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## Free Coffee Day!

To celebrate those employees with birthdays in December (see Birthdays on page 3), there will be free coffee from the vending machine starting early AM on Monday, December 18 through early AM Wednesday, December 20. ENJOY!  
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO ALL!**

## Improvement Idea Winner By Scott Wagner, Plant Mgr.

Congratulations to **Bob Feldman**, Electrician, first shift, for being the Improvement Idea winner for November. There were 11 improvement ideas in November. In addition to Bob's winning idea, **Chris Hainey** and **Paul Moss** submitted four ideas each, and **Frank Rapine** and **Theresa Scargill** submitted one idea each. Thank you all for letting us know your ideas for improvement here at Rex.



Bob's improvement idea is a great example of a 5S project. The idea is to make a pull stick station at every line or bus duct so we don't have to go looking all over the plant to find a pull stick to cut off power when necessary. Just like fire extinguisher stations but for bus duct pull sticks. When we do find them, they are behind things hidden or in different places each time.

The next Improvement Idea spin will be held on Monday, December 18 at 3:10 pm in the Straightening area. Bob will be drawing the name of one employee for the "Monthly Employee Appreciation" spin. Come to the spin to see if your name is chosen. Then you will be the lucky person taking a spin on the Rex Wheel of Chance.

Can you think of an idea for an improvement here at Rex? Just write it down on a piece of paper and drop it into the box outside the Production office door. You could be the next winner taking a spin on the Rex Wheel of Chance.

**DEADLINE FOR DECEMBER IMPROVEMENT IDEAS  
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 13, 9 A.M.**

## Monthly Winners

By Scott Wagner, Plant Manager



Scott Wagner, Plant Manager, congratulates Chris Hainey, the October Improvement idea winner.

Our Improvement Idea winner for October was **Chris Hainey**, Furnace Operator, third shift. Chris won \$200 on his spin. Besides Chris' winning idea, **Keith Bannon** and **Chris Kent** submitted one idea each. They both received a "Good Idea" pin and \$5 lottery ticket.



Scott Wagner congratulates Keith Bannon for submitting an Improvement idea in October.

The lucky winner of "Monthly Employee Appreciation" was **Yao Kangni Soukpe**, who won a \$100 reward on his spin. Five names were drawn from a bucket that contained the names of all Rex employees. **Ricky Banyai**, **Dave Brough**, **Jim Brough**, **Theresa Scargill**, and **Mike Townsend** each received a \$5 instant lottery ticket. **Frank Rapine** was the Rex Riddle winner and he, too, received a \$5 lottery ticket. Employees celebrating anniversaries received their anniversary gifts from Scott Wagner, Plant Manager.



Yao Kangni Soukpe, Monthly Employee Appreciation winner, is congratulated by Scott Wagner.



Scott Wagner presents lottery tickets to this month's winners — from left: Ricky Banyai, Dave Brough, and Theresa Scargill. Jim Brough and Mike Townsend, not pictured, were also winners.

For refreshments, we all enjoyed fruit, cookies and free coffee. Please come to next month's spin to see if you are picked to be the Monthly Employee Appreciation winner. Then you will have an opportunity to take a spin on the Rex Wheel of Chance.



Rex Riddle winner Frank Rapine receives his lottery ticket from Scott Wagner.

## ***WINTER IN PENNSYLVANIA IS NOT THAT BAD***



Antarctica

It's December and the worst of winter is still ahead of us. Ugh to January, February and March – which are our coldest months. However, our teen and 20 degree temperatures are nothing compared to other parts of the country and the world.

If you think we have it bad here, thank your lucky stars you don't live in Oymyakon, Russia where the average winter temperature is -58F. This remote village is generally considered the coldest inhabited place on earth. How do the locals deal with the cold? They drink lots of "Russki chai," literally Russian tea, which is their word for vodka.

In the US, the coldest temperature ever recorded was -81F on January 23, 1971 at Prospect Creek Camp in Alaska's Endicott Mountains. The camp was there to house workers building the trans-Alaska pipeline; a weather observer who worked for Alyeska Pipeline Service Company, collected the data for the National Weather Service.

As for uninhabited cold places, Antarctica, land of extremes, takes the prize. It is the coldest, windiest, and highest continent anywhere on earth. Its average elevation is about 7,544ft above sea level. The coldest temperature ever recorded on earth was in Antarctic at -129°F. Now that's cold!

Antarctica is the only continent that has never had an indigenous population of humans because it has always been such an extreme environment. Just the boat ride getting to the continent is over the most treacherous seas anywhere in the world. The inaccessibility of the place and the lack of reliable food and means for constructing shelter has kept humans away for thousands of years. New technologies developed over the last 200 years, however, have made it possible for people to reach these icy shores to explore and study the Antarctic for the first time in human history.

**Here are a few more cold places to make you feel a little warmer this winter.**

- Maybell, Colorado recorded -61F February 1, 1985
- Old Forge, New York recorded -52F on February 18, 1979
- Tower, Minnesota registered -60F on February 2, 1996
- Elkador, Iowa recorded -47F on February 3, 1996
- Greene, Rhode Island was having a heat wave with -25F on February 5, 1996

If you think that Hawaii is guaranteed year round "fun in the sun," think again. On May 17, 1979, the temperature in Mauna Kea Hawaii was 12F. Brrrr!

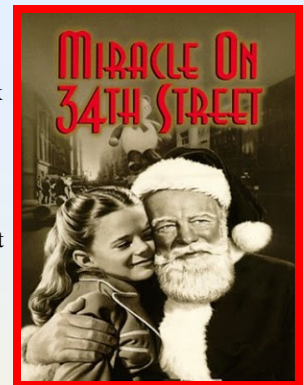


## ***Miracle on 34th Street Remains Holiday Favorite***

*Miracle on 34th Street* has become one of the most popular "old movie" favorites that people like to watch around the holidays. This 1947 American classic written and directed by George Seaton, is based on a story by Valentine Davies. It stars Maureen O'Hara, John Payne, Natalie Wood and Edmund Gwenn. The story takes place between Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day in New York City, and focuses on the impact of a department store Santa Claus who claims to be the real Santa.

Although the film is set during the Christmas season, studio head at the time Darryl F. Zanuck insisted that it be released in May, arguing that more people go to the movies in warmer weather. Truthfully, Zanuck hated the story and only agreed to make the movie if director George Seaton would accept his next movie assignment without any complaint. He did, so *Miracle on 34th Street* opened in New York City at the Roxy Theatre on June 4, 1947. Here are some more fun facts about making of *Miracle on 34th Street*.

1. Maureen O'Hara initially didn't want the role as she had recently moved back to Ireland. After reading the script, however, she changed her mind and returned to the US.
2. The scenes in the movie at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade were filmed at the real parade in 1946.
3. The film cost \$630,000 to make and grossed \$2.7 million.
4. Many of the scenes from *Miracle on 34th Street* were filmed at the famous shopping mecca - Macy's, 151 W. 34th Street, New York, NY 10001.
5. Oops in the script: Kris Kringle says that Vice President under John Quincy Adams is Daniel D. Tompkins. The correct answer should have been John C. Calhoun.
6. The film won three Academy Awards - Best Supporting Actor for Edmund Gwenn, Best Writing: Original Story for Valentine Davies, and Best Writing: Screenplay for George Seaton's adaptation. It was also nominated for Best Picture but lost to another film, *Gentleman's Agreement* (1947).
7. *Miracle on 34th Street* was selected for preservation in the National Film Registry by the Library of Congress as being "culturally, historically and aesthetically significant."
8. *Miracle on 34th Street* is one of the first films to be colorized in 1985, resulting in some controversy and an uproar from film purists.





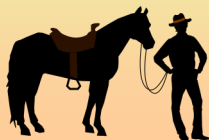


Employees celebrating a birthday in December are listed below. Let's wish them a happy day.

6 Sharley Dubisette  
25 Yao Kangni Soukpe  
26 Maria Monje

## REX RIDDLE #76

Before the days of motor cars, a man rode into town on his horse. He arrived on Friday, spent three days in town and left on Friday. How is that possible?



To submit your guess for The Rex Riddle, take a slip out of the folder in the rack in the Production Office, fill it out, and drop it in the box outside of the Production Office door. Guesses will be taken until the morning of the monthly spin. One name will be drawn from all the correct answers to receive a \$5 instant lottery ticket.

### Answer to last month's riddle:

A man drove all the way from New York to San Francisco only to discover at the end of the trip that he had a flat tire from the very start. Yet his car was completely unaffected by it.

**Answer: His spare tire was flat.**

## Yearly Work Anniversaries

The following employees are celebrating their Work anniversaries in December:

### 1 to 5 Years

Folly Agbo (1 yr)

### Over 10 Years

Tom Felder (32 yrs)

Maria Monje (18 yrs)

*You will receive your annual gift at the monthly spin.*



## HOLIDAY GOODIES EXCHANGE

The Holiday Goodies Exchange will take place on Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19 in the employee lunch room. Please join us for this annual sharing of good things to eat. Bring your treat at the start of your shift and check out what others have brought to share.

Whether you bake it or buy it, no matter. Whatever you chose will be appreciated and enjoyed. There will be free hot beverages from the vending machine both days.

Come share in the  
Good Will and Good Treats!

## Wintry Word Search Puzzle

### Wintry Mix

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BLIZZARD  
BLUSTERY  
BOBSLED  
COLD  
FREEZINGRAIN  
GLOOMY  
ICE  
ICEPILLAR  
ICESKATING  
ICESTORM  
LUGE  
POLAR  
SKIING  
SLEET  
SNOW  
SNOWMAN  
SNOWMOBILE  
SOLSTICE  
SUNDOG  
WINDCHILL  
WINDY  
WINTER  
WINTERSTORM