

## PARTS OF A BOOK WORD SEARCH!

January is National Book Blitz Month. Here's a fun activity to get you started on that unread stack in your reading room!

**DIRECTIONS:** Find and circle the key words in the grid. Look for them in all directions, including backwards and diagonally.



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# Welcome January

### ABOUT...

January was named after the Roman god, Janus. Janus had two faces, which allowed him to look forwards into the coming year & backwards into the past year.

### JANUARY IS...

- National Eye Care Month
- National Blood Donor Month
- National Soup Month
- National Hobby Month
- National Bath Safety Month
- National Book Blitz Month

### JANUARY DATES...

- 1/1 - New Year's Day
- 1/19 - Martin Luther King Day

### SYMBOLS OF JANUARY...

- Birthstone - Garnet
- Flower - Carnation
- Zodiac Signs - Capricorn & Aquarius



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# JANUARY 2026

## Client Newsletter



### MANAGER'S MINUTE

Hard to believe we've flipped the calendar to a brand-new year already! As I look back on 2025, I'm filled with gratitude. To our amazing clients who kept us busy all year long, to the vendors who bailed us out more than once, and to my incredible team and family—you truly kept the wheels turning here at Chickasaw Garage.

In November, we had one of our best team outings yet. We hit up Sure Shot Taphouse, played some video games (some of us are more "competitive" than others), watched a little football, and wrapped up the day with some excellent Mexican food. Great laughs, great memories, and only a few questionable high scores.

On the home front, we ended the year with some exciting family news—Jackson is officially engaged to Hannah Weigel! Looks like I'll be welcoming a new member into the family, and I couldn't be happier.

Normally, this time of year I'm talking nonstop about high school bowling, but things look a bit different in 2026. Neither of the boys are bowling on high school or college teams right now... but they are coaching together for the St. Henry Junior High program. Watching both of them coach side-by-side makes me one proud dad—even if I still miss yelling "pick up the spare!" from the bleachers.

As we kick off 2026, I want to thank every one of you—our customers, vendors, team members, and community—for supporting Chickasaw Garage. Here's to another year of hard work, good people, full schedules, and hopefully fewer broken bolts.

Happy New Year from Ted Heitbrink and the entire team at Chickasaw Garage!

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# Happy New Year!

Despite the best of intentions, once the glow of a fresh new year wears off, many people struggle to make good on their plans. According to a study published in the Journal of Clinical Psychology, only 46 percent of people who made New Year's resolutions were successful. That means over half of the people who set a goal for the new year will fail!

Here's one list of the Top 10 New Year's Resolutions...

1. Exercise more
2. Lose weight
3. Get organized
4. Learn a new skill or hobby
5. Live life to the fullest
6. Save more money/spend less money
7. Quit smoking
8. Spend more time with family and friends
9. Travel more
10. Read more



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### Pasta Fazoolander Soup

This soup recipe is the answer to anyone claiming they don't have enough time to cook after a long day at work. This entire recipe takes about 30 minutes from start to finish. It's the kind of dish you really want to savor on a chilly winter day.

Prep Time: 10 mins \* Cook Time: 20 mins \* Total Time: 30 mins \* Servings: 4

**INGREDIENTS**

• 1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil	• 1 pinch red pepper flakes, plus more for garnish
• 1 teaspoon tomato paste	• 1 pinch dried oregano
• 1 anchovy fillet, chopped	• salt and ground black pepper to taste
• 4 cups chicken broth	• 2 cups baby spinach leaves
• 1 cup dry cheese tortellini	• 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
• (15 ounce) can white beans, rinsed and drained	

**DIRECTIONS**

1. Heat oil in a large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in tomato paste and anchovy fillet; cook until fragrant and the color deepens, 2 to 3 minutes.
2. Pour in chicken broth and bring to a boil. Stir in tortellini and beans; cook until tortellini are cooked through but still firm to the bite, about 10 minutes.
3. Stir in red pepper flakes, oregano, salt, and pepper. Add spinach; cook and stir until just wilted, 2 to 3 minutes. Remove from the heat.
4. Ladle into bowls and garnish with red pepper flakes and grated Parmesan cheese. Enjoy!

<https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/22205/pasta-fazoolander/>

## TO HELP CELEBRATE NATIONAL EYE CARE MONTH, HERE'S A FEW JOKES THAT'LL BRING TEARS TO YOUR EYES!

Q: At what elevation is your vision the best?

A: See Level.

Q: Why don't optometrists use tape measures?

A: They're really good at eyeballing it.

Q: How are your eye doctor and your teacher the same?

A: They both spend their days testing pupils!

Patient: "Doc, I get a stabbing pain in my eye every time I take a sip of coffee."

Doctor: "Have you tried taking the spoon out of the mug?"

### Puzzle Solution



## NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS FOR YOUR CAR!

New Year car care resolutions should include sticking to a regular maintenance schedule, checking fluids and tire pressure monthly, and driving safely. Other key resolutions are inspecting brakes and wiper blades, replacing worn filters, and addressing any dashboard warning lights promptly. Here's a list of the basics...



### ROUTINE MAINTENANCE

- Follow the maintenance schedule: Adhere to the recommended intervals for oil changes, tire rotations, and other service points in your owner's manual.
- Change oil and filters: Make regular oil changes a priority and resolve to replace engine air and cabin air filters as needed.
- Inspect and replace wipers: Check your wiper blades for wear and replace them if they are cracked or not clearing the windshield effectively.
- Check your brakes: Resolve to get your brake pads and fluid inspected regularly to ensure they are in good working order.

### REGULAR CHECKS

- Monitor tire pressure: Check tire pressure at least once a month and before long trips to ensure proper inflation.
- Check all fluids: Regularly check and top off essential fluids, including engine oil, coolant, transmission fluid, power steering fluid, and windshield washer fluid.
- Listen to your car: Pay attention to any unusual sounds, smells, or vibrations, and don't ignore dashboard warning lights.

### CLEANING AND CARE

- Wash your car regularly: Commit to frequent washes to remove dirt, salt, and other grime that can cause rust and damage your paint.
- Clean the interior: Make an effort to keep the inside of your car clean as well, by vacuuming and tidying up periodically.

### DRIVING HABITS

- Drive smoothly: Avoid aggressive driving habits, like rapid acceleration and hard braking, to reduce wear and tear on your vehicle.
- Keep an emergency kit: Ensure your car is equipped with an emergency kit for unforeseen situations.

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