









Holiday Gratitude

Cozy shops glowing with holiday warmth
The glow of the city Christmas tree
Sharing a meal around a crowded table
Friendly waves and familiar faces
Handmade ornaments on family trees
A warm cup of cocoa on a cold evening
Holiday cards arriving in the mail
Quiet drives to see Christmas lights
Snow that makes everything feel peaceful
Neighbors sharing holiday treats
Families gathering for traditions to treasure

Would you Rather? Holiday Edition

Cook the whole holiday meal OR

Clean up the whole holiday meal

Wrap every present in the house OR

Untangle the entire pile of lights

Shop in-person on December 23
OR

Host unexpected guests on December 23

Watch only Hallmark movies for a day

OR

Watch only kids' Christmas specials for a day

Hang all the ornaments
OR

Pack them all away in January

Bake Christmas cookies from scratch
OR

Buy them at the store and pretend you didn't



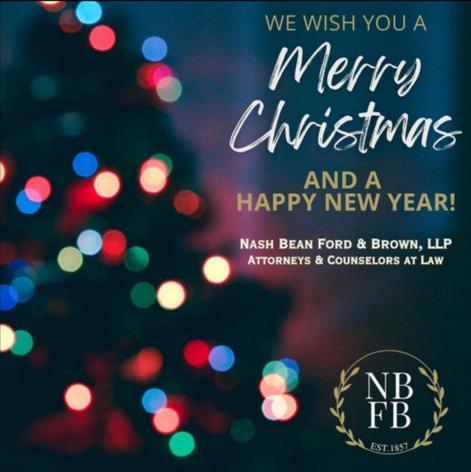


VALLEY

INSURANCE GROUP

122 South State St. Geneseo IL







Happy Holidays

May your holiday season be filled with sparkling lights, beautiful sights, and precious moments with loved ones.

We feel blessed to be trusted with your eye care and to help you see all of life's special moments clearly.

Reindeer Name Generator

First, find your First Name using your birth month.
Then find your Last Name using the first letter of your first name.



January: Frosty

February: Twinkle

March: Blizzard

April: Sprinkles

May: Jingle

June: Peppermint

July: Snowball

August: Tinsel

September: Cuddlehoof

October: Butterbean

November: Chestnut

December: Hollyberry



A: McHooves

B: Snickerdoodle

C: O'Prancer

D: Flapjack

E: Winterbottom

F: Gumdrops

G: Von Antlers

H: Merrymane

I: Kringletoes

J: Jollysnout

K: Knickersnort

L: Krispymane

M: Sugarplume

N: Everfluff

O: Snowpaws

P: Pinewhistle

Q: Merryfluff

R: Cozyhoof

S: Sparklebuck

T: Nippernose

U: Warmflank

V: Velvetwhisk

W: Snowdrizzle

X: Starblitzen

Y: Toejingle

Z: Yulepuff



6 Ways to Spread Kindness This Season

01

Let someone go ahead of you in a busy checkout line.



02

Surprise a neighbor with a plate of cookies or a small treat.



03

Pay for the person behind you at the coffee shop.



04

Write a handwritten note to someone who has made your year brighter.



05

Offer to help someone wrap gifts or run errands.



06

Reach out to someone who might be struggling this holiday season.







 \square A car with antlers and a red nose proudly attached

☐ A mug of hot cocoa

☐ A dog wearing holiday gear

☐ A wreath hanging somewhere other than a front door



BEST EVER CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIES

14 tablespoons softened
1 cup granulated sugar
½ cup light brown sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract
2½ cups all-purpose flour
1 teaspoon baking soda
½ teaspoon salt or sea salt
3 cups chocolate chips (any combination/ variation)

- 1. Preheat oven to 350°F and line baking sheets with parchment.
- 2. Partially melt butter (microwave halfway or warm in oven until half melted); let cool.
- 3. Beat cooled butter with sugars until light and fluffy.
 - 4. Mix in vanilla and eggs one at a time.
- 5. Add flour, baking soda, and salt; mix on low just until combined. If dough is too wet, add up to 3 tablespoons extra flour, 1 tablespoon at a time.
- 6. Fold in chocolate chips. Scoop (1/4 cup for large, 1.5 tablespoons for medium), spacing to allow spreading.
- 7. Bake one tray at a time: 10–12 minutes for large cookies, 8–9 minutes for small. Cool on a wire rack.



DURIAN BUILDERS

Find us on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ www.durianbuilders.com



SENDING WARMTH AND JOY THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

Season's Greetings

A Heartfelt Thank You from Mississippi Valley Cremation and Direct Burial

As we welcome this season of reflection and gratitude, we pause to honor the families who have entrusted us with meaningful moments of remembrance this past year. Your strength, compassion, and love inspire all we do.

May the holidays bring you comfort in cherished memories, peace in the present, and hope for the days ahead.

With heartfelt appreciation, we wish you a gentle and bright holiday season.

MAY YOUR HOLIDAYS BE FULL OF LOVE, HOPE, AND PEACE.

309-798-9798 www.mvcremation.com a SIMPLER way!



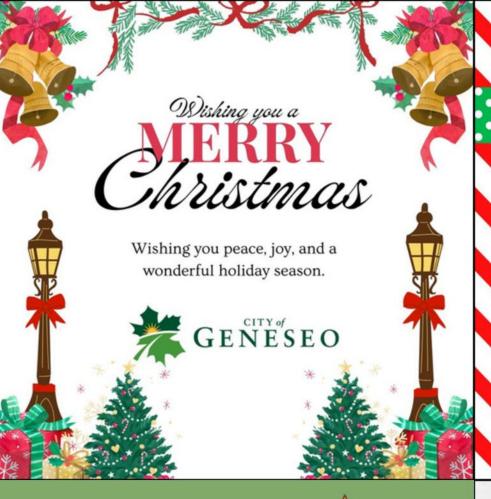


MISSISSIPPI VALLEY

- CREMATION & DIRECT BURIAL -









All I want for Christmas is you...

and pizza







Hot Cocoa Bar

Make your hot cocoa bar extra festive with these mix-ins and toppings.

- mini marshmallows & chocolate chips
- crushed candy canes, toffees, candies
- sea salt, sprinkles, shaved chocolate curls
- whipped cream, caramel drizzle, chocolate syrup

Happy Holidays

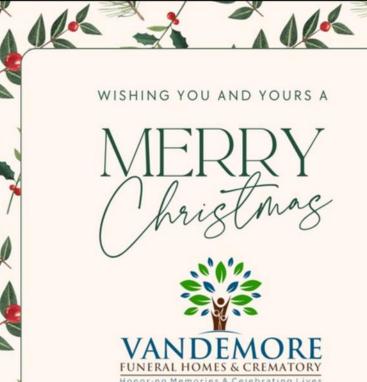
Thank you for the trust you placed in us throughout 2025. We're grateful to help keep your family safe, healthy, and comfortable, and we look forward to serving you in 2026 and beyond.

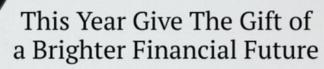
For more than 60 years, it has been our honor to support families and businesses across Henry County.

From our Wirth, Inc. family to yours, we wish you a warm, healthy, and joyful holiday season.



PLUMBING • HEATING • COOLING • GEOTHERMAL 133 E. EXCHANGE ST., GENESEO, IL 61254 (309) 944-4612 www.wirthinc.com





When you think of meaningful gifts, few compare to the gift of investing in someone's future. Giving an account can be a gift that lasts a lifetime!



A Custodial account for a child



An Individual or Roth IRA account for a loved one



A Joint account to build a shared future



It's personal and practical

You're not just giving them money, you're giving a foundation for financial independence.



It grows with them

Unlike short-term gifts, investment accounts can potentially turn today's contribution into tomorrow's opportunity.



CHRISTMAS PREP

Gifts & Wrapping

- Stash a "backup gift" to keep on-hand.
- Label gifts as you wrap them.
 - Set aside a bag or box for recycling.

Kitchen & Hosting

- · Check pantry staples.
- Prep anything freezable ahead.
 - Get your home guest-ready.

Kids & Grandkids

- Confirm school concerts, parties, early dismissal days.
- Set aside batteries and a small screwdriver for new toys.
 - Designate a spot for coats, boots, and incoming gifts.

Schedules & Sanity

- Confirm arrival times, travel plans, and overnight guests.
- Double-check church or community event schedules.
- Block out one evening with no plans— just rest.



Geneseo sparkles this time of year,

With cocoa steam and winter cheer.

The windows dance, the lights all gleam,

The whole town feels like a holiday dream.

Snowflakes drift like whispered notes—

Small-town wonder in overcoats.



May your holiday season be merry and bright, and the New Year bring you happiness and success.





GIVE THE GIFT OF Combership THIS CHRISTMAS WWW.MYIFB.ORG · 309-937-2411



302,000 BENEFITS THROUGH OUR MEMBERSHIP BENEFIT APP



May your home feel intentional, your gatherings meaningful, and your new year beautifully designed.





Thank you for supporting our local businesses, celebrating our traditions, and bringing so much warmth to Geneseo this holiday season. We're grateful to be part of this community.



