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### Crystal Lake Facebook group link:

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### Block Captain Coordinator

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2nd St – 184-199 ..... Dan Whallon (190)  
3rd St – 164 -183..... Dawn Ramsdell  
4th St – 111 –161 .... Kim Gaines (158)  
5th St – 89 – 110.... Kimberly Wynne Zomberg  
6th St – 65-87 ..... Stacy Werner-Szlosek

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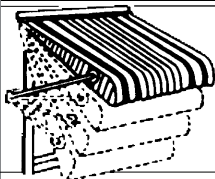
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MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL MY FRIENDS AND NIEGHBORS!



## NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH IS – YOU

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**B**e Alert! Be Responsible! Be a good neighbor! Be safe!

Remember that your neighbors are the people who you can hope will be watching out for you, too. Don't be afraid to make that call to the PPPD if you see something that looks suspicious to you.

Please make note of the NEW **NON-EMERGENCY NUMBER – 727-369-7864.**

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## WELCOME ALL OUR NEWEST RESIDENTS

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**T**he Crystal Lake Home Owner's Association wishes to welcome you to your new home. We trust you will enjoy your living experiences here as much as we do.



## MONTHLY HOA MEETING – December 5 @ 7:00 p.m.

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**P**lease join us the first Monday of every month when we hold our HOA meetings.

This is a great time for you to find out what's being planned for your entertainment, discuss issues in the park, let us know about any concerns for the Board to take to Management or get answers from past concerns or just meet with your friends and neighbors. We have some new and exciting plans in the making. We'd love to see you there.

## TEXAS HOLD 'EM

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**E**very Saturday from 4pm – 9pm, guys & gals meet in the Clubhouse for Texas Hold 'em. The group started out small but continues to grow with new players joining in all the time. They want you to know that anyone is welcome and invite you to check 'em out. Be sure to be on time.



## BINGO & SNACK BAR – SPONSORED BY YOUR HOA

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People tell me all the time that this is one of the highlights of their week... it's certainly one of mine.

We want you to bring your appetite to the clubhouse on Friday nights and plan to have dinner at the snack bar starting at 6:30 p.m. There's always a good assortment of chips and sodas that are included with your burger or dog or buy them separately. It's a great way to have dinner for \$3.00 or less on a Friday night.

Then Bingo starts at 7p.m. with lots of fun and a great way to bring home some extra cash. If you haven't played in a while, you're in for a surprise. It just gets better and better all the time. If you haven't played it before, don't worry... we love helping you along. For many of us, there's no better way to spend our Friday nights. We hope you'll be there to join in the fun next Friday night.



## BIBLE STUDY

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Our bible study group meets every other Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. The next one will be on the 14th of this month. Stephany says to "Come on down and get food for the tummy and food for the soul".

This non-denominational group reads, shares, discusses and studies all things relating to the Bible and religious teachings. Everyone is welcomed to join in and be a part of a growing, informative group.

## QUOTES

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\*\*\*The safest place in the world is in the center of God's will. \*\*\*

Find people that will make you better. Michelle Obama

If you get good ratings, they'll cover you even if you have nothing to say. Donald Trump

We build too many walls and not enough bridges. Isaac Newton

Instead of building walls, we should be building bridges. Vicente Fox

Positive anything is better than negative nothing. Elbert Hubbard

It is better to keep your mouth closed and let people think you are a fool than to open it and remove all doubt. Mark Twain

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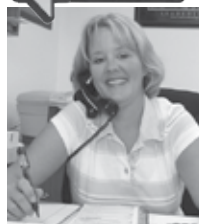
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**W**ould you like to bowl on a team or just for fun? Bowling is fun, inexpensive and good exercise. You can socialize or compete with others. There's a sign-up sheet in the Clubhouse for anyone wanting to get a team started. Let's go bowling!

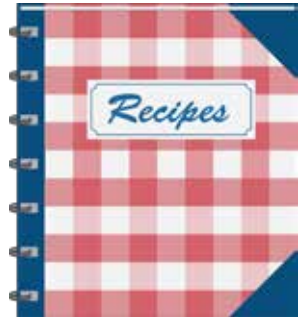
## RECIPES

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### The Best Sweet and Sour Meatballs

#### Ingredients:

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup dry bread crumbs
- 1 onion, diced
- 1 cup packed brown sugar
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 1/4 cup distilled white vinegar
- 3 tablespoons soy sauce



#### Directions:

1. In a medium bowl, combine the ground beef, egg, bread crumbs and onion. Mix thoroughly and shape into golf ball-sized balls.
2. In a large skillet over medium heat, gently brown the meatballs and set aside.
3. In a large saucepan, combine the brown sugar, flour, water, white vinegar and soy sauce. Mix thoroughly. Add meatballs and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer, stirring often, for 30 minutes.

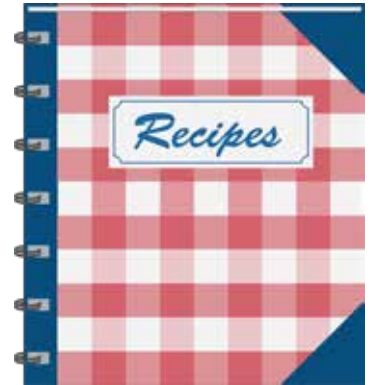
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## Beef Tips & Gravy

Serves 8

### Ingredients:

- 2 lbs Lean Beef Stew Meat
- 1 tbsp. pepper
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp extra virgin olive oil
- 3 garlic cloves, minced
- 2 cups beef stock
- 1 packet dry onion soup mix
- 2 tsp Worcestershire sauce
- 1 cup water
- 4 tbsp. butter, melted
- 4 tbsp. flour



### Instructions:

1. Preheat oven to 300
2. Trim stew meat as needed and season with pepper and salt
3. In a large, oven-safe pot with a lid, heat olive oil over medium heat
4. Add in garlic and cook for 1-2 minutes, or until fragrant
5. Add in seasoned beef and brown on all sides, about 7-8 minutes
6. In a medium bowl combine beef stock, onion soup mix and Worcestershire sauce
7. Pour beef stock mix over browned beef and stir to combine
8. Cover pot and place in oven and cook for 2-3 hours, or until meat is tender and almost falling apart
9. Remove pot from oven and using a slotted spoon remove beef and place on a plate, set aside
10. Add water to remaining juice in the pot and bring to a simmer over medium heat
11. In a small bowl combine butter and flour until smooth
12. Whisk butter into sauce and bring to a low boil, allowing sauce to thicken
13. Once gravy is thick add beef back in and stir to coat
14. Serve immediately or keep warm on low heat until ready
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**National Impaired Driving Prevention Month.** This holiday season, make sure to plan for a safe way home, especially if your plans involve alcohol. If someone you know is drinking, don’t let that person get behind the wheel. Remember, too, that just because you’re driving sober, others on the road may not be. Always buckle up, drive with caution, and call 911 to report a suspected drunken driver.

**Safe Toys and Gifts Month.** Prevent Blindness America has declared December Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month, encouraging gift-givers to consider whether the toys they plan on giving suit the age and individual skills and abilities of the child who will receive them—especially for children under age 3.



**Universal Human Rights Month.** This month commemorates the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on Dec. 10, 1948. Driven by the human tragedy of World War II, this document represents the first global expression of human rights.



**National Handwashing Awareness Week, Dec. 4-10.** Remember these four principles of hand awareness to stay healthy: Wash your hands when they’re dirty and before eating; don’t cough into your hands; don’t sneeze into your hands; and avoid putting your fingers into your eyes, nose, or mouth.

**Older Driver Safety Awareness Week, Dec. 5-9.** Promoting greater understanding of the importance of mobility and transportation so older adults can remain active in the community by shopping, working, or volunteering—with the confidence that lack of transportation options will not strand them at home.

**Computer Science Education Week, Dec. 5-11.** Computer Science Education Week (CSEdWeek) is an annual program dedicated to inspiring K-12 students to take an interest in computer science. CSEdWeek is held in recognition of the birthday of computing pioneer Adm. Grace Murray Hopper (December 9, 1906).

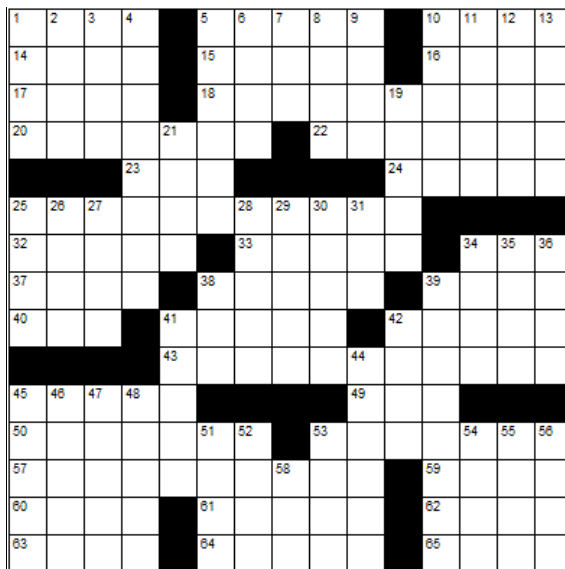


**Kwanzaa, Dec. 26-Jan. 1.** A weeklong celebration held in the United States and in other nations honoring African heritage in African-American culture, culminating in feasts and gift giving. Kwanzaa was created by Maulana Karenga and was first celebrated in 1966–67.



## ACROSS

1. On-line journal
5. Rhinoceros
10. Gangs
14. Former Italian currency
15. A red fluorescent dye
16. Send forth
17. A Freudian stage
18. Totally
20. Vixen
22. Hypodermic
23. L
24. Donkeys
25. Class chums
32. Held on tightly
33. Japanese cartoon art
34. Beer
37. Not yours
38. Inscribed pillar
39. Make unclear
40. Damp
41. Villain
42. Communion table
43. Self-restraining
45. A long-legged S. American bird
49. Dawn goddess
50. Windfall
53. Detective (slang)
57. Noble
59. Greek cheese
60. Actors in a show
61. Give a speech
62. Relating to urine
63. Beers
64. Waste conduit
65. Lake (Scottish)



## DOWN

1. Ho-hum
2. Connects two points
3. By mouth
4. Square-rigged sailing ships
5. Summon to return
6. Owl sound
7. Belief
8. Bites
9. Unique
10. Anagram of "Smite"
11. Portents
12. Cause to leak
13. Infections of the eye
19. Delete
21. Blockage
25. Flat-bottomed boat
26. Hint
27. Offended
28. Married partners
29. Concerning (archaic)
30. Diacritical mark
31. An uncle
34. Countertenor
35. Hawaiian feast
36. Makes a mistake
38. Bro or sis
39. Happy
41. Lose consciousness
42. "Smallest" particle
44. Spay
45. Hemp
46. Small goat antelope
47. Licoricelike flavor
48. Sail supports
51. Animal menageries
52. Unit of land
53. Way in
54. Protagonist
55. Ear-related
56. Every single one
58. Uncooked

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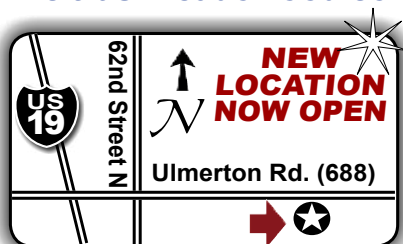
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| Sunday  | Monday                 | Tuesday |
|---|------------------------|---------|
| <p>JANUARY 2017</p> <p>S M T W T F S</p> <p>1 2 3 4 5 6 7</p> <p>8 9 10 11 12 13 14</p> <p>15 16 17 18 19 20 21</p> <p>22 23 24 25 26 27 28</p> <p>29 30 31</p> |                        |         |
| 4   | 5<br>7:00P HOA Meeting |         |
| 11  | 12                     |         |
| 18  | 19                     |         |
| 25  | 26                     |         |
| Christmas Day   |                        |         |

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| Tuesday | Wednesday                             | Thursday                             | Friday                                | Saturday   |
|---------|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
|         |                                       | 1<br>6:15P- 7P Snack Bar<br>7P BINGO | 2<br>6:15P- 7P Snack Bar<br>7P BINGO  | 3<br>4P-9P Texas Hold ‘em                        |
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| 13      | 14<br>6:30P Bible Study               | 15                                   | 16<br>6:15P- 7P Snack Bar<br>7P BINGO | 17<br>4P-9P Texas Hold ‘em                       |
| 20      | 21                                    | 22                                   | 23<br>6:15P- 7P Snack Bar<br>7P BINGO | 24<br>4P-9P Texas Hold ‘em<br><br>Christmas Eve  |
| 27      | 28<br>6:30P Bible Study               | 29                                   | 30<br>6:15P- 7P Snack Bar<br>7P BINGO | 31<br>4P-9P Texas Hold ‘em<br><br>New Year’s Eve |

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## You can't miss these December holidays

The celebrations and holidays of December come from many different countries and cultures. Here's a guide to what your friends and neighbors are up to this month:

- Hanukkah, Dec. 24-Jan. 1. Hanukkah marks the rededication of the Temple of Jerusalem following the Jews' victory in the Maccabean Revolt in 165 B.C. According to the Talmud, the Jews had only enough olive oil to keep the eternal flame in the Temple burning for a single day—but miraculously, the oil continued to burn for eight days, during which time the Jews were able to produce and consecrate fresh oil for the flame. The eight-day Jewish holiday begins at sundown. Hanukkah is observed by the lighting of a nine-branched candelabrum, called a menorah. One candle is lit each of the eight nights, with a central candle lit each night to light the others.
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- Christmas, Dec. 25. This Christian holiday celebrates the birth of Jesus, sometime between the years 7 and 2 B.C. The word "Christmas" comes from "Christ's Mass," a phrase first recorded in old English in 1038. Christmas began to be observed with feasts and celebrations in the Middle Ages—the online encyclopedia Wikipedia notes that King Richard II of England hosted a Christmas feast in 1377, with 28 oxen and 300 sheep eaten. The colonial Puritans of New England disapproved of Christmas celebrations, banning them during the 17th century. But other colonists observed the day with Christmas trees and nativity scenes. President Ulysses S. Grant signed the law making Christmas a federal holiday in 1870.
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- Kwanzaa, Dec. 26 to Jan. 1. A seven-day celebration of African heritage and culture, Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by activist Maulana Karenga to provide African-Americans with a holiday that emphasized their shared history and experience. The name Kwanzaa derives from "matunda yakwanza," a Swahili phrase meaning "first fruits." Houses are decorated with African art and colorful cloth, and seven candles are placed in the kinara, a candleholder. The central candle in the kinara is black, with three red candles on the left and four green candles on the right. The candles represent the Seven Principles of Kwanzaa, which are contemplated each day as one is lit: unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, purpose, creativity, and faith.
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## Seeing Santa Claus

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A grandmother took her grandson to the shopping mall in December to see Santa Claus. The young boy was very excited to sit on Santa's lap. "Now, little boy," Santa said, "tell Santa what you want for Christmas."

In a very loud voice, the boy said, "I want a NINTENDO, and a NEW BIKE, and some BOOKS, and—"



"You don't have to shout," Santa chuckled. "Santa isn't hard of hearing."

The boy leaned forward and whispered, "No, but my grandma is."

## Wrong answer

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A man was being sentenced in a California court for shooting and eating a condor—an endangered species. Looking for mercy, the defendant made a passionate speech.

"I'm truly sorry, your honor," he said. "I just moved here and I don't have a job, and I was hungry and cold. I'd never seen a bird like that, and I had no idea it was endangered. I've never done anything like this before, and I'll certainly never do it again."



The judge gave him probation, telling him not to let it happen again. Then he said: "I'm curious. What does a condor taste like?"

"Oh, kind of like a cross between a whooping crane and a spotted owl."

## Reduced sentence

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A criminal with a long record of transgressions was on trial for his latest crime. The jury found him guilty on 33 counts, and the judge sentenced him to 189 years in prison. Realizing that even with time off for good behavior he would be more than 100 years old when he was finally released, the prisoner burst into tears.

Touched by this display of remorse, the judge paused to reconsider. "I didn't mean to be so severe," she said. "Thinking it over, I can see that I've imposed an extremely harsh sentence. So you don't have to serve the whole time."

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## The smell of hate

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The next day some children had two potatoes, some had three, and some had five potatoes or more. The teacher then told the children to carry the potatoes with them wherever they went for a week.

Days passed, and the children started to complain about the unpleasant smell let out by the rotten potatoes. Also the children with five or more potatoes complained because they had to carry heavier bags. The children were relieved when the game finally ended.



Then the teacher told them the meaning of the game: "This is what happens when you carry hatred for somebody inside your heart. The stench of it spreads everywhere, and you carry it with you wherever you go. If you can't tolerate the smell of rotten potatoes for just one week, can you imagine what is it like to have the stench of hatred in your heart for a lifetime?"

## The elephant's teeth

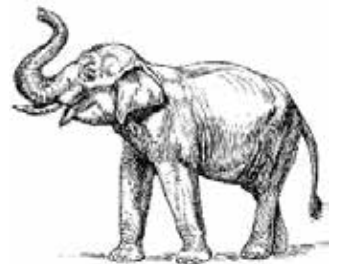
One day a hungry mouse in the jungle found a small nut. He tried to bite into it, but its shell was too hard and thick. Irritated, the mouse said, "Why did the gods give me such tiny teeth?"

Suddenly he heard the voice of a god from far above. "Mouse, go out and look at all the animals in the jungle. If you find one whose teeth you like, I'll give them to you."

Overjoyed, the mouse ran through the jungle, looking for the biggest teeth he could find. He looked at many animals but didn't find any teeth he liked until he spotted an elephant. Envious of the beast's thick tusks, he wandered over and asked, "Sir, are you happy with those big, long teeth?"

The elephant answered: "Friend, these are just for show. I can't use them to chew food as you do. At least you don't have to bear the weight of these huge teeth."

Hearing this, the mouse realized he was better off having tiny teeth and went off to find his nut again.





# December Sudoku

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|---|--|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 7 |  |   |   |   | 5 |   |   |   |
| 6 |  | 3 |   | 9 |   | 5 |   |   |
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|   |  |   |   |   | 9 |   |   |   |
| 1 |  |   |   | 6 |   |   | 8 |   |



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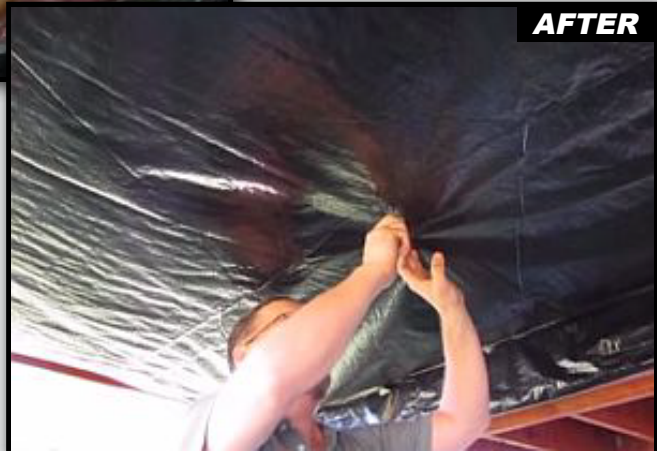
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## 'Smart windows' coming soon?

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A new flexible material for windows and sunroofs may be able to control the heat and light they receive from the sun, according to the Phys.org website. Scientists at the Cockrell School of Engineering at The University of Texas at Austin used a low-temperature process to create a material with a unique structure that doubles the efficiency of the coloration process, allowing it to switch between clear and tinted more quickly than other coatings.



The scientists, part of an international team, believe their research could lead to the creation of materials for other applications such as supercapacitors to store and release electrical energy rapidly and efficiently.

## Rare shark may have lived almost 400 years

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Trees can live thousands of years. Animals don't live nearly so long, but scientists have discovered what they believe may be the longest-living vertebrate animal—a Greenland shark. Analyzing carbon in the eye lenses of one Greenland shark after its death, marine biologists at the University of Copenhagen determined that the shark was 392 years old, give or take about 120 years. That beats the previous record holder for vertebrate longevity, a bowhead whale that lived about 211 years.



Little is known about the Greenland shark. It's one of the largest carnivores in the world, and dominates the food chain in northern waters. The scientists studied Greenland sharks accidentally caught by fishing boats, analyzing their eye lenses because sharks don't have the kind of bones that build up calcified rings as they age. Although some scientists disagree that the shark's age is typical, they concede that we know little about the average lifespan of this mysterious predator.

## Particles may halt bleeding, save lives

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Saving a life after an accident or injury is often a matter of stopping blood loss as quickly as possible. The Science Daily website reports that scientists have devised nanoparticles that can locate the site of a bleed and help form blood clots to stanch the flow.

The nanoparticles are coated with molecules that adhere to a glycoprotein in activated blood platelets and bind to those platelets to form clots. The particles have been tested in rats and pigs, and they soon will be tested for their effectiveness in human blood—potentially saving thousands of lives.

## Watch the sunrise for better health

**W**ant to lose some weight? Try getting out of bed earlier. In a study conducted at Northwestern University, researchers gave 54 people wrist monitors that tracked their sleeping patterns and exposure to light for a week and asked them to keep detailed records of what they ate. The researchers also measured participants' activity level and age, as well as the season they were being monitored.



The researchers found that exposure to early morning light, whether natural or artificial, was associated with a leaner body weight. The reason, they speculate, is that light may play a role in regulating the metabolism, similar to its effects on wakefulness and alertness. The connection isn't conclusive, but getting up a little earlier couldn't hurt.

## Coffee may benefit heart attack survivors



**I**f you've suffered from a heart attack or know someone who has, this news should perk you up: A study by York University in the United Kingdom found that drinking one or two cups of coffee a day can apparently cut the risk of premature death by 20 percent among heart attack patients.

Researchers kept track of 3,721 U.K. heart attack survivors and their coffee habits in the UK. They're not sure how coffee helps them, but other studies suggest that drinking three to five cups of coffee daily has a beneficial effect on people with Parkinson's Disease, and it may also help people with liver cancer.



## Don't let wet dishes breed disease

**M**ake sure your clean dishes are completely dry before you start putting them in the cupboard. Researchers have found that still-wet, stacked dishes can be prime breeding grounds for bacteria. In one study at a Veterans Affairs hospital, dishes were washed in a commercial dishwasher. Half were air-dried for 24 hours and the other half stacked while wet. Although researchers found no significant difference in the amount of bacteria found on either sets of plates after 24 hours, the dishes stacked wet teemed with bacteria after 48 hours. The best solution? Air dry.

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## To tip or not to tip? That soon may not be the question

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Tipping serves in restaurants may not be going away completely, but more and more owners are experimenting with a no-tipping model for their eateries. A survey by American Express found that approximately 18 percent of restaurant owners have already adopted a no-tipping policy, and another 29 percent are planning to do so.

Still, 27 percent of respondents said have no plans to eliminate tipping, though 17 percent said they might if competitors did so as well. Ten percent were undecided.

## There's an app for that, but many won't use it

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Will developing a mobile app help your organization increase sales or boost your brand? Don't be too quick to jump on the bandwagon. According to data from Localytics, an analytic firm, 23 percent of users delete a new app from their device after just one use. The good news is that it's a slight improvement from 2015, when 25 percent of users did away with their apps after trying them once. Overall user retention increased from 34 percent to 38 percent in the last year as well. Even so, 62 percent of customers will use an app less than 11 times.



## Digital content taking over schools

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The digital revolution has come to U.S. classrooms, according to the Digital Publishing News website. More than 80 percent of schools use some form of digital content such as e-books, audiobooks, and digital textbooks in teaching.



What devices are they and their students using? Laptops (75 percent), tablets (62 percent), personal computers (49 percent), and smartphones (17 percent).



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## Youngsters have some good and creative ideas

Children are naturally creative and inventive because they don't know what's impossible. Try checking out these inventions created by kids across the years:

- **Trampoline.** Sixteen-year-old George Nissen was captivated by the sight of trapeze artists dropping into nets at the finish of their shows in the 1930s. In his parents' garage he developed the "bouncing rig," a metal frame with canvas stretched over it. Years later he switched out the canvas for nylon and came up with a new name—"trampoline," adding the letter e to the Spanish word for "diving board."
- **Popsicle.** One cold night in San Francisco in 1905, 11-year-old Frank Epperson mixed up a concoction of soda water powder and water and left it outside all night. In the morning he looked at the frozen mixture with the stirring stick still inside and realized it might be fun to eat. He began giving them out as treats, and as an adult patented the product with the name "Eppsicle"—later changing it to "Popsicle" after his own children started calling it by that name.
- **Earmuffs.** At age 15, Chester Greenwood's ears grew painfully cold while ice skating. A scarf around his head didn't help, so he went home, built a wire frame, and asked his grandmother to sew some beaverskin pads to it. Greenwood patented his earmuffs in 1877 and eventually sold them to soldiers fighting in World War I.



## Use these three boxes for creative thinking

Experts often encourage people to think outside the box when trying to be creative. According to K.H. Kim, writing at The Creativity Post website, you should consider three distinct boxes to unleash your imagination:

- **Inside box.** This box holds your expertise and knowledge, and it's useful for narrowing things down, focusing on specifics, and identifying options.
- **Outside box.** This box is flexible and holds all the possibilities. Let it relax your focus and explore everything, whether it's related to what you're working on or not.
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