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The Winnebago Coroner's Office released the following death notices having occurred in the county from Nov. 11–15.

Nov. 11
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94, Frank McIntosh 46, Joyce Raiber 72, Eleanor Crouse 78, Gilbert Goodrich 62, Theresa Ditzler 82, Diane Davis 72, Annette Messina 91, Aline

Camacho 85
Nov. 12
James Willstead 52, Vernon Park 86, Hosie Mayweather 88, Lindsey Dolln 33, Brenda Kel-
lems 55, Patricia Meinert 61, Larry Schubert 69, Jane Kepner 64, Rudolph Guttman 80, Ray-
mond Klein 76, Robert Dalton 85, Jennifer Clark 35, Dorothy Dailey 92
Nov. 13
Frances Peterson 55, Dustin Green 32, Melvin Hemming 73, Richard Lyford 78, Helene Mack 72, Sara Didier 45, Shire-
ly Chandler 87, LaVonne Peter-
son 92, Marilyn Engelkes 91

Nov. 14
Chester Jenkins 93, Betty Larkin 86, Angeline Maggio 93, Jim Highland 92, Deanna Jernigan 45, Gary Wichhart 77, Florence Webber 94, Jeanne Lindvall 87, Jeanette Schroeder 94, George Shupe 81, Gloria Corkhill 75, Landon Hodson 3 months, Jack Mohr 73, Lois Winkel 72, Gary Daniel 65
Nov. 15
Phyllis Brengle 78, Ovidio Gonzalez 80, Evelyn Luck 86, Joanne Catron 82, Robin Chaney 59, Ruth Alfredson 82, Sarah Armato 5

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The Fire Station will host a children's craft by BMO Harris Bank & FREE hot chocolate from Culver's.
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VIEWPOINT

It's time for another gratitude list

One of my clients, a dentist and business coach for dentists, wrote a book and it has nothing to do with dentistry or business.

Yet perhaps it does. In THE GRATITUDE LIST he thanks those people who have helped him along his way. When you come from a place of gratitude, you reach much greater success in all areas of life.

Today in the spirit of Dr. Mario Pavicic's book, I rattle off a brief incomplete list of people who I thank for being part of my journey thus far.

Of course, my parents. They've always supported me and believed in me, as a kid, and especially as an adult. They have been an unending well of support, understanding (even if they don't always understand me), and unconditional love. I cannot put into words the depth of my gratitude.

I thank my ex. He's a good dad to our sons and to his daughter now in his new life. I'm grateful for our mutual respect and peaceful attitude.

I thank his wife who has

Tucking in kids: Little ones grow up

It's Friday night at 11 p.m. – the end of a particularly hectic week, and I am tired. But it is okay, because I can go to bed, thank goodness.

They don't need me to tuck them in anymore, at least not on Fridays, when they outlast me and sometimes end up tucking me in because it's been a long week and they are usually kind to their mom.

This tucking, while sweet, is by no means guaranteed. They have places to go and things to do most Friday nights. Such is the life when you are a teenager or slightly beyond.

On the best nights (my viewpoint, not theirs) they are all home under one roof, but that doesn't happen often. It wasn't long ago that was the norm. They'd be home, in their beds, tucked in by 8 p.m. because they were little and tired. Looking back I suppose I took it for granted.

I took lots of things for granted. Them being home and in their beds. Having dinner together every night. Sitting with them over a bowl

HARLEM-ROSCOE FIRE CALLS

MACHESNEY PARK/ROSCOE — The Harlem-Roscoe Fire Dept. responded to the following calls between Nov. 13-19. They also responded to 41 medical calls.

Nov. 13
N. Second St./Forest Hills Road – Auto Accident
Belvidere Road/Hamborg Road – Auto Accident

Nov. 14
Forest Hills Road/N. Second St. – Auto Accident
9600 Hamborg Road – Controlled Burn

Nov. 17
5900 block Elevator Road – Lock Out

Nov. 18
10100 block Monarch Lane – Residential CO Alarm

Nov. 19
1500 block West Lane Road – Gas Investigation
I-90 EB MM 1 - Unfounded



Kelly Simmons
COLUMNIST

been kind and gracious from the get-go, and another source of love for my boys. It's never been sticky or weird, and I am grateful. Which brings me to thanking another ex.

My husband's first wife too has been kind and respectful and any initial uncomfortableness is long gone. We all don't barbecue together as some exes do, but we do hug when we are brought together for family things. As it should be. I am grateful.

I thank my first grade teacher, Miss Bloomingdale, even though I think I was afraid of her. I thank my kindergarten teacher, Mrs. Dodge, for not making me eat pink icing. (If it was not white, it was icky.) I thank my 4th grade teacher, Mrs. Manilla, for singing at her desk when we worked qui-

etly. (She sang and hummed The Carpenters. Isn't it crazy what we remember!) I thank middle school teachers, Charm Bates (I will use that name for a character in a novel), Mr. Lundberg for dancing to "The Rubberband Man" at rec night, Mr. Lang for making us laugh, and Mrs. Falconer for liking my research paper on Charles Manson.

I thank Dr. Howard Mueller, Dr. Jack Shindler, and Dr. Richard Guzman, some of of my fave college professors.

I am grateful for Susanah, Babs, Joan, Lyn, Sheri, Nadine, Patti and Dave, the sum total of my college roommates. So much growing up happened those four years and those pals were blessings in so many ways.

I thank many authors. Some I've met and hugged in the flesh include Anne Lamott, Dave Barry, Mary Engelbreit, Garrison Keillor, Deepak Chopra and Elizabeth Gilbert.

I thank some musicians who have blazed the trail of my dreams (and I have not thanked in person): Prince and

Pink, Barry Manilow and Van Halen. For books and music, it's an endless list.

I thank Mel for being the editor in May 2001 who accepted me as a columnist and all the editors since in all the various papers. I thank you dear reader for buying a newspaper and reading. I thank you for writing me notes, and having me come speak to your groups.

My space is up and my thanks are just beginning. Let me close with thanking my dear sweet Prince Charming. He is a wonder and I marvel at him every day. I am so glad we are together. He makes every day a day of thanks giving.

I thank my kids, his kids, my siblings, his siblings, his parents, our neighbors, our friends, ... it does take a book to thank all the people! Create your own gratitude list! Cheers!

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Jill Pertler
SLICES OF LIFE

toys would always be a part of Christmas. That chocolate milk would always be a mainstay in our fridge and sippy cups would forever prevail. All things change.

I should be celebrating. Some days I do. Other days, I see Barney or Big Bird on TV and remember when we used to watch and those sing-songy melodies got locked into my brain: "I love you; you love me."

It is Friday night and I have the ability to go to bed when I am tired. I appreciate this freedom. I went years without sleep and know the realities of deprivation.

Still, I look forward to next weekend when they will all be home, and we will share a meal at the kitchen table,

LOVES PARK FIRE CALLS

LOVES PARK — The Loves Park Fire Dept. responded to the following calls on Nov. 9–15.

Nov. 9
1:58 p.m. – 7703 Forest Hills Road, False Fire Alarm

Nov. 10
8:12 p.m. – 5601 N. Second St., Smoke Investigation
6:50 a.m. – 1975 Harlem Road, Natural Gas Odor Investigation
9:12 a.m. – 4702 N. Second St., False Fire Alarm

Nov. 11
1:27 a.m. – 626 Pearl Ave., Carbon Monoxide Investigation

Nov. 13
7:08 p.m. – 6415 Elm Ave., Smoke Investigation
11:52 p.m. – 320 Coronado Blvd., Odor Investigation
6:27 a.m. – East Riverside Blvd. & Mulford Road, Flammable Gas Leak

Nov. 14
7:59 p.m. – 5320 N. Second St., Odor Investigation

Nov. 15
10:52 p.m. – 6355 Green Needle Dr., Police Assist

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HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

Rev-up the holidays with five return-proof gifts

(Family Features) If the thought of holiday gift shopping makes you want to bail on celebrating at all, it's time to rethink your approach. Even though your gift list seems like a challenge, make it your mission to earn the title of Ultimate Gift Giver this season.

Fuel your holiday spirit and rebel from the standard gifts with unique items that break the mold. Skip the aggravation of shopping at traditional retail stores, and get your hands on the season's hottest gifts that reflect the unique style and personality of each person on your list.

The gift of freedom

Not all gifts need to fit in a tidy box with a pretty bow. Give the baddest on your list an experience of a lifetime. It may

be a skydiving excursion or a rock climbing adventure. Or, for the ultimate thrill seekers, give them a ticket to learn to ride a motorcycle. This is more than just a motorcycle lesson; it's the start of a new lifestyle. Check online for special deals, adventures and Harley-Davidson Riding Academy motorcycle classes specific to your area.

Stock the cooler, cabinets

Every gift list has a wine or liquor connoisseur on it, so play to your intended recipient's style and fill the cooler with a preferred drink or two, or a gift set that comes with specialized glasses.

Go further by serving up a new barware set, monogrammed pilsners, or bar decor, such as clocks, signs, picture frames or coasters; gifts sure

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Fuel a rebellious style

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Celebrate with sound

Bring on the good times with some good ol' rock and roll. A gift that lets the rocker on your list enjoy their favorite tunes is sure to please. There are countless ways to bring them closer to their favorite sounds, from



stylish headphones to Wi-Fi speakers. Or, turn back time with a turn table perfect for kicking back to the sounds of classic vinyl.

Present a project

Inspire the tinkerer on your list to get hands-on with the gift of a special project. Let him learn woodcarving or get started micro-brewing beers. Project packages reflecting nearly every pastime you can

imagine - even bacon curing - can be found online.

Stepping off the beaten path and opening up your imagination make finding the perfect gift a more enjoyable endeavor - and make your presents immune to the dreaded re-gift and return list. Check out the guide at H-D.com/Holiday, which offers something for everyone, whether they ride or not.

Gifts with purpose: Holiday presents that blend style, function

(Family Features) As the saying goes, it's the thought that counts when it comes to gift-giving. But the thought means even more when you delight the recipients on your shopping list with gifts that are as stylish as they are functional.

The kitchen is a focal point of most homes, so gifts that make the most of this oft-used space are sure to please. Ideas can range from the more practical, such as dishes or knives, to serving pieces that make entertaining extra special.

For the person who has it all, look for gifts that make life easier. For example, a tote bag with the versatility to safely transport items for a day at the park, gym or office is a handy choice that will have your recipient offering thanks for months to come.

Remember that gifts reflecting the recipient's personal taste are always winners. Look for detailed designs, colors and styles that reflect their interests to show the thought you put into choosing the perfect gift.

Get started on your holiday shopping with these ideas that combine the best of style, fun and function.

Practical meets pretty

Crafted from striking white porcelain with a detailed, hand-painted design of blue leaves that scroll around each piece, the Bombay Company Two-Piece Sugar & Creamer Set makes a great addition to the table for casual and formal entertaining and is durable enough to stand up to the rigors of everyday use.

The creamer features an oversized handle that provides an easy grip and an elongated spout for precise pouring, while the sugar bowl features a recessed lid. This eye-catching gift set is available exclusively at Walgreens for \$20.

Morning wake up call

Perfect for serving coffee with friends, the La CafetiÈre Wake Up and Smell the Coffee 8-cup French Press makes a great gift for the coffee aficionado on your shopping list. This CafetiÈre is available in

black or mocha with striking polished steel accents so your freshly brewed coffee looks as good as it tastes. The set retails for \$39.99 at Dillards.com.

A cut above

Keep essential everyday knives at your fingertips with the Sabatier 15-Piece Forged Triple Rivet Knife Set with Acacia Block. The knives are expertly crafted from superior quality high-carbon stainless steel and feature triple-riveted handles that are perfectly weighted and balanced for control.

The acacia wood storage block keeps knives organized while adding elegance to the kitchen counter. The 15-piece set includes an array of knives for common kitchen tasks, as well as six steak knives, an

angled sharpening steel, an all-purpose kitchen shear and a wood block. This cutlery set is available for \$136 at Amazon.com.

Style on the go

The BUILT City Tote Bag combines fashion and function in one light-weight, ultra-durable tote bag that features stylish straps, a snap button closure and a roomy interior pocket for your phone, keys or other small items.

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Tips to give unique, meaningful gifts this holiday season

(StatePoint) Making your list and checking it twice? Coming up with unique items for all your family and friends in a short period of time is not always a simple feat.

Luckily, there are many easy ways to make everyone on your list feel special.

Customized books

While literature always makes a great gift, a personalized book will make reading time extra appealing, and a cherished present that will never be forgotten.

Personalized book companies let you make your gift recipient the hero of a unique story, complete with the person's name and photo.

Personalized candles

Turn the gift of a treasured candle into something even more personalized by incorporating photos and messages on the candle label. Make a statement by picking a fragrance with your recipient in mind, tied to special memories you share.

To create made-to-order combinations for your friends and family, consider Yankee Candle, which offers several customization options that allow you to personalize everything from the label design to embellishments in the wrapping.

Their lineup of fragrances includes Buttercream, Lilac Blossoms, and Sparkling Cinnamon, conjuring fond memories of everything from a walk



through flowery fields to a favorite holiday dessert.

Personalized candles, which are easy to design, also make thoughtful hostess gifts for all your holiday festivities this season.

DIY gift basket

A standard-issue gift basket will be appreciated, but to show you truly care, consider customizing each gift for every recipient. You can make unique creations by taking favorites

into consideration. Is your gift recipient a dog lover? Does she have a sweet tooth?

After stocking baskets with goodies customized to their tastes, adorn each one with unique garlands, ribbons and

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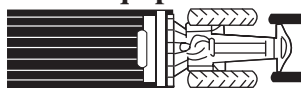
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LOVES PARK POLICE BEAT

LOVES PARK — The following arrests are on file at the Loves Park Police Dept. Readers are reminded that subjects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Nov. 10
Cottage Ave./Illinois St. — James F. Patterson, 31, of Rockford, Outstanding City of Rockford Warrant

5478 Quartz Dr. — Tina M. Harris, 44, of Loves Park, charged with Violating an Order of Protection

E. Riverside Blvd./N. Second St. — Rashaun D. Berryhill, 21, of Chicago, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, No Registration, Other Equipment Violations, and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle

Nov. 11
Forest Hills Road/Zenith Pkwy. — Melissa A. Kisting, 37, of Machesney Park, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License

905 Short St. — William T.

Tague, 50, of Loves Park, Outstanding Warrant

610 Sydney Ave. — Jeremy Falzone, 33, of Loves Park, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and Attempted Flee to Elude Police

Nov. 12
5409 Bennett St. — Joshua M. Gillespie, 19, of Loves Park, charged with Failure to Register as a Sex Offender

Colby Lane/Forest Hills Road — Don J. Jarvis, 46, of Machesney Park, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and Speeding

6224 N. Second St. — David J. Jackson, 34, of Rockford, charged with DUI, DUI With a BAC Over .08, and Other Traffic Offenses

300 E. Riverside Blvd. — Clarence Suggs, 49, of Rockford, charged with Speeding, Seatbelt Violation, Illegal Transport of Alcohol, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, DUI, and DUI

With a BAC Over .08
300 E. Riverside Blvd. — Nicole M. Harmon, 36, of Rockford, charged with Illegal Transport of Alcohol and Seatbelt Violation

Nov. 13
N. Second St./E. Riverside Blvd. — Nathan W. Restivo, 36, of Janesville, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and Possession of Drug Equipment

N. Second St./E. Riverside Blvd. — Katherine L. Everson, 36, of Janesville, charged with Possession of Drug Equipment and an Outstanding City of Rockford Warrant

4156 Applewood Lane — Skyler A. Hughes, 23, of Loves Park, charged with Domestic Battery and Criminal Damage to Property

5209 Pebble Creek Trail — Mayra P. Montoya, 25, of Machesney Park, charged with Hit and Run

100 E. Riverside Blvd. — Elisa

A. Daniels, 20, of Rockford, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle

N. Second St./Merrill Ave. — Steven C. Elliott, 52, of Freeport, charged with Unsecure Load

4156 Applewood Lane — Daniel E. Dodds, 37, of Loves Park, charged with Resisting/Obstructing Police. Also charged, Kim C. Collins, 43, of Loves Park, with Seatbelt Violation, Illegal Transport of Alcohol, and an Outstanding Warrant. Also charged, Ariel J. Collins, 22, of Loves Park, with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and an Outstanding Warrant

Nov. 14
Joshua A. Johnson, 20, of Rockford, charged with Possession of Cannabis — Less Than 30 Grams, Failure to Signal, Delivery of Cannabis — Less Than 30 Grams, Possession of

Drug Equipment, and Other Non-Moving Violations

5400 Forest Hills Road — Elitania Montesdeoca, 33, of Rockford, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Speeding and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle

300 E. Riverside Blvd. — Juan Perez-Marin, 24, of Rockford, charged with No Driver's License and Failure to Signal

400 River Lane — Alyn Gutierrez, 20, of Loves Park, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and Defective Equipment

Colby Lane/Forest Hills Road — Roland J. Hunter Jr., 37, of Chicago, charged with DUI and Improper Lane Usage

Nov. 15
6246 E. Riverside Blvd. — Shawn R. Stremmel, 37, of Caledonia, charged with DUI, Hit and Run, and Resisting/Obstructing Policew.

MACHESNEY PARK POLICE BEAT

MACHESNEY PARK — The following arrests are on file at the Machesney Park Police Station. Readers are reminded that suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Nov. 10
Roosevelt Road/Scott Lane — Edwin W. Burgos, 36, of Machesney Park, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License and Possession of Cannabis — Less Than 30 Grams

N. Second St./West Lane Road — Nicholas M. Massetti, 32, of Loves Park, charged with Possession of Cannabis — Less Than 30 Grams

N. Second St./Windsor Road — Dwayne K. Pierson, 35, of Rockford, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License

Nov. 11
8790 N. Second St. — Jennifer A. Ergle, 39, of Machesney Park, charged with Retail Theft

624 Wayne Dr. — Richard J. Gresty, 50, of Machesney Park, Ordinance Violation

Nov. 12
8202 Cadet Road — Ashley M. Kramer, 23, of Machesney Park, Outstanding Warrant

Nov. 13
Perryville Road/Willowbrook Lane — Mayra P. Montoya, 25, of Machesney Park, charged with DUI and Other Traffic Offenses

121 Gilbert Terrace — Ethan S. Harris, 26, of Machesney Park, charged with Domestic Battery

1009 West Lane Road — Pamela L. McCary, 51, of Loves Park, charged with Theft Under \$500

Nov. 14
N. Second St./Liberty Blvd. — Logan L. Fry, 28, of Machesney Park, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's

License, Possession of Cannabis — Less Than 30 Grams, Possession of Drug Equipment, and No Registration

Forest Hills Road/N. Second St. — Adam M. Miranda, 39, of Beloit, charged with DUI and Improper Lane Usage

1017 Brown Ave., Rockford — Austin M. Galvan, 18, of Machesney Park, Outstanding Warrant

N. Second St./Melbourne St. — Jose J. Lopezavila, 40, of Rockford, charged with Improper Lane Usage

Nov. 15
1112 Brentwood Road — Steven G. Henion, 33, of Machesney Park, charged with Aggravated Domestic Battery

Perryville Road/Willowbrook Lane — Mark A. Farmer, 36, of Roscoe, charged with DUI, DUI With a BAC Over .08, Aggravated DUI, Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, and Illegal Transport of Alcohol

N. Second St./Melbourne — Jose J. Lopezavila, 40, of Rockford, charged with Driving With a Suspended/Revoked Driver's License, Improper Lane Usage, DUI, DUI With a BAC Over .08, Illegal Transport of Alcohol and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle

Nov. 16
N. Alpine Road/Harlem Road — Jose L. Cerda, 45, of Machesney Park, charged with DUI, Operating an Uninsured Vehicle, and Speeding

N. Second St./Harlem Road — Hannah R. Sleger, 32, of Loves Park, charged with No Driver's License and Operating an Uninsured Vehicle

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- 1 refrigerated pie crust
 - 1 cup stemmed, chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid California figs
 - 1 cup packed light brown sugar
 - 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
 - 2 tablespoons bourbon
 - 3 large eggs
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 3/4 cup light corn syrup
 - 1 1/2 teaspoons finely grated orange zest
 - 1 1/2 cups chopped pecans, toasted
 - sweetened whipped cream

Adjust oven rack to middle position. Heat oven to 375 F. Coat 9-inch glass pie plate with vegetable oil spray. Fit pie crust into plate, flute edge. Chill until ready to bake.

In medium saucepan, combine figs, brown sugar, butter and bourbon. Stir over medium heat until butter and sugar melt. In medium bowl, whisk eggs and salt until well blended. Whisk in corn syrup and orange zest. Stir in fig mixture. Sprinkle nuts evenly over bottom of crust. Pour fig mixture over nuts.

Bake 35-45 minutes or until center is set, shielding crust with foil after 30 minutes. Cool. Chill until serving. Served with whipped cream.

Note: Pie can be made up to 1 day ahead and refrigerated. (Reheat at 300 F for 10-15 minutes.)



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Chocolate Cheesecakes
with Figs and Port

Makes: 12 mini-cheesecakes

- 1/2 cup finely crushed chocolate wafer cookies
- 1/3 cup finely chopped walnuts
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 1 1/2 cups stemmed Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid California figs
- 1/2 cup port
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 4 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped
- 2 tablespoons water
- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 1/3 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 teaspoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Adjust oven rack to middle position. Heat oven to 325 F. Line 12 (2 3/4-inch) muffin cups with paper cups.

In small bowl, stir together crushed cookies, nuts and butter. Spoon about 1 tablespoon crumb mixture into bottom of each cup, dividing evenly; press into even layer. Bake in middle of oven 5-8 minutes, until fragrant.

Cut about 1/2 cup figs into 36 thin, lengthwise slices. Place in small heatproof container with lid; set aside. In small saucepan, bring port and sugar to a simmer over medium heat and stir for 1 minute to form clear syrup. Pour 1/2 cup syrup over sliced figs. Cool; cover and chill until serving time. Finely chop remaining 1 cup figs and add to saucepan with remaining syrup. Return to heat and simmer, stirring often, until liquid evaporates. Spoon about 1 tablespoon warm fig mixture over crust in each cup, dividing evenly. With back of oiled spoon, press into even layer.

Place chocolate and water in microwave-safe bowl. Heat in microwave on 50 percent power for 2 minutes or until melted, stirring every 30 seconds. Set aside. With electric mixer in large mixing bowl, beat cream cheese until creamy. Gradually beat in granulated sugar. On low speed, beat in eggs, one at a time. Beat in sour cream, cocoa and vanilla. Beat in melted chocolate. Spoon batter over fig layer in cups.

Bake in middle of oven 15-20 minutes, until set. Cool in pan on rack. Chill for 6 hours or up to 2 days.

To serve, arrange 3 slices of reserved figs in port syrup on each cake and drizzle with about 1/2 teaspoon syrup.

Spirited Fig Balls

Makes: 65 balls

- 1 1/4 cups confectioners' sugar, divided
- 1/4 cup chopped, toasted pecans
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 cups finely crushed gingersnap cookies
- 1 cup stemmed, finely chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid California figs
- 1/2 cup finely chopped, toasted pecans
- 1/2 cup brandy
- 1/4 cup butter, melted

In food processor bowl, combine 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar, chopped pecans and salt. Whirl to fine texture. Spoon into bowl and set aside.

In same food processor bowl, combine crushed cookies, figs, 1 cup confectioners' sugar, finely chopped pecans, brandy and butter. Pulse to blend well. Chill mixture 20-30 minutes.

Form rounded teaspoons of mixture into balls. Roll balls in reserved sugar-nut mixture. Place in airtight container. Chill 12 hours.

Alternate preparation: make Chocolate and Fig Amaretto Balls by substituting toasted almonds for pecans, crushed chocolate wafer cookies for gingersnaps and amaretto for brandy. Prepare as directed.

Note: Balls can be made up to 2 weeks ahead; store in refrigerator.

Midnight Gingerbread

Serves: 15-18

- 1 cup stemmed, chopped Blue Ribbon Orchard Choice or Sun-Maid California figs
- 1/2 cup pitted, chopped Medjool dates
- 1/2 cup dark raisins
- 1/2 cup dark rum
- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 tablespoons unsweetened cocoa
- 1 tablespoon ground ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 3/4 teaspoon ground allspice
- 3/4 teaspoon ground cloves
- 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 6 ounces unsalted butter, melted
- 1 cup packed dark brown sugar
- 3/4 cup dark molasses
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 2 large eggs
- 1 cup buttermilk

Lemon-Cream Cheese Frosting

- 8 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature
- 4 ounces butter, at room temperature
- 2 cups confectioners' sugar
- 4 teaspoons finely grated lemon zest

In microwave-safe bowl, combine figs, dates, raisins and rum. Cover with vented plastic wrap. Heat on high for 1-1 1/2 minutes or until steamy. Set aside for 15 minutes to cool and absorb rum.

Adjust oven rack to middle position. Heat oven to 350 F. Coat 9-by-13-inch baking pan with vegetable oil spray.

In medium bowl, stir together flour, cocoa, ginger, cinnamon, allspice, cloves, baking soda and salt. Set aside. In large mixing bowl, combine melted butter, brown sugar, molasses and granulated sugar. With electric mixer on medium speed, beat until creamy. On low speed, beat in eggs, one at a time, then buttermilk. Gradually add flour mixture, stopping to scrape down side of bowl as needed. Continue to beat for 1 minute, until well blended. Stir in figs, dates and raisins. Scrape batter into prepared pan.

Bake in middle of oven 35-40 minutes or until pick inserted in center comes out with moist crumbs. Cool in pan on wire rack.

To frost cake: in mixing bowl, combine cream cheese and butter. With electric mixer, beat until creamy. Beat in confectioners' sugar and zest. Spread on top of cake. Chill until serving.

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