



SUN PRAIRIE APARTMENTS

# [ VISTA VOICE ]

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## RAISING THE BAR: IT STARTS WITH YOU

Don't you just hate when someone spills food or drink in the hallway and leaves it there, garbage is tossed out in the parking lot, junk mail is left in piles by the mailboxes, or a neighbor walking out the door in front of you lets it drop in your face? Yeah, so do we.

More than likely, your neighbors are fairly considerate people who pick up after themselves and take a moment to hold the door for you, but nobody's perfect. Understandably, it's easy to get frustrated when you feel like you're putting in more than your fair share of effort, but kindness, consideration and taking care of the community spreads like wildfire - and so do their negative counterparts.

The next time you see someone's old newspaper lying under the bench at the playground, pick it up and toss it in the trash; people are much less likely to litter when the community is otherwise clean. And make the effort to smile and hold the door for that neighbor who doesn't always remember to look behind him. Maybe he'll appreciate it enough that he wants to return the favor or pay it forward, or just recognize that the norm in this community is to be considerate and clean up after yourself. Rather than letting your actions be influenced by something negative, choose to set the standard.

### DATES OF INTEREST

- Groundhog Day - Feb 2nd
- Super Bowl - Feb. 5th
- Valentines Day - Feb. 14th
- Presidents Day - Feb. 20th
- Mardi Gras - Feb. 21st
- Leap Day - Feb. 29th

## AN END IN SIGHT?



The groundhog basically goes unnoticed except for one day out of the year when the groundhog becomes the focus of national media outlets. "Groundhog Day" falls on Thursday, February 2nd this year. It is believed that if the groundhog sees his shadow that day, there will be six more weeks of winter; however, if he does not see his shadow, we are in for an early spring.

The most well-known celebration of Groundhog Day takes place in Punxsutawney, PA with "Punxsutawney Phil". The celebration dates back to the early 1800's. Organizers claim Phil is the original groundhog, making him over 200 years old.

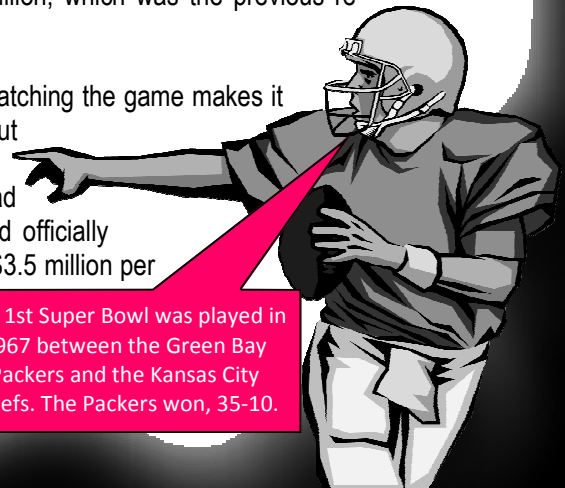
## SUPER BOWL XLVI

Super Bowl XLVI (that's 46, for those of us who have forgotten 7th grade math) will take place this year on Sunday, February 5th in Indianapolis. In case you weren't able to shell out anywhere from \$2,000 - \$6,000 for your ticket and up to \$1,099 for parking, you can catch the game on NBC starting at 5:30pm/CST.

Last year, a whopping 111 million viewers tuned in to watch the Green Bay Packers' victory over the Pittsburgh Steelers in Super Bowl XLV, a new viewing record according to the Nielsen Co. The staggering tally clobbered 2010's viewership of 106.5 million, which was the previous record.

The large amount of people watching the game makes it a gold mine for advertisers - but at a steep cost. The Wall Street Journal reported that ad slots for Super Bowl XLVI had officially sold out at an asking price of \$3.5 million per 30-second spot, up from \$3 million last year.

The 1st Super Bowl was played in 1967 between the Green Bay Packers and the Kansas City Chiefs. The Packers won, 35-10.



## MAINTENANCE MEMO: WINDOW QUILTS

One of the reasons Sun Prairie can provide the heat and guarantee your electric usage not to average over a certain amount is that each window and patio door comes equipped with a fabric covering called a window quilt. As modest looking as they are, the replacement cost of just one quilt could exceed your security deposit, so it is important that you take care of the quilts. To avoid damage, keep the following in mind:

- Always use the cord to raise and lower the quilt - do not pull the bottom of the quilt as it may damage or break the roller.
- If the window quilt becomes stuck in the track, do not force it open or closed. Make a work order and a member of our staff will take care of it. Continuous use can cause damage.
- Do not hang wet clothes or hangers on the valance. This could bend or discolor the valance.
- When lowering the quilt, make sure the window is completely closed. The air suction can cause the quilt to come off the track or become dirty or wet depending on the weather.

### Leap Day

February 29th is a date that occurs every four years, and is called leap day. This day is added to the calendar in leap years as a corrective measure, because the earth does not orbit around the sun in precisely 365 days.

## THE BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN



Sun Prairie is excited to become the official home of The Iowa Barnstormers for the 2012 season. The Iowa Barnstormers are from the Arena Football League, and play their home games in front of sold out crowds at Wells Fargo Arena. You may also see some of their games broadcast on the NFL Network. Both the players and coaching staff will be calling Sun Prairie home for their football season. Keep a look out for information posted on bulletin boards about the Barnstormers hosting a summer cookout for all of our residents, complete with good food and door prizes including tickets and official Barnstormer apparel! To check out the Barnstormer's schedule, go to [www.theiowabarnstormers.com](http://www.theiowabarnstormers.com). Good luck this season, Barnstormers, and welcome to the community!

## SUN PRAIRIE BINGO!

Beginning February 1st, stop by the Sun Prairie office on the first of each month to pick up your Bingo card! The daily number will be announced on our blog and on our Facebook page - they will only be displayed for two days afterwards, so be sure to check often! The daily number will also be displayed at the office for those without Internet. It's free to play and the winner will receive a \$25 Hy-Vee gift card.

GET INTO THE GAME AT:

[www.facebook.com/SunPrairieApts](http://www.facebook.com/SunPrairieApts) OR <http://sunprairie.myaptportal.com>



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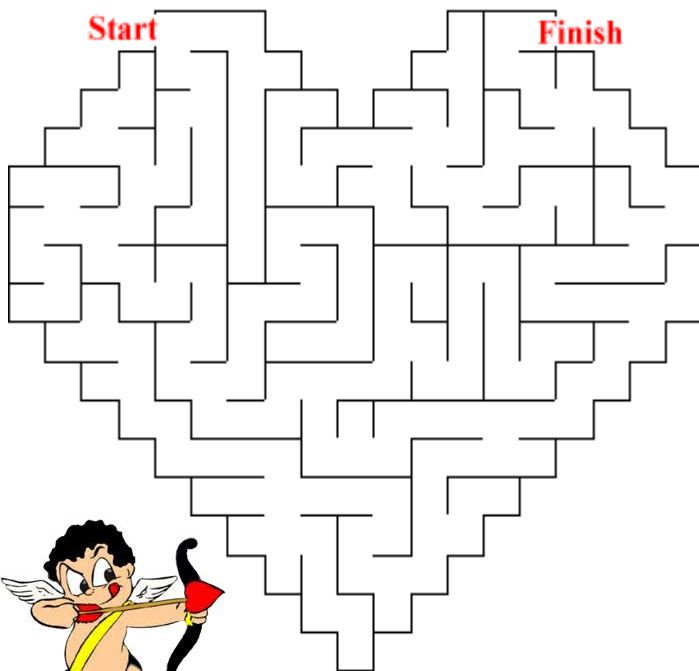

\*Call Katie at 226-0000 x 129 for details!

# Kids CORNER











## Valentine's Day Secret Message Puzzle

Decode and solve the secret Valentine's Day message.  
Fill in the blanks with the letter that matches each picture  
from the box at the bottom of the page.

**Start** **Finish**

 = E	 = L	 = V	 = A	 = T
 = M	 = N	 = I	 = Y	 = B

# THE SUN PRAIRIE STAFF PRESENTS: OUR FAVORITE SUPER BOWL RECIPIES!

## Pete's Famous Jalapeño Popper Dip: Katie's Blazin' Buffalo Chicken Dip:

- 1 pkg. Cream Cheese
- 1/2 cup Mayonnaise
- 1 Jar Jalapeños and/or 1 Can Green Chiles
- 1/2 cup cheddar cheese
- Grated parmesan cheese

Mix ingredients together well in a 9x9 pan. Then cover the top with parmesan cheese. Bake in the oven till warm or brown.



## Jaime's Pretty Perfect Pickle Dip:

- 1 tub of whipped Cream Cheese
- 1 tbsp sour cream
- 2 (2 oz.) packs of corned beef
- 4 tbsp relish

Cut the beef into little strips. Mix all ingredients together and serve with crackers. Adjust relish amount to taste.

- 1 bottle of Cookies "Wings & Things" sauce
- 2 pkg. Cream Cheese
- 2 cans of chicken

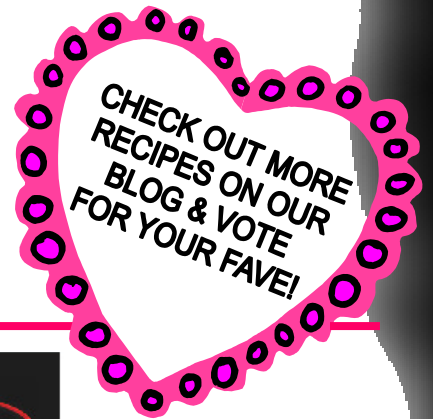
Put all ingredients into a crock pot and warm on low. For a milder dip, use 3/4 of the bottle of Cookie's instead of the whole bottle.



## Shannon's "You Can't Have Just One" Lil' Smokies:

- 2 pkg. of Little Smokies
- 1 pkg of bacon
- Lots of brown sugar (about 1 cup)

Cut the bacon strips into thirds. Wrap each lil' smokie with a piece of bacon and secure with a toothpick. Line a cookie sheet with aluminum foil and place smokies on the sheet. Apply a generous amount of brown sugar evenly over the top of the smokies. Bake at 350 degrees approximately 20 minutes, or until bacon is fully cooked and golden brown.





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