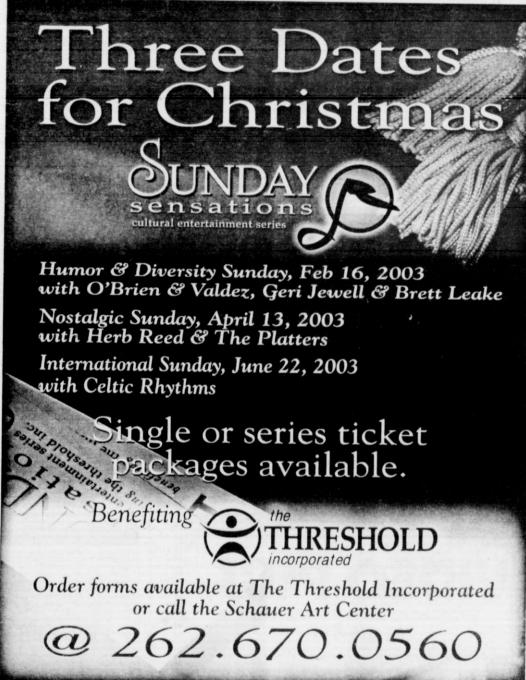
On any cake or torte that has a white frosting or cool whip, use a large cookie cutter (like a star) and imprint it in the center of the cake. Remove the cutter and fill in the star with colored sugars for your red or green start cake.

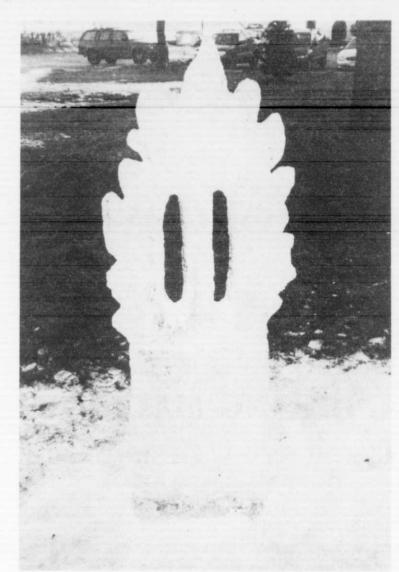
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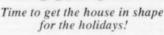






This ice sculpture was carved by Christine Van Beek of Campbellsport and Stephanie Maul of Allenton. This sculpture is located in front of the Village Annex building.





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> MINT HOLIDAY WREATH

Chocolate Shortbread Cookie Base

4 cup butter, softened 3/4 cup powdered sugar

½ tsp. vanilla 11/4 cups all-purpose flour

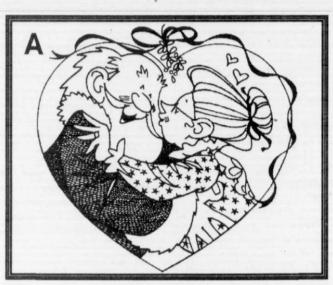
1/3 cup unsweetened cocoa powder Dreyer's/Edy's M&M'S® Mint Ice Cream Green gum drops Red cinnamon

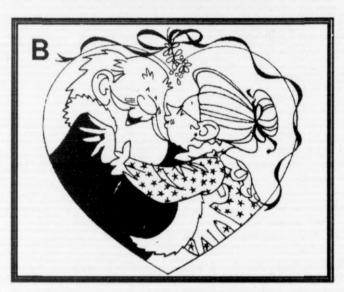
candies or M&M'S

Butter 9-inch round cake pan and dust with cocoa powder. Set aside. Preheat oven to 325 degrees F. Beat butter, powdered sugar and vanilla with electric mixer until light and creamy. Mix flour and cocoa with butter mixture until just combined. Dough will be stiff. Pat into prepared pan, pressing evenly. Bake 25 minutes or until edges are dry and top is firm. Cool in pan. Run a knife around edge of shortbread and turn out onto a plate that fits in the freezer. Place large scoops of ice cream around edge of cookie to form wreath. Cut green gumdrops into thin slices. Arrange 3 slices for holly leaves and decorate with red candy for berries. Cover with plastic wrap and return to freezer. To serve, cut into wedges with sharp knife. Makes about 8 servings.

What's the Difference?

There are 5 things different between Picture A and Picture B. See if you can find them all.





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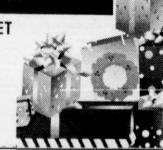
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A Snowy Christmas Eve

I can still see him all these years later. It was Christmas Eve, 1970-something. Our high school youth program was participating in the Salvation Army fund drive as an outreach project, and I stood outside a Wisconsin K-Mart, ringing a bell on the last shift of the season.

With closing time nearing, the throngs of shoppers had dwindled. The end couldn't come soon enough for me. I was freezing.

We are prone to judge our success by the index of our salaries or the size of our automobiles rather than by the quality of our service and relationship to mankind.

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

It was then that I heard the old clunker car pull into the parking lot, its windshield wipers snapping in battle with the snow.

In a smug tone, I muttered under my breath, "It's the end of the day and this fellow still wants to come shopping?" My spirit of volunteerism suddenly blew away with the wind. (Little did I know how pinched my throat would feel later as I swallowed those words going down.)

An old man got out of the old car and shuffled toward me.

"One last gift to take

care of?" I asked, greeting him.

He seemed to consider my words. "Yes, one last gift," he softly replied.

He then approached the familiar red kettle instead of the store's entrance. A very large hand, gnarled like tree roots, emerged from the warmth of his coat pocket, holding four coins. Pennies? No. What then?

Not what we gain but what we give, measures the worth of the life we live.

-Anonymous

Tipping his hand ever so slightly, the unidentified coins fell into the belly of the kettle.

"Merry Christmas," I acknowledged. "Thank you for helping."

His very blue eyes looked up and met mine. Nodding, he responded, "I couldn't not." Then he turned and left. Just like that.

I watched him, tracks trailing in the snow, and thought to myself, That was strange. Really strange. An old guy comes out in bad weather, on bad roads, to give a few cents to charity?

Well, his "few cents" turned out to be a few thousand dollars. A jubilant money-counter back at headquarters recognized the coins immediately.

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Make the Season 'Bright' with LED Lights

MADISON - What would the holidays be without bright, colorful, twinkling lights to spread holiday cheer? Their glow and sparkle help warm winter's long, cold nights and spread festive cheer in homes and neighborhoods throughout Wisconsin. Unfortunately, standard holiday lights that decorate the season can pose fire hazard, be a hassle to use, and waste energy and money.

Focus on Energy, Wisconsin's statewide energy efficiency program, is encouraging Wisconsin residents to use colorful light emitting diode (LED) lights for their holiday decorations, the safe and energy efficient alternative to standard (C-7) lights, or minilights.

Some of the benefits to switching to LED holiday lights include:

Energy Efficient = Money Saving. LED lights use .04 watts per bulb. Minilights use 10 times more and

in origin. Pure gold.

A person's true wealth is the good he or she does in the world.

-Mohammed

All these years later, the old man's words still ring with life within my memory: "I couldn't not."

His words have become, for me, a summary of the essence of generosity - the stirring within the human heart that compels one to help others for no reason other than the goodness of participating in a cause larger than oneself. These are the moments when our souls shine forth all things bright and beautiful and connect with the heart of God.

I know, for I have seen this shining in the very blue eyes of an old man as he stood in the snow one Christmas Eve.

Weekly Kewaskum Statesman Columnist Rochelle Pennington, lives in Campbellsport, Wisconsin. Pennington's new book, The Christmas Tree Ship and Highlighted in Yellow are both available at the Statesman office.

Rochelle welcomes your comments at penningtons@ powerweb.com standard (C-7) bulbs use 100 times more energy. With the energy prices on the rise, LED lights can help control your rising energy bill this winter.

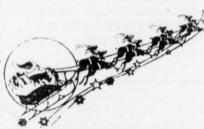
Long Lasting. LED lights last 100,000 hours indoors and 50,000 hours outdoors, 12 times longer than conventional lights, saving you money and aggravation year after year.

Safe. LED lamp temperature is 86°F; traditional glass is 194°F. Cool bulbs greatly reduce the potential for fire hazards.

Durable. Epoxy lenses are virtually indestructible.

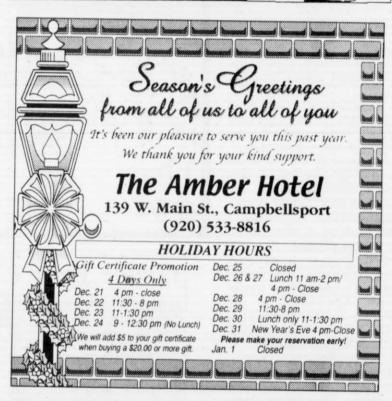
Convenient: If one bulb burns out others will stay lit, cutting the hassle of finding a broken bulb and replacing it. Also, up to 25 strings can be connected without over loading a typical household's electrical circuit.

As LED lights gain in popularity, consumers this year can enjoy a much better selection of colors (red, green, blue, white and gold), styles (globe, flame-tip, multi-faceted, and minilight) and sizes (string of 50, 60, 75, 120, 180 and 240 bulbs). LED lights can be found in local retail outlets, including participating Ace Hardware, True Value Hardware, Menards and Target stores.



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★Before putting the trunk in a tree stand, make a fresh cut on the trunk at least one inch above the original cut to enable the tree to take up water. The cut removes possible clotted resins that could prevent the tree from absorbing water

★Place the tree in a large capacity, water-holding stand. Don't let the water supply run out because a seal will form on the tree trunk and the tree cannot take on any more water. A real Christmas tree with high moisture will not support combustion.

*Check the water supply daily. A tree may absorb amounts from a pint to a gallon of water each day, depending upon its size and

condition.

*Don't place the tree near heat sources, such as a fireplace, heating vent, space heater, etc., as this will tend to dry it out pre-

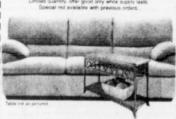
★Check your electric lights and cords and discard any with frayed or worn spots. Use only new U.L. listed electrical decorations.

*Sit back and enjoy the fresh cut fragrance and delight in the natural beauty of your real Christmas tree.

Colorants-Christmas trees, especially those in the pine family, tend to loose their bright green color in the fall of the year as the trees go into dormancy to protect themselves against our harsh winter temperatures. To enhance its appearance, some trees are spray-painted with a colorant that is formulated with pigments and acrylic latex. The pigment or acrylic latex components do not contain any ingredient that may be toxic to children, pets or the environment.

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1 cup (2 sticks) butter, softened

1 cup granulated sugar 21/4 cups all-purpose flour

1 egg yolk

1 tsp. vanilla extract 1 egg white 1/2 cup sliced almonds

1/4 cup red and/or green tinted sugar

Preheat oven to 350°F. Grease a 13x9-inch baking pan.

2. Combine butter and granulated sugar in a large bowl. Beat with an electric mixer set at low speed until creamy

3. Add flour to butter mixture and mix well. Beat in egg yolk and vanilla extract. Spread in prepared baking pan.

Beat egg white in a small bowl until foamy. Spread on top of dough with a pastry brush. Sprinkle the almonds and tinted sugar on top.

5. Bake until lightly browned, about 25 minutes. Cool in the pan on a wire rack. Cut into squares.



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1 - 7 or 7. 5 oz. cheese spread

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(ARA) Holiday music is playing. Laughter fills the room. Your waistband tightens, and you're still in the foyer by the lighted tree. The host ushers you in and your eyes zero in on the buffet.

It's the table you hate to love -- filled with cheese blintzes, shortbread, glazed nuts and crab puffs. Then you spot the deadliest of all -- fudge. The pep talk you gave yourself an hour earlier turns into gibberish, and you head straight for the fudge and drill into it like a rivet

Take heart. You can prepare for the holiday temptation and train for the buffet marathon before you start the race. What's more, you can reach the finish line without paying by the pound at the end.

The first rule of thumb is never go to a party on an empty stomach thinking the cocktail buffet is your meal for the day. This can make you succumb to the entire spread.

Despite what many think, making a meal out of party food can leave you feeling as empty as when you arrived. That's because party food is no substitute for good nutrition. It is a quick fix akin to lighting a sparkler. The flash gives instant gratification, but there is no fuel to sustain the afterglow.

So, don't deprive yourself all day to make a withdrawal from the calorie bank at night. Starving yourself slows your metabolism, causing you to store fat, not lose it.

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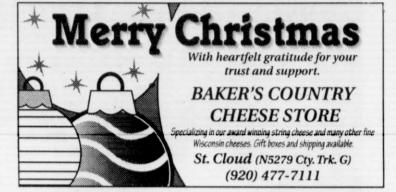
Studies show the average person gains nearly one pound during each holiday season. That's the good news. It's a little less than a pound, not the five pounds people think they gain around the holidays. The bad news is that weight stays on, so it's a pound this year, a pound next year, and another pound the next year . . . until you're 10 or 20 pounds heavier.

Slimming Strategies for the Holidays

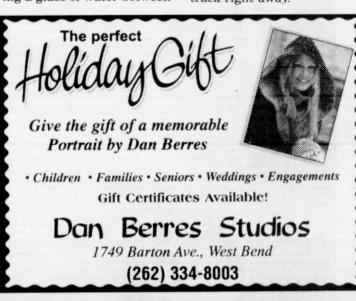
- * Exercise a few hours before going to a big meal or party. It will boost your metabolism and your determination.
- * Avoid alcohol or restrict your consumption by drinking a glass of water between

alcoholic drinks.

- * Build an extra work out day into each week's exercise regimen during the holidays.
- * Scan the food tables and choose the lowest calorie options. Snack on raw veggies, but watch out for creamy dips and avoid the eggnog!
- * Wait until other people have demolished the buffet. It's a lot less tempting after it's been picked over.
- * Take your plate and sit down to eat. Think about what you're eating and try not to munch throughout the night.
- * Always eat slowly and chew your food thoroughly. You'll feel satisfied sooner.
- * Take a few days after big eating events to go on a nutritious, low-calorie diet. Substituting a high-quality protein drink or one or two meals a day will ensure you're getting all the protein and amino acids needed to keep your metabolism running smoothly and burning fat efficiently.
- * Don't allow setbacks to permanently derail your plan. If you slip, get back on track right away.













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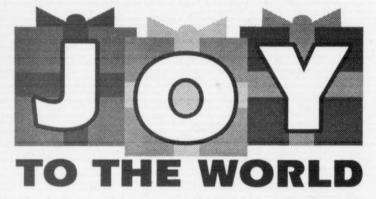
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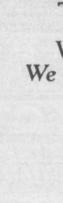
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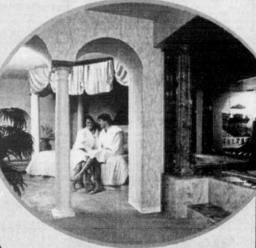


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SCHOOL NEWS

Grothman Gives Money Back to St. Lucas School



Steven Strassburg, left, St. Lucas Lutheran School's principal is shown above accepting a check for \$299 from State Representative Glenn Grothman.

MADISON - This week State Representative Glenn Grothman (R-West Bend) gave a \$299 check to St. Lucas Lutheran School as part of his program to return per diem increases given to legislators starting January of 2001.

At that time, money

given to legislators for expenses incurred increased by 17%. Feeling that such an increase was uncalled for during such hard economic times, Grothman decided to return the increase every two months to a different private school in the 59th Assembly District.

A check for a similar

amount was given to Holy Trinity Catholic School in

"The taxpayers' commitment to public schools has gone up tremendously since I've been a legislator and this is the least I can do to the wonderful parochial schools in my dis-

June of 2001.

trict," said Grothman. >0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000 0.000

KHS Honor Roll

Honor Roll of the First Quarter of Kewaskum High School 2002-2003 School

3.0 - 3.499 Students FRESHMEN - Katie

Artymiuk, Nicholas Bartley, Samantha Bothwell, Ryan Brothen, Eric Cain, Derrick Engelman, James Feind, Doug Gerlach, Corin Groth, Brandon Herman, Katherine Hunter, Jason Jahnke, Jonathan Jost, Sara Jung, Jacob Junk, Andrea Landry, Claire Michalek, Adam Nickel, Jeffrey Paulus, Jordan Pehowski, Stacey Petermann, Kayla Pierce, Nicole Remmel, Scott Rhoads, Charles Robertson, Jonathan Rudzitis, Kevin Schaeffer, Cassandra Schneck, Jeff Thull, David Timmers, Zackery Van Wormer, Jamie Vogt, Joshua Wolfenburg and Zachary Wollner.

SOPHOMORES: Bradley Benike, Bradley Bobb, Rachel Breese, Justin Brockman, Jessica Butler. John Carpenter, Krystal Cochran, Margaret Dickmann, Katie Dorn, Tracey Flasch, Adram Foerster, Justin Foley, Brad Franzen, Stacy Gajewski, Heide Gaskell, Amanda Goebel, Shannon Grager,

Megan Heppner, Craig Johann, Adam Jung, Jessica Jung, James Krahn, Brittany Krueger, Katie Kurer, Leann Leszynski, Nick Marchant, Andrew Marx, Kayla McCormack, Ashley Mellenthin, Michael Neumann, Eric Nothem, Noah Olla, Chad Peplinski, Whitney Pfeiffer, Jamie Sabish, Sabish, Nicole Ashley Sajdowitz, Matthew Smolinski, Jessica Spaeth, Jamie Treptow, Theresa Trott, Adam Vogt, Stephanie Walters, Todd Warnecke. Ashley Welch, Katie Wilson, Amanda Zimdars, Brett Zimdars and Nicolas Zolecki.

JUNIORS: Melissa Backhaus, Katie Bandler, Christine Behn, Aaron Breit, Jacob Clayton, Jamie Garbich, Dana Garbisch, Amy Guttman, Danielle Henderson, Rebecca Herriges, Adam Hickmann, Adam Hildebrand, Jamie Juers, Sarah Karrels, Darren Keaton, Brett Klug, Alyssa Koppelberger, Jamie Krueger, Justin Krueger, Daniel Lettow, Melissa McKee, Nicholas Pankratz, Holly Parsons, Repovsch, Priscilla Richter, Montana Schicker, Samantha Schoofs, Michael Seefeldt, Amanda Smolinski, Ashley Taylor, Ashley Theusch, Samantha Trokan, Timothy Trott, Ryan Valentine, Eric Vogt,

and David Wicklund.

SENIORS: Tricia Brath, Andrew Breese, Kayla Brock, Catherine Broske, Benjamin Carlson, Corey Darmody, Kyle Darmody, Malia Dickman, Brandon Dymond, Monique Franzen, Matthew Hartmann, Shelly Heaslip, Jamie Imler, Troy Koeferl, Loni Kuehnau, Garrett Mlejnek, William Olewinski, Andrew Olla, Kyle Rabuck, Alicia Reidelbach, Michael Schilter, Stephanie Schnabel, Johanna Schulte, Kristyn Still, Jacob Wilson, Adam Woebbeking and Michael Zingsheim.

3.5 - 3.99 Students FRESHMEN: Casie Bastain, Marcus Belger, Erika Brock, Franklin Cole. Garett Donath, Danielle Dreher, Ashley Ellenbecker. Ashley Feucht, Paul Gaynor, Brandon Goetsch, Jonathan Hawig, Ryan Helland, Luke Herriges, Adam Janz, Jessica Kerlin, Leanne Kison, Jacquelyn Kwaterski, Erica Mueller, Chad Piwoni, Jonathan Roskopf, Bryan Sabel, Jacob Sabel, Adam Schladweiler, Katie Schroeder, Katherine Smith, Ross Stockhausen, Sara Stockinger, Ryan Uttech, Zachariah Vanderpool, Rachel Vogt, Kelly Wagner, Alexander Waranius, Robert Weber and Krista Yancy.

SOPHOMORES:

Amanda Bakken, Briana Bastian, Jennifer Bischoff, Joshua Bryant, Cassandra Delgado, Tami Dorzok, Nicole Feucht, Matthew Gercz, Kate Ginocchio, Samantha Hedlund, Alex Herriges, Zachary Holm, Lindsay Keller, Jason Knoll, William Kumrow, Natasha Lawrence, Adam Lehnerz, Mueller, Justin Jena Roskopf, Adam Schlosser, Lee Schmidt, Leslie Schultz, Jacob Schweder, Ryan Shearier, Claire Spang, Shearier, Claire Spang, Nathan Steiner, Robert Stoll, Luke Terlinden, Paige Thelen, Katherine Uelmen, Jacqueline Vandrell, Daniel West, Kimberly Wunsch, Hannah Zapf, and Adam Ziebell. JUNIORS: Sarah

Bandler, Jeffrey Bischoff, Bethany Boedeker, Jenna Degner, Crystal Dreher, Shannon Dwyer, Alice Feind, Ashley Gasner, Haley Gilles, Brandon Gitter, Sarah Hoerig, Becky Junk, Justin Kissinger, Katie Kowalczyk, Catherine Lewko, Kyle Lickel, Jessica Logan, Crystal Marquardt, Aaron Olla, Peter Paulus, Erin Rammer, Cassandra Remmel, Laura Schladweiler, Rachel Shea, Ryan Smith, Levi Spaeth, Juliet Tofte, Michael Wagner, Michelle Weber, Cora Werdermann, Scott Wilke, Jill Wittmann and Luann Zander.

SENIORS: Michelle Backhaus, Ashley Baker, Lauri Bausch, Ashley Benike, Julie Blasky, Rachel Brunner, Kelly Buttitta, Crystal Calliari, Jacqueline Chambers, Kurtis Cochran, Michael Donath, Kathleen Espitia, Janel Ethier, Holly Fellenz, Brenda Flasch, Lindsay Gaffke, Scott Gillis, Stephanie Herrick, Rebecca Herriges, Jackelyn Hug, Erika Hughes, Stacey Imler, Jennifer Jaycox, Jamie Junk, Travis Kempf, Amanda Klahn, Kathryn Klug, Marena Lenzi, Andrew Lickel, Rebecca Casey Mahan, Maul, Stephanie Maul, Brian Mertz, Amanda Meyer, Heather Meyer, Kyra Meyer, Joshua Peterson, Matthew Potter, Wendy Rahlf, Scott Sajdowitz, Schladweiler, Joshua Schladweiler, Daniel Schneider, Katie Schuppel, Brandon Shearier, Owen Stoffel, Brenton Strassburg, Joshua Timblin, Katherine Waranius and Mandi Will.

4.0 Students FRESHMEN: Walter Huf, April Lettow, Jackie McKee, Jonathon Olla, Mitchell Paulus, Kyle Rieden, Matthew Rinzel, Nicole Stern, Danielle Yanke and Zachary Zander.

SOPHOMORES: Rita Cannestra, Danielle DeGroot, Rachel Dums, Danielle Figge, Ryan David Hesprich, Amy Holm, Natasha Klein, Amanda Magnus, Kaitlyn Ogi, Katie Patterson, Noah Schoofs and Elizabeth Vogt.

JUNIORS: Bree Boettcher, Megan Butler,

Christie, Erica Fahney, Allison Janz. Deborah Ramthun, Margaret Reindl, Mary Reindl, Kevin Schickert, Sarah Stevenson Joshua Uelmen.

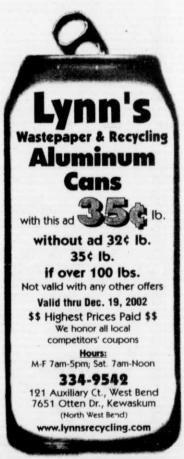
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RL Library Features Merry Christmas Theme

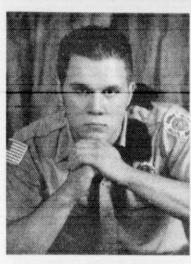
Activities at Lakeview Community Library will highlight the theme "Merry Christmas!" during the week December 15.

On Wednesday, December 18, there will be Family Twilight Tales for children ages two and their families at 6:30 p.m. A Time for Stories will arrive on Thursday, December 19 at 10:10 a.m. for all children ages three and up. At each program in addition to story-sharing, participants will enjoy songs, finger plays and craft project.

This will be the last program in this session. Family Storytime and Toddlertime will resume at the library during the week of January 5 (registration will be required for the Friday session of Toddlertime). For more information concerning these activities, call the Community Lakeview Library (located at 112 Butler Street in Random Lake) at 920-994-4825.



DBITUARIES



JOSHUA A. BUNCICH

Joshua A. Buncich, age 18, of town of Farmington, passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2002 at St. Joseph's Community Hospital in West Bend from injuries received in a motor vehicle accident.

He was born on May 30, 1984 in Milwaukee, the beloved son of Jay and Diane (Glembin) Buncich. Joshua was a 2002 graduate of Kewaskum High School and was a student at Moraine Park Technical College and Waukesha Technical College where he was attending Firefighter classes.

Joshua was a member of Peace United Church of Christ in Kewaskum and the Boltonville Fire Department where he served as a fireman and First Responder.

Survivors include his parents, Jay and Diane Buncich of the town of Farmington; a sister, Aimee Buncich at home; his paternal grandparents, Joe and Charlene Buncich of Milwaukee; his maternal grandparents, Audrey Glembin of Milwaukee and James (Kathy) Glembin of Lyndon Station; four uncles, First Sgt. Thomas James (Kaeli) Glembin of Corpus Christi, Texas, Christopher (Jocelyn) Glembin Brookfield, Joseph (Laura) Buncich of Fort Wayne, Indiana and John Buncich of Franksville; an aunt, Carol (Mike) Tomczak of Brookfield; his girlfriend, Krystal Gavin of 13 cousins, Kewaskum, relatives and many friends.

He will be deeply missed by his family, his friends and fellow firefighters.

Funeral services were held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, December 6, 2002 at Peace United Church of Christ in Kewaskum with Rev. Eric Kirkegaard officiating. Cremation followed.

Friends called on Friday at the church from 3 p.m. until the time of services.

Memorials to **Boltonville Fire Department** or Peace U.C.C. are appreciated.

Miller Funeral The Home in Kewaskum is serving the family.

ERVIN BUTLZAFF

Ervin Butlzaff, 91, of the town of Kewaskum, died on at the residence of his daughter and son in law.

He was born on May 25, 1911 in the town of Kewaskum, to the late William and Amelia (nee Schaefer) Butzlaff, and married Louise Herman on November 24, 1934 in Theresa.

She passed away on November 30, 2002.

He farmed the family homestead farm until retiring at the age of 65.

Survivors include four children, Ervin Jr. of Horicon, Janet (William) Meyer and William (Carol), both of Kewaskum and Leroy (Joanne) of Allenton; eight grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; a sister, Esther Eggert of Kewaskum; a brother-inlaw, Lyle Herman of Allenton; nieces; nephews: other relatives and friends.

Preceding him in death were a daughter-in-law, June Butzlaff; two sisters, Edna Butzlaff in infancy and Melinda Landvatter; a sister-in-law, Vanelda Krell; and a brother-in-law, George Herman Jr.

Combined funeral services for Ervin and Lousie were held on Thursday, December 5 at 2 p.m. at Peace United Church of Christ, Kewaskum.

Pastor Eric Kirkegaard officiated and burial followed in Peace UCC Cemetery, Kewaskum.

Visitation at the church only was on Thursday from noon until 1:45 p.m.

The Schmidt Funeral Home, West Bend, served the family.

LEO M. FELLENZ

Leo M. Fellenz, 89, formerly of Campbellsport died Thursday, December 5, 2002 at the St. Francis Home, Fond du Lac, where he had been residing.

He was born in the town of Scott in Sheboygan County on August 26, 1913, the son of John and Christine Schladweiler Fellenz. On June 28, 1938, he married Arlene M. Schneider at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Michael. She preceded him in death on November 22, 2001. They farmed together in the St. Michael area until moving to Campbellsport in 1983. He also worked at the West Bend Company from 1956 until retirement.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Campbellsport and the St. Lawrence Parent's Guild.

Survivors include his children Richard (Mary) of Plymouth, Rev. Ralph OFM Cap. of Panama, Robert (Maryann) of Kewaskum, Mary (Darold) Werkmeister of Armour, S.D., Joseph

Tuesday, December 3, 2002 (Lynn) of Crestview, Fla., Christine (Gilbert) Deigini of Egypt, Rita Ables of Milwaukee, Ann (Jerome) Van Cauteran of Hatley, Frank (Cheryl) of Campbellsport, Virginia (Rich) Schroeder of Tomah, Caroline (Dennis) Kirsenlohr of Nekoosa and Yvonne Fellenz of Burlington; 24 grandchildren; 15 greatgrandchildren; nieces; nephews; and other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a grandchild, a son-in-law, William Ables, his brothers Vincent, Alfred, Michael and Benjamin and his sisters Marie and Rita.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday, December 14 at noon at St. Matthew's Church Catholic Campbellsport. Rev. Ralph Fellenz OFM Cap. will officiate, the burial to follow at St. Michael's Cemetery, St. Michael. Visitation will be Saturday, from 9 a.m. until the time of services at the church. Memorials are appreciated to the St. Francis home or Matthew's Church.

MARY ANN SEVERANCE

Mary Ann Severance (nee Wenninger), 67, of West Bend, died Friday, December 6, 2002 at St. Joseph's Community Hospital after a courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on April 26, 1935 in Nabob to the late Peter and Marina (nee Esser) Wenninger, attended West Bend High School.

After her marriage on March 15, 1974, to John M. Severance in West Bend, the couple lived in West Bend.

She was employed at Tecumseh Products Grafton for over 26 years, retiring in April of 1999.

Mary Ann was a member of the Kettle Moraine Klassic Kar Klub and a past vice president of the AFL-

She is survived by her husband, John; five children, Goldie (Gerard) Schuh of Hingham, Janet (Peter) Halfmann of Oosturg, Joanne (Allen) Barth of Kewaskum, Lloyd (Julie) Ebert of Slinger and John (Ruth) Ebert of West Bend; stepchildren, Severance of West Bend, Lori (special friend Bob Brodzeller) Severance of West Bend, Lynn (Steve) Kissinger of Kewaskum, Rodney (Barbara) Severance of Jackson and Lisa (Jay) Goehring of the town of Trenton; 14 grandchildren, Jason, Jessica, Beth Ann, Peter, Lloyd Jr.,

Kara, Jamie (Sarah), Jennifer, Justin, Sarah, Geoffrey, Anna, Hallie and Amanda; two great-grandchildren, Nolan and Cheyenne; a special family friend, Dr. Dena Greene of West Bend; two sisters, Helen (Louis) Brodzeller of Horicon and Margaret Wenninger of Milwaukee; one brother, Peter (Delores) Wenninger of West Bend; two sisters-in-law, Jenny Wenninger of West Bend and Bernice Wenninger of Mayville; one brother-in-law Clifford Eiche of Slinger; other relatives and friends.

She is preceded in death by three sisters, Marie, Sandy and Rita; two brothers, Jacob and Bruno.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, December 10, at 7 p.m. at Phillip Funeral Home Chapel of West Bend.

Father Patrick Wendt officiated and cremation took place at Paradise Cremation Service of West Bend, with interment of ashes in Washington County Memorial Park, West Bend.

Visitaion at the funeral home was on Tuesday from 4 p.m. until the time of service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are appreciat-

CORY J. HARGRAVE

Cory J. Hargrave, 20, of 518 S. Milwaukee St., Theresa, died Saturday, December 7, 2002, as a result of a car accident.

He was born on July 23, 1982, to Steven D. and Bonnie (Resheske) Hargrave in Hartford.

Cory was a 2001 graduate of Lomira High School. He was employed at Quad/Graphics in Lomira. He was a member of St. Theresa Catholic Church, Theresa. He loved hunting and fishing, bowling and playing pool. He also participated in and enjoyed Lomira Lions football and track. He liked the Dolphins and the Packers and collected dragons as a hobby.

He is survived by his parents, Steven and Bonnie Hargrave of Theresa; one daughter, Jasmine Ann Hargrave of Mayville; one niece, Karisa J. Hargrave of Fond du Lac; two brothers, Steve R. (friend Angie) Hargrave of Kewaskum and Ryan W. (friend Christine) Hargrave of Theresa; aunts; uncles and cousins. Cory is further survived by other relatives and friends.

Cory was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bob and Helen Resheske and Wilbert and Gilda Hargrave.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, December 11, 2002, at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, Theresa. The Rev. Kevin Kowalski officiated. Burial was in Union Cemetery, Theresa.

Visitation took place from 4 to 7 p.m. December 10, at Koepsell Funeral Home and on Wednesday, December 11, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at St. Theresa Catholic Church.

Koepsell Funeral Home, Mayville, is serving the fam-

THANK YOU

A sincere thank you to my family, friends and relatives for all kindness shown. Your visits, prayers, gifts and food are very much appreciated, as well as transportation for my needs.

> Thank you, Laura Hammes



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News From The Capitol

By Rep. Glenn Grothman



overall city budget. In my

opinion this is something

should be able to handle. In

the last budget adjustment

McCallum's efforts to great-

ly reduce shared revenue,

the legislature decided to

make no reductions whatso-

ever. Seventy-six percent of

you think that if there are

reduction ins shared rev,

municipalities should have

to spend less, it is my belief

that through such a pro-

Restraint all sizable cities

and most villages should be

encouraged to spend less

and not raise property

that libraries should be able

to charge for services other

than book rental such as

DVDs and room rental.

While 55% of you believe we

should not be able to end

recycling many municipali-

ties object to having to recy-

cle and while it's not widely

reported a large amount of

recyclables are ending up in

landfills anyway since we

have more recyclables than we need. This is an extra

expense and I would make

spends \$18,000 a year on

out-of-state prisoner and

Currently, the state

this a local option.

I agree with 70% of you

gram as

taxes.

Expenditure

any municipality

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Survey Results Part Two

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Last week we discussed results of the summer survey regarding possible cuts to the state budget with regard to education and the university. Today I will look at further survey results.

Approximately 9% of the state budget goes to a program known as shared revenue, which goes to village, county and town boards. The program is very skewed towards the city of Milwaukee, which gets \$418 per person, while the village of Kewaskum gets \$108 per person and a typical township in our area for example the Town of Farmington gets \$25 per person.

Milwaukee County also gets significantly more than counties in our area. Shared revenue is a relatively small portion of most cities overall budgets. For example it makes up 20.4% for Kewaskum, 7.3% for West Bend and 31.6% for Milwaukee. The shared revenue formula gives more money to cities the more they spend and that is why the city of Milwaukee gets so much more money that the village of Kewaskum.

The city of Milwaukee also spends twice as much per person than Kewaskum. Milwaukee's expenditures per person are also 50% higher than a sizable city such as West Bend. 28% of you would like to keep the program as it is-38% would like to reduce payments. 28% would like to eliminate the program. I was a supporter in the past budget of a 15% statewide reduction in shared revenue, which would typically result in a 2% or 3% reduction in the

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This Novena must be said for 9 consecutive days, and publication must be promised.

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prisoner. I agree with 83% of you that with this huge differential in cost we should continue to save money and keep prisoners out of state.

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SynergyHealth and Kathy's House Reach **Agreement on Name of New Hospice Facility**

WEST BEND - Synergy Health and the founder of Kathy's House, a Milwaukee hospital hospitality house, have resolved their differences regarding the name of SynergyHealth's planned residential hospice facility in West Bend. In a joint release by both parties, attorneys for Kathy's House Inc. agreed to drop the suit against SynergyHealth Inc. after SynergyHealth announced that it would be using the name "The Kathy Hospice."

SynergyHealth announced today that it will adopt and use the name "The Kathy Hospice" for its to-beconstructed hospice facility. SynergyHealth had previously used the names "The Kathy House" and later "The Kathy Country House." Dick Vogel, the founder of Kathy's House, Inc. subsequently filed a lawsuit saying that the name was too similar to his own facility and caused confusion among potential donors.

SynergyHealth representatives and Vogel said that resolution of the differences over the name will allow both organizations to get on with their important missions of caring for the dying and caring for caregivers.

The Kathy Hospice will provide care for terminally ill and their families and will be built on the site of the new hospital at the intersection of Highway 45 and Pleasant Valley Road. The Kathy Hospice is named in memory of the late Kathy Komas, whose husband Ron

proposed the facility and is raising funds for its construction.

Kathy's House, located at 600 N. 103rd Street, Milwaukee, provides a "home away from home" for patients at Milwaukee area hospitals and their caregivers. Kathy's House is named in the memory of Kathy Vogel Kuettner.



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Dr. Guminski received his medical degree in 1998 from St. George's University School of Medicine. His internships and residency were completed at Hurley Medical Center - Michigan State University. During his residency Dr. Guminski served as Chief Resident for Internal Medicine/Pediatrics, and was awarded the Hurley Apple Award for Clinical and Care Excellence.

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SCHOOL DISTRICT of KEWASKUM SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD BUSINESS MEETING

There will be a Special Business Meeting of the Kewaskum School District Board on Wednesday, December 18, 2002. Said meeting will commence at 6:30 p.m. and will be held in the District Office at 1455

AGENDA

- 1. Call meeting to order
- 2. Roll call of members
- 3. Verification of public notice pursuant to s. 19.84(1)(2)(3)(4)
- 4. Agenda
 - a. Corrections and/or additions
 - b. Approval
- 5. New Business (All items under New Business are subject to discussion and/or action)
 - a. Referendum Options for Middle School/High School
 - b. Reviewing Referendum Procedures, Timelines & Language
- 6. Adjourn

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LEGAL NOTICES

Village Board **Meeting Minutes**

Village of Kewaskum **Plan Commission** September 25, 2002 7:00 p.m.

The Plan Commission of the Village of Kewaskum, Washington County, Wisconsin met in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 204 First Street.

The meeting was opened with a Moment of Silence and pledge of

Chairman John Kenworthy called the meeting to order. Members Theodore Meilahn and Andrew Kuehl asked to be excused and were absent. Members present were Andy Pesch, Richard Schmidt, Frank Beesten, and Leeann Butschlick. A quorum was present.

On a motion by Andy Pesch, seconded by Frank Beesten and carried by the majority voice vote the Plan Commission approved the minutes as printed for August 27, 2002.

It was noted the October meeting date will be Tuesday October 29,

On a motion by Richard Schmidt, seconded by Andy Pesch and unanimously carried by roll call vote, the Commission adjourned to round table discussion with Mr. Rick Kania from SEWRPC to discuss the proposed zoning amendments.

Roll call vote was 5 "Aye" 0 "Nay" 2 "Absent".

On a motion by Andy Pesch, seconded by Frank Beesten and carried by the majority roll call vote, the Commission adjourned the meeting. Roll call vote was 5 "Aye" 0 "Nay' 2 "Absent"

Daniel S. Schmidt Administrator Approved 10-29-2002

Published 12-12-2002

Village Board **Meeting Minutes**

Village of Kewaskum Plan Commission October 29, 2002 7:00 p.m.

The Plan Commission of the Village of Kewaskum, Washington County, Wisconsin met in the Council Room of the Municipal Building, 204 First Street

The meeting was opened with a Moment of Silence and pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman John Kenworthy called order. Leeann Butschlick asked to be excused and was absent. Members present were Andy Pesch, Richard Schmidt, Frank Beesten, Theodore Meilahn and Andrew Kuehl. A quorum was present. A majority of the Village Board was also present, as well as Gordon Hoffmann the Zoning Administrator.

On a motion by Andy Pesch, seconded by Frank Beesten and carried by the majority voice vote the Plan Commission approved the minutes as printed for September 25, 2002. Member Theodore Meilahn and Andrew Kuehl abstained.

Mr. Gary Gavin brought in a concept plan for a proposed development on the southwest side of the village on the south side of CTH "H". The plan follows the land use plan for the village relatively close. There would be an R-4 Multi-family condo area with 4 unit buildings, a condo area consisting of R-3 Two Family homes and R-1 Single Family homes. A trail would be located in an area that is adjacent to

the creek and part of the condo assonumber retention/detention ponds and areas are proposed to take care of storm water run off. There was only one item that was noted by the Commission that would require a connector street to the area south of the proposed development. The proposal also calls for the up front planting of trees and shrubs. It was noted the build out is figured to take 5 to 6 years. The consensus of both the Plan Commission and the Village Board members in attendance was favorable. The Commission and Board both acknowledged that the annexation should be a total annexation not, one creating strips or peninsulas.

The Commission reviewed the request of Robert Hackbarth for a Conditional Use Permit to temporarily locate a mobile office on the lot located at 880 Fond du Lac Avenue. On a motion by Andy Pesch, seconded by Richard Schmidt and unanimously carried by voice vote the Commission recommended approval of a Conditional Use Permit and sent the matter to the Village Board for public hearing. The motion included requirements of the CUP as follows:

- 1) Plot plan reflecting the location of said temporary office and portable toilet.
- 2) Placement of a portable toilet, shielded from public view.
- 3) The signing of an Agreement To Remove Temporary Office.
- 4) The date of removal being September 1, 2003. If the USH "45"

project is not far enough along a week-to-week or month extension could be granted.

On a motion by Andrew Kuehl, seconded by Theodore Meilahn and unanimously carried by voice vote the Commission adjusted the November and December meeting dates to just one on December 3, 2002 at 7:00 p.m.

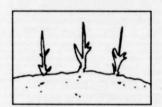
On a motion by Andrew Kuehl, seconded by Frank Beesten and unanimously carried by roll call vote, the Commission adjourned to round table discussion with Mr. Rick Kania from SEWRPC to discuss the proposed zoning amendments.

Roll call vote was 6 "Aye" 0 "Nay" 1 "Absent"

On a motion by Andrew Kuehl, seconded by Theodore Meilahn and carried by the majority roll call vote, the Commission adjourned the meeting. Roll call vote was 6 "Aye" 0 "Nay" 1 "Absent"

> Daniel S. Schmidt Administrator Approved 12-03-2002

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KEWASKUM TOWN BOARD MEETING December 16, 2002

The Kewaskum Town Board will meet December 16, 2002, 7:30 p.m., at the Kewaskum Town Hall, 9019 Kettle Moraine Drive, Kewaskum, WI. Agenda items and bills due in Clerk's Office 10 days before the meeting.

AGENDA -TOWN BOARD MEETING

- I. Chairperson Michael Lettow call meeting to order
- A. Official meeting notification affidavit
- B. Roll call
- C. Approval minutes- November 18, 2002
- D. Public presentation (15 minutes)
- II. Unfinished business
- III. New Business
- A. Possible action to approve bartenders' licenses for Summit Ski Corporation.
- B. Set date for Town Caucus for nomination of town officials whose terms will expire April 8, 2003, following the Spring Election on April 1, 2003.
- C. Chairperson Lettow appointments of election inspectors, term beginning 1-1-03.
- D. Review Town of Kewaskum insurance coverage.
- E. Resolution accepting jurisdiction for new town road to be constructed as part of the USH 45 Improvement Project.
- F. Possible action to approve Ordinance to amend Zoning Ordinance repealing and creating Section 6.03(A)(1) to allow for variations in the size and location of

accessory buildings to be considered as a Conditional Use

G. Treasurer's Report, Daniel Stoffel, payment of bills.

H. Clerk's Report, J. Sandra Stern

I. Correspondence

J. Adjournment (A holiday social gathering will follow the meeting.) Prepared by J. Sandra Stern, Town Clerk, on approval and behalf of Chairperson Michael Lettow.

Dated this 9th day of December, 2002

> J. Sandra Stern, Clerk, Town of Kewaskum

Village Board **Meeting Monday**

Public notice is hereby given that the next meeting of the Village of Kewaskum, Wisconsin Village Board is scheduled for Monday, December 16, 2002, at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 204 First Street.

The agendas for the meeting are prepared as of Wednesday noon preceding the meeting and are available at the office of the clerk at the Municipal Building on Thursday preceding the

Copies of the agenda are also posted in the lobby of the Kewaskum Post Office and lobby of St. Francis Bank.

CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

\$100.00 No. 2002 - CUP.02

State of Wisconsin Village of Kewaskum

WHEREAS, Robert Hackbarth (Premier Auto Center) has paid the sum of One Hundred Dollars to the Treasurer of said Municipality, as required by ordinances of said Municipality and complied with all the requirements necessary for obtaining this permit.

NOW THEREFORE, By order of the Village Board of the Village of Kewaskum, Washington County, Wisconsin and by virtue hereof, the said applicant for a Conditional Use Permit for permission to temporarily locate a Portable Office Building. This temporary building is to be used in conjunction with the existing used vehicle lot. The property is zoned B-2 General Retail and Service District and is located at 880 Fond du Lac

It is noted that the conditional use permit would reflect the following points as recommended:

1) This Conditional Use Permit does not take affect until such time as signed by the Village and Owner.

2) That a plot plan is submitted reflecting the location of said temporary office building on said lot, as well as the location of a portable toilet, which shall be shielded from public view.

3) That a building permit shall accompany the plot plan for said location/placement of the temporary office.

4) That a temporary portable toilet be located on said lot in conjunction with the temporary portable office and shielded from public view. A copy of sign contract indicating Portable Toilet rental and weekly pumping sched-

5) The owner agrees to sign and follow the terms of an "Agreement To Remove Temporary Office".

6) The owner will remove the temporary toilet at the same time as the temporary office.

Robert Hackbarth -John D. Kenworthy, Village President (Premier Auto Center)

Village of Kewaskum, affixed this 25th day of November 2002.

Given under my hand and the Corporate Seal of said

Daniel S. Schmidt, Administrator/Clerk

Gordon Hoffman -**Building Inspector**

Owner acknowledgment

Motion for adoption by Trustee Kevin Scheunemann Motion for adoption seconded by Trustee Larry Ammel Roll call vote 5 "Aye" 0 "Nay" 2 "Absent".

AGREEMENT TO REMOVE TEMPORARY OFFICE

THIS AGREEMENT IS ENTERED into by and between the Village of Kewaskum ("Village") and Robert Hackbarth/Premier Auto Center, ("Owner"):

WHEREAS, the Owner owns land in the Village of Kewaskum, Washington County, Wisconsin at 880 Fond du Lac Avenue, per attached survey identified as Exhibit "A"

WHEREAS, on October 29, 2002 the Owner applied for a building permit to place a Temporary office building on said land; and

WHEREAS, the office building has limited Occupancy status; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that the Village and the Owner enter into this agreement prior to the issuance of a building permit; now, therefore,

IT IS AGREED AS FOLLOWS;

1. The Owner shall remove said office building as identified in Exhibit "A" on or before September 1, 2003.

2. The Owner shall submit to the Village a cash bond in the amount of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) to the Village, in like amount. The balance of money to be returned without interest upon removal of Temporary structure.

3. If the Owner fails to remove the office building from his property within the period specified above, the Village or a contractor hired by the Village, is authorized to enter upon the premises and remove said structure. Any costs incurred by the Village in removing and disposing of said structures shall be withdrawn from the Owner's cash bond. The Village shall invoice the Owner for any additional expenses incurred, which invoice shall be paid in full by the Owner no later than thirty (30) days after receipt. In the event that the Owner does not pay such invoice within such time, it shall be considered delinquent and the Village shall have the right to enforce collection of such invoice by extending the same on the current or next succeeding tax roll as an unpaid special assessment against the owner's real estate and the same shall be collectable as other unpaid special assessments with the same force and effect as though the Village has fully complied with the Wisconsin Statutes respecting the levying of special assessments. This provision constitutes the Owner's consent and waiver to all special assessment notices and hearing which may be required by law to collect the charges authorized by this provision.

4. This agreement shall be binding upon and enforceable against the Owner, his personal representative(s), surviving joint tenant(s), heirs and assigns.

Passed and adopted by the Village of Kewaskum, Washington County. Wisconsin, this 25th day of November, 2002.

John Kenworthy, President

Attest:

Daniel S. Schmidt, Administrator/Clerk

Motion for adoption by Trustee Kevin Scheunemann Motion for adoption seconded by Trustee Mathew Heiser Roll Call Vote 5 "Aye" 0 "Nay" 2 "Absent"

The terms and conditions of this agreement are hereby accepted and agreed to this 25th day of November, 2002.

Robert Hackbarth, Owner

Chaplain to Serve Patients, Staff at St. Joseph's Hospital

WEST BEND - St. Joseph's Community Hospital of West Bend, a member of SynergyHealth, announces the addition of Sister Donna Siegl as hospital chaplain. Sister Donna is at the hospital part-time and on call to serve the needs of patients, families, and staff.

A member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Sister Donna has years of experience as a chaplain in hospitals and correction facilities, and is also a trained musician. She has a strong belief in the mind-body-spirit connection.

'Sister Donna's pastoral care role will help us provide more holistic spiritual care to our patients and their families, as well as help to form a closer relationship with area clergy. Representatives of area clergy were instrumental in developing the priorities for the pastoral care position and serving on the search committee for candidate selection," said Mike Murphy, vice president of patient care services at St. Joseph's.

St. Joseph's, which was operated by a religious order until 1971, is today a non-denominational facility. Sister Donna will be serving people of all faiths, acting as

a liaison between families and medical staff. Her role is to serve as a supportive, compassionate presence, listening to fears, frustrations, as well as happy events, as people search for meaning in their continuing journey through life.

"You don't have to have a particular religion. I differentiate between religion and spirituality. Each person has a spirituality, though not every person has a particular religion," she said. "A chaplain is a chaplain for all people."

Sister Donna was born and raised in Sheboygan. Along with her experience as a chaplain, she also taught elementary school, high school band, and music. She has an undergraduate degree in music education, a master's in music from UWM, a master of theological studies from the St. Francis School of Pastoral Ministry, and a master of divinity from the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. She is a member of the National Association of Catholic Chaplains.

A trumpet and euphonium player, Sister Donna played in several bands, including the North Shore Concert Band outside of Chicago, and each year heads up a band on a circus wagon in Milwaukee's Great Circus Parade. She's also a massage therapist and enjoys downhill and crosscountry skiing, swimming, and photography.

Sister Donna has been meeting with hospital staff and with members of the clergy in the area. She began her work at the hospital in November, though her first "official" duty was to present an inspirational message at the site dedication ceremony for the new hospital on October 23.

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Tell me Bwana - what's going to be the target next time? I hope you got your deer - if that's what you were doing - sighting in your gun for deer hunting - I can honestly be the first one to say the sight on your gun is right on - thanks again Bwana.

Kristin Drewry

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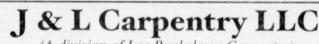
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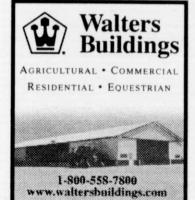


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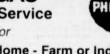
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St. Joseph's Names Director of New Life Center

WEST BEND - St. Joseph's Community Hospital of West Bend, a member of SynergyHealth, has named Linda Schraufnagel, RN, BSN as director of the New Life Center (birthing center).

Schraufnagel was previwith Agnesian HealthCare of Fond du Lac. While at Agnesian, she worked at St. Agnes Hospital as the Women and Infants Unit staff educator, obstetrics RN, and served as assistant director of the nursery and postpartum, and Nursing Division Policy and Procedure chair. She was a pediatric RN at the Fond du Lac Regional Clinic, and was an obstetrics clinical instructor for Marian College and Moraine Park Technical College. She has 24 years experience in the patient care environ-

Schraufnagel graduated from Marian College with a BSN in nursing. She lives in the Campbellsport area with her husband John and three children.

Schraufnagel succeeds Mary Kerrigan, RN, who is now patient care director at the West Bend Clinic, also a member of *Synergy*Health.

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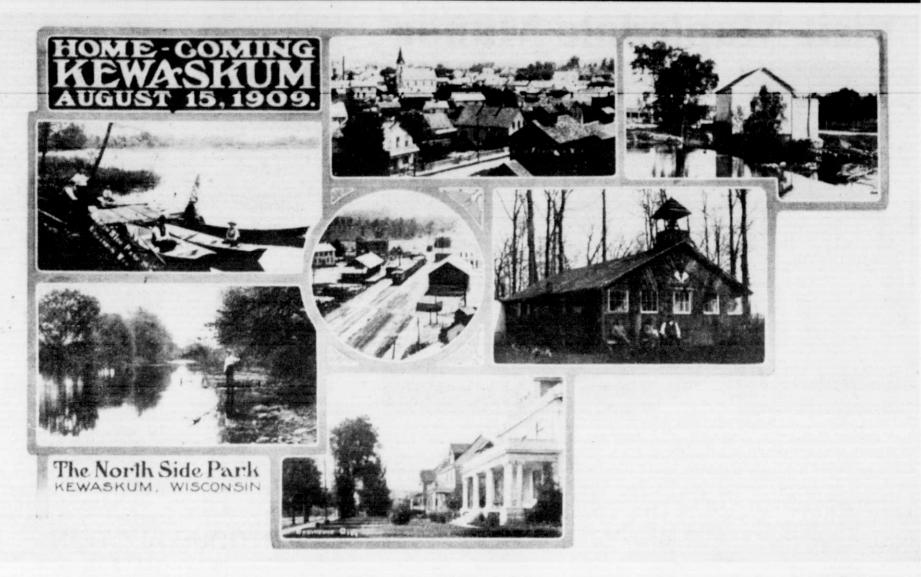
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DAYS GONE BY



This week's piece of nostalgia comes from Jim and Kathy Paul of Kewaskum. The card is an invitation to the Home-Coming celebration held at North Side Park (Riverhill Park) on Sunday, Aug. 15 1909.

25 Years Ago 50

October 21, 1977

The Farmington and Kewaskum Girl Scouts are hosting a Halloween party for the Kettle Moraine Association of Girl Scouts to be held on October 26. The party will consist of games, refreshments, a tour of the Haunted House and prizes for the best costumes.

The XYZ Senior Citizens Club of Kewaskum celebrated their tenth anniversary October 11 at Amerahn with a delicious dinner served to more than 200 members and guests. The director of the club is Pearl Thompson. Officers are President Clifford Stautz; Treasurer, Rebecca Erber and Secretary Ada Meilahn.

Trick or Treat Night in the Village of Kewaskum will be held on Sunday, October 30 from 5 to 7 p.m.

A daughter, Jill Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rick Jaeger, Campbellsport, on October 9.

A daughter was born to Keith and Suzanne Wiedmeyer, Campbellsport, October 15.

A daughter was born to Gaylord and Jane De Witt, West Bend, on October 16.

A son, Jeremy, was born to Jerome and Germaine Skrentny, West Bend, on October 5.

A son was born to Kenneth and Linda Junk, Kewaskum, on October 15.

A son was born to Alan and Linda Gundrum, Kewaskum, October 17.

50 Years Ago

October 10, 1952

GOP Presidential candidate Eisenhower's special campaign train passed through Kewaskum last Friday afternoon while on a tour of Wisconsin cities. The tain did not stop here nor at West Bend, where a large crowd was on hand at the depot awaiting him.

The Kewaskum fire department received calls to two fires in the Town of Kewaskum the past week. On Saturday, a blaze believed to have been caused by a grass fire burned down an outbuilding and scorched a pile of lumber on the former Roden school grounds several miles southeast of Kewas kum. The school building was purchased some time back by a Milwaukee party to be converted into a residence. The outbuilding had been destroyed by the flames when firemen arrived and the burning lumber pile was hurriedly extinguished. On Wednesday the firemen were called to the Jacob Muckerheide farm located about two miles northwest of the village to put out a grass fire which for a time threatened the farm buildings.

Seventy acres of eroded farm land recently acquired by the state have been allocated to Wisconsin state college, Milwaukee, to be used as an outdoor laboratory for biology and conservation classes it was announced

this week. Located two miles east of Kewaskum near Highway 28 the land is a part of the Kettle Moraine reforestation area.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Dundee was the scene of a nuptial ceremony performed by the Rev. H. A. Kahrs on October 4 in which Miss Lorena Eichstedt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Art Eichstedt of Kewaskum, became the bride of Albert Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner of Campbellsport.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Andy Bonlender, St. Kilian, on September 30.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Kaliebe, West Bend, on October 6. Mr. Kaliebe operates the Kewaskum shoe repair shop.

A son was also born to Mr. and Mrs. Werner Wenzlaff, Route 1, Kewaskum, on October 3.

Use a large Christmas tree cookie cutter and put it down on your serving platter. Shred lettuce all around it on the platter, pull up the cookie cutter and fill in the tree space with cubed cheese (or anything you want). Add a few grape tomatoes to the cheese tree for the ornaments.

Cooking Corner Tipe To Help You Sharing The Fun Of Baking

(NAPS)—Baking cookies is one of the easiest activities that families can do together. So round up the troops, head for the kitchen, and turn your baking into a group affair. Your children and the kids next door will have great fun learning to make cookies. Whether cookies are made for gifts or to fill your own cookie jar, the results will be pleasing.

The following recipe can provide you with lots of family fun without spending hours in the kitchen. Having the pantry filled with baking needs such as cookie mixes and miniature candies will also allow you to bake on a moment's notice.

For more recipes, decorating and family fun activities, go to www.marsbrightideas.com/cookies.

Snickers Surprises

- 2 sticks butter (softened) 1 cup creamy peanut
- butter 1 cup light brown sugar
- 1 cup light b
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla 3½ cups all-purpose flour (sifted)
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon baking soda 1 bag Snickers Miniatures
- Powdered Sugar 1 bag Dove Milk or Dark Chocolate Promises, optional

Combine butter, peanut butter and sugars using a mixer on a medium to low speed until light and fluffy.

Slowly add eggs and vanilla until thoroughly combined. Then mix in



flour, salt and baking soda.

Cover and chill dough for 2 to 3 hours.

Unwrap each Miniature. Remove dough from refrigerator. Divide into 1-tablespoon pieces and flatten.

Place one Miniature in the center of each piece of dough.

Form dough into a ball around each Miniature.

Place on a greased cookie sheet and bake at 325° F for 10 to 12 minutes. (Baking time and temperature may need to be adjusted if using more than 1 tablespoon of dough per cookie.)

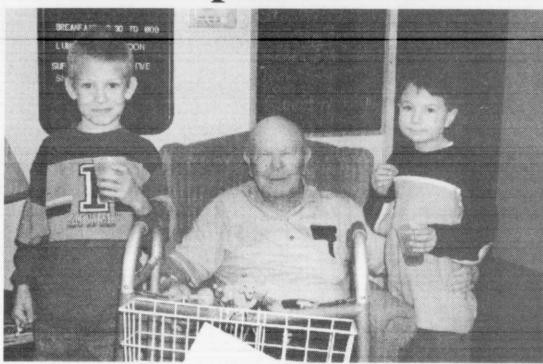
Let cookies cool on baking rack or waxed paper. Sift powdered sugar on top of cookies.

(Hint: Spruce up Snickers Surprises by drizzling melted Milk or Dark Chocolate Promises over top of each cookie. Recipe can also be made with 1 batch of prepared peanut butter cookie dough.)

This recipe and others can be found on www. marsbrightideas.com/ cookies.

Makes 2 dozen cookies.

Holy Trinity Students Visit Mapledale Manor



The first and second grade students from Holy Trinity went to Mapledale Manor right before Thanksgiving to put on a short program for the residents. Their teachers are Mrs. Mary Breuer and Mrs. Betsy Schill. The students sang songs, did some choral readings and skits, and entertained the residents. The students were then treated to cookies and juice. The old and young thoroughly enjoyed it. Shown above are, left to right, Devon Sandborn, Mr. Fred Link and Tanner



Left to right, Cody Russel, Mr. Wally Kluever and Alex Karoses enjoying their

UWM and **UWWC** Recommit to **Degree Completion Program**

MILWAUKEE - At a ceremony Wednesday, Dec. 11, the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee (UWM) and the University of Wisconsin-Washington County (UWWC) will recommit themselves to offering Washington County students a means to complete a bachelor's degree through UWM the College Connection Program.

UWM Chancellor Nancy Zimpher and UWWC Dean Joel Rodney will discuss increasing participation in the program, which provides students at the two-vear Washington County campus the opportunity to finish a bachelor's degree from UWM over the Internet without having to travel to Milwaukee.

The ceremony took place at noon in room 247, the Geography Lab in the

University Dr. in West Bend

UWM College Connection reaches out to students whose busy schedules discourage even a short commute to a four-year institu-

We are proud to make higher education available to all those who want it, when they want it," says Zimpher. "By pooling our resources, UWM and UW-Washington County are helping to build a more educated work force Wisconsin."

The program differs from other transfer agreements between the institutions because students begin and complete their baccalaureate program at UWWC, taking a combination of courses from both institutions.

UWWC building at 400 Students in the program with computers in Web graduates transfer from maintain full student privileges at UWM during their last two years.

Since originating at UWWC in 1995, the College Connection program has produced 14 UWM gradu-

Students in the program can choose from the following degrees, all of which also are offered to students attending UWM in person:

* B.A. with a major in Organizational Administration, an interdisciplinary liberal arts major stressing critical thinking skills that are valuable to employers.

* B.A. with a major in Communication, one of the most popular degree programs at UWM.

* B.S. in Information Resources, a program for those who want to work



are a shining example of a great holiday dessert.

GINGERBREAD STAR

- 1 18 oz. tube refrigerated sugar cookie dough
- 1/2 cup dark molasses 1 cup flour
- 1 thsp. ground ginger Dreyer's/Edy's* Grand Peppermint Ice Cream Colored sugar sprinkles (optional) Prepared icing

In large bowl, combine cookie dough, molasses, flour and ginger. If dough feels sticky, add more flour to make dough easier to handle. Preheat oven to 375 degrees F Roll dough 1/8-inch thick on well-floured surface. Cut 24 star shapes with cookie cutters. Place cookies on ungreased baking sheets; sprinkle with colored sugar if desired. Bake 10-12 minutes or just until firm to the touch but not dark. Cool on wire rack.

To assemble:

While cookies are cooling, remove ice cream from freezer. Lay ice cream container on its side on cutting board. Using a serrated knife, slice 3/4 inch rounds, one at a time, like loaf of bread. Cut ice cream into star shapes with cookie cutter. Place cookie on top and bottom of ice cream to make sandwich. Make one sandwich at a time to prevent melting and freeze quickly. Remove cookies from freezer and decorate with icing. Serve immediately or re-freeze. To store longer than two hours, place sandwiches in airtight container or wrap each in plastic.

Makes 1 dozen ice cream sandwiches

Dr. Hoffmann Named To Board of Directors At St. Joseph's

WEST BEND Joseph's Community Hospital of West Bend, a member of SynergyHealth, announces the election of Jeffrey Hoffmann, M.D., to a three-year term on the hospital board of directors.

Dr. Hoffmann is an internist with Aurora HealthCare Center, West

A native of Portage, he is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Madison and the UW Medical School. He also holds an MBA from the University of Illinois at Chicago. Dr. Hoffmann completed his internship at the Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, Ill. and his residence in internal medicine through Northwestern University.

Dr. Hoffmann is a member of the American College of Physicians and is secretary-treasurer of the hospital medical staff. He has been involved with the Albrecht Free Clinic as a volunteer and is a coach in the YMCA soccer program.

He and his wife Mai have three children and are residents of West Bend.

RL Library Announces Holiday Hours

Lakeview Community Library, 112 Butler Street, Random Lake, will observe special holiday hours: closed Eve Christmas Christmas Day; open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 26 and December 27; open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, December 28; open 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday, December 30; closed New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Regular library hours will resume on Wednesday, January 2.

another institution, says Ruth Williams, UWM associate vice chancellor for academic affairs.

> UWM College Connection currently is offered at nine of the 13 two-year UW Colleges in the UW System. In the fall, the program will extend to both Milwaukee Area Technical College and Madison Area Technical College for graduates of particular associate degrees.



design, network administration, software training, and non-programming other occupations.

UWM College Connection students, past and present, say they like not only the convenience but also the one-on-one communication they have with instructors.

UWM coursework is delivered to UWWC students by a combination of online communication, including:

* email.

* use of Blackboard, a Web-based program that allows the instructor to post notes on the Internet.

downloaded lectures that can be listened to at any time.

* chat rooms for students and the instructor.

About half of UWM's

Kurer Chosen MVP of Tennis Team, Sauer is Team Captain

The Kewaskum high school girl's varsity tennis team held their end of the season banquet recently. This year there was much to celebrate. The girls improved to sixth place in the tough nine-team Eastern Wisconsin Conference.

Sophomore Katie Kurer was selected Most Valuable Player finishing with 15 wins and five losses. Senior Kayla Sauer was chosen as Team Captain.

Head coach Kevin Hein hopes to begin a rebuilding program next year. This is in large part due to the many graduating seniors who will be hanging up their racquets this year after playing several seasons for the Indians. These girls played with a lot of intensity and team spirit. Their dedication made this year a particularly successful one.

Graduating seniors who received varsity awards were: the number one doubles team of Michelle Backhaus and Lauri Bausch, and the number three doubles team of Sarah Kurer and Stephanie Maul; number one singles player Amy Felhaber, and number two singles player Kayla Sauer rounded out the varsity squad.

Varisty alternates. Stacey Imler and Erika Hughes were also honored as parting seniors.

Graduating seniors who anchored the junior varsity team coached by Dan Ross were: Emily Ogi, Tanya Theisen, Jamie Imler, Kayla Rettler and Schladweiler.

For Coach Kevin Hein next year will be a challenging year in rebuilding the team to the level of play the girls accomplished this year. Outstanding varsity players returning to the court next year are juniors Mary Reindl, Jenna Degner and Margaret Reindl, as well as sophomore Katie Kurer.

Tee Pee



Girls Basketball (JV & FR start 6, Varsity starts at 7:30 p.m.)

12/12 - A - Campbellsport 12/17 - A - Roncalli

12/20 - H - Plymouth

Boys Basketball (JV & FR start 6, Varsity starts at 7:30 p.m.)

12/13 - H - Campbellsport - Sixth grade night

12/17 - A - Random Lake

Wrestling

12/12 - A - Roncalli

12/19 - A - Plymouth

12/14 - H - JV Tournament 12/17 - H - Sheboygan Falls

This information is also available on the Statesman's website - www.kewaskumstatesman.com

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Kempf and Rabuck Combine For 43 in Losing Effort

By Kyle Darmody **Student Reporter**

If Kewaskum boys basketball head coach Dave Nordeng wished for a stronger more physical basketball team this year for Christmas, his wish just may come true. Even with the 76-61 loss to Whitefish Bay Saturday, December 7, the Indians showed several signs of good things to come.

Travis Kempf led the Indians with 23 points, 12 rebounds, and six assists, while fellow teammate Kyle Rabuck also put up 20 points, as the two dominated the post area all night.

The problem for the Indians however was stopping the team quickness of Whitefish Bay, as the Blue Dukes put up 76 points against the Indian defense, to spoil parent's night for the Indian players, and their parents

The non-conference season opener was a nice wake

up call for the Indians as they were scheduled to kick off the conference schedule Tuesday, December 10, when they traveled to Kiel to face off against the defending conference champion Kiel Raiders.

The Indians will then come back home Friday, December 13 to face the Campbellsport Cougars, in what proves year after year to be a great match-up.

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Indian Girls Fall to Kiel 51-40 in Home Opener

By Kyle Darmody Student Reporter

The Kewaskum girls varsity basketball team played four good quarters of basketball Friday, December 6, in Kewaskum, but it wasn't enough to knock off conference foe Kiel as they fell 51-40 in the Indians first conference action of the 02-03 season.

"We played our best game of the season," Indians head coach Anne Ignatowski said. "The difference was that we missed a couple wide open breakaway lay ups, and lost the battle of the boards," she continued.

Jenny Koth led the Indians with ten points, while Katie Klug led the Indians on the boards with seven to go along with two blocked shots. "Jenny and Katie both played very well," Ignatowski said.

The Indians shot a low 48% from the free throw line, and 31% field goal percentage.

The Indians stayed at home Tuesday, December 10, to take on Random Lake, before traveling Thursday, December 12 to Campbellsport to face the Cougars, and then to Manitowoc to Tuesday, face Roncalli December 17.



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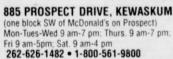
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He's an organizer who files by pile . . . a construction boss who can't manage his kids . . . a psychology expert with a few strange traits of his own. He likes sunshine, new trucks, good food, "hard workers", satisfied customers, short cuts, long days and above all a customer who wants quality instead of a bargain.

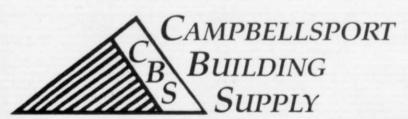
He's not much for sick crew members, rain in the heart of the day, lumber that is not straight, 8 hour days, cleaning up his desk or throwing out blueprints. Nobody else is so close to God or so far from a computer. You can reduce his potential, but you can't reduce his ambition.

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Christmas Day
Festival worship 9 a.m.,
New Year's Eve
Communion worship 7 p.m.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church

331 Main St., Kewaskum 626-2860 Father Mark Jones

Christmas Eve - 5 p.m., with the Children's Choir. Christmas Day - Mass at 9 a.m. with the Traditional Choir and 11 a.m.

New Year's Day - Mass at 9 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

St. Bridget's Chapel

9003 Townline Rd., Wayne

Christmas Eve - Mass at Midnight.

St. Matthias Chapel

N1044 CTH. S Campbellsport

Christmas Eve - Mass at 6 p.m.

St. John Lutheran Church

N665 Highway S New Fane 626-2309 Rev. Mark Eckert

Christmas Eve: Children's program- 6:00 p.m., candlelight service-9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Worship service - 9:00 a.m. with Communion.

No worship Dec. 26 New Year's Eve: 7:00 p.m. with communion.

St. Michael's Catholic Church

8877 Forestview Rd.
St Michaels 334-5270
Father Robert Artmannn

Christmas Eve - 5:30 and 10:00 p.m. Christmas Day - 10:00

New Year's Eve - 5:30 p.m. at St. John of God New Year's Day - 10 a.m.

Whitewood Family Church

8406 Whitewood Dr., Kewaskum Pastor Bobbie Minor

Christmas Day- 10 a.m.

St. Kilian Catholic Church

N189 Hwy W, Campbellsport Father Victor A. Kemmer

Christmas Eve - Service 12 midnight Christmas Day - Mass at

Campbellsport Alliance Church

Campbellsport 533-4516 Rev. Doug Birr

Sunday, Dec. 22 - 9:30 a.m. Campbellsport School Cafeteria.

First Baptist Church of Campbellsport

326 E. Main St Campbellsport 920-927-5399 Pastor David Northern

December 22 -Christmas Program 10:30 a.m.

St. Paul's Community United Church of Christ

Off CTH H on Memorial Dr Waubeka 692-2913 Celebrant David P. Jerger

Christmas Eve- 7:30 p.m. candlelight service. Christmas Day- 8:30 a.m. with Communion

Trinity Lutheran St. Frances Church Cabrini Catl

W494 Elm, Dundee Pastor Richard Schliewe

For more information, please call 533-4138.

St. Martin's United Church of Christ

600 Hwy. H Fillmore 692-2913 Celebrant David P. Jerger

Christmas Eve - 10:30 p.m. Candlelight service with Communion

Salem United Church of Christ

8925 Hwy. W, (Wayne) Campbellsport 626-4000 Rev. George Jorneby

Christmas Eve: Candlelight service, 8:30 p.m. NO service on Christmas day.

Immanuel Ev. Lutheran Church WI Synod

350 S. Helena Street Campbellsport 533-4385 Rev. Paul A. Cerny

Christmas Eve - Service at 7:00 p.m. Christmas Day -Service at 9 a.m. New Year's Eve - Service at 7 p.m.

Holy Angels Catholic Church

138 N. 8th Avenue West Bend 334-3038 Father Jerry Brittain

Christmas Eve - 4:00 p.m. (Children), 7:00 p.m., 11:00 p.m.

Christmas Day - Mass at 8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. New Year's Eve - Mass at

New Year's Day - Masses at 8 and 9:30 a.m.

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

1025 S. 7th Avenue
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Rev. Michael Peterson

Christmas Eve - Mass at 4, 6 and 11 p.m.

Christmas Day - Mass at 9 and 11 a.m. New Year's Eve - Mass at

4:00 p.m. New Year's Day - Mass at

Bible Baptist Church

9 a.m.

3500 Beaver Dam Road West Bend 334-9693 Pastor Jack Kaetterhenry

December 23 - Fellowship at 9:30 a.m., Christmas service at 10:30 a.m., Christmas program at 6:00 p.m.

Calvary Assembly of God

1110 E. Decorah Rd., West Bend 338-1171 Rev. John J. Garcia

Dec. 19 - children's concert, "Angel, Angel" 7 p.m. Dec. 22 - Christmas pro-

Dec. 22 - Christmas program "A Celebration of Jesus's Birth" 10 a.m.

Christmas Eve- Candlelight communion 6 p.m.

To be listed in the Statesman's church directory for Christmas or Easter, please contact the Statesman office by phone: 262-626-2626, fax: 262-626-1382, e-mail: nkuehl@kewaskumstatesman.com or regular mail: Church Directory, PO Box 98, Kewaskum, WI 53040. Please include name of church, pastor, address, phone number and service times for the holiday of choice.

During the hustle and bustle of this holiday season, remember... Jesus is the reason for the season.

Learning to Count on Educational Toys Develops 'Zany' and 'Brainy' Gift Solutions

(ARA) - While shopping for children seems easy and fun, choosing the right toy has its challenges. One major consideration is whether the present should be "educational" or "fun." Most people make this distinction, assuming that learning toys, which are practical, may not always be the most exciting gifts available. Whether a traditional learning toy, a developmental toy or a role-playing toy, educational toys can often impart as much fun as wis-

Zany Brainy, an awardwinning retailer of the best kids' products, has a long history of educating children through play. They discovered what most parents don't realize - many toys that are considered "fun toys" may also have educational value.

"Using action heroes and dolls in role-play situations is a perfect way to introduce children to a variety of social behaviors and environments," says David Niggli, executive vice president of merchandising, FAO, Inc. "Dolls like Chou Chou and characters including Thomas, Barbie and G.I. Joe allow children to act out situations and learn through pretend play. Zany Brainy is the leader in understanding the role of traditional toys in educating children."

Traditional learning toys help educate children in the basics that they'll need for school. Reading, writing and arithmetic are the underlying current of most of these toys, which have traditionally been labeled as "boring." Companies including Leap Frog make the three R's exciting, integrating technology into fun formats while teaching cooperation, mental quickness and strategy. One fast paced trivia game that takes educational technology to the next level is the Turbo Twist series, which brings spelling, vocabulary, math and other skills to life with wacky sound effects and a musical

Leap Frog's shining star is the LeapStart Learning Table, which introduces babies and toddlers to letters, numbers, sounds, and morewith, activities designed to develop motor skills and introduce cause and effect. With flashing lights and a voice that sings the alphabet, this table teaches kids that learning about letters and numbers is fun.

Education isn't only limited to babies and toddlers, however, and science items are always a hit with older kids. These items help to satisfy natural curiosity through exploration and investigating our world. Equipment like the Polaris 60AZ-MFB Telescope helps little explorers learn about the universe as they get close-up looks at shooting

and other space phenomena. playful, enriching ways. Telescopes and other scientific items prove that kids learn best when they're having fun.

While many traditional learning toys focus on developing skills that children use in school, another set of learning toys help babies and toddlers strengthen their motor and cognitive skills by developing the senses of sight, touch, sound, taste, and smell. These videos, books and toys make learning fun for babies by including a wide variety of sounds, colors, shapes and textures.

Musini The from Neurosmith encourages physical expression and creativity by translating the vibrations from tapping hands and feet into musical compositions ranging from classical to modern arrangements. The Baby Einstein collection exposes babies to the world around them by using real world objects, music, art, language, sci-

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A Christmas memory from Isabelle Muckerheide



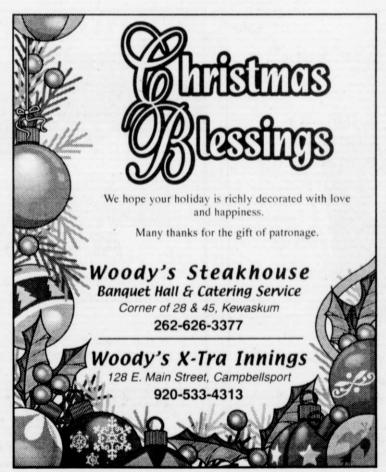
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Go Nuts -- New Research Shows It's Good for You

(ARA) - If you're among the many people who love to munch on nuts, but who gave them up because of health concerns, there's good news this holiday season. Recent research shows that nuts, in moderation, are actually a boon to your heart. So when you see a bowl of nuts at holiday gatherings, go ahead and grab a small handful instead of the chips and dip.

"Nuts used to be something people felt guilty about eating because they're high in fat," says nutritionist Gigi Acker, MPH, RD, of NutritionInsights in Los Altos, Calif. "But not all fat is bad. Healthy monounsaturated fats, like those found in nuts, actually reduce the risk of heart attack."

The recent Nurses Health Study found that nurses who ate nuts five times a week had less heart disease and on average were thinner compared with those who did not eat nuts. And a study published in the April 2002 Journal of Nutrition had people replace half the fat in their daily diets with almonds for six weeks. Researchers found that the almond eaters' LDL (bad) cholesterol went down 6 percent, and HDL (good) cholesterol went up 6 percent. In addition, their triglycerides (blood fat) dropped 14 percent. These studies and others indicate it's the combination in nuts of monounsaturated fats and protective plant compounds known as flavonoids that reduces the risk of heart disease.

In addition to their hearthealthy benefits, nuts make a great snack because they provide protein, fiber and fat. That combination makes them satisfying -they fill you up and have staying power, notes Acker.

She recommends enjoying an ounce of nuts (1/8 of a cup) every day. But, she cautions, you can't simply add nuts to your daily diet. Instead, you should substitute nuts for less healthy fat from chips, cookies, crackers and cheese. In addition to simply eating them out of hand, there are many flavorful ways to include nuts in your diet. Here are some of Acker's favorites:

Almonds

* Sprinkle toasted almonds over your low fat cereal in the morning or slice toasted almonds on a salad.

* Keep a Honey BBQ Almond Mojo Bar in your desk, backpack or car for a quick, healthy snack. This delicious, first-of-its-kind savory snack bar is convenient and tastes great.

Peanuts

- * For a fresh twist on an old standby, try a peanut butter with fresh fruit sandwich.
- * Add peanuts to Indian food like curried rice dishes.
- * Drizzle peanut sauce over grilled chicken or tofu.
- * Make your own trail mix peanuts, raisins and chocolate chips.

Cashews

- * Sprinkle a few cashews on chicken salad or in Chinese stir-fry dishes.
- * Try cashew butter -- use it as a bagel spread instead of cream cheese, which has no protein and lots of fat.
- * Add an ounce of cashews to your granola.
- * Top your salad with toasted walnuts and a little blue cheese.
- * Bake cookies and breads with walnuts.

If you buy raw nuts, simply toast them in a dry skillet over medium heat until you start smelling their wonderful aroma. Be sure to store them properly. "All nuts should be stored in the refrigerator so they stay fresh longer," notes Acker.

So go ahead and make nuts a part of your healthy eating plan, along with fresh fruits, vegetables and whole grains. And don't forget moderate amounts of exercise as part of that package as well.



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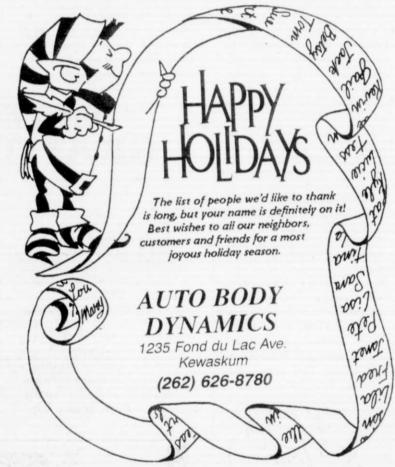


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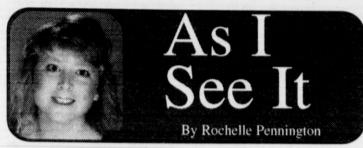












The Christmas Tree Ship

The year was 1912. The month, November. Autumn had fallen asleep in Northern Michigan, and Winter was just rising. It was rising on the land first, then heading into the waters, closing them up, freezing them solid for a while. Not yet, but shortly. There was still time for Captain Schuenemann to make his last sail of the season - a little time, but not much. He needed to hurry if he didn't want to meet Old Man Winter out on the waters, the worst possible place. He knew this, and was doing just that - hurrying, hurrying. The winds were telling him, and the waves also, "Hurry, Captain, hurry." Whispering, whispering were these voices around him in those moments at the break of dawn. He listened.

Then the captain reached a decision: "We sail." He would delay no further. Thick ropes anchoring the wooden ship to the shore began to be untied.

Captain Schuenemann was on his way to Chicago with a load of fresh Christmas trees, a majestic cargo of Yuletide cheer. Five thousand evergreens filled the ship's belly, with another five hundred tied to its decks. Pine scented the harbor and those gathered there breathed in deeply this first fragrance of

Christmas.

The last tree brought aboard, a spruce, was then fastened to the tip of the top of the tallest of three sails, as was the particular tradition of this particular ship. From here, this place of honor, it adorned both the vessel and its holiday load, like a star atop a tree, but instead, a tree atop a ship, a crown of sorts, the identifying mark of The Christmas Tree Ship.

Every Christmas, the captain and his sailing vessel made this voyage, together, down to the Clark Street Bridge in Chicago, just off Michigan Avenue. Captain Schuenemann waited the whole long year for this very journey, his favorite of all. He loved Christmas, and loved delivering his trees to the docks, as he had done since 1887, where he sold them right off his ship for as little as a quarter or as much as a whole dollar. And what a sight his ship was with wreaths hung from every

To the folks in Chicago who awaited its annual arrival, the ship had become a symbol of Christmas itself, and its blue-eyed captain, a hero. His generosity in giving free Christmas trees away to churches, orphanages, and to any family who otherwise wouldn't have been able to afford one, gave cause for him to acquire a nickname: Captain Santa. Hearing it made the ruddy-faced skipper smile, espe-

cially when spoken by the children. They'd be waiting for him on the docks when he approached the harbor, edging his ship in, shores parting before it. "Captain Santa's here! Captain Santa!" they'd shout.

Soon he'd hear their voices again, and then soon he'd be back home. This is what he told his wife of these many years as she stood there on the pier beside him. She wanted to know about the ship's return, and his also. She always did. When the waters separated them, her heart from his, his from hers, she wondered when he would be home. And he would tell her the same answer each time he left, "Soon. I'll be home soon." It an unchanging response to her unchanging question. Yet still she asked, and still he answered.

Then dawn broke forth into day on that November morning, lingering for just a moment in shades of violet, crimson and gold. Lingering, this dawn, like the captain's dear wife on the planks of a paintless pier where she waved goodbye, waving with the waters, "Goodbye, Captain, goodbye."

The great ship was set in motion, this 44-year-old aging schooner, weathered and weary, in the twilight of its sailing days.

With Chicago somewhere before them, and Thompson's Landing in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan now behind, the captain's hands grabbed hold of the wooden wheel with its spokes and spines that would navigate his vessel through unseen passageways in the open waters spreading themselves before him.

To his crew waiting on deck, Captain Schuene-mann called out, "Unleash the sails! Raise 'em high!." And so they did.

Oh, to know what comes alive in the heart of a sailor at such a moment as this, to experience the exhilaration of it all!

Then the captain saw it. It was the one sight he loved more than any other when he was out to sea, this very sight, the sight of seemingly being able to see forever across endless waters and an endless horizon.

Somewhere out there Chicago lay. The captain knew it. But for now, it appeared not to be so. For now, it looked as if he and his ship, with its sails raised high, could sail on forever into infinity. He embraced the sight with his arms spread wide across the width of the wheel he worked before him. Sail on, Captain, sail on.

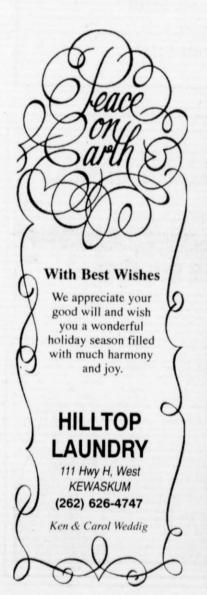
Yes, if there was a sight more beautiful than this, the captain knew not what it was. And he had seen many - especially out here where moonbeams gathered at midnight to dance on a watery floor beneath lanterns hung high in the sky. And he would dance with them, this captain, shuffling his feet on the deck to music he alone could hear - gulls singing lullabies on the shore and foghorns calling out in deep-throated voices.

Then slumber would beckon to him, and he would sleep in Life's arms as it rocked him, back and forth, back and forth. In the great rocking chair of the waters, the captain would be rocked to a rhythm of heartbeats, the water's and his own. Tide in, tide out. Breath in, breath out. Sleep now, Captain, sleep.

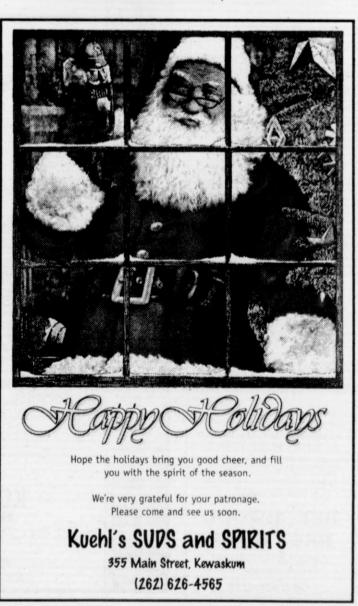
But on that November 23rd morning of 1912, sleep was the furthest thing from

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the captain's mind. He was awake, wide-eyed awake, acutely aware of the signs around him.

From where he stood at the helm of his ship, he turned around, again and again, looking over his shoulder, watching the gray sky behind him darken. This was no passing glance he gave the sky and its warning, but a fixed stare, worry creasing itself deeply into his brow. This changing sky meant something, and the changing current that pulled itself around him did, too. They were silent sirens telling him to, "Run, Captain, run." Winter had awoken, and it was coming for him.

Winds were rising higher and higher, temperatures were falling lower and lower, and forty foot waves were crashing over breaker walls along shorelines just past. Ahead of these heavy seas, Captain Schuenemann was running, his only choice. He couldn't turn back, it was too late for that. His ship was already taking on snow and ice from the blizzard that was wrapping itself around it. Winter was chasing him down in the most ferocious of ways, closing in on him in the form of a mid-lateral cyclone. This was the term weathermen later used to explain what happened out there on the waters when the sky turned black and the world turned white, and Winter caught the captain.

A crew of rescue workers on duty at the United States Lifesaving Station (a predecessor organization of the Coast Guard) in Kewaunee, Wisconsin, picked up the captain's distress signals and radioed south to the Two Rivers station where a to help the ship, coming close enough - within an eighth of a mile - to catch sight of the battered vessel coated in ice, and iced in snow. Then a blinding squall of white passed between the two, eliminating all visibility with its heavy curtain of snow. When it passed, The Christmas Tree Ship had

Yes, those brave rescue workers almost made it, but Winter made it first, bearing down upon the loaded ship with the full force of its weight. The Christmas Tree Ship could no longer sustain itself above the waters, and so, with the weight of a single snowflake more, it sunk below.

Two weeks and six days later, fishermen came across a corked bottle floating in waters near Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Within, on a torn sheet of paper ripped from Schuenemann's Captain own log, was written his farewell address: "Everybody, goodbye. I guess we are thru. Leaking badly. God help us. Signed: Herman Schuenemann."

Newspapers broke the story, including the headline printed in the Friday, December 13, 1912 issue of the Chicago American: Lost Ship's Story Told in a Bottle.

It had taken two weeks and six days to find the bottle, but for the ship itself, it would take another fiftyeight years. A scuba diver came across the wreckage quite by accident while searching for another sunken vessel off the coast of Two Rivers, Wisconsin in 1971. There she was, The Christmas Tree Ship, in tact and sitting upright on the bottom of Lake Michigan. He recognized the legendary ship immediately, its trees still fastened to its deck, secured there, just as they had been that fateful day long ago, preserved in the frigid waters. This unshovelled grave of the captain had been marked by a tree, as if a grave upon the land, marked by a spruce, fastened to the tip of the top of the tallest of three sails way back when.

And so it was, that such a tree as this was fastened to a sail on another old, wooden ship being loaded with evergreens the following November of 1913 at Thompson's Landing. This voyage had been chartered by a woman of remarkable courage who stood on the planks of the same paintless pier where she had stood a year earlier, almost to the very day. Her name was captain's Barbara, the beloved wife, and under her eye, evergreens were going aboard this ship until it was time for her to begin her journey. And then she did.

Stepping off the pier and onto this vessel named Fearless, she and her precious cargo of white pine and balsam and fir were bound for Chicago where the city was waiting. They had heard, you see, that Mrs.

Santa was on her way.

When her schooner sailed in, the people of Chicago were gathered on the docks just off of Michigan Avenue to welcome the Captain's darling. They came by carriage and they came by sleigh and they came on foot, whole families hand-in-hand, to buy an evergreen from this noble woman who chose to stand in the gap between the past and the present and become heir to the tradition that was a part of their holiday and a part of their hearts.

For the next twenty-one Mrs. Herman years, Schuenemann set sail in November to honor her husband's memory and his love of the Christ of Christmas, the everlasting hope he held fast to for all of his days like a great wheel navigating him onward.

Somewhere out there, Heaven lay. The captain shown him it was so through

the one sight he loved more than any other when he was out to sea. This hope of life eternal, of life evermore. guided his heart. It was his soul's compass, its beacon, its North Star.

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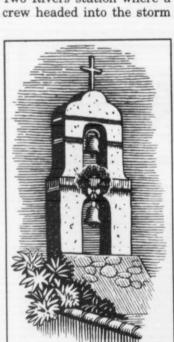
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"I'll be home soon," the captain told his dear Barbara when they waved goodbye to one another for the last time. And so he was. It just hadn't been clear to which home he would be returning that day. It would be the eternal one that unfolded itself around him in those moments when his ship went down and his soul went up, and he was carried by his hope to A Place More Beautiful.

Here, beyond the horizon, from the ship of his soul, the captain sails through the unseen passageways of eternity and looks upon forever, and ever and ever. Sail on, Captain, sail on.

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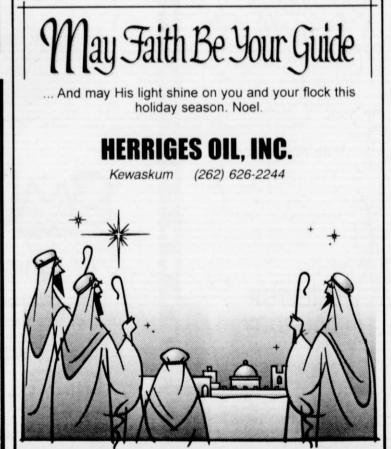
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Holiday Entertaining Hip and Hassle Free

(ARA) - The holiday season may be one of the busiest travel times of the year, but a growing number of people are choosing to skip the family road trip in favor of home-cooked meals and family nights by the fireplace.

According to Marketing to Women and The New York Times, since the events of 2001, people feel safer and more comfortable at home, making a night at home the new form of "hip entertaining."

If you're one of those who crave a cozy family gettogether but worry about the mess and anxiety that comes with planning such an affair, the following tips from a residential cleaning company, can help your holiday plans go off without a hitch:

* Empty all trash containers. Clean and disinfect inside and out with warm, soapy water and a neutral disinfectant. Drop several extra trash liners inside each container before relining for a quick and easy way to remove future trash when it really starts to pile up.

* Clean the tops of ceiling fan blades and inside ceiling lamp globes. Nobody wants to wake up to a plummeting dust bunny!

* Vacuum home from top to bottom, paying attention to areas such as the dining room, living room and kitchen, where people will congregate the most. Don't forget about your upholstery and hard-surface floors. They collect dust and dirt too!

* Dust all surfaces, including areas such as baseboards and windowsills. Pay attention to collectibles and picture frames -- items you'll want to "show off" to your holiday guests.

* Empty coat closets of extra outerwear like spring jackets and sweatshirts to make room for your guests' outerwear. Consider donating any outgrown apparel to a local charity organization.

* Launder and press bed dressings for any overnight guests. Leave clean towels in each guest bedroom and top with a holiday candy piece or two to make your guests feel pampered.

* Clean out your refrigerator to make room for leftovers. Make sure you have adequate storage containers and space for the extra food before the meals begin. Leave an open box of baking soda inside to absorb any odors your holiday goodies might leave behind.

* Clean the inside of the oven and the top of the stove. You don't want the smell of roast turkey, ham or chicken mixed with the smell of last Thursday's "meatloaf surprise."

* Have a huge family? Move furniture such as small end tables and large potted plants, to an extra room to make space for extra chairs. Be sure to dust and vacuum the new furniture -- especially if it hasn't been used in a while.

* Savor smells of the season -- welcome your guests with an inviting home aroma. Simmer hot tap water, apple cider and cinnamon in a saucepan for 20 minutes. The enticing smell will put everyone in the holiday spirit.

Real Dairy Ingredients Add Flavor, Flair to Holiday Baking

The holiday season encourages us to gather with friends and family, spending quality time with those who are most important to us. Always a welcome- and eagerly anticipated - element of these festivities is the myriad home baked creations that grace holiday buffet tables.

Just as a holiday gathering celebrates the vitality of tradition, so do holiday baked goods. Real dairy products can help you savor your holiday experience and create indelible memories of joyful feats. Following are some tasty tops for adding flavor, texture and overall "real" quality to your holiday recipes.

Real Butter - the Real Deal. According to professional chefs and bakers worldwide, there is no substitute for real butter in baked goods. Smooth and creamy, butter ensures a rich, full flavor and tender texture in any baked treat. During a time of year when we want to serve only the best to family and friends, real butter helps to make pie crusts melt in your guests' mouths and fruitcakes to hold their flavor.

Cream Cheese Improves
Your Holiday "Spread." A
delectable filling or spread
for holiday bars and cakes,
cream cheese is often overlooked as a holiday baking
taste sensation. Cream
cheese blends well with
other real dairy ingredients,
such as butter, to create
light, fluffy icings or dense
layers of sweetness. Simply
soften and cream with real
butter to create a heavenly
spread of velvety goodness.

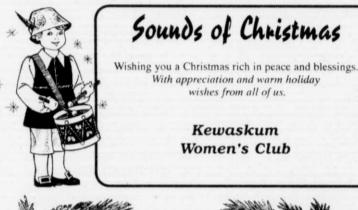
Buttermilk Gives the Gift of Surprise. Although low-fat, really buttermilk has a creamy consistency and rich flavor that adds an unexpected lift to any recipe. Substituting an equal amount of buttermilk for other liquid in cake batters

and cookie dough can make your holiday goodies ooze with scrumptious taste. Whether it's blended into cake batter or a velvety-smooth frosting, buttermilk will make your guests wonder how you created baked goods that are so moist and flavorful.

Whipped Cream Compliments Holiday Fun. Add a little pizzazz to holiday sweets with a generous dollop of real whipped cream

atop cakes, pies and tarts. It may mean the difference between an old standby recipe and an enticing, new creation. A simple turn of a piping tube can yield fanciful desserts full of appeal and deserving of praise.

Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, a nonprofit organization funded by the dairy producers of Wisconsin, promotes the consumption of real dairy products.

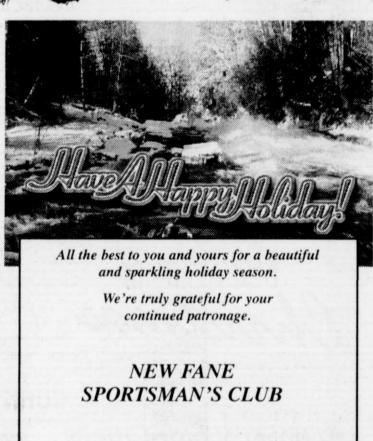




As we celebrate this holiday with our families and friends, our hearts are saddened by thoughts of those families who will be spending their Christmas without loved ones who perished during the tragedy of September 11th.

To each of them, and to all of you, we offer our prayers for comfort, understanding and peace among nations during this holy season. Our spirit endures, and theirs will never be forgotten.





Grandma's Oatmeal Lace Cookies

(6 dozen) 8 Tbsp. (1 stick) butter 1/4 cup milk

1/4 cup molasses 1 tsp. vanilla

3/4 cup sugar 3/4 cup flour

1/2 tsp. baking powder

1/2 tsp. salt1 cup regular or quick oats1 cup nuts, finely chopped (optional)

Preheat oven to 375°F. Melt butter in saucepan. Remove from heat; stir in milk, molasses and vanilla. Sift together sugar, flour, baking powder and salt. Blend into milk mixture. Stir in oats and nuts. Drop by level teaspoonfuls 2 in. apart on greased cookie sheet. Bake 6 to 8 minutes. Cool.



Bring the Family Together During the Holidays

(ARA) - The holidays are the time of year to remember family. Whether it's far away relatives, or the people you see everyday, set aside some time this season to do something with the ones you love.

"Ohana" is a term meaning family in Hawaiian made popular by the movie Lilo & Stitch. Here are some recipes and ideas to get the entire ohana around the table this season:

1. Set Aside Special Family Time- Book a weekend breakfast; put invitations in the kids' backpacks and dad's briefcase. Plan a tasty and easy-to-make menu featuring each family member's favorite item. King's Hawaiian offers many breakfast recipes, including the festive favorite below:

King's Hawaiian Strawberry French Toast

Makes 4 servings

1-1/2 inch slices King's Hawaiian Sweet Bread 2 cups sliced strawberries

(fresh or frozen) 4 large eggs

1/2 cup milk

1/2 teaspoon vanilla

1/8 teaspoon nutmeg

1/8 teaspoon cinnamon

1/4 cup sugar (optional)

1 tablespoon grated rind or orange (optional) powdered sugar (garnish) syrup (garnish)

Cut each slice of bread into thirds. Using a serrated knife, cut a pocket in edge of each slice and fill with strawberries. Combine desired remaining ingredients.Quickly dip (do not soak) slices in egg mixture. Cook on hot buttered or oiled griddle or pan until golden brown on both sides. Keep mixture well blended. Sprinkle with powdered sugar and top with additional strawberry slices (a happy face pattern is fun). Serve with warm syrup

2. Book a Breakfast Date- It's no secret that kids who eat breakfast regularly have a higher school attendance rate and tend to score better on tests. Set the alarm 15 minutes early for a weekday breakfast. Make it fun by putting your child in charge of planning breakfast once a week. Keep it

simple with easy-to-prepare recipes.

3. Separate Snack Time- Turn off the televisions, CD players, and computers during after school snacks. Ask your kids about their homework; offer to help. Mix up snack menus with surprises.

4. Let Kids Plan the Meal- The kids are bound to squeeze in some Web surfing eventually, so why not have them search online for new recipes and coupons to help them plan an upcoming meal? Suggest visits to their favorite brand Web sites.

5. Get to Know Your Child's Friends- It's important for the entire ohana to know your kids' friends. Invite them to a slumber party and to join in making a late-night snack or breakfast item. Or invite friends for an after school snack and study session. Be sure to supervise kids' cooking.

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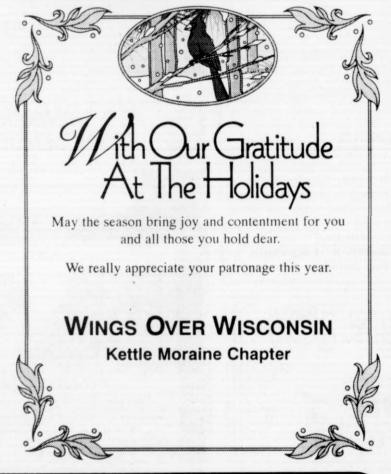
The Kewaskum Women's Club will be sponsoring a Christmas Home Decorating Contest in the village of Kewaskum with a total of five awards being presented.

The Club holds summer beautification awards for four homes each year with assistance from the Kewaskum Village Board.

The Club will now have their beautification committee judge what they deem the five most attractive holiday displays in the village. Awards will be judged only on total Christmas effect. First, second, third, fourth and fifth place plaque awards will be presented to the individual home owners.

Now is the time, while the weather is still a bit warm, to begin preparations for the Kewaskum Christmas Home Decoration Contest. The deadline is Sunday, December 15. Judging will be held thereafter and awards will be presented by Friday, December 20.

The Women's Club is looking forward to this beautification presentation for the "Peace on Earth" Christmas celebration in Kewaskum.



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Here's hoping you enjoy the best of times in this festive season.

Merry Christmas and many thanks!

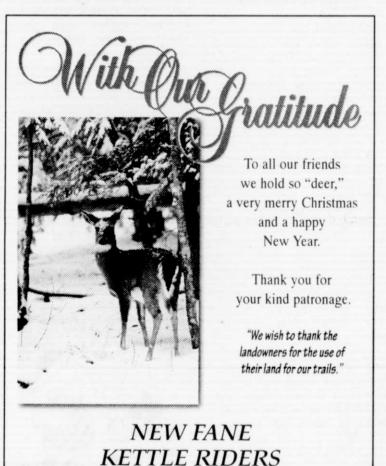
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What's Age Got To Do With Eating Peanuts and Peanut Butter?



(NAPSA)-No matter what your age, peanuts and peanut butter can play an essential (and tasty!) role in a nutritious diet. As adults age, physical and metabolic changes alter daily nutritional requirements. Unique nutrition-related issues can affect food preference and selection.

Peanuts are a nutrient-dense source of energy and provide protein, natural sources of vitamin E, folate, niacin, zinc, magnesium, phosphorous and dietary fiber. Peanuts also are naturally cholesterol-free and a good source of vegetable protein. One ounce of peanuts provides five percent of the average energy needs for most adults over 50 and 10-12 percent of the recommended daily allowance of protein.

Bob Greene, celebrity fitness trainer and author, recommends incorporating nutrient-packed ingredients such as peanuts and peanut butter into a well-balanced diet. Greene also praises peanuts for their widespread availability and versatility, especially when they are incorporated into

sauces, marinades, dips, salad dressings and smooth-

The National Peanut Board offers an exotic way to "sandwich" hunger and nutrition with a refreshing, island-inspired recipe:

Caribbean Chicken Salad With Peanuts

1 head romaine lettuce, torn into pieces 1/2 cup sliced green

onions

1 cup shredded grilled chicken 1 papaya, halved,

seeded, peeled and sliced 1 cup raspberries

1/2 cup peanuts Chutney Dressing

In blender or food processor combine 1/2 cup each peanuts and mayonnaise, 1/4 cup chutney, 2 tablespoons each sugar and raspberry vinegar, and 1 teaspoon curry powder; blend until smooth. Makes about 1

1/3 cups of dressing.

Prepare Chutney Dressing and set aside. Toss lettuce with green onions and divide among 4 serving plates. Top with chicken, papaya slices and raspberries; sprinkle with peanuts. Serve with Chutney Dressing. Yield: 4 servings (1/4 salad per serving).

Nutrition Per Serving: 605 cal; 38 g carb; 26 g pro; 43 g fat; 43 mg chol; 9 g fiber; 221 mg sod. (Source: USDA Handbook #8.)

For more recipes, visit the National Peanut Board web site at www.nationalpeanut-board.org.

Touching Holiday Tale for Children

It's Christmas Eve on Merrhill Farm, and Charlie can't fall asleep. There's a loud crash on the roof -and who should appear but Santa and a broken-down sleigh. Now how will all of the children in the world receive their presents? Dumpy a clever dumpster comes to the rescue, of course, as Santa and Charlie load up Dumpy's dumpster with toys, hitch up the reindeer, and set off on a glorious star-filled journey around the globe, spreading love and goodwill wherever they go.

"Dumpy Saves Christ-

mas" (Hyperion Books for Children) is one in a series of books written jointly by legendary film actress Julie Andrews Edwards and daughter Emma Walton Hamilton.

Colorful and inspiring, tale is yet another illustration of how the Christmas spirit can take hold and inspire youngsters to look at the true meanings of the holiday season — helping, sharing and giving. The book will make an ideal stocking stuffer, or could help you initiate a new family tradtion — reading a heartwarming tale on Christmas Eve.

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Yuletide Greetings

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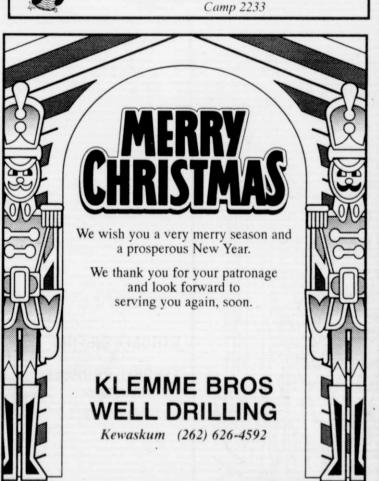
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Holiday Ornaments Have A Sparkling History

(ARA) - As you trim the tree and deck the halls, have you ever wondered why you are doing it? How did these customs get started and what do they symbolize? Although your holiday decorating taste may not reflect your Grandmother's or even your Mother's style, tradition is part of this holiday, more than any other. So before you hang your chili pepper string of lights and your fiber optic Christmas tree, consider the history of the Christmas tree and the ornaments we hang on it.

Perhaps no symbol of the season is more widely recognized than the Christmas Queen Victoria's German husband, Prince Albert, is credited with introducing the Christmas tree to England in the 1840s. Wanting to emulate the royal family, people began to adopt the custom and it soon became popular.

Some historians trace the origin of the Christmas tree to an even earlier peri-Even before Christian era, trees and boughs were used for ceremonies. Egyptians, in celebration of the winter solstice, brought green date palms into their homes as symbols of life triumphing over death. Likewise, when the Romans observed the feast of Saturn, part of the ceremony was the raising of an evergreen bough, and centuries ago in Great Britain, the Druids used evergreens during mysterious winter solstice rituals.

The Druids considered holly and mistletoe symbols of eternal life and placed evergreen branches over doors to keep away evil spirits.

The urge to add sparkle to the tree started early --Martin Luther, in the 16th century, is credited as being the first person to put candles on a tree, and the first electrically lighted Christmas tree appeared in 1882. In Victorian times, people had already started decorating trees with cakes, fruit and small gifts that were hung on the branches with ribbon. In 1880, Woolworth's first sold manufactured Christmas tree ornaments, and they caught on very quickly.

Swarovski, the largest manufacturer of full cut crystal, offers ornaments that add glamour and elegance to any tree. The 2002 Annual Edition Ornament, the 12th in the holiday collectibles series, is a stunning crystal snowflake design with 162 facets that create a brilliant kaleidoscope effect.

The ornament is a great gift for collectors and firsttime recipients alike. The Annual Edition ornaments are a favorite among celebrities such as Vivica A. Fox,

Sharon Lawrence and Joely glamorous this year!"

ed to hanging on your tree. Here are a few other deco-

shimmering holiday display.

* Enhance a chandelier or lighting fixture by attaching crystal ornaments to it to provide a warm, enchant-

* Transform a window into a stylish display, by hanging pinecones, cinnamon sticks and crystal ornaments from colorful string or

* Liven up a floral arrangement or an evergreen wreath with multiple

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Fisher; in fact, Fisher exclaims "everyone on my holiday gift list will be receiving a sparkling and Swarovski Annual Edition ornament

These versatile orna-ments don't have to be limitrating suggestions:

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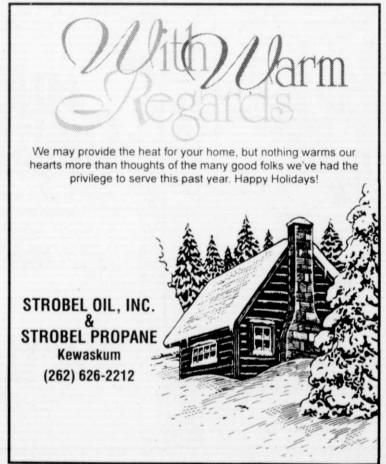


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Chocolate Macadamia Clusters



1 c. granulated sugar 1 stick (1/2 c.) salted butter, softened

1 large egg

2 oz. unsweetened chocolate, melted, cooled 1/3 c. buttermilk

1 tsp. vanilla extract 1 3/4 c. flour

1/2 tsp. baking soda 1/2 tsp. salt

1 c. coarsely chopped macadamia nuts or hazelnuts

CHOCOLATE FROSTING:

2 oz. unsweetened chocolate 2 Tbs. butter 3Tbs. buttermilk 2 c. powdered sugar

1) In a mixing bowl with elecrtic beaters, cream together sugar, butter and egg. Mix in cooled chocolate, buttermilk and vanilla until blended. Stir in flour, baking soda, salt and nuts.

2) Drop rounded teaspoonfuls about 1 inch apart onto buttered baking sheet.

3) Bake in a 400 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until almost no imprint remains when cookie is touched lightly in the center. Remove at once from baking sheet to wire rack to cool.

4) Make frosting by melting chocolate and butter together over low heat or in microwave. Stir in buttermilk and powdered sugar until smooth. Frost cookies. Makes about five dozen cookies.

Consumer News for Families

Check this Holiday List

By Mary E. Alexander and Keith R.Clifford

Have any of the holiday toys you've bought recently for your children been recalled? Would you know?

Unfortunately, it is possible that you wouldn't. The US Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has issued dozens of recalls of children's products and toys this year. But it is not clear that the public knows about them.

The CPSC is a federal regulatory agency that works to protect the public from unreasonable risks of injuries and deaths caused by consumer products. (Though automobiles, trucks, motorcycles, food, drugs and cosmetics are regulated by other agencies.) The CPSC uses local and national media coverage and other means to let people know when they have recalled a product.

But sometimes shoppers don't learn about dangerous products until it is too late. In her book It's No Accident: How Corporations Sell Dangerous Baby Products, the author, Marla Felcher, tells the story of parents who trusted products that failed, and of manufacturers who continued to market these failed products. How can you keep your children safe from these products? Felcher offers the following

*Access the right websites. Do not rely on manufacturers' websites to give unbiased information. Instead, try the government or a non-profit organization. Some suggested websites include the American Academy of Pediatrics at www.aap.org; and a nonprofit group, Kids in Danger, that notifies parents of recalls at www.kidsindanger.org.

•Get automatic notification. To be notified automatically when a product is recalled, call the CPSC at 1-800-638-CPSC and ask to be put on the agency's mailing list, or sign up via it's website www.cpsc.gov.

*Beware of hand-medowns. Check any handme-down products or items from second-hand stores with the CPSC. One CPSC study found recalled products in 69% of second-hand stores nationwide. An example of the precautions you should take includes asking if a used child's car seat has been in an accident. The seat may have internal cracks, and, as a result, may not protect your child in an accident. If you are considering giving your used products to a friend or to a thrift store, check with the CPSC to make sure the items haven't been recalled.

·Resist impulse shopping. Research all products before buying. If you see an item you love, write down the name and model number of the product, then go home and start your research. The

CPSC's website is a good place to start. Other suggestions about more extensive searches for public information are available in It's No Accident.

*Beware of bad track records. Some popular products such as baby walkers, bath seats, hard-handled infant carriers, infant swings and toddler beds have proven dangerous or deadly. You may want to consider not purchasing them.

·Ask questions. If a product's instructions are confusing, call the manufacturer. If you have a secondhand product that does not include instructions, call the manufacturer and request a new set of instructions.

If your child is injured as a result of some dangerous product, Felcher recom-mends calling the CPSC to report the injury. Other children may have experienced a similar injury from the same model product, and your call could help prevent future injuries. Parents should also notify manufacturers about product hazards, and tell manufacturers that the CPSC will be notified about the product in question

For more health and safety information and tips, please visit ATLA's "Keep Our Families Safe" website at www.atla.org/public/ index.aspx.

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The Need Is Great

The Salvation Army's Red Kettle Campaign is off and running with mail already appeals being received throughout rural Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. After the first couple of weeks of the campaign, they are approximately 8% behind last year's donations.

"We are always concerned when things are running behind the previous year," says Tom Thuecks, Director of Service "With Extension. the increase we are seeing in requests for assistance, we will need to raise additional funds to make sure we are able to provide assistance throughout the upcoming year."

There are several theories as to why the donations may be down; be it the uncertainty in the stock market or the economic condition of the economy. "Whatever the situation, we do appeal to you to see if you can't reach out to help us help others whether it's through the red kettles or the mail appeal. Your donations do make a difference." The Salvation Army prides itself in distributing the funds generated by its donors to local events at the rate of 86¢ of every dollar unless otherwise designat-

Donations may be made locally in the red kettles or may be sent to The Salvation Army, 11315 W. Watertown Plank Rd., Wauwatosa, WI 53226. Please remember, all donations go to serve those in need in your community. May God bless you for your kind, giving spirit.

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Hotel Gift Getaways Make Special Gift

(ARA) - Put down that sweater. Step away from the perfume counter. This year, give the gift everyone will enjoy and use -- a hotel mini-getaway.

As the nation's hotel industry works overtime to attract business, travelers who used to scrimp on accommodations now find they can sample the most luxurious 4-star hotels and resorts at economy prices. Depending on dates and cities, an evening at an upscale 4-star hotel can be reserved for as little as \$50 to \$150 -- a bargain by anyone's standards.

The holidays make a great time for gift-givers to get into the act and pamper that special someone with a night or weekend at one of the nation's most exclusive. upscale hotels. Hotel getaways can be booked in advance and make great gifts for special occasions. like New Year's, Valentine's Day, an anniversary or a birthday. Gift-givers pay for the rooms in advance, including relevant taxes, and reserve them in the recipient's name, ready for instant, no hassle check-in.

The Internet offers the most convenient way to book a hotel gift getaway. Dozens of popular hotel booking sites let customers search by city and see both hotel availability and rates.

Forget someone on your list? No problem. Hotel getaways booked on the Internet take only minutes to complete and can be reserved at the last minute. So, for an unusual and sure-to-be-appreciated gift this holiday season, give a hotel getaway.



The graham cracker is named for Sylvester Graham, an American dietary reformer of the early 1800s.

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Holy Trinity's Operation Christmas Child

The Religious Education students at Holy Trinity Parish teamed up with the Holy Trinity School students to work on Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child sends shoe boxes filled with toys, school supplies, and personal hygiene items to boys and girls in Asia, Africa and Central and South America. About 150 boxes were collected and then sent to a central collection site in Mayville.

The Religious Education students are under the direction of Mrs. Sharon Warsh. At Holy Trinity School the Student Council organized the drive. All the students enjoyed filling the shoe boxes with Christmas joy.

Top, right- Eighth graders Lauden Lelongia and Allison Kowalczyk

Bottom, right- Gifts and kids. Second graders, Anna Aycock, Sarah Boettcher, Jake Wendt.

When I was a child, I enjoyed sitting under a railroad trestle and I'd smile when the shadow of a trair ran over me. As the shadow of the train didn't hurt, and the shadow of a knife can't cut me, so the shadow of death can't hurt a believer.

That's why the Psalmist said, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me."

Christ died for our sins. On that first Easter morning He rose bodily from the dead. Now He's with us in our perplexities to guide us, in our pains to comfort us, and in our perils to strengthen us.







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Cooking With Kids

Mixing Up Family Time In The Kitchen

(NAPS)—If you're looking to cook up fun, new ways to spend time with your family—without spending a lot of dough—you may want to try baking cookies.

That's because the benefits of baking may include more than just the sweet results. For parents, baking can be an opportunity to work together with children and to encourage them to think creatively. For children, the basic math and science skills required by baking can serve as valuable learning experiences. Perhaps equally important, however, is that baking cookies can be fun. The kitchen can be a place where parents and children create memories that last a lifetime.

The Great American Home Baking Cookie Collection offers families easyto-follow thematic cookie recipes through a monthly subscription.

Each month, subscribers will receive 12 easy-to-read recipe cards, 2 cookie cutters, 4 cookie templates and gournet sugars that can lend a professional touch to family baking projects.

For a delicious holiday treat, try this cookie recipe for Edible Ornaments.

Edible Ornaments Baking Time: 8-10 minutes Makes about 3 dozen

1box (16 ounces) confectioners' sugar 2tablespoons powdered egg white

6tablespoons water assorted food colorings 1package (18 ounces) refrigerated sugar cookie dough 1/4cup all-purpose flour

¹/₄teaspoon almond extract assorted color sugars

1. In a large bowl, using an electric mixer set on medium speed, beat sugar, powdered egg white and water until blended. Divide the icing among several small bowls; leave



For many families during the holidays, baking cookies cuts it. Above, edible ornaments from The Great American Home Baking Cookie Collection.

one bowl plain. Add food coloring to remaining bowls for desired colors. Cover bowls of icing until ready to use.

2. Preheat oven to 350°F. In a large bowl, mix refrigerated dough, flour and almond extract; stir until combined.

3. On a lightly floured surface, using a lightly floured rolling pin, roll dough to a ¼-inch thickness. Using the ornament templates, cut out shapes. Reroll scraps and continue cutting shapes, as needed.

4. Bake cookies until golden, 8-10 minutes. Transfer pan to a wire rack; cool about 10 minutes. Transfer cookies to wire racks; cool completely.

5. Scoop half of colored icings into pastry bags fitted with fine tips. Pipe icing outlines onto cookies, as desired; let icing dry, about 10 minutes.

6. Using a paintbrush and remaining icing in bowls, fill in piped outlines. Let dry completely, about 2 hours.

7. Using remaining icings in pastry bags, pipe dots or other designs onto cookies, as desired; sprinkle with colored sugars. Let cookies dry.

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Washington Apple Yearbook

(NAPS)—A fresh-from-theorchard crop of apples harvested from Washington state is portrayed in a yearbook just in time for consumers to enjoy the full flavor of the crop.



The New School of Washington Apples yearbook has photos, stories and recipes from some of Washington state's best chefs for each

member of the apple family. For a copy, send your name, mailing address, and check or money order for \$2 to WAC Family Yearbook/LB, 2405 Grand Boulevard, #700, Kansas City, MO 64108.

Try this delicious grilled apple side dish with chicken or pork.

Grilled Washington Apple Slices

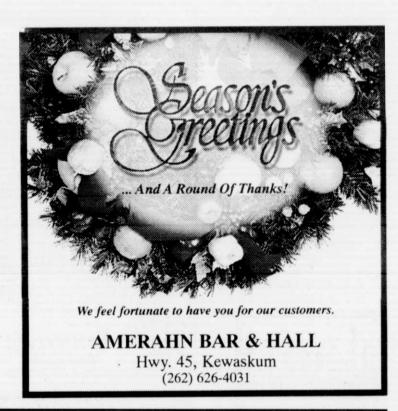
- 2 tbsp. butter or margarine
- 2 tbsp. orange juice
- 2 tbsp. honey 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 3 (about 1½ lbs.) Washington Gala, Red Delicious, Fuji or Granny Smith apples, cored if desired and sliced crosswise ½-inch thick

Combine all ingredients except apples. Brush both sides of apple slices with butter mixture. Place on grill and grill about 5 minutes per side or until barely tender and thoroughly heated; brush each side with butter mixture at least one time during grilling. Serves 6.

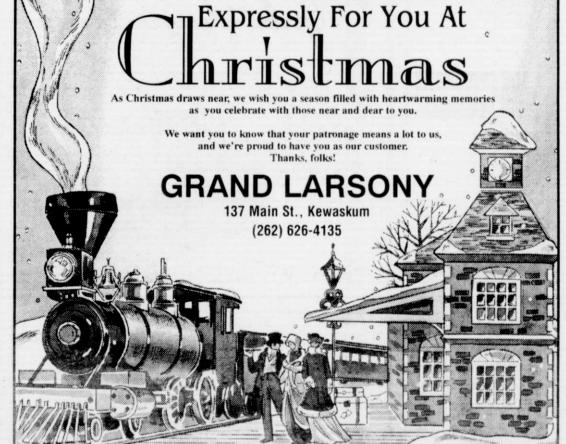
For more information and recipes, visit www.bestap ples.com.



A Christmas memory from Isabelle Muckerheide







Holiday Entertaining Hip and Hassle Free

(ARA) - The holiday season may be one of the busiest travel times of the year, but a growing number of people are choosing to skip the family road trip in favor of home-cooked meals and family nights by the fireplace.

According Marketing to Women and The New York Times, since the events of 2001, people feel safer and more comfortable at home, making a night at home the new form of "hip entertaining."

If you're one of those who crave a cozy family gettogether but worry about the mess and anxiety that comes with planning such an affair, the following tips from a residential cleaning company, can help your holiday plans go off without a

* Empty all trash containers. Clean and disinfect inside and out with warm, soapy water and a neutral disinfectant. Drop several extra trash liners inside each container before relining for a quick and easy way to remove future trash when it really starts to pile

* Clean the tops of ceiling fan blades and inside ceiling lamp globes. Nobody wants to wake up to a plummeting dust bunny!

Vacuum home from top to bottom, paying attention to areas such as the dining room, living room and kitchen, where people will congregate the most. Don't forget about your upholstery and hard-surface floors. They collect dust and dirt too!

* Dust all surfaces,

including areas such as baseboards and windowsills. Pay attention to collectibles and picture frames -- items you'll want to "show off" to your holiday guests.

* Empty coat closets of extra outerwear like spring jackets and sweatshirts to make room for your guests' outerwear. Consider donating -any outgrown apparel to a local charity organization.

* Launder and press dressings for any overnight guests. Leave clean towels in each guest bedroom and top with a holiday candy piece or two to make your guests feel pam-

* Clean out your refrigerator to make room for leftovers. Make sure you have adequate storage containers and space for the extra food before the meals begin. Leave an open box of baking soda inside to absorb any odors your holiday goodies might leave behind.

* Clean the inside of

the oven and the top of the stove. You don't want the smell of roast turkey, ham or chicken mixed with the smell of last Thursday's "meatloaf surprise."

* Have a huge family? Move furniture such as small end tables and large potted plants, to an extra room to make space for extra chairs. Be sure to dust and vacuum the new furniture -- especially if it hasn't been used in a while.

* Savor smells of the season -- welcome your guests with an inviting home aroma. Simmer hot tap water, apple cider and cinnamon in a saucepan for 20 minutes. The enticing smell will put everyone in the holiday spirit.





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Eggnog Sparkle Cookies



1 c. (2 sticks) salted butter, softened 1 c.granulated sugar

2 large egg yolks 1/2 c purchased eggnog 2 1/2 c. flour 2 tsp. baking powder 1 tsp. ground nutmeg

TOPPING: 1 2.25 oz. jar red decorating sugar 1/3 cup 1 tsp. ground cinnamon

1) In a large mixing bowl,

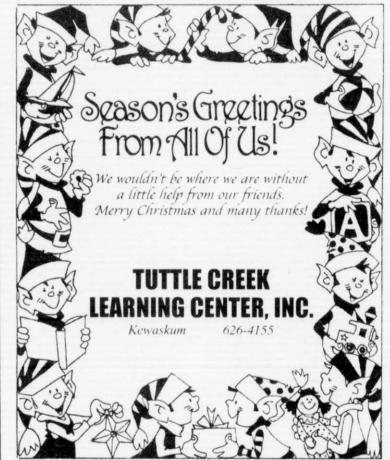
cream together butter and granulated sugar until fluffy. Beat in egg yolks until combined. Add egg nog.

2) Whisk together flour, baking powder and nutmeg; add to butter mixutre beating until thoroughly combined. Refrigerate dough two hours or until firm.

3) Combine topping ingredients on paper plate. Roll dough into 1 inch diameter balls; roll in topping mixture. Place two inches apart on lightly buttered cookie sheet.

4) Bake in a 400 degree oven for 8 to 10 minutes or until set. Makes about five dozen cookies.









May peace and good fortune visit your home this holiday season.

Thank you for visiting us this past year.





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Wisconsin Establishments Featured In Free AAA Party Guide

To help holiday-party hosts control guests' consumption of alcoholic beverages, AAA Wisconsin and other AAA clubs are distributing The Great Pretenders Party Guide with nonalcoholic drink recipes and fancy snack recipes from AAA Diamond-rated hotels and restaurants in the Midwest, including several located in Wisconsin.

The guide is available free to the general public as well ass AAA members at any AAA Wisconsin service branches around the state. They also can be ordered by. telephone toll-free at 800-236-1300 est. 2486, or the entire guide can be downloaded from AAA Wisconsin's webpage, www. aaawisc.com:

"Drunk driving is a menace to life and property, and we must never let up in our efforts to prevent people from getting behind the wheel when they are alcohol impaired," said AAA Wisconsin President Ted Gambill. "AAA hopes The Great Pretenders Party Guide will be helpful to party hosts during the holiday season and beyond. The recipes in the guide provide festive alternatives to alcoholic beverages."

Publication of nonalcoholic drink recipes is part of AAA Wisconsin's "First A Friend, Then A Host" efforts.

'The holiday season is a time when we have to be especially concerned about drunk driving," Gambill. "We all want to enjoy festive occasions with friends and family, but we must do everything possible to assure those festivities don't become a prelude to tragedy. AAA encourages people to celebrate the season, but do it responsibly by being 'First A Friend, Then A Host'."

All of the establishments that contributed recipes to The Great Pretenders Party Guide have earned multiple Diamond ratings in the widely used AAA Tour Book® guides for travelers.

Three of the 16 beverage recipes in the guide are from Wisconsin establishments: Cafe Gelata's Hot Caramel Cider, Grand Geneva Resort and Spa, Lake Geneva; Sham-pagne Fizz Cocktail, Immigrant Room at the American Club, Kohler; and Holiday Sunset, Pfister Hotel, Milwaukee.

One of the three party d'ouvres recipes, Spinach Goat Cheese Tarts, comes from the Victorian Treasure Inn, Lodi.

The Great Pretenders Party Guide also includes facts and statistics about the problem of drunk driving and advice to help party hosts control their guests' alcohol consumption.

For example, the guide reports that almost \$40 billion was spent in the United States in the year 2000 (the last complete statistics available) to cover the costs of vehicle crashes in which alcohol was a factor.

In Wisconsin, 43% of vehicle-crashes involved alcohol in the year 2000, and the annual cost of alcoholrelated vehicle crashes is estimated at more than \$2.2

The guide also reports that an alcohol-related traffic fatality occurs on average once every 32 minutes in the United States, and it is estimated that 30% of all the

people living in the U.S. will be involved in an alcoholrelated traffic crash at some point in their life.

One page of the guide presents facts and a chart about the rate at which alcohol in a beverage is absorbed into a person's bloodstream. Another page has suggestions to help party hosts control alcohol consumption and tips for keeping an alcohol-impaired guest from trying to drive

Six AAA clubs that make up The Auto Club Group --AAA Chicago Motor Club, Michigan, AAA Minnesota/Iowa, AAA AAA North Nebraska, Dakota and AAA Wisconsin -- plan to distribute 110,000 copies of The Great Pretenders Party Guide free to individuals and organizations in their service areas.

AAA Wisconsin is a notfor-profit membership organization offering travel, insurance, financial and auto-related services to more than 590,000 members through office locations statewide.



According to the International Game Fish Association, the heaviest fish ever caught was a 2,664-pound great white shark, caught by Alfred Dean in 1959.

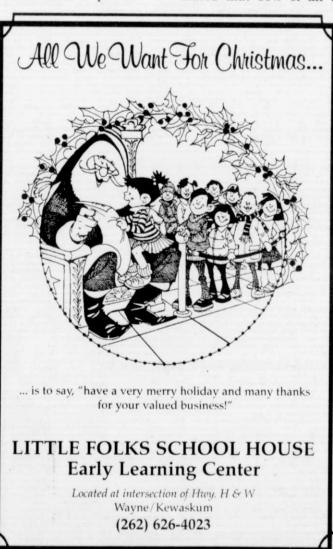
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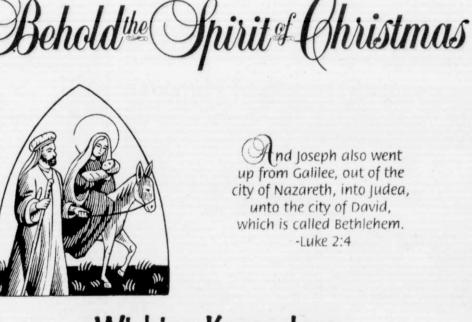
There are many ways to express the sentiments of the sea-son. Find out how to say "Happy Holidays" in these foreign languages:

SPANISH: Las Vacaciones felices.

FRENCH: Vacances heureuses. GERMAN: Glückliche Feiertage. ITALIAN: Le Vacanze felici. NORWEIGAN: Glad Holidays. PORTUGUESE: Feriados felizes.







Ind Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem.

Wishing Kewaskum A Merry Christmas!



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Bar-N Ranch Hat Bar Has More Than Just Hats

By Sheri Baldikowski

One colorful mainstay in the heart of the Kettle Moraine area is the Bar-N-Ranch Hat Bar, located at N1635 Hwy. GGG, Campbellsport. It is owned and operated by Aggie and Elmer Kittel.

Aggie nostagically remembers the first "Turkey Shoot" that took place on their land in 1953, and she has been there ever since, having celebrated her fiftieth year anniversary in 2002.

The first thing that amazes you as you walk in the door of the Hat Bar is the 1,773 hats which cover the ceiling, all arranged in categorized sections such as sports hats, military hats, etc.

There are hats from Hawaii, Austria, Spain, Italy, and many others from all over the world, and Aggie knows every one of them. Aggie has been "borrowing" hats since 1957 and all of her hats have been donated.

One of her most prized hats is from West Point, acquired when the cadets threw up their hats upon graduation. It is truly a unique experience to walk around and look up at the vast array of hats on the ceiling.

Another portion of the barroom is devoted to Elmer's hand-crafted wood items. You know this is special work from the clever sign he designed which states, "Have you seen what I saw."

On display are many specially carved wood items such as military insignias, lamp bases, plaques, Nativity scenes, and many more unique pieces. The items on display in this area are for sale at the Hat Bar, plus some things are sold on consignment. Elmer says he can carve almost anything, but he does not "rush" anything or do anything too large, as it still remains a hobby to him.

Elmer's true expertise is clearly evident on the backbar where he proudly displays exquisitely detailed carved cathedral clocks, which are truly awesome. One of Aggie and Elmer's personal favorites in the clocks plays the Westminster chimes.

The height of the clocks vary, but they average three feet tall and could take Elmer a month or more to create. Elmer learned woodworking from his father and when on his own, he started on small items and self-taught himself through the years to get to his current artistic caliber. Elmer does not want to sell any of his clocks as he wishes to leave them as part of his legacy.

In another portion of the bar is an old-time jukebox where your selection is still only a quarter per play. Aggie pretty much keeps the same tunes on the juke-



Just a sampling of the over 1,100 hats that grace the ceiling of Bar-N-Ranch Hat Bar.

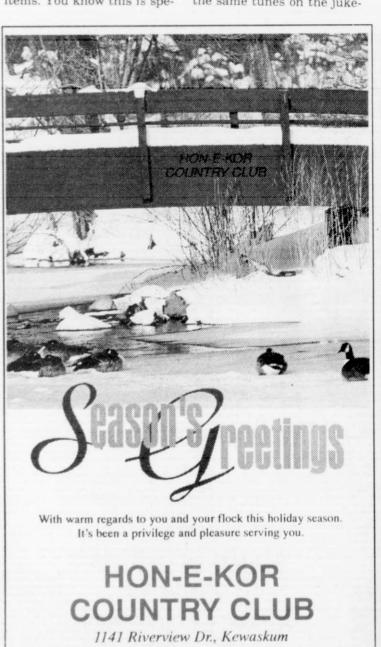
Statesman Photo: Nicole Rawley

box, and everyone seems to continue to enjoy them while they are sipping on their favorite beverage or eating some of Aggie's homemade chili or delicious sandwiches which she serves from the kitchen, just off the bar, on a regular basis.

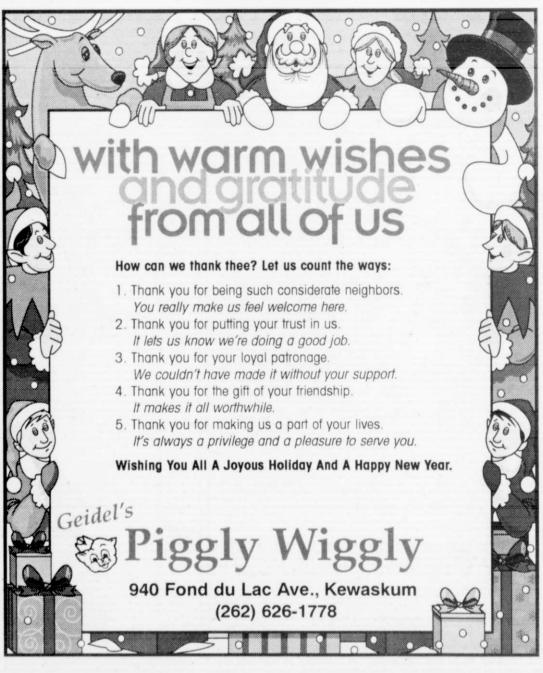
Outside, in back of the bar, there is a large tract of land for campsites which can accommodate 25 sites for tents or trailers. The Kittels rent to families only and do not permit any "rough-housing" as they want the campground to

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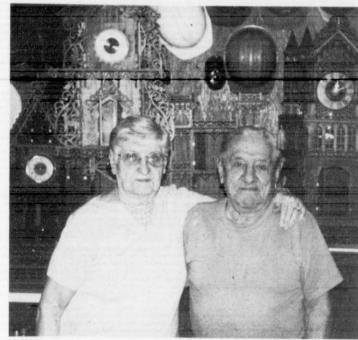




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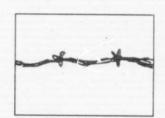


Aggie and Elmer Kittle have been serving vistors and residents alike in the Kettle Moraine for 50 years.

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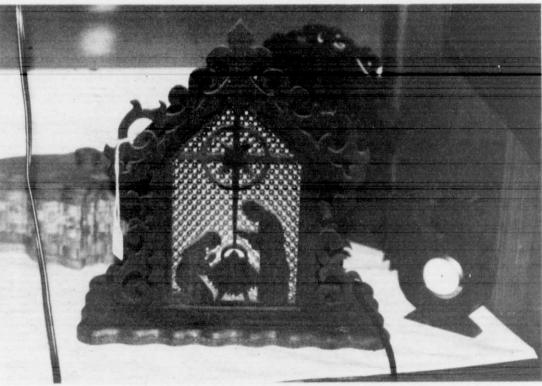
remain a place where you can bring kids and they can continue to have fun.

The Hat Bar's hours vary in winter, so it is always a good idea to call 262-626-4360 ahead of time. A visit to the Bar-N-Ranch Hat Bar is truly an exceptional experience you won't forget.



Barbed wire, which marked the end of the so-called "Cowboy Era," was invented in 1873.





One of the many woodcrafts done by Elmer at the Bar-N-Ranch Hat Bar.

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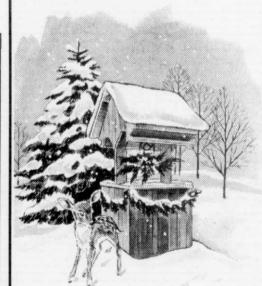
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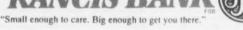
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Set Aside Your Food Allergies

Celebrate the Holidays with All Natural Recipes

(ARA) - There used to be a theory that said "if food tastes great, it's probably bad for you, and if it resembles cardboard in taste and texture, it's probably good for you." The truth behind this theory made the holidays far less enjoyable for millions of people who are affected by food allergies. They were forced to avoid delicious holiday favorites in favor of bland offerings that deemed "safe." Fortunately things have changed.

According to the Food Allergy and Anaphylaxis Network (FAAN), approximately 7 million Americans suffer from food allergies, a condition that affects the body's immune system.

Food allergies vary in severity from person to person. In some cases, the person's respiratory system is targeted and breathing becomes difficult. In others, the skin, cardiovascular or gastrointestinal tract are affected. In the most severe cases, food allergies can

prove fatal if the person doesn't use antihistamines to restore the body to its normal working order.

The following eight foods are responsible for 90 percent of all food-allergic reactions: milk, eggs, peanuts, tree nuts (walnut, cashew, etc.) fish, shellfish, soy and wheat. Celiac disease, a digestive disorder that damages the small intestine, is dramatically on the rise. People with celiac disease are unable to tolerate gluten, a protein found in wheat, rye and barley.

No one is certain why the incidence of food allergies is on the rise, but in response to the special dietary needs of those who suffer, some companies offer all-natural foods that taste great and can be used in wonderful holiday dishes, such as rice casserole, pumpkin soup and black bean soup.

"During the holiday season we get a lot of letters of thanks from people who previously had to avoid eating at family parties because

the threat of food allergies, especially involving children, was too great a risk. Our broths, soups, beverages and frozen desserts invite everyone to join the party, and for that, we're very proud," explains Robert Nissenbaum, Imagine Foods' president and product developer.

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Cheddar Crunch Apple Squares



1 box (12 oz) vanilla wafers £ 1/3 c. vanilla wafer crumbs)

1 1/2 c. flaked coconut, chopped

1/2 tsp. ground cinnamon 1 1/2 c. shredded cheddar cheese

1 stick (1/2 c.) salted butter, softened

2 cans (21 oz.) apple pie filling

1) Make crumbs in food processor or with rolling pin and combine with coconut, cinnamon, cheese and butter to form a crumbly mixture. Press 1/2 of this mixture firmly into the bottom of a greased 12x9x2 inch baking pan.

2) Spread apple pie filling on top of bottom crust. Top with remaining crumb mixture; do not press down.

3) Bake in a 375 degree oven for about 40 minutes or until golden brown. Cool completely in pan on wire rack in refrigerator and cut into squares about 2x2 inches. Serve with cinnamon ice cream or warmed honey. Makes 24 squares.

Never give way to melancholy; resist it steadily, for the habit will encroach.

-Sydney Smith







Pennington's 'The Christmas Tree Ship' Tells Local Christmas Legend

There are many legends, stories and fables connected to the holiday season, Jolly Old Saint Nick, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, and the Story of Captain Santa. Native Kewaskum author, Rochelle M. Pennington, published "The Christmas Tree Ship" in hopes to spread the story of heroism, faith, hope and love.

The opportunity to write the story came as "a major gift from Heaven," according to Pennington. While at a book signing, she was asked to write the story and was allowed to use the amazing illustrations by Charles Vickery as she promised to write the tale in the highest The legend has honor. impacted Pennington's life the most through the way that it has impacted so others. Christmas Tree Ship" is a classic holiday story that can help us all remember the importance of giving, loving and sacrificing in order to benefit others instead ourselves.

The story of "Captain Santa" has been told over and over again. It is a prime example of what the holidays are all about. The ship that brought much Christmas joy to the city of

Here's hoping your holidays are joyous and protected.

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Chicago was christened The Rouse Simmons. It was built in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and named after a prominent Kenosha merchant whose brother founded the Simmons Mattress Factory. Although Rouse Simmons was not a partner or owner of the vessel, it was named in his honor because he had played a part in financing the building it.

The Christmas Tree Ship, the nickname of The Rouse Simmons, set sail each November on a special mission led by Captain Captain Schuenemann. Schuenemann, who was better known as Captain Santa. always made his last sail of the season from Northern Michigan down to Chicago with his cargo, some precious Yuletide cheer. Thousands and thousands of evergreens. The generous Captain gave out these trees for free to families who waited for his arrival on the docks, to churches, and to orphanages.

Telling his wife that he would be home soon, Captain Santa set out in 1912, for what would be his last sail. As the people of Chicago anticipated the Captain's arrival, and the Captain anticipated spreading the holiday spirit them, the sky began to grow darker and the waves began to ghurn.

A whirling blizzard chased The Christmas Tree Ship, and eventually caught it, surrounded it and brought it down. Despite the brave rescue efforts made to save Captain Santa and his crew, all were lost at sea, along with the thousands of Christmas trees, and the cheer that they brought with them. A bottle with a message from the Captain was found, reads

"Everybody, goodbye. I guess we are thru. Leaking badly. God help us. Signed: Herman Schuenemann."

The ship itself was not found for 58 years when a scuba diver came across the wreck off the coast of Two Rivers, Wisconsin in 1971. Sitting upright on the bottom of Lake Michigan, The Christmas Tree Ship still carried much of its precious cargo. Thousands of the trees, that never made it to their intended destination, were still intact.

As for the people of Chicago, who had been accustomed to the delivery of their trees by Captain Santa, were not disappointed. Captain Schuenemann's wife, Barbara, loaded a vessel named Fearless with pine and balsam and firtrees and headed to Chicago, where the people waited for Mrs. Santa. The Captain's wife continued the tradition for 22 more years. each November heading down Lake Michigan to spread the Christmas cheer and love that her husband believed in so much.

Pennington's book, "The Christmas Tree Ship," is an excellent reminder of how precious life is. Enjoy the story this holiday season, and buy it for loved ones, friends and family Remember the legends that can touch lives and teach lessons, as long as they are passed along.

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Rochelle Pennington, center, shown with her daughter Erica, left, and mother, Gloria Serwe, right. at a recent book signing in West Bend.

Grandma's Gingerbread

(3 dozen)
8 Tbsp. (1 stick) butter or shortening
1/2 cup sugar

1/2 cup sugar 1/2 cup molasses 1 egg

2 cups all-purpose flour 1 tsp. baking soda

1/4 tsp. salt 1 tsp. ginger

1 tsp. ginger 1 tsp. cinnamon 1/8 tsp. ground cloves

Beat butter with sugar and molasses. Mix in egg. Sift dry ingredients and add to wet mixture. Mix well. Chill in freezer 1 hour or in refrigerator 2 hours. Heat oven to 350°F. Roll out a portion of the dough 1/4-in. thick on lightly floured board. Chill remaining dough. Cut with cookie cutter, place on greased baking sheets and decorate with raisins, chips or nuts, if desired. Bake 8-10 minutes, Cool.





Easy Ways to Add the Holiday Spirit To Your Home

When the holidays arrive, decorating your home for the season may take a back seat to all of the other necessities you must tackle, including shopping, baking and cooking. Factor in work, familiy and social obligations and there may be little time for anything else. However, according to About.com, if you start simple, build traditions and try not to overdo it, you will be able to add sparkle to your home without getting overwhelmed. Here are 10 simple tips for holiday decorat-

1. Put bows on everything. Add bows to candlesticks, wreaths, garlands, basket handles, drapery tiebacks, banisters, chair backs, houseplants or doorknobs. These not only look festive but tie together your decorating theme throughout the house.

Select a ribbon that will hold up during the years and won't be crushed in storage, this way you won't have to start out each year with a new set of decorating

2. Use holiday tableware for every meal in December— Get out your holiday dishes and use them each day. To start a collection of dishes, begin with several dinner plates, or start a tradition of purchasing one or two new place settings every year.

3. Turn off the lights—Light a fire each evening. Dine by candlelight, even if you're having pizza. Put pillar candles in the bathroom. (If you have very small children, you may want to wait a few years before using so many candles.)

4. Add wreaths— A wreath or swag on the front door, the back door, inside and out, over the mantle, or



TAKE YOUR TIME while decorating for the holidays, and it will seem less overwhelming.

in all of your front windows is festive. Decorate them with pinecones, bows, ornaments, birds, dried materials, fruit or candy.

5. Add color — Put up the perfect Christmas tree. Hang garlands (real or artificial) on banisters, mirrors, armoires and the mantle. Use holiday paper napkins at every meal, or learn to fold cloth napkins in one of a dozen decorative ways. A colorful pointsettia will add holiday color to your entry hall, dining room, bathrooms and guest rooms.

6. Add sound — Play holiday music from CDs or the radio every change that you get. Tie some sleigh bells to the front door. Wake up your children each morning with bells and "ho, ho, ho." And don't forget to watch holiday specials on television.

7. Add sweetness— Put out a candy wreath with small scissors to cut off candies for guests. Put a basket on the coffee table filled with pretty candy canes. Set out a gingerbread house and place a bowl of fresh fruit or holiday cookies on the entry

table when guests arrive. Create ornaments with your kids, then sign and date them for instant heirlooms and memories.

8. Add natural touches-Make a few quick arrangements with natural greens and put them on tables, in bathrooms and on bookcases. Collect pinecones and pile them in a basket with a few ornaments and bows. Tie up small bundles of greens with a gold bow; hang them on windows inside your home. Put small poinsettias next to bathroom and kitchen sinks. Hang evergreen swags on each bedroom door. Decorate candles with a few evergreen boughs and balls.

9. Add sparkle— Fill a glass bowl or vase with shiny ornaments. Hang decorations from your house-plants and indoor trees. Put up a lighted Christmas village. String little lights everywhere.

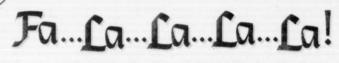
10. Add happiness—Make a ritual of opening the doors of an advent calendar each day after breakfast or dinner. Enjoy lighting the tree each evening. Take a small decorated tree to someone who can't go out-

doors, due to illness or disability. Shovel snow for a neighbor, give toys to needy children or donate food to the hungry. And most of all ... share the light and the joy of the season with your family, friends, neighbors and strangers.



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Shopping Survival Tips for Men

(ARA) - When it comes to holiday shopping, men and women are alleged to be very different. The conventional wisdom is: women shop and men buy. Most women spend time carefully planning their purchases and do their shopping over a period of time. Many men, on the other hand, wait until the very last minute, and often end up choosing whatever happens to be on display that day. Not usually a successful strategy for getting the right gift.

For those who are anticipating the upcoming holiday shopping season with fear and trepidation, the Retail Council of Canada offers some holiday shopping survival tips for men.

* Start shopping now so you don't have to get something at the last minute. (Last-minute power shopping is not a sport).

* Take advantage of giftwrapping services to save time and aggravation (and to make a good impression).

* Before shopping for clothes for your significant other, check for her preferred sizes, colors, fabrics and brands. (Important: when in doubt, always buy the smaller size.)

* Be on the lookout for possible hints your partner may be dropping. Also, your children may be able to help you think of gift ideas for your spouse.

* Always check the store's return policy before you buy and always keep receipts.

* Don't forget to include a romantic card with any gift for a spouse.

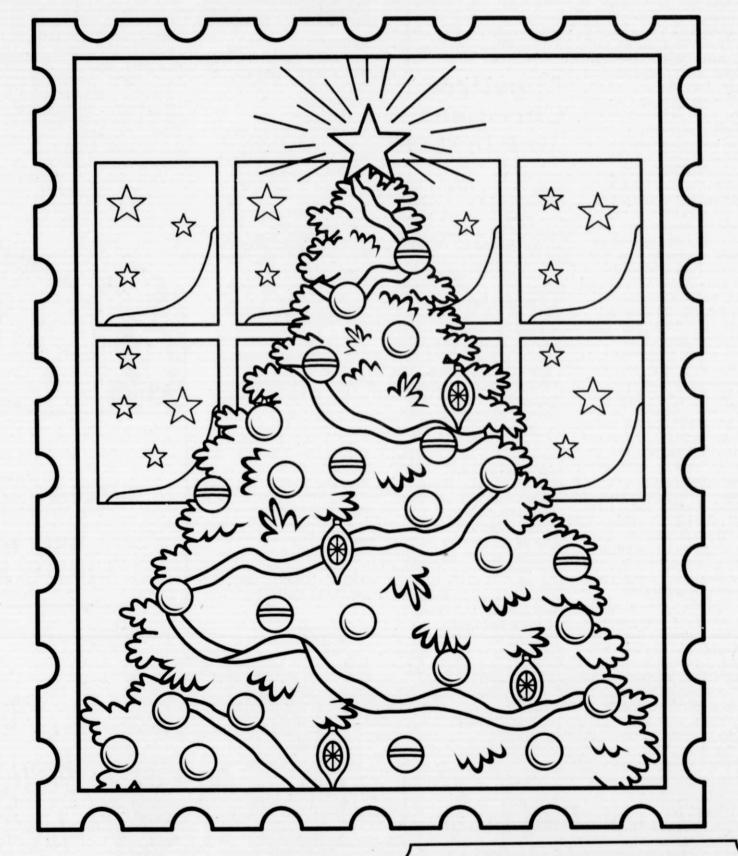
Chrístmas Egg Nog Punch

1 pt. whipping cream
1 pt. half & half
1 tsp. vanilla
2 1/2 qts. milk
2 1/2 c. sugar
3/4 c. of brandy or bourbon
Good sprinkles of nutmeg,
cinnamon and salt

Separate yolks and whites. Whip sugar and the liquor into the yellow part of the eggs in small quantities. Add vanilla, nutmeg, cinnamon and salt. Pour into a very large bowl. Stir in the milk and the half & half to the whipped egg yolk/liquor mixture. Beat the whipping cream in one bowl and the egg whites in another bowl until they reach stiff peaks.

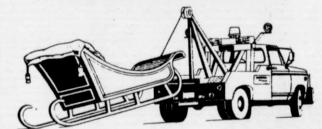
Fold the whipped cream and egg whites into the yolk/liquor gently so that you have little clouds of egg whites floating on the top of the punch. Sprinkle with a little more nutmeg and serve pronto.

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New Approach To Old Fashioned Shopping

All online shopping websites are not the same. There is a website dedicated to helping seniors who are artisans, craft a new way to compete in the global marketplace.

The site. called Geezer.com, is designed to provide senior artisans and crafters with a new medium to launch and market their creative products online, and to reach a broader audience. Since the artisans who sell their products on the site are primarily from small communities across the nation; shoppers feel like they are touring the back roads of rural America.

The website allows the artisans to use the Internet to run a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week e-commerce business. This site also offers a small business resource area and a discussion forum, for artisans to share stories and seek information. The artisans themselves determine the prices, they maintain their product inventory, and after a purchase is made they ship the item directly to the customer.

Visitors to Geezer.com can surf through 14,500 handcrafted products created by nearly 1,500 senior artisans from around the nation and Puerto Rico. Geezer.com visitors can find items like: hand knitted baby blankets, holiday relatitems, stockings, wreaths, ornaments, wood burning etchings, a bluebird bird house whittled from old bar wood, or a hand-woven rustic willow basket.

The site offers shoppers an array of categories to choose from - including apparel, art, books, furnitures, toys and games, wall decorations, and more - and features items that range in price from five dollars to thousands of dollars.

In addition to products, the artisans offer personal stories about themselves and their crafts, helping to make the site a more personal shopping experience.

Launched in 2000 Geezer.com was created by Experience Works, a national nonprofit organization dedicated to providing employment and training opportunities for older works for more than 36 years.

Appetizer Christmas Tree Server

Purchase a cone or treeshaped piece of styrofoam and cover it with green plastic wrap or wrap lettuce leaves around it, securing the leaves with toothpicks.

Then attach your favorite appetizers, like cubed cheese and salami, to the tree with additional toothpicks. Bite-size pieces of assorted vegies can also be

Use the larger toothpicks so there is plenty of room to attach the appetizer. For a special effect, use the fringed colored cocktail toothpicks. The tree can stand alone or be put on the center of a platter, with more of your favorite snacks, dips and appetizers placed around it.

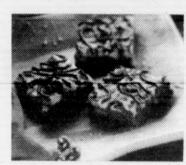
If you want to secure to make it more sturdy, attach tape to the bottom of the cone and the tray. Top the tree with a cherry tomato, which can also be disbursed throughout the tree to resemble ornaments.

When the holidays are over, wash the styrofoam, let it dry and pack it away for use next year.

Don't limit yourself. There are many different styrofoam shapes you can use to carry out your Christmas theme.

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Chocolate-Cranberry Holiday Bars



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4 oz. unsweetened chocolate 1 stick (1/2 c.) salted butter 3/4 c. flour

1/4 tsp. salt 2 large eggs

2 large eggs 1 c. (packed) brown sugar 2 tsp. vanilla extract

1/2 c. chopped walnuts 1/2 c. mini semisweet

CRANBERRY CREAM FILLING:

1 stick (1/2 c) salted butter

4 oz. cream cheese, softened 1 tsp. vanilla extract

1 1/4 c. powdered sugar 1 c. finely chopped dried cranberries (craisins)

CHOCOLATE DRIZZLE: 2 oz. semisweet chocolate chips

2 Tbs. whipping cream or more to achieve desired consistency

1) Make the bars by melting the chocolate and butter together in a small saucepan or in the microwave, stirring until smooth. Set aside.

On paper plate, whisk together flour and salt; set aside.

3) In a mixing bowl with electric beaters, beat the eggs until fluffy, about one

minute. Gradually beat in brown sugar. Add the cooled chocolate mixture and vanilla. Stir in flour mixture until blended. Blend in walnuts and chocolate chips.

4) Spread the batter in a buttered 13-by-9-inch baking pan.

5) Bake in a 325 degree oven for 20 to 22 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center come out clean. Cool in pan on wire rack.

6) Make the cranberry cream by creaming the butter and cream cheese together in bowl until light and fluffy. Gradually beat in vanilla and powdered sugar; mix in cranberries. Spread mixture over cooled brownies. Refrigerate until set.

7) Make the drizzle by melting the chocolate chips and cream over low heat or in the microwave. Cool slightly. Dip a fork into the mixture

cranberry layer. Chill until firm. Cut into 2 x 2 inch bars. Makes 24 bars.

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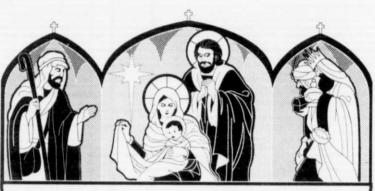
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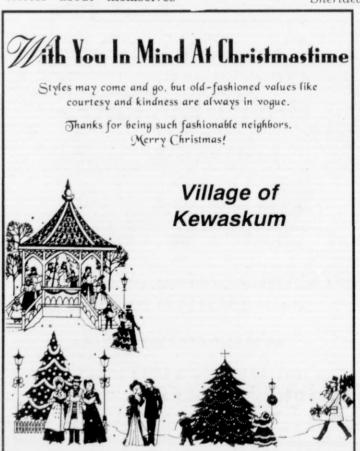


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— Luke 2:14

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Get Swept Up With an International Christmas



SWEDISH 'LUCIAS' dress in white gowns with a candle crown in honor of St. Lucia, the patron saint of light, during the dark days of winter. This is just one of many interesting Swedish traditions.

As you gather to deck the halls, head out carroling and share a cup of egg nog customary American Christmas traditions — do you ever wonder just how the Christmas holiday is celebrated in other areas of the world? Each country offers its unique take on the holiday and some traditions you may not have heard of. Here an excerpt from "Christmas Around the World" (Morrow Junior Books), by Mary Lankford, explaining how Christmas is celebrated in

Four Sundays before Christmas marks the beginning of the Christmas celebration in Sweden. Church services are well attended and communities start to decorate streets and buildings with greenery and lights. Swedish children also

count the days Christmas with an Advent calendar. These show a Christmas scene with twenty-five numbered "windows." Every morning, from December 1 through December 25, a window is opened, revealing a cheerful symbol of the Christmas season painted underneath. During the long winter months sunlight is scarce in Scandinavia and sunlight is treasured. Therefore the Swedes honor St. Lucia, the patron saint of light. The celebration falls December 13, according to traditions, which is the longest night of the year.

On Lucia morning almost all Swedish homes, offices and schools choose a "Lucia." These Lucias dress in long whte gowns, tied at the waist with a red ribbon. Their hair may be sprinkled with glitter, which catches the light from the crown of candles they wear.

Christmas trees are usually brought into the homes a few days before Christmas. Decorations include the usual, as well as, Swedish flags, gnomes and apples

After Christmas Eve dinner, a friend or family member dresses up as the tomte, or Christmas gnome, who is supposed to live under the floorboards of the house or barn and ride a straw goat. The make-believe tomte, dresses in red robes and distributes gifts from his sack.



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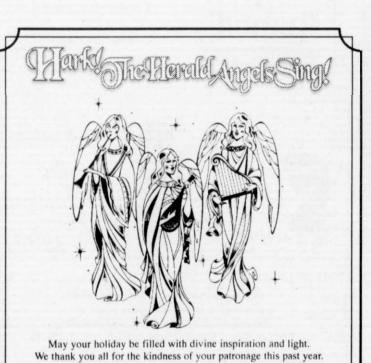
But you may have Him. The Bible says, "As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the children of God." Take Him, won't you?

Holiday Word Find Corner

Here are two separate puzzles to challenge your word find abilities. See how many words you can uncover. They go backward, forward and diagonally. Good Luck!

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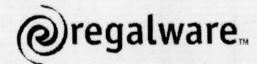
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Homemade Gift Packaging Creates Fun Family Memories

No matter what traditions your family celebrates during the holiday season, gift-giving is usually an integral part of the festivities. However, often the well-intentioned enterprise of finding that perfect gift takes up precious time that could be spent with family and friends.

A gift of buttery homemade cookies is an excellent way to utilize the valuable time you have while creating one-of-a-kind gifts not found on any store shelf. Likewise, packaging homemade gifts yourself enables you to celebrate some of the holiday season's best-known traditions - baking with real dairy ingredients and giftgiving - while creating some wonderful memories for you and your family. Here are a few creative ideas to transform simple home-baked goods into festive holiday presents:

Add some sparkle and shine by using decorative foil. Dress up everyday plastic containers with foil paper to give a collection of your most scrumptious cutout cookies made with real butter and sour cream a little pizzazz. Gather pieces of brightly-colored foil paper from a local art supply store. Then, ask the entire family to cut out their own whimsical shapes and designs, affixing the patterns to a variety of containers. For extra holiday embellishment, everyone can wrap their containers in matching fabric-covered wire and add decorative bells, beads or greenery.

Use items of the past to create gifts for today. Using old-fashioned objects found at a local antique shop can be an attractive way to package holiday goodies and teach your children about years past. Cookie-filled mason jars adorned with colorful ribbon, decoratively painted wooden milk crates chock full of frosty bottles of eggnog, or fabric-lined tin pails filled with fudge brownies topped with real

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buttermilk frosting are delightful presentations of tasty treats.

Winter picnic baskets give gifts year-round. Decorate and fill a winter picnic basket with homemade goodies and you'll find family members clamoring to help with the gift-giving project. Fill a simple picnic-style basket with a variety of holiday delights, such as Chocolate Macadamia Clusters and Cheddar Crunch Apple wrapped with Squares, handmade cloth napkins and napkin rings.

Napkins can be made from any style fabric by cutting a simple square and hemming the edges. Plain wooden napkin rings can be found at most craft stores and easily ornamented with painted designs, glass beads or complementary ribbon. This gift idea provides children a simple sewing lesson and a means to express their creativity.

Homemade gift wrapping gives a personal touch. Making your own holiday gift boxes and wrapping paper can be fun and artistic. With a clean palette before them, family members can choose attractive stamps, paints, fabric and ribbon to construct adorable packages to hold your delectable desserts, such as Eggnog Sparkle Cookies or

Chocolate-Cranberry Holiday Bars.

Build a variety of cardboard boxes using templates from your local craft store, creating ornate edges with decoratively edged scissors, or use large sheets of plain paper as a canvas for festive art treatments. Adorn holiday cartons and paper with tassels, cloth, stenciled designs or stamped images and watch your family members delight in their individual masterpieces.

The Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board, a nonprofit organization funded by the dairy producers of Wisconsin, promotes the consumption of real dairy products.

Cranberry Slush

- 1 1/2 qts. cranberry cocktail juice
- 1 c. water
- 1 1/2 c. vodka
- 1 c. sugar
- 12 oz. frozen concentrate orange juice
- 12 oz. frozen concentrate 5
 Alive punch (this may be hard to find so you can eliminate it if you like a boosy slush, or substitute it with some type of citrus concentrate)

Stir together and dump into a large covered container and put in freezer overnight or leave out in the snow to freeze. To serve, fill glass with several scoops of the slush and pour sweet or sour soda to fill the glass.

A Sobering Holiday Reminder: Don't Drink and Drive

The upcoming holiday season provides many people opportunities to celebrate with family and friends. Because that celebration sometimes involves alcohol, Captain David Pichette of the Wisconsin State Patrol District 3 Headquarters in Fond du Lac would like to remind motorists about the serious consequences of drinking and driving.

"More than 700 people have died this year on Wisconsin's roads and highways. About a third of those deaths are due to drunk driving," said Captain Pichette. "Give death a holiday this year by not drinking and driving."

Drinking and driving will ruin your holiday even if you don't crash.

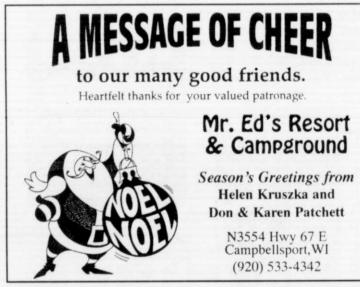
"If you are arrested for operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated (OWI), you will lose your license on the spot. If convicted, you set yourself up for a series of fines, assessments, demerit points, and possibly jail time," said Captain Pichette.

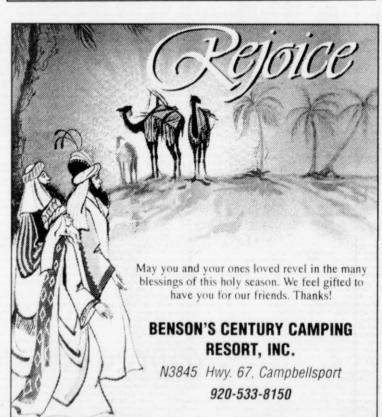
A first time offender is subject to \$766 in forfeitures, court costs and other penalties; a six to nine month suspension of his or her driver's license; a requirement to undergo a professional alcohol assessment; and six demerit points to the driving record. Plus, an OWI conviction could result in a doubling of insurance costs. Subsequent violations result in increased costs plus the possibility of license revocation and jail time.

Wisconsin law holds that a person cannot legally drive with a blood alcohol concentration of .10 or greater. But you can also be cited for OWI even if you are below that limit, if the arresting officer determine you were impaired. People under the age of 21 are subject to the state's "not-adrop" law, under which you are not allowed to have any alcohol in your blood.

Enjoying the holidays can be done without alcohol. Captain Pichette strongly urges people who decide to consume alcoholic beverages to use designated drivers.



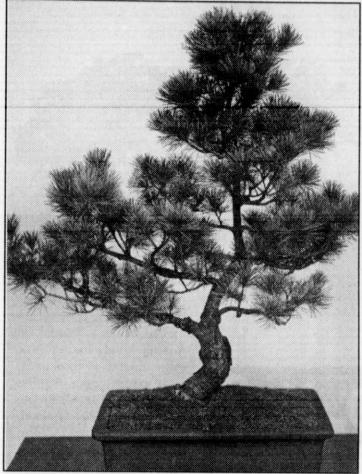








Redefine the 'Christmas Tree'



Today, more and more people are living in small homes, apartments and lofts in cities where concrete definitely outnumbers the greenery. That is why many city dwellers fill their homes with potted plants and herbs to bring a touch of the outdoors to their urban lifestyle. The same limited space may also make it difficult for a person who lives in a small apartment to enjoy a full-size Christmas tree. In place of an artificial, desktop variety, why not think innovatively and create your own miniature evergreen? Bonsai, the Asian art of pruning, pinching and wiring trees to achieve dwarfing properties. is a viable option for city dwellers or anyone with limited space. A very special holiday gift, Bonsai can bring a touch of the great outdoors into tight spaces or to give as a special holiday gift. Instructions in books like, "Beginning Bonsai: The Gentle Art of Miniature Tree Growing" (Tuttle Publishing), by Shirley & Larry Student should help you on your way

Shopping Safely and Wisely Online

(ARA) -The holiday shopping season is just around the corner, and shoppers are increasingly going online to purchase gifts for friends and loved ones. Online shopping is more popular than ever. According to a recent ComScore Networks survey, consumer online sales for the third quarter of 2002 reached \$17.9 billion, up 35 percent from the same period a year ago. Online shopping has increased in popularity because it is convenient, cost-effective and safe -- if you keep a few common sense guidelines in mind.

Richard A. Sherman, advisor to the GE Center for Financial Learning, nationally syndicated columnist and publisher of "Mr. Modem's Weekly Newsletter," has created a list of tips to get even the most computer-wary individual comfortable shopping online.

Shop with Retailers You Know

If you are apprehensive about shopping online, start by purchasing an inexpensive item from a retailer you know and trust in the offline world, just to get a feel for the process.

Budget for Holiday Purchases

Creating a holiday shopping budget will prevent you from getting in over your head and buying items that you really can't afford. Pick a spending target and try to stick with it. An easy way to do this is by making a list of giftees and writing down a target dollar amount by

each name.

Use a Secure Web Site

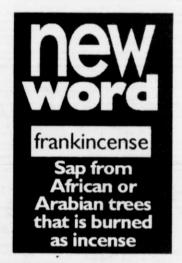
On the payment page of a Web site, look for the prefix https:// at the beginning of the Web page address or a little closed-padlock icon in the lower right corner of your browser window. The "s" indicates a secure site. Click on the padlock icon for additional security information.

Pay by Credit Card

Nothing is more misunderstood in the world of ecommerce than the use of credit cards. Purchasing by credit card is the safest method of shopping online. In addition to protection, limiting your online purchases to one credit card will give you a good record of what you spent in one handy statement, helping to keep spending under control. Using more than one card can delude you into thinking you have spent less than you

Understand the Transaction

Be sure you know and understand what you are purchasing, the total price, delivery date, shipping charges (if any), return and



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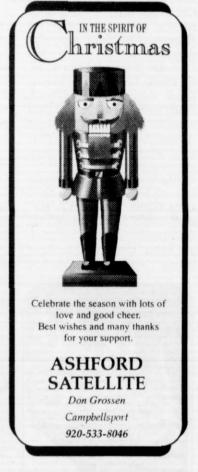
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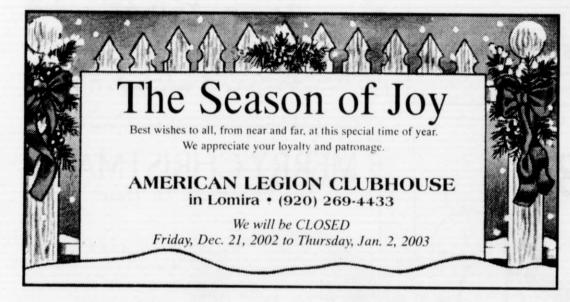
The same laws that protect you when you shop by phone or mail apply when you shop in cyberspace. Under the law, a company must ship your order within the time stated in its advertisements and no more than 30 days after the order date.

Think

You have accumulated a lifetime of common sense, so don't put it on hold when shopping online. If your inner voice is telling you to be wary of a retailer, don't place an order.

By exercising a few safety precautions and a little common sense, you should have your holiday shopping done in no time. The only thing stressful about shopping online should be which present to pick for the person who has it all!







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Real Christmas Trees: Some Family Traditions Just Don't Fade Away

Celebrating the holiday season with a real Christmas tree is a longstanding tradition. Around 30 million American families celebrate the holiday season with a fresh, farmgrown Christmas tree each year. Christmas tree enthusiasts believe the aroma of a real Christmas tree is a strong reminder and symbol of life, family traditions and the innocence of childhood itself. Much like other crops provide food for the body, the aroma of a farm-grown Christmas tree provides food for the soul.

*Understanding the Legends and History

The use of evergreens as a symbol and celebration of life during Winter Solstice celebrations started in Roman ancient Egyptian times. This practice evolved over the centuries to be incorporated in the celebration of Christmas in the Germanic areas of Europe. The first recorded display of a decorated Christmas tree was in 1510, in Riga, Latvia. Christmas trees were decorated with fruit, cookies and candy that would later be shared among family members as gifts after the holiday season was over.

By the 1700's, the tradition of celebrating the holidays with a Christmas tree was widely used throughout Europe. Decorations included lace, ribbon, tin, food items and lit candles.

Hessian mercenaries brought the tradition to the United States during the Revolutionary War. In 1804, U.S. soldiers stationed at Fort Dearborn, in Chicago, used evergreens in their barracks for Christmas.

The popularity of the Christmas tree then proliferated. In 1856, Franklin Pierce, our 14th President, brought the Christmas tree tradition to the White House. Since 1966, members of the National Christmas Tree Association have presented a beautiful, fresh real Christmas tree to the President and first family. This tree is displayed each year in the Blue Room of the White House...no doubt filling the room with the aroma of life, family traditions and childhood innocence shared by so many others during the holidays.

Modern Traditions
Now in the 21st Century,
the tradition of families
choosing their centerpiece of
holiday celebrations has
become generational, inheritable and transferable.
Many tree farmers and
retailers across America witness this phenomena firsthand each year.

"When a young couple marries and buys a real Christmas tree for their first holiday together in their own home, it makes for an interesting discussion," says Diana Carpenter, member of NCTA and owner of Peacock Road Tree Farm in

Lainsburg, MI. "They can spend all day discussing how 'my family always chose a tree' and 'what my family always did on this day' and so many other traditions that they must blend together into new ones."

Lately, many in the real Christmas tree business report that people are showing a tendency toward more family involvement and tradition and many customers are returning to a real tree.

Debunking Myths

Along with legends and traditions, many myths about the real Christmas have become as attached as the stars on the top. One such myth is that all real Christmas trees come from pristine forests and therefore it is shameful to use a real tree instead of an artificial one. Of course, this is only myth...98% of all real Christmas trees used each year are grown on farms as sustainable crops, just like corn or pumpkins.

Another myths is that real Christmas trees are a fire hazard. How many times have we all seen the burning tree on the local action news? In fact, according to the National Fire Protection Association, fewer than one-one thousandth of a percent (.001%) of all real Christmas trees used each year are involved in a fire. That's not a fire hazard! With proper care, real Christmas trees can maintain their freshness

and moisture content throughout the holiday sea-

Many people also complain that a real tree bothers their allergies. While it's quite possible that a person may be allergic to tree pollen or even tree sap, it's not as widespread as many believe. Judy Tidwell, on About.com reports that during the holidays, there "are many allergens that can cause reactions, although the Christmas tree often takes the blame. The main culprits include mold, dust and food." A real tree itself is unlikely to produce pollen during December, but being outdoors for years in the field, it can collect pollens, dust, mold or other allergens. Of course, so can the artificial tree stored in the attic or basement.

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Grandma's Chocolate Pecan Pie

(9-10 servings)

11/2 cups pecan halves

4 Tbsp. (1/2 stick) butter

4 oz. chocolate chips

3 eggs

1/3 cup molasses
2/3 cup light corn syrup

1 Tbsp. sugar

1 tsp. vanilla

1/4 tsp. salt

Ready-made piecrust, such as chocolate cookie

In 350°F oven, toast pecans on baking sheet for 4 minutes. Remove. Raise temp. to 375°F. In small pan over low heat, stir butter and chocolate until melted, about 1 minute. In mixing bowl, lightly beat eggs. Blend in molasses, corn syrup, sugar, vanilla and salt. Stir in chocolate mixture and then pecans. Spoon mixture piecrust and bake until filling is set, 45-50 minutes. Cool and serve with whipped cream or ice cream.



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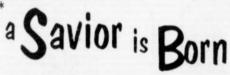
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(ARA) - We all know that person. The one who has everything; the one for whom it's impossible to buy a gift. Every year we wrack our brains trying to think of something they might want.

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Why flavored olive oil? Adding herbs to olive oil captures the aroma and flavor of the herb at the peak of its season. The complexity of an herb's flavor is preserved in a way that is lost in drying. A single flavored oil can replace several ingredients or steps and simplify recipes (for example, use roasted garlic olive oil instead of having to roast fresh garlic, peel it, and then sauté it in plain oil). And it's a healthy way to add flavor: olive oil reduces LDL (bad) cholesterol, and boosts HDL (good) cholesterol.

Cooks can find a myriad of ways to use flavored olive oils. Stir roasted garlic olive oil into mashed potatoes, drizzle basil or cilantro oil over soups and stews, grill vegetables or fish with rosemary oil, add roasted pepper oil to fajitas for some extra zing, or mix any flavor with sour cream or yogurt to make a quick and tasty dip. Flavored olive oil is also a healthy alternative to butter: use as a dip for crusty Italian bread or toss with plain pasta for an easy meal.

Consorzio, a producer of all

natural flavored olive oils and marinades, crafts their flavored oils through an infusion process. A blend of a pure olive oil and fresh herbs is created and then the mixture is filtered to remove any sediment. The result is flavor of amazing clarity. This process is superior to the traditional method of simply adding sprigs of an herb to olive oil because the flavors and aromas produced are stronger.

The following is an update of a traditional pesto recipe using flavored oil.

Pesto Pronto

Pesto is a useful ingredient -- as a sauce for pasta and pizza, a final touch of flavor for soup, mixed in mayonnaise for use as a sandwich spread, and as an accompaniment to grilled chicken. Substituting Consorzio Basil Flavored Olive Oil makes pesto preparation that much easi-

2 large bunches flat leaf parsley

1 cup Basil Flavored Olive Oil

1 tablespoon finely chopped garlic (or 1/2 tablespoon Consorzio Roasted Garlic Olive Oil)

2 tablespoons pine nuts lightly toasted 5 tablespoons freshly grat-

ed Parmesan cheese salt and freshly ground

salt and freshly ground pepper to taste

Remove tough stems from

Remove tough stems from parsley and discard. Blanch the parsley very quickly in rapidly boiling, salted water to brighten and stabilize the color. Plunge immediately into a bowl of ice water, drain well and squeeze out excess water. Spread parsley on cutting board and chop roughly. Place in blender with Basil Olive Oil, garlic and pine nuts, and blend until smooth. Pulse in Parmesan cheese and season to taste with salt and pepper.

Explore the Beauty of the Holidays

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas ... and Chanukah and Kwanzaa for that matter. Snow has covered the ground, the trees are bare and animals scurry for a hard-to-find treat. Amidst the calm serenity of this beautiful landscape lies the hustle and bustle of holiday decorating, shopping and cooking. Now's the time to turn on your favorite holiday tunes, once again go over your guest list and look forward to the excitement that is in store.

The holidays are a time for giving thanks for all that you receive and experience during the year. The sentiment becomes even more poignant against the backdrop of the country's latest trials and tribulations. However, if everyone puts aside their skepticism, prejudices and quips, this season can be one of the most memorable ever. Here are some easy ways to embrace the season of giving and joy:

• Assist an elderly neighbor who has trouble heading outdoors in inclement weather. Pick up his or her groceries, shovel the sidewalk and treat him or her to a special card expressing your holiday sentiments.

 Volunteer your time at a local orphanage or homeless shelter. Those without a true home can benefit from your generosity.

• Set up a neighborhood caroling group. This tradition has slowly fallen out of fashion. Revive it again and spread the season's joy to all you pass.

 Save your holiday meal leftovers and donate them to a soup kitchen or shelter.

• Donate extra funds to your house of worship so that holiday decorations, fundraisers, events and more will be even more spectacular.

 Do something as simple as giving up your seat on the bus or train to someone as a gesture of good tidings. Take a day off from work and allow your children to play "hookie" to do a fun family activity out of the blue, like sledding, skiing or just enjoying a mug of hot chocolate while watching the snow fall.

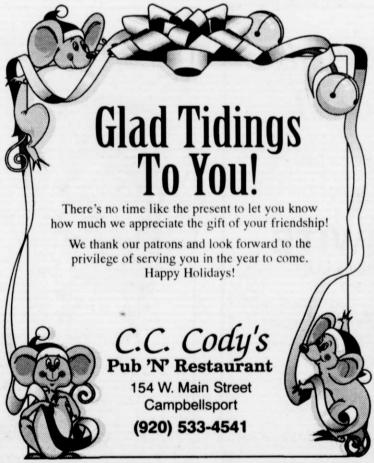
These are just a few thoughtful ideas, and surely you can think of some more. Just remember to make this season as magical as you can.



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Mushrooms Make Tasty One-Step Dinners

(ARA) - Most of us are busier than usual this time of year. Our schedules are pushed to the limit as we try to fit in extra shopping and holiday parties. Who has time to cook dinner? During this hectic season, a tasty, healthy meal that is quick and simple to prepare is just what is needed.

Savory mushrooms turn an ordinary one-step meal into a special occasion, and they go well with just about anything -- chicken, ham, fish and vegetables. Lower in calories and fat than you'd expect, "all together" mushroom dinners are so easy to make and so tasty that you'll come back to them again and again.

Warm and filling, Spicy Mushroom and Chicken Chili (pictured) brings together the good flavors of fresh mushrooms, chicken chunks, kidney beans and corn. Sit down and rest while dinner takes care of itself. When it's time to eat, warm tortillas or chunks of crusty bread help soak up the savory juices.

Mushroom Pilaf with Green Peas and Ham provides a comforting singleskillet meal while giving the family cook a break. Quickcooking rice, peas and fresh mushrooms are simmered with ham cubes ... that's it!

Pull out your favorite stove-to-table skillet or saucepan for Fish Fillets on Mushroom-Artichoke Couscous. Fresh mushrooms and marinated artichokes mingle with couscous to make a savory bed for seasoned fish fillets. Scatter chopped tomatoes on top and, after a few minutes on the stove, this healthful, delicious and almost effort-

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Fresh Mushroom and Chicken Chili

2 cans (14-1/2 ounces each) diced tomatoes jalapeño peppers

1 can (19 ounces) red kidney beans, drained and

1 pound fresh white mushrooms, sliced (about 6 cups)

1 pound boneless chicken thighs, cut in 1-1/2 inch chunks

2 cups frozen corn

1-1/2 teaspoons chili pow-

In a large skillet or saucepan, combine tomatoes, beans, mushrooms, chicken, corn,1 cup water and chili powder. Bring mixture to a boil; reduce heat to low and simmer, covered, until mixture is hot and chicken is cooked, about 20 minutes. Serve with warm. tortillas or top with crumbled tortilla chips.

Yield: 4 portions (about 7

Per portion: calories, 355; protein, 35 g; carbohydrate, 43 g; fat, 7 g; percent calories from fat, 16 percent.

Ham and Mushroom Rice Skillet

pound mixed fresh mushrooms such as whites and portabellas or shiitakes, sliced (about 6 cups)

1 package (6.2 ounces) fast cook long-grain and wild rice mixture

1 pound boneless ham steak, cut in 1-inch pieces 1 cup frozen peas

In a large skillet, combine mushrooms, rice with its seasoning packet, ham, peas and 2 cups water. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low and simmer covered, until water is absorbed, about 5 min-

Per portion: calories, 350, protein, 31 g; carbohydrate, 43 g; fat, 6 g; percent calories from fat, 16 percent.

Yield: 4 portions (about 7

Variation: Omit ham; place 4 fully cooked smoked pork chops on top of rice and mushroom mixture; proceed as instructed above.

Flounder Fillets on Mushroom-Artichoke Couscous

1 pound fresh white mushrooms, sliced

2 jars (6 ounces each) marinated artichoke heart quar-

1 cup unflavored couscous tablespoon instant minced onion

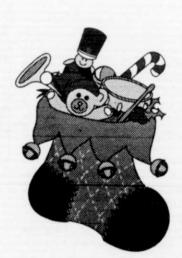
1/2 teaspoon salt

pound boneless white fish fillets (such as flounder) 1 cup fresh tomato chunks

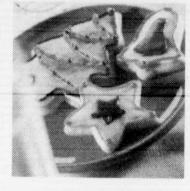
In a large skillet, combine mushrooms, artichoke hearts with their liquid, 1-1/2 cups water, couscous, instant onion and salt. Arrange fillets over mixture; top with tomato. Bring to a boil; reduce heat to low and simmer covered, until couscous absorbs liquid and fish is cooked, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with chopped parsley, if desired.

Per portion: calories, 359; protein, 30 g; carbohydrate 48 g; fat, 5 g; calories from fat, 13 percent.

Yield: 4 portions



Cutout Cookies



2 sticks (1 c.) salted butter, softened

2 c. granulated sugar

2 large eggs 1 c. regular sour cream

1 tsp. lemom extract

5 c. flour 1 tsp. baking soda

1/2 tsp. salt

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4 c. powdered sugar 3 Tbsp. meringue powder 1/3 c. warm water

1) In a large mixing bowl with electric beaters, cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat until combined. Add sour cream and lemon extract; mix until blended.

2) In another bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda and salt. Add gradually to creamed mixture with mixer on low speed. Dough will be soft. Chill dough thoroughly in refrigerator, four hours or overnight.

3) Roll out dough on lightly floured surface to 1/4 inch thickness. Using cookie cutters, cut into shapes and place 1 inch apart on lightly buttered cookie sheets.

4) Bake in a 325 degree oven for 10 to 12 minutes. (Cookies will be very light in color.) Remove to wire rack to cool completely.

5) Combine icing ingredients; frost cookies and decorate as desired. Makes about 7 dozen 2 inch cook-







Digital Camcorders For the Holidays

(ARA) - When shooting home movies this holiday season, you'll want to create the best memories possible. So enter the world of digital camcorders and enjoy your movies like never before.

Digital video camcorders are growing in popularity among everyone, from mom and dad to amateur filmmakers, because they're convenient, lightweight, and easy to use. The new digital formats like Mini DV and Digital 8 are surprisingly affordable, and offer several benefits over older analog formats like Hi8, 8 mm or compact-VHS.

Digital camcorders offer more than twice the resolution for incredible looking video, and you'll hear every word clearly with CD-quality digital sound. Your home movies will look and sound better than ever.

Plus, flip-out viewscreens make it easier for you to see what you are recording. With most digital camcorders weighing about 2 pounds or less, you won't be hauling a bulky appara-

But the real advantage of digital video camcorders is that you can transfer your footage to your home computer. You can then edit the scenes, and add transitions, titles and music to create your own cinematic masterpiece that you'll want to watch over and over again. Unlike analog video, digital video doesn't deteriorate as it is used, which makes it ideal for making multiple copies of movies.

Here's a quick overview of the digital formats:

MICROMV camcorders

These are the most compact and portable of all the



formats. They record in somewhat lower resolution than Mini DV and Digital 8. They do have all the plusses of digital video, like easy editing and digital audio. MICROMV camcorders deliver a maximum recording time of 60 minutes on one tiny MICROMV tape.

Mini DV camcorders

These are available in either ultra-compact or standard-sized models -both are smaller than Digital8, but larger than MICROMV. They record on small Mini DV tapes for as many as 90 minutes in LP

Digital8 camcorders

These affordable camcorders are small, but not as compact as Mini DV models. They'll record on inexpensive, easy-to-find 8 mm or tapes. However, Digital8 camcorders don't offer top-of-the-line lenses. as do other formats, so the picture you record won't be as detailed.



President-elect Zachary



Taylor refused to take his oath of office on the designated inauguration day, March 4, 1849, because it was a Sunday. He was sworn in the next day, leaving David R. Atchison, president pro tempore of the Senate, as acting President for the day.





Holiday Word Find Corner

Here are two separate puzzles to challenge your word find abilities. See how many words you can uncover. They go backward, forward and diagonally. Good Luck!

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Don't Let Tight Budgets Make 2003 An Unhappy New Year

(ARA) - The new year means new budgets, but during a struggling economy, many nonprofit organizations must deal with the dilemma of limited budget dollars to cover needed expenses. Fortunately, there is a light at the end of the tunnel for organizations striving to maintain quality standards without big budgets. One nonprofit organization has found a way to extend resources to help children and families in need and put the "happy' back into the "new year.

NAEIR, the National for Association Exchange of Industrial Resources, helps supplement tight budgets for nonprofit organizations via a unique membership program. NAEIR collects donations of new, overstock inventory from U.S. businesses and redistributes those goods to members. NAEIR has collected and redistributed more than \$1.6 billion worth of donated goods over the past 25 years and members receive an average of \$18,000 worth of new supplies each year.

"We receive many letters and calls from members all year long thanking us for the products," says Gary C. Smith, president and chief executive officer of NAEIR. "Hearing their stories makes my job so satisfying knowing that our organization can bring happiness to so many children and families."

Throughout the year NAEIR distributes a variety of products to its members:

Churches -- Clergy and church administrators can obtain the goods and supplies they need to use for their ministry, Sunday schools, camps, youth groups and parish activities.

Building materials, holiday

and janitorial products are popular requests.

Hospitals -- Hospital staff and administrators are always searching for goods and supplies that lift the spirits of ill patients. Toys and teddy bears are always needed to comfort scared children, and toiletry items and cheerful decorations are essential to make patients feel more comfortable.

Municipalities -- Social service agencies, county parks and recreation departments, and other community action agencies all require many items to host programs for the development and enjoyment of the members of their communities. These agencies depend on resources from NAEIR, such as toys, art supplies, sporting equipment and gift items to host high-level community programs.

Nonprofit organizations -- Charities and a variety of other organizations rely on the donations of NAEIR to maintain their programs and facilities. Office and janitorial supplies, gift items, toys and clothing are often utilized by a variety of nonprofit members.

Nursing Homes -- Any items that create a more comfortable living environment for residents contributes to the overall health and well-being of older persons. Books, decorations and small gift items

received from NAEIR lift residents' spirits, while office and janitorial items are used for facility operations.

Schools -- Teachers and students no longer have to go without the goods and supplies that create a productive learning environment. NAEIR provides a variety of products such as arts and crafts supplies, computers, sporting goods and party supplies.





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GEARING UP FOR CHRISTMAS

The Christmas season is here, and we hope yours runs smoothly from the front end to the back.

We'd like to wish everyone a great Christmas with miles of smiles!



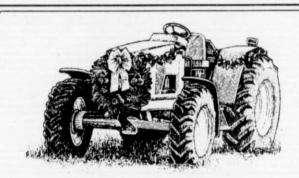
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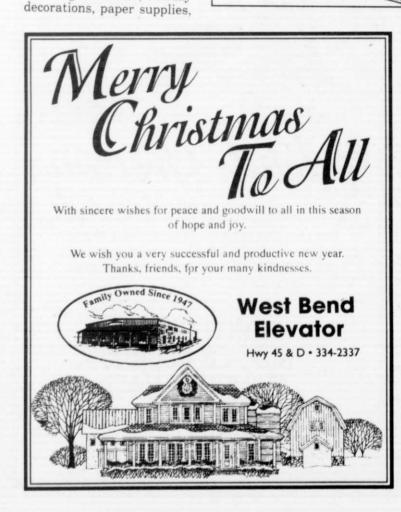


HOLIDAY GREETINGS

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Have a happy and healthy season!

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Merry Christmas.

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Holiday Tech Tips For Parents

(ARA) - Each holiday season, parents find themselves asking a very familiar question: "What should I get the teen who has everything?" This season in particular, parents are scrutinizing their purchasing decisions. Facing a tough economy, they are looking for versatility and the most value for their dollar.

As such, there are a few key questions that parents need to ask themselves when considering a technology purchase for their child:

1. Can my child use the item for more than one purpose? For example, school work as well as organizing their schedule?

2. Can my child take it to school? Use it during downtime on the bus?

3. What is the shelf life of the item? Will it be outdated in a month? A year? Two years?

4. How durable is the product? Can it survive my teen's lifestyle?

5. Does it come with reliable and user-friendly customer support?

6. Can it be customized to meet my child's needs?
7. Will my child think it's

cool?

8. How much should I plan to invest?

With this checklist in mind, parents have the opportunity to give their teens a gift that is educational in nature, welcomed in the classroom and is a useful tool for busy social lives and downtime. Texas Instruments offers a wide variety of educational classroom technology products that are available this holiday season -- and you might be surprised at what they can do.

The TI-83 Plus Silver Edition (\$130) is a faster and more powerful version of the most popular educational handheld in high

school classrooms in the U.S., the TI-83 Plus. It comes pre-loaded with Software Handheld Applications (Apps) such as a spreadsheet, electronic flashcards, periodic table of elements, puzzles, an organizer and an address book. It plugs into a PC using a TI-GRAPH LINK cable and TI Connect software allowing students to download extra Apps to customize their handhelds to meet their specific needs. Additionally, several states recommend, and in some cases require, the use of graphing handhelds on standardized tests and college entrance exams such as the SAT.

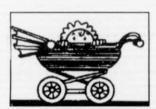
The TI Keyboard (\$40) turns TI's most popular handhelds into portable word processing tools. This means that students can take advantage of the technology they already own, and with this add-on, use it in classes beyond math and science. The TI Keyboard is one-third smaller than a traditional PC keyboard, yet it features full-size keys on a QWERTY layout. It's packaged with software for note taking and a special cradle to hold the handheld at an easy-to-see angle.

The TI-89 (\$150), which is targeted to high school AP and college-level mathematics and science courses, features the most powerful handheld functionality that TI offers. Complete with a user-friendly interface, the TI-89 comes with advanced features, such as 3D rotation, symbolic manipulation, and the ability to solve with units of measure. Just like the Silver Edition, you can use a TI-GRAPH LINK cable and TI Connect software to download Apps to your TI-89 from the Internet for easy customization.

A recent survey conducted by NPD Group, Inc., a consumer research firm, found that 69 percent of respondents plan to spend the same amount as they did during the holiday season last year. Additionally, many respondents cited the need to "shop for value" this year as a result of the sluggish economy.

What parents can easily understand in making this technology purchase for their teens is the fact that these educational products do supply value -- both for the pocketbook and in their teen's learning for many years to come. These educational handhelds are cost effective, they look cool, kids use them everyday at school and they fill that technogadget craving that kids naturally have.

Another key factor to keep in mind is that more and more states, school districts and schools are requiring the use of graphing handhelds on standardized tests and in their everyday curriculum. With this kind of support from the educational community parents know that their dollars aren't going to waste on a device that might end up sitting in their teen's closet after a newer, flashier gadget comes to market.



The baby carriage was invented in 1848 by a New Yorker named Charles Burton. His earliest model was a large box with four wheels and a handle attached to it. It wasn't a hit in America, however, and Burton moved to Britain. Queen Victoria took a liking to his invention and other moms soon followed suit.



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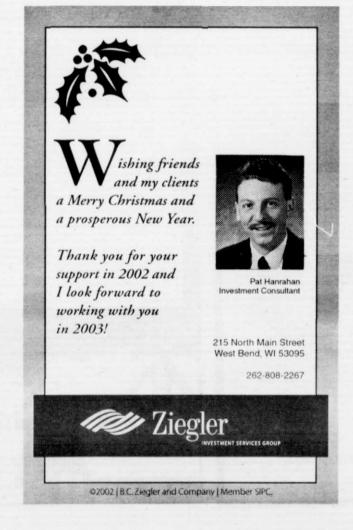
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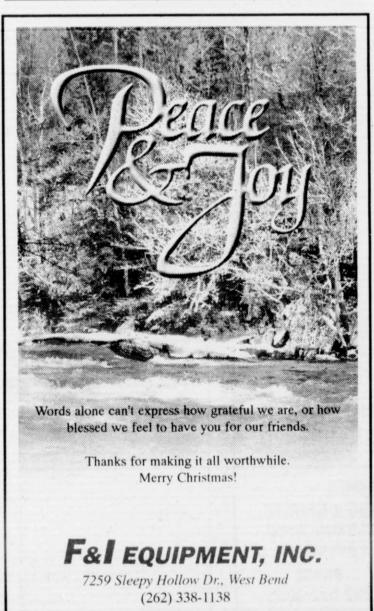
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Keeping Kids Safe for the Holidays

(ARA) - During the busy holiday season, schedules become more hectic and public places more crowded - making it difficult for parents to keep a close eye on their children. In an effort to ensure children's safety this holiday season, Josie Bissett, former "Melrose Place" star, wants to remind parents of the simple things they can do to protect their children.

"Like many parents across the country, I was disturbed by the number of missing children cases featured in the news this year. Hoping to help other families, I am partnering with National Center for Missing Exploited Children (NCMEC) and Philips Electronics to recommend that parents take a few extra minutes to capture their child talking, giving vital information about themselves and their unique mannerisms on video.'

NCMEC utilizing is Philips DVD recording as a tool to support their mission to help families of missing and exploited children. "If a child is abducted or becomes missing for any reason, the National Center, along with law enforcement, can utilize the DVD with the child's image and other descriptive information to help get the search started immediately," says Ernie Allen, president and CEO of NCMEC.

Families also can benefit from quickly and easily transferring important information about their children from a camcorder to a DVD disc. The holiday season offers parents a good reminder to record a yearly update for each of their children that features their distinct mannerisms, physical features, and speech patterns. If needed, the DVD recorder will provide law enforcement and NCMEC with a useful resource with information about the child.

Philips also recently donated several DVD recorders to NCMEC, allowing them to transfer an

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extensive library of VHS video and still photos to a durable and easily archived source. The ability to convert the information and data to DVD will save muchneeded storage space for the growing organization and streamline its missing child age-progression services. Below are some tips for parents to keep in mind while shopping or traveling during the holiday season.

* Keep an eye on your child at all times. Always know where they are and whom they are with.

* Teach your kids how to stay safe and find help if needed. Make sure they know to stay with you at all times while shopping and to always check first with you or the person in charge before going anywhere.

* Make a plan. For older kids have them meet you in a predetermined spot such as a sales counter or the mall information booth. For younger kids teach them to use the public telephone and to look for people who can help like a uniformed security guard or a sales person with a nametag. Teach them to stay in the public view and to never go to the parking lot looking for you.

* Before going to the airport or train station, sit down and talk with your kids about where you are going, how to look for help in the event you get separated and who "helping adults" are -- for example flight attendants.

* Give your children a card that has your contact (cell phone) information, destination and departure gate. This will help security page you or locate you more quickly.



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