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Loves Park

Aug. 5

5176 Granite St. - Brian T. Estes, 37, on charges of domestic battery

Aug. 6

635 Pearl Ave. - Dean A. Proper, 51, on charges of domestic battery, possession of a controlled substance, possession or sale of hypodermic needles, possession of drug equipment, and multiple warrants/summons/subpoenas

N. Perryville Road/Zenith Pkwy. - Jack E. Crawford, 21, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license, possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis, and speeding

Aug. 7

245 Rose Ave. - Marie L. Comer, 44, on charges of an in-state warrant

1000 E. Riverside Blvd. - Jerry L. Sanders, 54, on charges of possession of drug equipment and obstructing justice

1000 E. Riverside Blvd. - Jeffrey L. Mankin, 47, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, improper use of registration,

and possession of drug equipment

1000 E. Riverside Blvd. - Tanya R. Griggs, 52, on charges of possession of drug equipment

Aug. 8

115 River Lane - Nickolas J. Smith, 19, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a registration/title violation, defective equipment, possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis, and possession of drug equipment

N. Second St./Theodore St. - Destiney L. Nivinski, 22, on charges of speeding and a Rockford PD warrant

E. Riverside Blvd./Dale Ave. - Veronica M. Coleman, 37, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and illegal use of a cell phone

910 Windsor Road - Francisco Esquivelcruz, 48, on charges of an in-state warrant

Aug. 9

6033 Elm Ct. - Jeremy L. Hammond, 31, on charges of identity theft

N. 2nd St./E. Riverside Blvd. - Renisha J. Howard, 23, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, and improper lane usage

Carman Ave./Illinois St. - Kelsey E. Bowers, 23, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, improper use of registration,

and speeding

Aug. 10

7700 Forest Hills Road - Rachel A. Staples, 41, on charges of driving under the influence of alcohol, reckless driving, aggravated battery, aggravated assault, and resist/obstructing an officer

5905 N. 2nd St. - William R. McLaren, 48, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and auto theft

N. 2nd St./E. Riverside Blvd. - James Thomas Arrington, 61, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license, possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis, possession of drug equipment, failure to signal/improper signal, and other non-moving violations (non-specific)

Machesney Park

Aug. 5

7651 Rogers St. - Charles W. Rose, 40, on charges of a warrant intake report, attempt to locate/foreign warrant

9514 Wright Ave. - Danny R. McHenry, 56, on charges of domestic battery

Aug. 6

Melissa B. Rodriguez, 46, on charges of a Rockford PD warrant

Aug. 7

Stephen H. Engle, 59, on charges of a warrant/summons/subpoena

Gene E. Lineman, 42, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license

Aug. 8

N. 2nd St./Forest Hills Road - Colin M. Hobson, 20, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, possession of 30 grams or less of cannabis, and possession of drug equipment

Aug. 9

N. Alpine Road/Harlem Road - Delvin R. Dixon, 41, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with no driver's license and traffic light violations

Aug. 10

8801 N. 2nd St. - Bryan A. Myers, 37, on charges of operating an uninsured motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license, driving under the influence of alcohol, and license plate violation

6775 Key Largo Dr. - Izalis Morales, 19, on charges of criminal trespass to vehicle

N. 2nd St./West Lane Road - Javier Moctezuma, 24, on charges of operating a motor vehicle with a suspended/revoked driver's license and transportation of alcoholic liquor

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2018 Mosaic World Film Festival to screen Sundance award-winning film 'Minding The Gap' in Rockford

The 2018 Mosaic World Film Festival (MWFF) has scheduled its lineup of 55 films for its 11th annual event to be held at the Nordlof Center in Rockford Aug. 24 to 26. This year's selections were curated from hundreds of submissions and 48 countries around the world, including this year's MWFF Spotlight Feature Award winner "Minding the Gap" by filmmaker Bing Liu. "Minding the Gap" was filmed in Rockford and was listed by Variety magazine as one of the ten best films to screen at the 2018 Sundance Film Festival.

"Bing's work has been a part of the festival going back to our very first year when he screened work he made as a student at Rock Valley College's Mass Communication program," says Festival Director and Programmer Jerry LaBuy. "He has gone on to a tremendous professional career and has been a judge for the MWFF in past years."

The 11th annual Mosaic World Film Festival will take place Aug. 24 to 26 at the Nordlof Center. This will mark the fest's 5th year at the venue.

The evening of Friday, Aug. 24 will see the opening night premiere reception at 6 p.m., which includes music, bar service, hors d'oeuvres,

and a red carpet photo opportunity for all who attend.

At 7 p.m. that evening "Minding the Gap" will screen, following an announcement of the award winners for the entire 2018 MWFF. There will be a short question and answer session with the "Minding the Gap" filmmakers following the screening, moderated by the Mosaic World Film Festival Director Jerry LaBuy.

All of the festival's short films will be presented in four combined sessions on Aug. 24 and Aug. 25. Those programs will be made up of narrative, animated, experimental, music video, and documentary films. A full list of the films for each session is available on the MWFF website.

"Minding the Gap" will have an additional screening on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m. This screening will be followed by a question and answer session moderated by Eric and Alicia Neubauer of Ground Floor Skateboards.

On the evening of Aug. 25 the fest will present the popular 'Regional Filmmakers' event. At 6 p.m. that evening a reception will be held where filmgoers can meet with the filmmakers from Northern Illinois and Southern Wisconsin who

have been selected for the event. Then at 7 p.m., all of the short films made by those filmmakers will be screened. Each filmmaker will have a chance to answer questions from the audience about their work during the screening.

All of the feature films of the fest will be screened on Sunday, Aug. 26. The day will begin with the documentary "I Can Only Be Mary Lane" at 11 a.m. The narrative feature "The Forest" will screen at 1 p.m. The last feature film will be an encore screening of "Minding the Gap" that will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. That screening is co-sponsored by the Trauma Informed Community Film Series and will hold a question and answer immediately following the screening moderated by

Jennifer Cacciapaglia, Manager for the Mayor's Office of Domestic Violence and Human Trafficking Prevention.

Advance tickets are available for purchase online at <http://bit.ly/>

mtgrockford. There is a limit of 250 pre-sale tickets for each day of the fest. Any tickets still available when the fest opens will be sold at the Nordlof Center box office. To

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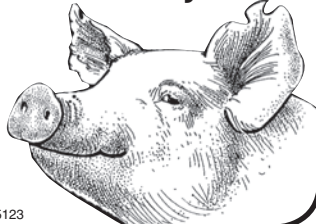
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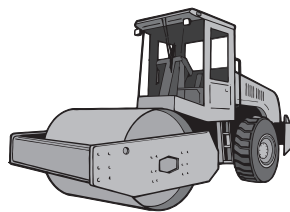
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In my opinion

Think about what you think about

I started my joy workshops and life coaching in 2009. Since then so much of what I intuitively taught has become common and popular. Adult coloring books are now mainstream and you can meet up with other folks and color together at local libraries. Back in the day, I sent my clients coloring pages via email. A book about the magic of tidying up is a huge bestseller. A focus of my Joy Beyond Your Dreams program was on decluttering and it is indeed magical.

Many things I taught I see everywhere now. Except the most important part. The power of our mindset, our words, the stories we tell ourselves to change our lives is now creeping into our culture, but alas, many people still have not yet embraced that shift in thinking.

That’s the difference. We are much more apt to *do* something a little different – color, declutter, take a dance class – than to *think* a little differently.

It’s easier to try a new action than to try a new way of thinking. We’ve never had to think about our thinking before. To be clear: the goal is *not* “positive” thinking. I’m all for affirmations and incantations, but positive thinking alone does not really change your life.



By
**KELLY
SIMMONS**
Columnist

You have to go a little deeper. You have to think about what you think about. The key to shifting how you navigate life is to begin to be the observer. What do you observe? You.

So much of our attention is pointed outward. My boss is a jerk. That driver is an idiot for cutting me off. The weather here sucks. My husband never/always/should blah blah blah. You can’t trust doctors/lawyers/redheads.

On and on we go. We see the world around us and find fault. We label everything. We judge. And we don’t even realize we do it. It is normal, it really is.

And you can create a new normal.

It takes training and practice to create a new habit. We know that. Yet we don’t see our thought patterns as habits that we can change. We can.

So much of what we have taken in as our own beliefs are what we are taught as children. Our parents,

teachers, pastors/rabbis/preachers, the media, our extended family all have influence. That influence shapes and molds the way we interpret the world.

We have *so many* beliefs in us that we don’t really think about. We just think that is the way life is, and that’s the way we are. “I’m terrible with money.” “I don’t have a creative bone in my body.” “I’m too old to try something new.”

Those beliefs are patterns based on what we learned in the past. You can make a new pattern, if you want.

Many people blindly go through life without realizing how some old thought patterns are holding them down. To start on a new path, to feel more joy in your life, you can shed some of the old patterns. To start, go easy. Just begin to notice when you are triggered. What story do you tell yourself about yourself?

Observe *why* you think what you think. Did one comment from a teacher make you believe you can’t sing or write or do good in science? We give so much power to other’s comments.

Catch yourself in the act of these kinds of thoughts. Begin to dissect where they came from. Look at who you are now. Look at the beautiful, responsible person

you have become. Look at your accomplishments, large and teeny tiny. Ask yourself if you are ready to let go of that thought that no longer feels right. Think about what you think about. Notice. Observe. See your life change. With practice, you can.

If you need help, email me at Kelly@kellyepperson.com.

Death notices

Aug. 6

Frank McGee, 88; Donald Klam-er, 88; June Legge, 89; Amy Tros-tel, 22; Naomi Scott, 95; Thomas Ellison, 75; William Barrett, 75; Leland Jones, 87; Franklin John-son, 84; Francis Dettman, 86; Rob-ert Ronan, 85

Aug. 7

Donald Loos, 57; Janet Edwards, 74; Christine Buckner, 68; James Davis, 91; Agnes Miller, 94; Linda Strehorn, 66; Howard Frank, 85

Aug. 8

Brenda Bartscher, 49; Conrad Shogren, 77; Howard Feldman, 98; Carol Irvin, 73; Sandra Derke, 80; Dennis Dray, 89; Richard Adcock, 84; William Richardds, 98; Willie May Huggins, 80; Lola Ledin, 71; George Brunk, 55

Aug. 9

Nancy Laye, 81; Charles Mo-rales, 66; Lorrie Dzik, 57; Steven

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Aug. 10

Harry Hendrickson, 83; Robert Schoonmaker, 87; Darrell Voeh-ringer, 57; James Driskell, 65; Edna Ring, 97; Brian Kraus, 38; Virgil Laughlin, 89; Kevin Keller, 66; Beth Bowers, 52; Thomas Add-ams, 80

Aug. 11

Annie Rucker, 88; Inez Stooner, 90; Raymond Laube, 91

Aug. 12

Jeffrey Arnold, 54; Marjadele Sohlele, 86; Gloria Knoll, 68; Madeline Jacobs, 93; Richard Langley, 67; Timothy Jackson, 58; Sue Sanders, 69; Lyle Sheley, 88; Baernadine Harker, 80

Aug. 13

Delio Garcia, 83; Edgar Oliver, 71; Dean Adolphson, 66; Michael Jacquetta, 47; Arnold Boylan, 95; Colleen Linssen, 87



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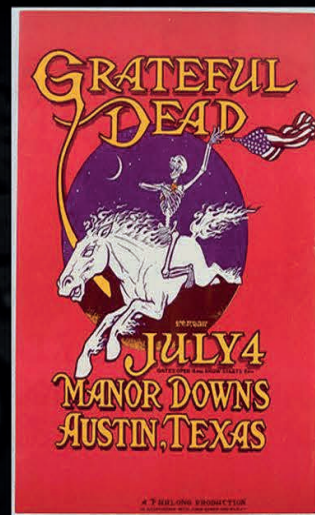
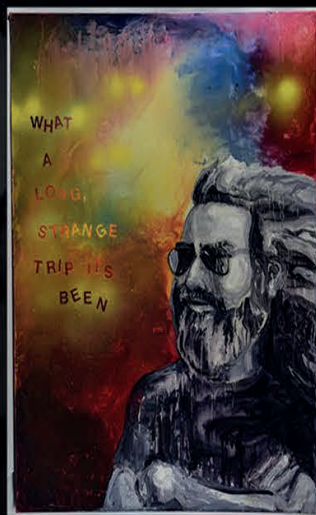
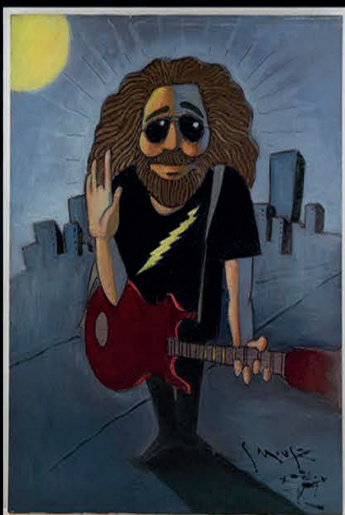


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Slices of life

Dead tree growing

It was dead, or nearly so. A massive maple tree that had marked the seasons and passing of time for twice as long as most humans grace the earth. Each spring his buds reminded us of life anew. He'd sheltered us from the intense summer sun and gave a brilliant colorful display each autumn. He stood strong and steady during the frigid winter months.

My boys used to like climbing his branches, going much higher than my comfort zone. One summer one of his limbs served as an anchor for a birdhouse, which provided residence to a mama sparrow and her three chicks. His aboveground surface roots created a formidable sporting hazard during friendly family games of croquet. The tree was an icon in our yard.

But in the last few years, more and more branches failed to leaf out in the spring. The bark peeled and fell from the massive trunk. Large limbs shivered in the wind, weighed down with years of growth and life and now death. The tree was dying.

It was time for it to come down.

This was a job for professionals. The tree removal guys took off the top branches first, moving downward to the trunk until there was nothing left but a stump. That, in turn, was ground up by another professional and we sprinkled the area with black dirt and grass seed.



By
**JILL
PERTLER**
Contributor

The yard looked empty. You don't realize how big a tree is until it is no longer.

I lamented the loss. My husband, who is also a tree enthusiast agreed. "But look on the bright side," he said. "We won't have to navigate over the roots when we play croquet."

The tree had been in the process of dying. We thought we finished the job. But the maple wasn't ready for that just yet.

We'd taken the branches and the trunk. We'd ground the stump. We've disposed of trees in the past and this is how it goes. With most trees.

Not our maple. He had life left to live. Or better put, lives – as in plural.

Many plurals, as it turns out. The dead tree just keeps growing.

Throughout the yard – all over – the tree is sprouting saplings from its roots. The infant trees stretch far and wide. They disappear after a thorough mowing but then grow back again faster than you can say herbicide. They may even be multiplying. If we aren't careful soon we will be living in a forest,

which wouldn't be a bad thing, but then where would we play croquet?

There are measures we can take to deal with the sprouts. And I suppose that's what we'll do – with most of them – but not all. I think maybe we should honor the tree's determination to survive and return to its former glory by keeping one sapling growing in the spot of the original tree. We can nurture it with tender loving care, water it in the summer and protect it in the winter.

In turn, it will grow and flourish and proclaim the seasons with new life in the spring, shade in the summer, golden splendor in the fall and steadfastness in the winter. Its sturdy branches will support the weight of another generation of tree-climbing children whose moms fret about slivers and someone putting an eye out. Its limbs will beckon to sparrows and robins, providing nesting spots to hatch their broods.

And, it will likely grow more aboveground roots, which means the croquet hazard will be back, but what's a game without a challenge or two?

Jill Pertler is an award-winning syndicated columnist, published playwright, author and member of the National Society of Newspaper Columnists. Don't miss a slice; follow the Slices of Life page on Facebook.

Weekly Connection

Farming the hills of southwest Wisconsin

By Scott Cernek
COLUMNIST

The hills of southwest Wisconsin are much different than the terrain around these parts. If you've ever driven toward Hazel Green, Platteville, Potosi, or ventured a little further north near Prairie Du Chien you know what I'm talking about. The view is spectacular, especially in the summer when all different shades of green from the trees and crops can be seen for miles. What's even more amazing is climbing up the ninety-foot tall grain leg on the home farm and just gazing at the farms from high above. When up on that leg, I have even been able to see with the naked eye the famous letter M on the hillside near Platteville about fifty miles away.

It takes a great deal of concentration and skill to farm these hills. It is not uncommon to see a silage or hay wagon lying on its side in a field. The hills and valleys have to be farmed at just the right angles or accidents can and do occur. Two times in my younger days I tipped over wagons, and it wasn't very enjoyable to make the trip back to the buildings and explain what happened to my Dad.

We didn't always use our brains very well when we were learning to farm those hills. Once when I was about fourteen years old and invincible, I actually was riding on the top of a load of hay on its way in from the field. One of my brothers was driving and I was just relaxing on the bales taking in the beauty of the countryside. I'm sure I must have been chewing

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Loves Park appoints new assistant and acting Fire Chief

By Margaret Downing
REPORTER

At the August 13 city council meeting, Loves Park aldermen approved a resolution authorizing Mayor Greg Jury to hire Tim Conley in the position of Assistant Fire Chief, effective August 14 at a yearly salary of \$72,800.

Assistant Chief Conley brings much experience to the city's fire department, as listed in information provided by Acting Fire Chief, Gerry Wiltfang:

"Timothy Conley is a 27-year veteran of the Fire/EMS service and currently serves as Deputy Chief of Operations for the Loves Park Fire Department, Chief of Operations for IDMC, and MST Chief for the MO DMAT/DMORT-1 (Missouri State Emergency Management)."

"Conley's duties include state and local level disaster planning

and response. He has also led the committee developing state-to-state level mutual aid for State Disaster Response Teams.

"Adjunct experience includes serving as the team commander and management support team coordinator of the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT). He also served as a member of the Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF), Illinois Bio-terrorism and Pandemic Flu working groups, the Illinois Terrorism Task Force Training committee, and FEMA HHS/ASPR NIMS typing committees.

"Conley's experience also includes serving as Planning Officer and Shift Supervisor for the Village of Western Springs, Ill., Department of Fire/EMS Services and Emergency Management.

"Conley's field experience in-

cludes Planning Section Chief during the rescue efforts in Joplin, Mo. after a devastating F-5 tornado leveled much of the community. Chief Conley also served as Team Commander for the Illinois Medical Emergency Response Team (IMERT) in Baton Rouge, La. during rescue/recovery operations for Hurricane Katrina.

"Most recently, Conley was deployed to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as a subject matter expert to provide response training on Weapons of Mass Destruction and Hazardous Materials Response to United States and Foreign Allied Responders.

"Conley has received numerous commendations for his service, including from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

"Conley also participates in fitness challenges with his fire service colleagues."

In other business:

A resolution authorizing the mayor to appoint Wiltfang as Acting Fire Chief was also approved at the Aug. 13 meeting, effective Aug. 14, at a salary of \$83,635.

Police Chief Chuck Lynde received the okay to purchase four 2019 Ford Interceptor Utility vehicles and one 2019 Ford Escape from Rock River Ford. Additionally a three-year lease purchase agreement with U.S. Bank at \$49,172.26 a year was okayed. The city received 2018 pricing for the new vehicles for a total Illinois contract price of \$137,034.

•Farming

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on a long blade of alfalfa when I began to doze off. The next thing I knew there were bales falling all around me and I was tumbling through space and time. There is really nothing quite as frightening as waking up in such a moment. Sure enough, my brother hadn't navigated the hillside very well and the wagon was tipping over with me in it.

When everything came to a halt, the soft hay and a little help from the Lord cushioned my fall, and I was a little scratched up, but uninjured. We drove home to pick up an empty wagon and clean up the mess. When we had all the bales picked up, we pushed the capsized wagon upright and inspected it for damage. I can't tell you the number of near misses we

Per the weekly police activity report a total of 467 calls for service were received, 193 arrests were made, and officers responded to 10 accidents between July 29 and Aug. 4.

A total of \$42,735.87 in water department bills and \$286,867.17 in general fund and all other bills, as presented Aug. 6, were approved for payment.

A special use permit, second reading, was okayed for a gas station in the 7900 block of E. Riverside Blvd.

A much discussed special use permit for a banquet facility at 7155 Windsor Lake Pkwy. first reading, was approved.

had growing up on those hills, but it sure helped me learn to drive safely and deal with the ebb and flow of life.

In the book of Joshua, God tells the great Hebrew leader these words, "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." When we put our trust in and commit our way to the Lord, we aren't guaranteed smooth sailing, but we are guaranteed his presence to lead and guide us on the hillsides of life. My wife found a great quote the other day that she shared with me. It said, "Sleep peacefully, God is awake." Until next week, God bless you all.

Rockford man wanted on domestic battery charges

On Tuesday, Feb. 27, shortly after 8 p.m. patrol officers from the Rockford Police Department responded to an apartment in the 4500 block of Trevor Circle in reference to a domestic violence incident. When they arrived, officers met with an adult female victim who reported that the suspect, David Jones, whom she had a child in common with, had forced his way into



David Jones

her apartment. Jones then allegedly battered the victim and took her cellphone before fleeing the scene.

Detectives from the Domestic Violence Unit conducted a follow-up investigation into the incident. The investigation was later reviewed by the Winnebago County State's Attorney's Office. As a result, charges were authorized and a warrant was obtained for David Jones on the listed charges. Jones is also wanted on an unrelated warrant for aggravated fleeing to elude.

David Jones, 26, Rockford: aggravated domestic battery; Domestic Battery; interfering with the reporting of domestic violence;

criminal damage to property

Bond: \$150,000

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David Jones has yet to be arrested on these warrants and is still at large. The Rockford Police Department is asking for the public's help in locating Jones. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Investigations Bureau 779-500-6551 or Crime Stoppers 815-963-7867.

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Toasted Coconut and Chocolate Popcorn

Yield: 10 cups

- 10 cups popped popcorn
- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoons light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon coconut extract (optional)
- 1 cup chocolate chips
- 1 teaspoon vegetable oil
- 1 bag (7 ounces) shredded coconut, toasted

Place popcorn in large bowl; set aside. In small saucepan, combine butter, brown sugar and coconut extract; stir until melted and combined.

Pour over popcorn, coating well. Spread popcorn onto large cookie sheet.

In glass measuring cup, melt chocolate chips and vegetable oil in microwave on low heat until smooth. Drizzle over popcorn. Immediately sprinkle coconut over popcorn mixture; cool.

Break into pieces and serve.



Popcorn and Peanut Truffles



Toasted Coconut and Chocolate Popcorn

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Yield: 12 cups

- 12 cups popped popcorn
- 1 package (11 ounces) white chocolate chips
- 2 teaspoons coconut oil
- 15 Oreo cookies, coarsely chopped

Place popcorn in large bowl; set aside.

In medium saucepan on low heat, melt chocolate chips and coconut oil; stir until blended.

Pour melted chocolate over popcorn, stirring until well-coated. Stir in chopped Oreos.

Spread mixture on baking sheet and chill until chocolate has set. Break into pieces to serve.

Popcorn Party Pizza

Yield: 8 slices

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 1 bag (10.5 ounces) mini marshmallows
- 2 quarts popped popcorn
- 1 tube (.68 ounces) red piping gel
- 1 package red raspberry fruit roll-ups
- green jelly beans
- coconut
- candy-coated chocolate pieces

Spray 12-inch pizza pan with cooking spray; set aside.

In large saucepan over medium heat, heat butter.

Stir in marshmallows until melted.

Stir in popcorn until well coated.

Spread mixture evenly onto prepared pizza pan.

Drizzle red piping gel over “pizza” to make “sauce.”

Cut small circles (about 1 1/4 inches in diameter) from fruit roll-up and place on pizza for “pepperoni” slices.

Decorate as desired with jelly beans, coconut and candies.

Allow to cool completely before cutting into wedges to serve.



Popcorn Party Pizza



Cheesy Pepperoni Popcorn

Cheesy Pepperoni Popcorn

Yield: 6-8 cups

- 1/4 cup nonfat Parmesan cheese
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
- 1/4 teaspoon dried marjoram leaves
- 1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves
- 1/8 teaspoon dried sage
- black pepper, to taste
- 12 cups popped popcorn
- 3/4 cup turkey pepperoni, cut into bite-size bits
- olive oil cooking spray

In small bowl, combine Parmesan cheese, garlic powder, oregano, marjoram, basil, sage and pepper; mix well.

Place cooked popcorn and turkey pepperoni in large bowl; spray lightly with cooking spray.

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