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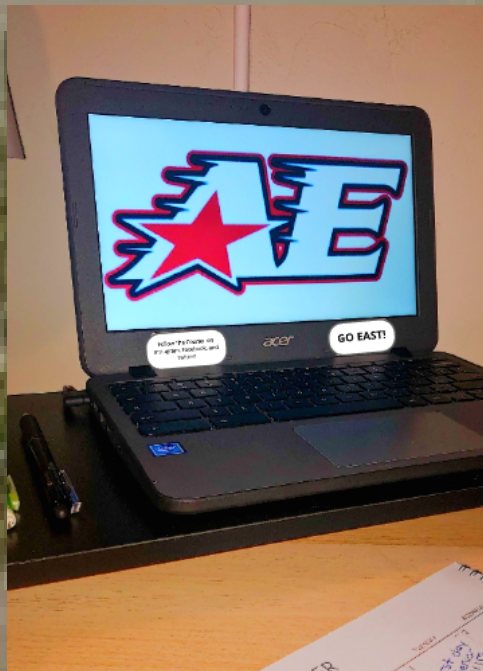


Over the last few weeks, schools across the district have begun to implement the Fully Virtual Plus plan. As the name implies, classes are remaining fully virtual, but a few in-person activities have been added. The goal of this plan is to target at-risk students. Most of the in-person activities involve English learning classes and student support groups.

Yet, this plan also applies to specialty classes and co-curriculars. Specialty classes are courses that include material that is difficult to replicate in a home environment. For example, welding, ceramics, or family and consumer science classes. On October 26, the Board of Education stated that they intend to have groups of 5 to 10 students come to school for these classes. It was also mentioned that music teachers would be allowed to start working with small ensembles in person.

The Next Step

By Isabel DeBruin



Likewise, co-curricular sports, clubs, and activities may have the opportunity to meet outside of the school day. At East, workouts have started with small groups of athletes in the weight room. Additionally, the football team can be seen practicing while social distancing on the football field.

The Board also informed the public that CDC guidelines will be strictly followed during any in-person events. Students are required to wear facemasks and social distance. Additionally, there is a process for checking students into the building.

After almost three months of virtual learning this school year, we are finally taking the next steps toward returning to fully in-person.

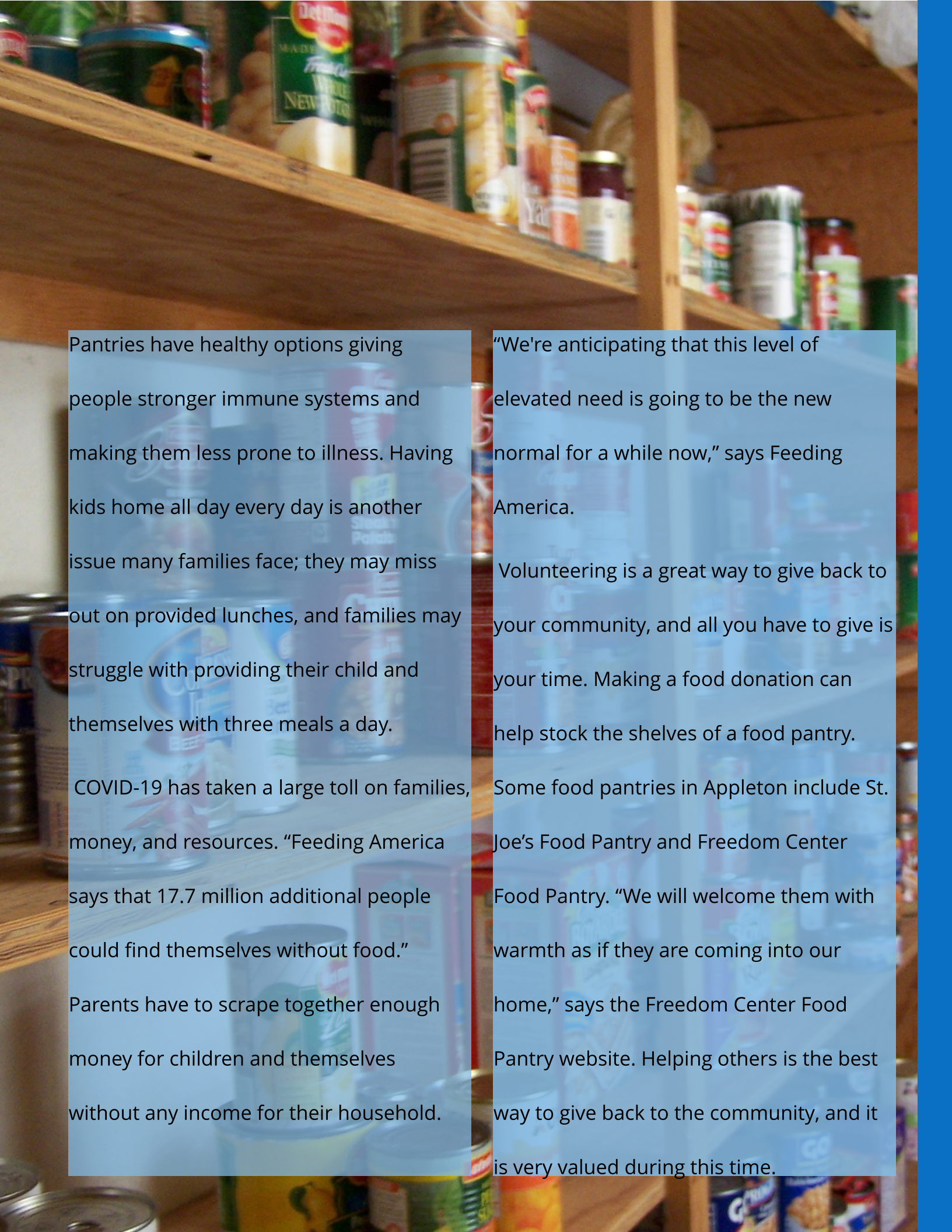
Food Banks: You *Can* Help

By Hailey Bay

Currently, lives are filled with uncertainty, which makes food Pantries more important than ever. Due to high rates of unemployment, finding the means and money for three meals a day may be a challenge for some homes. People all around Wisconsin are helping the cause of hunger. A good diet and health is more important than ever. There is great importance in food pantries; COVID-19 has impacted hunger in Appleton. Helping the cause will do a great service to our community.

Food pantries are even more needed in our communities during the current circumstances. Costs are one of the biggest factors that influence food banks; the holiday season and heating bills due are two key reasons money may be scarce within a household. Staying healthy is also important.





Pantries have healthy options giving people stronger immune systems and making them less prone to illness. Having kids home all day every day is another issue many families face; they may miss out on provided lunches, and families may struggle with providing their child and themselves with three meals a day.

COVID-19 has taken a large toll on families, money, and resources. "Feeding America says that 17.7 million additional people could find themselves without food."

Parents have to scrape together enough money for children and themselves without any income for their household.

"We're anticipating that this level of elevated need is going to be the new normal for a while now," says Feeding America.

Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community, and all you have to give is your time. Making a food donation can help stock the shelves of a food pantry.

Some food pantries in Appleton include St. Joe's Food Pantry and Freedom Center Food Pantry. "We will welcome them with warmth as if they are coming into our home," says the Freedom Center Food Pantry website. Helping others is the best way to give back to the community, and it is very valued during this time.

Veterans Day 2020

By Kiersten Mott



Veterans Day celebrates all those who have served in the armed forces, living or dead. Veterans Day, originally called Armistice Day, started on the one-year anniversary of the end of World War I. Veterans Day is observed on November 11 in the U.S., and it is very important at East and in the local community.

East usually celebrates Veterans Day with a ceremony open to the public. Our band and choirs provide music, and students and staff speak. Many veterans from the community attend, especially veterans who have connections to East. Some were once students at East themselves. This year Veterans Day looked different for obvious reasons: COVID-19. East made a video to commemorate our veterans. It can be found on East's Facebook page and the Appleton East website. It includes narration by Mr. Rankin and testimonies from East students. (Click on the video on the next page.)

Appleton and Outagamie County jointly hold a Veterans Day ceremony. This year was virtual. It was hosted on Veterans Day (November 11), by the Fox Valley Veterans Council. The ceremony was live-streamed by WFRV Local 5 TV. If you would like to watch the ceremony, it can be found on WFRV's website as well as the following Facebook pages: Fox Valley Veterans Council, Outagamie County Executive Tom Nelson, the Scarlet Guard Color Guard, and WFRV Local 5. The ceremony features long-held traditions, such as the playing of the National Anthem, a keynote speaker, and the playing of "Taps."

The men and women in our armed forces make the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation. Their work is selfless, brave, and essential to our everyday lives. Without them we wouldn't be free. President Ronald Reagan once said, "Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same, or one day we will spend our sunset years telling our children and our children's children what it was once like in the United States where men were free." Although Veterans Day has passed, it is never too late to thank a veteran. Give a veteran you know a call or text. Say thank you to the person wearing a veteran hat in the grocery store. They are the real superheroes. To all the veterans out there, thank you for your service and Happy Veterans Day.

Appleton East Veterans Day Tribute



Holiday Shopping During a Pandemic

By Hailey Bay



During the pandemic, people's lives have been flipped upside down. Another aspect that may change is shopping during the 2020 holiday season. Some in the shopping industry are likely to benefit from the pandemic, giving them an upper hand on selling for this holiday season. Consumers' shopping habits are likely to alter to fit these changes. Unfortunately, while some businesses benefit others will lose money.

Who will benefit from the pandemic this holiday season? Shipping companies and businesses offering drive-through and curbside pickup are likely to fare well. Calia Shwartz, a business manager, predicts that sites offering drive-through are likely to increase business by 90%. Places such as Amazon and other online sellers are likely to increase their business and earn more money due to the fact that there is less contact with people. Stores, including Target, allowing curbside pickup are very likely to increase their revenues because of a lesser amount of human interaction.

How will shopping habits change in response to the pandemic? Online shopping is definitely going to increase dramatically. This method is easy and safe to implement; therefore, shoppers are likely to purchase more online than they would if they had to actually go to the brick and mortar store. Another impact on gift-giving includes the lack of travel. People are less likely to have t-shirts from Disneyworld or France to give to family members. Toys and electronics and things used primarily in the home setting will outsell items used outside the house.

Small businesses unfortunately are likely to suffer financially this year due to the fact that the many do not offer curbside pick up or offer shipping in contrast to a chain store. There will be less clothing, makeup, and items contributing to physical appearance sold because fewer shoppers are going out; therefore, they are less likely to dress up. Lastly, travel agencies will suffer financially this holiday season due to a lack of travel this year (and maybe next).

There are many changes to holiday shopping this year, including positives and negatives. Stores and businesses have all had to alter their sales strategies in times like these. The community will have to adjust to shopping styles this year during the holidays.



Santa Claus is Coming to Appleton!

By Joey Thowless



The City of Appleton announced last month that while the Christmas Parade would not be held this year, due to COVID-19, Santa will still be coming to town.

Starting November 24, Santa will visit Appleton every Tuesday night until Christmas. From 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. Santa's sleigh will travel through town, accompanied by the Appleton Police and Fire Departments.

Mr. Claus split the city into five sections. Visit www.santa2020appleton.org to see Santa's routes and dates. You can even locate Kris Kringle's position on the route during each ride. (In case of inclement weather, the Tuesday event will be moved to Wednesday.)

- On November 24, Santa will begin with the **east** route, which includes the traditional Downtown Appleton Christmas Parade path down College Ave.
- On December 1, Santa will travel the **southeast** route, otherwise known as PATRIOT COUNTRY.
- On December 8, good old St.Nick will be on the **west** route.
- On December 15, Mr.Kringle will be on his **southwest** voyage.
- Finally, on December 22, Father Christmas will cover the **north** route.

Jolly old Saint Nick asks that everyone please follow COVID-19 guidelines: please socially distance, avoid gathering with people outside your home, wear a mask and, wash your hands. Stay on the Nice List!

Maps of the routes are available at Appleton.org (visitors tab), [Appleton City Hall Facebook page](#), and [Downtown Appleton Christmas Parade Facebook page](#).

Music to Give You the Fall Feels

By Isabel DeBruin

We may have already had snow this season, but I am not yet ready to accept that fall is over. If - like me - you are clinging to the last moments of fall, here is a playlist to help keep you in an autumn mood. (This is also for all of you out there who think it is too early for Christmas music.)

Autumn Leaves - [Ed Sheeran](#)

Bonfire Heart - [James Blunt](#)

Yellow - [Coldplay](#)

Babel - [Mumford & Sons](#)

This Empty Northern Hemisphere - [Gregory Alan Isakov](#)

Sweater Weather - [The Neighborhood](#)

'Tis Autumn - [Nat King Cole](#)

September - [Earth, Wind & Fire](#)

We All Fall Down - [Sweet Talk Radio](#)

Cough Syrup - [Young the Giant](#)

What To Watch

By Joey T

While you're making your Thanksgiving feast, make sure you take some time to watch **this month some shows return. Here's what to watch this**

The Mandalorian

Based on George Lucas's *Star Wars*, *The Mandalorian* is back for its second season. Follow our hero Din Djarin as he journeys across the galaxy with a special package: a young child of an unknown race—Baby Yoda! Watch Mando make allies and fight enemies on Disney+. New episodes are released every Friday. Make sure to catch up and watch the first season.



The Good Doctor

ABC's *The Good Doctor* is back for its fourth season. Follow the life of Dr. Shaun Murphy, a brilliant surgeon with autism and social anxiety syndrome as he goes about his day-to-day life working at the fictional Jose St. Bonaventure Hospital. Watch all seasons of *The Good Doctor* on Hulu, Amazon Prime Video, and ABC.

The Unicorn

The Unicorn is back for its second season. Watch the life of Wade as his friends try to help him after the death of his wife. Wade is trying his best to be a good father for his two daughters while they are going through the confusing time of high school and puberty. Watch *The Unicorn* on Netflix, CBS, and Prime Video.

For Life

For Life has returned with its second season. Wade is serving a prison sentence for a crime he was able to pass the BAR exam and become a lawyer. He represents his fellow inmate in court to make Aaron a free man. Watch *For Life* on ABC.

Station 19

Station 19 is back for its the fourth season. Based on *Greys Anatomy*, follow the lives of the firefighters and EMTs of *Station 19* with all the drama and action of their personal lives and their job. Watch *Station 19* on Hulu, ABC, and Prime Video.



This November Showless

Don't make a couch potato. This year many TV shows were delayed due to Covid-19, but this month: your favorite returning shows plus a new one.

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Young Sheldon

Based on the hit sitcom *The Big Bang Theory*, *Young Sheldon* is about the life of Sheldon Cooper, a child prodigy living in Texas and attending high school in the late '80s and early '90s. Sheldon tries to fit in among friends and family who do not understand his social differences. Watch all seasons of *Young Sheldon* on Hulu, HBO Max, And Amazon Prime Video.

l season, We follow the life of Aaron Wallace as
crime he didn't commit. Aaron Wallace was
me a lawyer in hope of a retrial. Watch as he
t and as he and his family search for evidence
r Life on Hulu, ABC, and Prime Video.

The Chicago Shows

Chicago PD, *Fire*, and *Med* are about the lives of public safety workers in the windy city. Get a look into the personal lives of the characters and the action when they save lives. Watch *Chicago PD*, *Fire*, and *Med* on Hulu, NBC, and Prime Video.

B Positive

From the creators of *The Big Bang Theory* and *Young Sheldon*, *B Positive* is about Drew, a therapist who is in need of a kidney donor. He meets Gina, a person from Drew's past who is willing to donate her kidney. They start to develop an unlikely friendship as they go through the process of donating the kidney. You can watch on Hulu or watch weekly on CBS every Thursday at 7:30 pm.

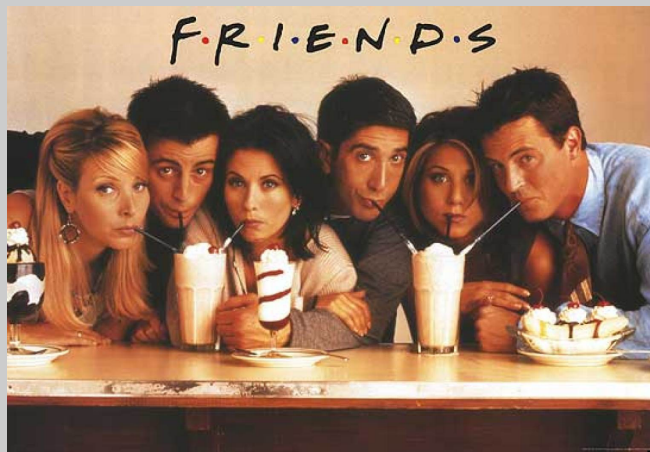


The Neighborhood

The Neighborhood is back for its third season. After a new family moves into the neighborhood Calvin Butler is not the most accepting. Watch the Butler and the Johnson family become friends and get into funny situations. You can watch *The Neighborhood* on CBS and Prime Video.

The Ultimate Guide to *Friends*giving

By Kiersten Mott



When *Friends* first aired, my mom was a senior in high school. It first aired in September 1994 and last aired in May 2004. Most of us can remember when *Friends* first aired our parents grew up, and now, as it streams on Netflix, we have to sit in a coffee shop all day, but we are starting to experience the show in a new way. In the purple, we can admit that we would do anything for our friends. *Friends* easily has the best line-up of Thanksgiving episodes. I've watched seasons seven or eight times between the ages of ten and twenty. I've watched interviews, I had the posters in my room. It was a love. The *Friends* Thanksgiving episodes. All of them are good, but

9. Season 7, Episode 8: "The One Where Chandler Doesn't Like Dogs"

This episode revolves mostly around Chandler finding out that Chandler does not like dogs. Also a secondary storyline where Chandler's assistant Tag to dinner, whom Chandler likes and she ends up accidentally dating him. This episode is good, but it doesn't have as much humor as the other episodes. One of the highlights of this episode is the group playing a game in which they try to name all the words in a minute. Ross cockily says that he can do it for him, but ends up going on for a long time when he can't name the last word.

7. Season 10, Episode 8: "The One With the Late Thanksgiving"

This is the last Thanksgiving episode. It's not the best one, but it does give us a lot of good humor including Joey getting his head stuck in the door, Joey's rendition of rock-paper-scissors, and of course the moment when Joey belly slides into a table full of food. In this episode Rachel, Ross, Phoebe, and Joey arrive at Monica and Chandler's late for dinner. Rachel and Phoebe enter Rachel's one-year-old daughter in a beauty pageant in an attempt to win the prize money. Ross and Joey go to a Rangers hockey game. Monica and Chandler are not happy by this and end up locking them out of the apartment for most of the episode.

6. Season 4, Episode 8: "The One Where Chandler Takes a Box"

In this episode Chandler spends Thanksgiving dinner in a box. This is his attempt to make it work with his girlfriend. Chandler still finds it hard to make jokes although he is limited on what he can say. This episode ranks high because it doesn't have as much pizzazz as the other episodes, probably because it lacks a strong plot.

ool and my dad was in college. When *Friends* last aired I was about three months old. *Friends* first aired in n agree that this particular ten year stretch was very important to ourselves and our families. When ms online, so are we. Of course none of us have extremely expensive apartments in New York or the time ence strong friendships and the cusp of adulthood. Although we wouldn't paint our entire apartment iends.

s in the history of television. I would consider myself a *Friends* connoisseur, as I have watched all ten thirteenth. Those who know me know I was genuinely obsessed with *Friends*. I read books on the show, I whole thing. Why am I admitting this? I have no idea, but no one has my credibility or authority to rank ut some outshine the others.

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8. Season 1, Episode 9: "The One Where the Underdog Gets Away"

This is the first Thanksgiving episode, and it is by no means bad, but it just isn't as frantic as the other Thanksgiving episodes which is why it ranks number eight. In this episode each of the friends have altercations with going to their families' Thanksgivings, which leads them to have the first ever Friendsgiving. The Underdog balloon floats away from the Thanksgiving Day Parade, which causes the group to go up on the roof. They accidentally get locked out of their apartment and all of Monica's food burns. The group celebrates Chandler's way with grilled cheese and Funyuns. This episode is also the first of many that touches on why Chandler hates Thanksgiving so much.

5. Season 9, Episode 8: "The One With Rachel's Other Sister"

This episode highlights Rachel's sister Amy, who is very selfish and rude. Christina Applegate guest stars as Amy, and she brings a fresh sense of humor to the group. Amy and Rachel have a physical fight at the end of the episode and it's just as funny as you're imagining. This episode is great because of the dialogue from Amy.



4. Season 3, Episode 9: "The One With the Football"

This episode is a classic. Football and Thanksgiving go hand and hand. All the friends go outside to play a three vs. three game of touch football, and the competitive spirit runs high. Monica and Ross are competing for the Geller Cup, which is a trophy they used to compete for when they were younger until their mom forbid them to play football after one unfortunate Thanksgiving. Joey and Chandler also compete for the attention of a Dutch girl who is watching the game. This episode is a lot of physical comedy which is part of the reason it ranks so high.

3. Season 8, Episode 9: "The One With the Rumor"

This is the Thanksgiving episode in which Brad Pitt guest stars. He and Jennifer Aniston were married at the time, which makes the fighting even funnier. Brad Pitt's character was friends with Monica in high school, bonding over both being overweight. He admits that he hated Rachel in high school and this causes a chain of crazy events. This episode is another case where the guest star brings a fresh perspective.



2. Season 5, Episode 8: "The One With All the Thanksgivings"

This episode goes through flashbacks of the group's past Thanksgivings. Between fat Monica, Ross's afro, Rachel's big nose, and Chandler's flock of seagulls haircut, this episode checks all the right boxes and offers a wide variety of comedy.

1. Season 6, Episode 9: "The One Where Ross Got High"

This episode is one of the best in the entire show's history. Ross and Monica end up tattling to their parents about things the other did when they were younger. Joey and Ross want to leave early to go to Joey's model roommate's Thanksgiving with her model friends. This is also the episode with Rachel's infamous trifle. No Rachel, you weren't supposed to put beef sauteed with peas and onions in the trifle. This episode is a must watch. I try to watch them all during the Thanksgiving holiday, but if you have to choose one, this is the one you have to see.

There we are, the *Friends* Thanksgiving episodes ranked from least great to greatest. I'm not going to say worst to best because all of them are excellent. I hope you all have a wonderful holiday filled with good food, joy, and hopefully not a dessert that's half a shepherd's pie and half a trifle. Happy *Friends*giving!

Lost in 'Space'

The following is the first part of a fictional story by Justin Forslund that will be continued in the next edition of *The Courier*.

The time was right. Or at least, that's what you and I thought. Midnight was creeping upon us, as the stars shone like a candle in the wind. It was right; the timing, light, all of it. As we both flow along the water like a twig in a calm river, the moonlight shines upon a rock, revealing the crystal sitting there. A wolf howls far away. The crickets and the night bugs keep the night only in noise. Natural noise. The crystal is shining, now, like a fire in the dark. You'd never know what would happen, nor would I. The space descends upon us, now as dark as a black hole. The moon, and the stars, swallowed up whole. The moonlight shines back, overtaking the darkness of the night. The light we are following is only an illusion. We don't know that. No one does. This forest has never been traveled before. The light of heaven flows like a river through the darkness of hell. The wolf howls again, this time, with a response.

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1. A Garfield float is in one
7. Put away documents
11. Hit ___ nerve (two words)
12. Drinking up like a cat
14. Gain an Hour
15. America's Got Talent Spice Girls Judge
16. Symbol of plenty
25. Felonius ___ (Despicable Me)
26. Anyone who opened his tomb was cursed
27. Cranberry sauce, gravy, green beans, and sweet potatoes are found inside of me
28. A Fraud, for example
29. European type of ham with geographical name protection
32. Stock exchange for the Golden Arches
33. Founding Pharaoh of Egypt's 19th dynasty (The Roman Numeral at the end also serves as the letter i)
35. Pea holder
38. Red Dwarf ___
40. Infuses things with holiness
41. "The One," Reeves
42. Type of salt
43. Colony of undesirables
44. Topic banned from formal conversation

47. Tough flower to spell that blooms in late autumn

54. Subdued, mild-mannered

55. 2016 Summer Olympics

56. Pixar's Clownfish

57. Most labor intensive activity of the growing season

58. Conical tent on the Plains

Down

1. Pieces of paper glued together on one edge

2. Lesser known constellation of a Greek altar with offerings

3. Beam of light

4. Boring tool used in carpentry

6. To goad someone on

7. Suet

8. Related to alpacas

9. The edge of the roof

10. "I still have the ___ of my life in front of me

13. Separatists in the New World

15. Common denominator of squash and pumpkins

16. Certified Treasury Professional (abbreviation)

17. Yours and mine

18. Recovery Time Objective (abbr.)

22. Things related to the eye, example: ___ pain

23. To hit something lightly

24. Type of verb, abbreviation

30. When you use profanity

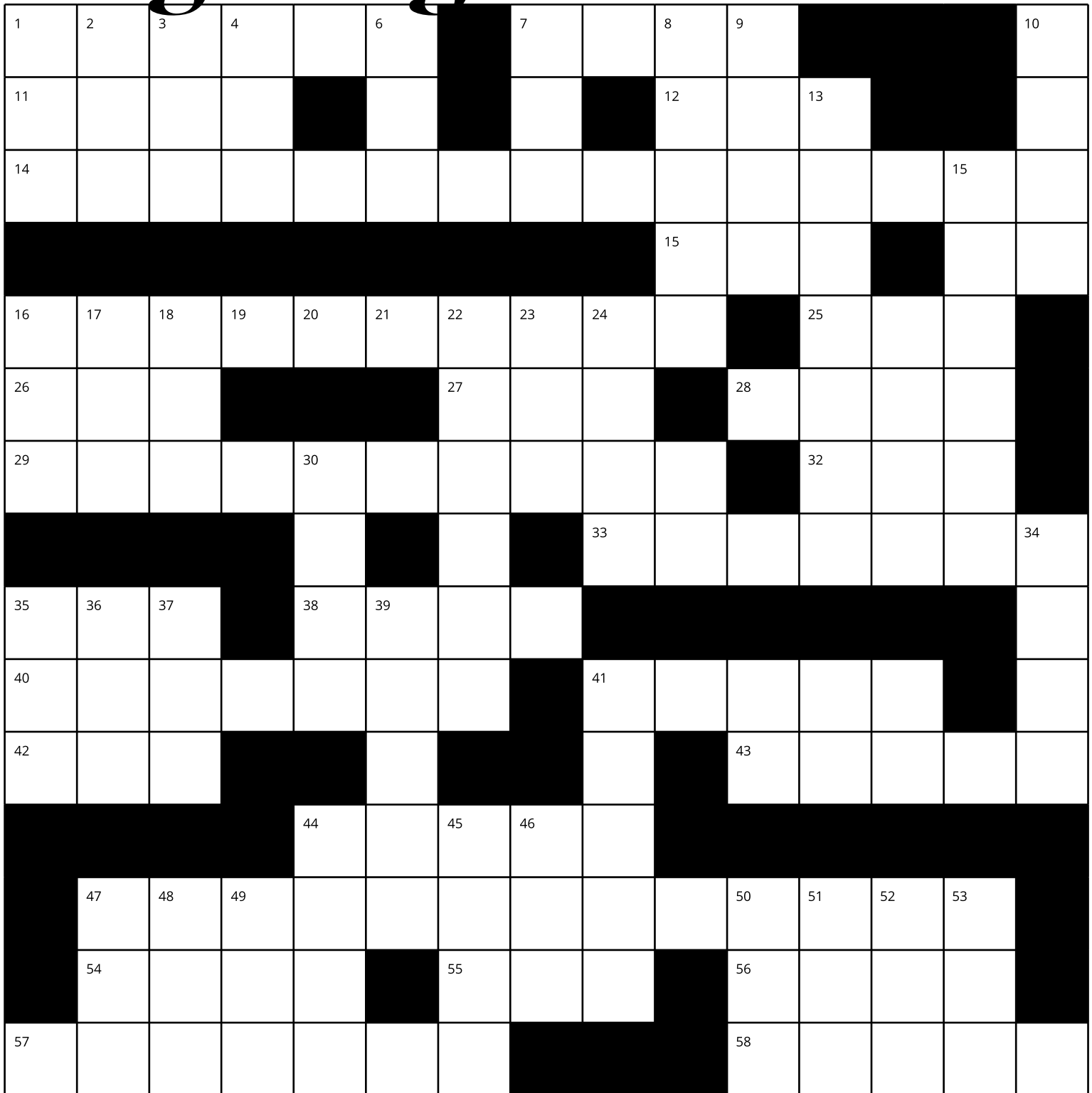
34. False gods

35. American Equivalent of the British Broadcasting Network

36. A matador's cheer

37. Agency combats illegal narcotics among other things

Thanksgiving Crossword



39. Everything is bigger in this state

41. Japanese city is an anagram of "Tokyo"

44. A small child

45. The Starr of the Green Bay Packers

46. A demon from Japanese mythology

47. Achievement in country music award

48. Not him but ___

50. Creatures from Fangorn Forest

51. This is a free word, I couldn't think of a clue for the word "mee"

52. They call the strikes at home plate

53. The Stooge with a bowl for hair

WhatDIDya Think?

October 2020

Last month, we asked readers to tell us what they are thankful for.



"Whatdya Think?" is a regular feature in The Courier.

We ask you about about your opinions, and your responses will appear in the next issue.

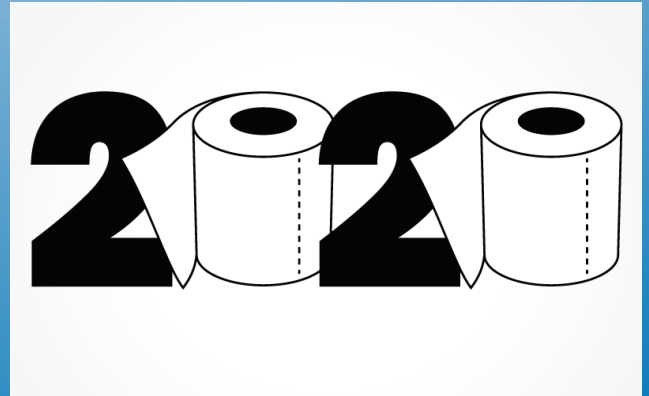
We want to know YOUR thoughts and opinions.

Just click on this [link](#)!

Whatdya Think?

by Milagros Cister

Whatdya think was the best thing to happen to you in 2020?



Wheeler Week

Wheeler Week is a unique event that will give participants the opportunity to live, work, and play using a wheelchair as their means of mobility. Participants are encouraged to utilize the wheelchair as their means of mobility in all aspects of their daily routine in order to experience the challenges of being wheelchair bound. Furthermore, the hope is for participants to gain a new perspective that will help shape their views to be open and caring when it comes to seeing other individuals in wheelchairs.

The event will run from December 1st to December 4th. Participants will be asked to sign a form of commitment to follow specific guidelines and directions in regards to using the wheelchair.

Stefanie Fude, instructor for the course "Leadership" and coordinator of DECA at Appleton East HS states that this kind of event will bring forth more awareness and empathy to those whose only means of mobility is a wheelchair to the students at East HS but also throughout the Appleton Area School District.

This event will be open to only students at Appleton East High School. If you are interested, please contact Dejalim Thao. The wheelchairs were generously donated by Numotion in Appleton and we thank them for their support.