



BURKHART RIDGE NEWS

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*Have a
Happy
New Year!!!*



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EQUAL HOUSING
OPPORTUNITY

*Happy New Year
Keep the Party Going!!!*

The holidays are said to be over, but that doesn't mean the fun has to stop. Make sure you start off the new year by "Celebrating Life!", as this is the celebrating life month. Paint a smile on your face and look ahead to what we hope will be a bright and happy year ahead. Don't forget those New Year's resolutions you made, and as we all know, we try to keep but not always successfully.



Although the past year has been very trying and hard for many, we must not forget that we can now look back and say we made it! So, from all of us to all of you, may your New Year be happy, healthy, prosperous, and most of all peaceful for all of us.

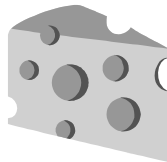




**BON
APPETIT!**

Hot Bacon Cheese Dip

- 2 packages (8 ounces each) cream cheese, cubed
- 4 cups (16 ounces) shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- 2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon dried minced onion
- 1 teaspoon prepared mustard
- 16 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled
- Tortilla chips or French bread slices



In a 1 and 1/2 qt. slow cooker, combine the first six ingredients. Cover and cook for 2 hours or until cheeses are melted, stirring occasionally. Just before serving, stir in bacon. Serve warm with tortilla chips or bread.

Double-Decker Banana Cups

- 1 cup cold milk
 - 1 package (3.4 ounces) instant vanilla pudding mix
 - 1 cup reduced-fat whipped topping
 - 1 cup thinly sliced firm bananas
 - 4 teaspoons graham cracker crumbs
 - 4 maraschino cherries with stems
- In a bowl, whisk together milk and pudding for 2 minutes. Fold in whipped topping. Refrigerate for at least 5 minutes. Divide half of pudding mixture among four dessert dishes. Top with half of the banana slices and remaining pudding mixture. Sprinkle with crumbs. Top each with the remaining banana slices and garnish with a cherry. Serve immediately.



Recipe for a Happy New Year

Take 12 fine, full-grown months; see that these are thoroughly cleaned from all old memories of bitterness, rancor, hate and jealousy. Cut these months into 30 or 31 parts. (This batch will keep for one year. Do not attempt to make more than one batch at a time - many people spoil the entire lot in this way.) Prepare one day at a time as follows: Into each day, put 12 parts of faith, 11 of patience, 10 of courage, 9 of work (some people omit this ingredient and spoil the flavor of the rest), 8 of hope, 7 of fidelity, 6 of open-mindedness, 5 of kindness, 4 of rest (leaving this out is like leaving the oil out of salad - don't do it), 3 of prayer, 2 of meditation and 1 of well selected resolution. If you have no conscientious scruples, add a teaspoonful of good spirits, a dash of fun, a pinch of folly, a sprinkling of joy, and a heaping cupful of humor. Pour love liberally into the whole, and mix with vim. Cook thoroughly in a fervent heat. Garnish with a few smiles and a sprig of joy; then serve with quietness, unselfishness, and cheerfulness - and a Happy New Year is a certainty.

CHUCKLE & GRIN...

Sing While You Drive

- At 45 miles per hour — sing “Highways are Happy Ways.”
- At 55 miles per hour - sing “ I’m But a stranger Here, Heaven is My Home.”
- At 65 miles per hour - sing “ Nearer My God To Thee!”
- At 75 miles per hour - sing “ When the Roll is Called up Yonder, I’ll Be There.”
- At 85 miles per hour - sing “ Lord, I’m Coming Home.”

This is Fun!

1. First of all, pick the number of times a week that you would like to have dinner out. (Try for more than once but less than 10.)
2. Multiply this number by 2. (just to be bold)
3. Add 5. (just because)
4. Multiply it by 50 - I’ll wait while you get the calculator...
5. If you have already had your birthday this year add 1753... If you haven’t add 1752...
6. Now subtract the four digit year you were born. You should have a three digit number. The first digit of this was your original number (how many times you would like to eat out each week) The next two numbers are...your age! (Oh, yes it is!!!) 2003 was the only year it ever worked. Impressive, isn’t it?

CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy to announce the winners of this years Christmas Light Contest. There were so many nicely decorated homes this year and we really appreciate the time , effort and money that the residents spent in helping to make our community festive and attractive. The first place winner was Bill and JoAnn Lucas, Lot# 291. Because we had so many nicely decorated homes with children in mind we awarded (3) second prizes. The winners were #33, Tabitha and Rudy Levario, #170, Michael Austin, and #180, Catherine Szymanski. Thanks to all who participated.

From the Managers...

Late Rents



Please note that when you pay your rent late, you must add a late fee of \$35.00 to the amount of your rent when paying. If you receive a seven-day notice and do not pay within that seven-days, you then also become responsible for court costs. Also, if you should write a check that is returned to our office, there is a \$30.00 NSF fee that must also be paid with your rent and an automatic late fee is attached. Once you receive a seven-day notice we cannot accept partial payments of any kind and your past due water bill will be included in this amount and must also be paid in full. Please also remember that all rents are due by the fifth of the month. All rents turned into our office on the sixth, are assessed the late fee.

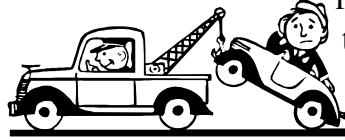
Flu Season

As much as we enjoy visiting with the residents here at Burkhart Ridge, we must ask that if you are ill with the flu or colds, you refrain from stopping by until you are well. When we come in contact with sick residents and come down with the flu and colds, we end up having to close the office to take time off to get well ourselves and then we are not available to service the residents if needed. We hope that everyone stays healthy and for those who are sick we wish a speedy recovery.



Park It Somewhere Else!!!

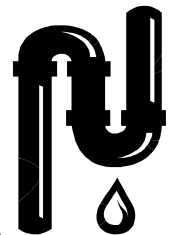
We would like to thank all residents who have taken care to see that their guest's and their own vehicles are not parked on the street. However, we are still having a problem with a few



residents who think this does not apply to them. Not only are you blocking your neighbors' driveways, you make it impossible to plow the snow. We will be tagging all vehicles that are parked on the street or partially on the street and you will receive a written violation. If this does not work we will have the vehicles towed at your expense and you will then receive a 30-day notice to vacate premises. We would also like to remind all residents that models and vacant homesites are not to be used for parking for either your vehicle or your guests' vehicles. All vehicles parked in models or vacant homesites will be stickered by Burkhart Ridge and may be stickered by the Michigan State Police and then towed within 48 hours.

Down the Drain

We must ask once again that you refrain from dumping cooking grease down your drain as it is causing a major back-up problem in our drainage system. We are sure you do not want sewage in your yards or homes so please be careful with what you put down your drains and flush down your toilets. This year we have already had one major blockage and we had several last year. Luckily, we have never had an event leading to sewage backing up into a home. Last year, Powerjetting the clogged mains became a major expense for the Community. Let's all try not to have a repeat in 2004.



Did You Know...?

New Year's Trivia

- New Years Eve celebrations started in Babylon about 4000 years ago.
- In 1976, after 36 years of publication, Life magazine was discontinued.
- January 1, 1902 was the first radio broadcast in Kentucky.
- The ball lowering in Times Square started in 1907.
- The New Year's Eve Ball in Times Square weighs 1070 pounds and is 6 ft. in diameter.
- Betsy Ross, maker of the American Flag was born on New Year's in 1752.
- Clara Barton founder of the Red Cross was born on New Years Day in 1821.
- In Ireland Little Christmas is celebrated on Jan.6th.
- In France, parents exchange gifts on New Year's Day.
- In Hungary, on New Year's Eve it is customary to touch a pig for good luck.
- Legend has it that a white Christmas means a prosperous New Year.







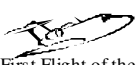







Things We Can Learn From A Dog

- When loved ones come home always run to greet them.
- When it's in your best interest, always practice obedience.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- Take naps and always stretch before rising.
- Run, romp and play daily.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Never pretend to be something your not.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.
- Thrive on attention.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lie under a shady tree.
- When you are happy, dance around and wag your entire body.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 RENT DUE <i>New Year's Day</i> Office Closed	2	3
4 Office Closed	5 <i>Scientist George Washington Carver Day</i>	6 LATE FEES ASSESSED FOR ALL LATE RENTS	7  First U.S. Commercial Bank (1782)	8	9	10  Winnie the Pooh's Birthday
11 <i>International Thank You Day</i> Office Closed	12	13	14	15  Basketball's Official Birthday (1892)	16  18th Amendment Prohibition Began (1920)	17  Benjamin Franklin's Birthday (1706)
18 Office Closed	19  <i>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</i>	20	21  First Flight of the Supersonic Concorde (1976)	22  <i>Chinese New Year</i> (Year of the Monkey)	23  National Handwriting Day	24
25 Office Closed	26  <i>Australia Day</i> (1788)	27  Electric Light Invented (1879)	28	29  <i>Kansas Admission Day</i> (1861)	30	31