



# Cookies and a hot drink should help to warm up these cold nights

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We are experiencing very wintry weather. There's more in the forecast. It seems to always come on the weekend.

I cooked for folks from Missouri on Tuesday. I thought they were pretty brave to be out in this snow. They were older country folks celebrating the guy's birthday.

Yesterday, I went to the Lake Land College's Dental Clinic to have my teeth cleaned. Sure glad that's done.

Today, I baked cinnamon rolls for a customer from Mahomet for a late family Christmas. The event ended up being cancelled due to the forecast. So the cinnamon rolls went to their freezer.

On Friday, February 15, we are serving a Valentine's Buffet from 4 to 7 p.m. here at The Kitchen of Doris Yoder. Call (217) 543-3409 to reserve your spot. Fried chicken and barbecued ribs with all the trimmings are the menu.

Here are some cookie recipes. Try them with a cup of coffee or any hot drink.

**Strawberry Crème Cookies**  
1 cup butter, softened  
1 cup sugar  
3 ounces cream cheese, softened  
1 tablespoon vanilla  
1 egg yolk  
2 1/2 cups flour  
Strawberry Jam

Mix butter, sugar, and cream cheese. Add vanilla and egg yolk. Blend in flour. Chill dough.

Roll into 1-inch balls. Use a floured thimble (or similar item) to poke a hole in the center. Fill with jam.

Bake at 325 to 350 degrees on an ungreased pan. Remove from oven as soon as edges begin to brown and center looks done. Best served warm.

**Soft Sugar Cookies**  
1-pound shortening  
3 cups white sugar  
4 eggs

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2 cups evaporated milk  
9 cups flour  
1/2-teaspoon baking soda  
6 teaspoons baking powder

Cream shortening and sugar. Add eggs and beat well. Add cream and dry ingredients. Roll out or drop onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 6 minutes or until done.

Do not overbake, or they won't be soft.

Note: Lemon flavoring can be added.

**Delicious Cookies**  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup white sugar  
1 cup soft oleo  
1 cup vegetable oil  
1 egg  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
3 1/2 cups flour  
M&Ms  
1 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/2-teaspoon salt  
1 cup Rice Krispies  
1 cup nuts  
1 cup oatmeal  
1 cup coconut

Mix in order given. Shape into balls, and flatten with fork. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

**Lollipop Cookies**  
1 cup flour  
1/2-cup sugar  
1 teaspoon baking powder  
1/4-teaspoon salt  
1/2-cup packed brown sugar  
1/2-cup shortening  
1 egg, beaten  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 teaspoon water  
1 cup oatmeal  
Popsicle sticks  
Frosting  
Coconut  
Jelly beans  
Licorice

Shape dough into 24 balls.

Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Flatten with the bottom of a glass dipped in flour. Insert a Popsicle stick in each, if desired.

Bake at 350 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from the cookie sheet and cool.

Decorate with frosting, coconut, and candies to make faces.

**Coconut Macaroon Cookies**  
1 cup white sugar  
1 cup brown sugar  
1 cup margarine  
1 cup vegetable oil  
2 eggs  
4 1/2 cups flour  
1 teaspoon cream of tartar  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1 teaspoon salt

Combine first 4 ingredients, and beat well. Add eggs, and beat well. Add remaining ingredients. For coconut cookies, add 1 cup coconut and 2 teaspoons coconut flavor. Frost with your favorite frosting.

**Raisin Puffs**  
2 cups water  
4 cups raisins  
3 cups sugar  
2 cups butter  
4 eggs  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
7 cups flour  
2 teaspoons soda  
1/2-teaspoon salt

Cook water and raisins until water is almost gone. Cool

Mix butter, sugar, and eggs. Add rest of ingredients and mix well, then add raisins.

Roll each cookie in white sugar before putting on sheets to bake. Bake at 350 degrees.

**Cream Wafers**  
2 beaten eggs  
1 cup sugar  
1/2-cup butter or lard  
2 tablespoons cream  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1/2-teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2-teaspoon salt

Add enough flour to make a stiff dough. Roll out real thin or use cookie press.

## Douglas County Ag Center seeks applicants for scholarships

Douglas County Ag Center Committee is accepting scholarship applicants for students with an interest in agriculture to apply for the Douglas County Ag Center Scholarship.

Scholarship winners have something in common: they have a love for agriculture and want to pursue that passion as a career. Mark Snider of Tuscola knew what profession he wanted to pursue in college—agriculture.

"I came to notice the immense importance that the agricultural industry has on the world, as well as having plentiful career opportunities for young professionals," the Tuscola High School graduate said.

"I decided that the career opportunities and sense of purpose the agricultural industry provides made it a worthwhile pursuit." After graduating from Tuscola High School, Snider continued that pursuit at the University of Illinois. After graduation, he accepted a job as a commodity merchandiser for ADM.

At that time, he worked out of the Havana, Illinois, office. Snider originated corn, soybeans, and wheat for ADM's three river terminals on the southern part of the Illinois River.

In September 2018, he relocated to ADM's North American Headquarters in Decatur. In his new position, he is a merchandiser with the Eastern Grain Trading group. His job responsibilities include procurement and trading of corn for the eastern U.S. markets by way of rail transportation.

Snider views the agriculture industry with great optimism. He said, "Our farmers, companies, and policy makers are a constant source of innovation. It is inspiring and exciting to be involved in agriculture at a time when so many parts are evolving and changing, and that I get



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to contribute my small part to an industry that is vital to our growing world."

"It's really rewarding to see what some of the previous Ag Center Scholarship recipients have done with their careers," said Ag Center president, Dennis Ochs. "We are very blessed in this county with producing good crops AND a great crop of students interested in agriculture."

Snider keeps an open mind about learning opportunities. Surrounded by people from different backgrounds at college, he learned to view the world in a different perspective.

Learning the skill to question and expand one's worldview is something he continues to do today.

Snider currently lives in Champaign and enjoys traveling and playing golf as much as possible.

For nearly 20 years, the Douglas County Ag Center Scholarships have helped defray the cost of attending college. Coming from a variety of backgrounds—on the farm or off the farm—Douglas County college

students have benefitted from the scholarships in the field of agriculture.

Several have come back to farm in Douglas County and many currently work for agribusinesses. Several have continued their studies and received master's degrees.

To be considered for the 2019 Douglas County Ag Center Scholarship, successful applicants must meet the following requirements:

—Be from Douglas County and enrolled in an agriculture-related field of study;

—Must have completed one semester of college course work;

—Must submit a copy of his or her college transcript;

—Must submit a letter of application telling about himself or herself (500-word maximum).

Applications for the Douglas County Ag Center Scholarship should be submitted to the Douglas County Farm Bureau at 105 N. Main Street, Tuscola, IL 61953 by February 22.

For more information about the Douglas County Ag Center Scholarship, contact Pat Titus at (217) 202-5204 or Dennis Ochs at (217) 202-2333.

## LyondellBasell working to end plastic waste

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gy (KIT) in Germany to advance chemical recycling of used plastics.

The goal of this effort is to develop a new catalyst and process technology to decompose post-consumer plastic waste into clean feedstock for reuse in new products.

For more information, please Visit [www.enplasticwaste.org](http://www.enplasticwaste.org).

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with his family! Jerry Hale will become a nonagenarian on that date, and I can't think of a nicer guy to wish Happy Birthday to.

Jerry and my cousin BJ are moving right along, and the two are just as funny as ever. I bet she'll have some zingers in store for Jerry, maybe even before his birthday. She has always called him old Jer even when he was young Jer!

My cousins, Carol Crist and Cheryl Sweet, are sure to have something special in store for their dad, and I hope they have a great time celebrating.

If you'd like to get in on the birthday wishes, you can send a card to Gerald Hale, 112 West Palmer Street, Arthur, IL 61911.

### Arthur EMT Chili Supper

I was out at the Firehouse the other day talking to Dick Hein and Rodney Perrine about a story for a future article. While there, I had to stop in Jodi (Tinnon) Clayton's office to say hello and ask how things are going as far as getting ready for the annual chili supper. Jodi said things are going well and they just have a few details to check off the "to do" list.

Jodi says that they are still

seeking auction items for the February 2 event. If you'd like to donate an item, you can call (217) 543-3754. You can also drop off items at the Firehouse on Route 133, but be sure and call first to make sure that someone is there.

The Arthur EMT Association chili supper starts at 4 p.m. and runs to 8 p.m. on Saturday, February 2. The auction starts at 6 p.m. All proceeds go to training and equipment to help keep the Arthur EMT's the best emergency responders in our area.

### Winter Blues Market

The Second Annual Winter Blues Market is scheduled for the Otto Center this weekend from 1 to 7 p.m. Friday, January 25, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 26.

The market will have general line antiques, country primitives, farm toys, farmhouse, signage, folk art, vintage, retro, and much more.

Homemade soup and sandwiches will be served Friday evening. Admission to the event is only \$2 with lots of free parking at the Otto Center.

It should make for a nice little wintertime jaunt to our community and the Otto Center. The contact people for the event are

## District 305 school board

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visit from Santa Claus."

High school teachers and staff are participating in a book club. Members suggested books for the list. Groups choose whether to meet periodically while reading or to wait until they are finished.

"We will meet as a faculty to share in March.

### Atwood-Hammond Grade School Principal's Report

Kristin Nall, principal, announced students meeting the criteria in the Club Choice fundraiser will be rewarded with limorides on February 1.

Eighth grade band members will join the ALAH HS Pep Band to perform at a ball game on February 15. Eighth graders from Arthur Grade School and Lovington Grade School will also participate.

Schoolwide Spelling Bee at A-HGS will be February 13.

The following students had perfect attendance during the first semester:

Pre-K—William Danke, Ember Ely, Jacob Jeske, and Noah Peeler;

Kindergarten—Andrew

Danke;

First grade—Kyndall Crist, Devyn Peeler, and Griffin Ponder;

Second—Ariana Crane, Zachary Porter, Colton Snyder, and Dustin Snyder;

Third—Layla Beck, Addison Dixon, Ava Moody, Annelise Ponder, and August Torbeck;

Fourth—Embrey Reardon; Fifth—Tristan Moore, Trey Strode, and Zoe Taylor;

Sixth—Brooke Hudson, Jewelyonna Hutchcraft, Isaiah Luttrell, Riley Robinson, and Lindsay Rohacs;

Seventh—Dalton Eads, Kaulin Morfey, Noah Shoemaker, and Kaylee Thompson;

Eighth—Lyle Adcock, Hannah Klay, Chance Lindstrom, and Ally Stayton.

Enrollment at Atwood-Hammond Grade School is 381. Enrollment by class: Pre-K 33, kindergarten 24, first grade 28, second 19, third 31, fourth 24, fifth 30, sixth 34, seventh 22, eighth 31, TLC 4, and DDC one.

### Arthur Grade School Principal's Report

Enrollment is 389. By class—Pre-K 35, kindergarten 41, first grade 30, second 37, third 37, fourth 40, fifth 46, sixth

Donna Kibler, (217) 620-8983, and Wendy Norman, (217) 621-6707.

You'll want to check out this new and growing market!

### Congratulations

If you heard fire trucks the other night in all corners of the A, the L, the A, and the H; they were welcoming our 8th grade boys' basketball team back to town as Junior High Okaw Conference Tournament champions. So they were good fire sirens to hear!

Also, our 7th grade boys finished as runners up in their division of play at the tournament, which was a very good showing by the younger Knights.

Our girls' high school basketball team was also victorious in the LOVC NW Division Tournament, beating Blue Ridge and Arcola on the way to the title. They are playing a rescheduled game this Wednesday night here at home against Tri-County for the ALL-LOVC championship. It will be the last one in conference history as the LOVC ceases to be on June 30, 2019.

Great job to all our Arthur Lovington Atwood Hammond athletes. HEY! GO KNIGHTS! And that's "30" today for a warm bed with lots of blankets!

45, seventh 32, eighth 46, DHH one, TLC 3, and DDC 6.

Students who follow the school's Nightly Expectations, demonstrating good behavior in class and are kind to others receive the "Top" Knight recognition.

Top Knights for the Second Quarter: Nate Blaudow, Crossman; Chloe Lawson, Lumsden; Lucy Yoder, Stutzman; Matthew Herschberger, Parsons; Cameron Johnson, Checkley; Jase Kingery, Davis; Karlen Chupp, Ponstein; Jaylon Brenneman, Rhodes, Leighton Poulos, Eads; Kaley Herschberger, Perkins; Kaitlyn Kaufman, Punches; and Brooklynn Colter, Kauffman.

Shining Knights for Second Quarter: Bryson Christenson, Crossman; Daxton Stutzman, Lumsden; Andrea Gingerich, Stutzman, Harlee Stone, Parsons; Anabella Custer, Checkley; Kyndrie Carter, Davis; Jillian Marnier, Ponstein; Alex Miller, Rhodes; Maleyna Vanausdoll, Eads; Kate Wiley, Perkins; Brooke Herschberger, Punches; Jenna Diener, Kauffman; Sierra Binion and Charleigh Tripp, sixth grade; Brooklyn Matheny

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