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New Year's History of Celebration

Civilizations around the world have been celebrating the start of each new year for at least four millennia. Today, most New Year's festivities begin on December 31 (New Year's Eve), the last day of the Gregorian calendar, and continue into the early hours of January 1 (New Year's Day). Common traditions include attending parties, eating special New Year's foods, making resolutions for the new year and watching fireworks displays.

Early New Year's Celebrations

The earliest recorded festivities in honor of a new year's arrival date back some 4,000 years to ancient Babylon. For the Babylonians, the first new moon following the vernal equinox—the day in late March with an equal amount of sunlight and darkness—heralded the start of a new year. They marked the occasion with a massive religious festival called Akitu (derived from the Sumerian word for barley, which was cut in the spring) that involved a different ritual on each of its 11 days. In addition to the new year, Akitu celebrated the mythical victory of the Babylonian sky god Marduk over the evil sea goddess Tiamat and served an important political purpose: It was during this time that a new king was crowned or that the current ruler's divine mandate was symbolically renewed.

Throughout antiquity, civilizations around the world developed increasingly sophisticated calendars, typically pin-

ning the first day of the year to an agricultural or astronomical event. In Egypt, for instance, the year began with the annual flooding of the Nile, which coincided with the rising of the star Sirius. The first day of the Chinese new year, meanwhile, occurred with the second new moon after the winter solstice.

January 1 Becomes New Year's Day

The early Roman calendar consisted of 10 months and 304 days, with each new year beginning at the vernal equinox; according to tradition, it was created by Romulus, the founder of Rome, in the eighth century B.C. A later king, Numa Pompilius, is credited with adding the months of Januarius and Februarius. Over the centuries, the calendar fell out of sync with the sun, and in 46 B.C. the emperor Julius Caesar decided to solve the problem by consulting with the most prominent astronomers and mathematicians of his time. He introduced the Julian calendar, which closely resembles the more modern Gregorian calendar that most countries around the world use today.

As part of his reform, Caesar instituted January 1 as the first day of the year, partly to honor the month's namesake: Janus, the Roman god of beginnings, whose two faces allowed him to look back into the past and forward into the future. Romans celebrated by offering sacrifices to Janus, ex-

changing gifts with one another, decorating their homes with laurel branches and attending raucous parties. In medieval Europe, Christian leaders temporarily replaced January 1 as the first of the year with days carrying more religious significance, such as December 25 (the anniversary of Jesus' birth) and March 25 (the Feast of the Annunciation); Pope Gregory XIII reestablished January 1 as New Year's Day in 1582.

New Year's Traditions

In many countries, New Year's celebrations begin on the evening of December 31—New Year's Eve—and continue into the early hours of January 1. Revelers often enjoy meals and snacks thought to bestow good luck for the coming year. In Spain and several other Spanish-speaking countries, people bolt down a dozen grapes—symbolizing their hopes for the months ahead—right before midnight. In many parts of the world, traditional New Year's dishes feature legumes, which are thought to resemble coins and herald future financial success; examples include lentils in Italy and black-eyed peas in the southern United States. Because pigs represent progress and prosperity in some cultures, pork appears on the New Year's Eve table in Cuba, Austria, Hungary, Portugal and other countries. Ring-shaped cakes and pastries, a sign that the year has come full circle, round out the feast in the Netherlands, Mexico, Greece and elsewhere. In Sweden and Norway, meanwhile, rice pudding with an almond hidden inside is served on New Year's Eve; it is said that whoever finds the nut can expect 12 months of good fortune.

Other customs that are common worldwide include watching fireworks and singing songs to welcome the new year, including the ever-popular "Auld Lang Syne" in many English-speaking countries. The practice of making resolutions for the new year is thought to have first caught on among the ancient Babylonians, who made promises in order to earn the favor of the gods and start the year off on the right foot. (They would reportedly vow to pay off debts and return borrowed farm equipment.)

In the United States, the most iconic New Year's tradition is the dropping of a giant ball in New York City's Times Square at the stroke of midnight. Millions of people around the world watch the event, which has taken place almost every year since 1907. Over time, the ball itself has ballooned from a 700-pound iron-and-wood orb to a brightly patterned sphere 12 feet in diameter and weighing in at nearly 12,000 pounds. Various towns and cities across America have developed their own versions of the Times Square ritual, organizing public drops of items ranging from pickles (Dillsburg, Pennsylvania) to possums (Tallapoosa, Georgia) at midnight on New Year's Eve.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

Surprise!



Surprise!

I just received this beautiful little poinsettia, a neighbour left it in front of my door, rang the bell and went away.

She and her mother have been living in this house since long before I rented my apartment and her mother just recently passed away. Both, mother and daughter, always were (are) quite standoffish, but I always make sure to greet them, to be friendly to them, even though they often would not return the greetings. When the mother died I wrote a letter to the daughter expressing my condolences.

So imagine my surprise to find this little beauty with a thank you card from the daughter at my doorstep! Makes me smile! I will have to make sure to see her as often as possible in the staircase. I imagine she now feels quite lonely.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone



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Rogers/Tulsa County FSA Announces County Committee Election Results

Mark Deweese of Claremore will serve as the first alternate.

Michael B Roark Jr. of Tulsa was elected to represent local administrative area (LAA) 005.

John Christ of Bixby will serve as the first alternate

County committee members are a critical component of the day-to-day operations of FSA. They help deliver programs at the county level and work to serve the needs of local producers. All recently elected county committee members will take office in January 2021 and will be joining the existing committee. Every FSA office is required to have a county committee, which are made up of local farmers, ranchers and foresters elected by local producers.

County committee members impact the administration of FSA within a community by applying their knowledge and judgment to help FSA make important decisions on commodity support programs, conservation programs, indemnity and disaster programs, emergency programs and eligibility.

County committee members serve local producers through their decision making and help shape the culture of a local FSA office. They also ensure the fair and equitable administration of FSA farm programs in their counties and are accountable to the Secretary of Agriculture. Members conduct hearings and reviews as requested by the state committee, ensure underserved farmers, ranchers and foresters are fairly represented, make recommendations to the state committee on existing programs, monitor changes in farm programs and inform farmers of the purpose and provisions of FSA programs. They also assist with outreach and inform underserved producers, such as beginning farmers, ranchers and foresters, about FSA opportunities.

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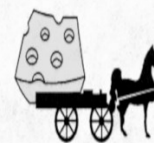
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Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission

Native American Day of Prayer and Blessing

From the Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission:

It goes without saying that 2020 has presented unprecedented challenges for everyone in the greater Tulsa area. Due to many varying factors, including long-standing health and economic disparities, the Covid-19 pandemic has taken a disproportionate toll on Native communities. It is with great pride that we acknowledge the swift and far-reaching response of our tribal leaders to provide PPE and emergency assistance to our most vulnerable citizens, which has helped many to endure this hardship. Still, the tragic impact felt by our people is immeasurable, the most heartbreaking of which is the loss of many of our elders, whose ancestral knowledge and presence in our lives is irreplaceable.

Tulsa is home to Indigenous people of many different nations; each tribe and family have their respective spiritual practices to honor and grieve for those they have lost. One thing we all have in common is that throughout this painful time, we have been unable to lay our loved ones to rest in our traditional ways. Our churches, tipis, fireplaces and community buildings sit empty as we grieve, isolated in our homes in an effort to keep one another safe. We grieve not just for the loss of our relatives, but also for our inability to be with them in their final moments, and our inability to practice our traditional ways. These sacrifices we make are so contrary to our usual traditions of gathering, providing feasts and giving gifts to honor our beloved relatives in their passing, but we make them knowing that we must try to prevent further loss any way we can. Our sacred ceremonies and gatherings remain on hold until this great threat passes. We continue to take the necessary precautions to keep each other healthy, and find new and innovative ways to care for and support members of our community suffering from Covid-19 infection and hardship caused by factors related to this crisis. We have faith that one day, on the other side of this pandemic, we will return to our sacred spaces in a great reunion, to properly put our relatives to rest. Until then, we are left with deep sorrow and a lingering sense of incompleteness.

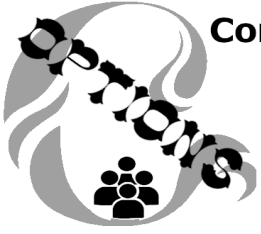
The passing of one year into the next is always a time for reflection and hope for the future. We believe that in this significant and monumental moment in history which we are currently experiencing, it is of grave importance that we come together in solidarity as the Indigenous people of this land. As representatives of the American Indian community in the Greater Tulsa area, we declare December 31st, 2020 as an official Native American Day of Prayer and Blessing. This shall be a day on which members of every Indigenous tribe, community, family and each individual, according to their own traditions, offer prayers for the beloved relatives we have lost in this extraordinarily difficult year, and ask for blessings of continued strength, resiliency, and prosperity for our people, that we may soon embrace one another again to share in sorrow and in joy.

Signed,

Dorcas Kent Williams
Tulsa County Cultural Chair
Greater Tulsa Area Indian Affairs Commission

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Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma

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The Oklahoma State Flag

The first Oklahoma State Flag adopted in 1911 was a simple affair, its color palette modeled after the red, white and blue of the Stars and Stripes. The 1911 flag displayed a white star, edged in blue, centered on a field of red. Inside the star, the number "46" was shown; reference to Oklahoma as the 46th state to enter the union in 1907.



The first Oklahoma State Flag flew from 1911 - 1925. It is said that the flag began to fall into disfavor after the Russian Revolution in 1917. The Red flag and single white star began to be too closely associated with symbols of Communism.

In 1924, a contest was announced to create a new design for the flag, one that more uniquely represented the diversity of cultures in the state of Oklahoma. For the state with the largest Native American population, it is easy to see why the design submitted by Mrs. George Fluke, Jr. was chosen and officially adopted by the State Legislature on April 2, 1925.

Oklahoma state flag
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 The 1925 flag, essentially the same as today's state flag, prominently displays an Osage warrior's shield made from buffalo hide and decorated with seven eagle feathers hanging from the lower edge. The shield is centered on a field of blue borrowed from the blue flag that Choctaw soldiers carried during the Civil War. This flag honors more than 60 groups of Native Americans and their ancestors.

The shield is decorated with six white crosses (stars) representing high ideals. Superimposed over the shield are symbols of peace and unity from the cultures of the Native American and European-American settlers in the territory; the calumet or ceremonial peace pipe and the olive branch.

The flag design was revisited in 1941. The state name "OKLAHOMA" was amended to the 1925 design and is displayed in white letters below the shield. This change was not popular in some circles as it was felt that the design of the Oklahoma State Flag was significantly unique without this reminder.

In 1988, the Oklahoma State Legislature again addressed the design of the state flag. Variations in color



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among manufacturers did not properly align with the spirit of the design and the 41st Oklahoma Legislature voted to rectify this:

"... it is truly fitting that the Oklahoma flag uniting the ancient lore of the Indian and the white man and symbolizing the peace of a united people should be standardized in color as an example of the solidarity and patriotism of such people; and... the cultural and historic integrity of the Oklahoma state flag as designed by Mrs. George Fluke, Jr., and subsequently approved by the Oklahoma Legislature should be preserved and maintained."

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

Volunteers Provide Hundreds of Hot Meals For Stranded Truck Drivers In England

Volunteers in Kent, England, rallied together to make sure truckers, currently stuck due to the border closure, don't go hungry.



Gravesend Gurdwara, a Sikh Temple, provided 800 hot meals for the lorry drivers stranded in Dover. Temple leaders received the call around noon and sprung into action as part of a collective effort with local authorities including Kent Police and Kent County Council.

"They [Khalsa Aid] got in touch this morning about 12 o'clock and by 2:30pm they came to collect the food," Jagdev Singh Virdee said. "We made some phone calls to get volunteers together because we are already doing Langar, where we deliver to vulnerable people."

Together, volunteers rallied to make 500 chickpea curries and 300 mushroom and pasta dishes. Khalsa Aid founder Ravinder Singh then arranged to pick up the meals from the Gravesend Gurdwara and deliver them to the hungry truckers with the help of a Kent Police escort.



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"An incredible thank you to Gravesend Gurdwara for providing 800 hot meals for the lorry drivers stranded in Dover today," the National Sikh Police Association UK said in a statement.

"Our NSPAUK Kent lead partnered with Langar Aid Khalsa Aid and Kent Police to facilitate the supplies getting to the stranded lorry drivers. It takes a partnership approach to make such things possible and we are happy to support where we can. Thank you to the volunteers who have given their free time to distribute the food today and no doubt will over the next few days."

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

History of The Tournament of Roses Parade

Never On Sunday

The Tournament of Roses Parade is held every year on New Year's Day, unless it lands on a Sunday. Then it is held on Monday, January 2. Why? Some say it's based on a superstition that if it's held on a Sunday, then it will rain on the parade the following year(s). But, the real reason is because way back in the early years, the parade officials were afraid that the noise from the bands would frightened horses that were tethered at nearby churches. The parade that was held on January 2, 2012 was the 18th time in the parade's history that it was held on a Monday. So, being on a Monday doesn't happen very often, but it does happen.

Parase Background

The parade is held in Pasadena, California, where it began in 1890. The name Pasadena means Crown of the Valley in Chippewa. It was a small group of Midwesterners that migrated to the West, who gave it this name due to the great climate, topography and fertile land. Soon, word got out of the wonderful area this was, and people from New York and Chicago soon moved out also. Along with them, they brought culture, education, entrepreneurship, architectural ideas as well as competitive athletics. Some of those that moved to the area were very prominent people like Adolphus Busch, Henry Huntington, Thaddeus Lowe and William Wrigley. (In fact, the Wrigley mansion has been the headquarters for the Tournament Association since 1960.)

Although people were coming out to this Western area, apparently they weren't coming as fast as some people wanted them too? So, in order to promote this "Mediterranean of the West" as they dubbed it, The Valley Hunt Club of Pasadena, CA invited their friends and family from the frozen parts of the United States to

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vacation there. To help encourage them, they offered entertainment like polo, jousting, footraces, tug-of-war, and even chariot races.

Since there was also an abundance of flowers during this season, Valley Hunt Club President, Charles Federick Holder, thought up the idea of also having a Tournament of Roses Parade before all of the other competitions. Besides some local entries, all of the entrants in the competitions would decorate their carriages with flowers too. And, so this is how the first Tournament of Roses parade was started! And, since the beginning, the parade has always had a theme. The theme for the first parade in 1890 was "A Time To Remember."

How The Tournament Got Named?

Mr. Holder based The Tournament of Roses on a celebration in Nice, France called The Carnival of Flowers. His original title was "The Battle of the Flowers" because it would be a battle of decorated transportation (surreys, bikes, carriages) all done in flowers. They also had a custom of throwing roses from the vehicles to the crowds along the parade route.

How did the title change from "The Battle of the Flowers" to the "Tournament of Roses?" A very popular sport that was played was called the "Tourney of the Rings." This involved horsemen with lances riding at full speed towards a post with a ring hanging on it. The goal was to spear the ring. Mr. Holder suggested that they change the title to Tournament of Roses? And, so this is how the name got started?

The first festival had 3,000 in attendance. They came by plane, train, automobile, bike and even airplane later on. They stayed at the most lavish hotels in the area also. Needless to say, in the beginning the Rose Parade was strictly for the upper classes. It grew in popularity each year, and within 5 years (1895) the Valley Hunt Club was too overwhelmed with the responsibility. So, the Tournament of Roses Association then was formed.

Gradually, newspapers out East began to cover the event and tell about it in their publications. They'd also mention what great weather there was in California too. Soon, Pasadena grew in size and culture. It gained bragging rights to some of the best architecturally built homes in the area, exotic horticulture, libraries, art collections, museums, the latest in technology and world-class horseracing. Who wouldn't want to come, right? ;)

Picking Your Spot!

Although in it's beginning, the parade started with carriages decorated with flowers, we all know it's evolved into so much more than that today. The Tournament of Roses Parade is one very spectacular event. And, so getting a good spot is very important.

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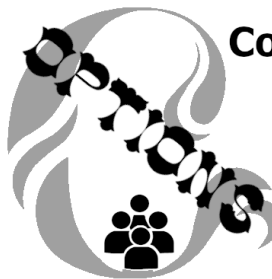


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Starting around noon on December 31st, the streets become fair game for the onlookers to claim their spots and settle in with sleeping bags, barbecues, food, drink, etc. This procedure has become sort of a "Squatter's Rights Ritual" on it's own. The Pasadena Police Department request that one person reserve no more than six seats. So, many organizations send out youth groups to reserve their seats for them. Sleeping on Colorado Blvd. on New Year's Eve for many has become a traditional rite of passage in a way.

The Parade Route

The official parade route starts from the formation area, then travels north on Orange Grove Boulevard. Then it makes the famous 110 degree turn east onto Colorado Boulevard. Then it travels north again onto Sierra Madre Boulevard.

The Floats

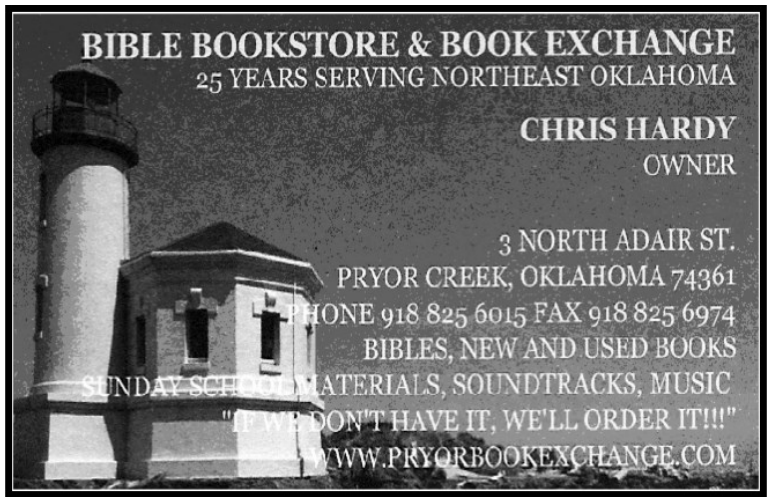
They all began as horse carriages decorated with flowers, and have evolved tremendously with time and technology. Today, it's not just the flowers. It's months of planning, thousands of dollars and thousands of volunteers that are the reason the parade happens every January 1.

It all starts a year in advance. First the theme is selected. Then, the Tournament Association invites non-profit groups, civic groups, corporations, and even international groups to apply to be in the parade. There are approximately 35 spots available. Those that want to participate first submit a design to the Association for approval. A float that is oversized or includes more than seven riders or live animals on it, has to have special approval.

Once a group gets it's idea approved, then they get a builder who then tries to get a sponsor to fund all the construction. Because some floats can run into the thousands of dollars, the sponsors want to get the most attention for their money. The key? ANIMATION! So, they often hire experts who work in movie animation or special effects fields to help out. Of course, these are all done through computers, which means they also have to hire computer experts.

This is all before they even buy the flowers and stuff! ;)

About that stuff.... Well, it's not just flowers anymore. It has to be anything that's organic (fresh, dried, or crushed). Some of the popular items used are spices, seeds, pods, bark and beans from all over the world. Many flowers are used for their colors, with blue being the hardest to find. Another problem is if a flower that has been counted on, suddenly can't be used due to growing problems, shipping problems or cost. If a substitute flower of a close shade can't be found, then many times an entire color design has to be changed on a float. Alt-



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hough each year, many new plants become new items on a float, the primary plants are always flowers. *It has been said that each float is covered with more flowers than a typical florist uses in five years."

Rose Queen & Her Court

Who was the very first Rose Parade queen? She was Hallie Woods in 1905. (There was no queen in prior years.) And, things for Hallie were a whole lot different than they are for the Rose Queen today. First of all, Hallie was chosen by her friends at Pasadena High school. She also had to make her own float and sew her own dress! Then, in 1906 things changed a teensy bit for the Rose Parade queen. She was not elected by friends from her school. Instead, she was voted upon and elected by the Tournament Committee. But, the poor girl still had to make her own float and sew her own dress (sigh).

I'm not sure when they stopped making the queen make her own float and sew her own dress, but today we all know that's not the case. Around September, approximately 1,000 girls compete for the crown and/or to be one of the six princesses of the court. Besides riding on the float in the parade, they are also very busy attending over 100 media events during their reign.

The Bands

In 1891, the first band to play in the Rose Bowl Parade was the Monrovia Town Band, probably using wood and calfskin drums. Today the bands are much more refined and have some of the most sophisticated percussion instruments there are; and, creating awesome sounds.

There are only 22 bands allowed in the parade. Bands from all over the country compete for the honor of being in the parade and seen by millions worldwide. Selections are done two years in advance. This allows the bands enough time to earn the money to go by having car washes, bake sales, etc. In many communities, raising enough money to send their band to the Rose Bowl Parade includes practically everyone in town. It also gives the band enough time to get in physical shape for the parade.

The parade is a 5 1/2 mile march. It can be grueling for some band members, especially those that carry the heavier instruments. And, don't forget the majorettes, flag wavers, etc. who also have to walk all that way as well.

The Horses

In the beginning the parade route was nothing but a dirt road. Horses didn't have a problem going down Orange Grove Avenue onto Colorado Street at all. But, then the road got paved.

Today, in order to help the horses deal with marching on pavement, they are shod with horseshoes that have been treated with anti-slip material. And, veterinarians are placed along the route to ensure the horses' safety.

And, as I said above, it was due to the horses that the "Never On Sunday" rule started.

The Grand Marshal

The Grand Marshal has always been someone who represents goodwill and lifetime achievement. Back in the beginning of the Rose Parade, the Grand Marshal was usually someone who was one of the organizers. The first Grand Marshal who wasn't from the Pasadena area was (San Francisco) Mayor James Rolph in 1930. Then, three years later in 1933, the first female Grand Marshal was actress Mary Pickford.

Grand Marshals are role models from all walks of life. Ironically, not all Grand Marshals are necessarily human beings. Ha! The Grand Marshal in 1966 was Walt Disney but he also brought Mickey Mouse along. Later on, in 2005, Mickey Mouse was the Grand Marshal all by himself! In 1996 Kermit the Frog was Grand Marshal. In 1974, cartoonist Charles Schultz was the Grand Marshal. Below is a cartoon strip that he created in honor of that role:

Some people have been Grand Marshal twice. Bob Hope was Grand Marshal of the Rose Parade in 1947 and then later in 1969. Shirley Temple (I believe the youngest Grand Marshal) led the 50th Rose Parade in 1939 and then did it again in 1989 for the tournament's Centennial.

The White Suiters

There are over 900+ volunteers who donate about 80,000 hours a year whose responsibility is to make sure everything goes right on parade day. Their jobs range from controlling traffic to dealing with public toilets. These volunteers are very noticeable because they all wear white suits. Why white? Rumor has it that it's to be a bit sassy at the Eastern fashion rule that you can't wear white after Labor Day. It also makes them very noticeable in crowds and recognizable as tournament workers. (OK, for the people in charge of toilets, this doesn't seem to practical at all though.) Anyway, it's these white suits that are the source of their nickname, "White Suiters."

The origins of the Rose Parade are somewhat upper class. But today, people from all walks of life help out. Their responsibilities start out small and work up to bigger things through the years. They might begin by simply putting up "No Parking Signs" or dealing with all the overnight campers on the streets to perhaps be-

coming a committee chair and eventually the Board of Director of the Tournament Association. If he or she still wants to help, he could be elected to executive committee (14 members) and perhaps all the way to president! But, you have to be committed. This is rise in rank takes approximately 20-30 years.

DATA MASTER: Steven Burdick

Kindness Rocks!

Had a visit with my daughter last night, we went for a walk round her village, she showed me some painted rocks that she'd placed on a wall at the edge of the village. This was nice to see, as the rocks she'd previously placed at a spot near the local shop disappeared, so she tried again. Good for her.



So, this morning I was so very pleased for her when she discovered the posts below, on her village FB page.

I don't know if you can make it out but someone posted a pic of the stones and said "some kind soul has taken time to make us smile as we wander round the village. These lovely wee painted stones were spotted today on the wall at the sub station at the bottom of the High Road. Well done someone!"

This prompted the following lovely responses:
"I came across these on Sunday morning while walking the dogs and definitely made me smile x"
and "My kids took a couple on Sunday to re-hide... I hope that was the intention."
and "Brilliant... Everyone needs a boost now and again and how wonderful that 'someone' has been so thoughtful."
and "I like this very much."

So, just a simple act of kindness has already spread a LOT of joy, well worth it, wouldn't you agree?

And of course, now my daughter has the joy of knowing that her original stones were most likely re-purposed by these same kids!

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

How did New Year's eve start? The history and tradition explained

New Year's Eve is one of the world's most celebrated holidays, whether you're a kid excited to stay up all night or an adult just trying to make it to midnight after a long day of work — or day drinking. But how did the tradition of New Year's Eve begin — and why do we celebrate it the way we do?

When did New Year's Eve festivities come about?

The earliest recorded New Year's celebration is thought to be in Mesopotamia around 2000 B.C., according to Earth Sky. While the celebrations actually occurred during the vernal equinox in mid-March — as this was considered the start of the new year by the calendar at the time — an eleven-day festival was held that would probably put our current parties to shame. According to History.com, the Ancient Mesopotamian people performed rituals, celebrated the religious victory of the sky god Marduk over the sea goddess Tiamat and either crowned a new king or allowed their old king to continue his reign.

Why do we celebrate the new year in January?

The new year wasn't always celebrated in January, according to History.com. The Ancient Roman calendar used to follow the lunar cycle, and had the new year beginning in March. Sosigenes, an astronomer, convinced Julius Caesar to follow the solar year, instead. From 46 B.C. on, the new year began in January.

Starting the new year in January was partially done to honor the god Janus, for whom the month was named. Since Janus had two faces, he was able to look back into the past and forward into the future simultaneously, making him a great spokesperson for the holiday we celebrate today.

Why do we drop a ball on New Year's Eve?

Most of us are familiar with the traditional ball drop in



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New York City's Times Square; even if we haven't so-journeyed to the city to see it, we have likely watched it on TV. But why does New York drop a giant, lit-up ball on New Year's Eve anyway?

According to PBS, the festivities of New Year's Eve moved to the New York Times building in 1904 after previously taking place at Trinity Church in Manhattan, where spectators were able to hear the chiming of the bells signaling midnight. However, when the fireworks began, it quickly became obvious that the usual spectacle wouldn't do: Hot ashes fell down on the streets after the display, causing problems and leading the New York Police Department to put a ban on fireworks.

After this, New York Times publisher Adolph Ochs went to Walter Palmer, the Times' chief electrician, to create something different to draw in crowds and avoid the rains of fiery doom. Palmer, inspired by the maritime tradition of dropping a time ball so sailors could adjust their chronometers while at sea, devised the idea of dropping a lit-up ball on New Year's Eve.

The tradition of dropping the ball in Times Square has been a tradition ever since 1907.

How do you celebrate?

New Year's Eve is celebrated differently all around the world. According to Time and Date, New Year's Eve is a public holiday in certain places, like the Philippines and Latvia — and in a few countries like Japan, it is even a government holiday. But in many countries, people are not let out of work until the evening, and many retail stores remain open at least for a while.

Traditions range from eating 12 grapes at or before midnight and chowing down on a dish from the legume family to bring good luck. Many sing "Auld Lang Syne" at midnight, while others make resolutions — a tradition that may also date all the way back to the Mesopotamians. According to History.com, the Mesopotamians promised the gods they would do better in the coming year in order to incur their favor and avoid their wrath.

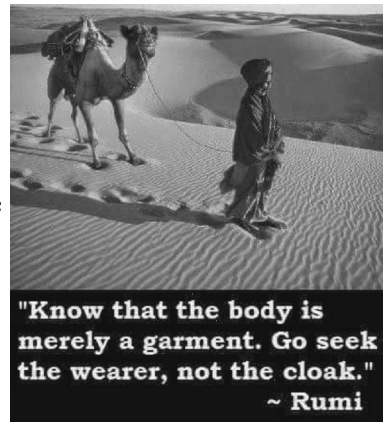
New Year's Eve is full of traditions, allowing us to follow those we like and to ignore those we don't. Still, it's hard to ignore that the ending of a year is usually a bitersweet moment — except maybe the end of this one.

DATA MASTER: Karen Deffenbaugh

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Shoe Laces And Aging

On my way back home today I saw an elderly man on the walkway, sitting down on a bench to re-bind his shoelace. He had problems reaching the laces on his shoe, so I went towards him and asked if I could help him - just this moment he caught his laces and was able to bind his shoes (fortunately I did not startle him into losing hold of the laces again).



We talked for a short while and he thanked me for noticing his problems and offering to help, especially, when he saw that I was having problems moving around myself. We agreed that aging isn't for the faint hearted and both went laughing our ways with smiles on our faces ... a true win for both of us!

Kindness Boomerang For A Thanksgiving Dilemma

We usually spend Thanksgiving with a few close friends, but, this year, due to Covid, we decided to stay home & stay safe. I couldn't seem to feel inspired to even make a nice holiday dinner for ourselves & felt no enthusiasm about ordering in. The craziness of the past few months, between covid & the political circus here, sometimes makes me feel in a state of 'suspended animation'.

Well the Universe sent our beloved next door neighbor to lift me out of my doldrum this morning when she invited us to join her family , or , to allow her to bring us over a lovely home-cooked Thanksgiving dinner! My heart grew.

My husband was elated too & shared that he'd been remembering, just this morning, how, a few times in the past, we'd given them the free turkey we used to get in our supermarket around this time of year. I'd forgotten that & smiled, thinking this was a true 'kindness boomerang' .

Sometimes those 'boomerangs' take a while .

The Universe sure took care of our Thanksgiving Day dinner dilemma.

Grateful

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

Claremore Nursing Home - Employee of the Month



Susan Grimmatt was unanimously elected by Resident Council as February honoree. She has been part of the Housekeeping Department for 5 1/2 years.

Born on the East Coast, Susan has been married but says, "Never again." Her 2 girls and 1 boy have given her 4 grandchildren.

Even though she is a private kind of person with most, Susan loves the residents and takes good care of them. Her favorite thing is talking with them and listening to their interesting stories.

"They may forget your name, but they will never forget how you made them feel."

Maya Angelou

If you would like to join, "Susan Grimmatt" as a Certified Nurse Aide, please apply in person. Now taking applications for Certified Nurse Aides both days and nights. Must pass a background check. New pay scale for CNA's.

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She Walked 12 Miles To Work To Feed Her Children. Local Deputies Surprised Her With A Free Vehicle

Deputies in Ottawa, Kansas, surprised a woman with a vehicle after the department received multiple calls about her walking along the highway in the freezing cold.

Christine Wheeler was walking a total of 12 miles to and from work four days a week. On Tuesday, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office surprised her with



a free van, insurance and taxes paid for a year. This is what the sheriff's office wrote on Facebook: "Over the last two weeks the Franklin County Sheriff's Office has received several calls for service regarding a woman walking on 59 Highway between Ottawa and Princeton at around 7:00AM. Each time Deputies responded they encountered a 24-year-old Princeton woman walking and would give her a ride to work so she would not have to walk on the cold highway. Throughout these contacts with her, the Sheriff's Office learned this woman walked to work at Love's truck stop six miles (and then six miles back home) to support her two small children. The woman made several comments about how she had to walk so she could feed her children and was very driven and motivated to take care of her family any way she could.

On December 9, 2020, after giving the woman a ride to work, a small group of Deputies gathered to discuss how we could help this woman. After only a few days, through generous citizens and businesses and the use of our 'No Shave November' funds we were able to donate a van, two new car seats, a price chopper gift card, the registration for the van and the first year of car insurance along with \$200.

On December 15, 2020, the Franklin County Sheriff's Office along with members of the community in partnership with Love's Truck Stop we were able to surprise this woman with all of these items in hopes for making a better Christmas for her and her small children."

DATA MASTER: Nikki Hamilton

Hext & Erick Gateways to Oklahoma

The Work Progress Administration built the brick school in Hext in the 1930s by Kathy Weiser-Alexander.



As you continue your Route 66 journey to the Texas line from Sayre, Oklahoma, you will pass by the ghost town of Hext, established in 1901. This farm and ranch community was never very big and only supported a post office for about a year and a half — June 4, 1901, to November 29, 1902. The town was named for William Hext, a local farmer. There was once a stone gas station here that was later converted into a home, and the pumps were removed. In fact, when Jack Rittenhouse wrote his Guidebook to Route 66 in 1946, he noted that Hext was "Not a community — just a gas station." However, the town did sport a fairly large brick school that was built by the Work Progress Administration in the 1930s. The abandoned school still stands though deteriorating quickly.

Other abandoned and falling buildings can also be seen in the area, as well as several segments of original Route 66. The only building that is not abandoned is the Hext Baptist church. This stretch of old Route 66, between here and Erick, was the last in Oklahoma to lose its US 66 designation to superhighway I-40.

Erick, Oklahoma

Route 66 through Erick, Ok. Kathy Weiser-Alexander.



Erick, known as the "Gateway to Oklahoma," was once the westernmost city of the state due to surveying disputes with Texas. Getting its start in 1900, the town was first called Dennis when a post office was established in February 1900. Primarily formed as a farm and ranch community, the area was first known for the many cattle drives that passed through, stopping at old Salt Springs southwest of Erick. Nature's gift to these early-day cattlemen, the fresh-water springs made an ideal stopping off place during the late nineteenth century.

Later, when the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad line made plans to come through town, the Choctaw Townsite & Improvement Company filed an application for a townsite of 80 acres. The post office name was changed to Erick in November 1901 after Beeks Erick, one of the developers. The town incorporated the same year. Until Beckham County was created at 1907 statehood, Erick was located in northern Greer County. At this time, Erick had a population of 686 people.

By 1909, the town boasted 13 general stores, two hardware stores, several cotton gins, blacksmith shops, a livery, a harness shop, and a lumber store. Food could be purchased at five meat markets, several grocery stores, a bakery, and a confectionary. The town supported two banks and two weekly newspapers — the Beckham County Democrat and the Erick Altruist, as well as three churches. In 1910, its population had grown to 915. By 1920, it boasted 971 people. That would change quickly when oil was discovered in the 1920s, quickly increasing the population to its peak of 2,231 in 1930. The town hoped to become another Oklahoma boomtown; however, these hopes were dashed when the oil was not as plentiful as they had hoped.

The 1930s brought in the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, and another ugly incident when racial tensions exploded into violence. On July 14, 1930, the Frederick, Maryland Post published “Reports received here [Shamrock, Texas] by Sheriff W.K. McLemore, Wheeler County, said negroes were driven out of Erick, Oklahoma last night and from Texola, Oklahoma today by a mob seeking reprisal for the death of Mrs. Harry Vaughn, wife of a farmer in a nearby county in Texas, who was beaten to death Friday by a Negro.”

The population dropped in the 1930s, but Erick persevered with six cotton gins, an ice factory, and entrepreneurs manufacturing salt from the nearby salt springs. At this time, there were 22 teachers in the schools who were serving 956 students.

In the early 1940s, several motor courts and other Route 66 services began to appear, including the DeLuxe Courts, and later, the Erick Court and Trailer Park, the Elms Garage, several restaurants, and gas stations. During this time, the town continued as an agricultural support center, and a mattress factory also came to the town. Jack Rittenhouse, in his 1946 Guidebook To Highway 66, would say of Erick: “U.S. 66 crosses the one main street of the town, which is the first town you encounter, going west, which has any of the ‘true’ western look, with its wide, sun-baked street, frequent horsemen, occasional sidewalk awning, and similar touches.” In the meantime, the Chamber of Commerce printed a circular proclaiming Erick as “not a war spoiled town or just another boom town but, a town

with a half-century of service.”

Though the town prospered in the post-war travel along Route 66, it was in the 1940s that it began to decline. In 1940 Erick had a population of 1,591, and by 1970, it had been reduced to 1,285. The town suffered yet another blow when the four-lane section of Route 66 from Sayre to Erick was the last in Oklahoma to be bypassed by I-40 in 1975.

Roger Miller Museum in Erick, Kathy Weiser-Alexander.



In 1980, Erick rebounded a little due to renewed oil and gas drilling, and the population increased to 1,375. Today, this small town is called home to some 1,052 people. Though Erick is far from a ghost town, many of its downtown brick buildings and businesses along Route 66 sit empty and silent, speaking of better days.

Erick was home to two of Country music’s popular performers. Sheb Wooley, the actor, songwriter, and singer who recorded the saga of the “one-eyed one-horned flying purple people eater” was born there in 1921. A street commemorates his name. Erick was also the boyhood home of Roger Miller, the late country music legend, Mr. “King of the Road” himself. The stretch of 4-lane that enters Erick from Sayre has been renamed Roger Miller Memorial Highway, and that part of Route 66 through town is called Roger Miller Boulevard. Further memorializing Mr. Miller is the 3000 square foot Roger Miller Museum opened at the corner of US 66 (Roger Miller Boulevard) and Sheb Wooley Avenue, which opened in 2004 in a former 1929 café and drugstore building. At one point, when an interviewer asked Roger Miller where Erick was, Miller wryly replied, “It’s close to extinction.”

The Old City Meat Market before it became a popular stop on 66 as the Sandhill Curiosity Shop.



While in Erick, be sure to visit the 100th Meridian Museum, situated in the former First National Bank Building, which is filled with artifacts from prehistoric times to present. Just one block south of Route 66 is the old City Meat Market, Erick’s oldest building, which now houses the Sandhill Curiosity Shop, a must stop as you

travel through! Nothings for sale, but Harley Russell will entertain and let you look at thousands of memorabilia. Afterward, sate your appetite at the Rafter T Restaurant, formerly known as Cal's Country Kitchen and serving up customers since 1946.

Many of the original Route 66 businesses are now gone or have been converted to other uses. However, many of these old places still stand a make for great photo opportunities.

Five blocks west of the town's main intersection, the West Winds Motel occupied the north side of Route 66, a location with the commercial advantage of visibility for the westbound traveler. A neon sign flashed the name of the motel beneath a painting of a bucking bronco. Faded today, the sign with its head-down-heels-up horse and his tenacious rider is still visible. Motor courts like the West Winds Motel generally consisted of individual guest cottages or multiple-unit guest buildings with continuous facades, often with attached garages; and office and owner-residence building; and perhaps a coffee house; arranged around a central open space. At the West Winds, an office and two multi-unit buildings set at right angles form the courtyard. A gravel loop once outlined the U-shaped central public space, giving the motel two street entrances. Until 2002, a rusting children's swing set, evidence of the prosperous post-war years when families stayed at the West Winds, still stood windblown and creaking in the courtyard.

The West Wind's stone-and-stucco construction, linear buildings, courtyard, and Mission style invoke a Spanish hacienda. The motel's name ties it to a time in history when the West had captured the imagination of much of the United States. Because of its historic significance, the National Park Service listed the motel in the National Register of Historic Places in 2004. Some efforts have been made to restore the property, but it remains closed to visitors today. The old motel is located at 623 Roger Miller Blvd.

Erick OK-Elm Motel, sometime around 2006?



Just down the block was yet another popular tourist court, complete with garages — the old Elm Motel. The Elm was opened in the 1940s by Richard and Mini Glover. They didn't keep it long and sold it in 1948 to Howard and Louise Kinsington, who added a swimming pool and miniature golf course to encourage long-

er stays. The 'Elm Motel' closed when Erick was bypassed by I-40. It is located at 823 W Roger Miller Blvd.

Between Erick and the nearby ghost town of Texola, the prairie stretches out beyond the old Mother Road that is beginning to get overgrown from its lack of use.

DATA MASTER: Breanna McDowell

The Law of the Garbage Truck

One day I hopped in a taxi and we took off for the airport. We were driving in the right lane when suddenly a black car jumped out of a parking space right in front of us.



My taxi driver slammed on his brakes, skidded, and missed the other car by just inches!

The driver of the other car whipped his head around and started yelling at us!

My taxi driver just smiled and waved at the guy. And I mean, really friendly. So I asked, "Why did you just do that? This guy almost ruined your car and sent us to the hospital!"

This is when my taxi driver taught me what I now call, "The Law of the Garbage Truck."

He explained that many people are like garbage trucks. They run around full of garbage (frustration, anger, and disappointment, etc.). As their garbage piles up, they need a place to dump it and sometimes they'll dump it on you.

Don't take it personally. Just smile, wave, wish them well, and move on. Don't take their garbage and spread it to other people at work, at home, or on the streets.

The bottom line is that successful people do not let garbage trucks take over their day. Life's too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so... love the people who treat you right & pray for the ones who don't. Life is ten percent what you make it and ninety percent how you take it!

Have a blessed, garbage-free day.

DATA MASTER: Doug WM Stone

Up-coming Events

TOPS #570 We meet 9am to 11am Monday morning at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church in Miami 2337 N. Main St. "Taking off pounds sensibly!"

TOPS #567 meet every Thursday at 10am 433 N Mississippi in Nowata.

TOPS #506 in Miami Heavenly Winds Worship Center meet every 6pm Thursday evening. For more info call Susan Walls at 918-540-0570

Every 4th Saturday of the month Veteran's Support Group: Veterans for Veterans. Have you served in the military? Are you struggling with readjustment? Anxious about the future? Struggling to connect with friends and family? Struggling with school? WE CAN HELP! Free veterans support group at 10am every 4th Saturday of the month. The Landing 502 West Corner Fairland, Ok. For more information call Larry Boyd (918) 541-7592 or Cindy (918) 676-3228.

Food Truck Wednesdays —Every Wednesday, grab some tasty eats and gather on the grounds of Guthrie Green. During Food Truck Wednesdays, lunchtime transforms into a community-wide affair, with roaming food trucks posting up at this Tulsa park. While you dine on delicious food, be sure to enjoy the live music and fresh air. Guthrie Green 111 E Brady St Tulsa, OK 74103 Phone: 918-574-2421

Big Cabin Senior Exercise Program—Fitness program for seniors held at the Big Cabin Baptist Church gym three times a week, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 to 11 a.m.

American Legion Post 178 in Grove, OK – Bingo every Saturday evening at 6pm. Family atmosphere. Contact Lee Cathy for any questions at: 901-487-9060

PRYOR DANCE—Every 1st. and 3rd. Thursday of the month. 6:15 pm—9 pm—Cost is \$5.00 per person, Double H Band will be playing. Cookies and Coffee will be serving. It's for seniors but all ages are welcome. Mayes County Nutrition Center 851 SE 9th Pryor (just east of 9th and Elliott intersection)

Jan 8, 2021- Jan 10, 2021 Winter Big OM Yoga Retreat - Relax and reach a sense of inner peace at the Winter Big Om Yoga Retreat. During this calming yoga retreat held at Sequoyah State Park & Lodge in Hulbert, immerse yourself in nature and disconnect from your normal routine. Share hotel and hostel-style rooms other retreat goers and bond over a fun weekend of yoga, workshops and hangouts with fellow yomies (yoga+homies). By the end of this adventurous and

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playful weekend, feel refreshed and recharged. Sequoyah State Park & Lodge 17131 Park 10 Hulbert, OK 7444. Phone: 918-605-8221.

Jan 8, 2021 Second Friday Art Crawl - Since 2007, the Tulsa Arts District has presented the community with rotating art displays as part of the monthly First Friday Art Crawl events. Every first Friday of the month, with the exception of January 2021 where it will be held on the second Friday, visitors can explore artwork inside galleries, studios and museums and catch a few live music performances or even an exciting fireworks display. As an added bonus, art crawlers can take advantage of free museum and gallery admission while shopping later than normal business hours would allow. Hit the district early for dinner, or stay a little later for a craft cocktail best enjoyed on an outdoor patio. Hours: Friday 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm. Various locations in Tulsa Arts District Tulsa, OK 74103. Phone: 918-527-8170 or 918-492-7477.

Jan 10, 2021 Show Me Reptile & Exotics Show - From geckos to snakes, learn about the wonderful world of reptiles at the Show Me Reptile & Exotics Show at the Stoney Creek Hotel and Conference Center in Broken Arrow. One of the largest shows in the region, you'll find quality reptile feeders and supplies and see a variety of different reptiles. The Show Me Reptile & Exotics Show is a safe and family-friendly event geared to educate and introduce people to reptiles and exotics. Learn from industry-leading breeders bringing their knowledge, quality and passion to the show. Enjoy a great day at the reptile show as you learn, explore, and maybe even get a new pet. Hours Sunday 10:00 am-3:30 pm but you are VIP you show up at 9:00am Entry. 200 W Albany St Broken Arrow, OK 74012. Phone: 636-528-0962.

Jan 11, 2021- Jan 16, 2021 Chili Bowl Nationals - The Lucas Oil Chili Bowl Nationals at Tulsa Expo Square's River Spirit Expo is an annual competition for Midget Sprint Car racing. Now in its 35th year, these races attract over 300 talented drivers from around the world. Five qualifying night races lead up to the championship competition on Saturday. See cars race around the quarter-mile clay oval track and perform slide jobs that will keep you on the edge of your seat. Please note: Masks are required, and social distancing is encouraged. Hours: Mon- 7:30 am -10:30 pm, Tues - Fri 9:00 am- 10:30 pm, Sat- 8:00 am- 10:30 pm. Racing Starts at 5 PM daily. Tulsa Expo Square 4145 E 21st St Tulsa, OK 74112. Phone: 918-838-3777.

Jan 16, 2021 Scottish Club of Tulsa's Robert Burns Night - You don't have to be Scottish to join in on this fun and festive celebration of Scotland's most famous poet, Robert Burns. Hosted by the Scottish Club of Tulsa, this evening of pomp and circumstance will include delectable Scottish fare, inspirational toasts, heart-swelling bagpipes and drums, Scottish dancing and plen-

ty of good cheer to go around. Whether you are a Robert Burns devotee or simply a lover of all things Scottish, you won't want to miss this fun and festive event in Catoosa. Hours: Sat 5:00 pm - 12:00 am. Bella Donna Event Center 2188 OK-167 Catoosa, OK 74015. Phone: 918 - 706 - 8135.

Jan 16, 2021 Mad Dog Demolition Derby - Make your way to the Mad Dog Demolition Derby at the Claremore Expo Center for an evening of fun and car smashing. Come see and hear one of the loudest events in Claremore, full of crushed metal and smashed cars. Drivers will compete in figure eight, mower derby and Hornet car circle racing. This event is fun for the whole family, with a mini car derby kids will love and a full-size derby fit for adults. Claremore's Mad Dog event offers fast-paced action for everyone to enjoy, including the Saturday night Power Wheel Derby. Hours: Gates Open at 6 pm. Show starts at 7 pm. Claremore Expo Center 400 Veterans Pkwy Claremore, OK 74017. Phone: 918-342-5357, 417-863-6353.

Jan 18, 2021 Tulsa Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade - Head to the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade through Tulsa to honor a legend and celebrate freedom with the community. This event grows every year and now includes hundreds of people with impressive displays of music and floats. The parade is organized by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemoration Society of Tulsa, which has been organizing ways to honor Dr. King since they formed in 1979. Hours: Mon 11:00 am -3:00 pm. Detroit & John Hope Franklin Blvd Tulsa, OK 74106. Phone: 918-492-9495.

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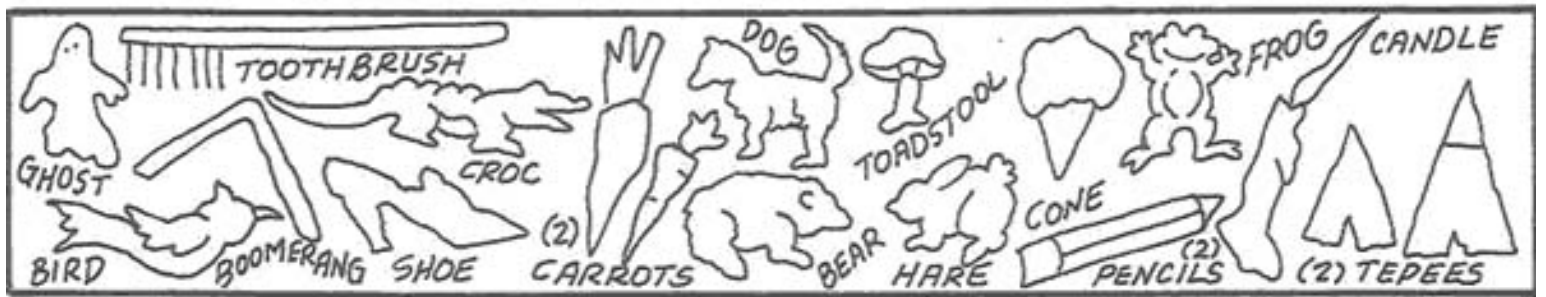
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Getting to know the Lutherans

After the Darkness Comes Light

By now most Christmas lights have been packed away for the next 11 months. I find January relatively dark with the trees void of leaves, the short daylight hours, and the absence of Christmas lights. But with this lifeless season comes the promise of spring with its renewed foliage, green grass and lots of sunshine. The seasons are reminders of life itself. We as humans have our seasons of new vibrant life that leads to autumn and eventual death. It would be a hopeless existence if it weren't for God's love that reaches through the darkness with the light of Christ.

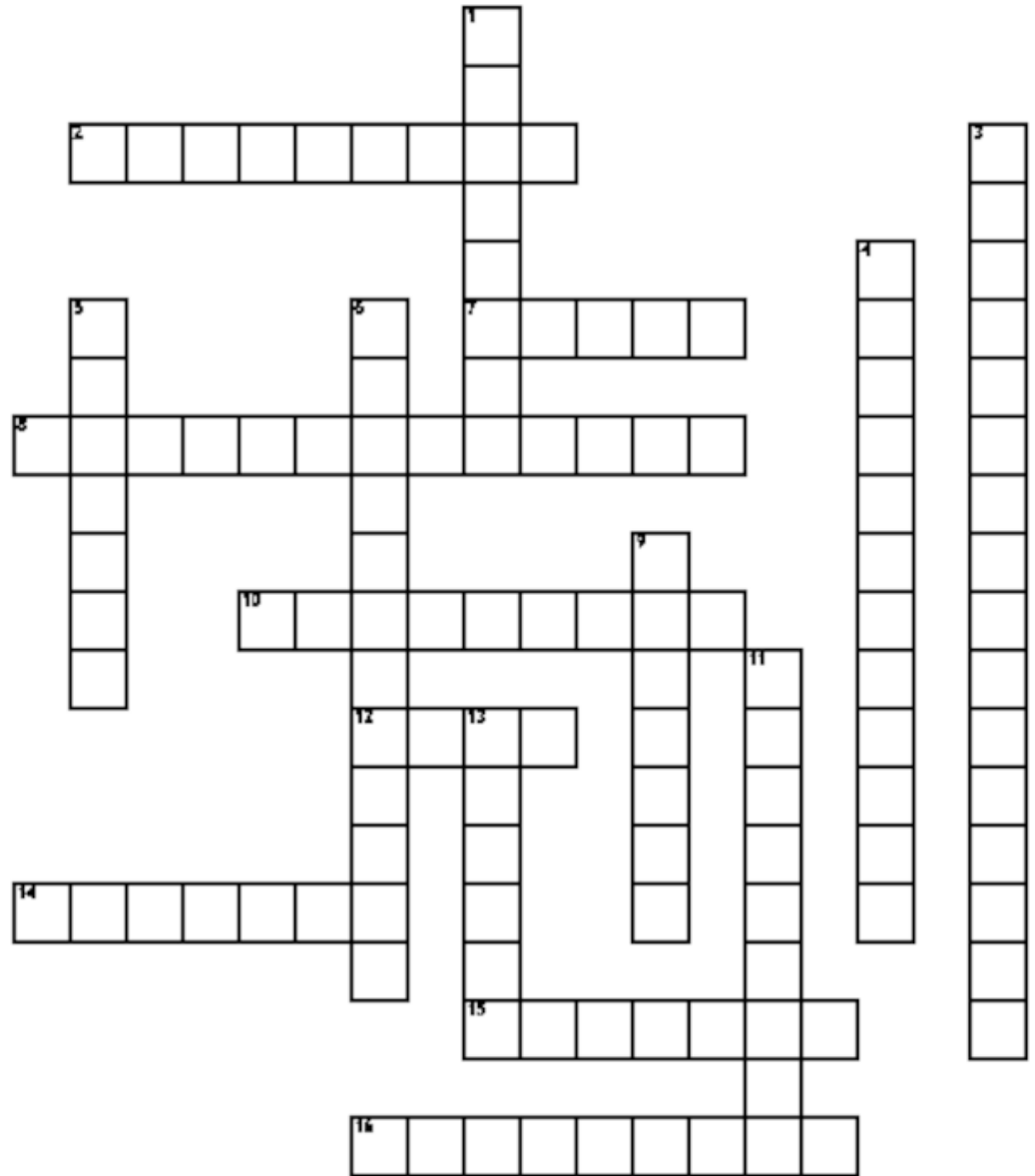
We have just celebrated the joy of Christmas, the cosmic event that recounts God becoming man. For us it is a time of delight but for Christ it was the initial step in His humiliation that eventually led to His crucifixion. Jesus became one of us in every way to rescue us from sin and death. He shares in all your anxieties, and He shares with you His perfect life and sacrificial death. Though the coming months seem dark. Christ is with you giving light and life, for this is the very purpose for which He came.

<p>Messiah Lutheran Church 460 N. Wilson, Vinita, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Worship 10:00 a.m. 918-256-3223 Email: messiahvinita@aol.com</p>	<p>St. Paul Lutheran Church Washington and Pine, Fairland, OK. Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. 918-676-3059 Email: stpaulluthch@aol.com</p>
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*Guests are always welcome.
See you Sunday at worship.*

Crossword Puzzle

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Word Search Puzzle

Horror Movies 01-05

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Firestarter an american werewolf house on haunted house IT paranormal activity grmlins
Christine shining chunky tremors The Birds ouija Cujo candyman Final Conflict
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CryptoQuote Puzzles

Title: Universe and Stupidity **From:** Albert Einstein

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Title: Success of Value **From:** Albert Einstein

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Title: Temper and You **From:** Stephen King

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Test Your Knowledge of Idioms and Proverbs

Idioms

1. Clouds on the horizon
 - A. Trouble is coming or its on its way
 - B. Disturbance
 - C. A state of distress
 - D. None of the above
2. Get out of hand
 - A. To become unmanageable
 - B. She lets things get out of control
 - C. To become chaotic
 - D. All of the above
3. I have other cats to whip
 - A. I have other things to do
 - B. Other fish to fry
 - C. I have more important things to do
 - D. Have one in the oven
4. To put one over someone
 - A. To trick or deceive someone, often by confusing him or her
 - B. To scare someone
 - C. Spoof
 - D. Gaff
5. Knock them dead
 - A. Do a great job
 - B. Kill them
 - C. Good luck!
 - D. You look fabulous
6. Dart a glance at
 - A. To glance through something
 - B. To stair at somebody
 - C. To look at someone or something quickly
 - D. None of the above

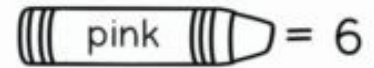
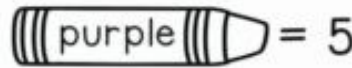
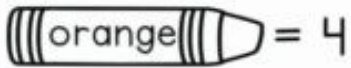
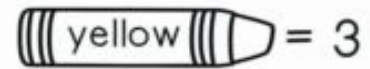
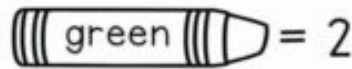
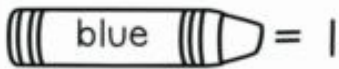
Proverbs

1. Curses like chicken come home to roost
 - A. The consequence of doing wrong always catch up with the wrongdoer.
 - B. Evildoer
 - C. Iniquity
 - D. Unacceptable
2. Barking dogs seldom bite
 - A. Menace
 - B. People who readily threaten rarely do harm
 - C. Risk
 - D. Peril
3. Discretion is the better part of valor
 - A. Imprudence
 - B. Indiscretion
 - C. It's wise to be careful and not show unnecessary bravery
 - D. All of the above
4. You show me the man and I'll show you the rule
 - A. Potent
 - B. Sovereign
 - C. Weighty
 - D. Rules change depending on how influential or powerful the person likely to be affected by the rules.
5. A ship in the harbor is safe, but that is not what a ship is built for
 - A. Get out of your comfort zone, broadening your horizons, and taking the risks that help us grow as people
 - B. Possibility
 - C. Potentiality
 - D. All of the above
6. You can't win them all
 - A. To turn out well
 - B. A phrase said, often as an attempt at consolation, when one has lost or failed to achieve a desired result, especially after previous success.
 - C. Winning isn't everything
 - D. Disappointment

Name : _____



Color by Subtraction



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Idioms and Proverbs Solution

Idioms

- 1.A
- 2.D
- 3.C
- 4.A
- 5.A
- 6.C

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- 4.D
- 5.A
- 6.B

By Breanna McDowell



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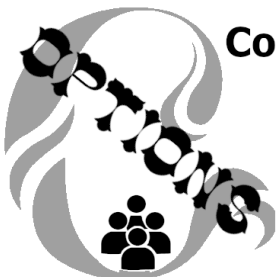
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Dot To Dot Picture Puzzle (Connect dots to complete the picture)

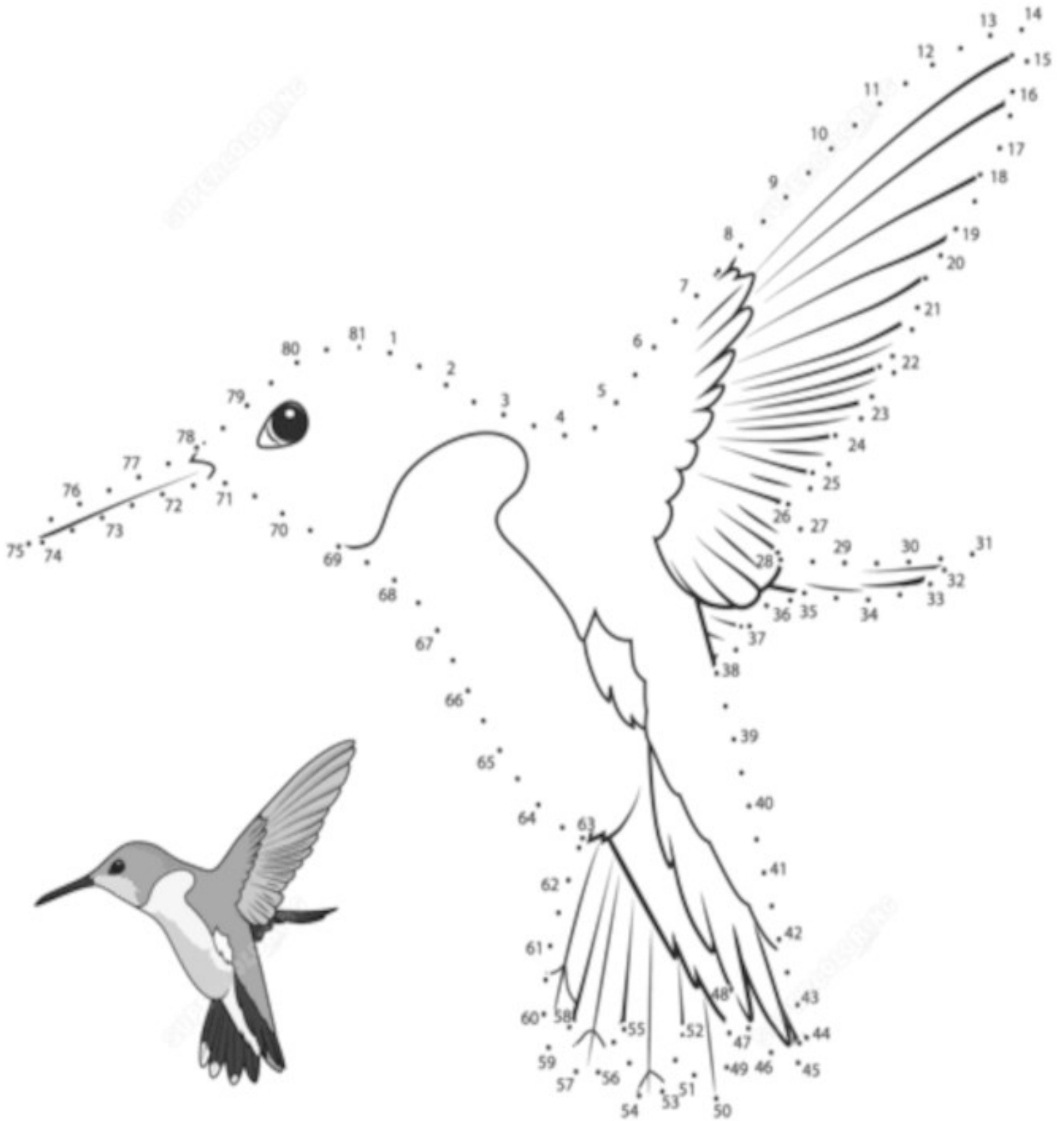


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CryptoQuote Puzzles Solution

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Two things are infinite: the universe and human stupidity; and I'm not sure about the universe.

Title: Success of Value **From:** Albert Einstein

Try not to become a man of success rather become a man of value

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6	5	8	2	9	4	3	1	7
3	8	4	6	1	2	5	7	9
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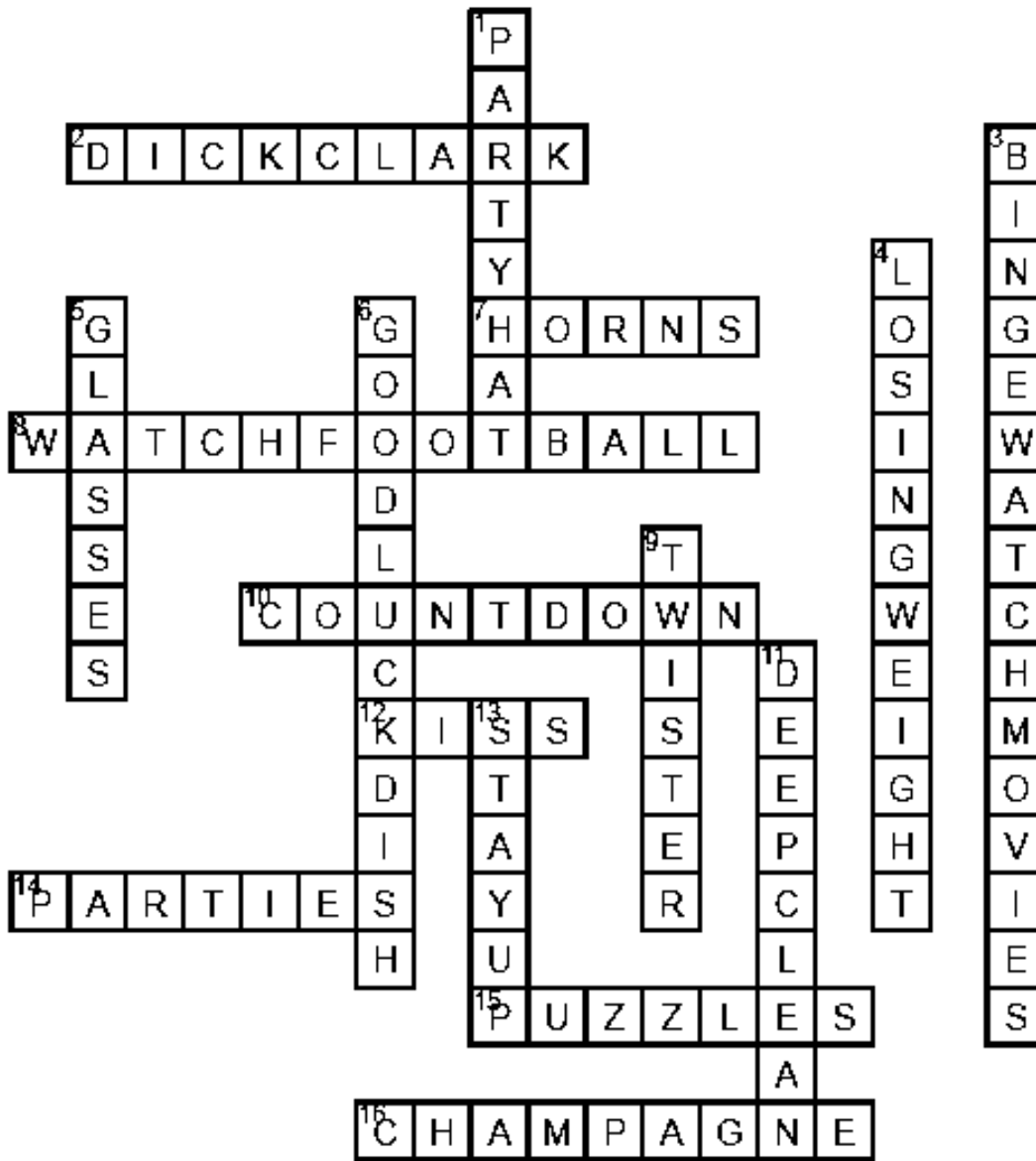
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Sudoku Puzzle Moderate Solution

9	7	6	1	2	3	5	8	4
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3	1	9	6	5	2	8	4	7
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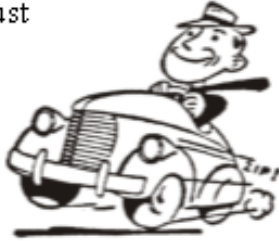
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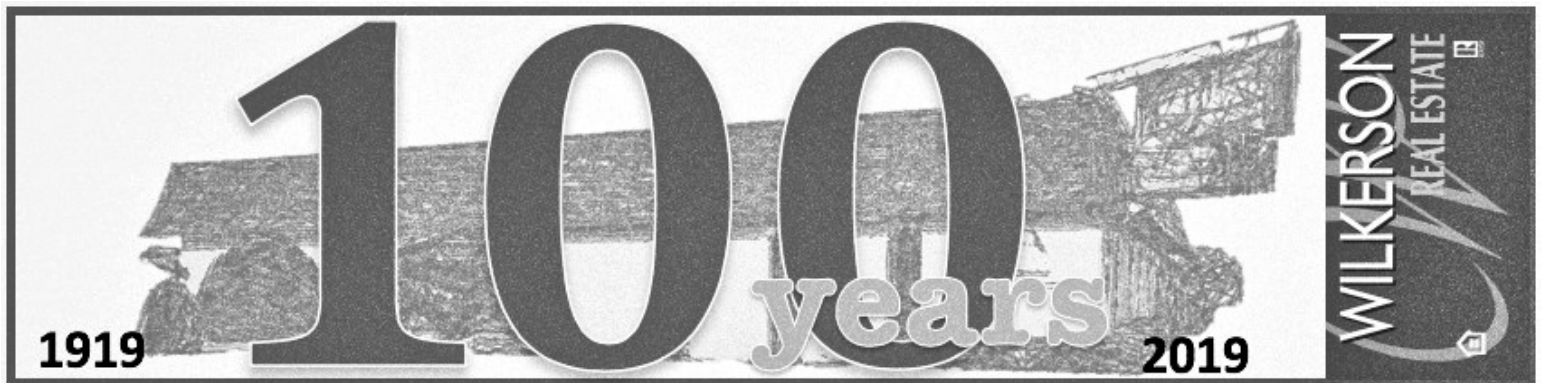
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