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Everybody's Talking!

Kindness fund: When an elderly waitress in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania (U.S.), shared that back pain and limited income kept her from retiring, a kind customer quietly recorded her story. That video soon went viral, sparking a wave of generosity. A crowd-funding campaign raised over \$300,000 (USD) to help support the waitress, named Betty, who had been working to make ends meet, well past the usual age. The funds are now being carefully managed through a trust to protect her benefits and future financial security. What started as a simple \$40 tip soon turned into a life-changing gift. It's a powerful reminder that small acts of kindness can inspire extraordinary and lasting outcomes when people come together.

Fruit fusion: A single mango tree stands as a marvel of patience and skill in the town of Malihabad, India. Decades of grafting, in which branches from different trees are joined to grow on one trunk, have transformed it into a living showcase, now producing over 300 mango varieties. Each grafted branch offers a different fruit, creating a tree like no other. The work began when grower Kalimullah Khan, guided by curiosity and a love of horticulture, started combining varieties on one strong tree. The process continues today, overseen by his son, who ensures the prized tree thrives. Visitors travel from far and wide to witness this botanical wonder, proof that nature, when nurtured by human hands, can surprise us again and again.

Window wisdom: An elementary school in Jacksonville, Illinois (U.S.), is proving that brighter classrooms can brighten minds. By adding dozens of new windows, Eisenhower Elementary swapped dim, outdated spaces for sunlit rooms that help students thrive. Studies show that natural light boosts learning and focus, and the school's results back that up. Teachers report better moods, improved student participation, and higher engagement across the board. The makeover is part of a broader effort to bring day-light back into school design. With so much success, the team behind this transformation hopes to inspire other schools to do the same. A little sunshine can make all the difference.

Elk passage: A rancher has made a unique deal that helps both his cattle and local elk. A conservation group now covers part of his land lease costs so elk can move freely across his property in Colorado (U.S.) during migration. Without this support, the rancher could face financial peril because the elk eat grass that is meant for livestock. The rancher also lowers his fences in winter to let the elk safely pass. This simple solution is helping restore old migration paths while keeping the ranch running smoothly. It also offers a rare example of how ranching and wildlife can coexist. The rancher says seeing the elk wander through each season is well worth the extra effort involved, and is a reminder of the land's shared purpose.

Quoteable Quotes

"If you approach the mountain in fear, it will look bigger than it appears." —Tene Edwards

"The expert at anything was once a beginner." —Helen Hayes

What's Happening

Dec. 6TH: Kalamazoo Winter Market, 1204 Bank St., Kalamazoo, 8-1PM.

Dec. 6TH: Holiday Open House – Visit with Santa!, VanderSalm's Flower Shop & Garden Ctr., Kalamazoo, 10-2PM.

Dec. 6TH: Pancakes with Santa, Cross Community Church of the Nazarene, Portage, 9-12PM.

Dec. 6TH: Buy Local Art & Gift Fair, Kalamazoo Nature Center, Kalamazoo, 9-4PM. Free admission to fair & trails

Dec. 6TH: Craft & Vendor Fair & Cookie Walk, Trinity Lutheran School, Paw Paw, 9-2PM.

Dec. 6TH: Christmas Market at the Manor, 701 Marshall St., Allegan, 9-3PM.

Trivia

1. Cooking food with brief, high, intense heat is called ____.
2. The Golden Mean is a math problem—T/F?
3. The ____ Years War between Britain and France was 1337-1453.
4. In knitting, this kind of stitch has fallen off the needle.
5. What is the usual speed of a seven-inch vinyl record?

(Flip bottom of page for answers)

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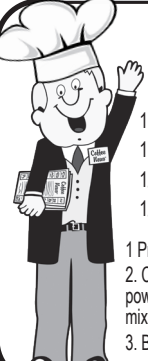


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Recipe of the Week

Baked French Fries I

1 large baking potato	1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1 tablespoon olive oil	1/2 teaspoon onion powder
1/2 teaspoon paprika	
1/2 teaspoon garlic powder	

1 Preheat oven to 450 degrees F (230 degrees C).
2. Cut potato into wedges. Mix olive oil, paprika, garlic powder, chili powder and onion powder together. Coat potatoes with oil/spice mixture and place on a baking sheet.
3. Bake for 45 minutes in preheated oven.

source: allrecipes.com



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