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Airport has \$1M in plans

5-year plan: Pavement repairs and updated weather system in the works

BY CHUCK VANDENBERG
PCC EDITOR

FORT MADISON – A 5-year capital improvement plan totaling \$940,000 was submitted for federal grants Tuesday night.

As part of a brief pre-holiday Fort Madison City Council meeting Tuesday night, the council voted unanimously to authorize a fiscal year 2023 capital improvement program and related documents for a possible 5-year Federal Aviation Administration grant allocation.

As part of the submission, the city had to show the airport had 10% in matching funds which, according to a report filed Tuesday, totaled \$94,000.

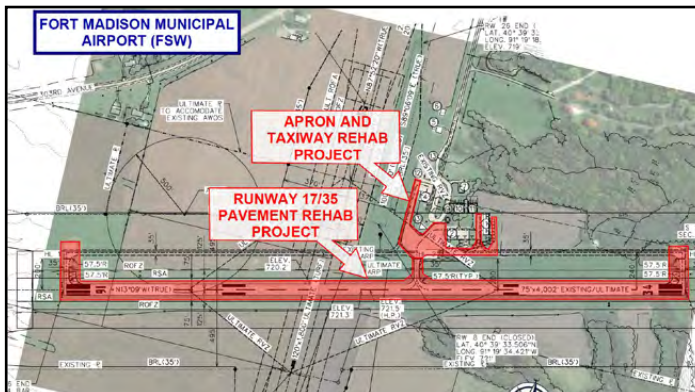
The local match would include a \$34,800 payment in the next fiscal year and a \$59,200 payment in fiscal year 2026.

The 2023 project would include replacing an outdated Automated Weather Observing System at the airport to include all new electrical and communications cabling in conduit, and a granular buffer around the system area in conjunction with the Iowa Department of Transportation. The cost of the project is \$348,000 with the FAA tentatively picking up \$313,200 of the project.

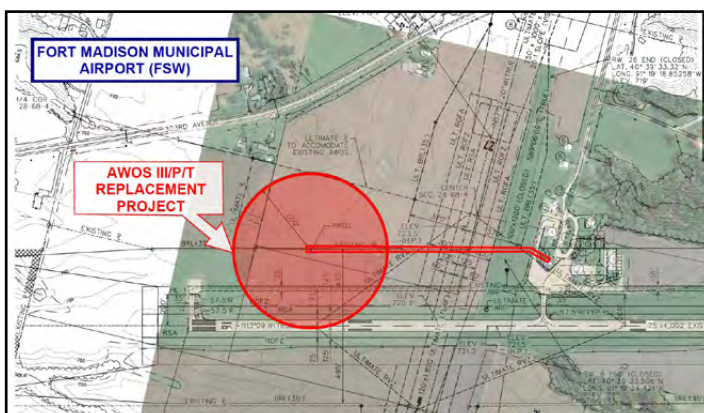
The current AWOS area is east of the north end of the runway.

An update of the airport's Automated Weather Observing System is also on the City Airport Commission's 5-year plan. That project and a runway rehabilitation total about \$940,000 with 90% potential federal grants to help pay for

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The pavement around the Fort Madison airport, including the runway, is scheduled for a rehabilitation in 2026, as part of close to \$1 million in upgrades to the airport over the next five years. A new weather observation system is also in the works.



An afternoon fire at an unoccupied home in the 1800 block of Avenue I had firefighters on the scene for just about two hours.

Firefighters said the origin of the fire is still under investigation, but most of the damage was contained to the exterior of the building, the attic, and one interior bathroom.



Photo by Chuck Vandenberg/PCC

IOWA NEWS

Two Alliant workers get lifesaving honor

Lineworkers render aid to victims

CEDAR RAPIDS – Two Alliant Energy line workers received the Governor's Lifesaving Award for their courage and bravery after helping to save the lives of four Iowans during two separate incidents – a house fire and a home explosion.

Iowa Governor Kim Reynolds presented the awards to Customer Service Mechanic Danny Gutschenritter and Service Responder Alex Schwenke during a ceremony on December 16 at the Iowa State Capitol in Des Moines.

"We are very proud of Danny and Alex. Their ability to remain calm and composed in the face of danger helped save the lives of four people," said Tracy McCampbell, director of operations at Alliant Energy. "Danny and Alex exemplify our company's commitment to safety as well as our purpose to serve customers and build stronger communities."

On May 26, 2019, Schwenke was dispatched to a home in Rose Hill, Iowa after a smart meter indicated a power outage. When he arrived at the address, Schwenke found a large pile of debris. It appeared the home had exploded and collapsed. After calling 911, he turned off the utilities to the area. The couple trapped inside the house saw his flashlight and started calling for help. Schwenke and firefighters then worked to rescue them.

"I thought I was going to a power outage, but I ended up being a first responder," Schwenke said. "It felt great to help them out."

The second incident took place months later in Creston, Iowa. On October 11, 2019, Gutschenritter arrived home from work to find a neighbor's house was on fire and his neighbor was yelling for help through a window. Gutschenritter ran

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WEATHER

THU 23 Dec..... Broken Clouds, 55° F/ 30° F
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For the Record

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Fort Madison Police report

12/20/21 – 8:38 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a hit & run in the 600 block of 35th Street.
 12/20/21 – 9:38 a.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 4500 block of Avenue O.
 12/20/21 – 10:01 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Jeremiah Jacob Prockish, 42, of Fort Madison, in the 2000 block of 303rd Avenue, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 12/20/21 – 10:46 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Eric Eugene Fortune, Sr., 54, of Fort Madison, in the 1700 block of Avenue

M, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 12/20/21 – 11:30 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Eric Eugene Fortune, Sr., 54, of Fort Madison, in the 1500 block of 18th Street, on a charge of 5th degree theft, less than \$300.
 12/20/21 – 12:24 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Seth Thomas Wright, 29, of Fort Madison, in the 2800 block of Avenue O, on a warrant for parole violation. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 12/20/21 – 3:04 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Lenard Raymond Polhans, 50, of Fort Madison, no located cited, on a charge of driving

under suspension.
 12/20/21 – 4:09 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of vandalism in the 200 block of Avenue G.
 12/20/21 – 10:25 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of a property damage accident at the intersection of 15th Street and Avenue E.
 12/21/21 – 2:00 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Cynthia Lea Arnaman, 63, of Fort Madison, in the 800 block of Avenue E, on a charge of city – running at large.
 12/21/21 – 2:16 p.m. – Fort Madison police cited Sean Michael Molzhon, 46, of Fort Madison, in the 2200 block of Avenue

G, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 12/21/21 – 8:24 p.m. – Fort Madison police responded to a report of larceny/theft in the 600 block of Avenue F.
 12/21/21 – 9:54 p.m. – Fort Madison police arrested Robert Lee Cooper, 71, of Fort Madison, on 3 Ankeny warrants for forgery, 2nd degree theft, and ID theft. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 12/22/21 – 5:24 a.m. – Fort Madison police cited Denise Ann McGinnis, 56, of Fort Madison, in the 4800 block of Avenue O, on a charge of driving under suspension.
 12/22/21 – 6:24 a.m. – Fort Madison police

responded to a report of a property damage accident in the 5400 block of Avenue O.

Lee County Sheriff's report

12/20/21 – 12:15 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Francis William Wrieden III, 25, of Keokuk, in the 100 block of 7th Street on a warrant for a court-order hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 12/20/21 – 3:20 p.m. – Lee County sheriff deputies arrested Eric Edward Bagwell, 46, of Marion, at the North Lee County Courthouse, on warrants for failure to appear/contempt of court and

judgment hold. He was taken to Lee County Jail.
 12/21/21 – Lee County sheriff deputies had no activity to report.
Those listed above are arrested or cited on a suspicion of a crime and are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

Fort Madison Fire & Rescue Report

12/19/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to four medical calls.
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 12/21/21 – Fort Madison firefighters responded to one medical calls one odor complaint.

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A color guard presents the colors at Fort Madison High School's annual Veterans' Assembly Wednesday afternoon. The school puts on the assembly to honor area veterans for the holidays.

Reynolds honors electrical workers for rescue efforts

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around the house, smashed a window with a brick and rescued a 12-year-old girl trapped inside. As thick smoke poured out of the windows, he ran to the other side of the home to help his neighbor escape. Once everyone was safe, Gutschenritter disconnected the utilities to make it safe for firefighters to put out the fire when they arrived.

"I just got lucky," Gutschenritter said. "God put me in the right place at the right time."

The Governor's Lifesaving Awards are presented to those who have performed courageous acts in an attempt to save individuals who are in danger of losing their life or to individuals who unselfishly rendered service in a time of emergency.

OBITUARIES

DENNIS O. BATLEY

Dennis Owen Batley, 71, of Keokuk, IA died Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at his home. He was born January 26, 1950 in Keokuk, IA the son of Gerald Owen and Shirley Katherine Hendricks Batley. Dennis graduated from Cardinal Stritch High School with the class of 1968. He was a veteran of the United States Navy and proudly served his country during the Vietnam Conflict.



BATLEY

On January 17th, 1981 Dennis was united in marriage to Shirley Bryant. She preceded him in death on December 22, 2020.

Dennis had been employed by Midwest Carbide for forty-two years, until his retirement in 2012.

He was a member of the American Legion Post #41, former member of the Moose Club in Keokuk and was of the Catholic faith.

He enjoyed traveling with his wife, Shirley to Branson, Nashville and all over the United States. Dennis loved drinking coffee with friends while visiting at the Hamilton Family Restaurant. He also enjoyed taking videos of different things, shooting pool and skeet shooting. Dennis liked feeding the birds and critters that came to visit in his yard.

Dennis is survived his daughter, Teresa (Roger) Evans of Keokuk, son-in-law, Brad Huston of Keokuk, four grandchildren, Keith Evans of Topeka, KS, James (Tressa) Evans, Shawna (Brendon) Myers and Christopher (Autumn) Huston all of Keokuk, his step- grandchildren, Tim (Deanne) Huston, Steve (Jessica) Huston, Christina Huston and Debbie Huston, nine great- grandchildren, Brandon, Allison, Jared, Emma, and Noah Evans, Jacob Farrell, Kori Myers, Oliver Huston, Aria Mills along with several step- great grandchildren. He is also survived by one sister, Judy Kaylor (Ernie) of Hannibal, MO, two sisters-in-law, Betty McCarl (Richard) of Keokuk and Emma Jean Steffensmeier (Marvin) of Fredericksburg, VA, one nephew, Sean Smeltser (Melissa), three nieces, Lisa Allen (Brian), Leslie Pitchford, (Daniel) and Stacy Kaylor, several great-nieces and great-nephews, aunts and uncles and many close friends.



Besides his wife, he was also preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Sherry Huston, one grandson, Corey Evans, brother and sister-in-law, Pat and Brad Picton and several aunts and uncles.

A graveside service with military rites will be held at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at Sunset Cemetery in Keokuk with Reverend David Brownfield, Ph.D.

Memorials may be made to Every Step Hospice or St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorialhome.com.

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Sports

Fort Madison girls shut down Demons

BY PCC SPORTS

WASHINGTON – Malarie Ross and Camille Kruse combined for 34 points and 17 steals as Fort Madison downed Washington 49-18 Tuesday night.

Malarie Ross scored 23 points, 14 in the second half to lead the Lady Hounds. Kruse had 11, while Anna Lynk added a couple three pointers for six points. Coree James had four points, Taylor Johnson hit a 3-ball in the fourth quarter for her three points and Molly Knipe had a bucket for two points to round out the Hounds' scoring.

Fort Madison went up 8-2 midway through the first quarter and extended that lead to 14-2 at the end of the first.

Washington pulled things together in the second quarter outscoring Fort Madison 8-7 and trailed 21-10

at the half.

But Fort Madison would hold the Demons scoreless in the third quarter to pull away for a 29-10 lead. Ross would put up 12 in the fourth quarter as Fort Madison put the game away.

Ross had 28 and Kruse scored 22 in a 67-51 win over Danville on the road Monday night.

Fort Madison put up 39 points in the first half alone as the Bears had trouble containing Fort Madison's dual scoring threat.

Irelynd Sargent had four points in the win. Knipe led the Hounds in rebounds with 15. Kruse had 10 boards on the night.

Fort Madison improves to 5-3 overall and is off for the holidays until Jan. 7 when Mt. Pleasant comes to the Hound Dome.

Lady Hawks rout New London

BY PCC STAFF

NEW LONDON – Macy Watkins exploded for 27 points and Alivia Myhre had 24 in a rout of New London Tuesday night.

Watkins had a career high 17 in the first half alone as the Lady Hawks won 86-26 in a girls Southeast Iowa Superconference South matchup in New London.

The game's tone was set quick as Central Lee rushed to a 22-0 lead with two minutes left in the first quarter. They pushed that to 33-4 lead going into the second quarter.

Head Coach Jay Baldwin went eight players into the rotation in the first half as the Hawks had things under control from the tip.

Makayla Morrison was also in double figures with 14. Nine players scored as Central Lee couldn't seem to cool off at any point in the win, putting up 49 points in the first half alone and then scored 37 in the second half with liberal subbing by Baldwin.

Maura Watkins has six points, followed by Mya Lampe with five. Kodi Moeller had four while Bailey Schwartz, Karlie Pohren and Kami Cox all scored two points in the win.

Central Lee also had 24 assists on the night.

The Hawks improve to 5-3 on the year and are off now until Jan. 4, 2022 when they host WACO.

HTC boys come up short at Notre Dame

BY PCC SPORTS

FORT MADISON – Holy Trinity kept pace with Burlington Notre Dame for half a game Tuesday night, but the boys couldn't put together a whole game in the 52-33 loss.

The Crusaders were up 14-12 at the end of the first quarter, but then only scored on a Connor Gehling bucket in the second quarter to give up the lead carrying a 26-16 deficit at the half.

Holy Trinity regrouped in the third quarter tying the Nikes with 13 on seven points from Gehling. He led all Crusaders with 14 points.

The Nikes were able to hold the Crusaders at bay in the fourth quarter allowing just four points as the visitors racked up 13 again to put the game out of reach.

Luke Hellige had seven points and Tyler Snaadt had six. Mikey DiPrima scored three all on free throws, Adam Sobczak had a bucket, and Nick Fullenkamp added a free throw to round out the Crusaders' scoring.

Carsen Jones led Notre Dame with 15 and Jackson Brent had 12.

Holy Trinity (2-6) is off until Jan. 4 when they host Wapello at Shottenkirk Gym.



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Our special 2021 Year In Review editions will publish Monday, January 3 through Wednesday, January 5.

Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7.

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Obituaries

OBITUARIES

WILLIAM E. PILKINGTON

William "Willy" Eric Pilkington, 69, of Keokuk, IA died Monday, December 20, 2021 at Great River Hospice House in West Burlington, IA.

He was born June 30, 1952 in Ft. Madison, IA the son of Eldon and Zona Harsch Pilkington.



PILKINGTON

Willy was a veteran of the United States Army.

On September 10, 1988 Willy was united in marriage to Stella Kirchner Broadwell. She survives.

Other survivors include two sons, Jesse Broadwell (Angie) of Donnellson, IA and Jamey Broadwell of Keokuk, two daughters, Dawn Cowan of Martinez, GA and Jenifer Nieto (Michael) of Albuquerque, NM, fourteen grandchildren, Steven Gooding (Sara) of O'Fallon, MO, Madison Broadwell (Ian Mullens) of Keokuk, Haylee Altgilbers (Devon) Keokuk, Malia Ibarra (Josh) of Evans, GA, Zane Cowan of Augusta, GA, Morgan Broadwell of Donnellson, IA, Jensen Broadwell of Keokuk, Abigail Broadwell of Keokuk, Carly Broadwell of Donnellson, IA, Kamden Broadwell of Donnellson, IA, Everlee Broadwell of Donnellson, IA, Beau Broadwell Donnellson, IA, Jesse Nieto of Albuquerque, NM and Stephen Nieto of Albuquerque, NM and seven great-grandchildren, Jude, Frankie and Eden Ibarra, Owen Gooding and Kaedyn, Kynslee and Paisley Mullens. He is also survived by two brothers, Ernest Pilkington (Judy) of Gladstone, IL and Raymond Pilkington (Carla) of Ft. Madison, IA, two sisters, Janet Keller (Larry) of Niota, IL and Kathleen Pilkington (Paul) of Ft. Madison, IA, mother-in-law, Janice Kirchner of Keokuk, one sister-in-law, Janet Symmonds (Butch) of Keokuk and several nieces and nephews.



He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, Gene, his grandmother, India, father-in-law, Junior Kirchner and brother-in-law, Steve Kirchner.

In his younger years, he had been employed as a milk hauler and delivered milk to the Nauvoo Cheese Factory. Willy had been employed by the Army Corps of Engineers as a lockman for twenty-two years, until his retirement in 2014.

He was a member of the Lighthouse Worship Center in Hamilton, IL and was a former volunteer fireman in Nauvoo, IL.

Willy was an avid NASCAR fan and rooted for Dale Earnhardt, Sr. and Bill Elliott. He enjoyed bowling and was on a Sunday night mixed bowling league for many years. He never sat still and was always tinkering around the house. The greatest joy in Willy's life was his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was a faithful fan of all their school and sport activities.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 5, 2022 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk, IA with Pastor Greg Weigel officiating. Burial with military rites will be held in the Keokuk National Cemetery.

Visitation will be held after 1 p.m., Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at the Vigen Memorial Home in Keokuk with the family meeting with Friday from 6 - 8 p.m.

Memorials may be made to the Lighthouse Worship Center.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.vigenmemorial-home.com.

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WILLIAM P. COCHENOUR I

William Paul "Bill" Cochenour I, 51 years, of Fort Madison, Iowa died Wednesday, December 22, 2021 at his home. He was born February 7, 1970, a son of Eager "Bud" and Sandra (Hitchcock) Cochenour.



COCHENOUR

Bill attended Fort Madison High School. He worked a welder at Gregory Manufacturing and also as a tow truck driver for Campbell Towing. He was of the Catholic faith. He enjoyed fishing, especially at the 35th Street slough. Bill was a caring person. He was always there for others and tried to make them feel good.

He is survived by his mother, Sandy Bernard of Fort Madison; three children: William Paul "Will" Cochenour II (fiancé Andrea Bell) of Fort Madison; Thomas Cochenour of Minnesota; and Jaclyn Cochenour of Keokuk, Iowa; two brothers, Scott and Marty Cochenour, both of Fort Madison; step brothers and sisters; five grandchildren, one uncle, nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, step-father Curtis Bernand, and great uncle Paul Mansheim. His body has been cremated.

His family will greet friends 3:00 - 5:00 pm Wednesday, December 29, 2021 at the Barr Memorial Chapel, Fort Madison. Barr Memorial Chapel is honored to serve the Cochenour family and an online guest book may be found at www.barrmemorialchapel.com.

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The Central Lee Ag-Ed/FFA collected dozens of new toys and gifts for children in Kentucky after they experienced devastating storms and tornadoes. The toys were loaded on a truck in Bonaparte headed for Kentucky. Wrapping gifts were: Mallory Kerr, Nevaeha Stice, Kylie Davidson, Shane Barnhardt, and Alexandra Fowler.



Council approves ward redistricting

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it.

A 2026 project would be to rehabilitate the airfield pavement at a cost of about \$592,000 and would include cleaning and sealing of cracks and joints on the runway, taxiways, turnarounds, and aprons at Fort Madison Airport.

Additional projects beyond the 5-year plan include a four unit tee-hangar at a cost of \$732,000, a wildlife hazard and environmental assessment for exclusion fencing and its construction, at a cost of close to \$2 million.

Those two projects are tentatively planned for 2030 for the hangar, and 2034-36 for the wildlife study and fence construction.

“The airport is just doing an amazing job. They really are. They’ve got the Is dotted and Ts crossed to get the grants and for a small town they are doing just a great job,” said councilman Tom Schulz.

City Manager David Varley said the report is a federal requirement for capital improvements at the airport and shows that the airport does have the funds for matching dollars.

“They want to make sure that these that are being done and we have the match, which the airport does,” he said.

“They have a lot of different rules and regulations they have to follow and we have to file these reports.”

In an unrelated issue, the city council unanimously approved change orders on the marina project for sediment approval and jetty work. The change orders changed the quantity of sediment removal with a reduction of \$22,527, but adding additional material to the jetty wall. Adding to the jetty wall will add \$31,559 for a net increase of about \$9,000.

In other action, the council:

- approved, 6-0, a change order increasing Phase 3 of the PORT Trail project about \$26,200 in final field adjustments bringing the new total contract amount for the work from 48th Street to Southeast Iowa Regional Medical Center – Fort Madison campus, to \$363,393.

- waived the second reading and approved on third reading, by a 7-0 vote, to amend city voting wards per 2020 census data.

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Jamie: So blessed to spend my life with you!! The best is yet to come my love!! I love you! Merry Christmas!!

– Mendy

Seagram's Escapes Santa Hat Martini

*Marshmallow spread,
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1oz orange vodka

1/2oz simple syrup

1oz pomegranate juice

Juice of half lime (1/2 oz)

*1/2cup Seagram's
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Garnish: Candy cane



This Santa Hat Martini can help you make holiday wishes for a great party drink come true.

Spread marshmallow cream around the rim of a stemless martini glass. Place shredded coconut in a shallow dish. Dip the rim of the glass in the coconut until coated. Add orange vodka, simple syrup, pomegranate juice, lime juice and ice to a cocktail shaker. Shake until chilled. Strain into prepared martini glass. Top with Seagram's Escapes Island Berry. Garnish with a candy cane stick and enjoy.

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- Greg

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-From the bottom of my heart!!!
Karen Hope

To our wonderful neighbors, friends and Fort Madison Christian Church family - we hope that you celebrate the real reason for the Season. Merry Christmas!

- Mike & Sue McHugh

Help the penguin to join his friends.

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White Chocolate Peppermint Popcorn Bark

5 cups popped popcorn

12 ounces white chocolate baking chips, chopped white chocolate or white candy coating

1 cup crushed hard candy peppermints

Cover a baking pan with foil or wax paper; set aside. Place popcorn in a large bowl; set aside. Melt chocolate in a double boiler over barely simmering water, stirring until smooth OR melt according to package directions. Stir in crushed peppermints after chocolate is melted. Pour chocolate mixture over popcorn mixture and stir to coat. Spread onto prepared pan; allow to cool completely. When chocolate is cooled and set, break into chunks for serving. Store in an air-tight container at room temperature.

Variation:

White Chocolate Popcorn Crunch

Omit candy peppermints. Mix 1/2 cup dried sweetened v cranberries and 1/2 cup sliced almonds with the popcorn. Pour chocolate over the mixture after it is melted.

Wrap It Up

Pack the treat in a tin with a tightly fitting lid. Add a beautiful bow and a clever card, maybe something like “Best wishes for poppin’ good Christmas and a sweet New Year!”

The recipe can be seen at: <https://www.popcorn.org/Recipes/Details/white-chocolate-peppermint-popcorn-bark>.



The taste of peppermint and white chocolate make this the perfect holiday popcorn to share or mix—and making this treat can be a great way to celebrate the holidays at home.

Trenten, Cortnee, Nathan, Nicholas and Nolen: You guys are the best presents I could ever ask for! Love you guys so much! Merry Christmas

– Mom/Mendy

God’s Blessings for a Very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to the Merschbrock and Durand families.

– Love you!
Paul & Terri

PAW Animal Shelter would like to thank each and everyone who has donated, volunteered, engaged us, supported us and worked along side us this year! PAW is BEYOND Blessed to be part of a community who understands our passion and commitment to the safety and well being of the animals in our care. We have accomplished so much this year and it is all because of YOU!

– Merry Merry Christmas from all of us at PAW Animal Shelter

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Pen City Current will not publish an e-Edition Friday, December 24 through Friday, January 1. Our special 2021 Year In Review editions will publish Monday, January 3 through Wednesday, January 5. Breaking news will continue to be published on our website 24/7.

As we take time for our family this holiday, we thank you for your support and patronage and wish you all a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

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Holiday Favorites Songbook

Let It Snow

*Oh the weather outside is frightful,
but the fire is so delightful.
And since we've no place to go,
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
It doesn't show signs of stopping,
And I've brought some corn for popping.
The lights are turned way down low,
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!
When we finally kiss goodnight,
How I'll hate going out in the storm!
But if you'll really hold me tight,
all the way home I'll be warm.
The fire is slowly dying,
and, my dear, we're still good-bying.
As long as you love me so,
Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!*

Jingle Bells

*Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go
Laughing all the way.
Bells on bob-tail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing
A sleighing song tonight.
Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh,
O Jingle bells, jingle bells Jingle all the way,
Oh what fun it is to ride
In a one-horse open sleigh.*

Up on the House Top

*Up on the housetop
Reindeer pause,
Out jumps good old Santa Claus.
Down thru' the chimney
With lots of toys,
All for the little ones,
Christmas joys.
Ho, ho, ho!
Who wouldn't go!
Ho, ho, ho!
Who wouldn't go!
Up on the housetop,
Click, click, click,
Down thru' the chimney
With good Saint Nick.*

Here Comes Santa Claus

*Here comes Santa Claus,
here comes Santa Claus,
Right down Santa Claus lane
Vixen and Blitzen
and all his reindeer
Pullin' on the reins
Bells are ringin',
children singin'
All is merry and bright
Hang your stockings
and say your prayers
Cause Santa Claus comes tonight!
Here comes Santa Claus,
here comes Santa Claus,
Right down Santa Claus lane
He's got a bag that's filled with toys
For boys and girls again
Hear those sleigh bells jingle jangle,
Oh what a beautiful sight
So jump in bed and cover your head
'Cause Santa Claus comes tonight!*

Deck the Halls

*Deck the halls with boughs of holly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Tis the season to be jolly,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.
Don we now our gay apparel,
Fa la la, la la la, la la la.
Toll the ancient Yule tide carol,
Fa la la la la, la la la la.*

Sara: Merry Christmas!! I love you!

- Mendy

**To my Subway team:
During this special time of the year, I want to make sure you all know how much I appreciate you!
Hope your holiday season is full of health and happiness!**

- Tabatha

Barrett and Bennett: I love you so much!! Merry Christmas!!

- Aunt Mendy



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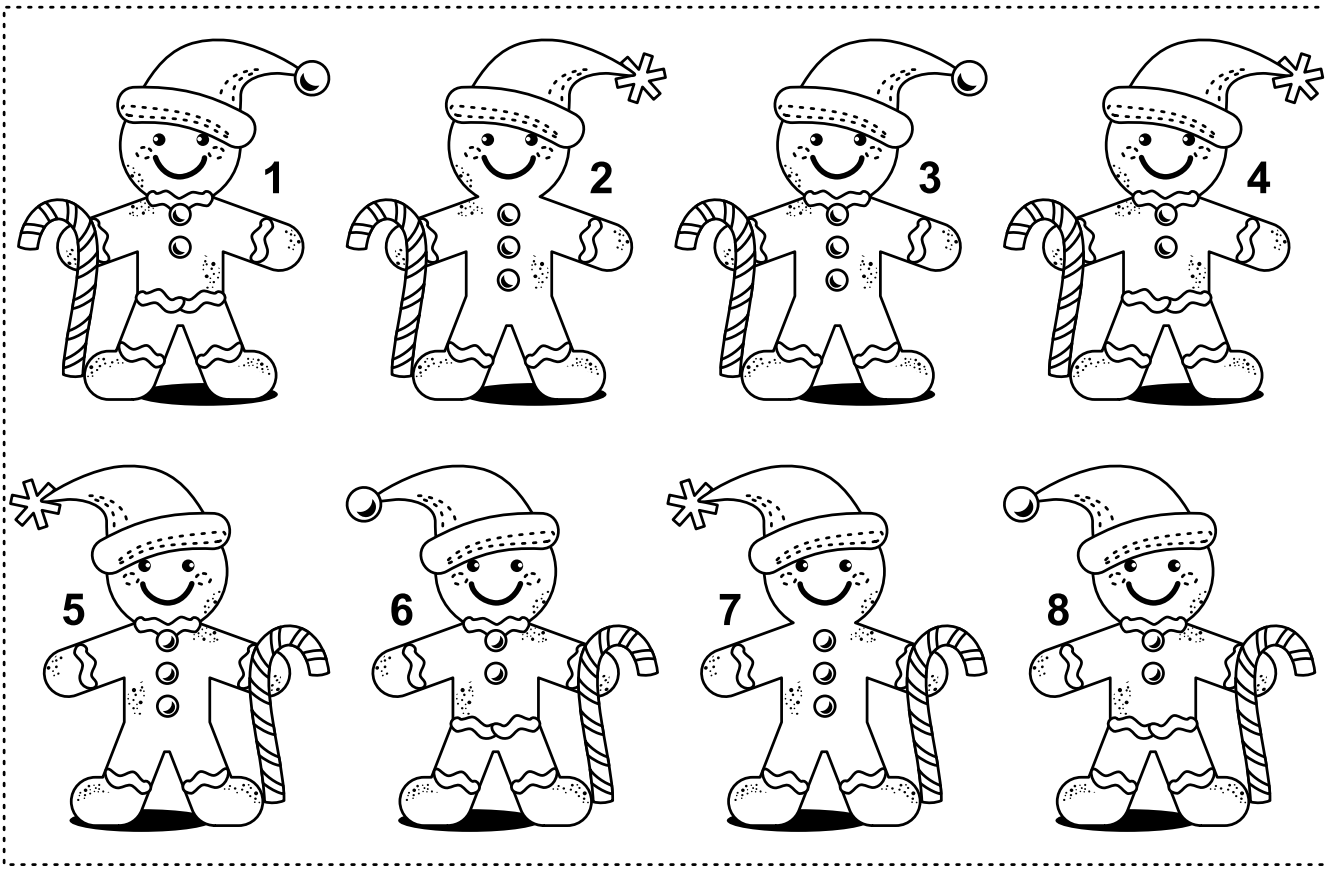
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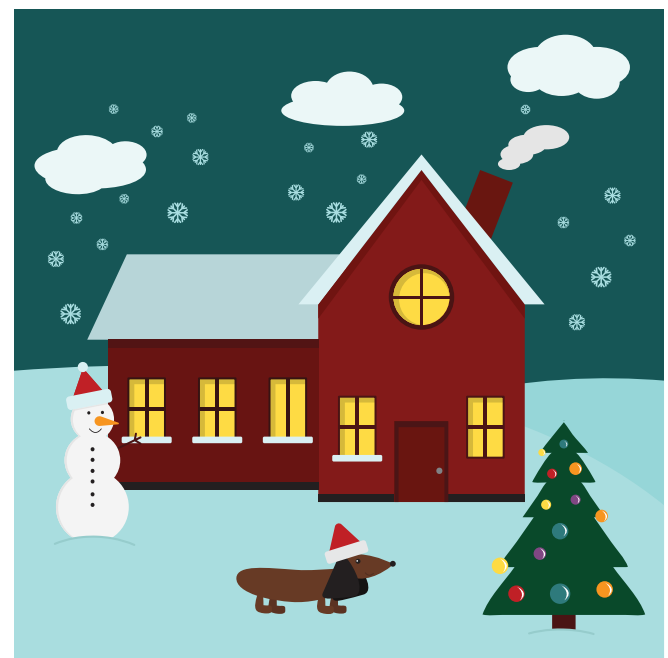
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