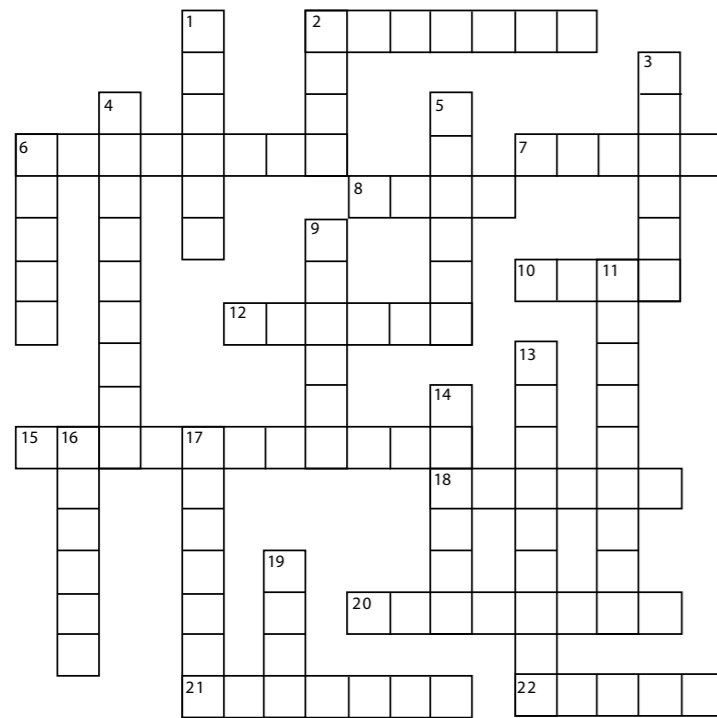


Welcome Winter Crossword Puzzle!



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| 1. Turned into ice | 6. Shoes for snowy days | 16. Used to warm a room |
| 2. It goes downhill fast | 9. Frozen trickle of water | 17. Winter hand warmers |
| 3. A short coat | 11. Ice crystal | 19. Temperature (in Celsius) |
| 4. What bears do in the winter | 13. December 25th | at which water freezes |
| 5. Opposite of summer | 14. Area around the North Pole | |

ACROSS

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| 2. Knitted top | 10. A sudden blast of wind | 20. Month that winter starts in |
| 6. Snowstorm with winds | 12. Shake from the cold | 21. He might have a carrot for a nose |
| 7. Month that winter ends in | 15. Tells you how cold it is outside | 22. Keeps your neck warm |
| 8. When the air moves | 18. Rather cold | |



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WELCOME DECEMBER!

December was originally the 10th month of the year in the Roman calendar. It gets its name from the Latin word "decem" which means tenth. When the Romans added January and February to the calendar, it became the 12th month

Symbols of December...

Birthstone: Turquoise, Zircon, or Tanzanite
Flower: Narcissus or Holly
Zodiac signs: Sagittarius or Capricorn

DECEMBER DAYS & DATES...

- 12/7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 12/21 – First Day of Winter
- 12/25 – Christmas
- 12/25 – Hanukkah Begins at Sundown
- 12/26 – Kwanzaa Begins
- 12/31 – New Year's Eve

DECEMBER IS...

- *Read a New Book Month*
- *Universal Human Rights Month*
- *National Fruit Cake Month*
- *Safe Toy & Gift Mont*

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With the end of the year upon us, everyone at Yeck's Tire & Auto would like to wish you and your family Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year!

We try to make sure we say thank you every time you come in because without you we wouldn't be! In case we slipped up, THANKS to all of our valued clients. Thank you for the trust you have placed in us to service your vehicles. We value your patronage and our relationship with you.

We will be celebrating our 50th year in business next year and we know it is because many of you trust us enough to refer your co-workers, friends, neighbors, and family members. We truly are honored when you refer someone to us. We will continue to strive to be the best we can be and to offer you the best possible experience every time you visit our shop! We know you have many choices on where you get your vehicles serviced – our sincere thanks for making Yeck's Tire & Auto your shop of choice.

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A SEASON OF CELEBRATION FOR ALL...

CHRISTMAS is the Christian festival celebrating the birth of Jesus. Since the early 20th century, Christmas has also been a secular family holiday, observed by Christians and non-Christians alike, and marked by an increasingly elaborate exchange of gifts. In this secular Christmas celebration, a mythical figure named Santa Claus plays the pivotal role.

HANUKKAH is the Jewish 8-day wintertime "festival of lights," celebrated with a nightly menorah lighting, special prayers and fried foods. The Hebrew word Hanukkah means "dedication," and is thus named because it celebrates the rededication of the Holy Temple.

KWANZAA is a cultural holiday that celebrates African heritage and identity. The name comes from the Swahili phrase "matunda ya kwanza," which translates to "first fruits," and the holiday is based on traditional African harvest festivals. Seven candles are lighted during Kwanzaa, and seven symbols are placed around the home.



WE'LL BE SINGING IT SOON ENOUGH!



Despite not being written for New Year's Day, the tune "Auld Lang Syne" has become the traditional ballad of the holiday in many English-speaking countries, including the United States, where it's sung by thousands who aren't exactly sure what it means. It's written in Scots, which sounds similar to English in some ways but is a distinct language. The literal translation of auld lang syne is "old long since," but it effectively means "for old times."

PEPPERMINT MOCHA COOKIE BARS!

These fudgy peppermint mocha cookie bars are infused with peppermint and espresso flavors, making them reminiscent of a popular holiday-time drink.

Prep Time: 20 mins • Cook Time: 25 mins • Cool Time: 30 mins • Chill Time: 1 hr
Total Time: 2 hrs 15 mins • Servings: 16

Ingredients		
WHITE CHOCOLATE FROSTING:	• 1 cup all-purpose flour	• ¼ cup firmly packed dark brown sugar
• ½ cup white chocolate chips	• ¼ cup unsweetened cocoa powder	• 1 large egg, at room temperature
• 1/3 cup heavy cream	• ½ teaspoon salt	• 1 ½ teaspoons vanilla extract
• 1/8 teaspoon peppermint extract	• ½ teaspoon baking soda	• ½ teaspoon peppermint extract
COOKIE BARS:	• ½ teaspoon baking powder	• ½ cup dark chocolate chips
• 2 tablespoons instant espresso powder	• ½ cup unsalted butter, softened	• ¼ cup finely crushed peppermint candy canes, plus more for decorating
• 2 tablespoons hot water	• ½ cup white sugar	

Directions

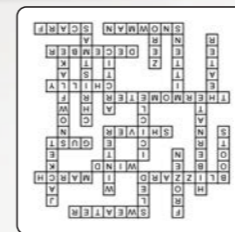
- Place white chocolate chips, heavy cream, and 1/8 teaspoon peppermint extract into a microwave-safe bowl. Microwave at 50% power in 30 second intervals, stirring after each interval, until melted and combined. Place mixture, uncovered, in the refrigerator until completely chilled, about 1 hour.
- Preheat the oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Line an 8x8-inch square pan with enough parchment paper to have overhang on all sides.
- In a small bowl or measuring cup, stir espresso powder and hot water together until dissolved.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together flour, cocoa powder, salt, baking soda, and baking powder until thoroughly combined.
- Beat butter, white sugar, and brown sugar together in a large bowl until light and fluffy. Add in egg and beat until thoroughly combined. Add in espresso mixture, vanilla extract, and 1/2 teaspoon peppermint extract and mix until combined. Pour in half of the flour mixture and mix until just combined. Add in remaining flour mixture and mix until just combined—dough will be somewhat thick. Stir in chocolate chips and crushed candy canes. Spread dough into the prepared pan in an even layer.
- Bake in the preheated oven until the bars look just set, 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from the oven and allow to cool completely in the pan, about 30 minutes.
- Remove chilled white chocolate mixture from the fridge. Whip on medium-high speed with an electric mixer until mixture holds stiff peaks. Spread white chocolate frosting in a thin even layer over the top of the cooled bars and sprinkle with additional crushed candy canes. Cut into 16 bars.

<https://www.allrecipes.com/peppermint-mocha-cookie-bars-recipe-8423140>



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Crossword Solution

AS WINTER DAYS GET SHORTER, CHECK VEHICLE LIGHTS AND WIPERS

Winter is quickly approaching and that means fewer hours of daylight. To be sure you can be seen by others and your visibility is not compromised, check your vehicle's lights and wipers.

"The days are getting shorter, so it is a good time to check that your vehicle's wipers and lighting are working properly because the chance of an accident increases if you can't see or be seen," according to the non-profit Car Care Council. "From the driver's seat you may not notice a light that isn't working, so check all of your car's lights and replace those that are out. Also, be sure to inspect and replace wiper blades so you can see clearly when wet weather hits."

The wiper system keeps excessive water, snow and dirt from building up on the windshield, maintaining clear visibility. Many factors can accelerate the replacement interval of wipers, including operating conditions (winter conditions are tough on wiper blades), frequency of use, material and type of wipers and sunny weather. In fact, wiper blades can deteriorate faster and need more frequent replacement in desert states.

Lights are normal wear items that require periodic inspection and replacement. The lighting system provides nighttime visibility; signals and alerts other drivers; and supplies light for viewing instruments and the vehicle's interior. In addition to replacing dimming, rapidly blinking and non-functioning lights, make sure that your headlights are properly aimed. Misaimed headlights blind other drivers and reduce your ability to see the road.

For more information about keeping your vehicle in safe, dependable operating condition, visit the Car Care Council website at www.carcare.org.



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