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Police investigating Ninth Street shooting

On Tuesday, Dec. 13, at about 11:45 a.m. patrol officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to a residence in the 2100 block of 9th Street in reference to a shooting incident.

The shooting victim, later identified as 39-year-old Mathew Dishman, of Rockford, called 911 and indicated that he had been shot and was driving himself to a local hospital for medical treatment.

The suspect, a 43-year-old male who lives at the address, also called 911 and indicated that he had just shot someone. The suspect remained at the scene and met with the officers. The weapon used in the shooting was recovered. Dishman was admitted to the hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Department are conducting a follow-up investigation into the incident. The suspect cooperated with the investigation and was released without charge pending a review by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. The name of the suspect is not being released at this time pending the conclusion of the investigation.

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Happy New Year!
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The challenge kicks off on January 8, with baseline screens* being held at FHN Burchard Hills Facility Lower Level on:

January 4, 2017 10 am - 1 pm	January 5, 2017 3 pm - 6 pm	January 7, 2017 8 am - 11 am
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*You must attend one of the scheduled baseline screens in order to have your points count. Please schedule your screen early to be sure to get the date and time that works best for your schedule. There will not be "make up" screening dates.

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Rockford Police investigating shooting at Rural, Prospect

On Tuesday Dec. 13, at about 3:40 p.m. patrol officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to the intersection of Rural Street and Prospect Street in reference to a call for shots fired.

As officers arrived on scene they learned that a shooting victim, later identified as 27-year-old William Jackson, of Rockford, had driven himself to a local hospital.

Jackson was suffering from multiple gunshot wounds that he received during the shooting incident at Rural Street and Prospect Street. Jackson was admitted to the hospital with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries.

Based on the information available at this time it is believed that Jackson was driving alone in his vehicle when a passenger from another vehicle fired numerous rounds in his direction.

The unknown suspect vehicle then fled in an unknown direction. Following the shooting Jackson's vehicle struck the vehicle of another motorist. Jackson then drove himself to the hospital. The other motorist was not injured during the incident.

Detectives from the Rockford Police Department are conducting a follow-up investigation into the incident. Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to contact the Rockford Police Department Investigations Bureau (779/500-6551) or Crime Stoppers (815/963-7867).

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These recipes from Guy Meikle, corporate chef for Mizkan America, Inc., show how easy it is to whip up a new twist on holiday leftovers with Holland House Cooking Wines. You can also find quick tips for boosting the flavor of everyday meals on the label of each bottle.

Find more recipes and tips at HollandHouseFlavors.com.

Family Barbecue Turkey Mini Flatbread

Servings: 4
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes

- 2 cups Holland House Marsala Cooking Wine
- 1/2 cup barbecue sauce
- 1 1/2 cups roasted turkey, large diced
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 2 tablespoons yellow onion, small diced
- 1 cup zucchini, large diced
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 tablespoon grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 cup smoked Gouda cheese, shredded
- 1 cup fontina cheese, shredded
- 2 flatbreads (approximately 8 inches each)

- 2 teaspoons cilantro, chopped

Heat oven to 400 F.

In small saucepan, reduce cooking wine to about 1/2 cup. Mix with barbecue sauce. Toss diced turkey with about 1 tablespoon of sauce and set the entire mixture aside.

Heat oil and saute onion and zucchini about 3 minutes over high heat. Season with garlic salt and remove from heat; mix in Parmesan cheese. Set aside.

In small bowl, mix Gouda and fontina cheeses together and set aside.

Spread each flatbread with an even layer of barbecue sauce. Top each with 1 cup cheese and half the zucchini and turkey mixtures.

Bake 10 minutes.

Garnish with chopped cilantro then cut flatbreads in half to serve.

Turkey and Caramelized Onion Jam Stuffed Empanadas

Servings: 15
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 cup turkey, diced into 1/2-inch cubes
- 2 tablespoons dried figs, diced into 1/2-inch cubes
- 1 cup button mushrooms, minced
- 3 tablespoons caramelized onions
- 2 tablespoons Holland House Marsala Cooking Wine
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste
- Empanada Dough (recipe below)
- 1 egg, beaten
- Cranberry Dipping Sauce (recipe below)

Heat oven to 350 F.

In pan, heat butter; add turkey, figs, mushrooms and caramelized onions.

Deglaze pan with cooking wine; season with salt and pepper, and cool.

Roll out dough 1/8- to 1/4-inch thick and cut into 15 3-inch circles.

Brush egg on entire disc of dough, eliminating any air bubbles, and place 1 tablespoon filling in center of each circle.

Fold dough in half and crimp with fork; prick top with toothpick to let steam out.

Place empanada on greased sheet tray and brush with remaining egg; bake 15 minutes until golden brown.

Place on plate and serve with Cranberry Dipping Sauce.

Empanada Dough

Servings: 15
Cook time: 5 minutes

- 2 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 4 ounces butter
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup ice water
- 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar

Sift flour and salt.

Cut butter into small cubes and blend into flour.

Whisk together egg, ice water and vinegar. Add egg mixture to flour and mix until just incorporated.

On table, knead dough; wrap and chill 1 hour.

Cranberry Orange Marsala Dipping Sauce

Servings: 15
Cook time: 5 minutes

- 1 1/2 cups whole cranberry sauce
 - 2 tablespoons whole unpeeled orange, finely chopped
 - 3 tablespoons Holland House Marsala Cooking wine
- Mix all ingredients thoroughly.



Hearty Ham and Bean Protein Bowl

Servings: 4-6
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 30-45 minutes
Total time: 3 hours

- 1 ham bone
- 12 cups water, divided
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon black peppercorns
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil, plus 3 tablespoons, divided
- 1 cup yellow onion, small diced, plus 3 tablespoons finely chopped, divided
- 2 cloves garlic, finely chopped
- 1/4 cup Holland House Red Cooking Wine
- 3 cans (15 ounces each) pinto beans, undrained
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 8 ounces wild rice

- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons Holland House Sherry Cooking Wine
- 3 cups fresh okra, sliced into 1/2-inch pieces at an angle
- 1 1/2 cups grilled corn kernels
- 1 1/2 cups kosher dill pickle, sliced
- 1/4 cup parsley
- 4 teaspoons tarragon

To prepare broth: In 4-quart stock pot, combine ham bone, 8 cups water, bay leaves and peppercorns. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered, about 2 hours. Strain broth and set aside.

In same stock pot, heat 1/4 cup oil and saute 1 cup onion and garlic 2 minutes. Pour in red cooking wine and reduce by half. Add in canned pinto beans; no need to drain. Bring to boil and reduce heat to medium low. Simmer soup

about 30-45 minutes, or until liquid is reduced to stew-like consistency.

Place sour cream in mixing bowl and ladle in some cooking liquid to temper it. Add back to soup while stirring. Let simmer a few minutes.

To prepare rice: In small saucepan, heat 2 tablespoons oil. Add remaining onion and saute 1-2 minutes. Add rice and stir until coated with oil. Pour in remaining water and cook covered about 45 minutes, or until rice is tender. Remove from heat and rest, covered, 10 minutes. Season with salt, pepper and sherry cooking wine.

In 10-inch skillet, heat remaining oil. Saute okra about 3 minutes, or until slightly charred.

For each bowl: Place rice and stew in center and garnish with 1/4 cup grilled corn, 1/4 cup diced pickles, 1/2 cup okra, 1 tablespoon chopped parsley and sprinkle of tarragon.



Let the reindeer games begin



By **KELLY SIMMONS**
Columnist

Even if you didn't grow up playing cards or board games, you can come over to the game-playing side. And yes, we have cookies.

We just bought a luxury Scrabble game, the GLAM edition. How utterly perfect! A mirrored cabinet (with beveled edges, naturally), storage drawer, rotating game board, and the tiles are bedazzled with rhinestones! Words and bling together! There is heaven on earth!

Whoever thought up the mouth guard game (Speak Out and Watch Yo Mouth) is laughing all the way to the bank. The mouthpiece thing holds your mouth open. Your lips cannot close together. Then you must say phrases with words starting with M or P or B.

Muppet Babies is easy to say if you can close your lips. Hold your lips

apart and try it. No one will know what the heck you're saying. And that is the game. There is also a naughty version too, of course, that would make your grandma blush if she could say them properly.

Long before Cards Against Humanity made the scene, families across the country were playing Apple to Apples on an adult level. Enter cards with adult phrases via Cards Against Humanity and Apples to Apples just got

real raunchy, but pretty funny.

Seeing the generations play together, no matter what the latest game craze, is the real fun.

Some of my favorites never go out of style, including Taboo, Loaded Questions, and yes, Password. We play Balderdash, Scattergories and Catchphrase too. Too many games to mention actually.

All the old school games are back in fashion. Trouble. Aggravation. Sorry. Monopoly has a gazillion different versions. And don't forget card games. My current in-laws play Pitch differently than my old in-laws. It's not how I learned the scoring system to be high, low, Jack game, but I hold my own. They love to play Hand and Foot too. And Domino games and dice games too. Farkle, anyone? Moose Farkle, anyone?

When I was growing up, we played POTS at my Grandma's house. Everyone has their own deck of cards and you count out 13 cards and place it in front of you. That is your POTS pile. You then place 4 cards in front of you, face up, next to your face up POTS pile and someone yells go. Flip every third card to play solitaire down the four cards in front of you while throwing all the aces out in the middle as they get flipped up. Everyone plays on the aces, with 2, 3, 4 and so on.

You madly flip through your deck, playing down the cards in front of you, while your eyes constantly scan what is out in the middle you can play on. You play from your deck, your 4 solitaire rows, and what is on top of your POTS pile. The object is to get rid of your POTS pile first. When you do, yell POTS! Any cards left in the

POTS pile of other players are deducted from the number of cards you played in the middle. Then you shuffle, pass decks, and go again. First one to 100 wins.

Now that I have explained it, I am in the mood to play. The only thing with POTS is that it is fast and furious. No chatting during play. No snacking. Drinks on the table could get knocked over with the flying elbows. It's not a mild way to spend an afternoon. So the mood and crowd have to be right. I'm ready. You in? Come on over!

(Kelly Epperson welcomes your comments on her blog at www.kelly-epperson.com and invites you to join her weekly email newsletter community. Snail mail goes to PO Box 2324, Loves Park, IL 61131.)

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- 11 Open a tad
- 15 Since
- 19 Pork in a pastry case, perhaps
- 20 Copa's city
- 21 McEntire of Nashville
- 22 Sorvino of "WiseGirls"
- 23 Rod used by a bartender
- 24 Meted out
- 26 Apple line
- 27 Itchy skin problem
- 28 Ski resort near L.A.
- 30 Set fire to
- 32 Suffix with Mideast
- 33 Horror-film lab assistant
- 35 Runner-turned-lord Sebastian
- 36 Swab brand
- 38 Hack off
- 39 Treasury secretary Jack
- 40 Pops' moms
- 42 Give credit where credit
- 44 Growl like a mad dog
- 46 Unlucky day for Caesar
- 48 "Mass — Minor" (Bach work)
- 50 Dirties
- 52 Opera piece
- 53 Did very little
- 55 Growl like a mad dog
- 56 "Speed up," in mus.
- 57 Oceans
- 58 Puccini title role
- 59 San José, Costa —
- 60 Show people to seats, informally
- 61 Approach boldly
- 63 Sing softly
- 64 Straighten, as a twisted hose
- 66 Prevent, in court
- 68 — Solo (sci-fi role)
- 69 Simian "King"
- 71 Oslo loc.
- 72 — guilt trip on
- 73 — -cone (cold treat)
- 76 Heelless shoes

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- 12-step support group
- 113 Metal bars
- 115 More hammy
- 117 Actor Elba
- 119 Like both-sex colleges
- 120 Examination
- 123 Early Greeks
- 125 Writer Brontë
- 126 Sultry singer Horne
- 127 Actor Wallach
- 128 Recluse
- 129 Not including
- 130 Castle trench emperor
- 131 Notes before mis
- 132 Placed a burden on
- 16 Much like
- 17 Many Handel works
- 18 Fall right onto one's mug
- 25 Port on the Black Sea
- 29 Vocational college
- 31 Driver's rte. displayer
- 34 Propane, e.g.
- 36 Pieline cheese-and-bacon dish
- 37 Prefix with conference
- 41 Light meal
- 43 Scrip writers
- 45 Racial equality org.
- 47 1920s-'30s art style
- 49 An EEG records it
- 51 Bluish gray
- 53 Craving
- 54 "Explorer" of kiddie TV
- 55 Hog's sound
- 62 Rough in texture
- 65 Old Cambodian leader Lon —
- 67 Zenith rival
- 70 Swearwords
- 73 Bathroom stall outlet
- 74 California wine area
- 75 Do as bid
- 76 Cruet cousin
- 78 A-bomb trial
- 80 Fashion mag since 1945
- 81 Like Mozart music
- 82 Golfer's ace
- 83 Dander and dust, often
- 85 Dial up
- 90 "— shame"
- 96 ISP choice
- 98 Bar fixture?
- 100 Pencil topper
- 102 Actress Hemingway
- 104 Grosse —, Michigan
- 105 Bollixed (up)
- 108 Chapel song
- 110 Like acrobats
- 114 Extolling poems
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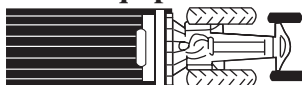
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