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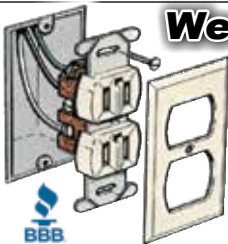


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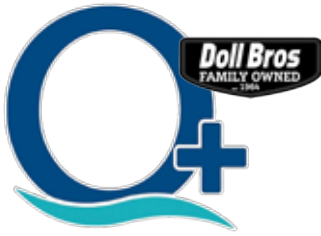


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#### Warning signs of identity theft

- Bills for items you did not buy
- Debt collection calls for accounts you did not open
- Information on your credit report for accounts you did not open
- Denials of loan applications
- Mail stops coming to, or is missing from, your mailbox

#### How to report identity theft

- To report identity theft, contact:
  - The **Federal Trade Commission (FTC)** online at [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov) or call 1-877-438-4338
  - The three **major credit reporting agencies**. Ask them to place fraud alerts and a credit freeze on your accounts.
  - The **fraud department at your credit card issuers**, bank, and other places where you have accounts

#### How to protect yourself from identity theft

- **Do not answer phone calls**, texts, social media messages, or email from numbers or **people you do not know**.
- Do not share personal information like your bank account number, Social Security number, or date of birth.
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- Review credit card and bank account statements. Watch for and report unauthorized or suspicious transactions.
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- Learn when it is safe to use a public Wi-Fi network
- Store personal information, including your Social Security card, in a safe place. **Do not carry it in your wallet.**

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### Imposter Scam

#### The top types of imposter scams:

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- **Government imposter scams** - Unless you contact them first, government agencies typically initiate communication with you by letter. Unexpected contact or demands through any other method may be a scam.
- **IRS imposter scams** - scammers pretend you owe the IRS money for taxes and may threaten legal action
- **Social Security imposter scams** - scammers claim there is a problem with your Social Security account or promise to increase your benefits
- **Charity scams** - scammers pretend to be from a real or fake charity and try to get you to contribute
- **Grandparent scams** - scammers pretend to be a grandchild or other relative who needs emergency financial help
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- Scammers may also pretend to be from your **bank or a company you do business with**. You might be told you owe money or there is a problem with your account.



**Report Imposter Scams Online to the Federal Trade Commission**





## December

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DECEMBER

**D**ecember is known for special holidays, including Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and for marking the winter solstice in the Northern Hemisphere. It's a month of celebration and charity.

## Dunedin Cares

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**I**n this difficult time, I received a flyer from Dunedin Cares. Here are some of the items that are needed: "just Add Water" mixes, shelf-stable milk, household cleaning products, jelly, toothbrushes/toothpaste, oatmeal, canned chicken (with a self opening lid), sugar/ flour, and hygiene products. We had a tote for this organization and until it can be located, please put the items on the table in the clubhouse. We have a volunteer that is willing to ensure the items are taken to Dunedin Cares.

## Park December Monthly Action Plan

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1. No update on women's restroom repairs.
2. Bulbs for street lights are on order
3. White stripes on the roads have been painted
4. Yellow stripes on speed bumps have been repainted
5. Front entrance enhancements including painting and landscaping
6. Hole on third street file.

## New Owners/Residents

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WELCOME

**W**e have at least 21 new owners/residents in our park since January 2025. WELCOME. We look forward to your input and interest. We plan to have a welcome party for new owners.

## Activities

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**S**ome resident-led activities have begun. Please watch for notices on the white board outside the clubhouse, facebook updates and yard signs.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

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**I**n addition to the items on the December calendar, Monday January 26 evening will be a party with music by Baby Boomer Band.

The annual Rummage Sale and a bake sale schedule starts on Wednesday, January 14 and Thursday, January 15, 10 to noon for set up and pricing. Friday, January 16 will be open to residents only from 10 am to Noon. Saturday, January 17 will be open to the public, 10 to noon. Patricia Vincent has been diligently working on this fundraiser. A whole hearted thanks in advance for all those that help with this event. It is good camaraderie.

Safe travels my friends.

## December Birthdays

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12/4	Francis Wildemann	441
12/6	Tom Sopko	371
12/7	Bradley Dronen	464
12/11	Gene Wolfert	465
12/12	Rita Baratta	450
12/12	Wayne Marchand	328
12/12	Lee Smay	445
12/13	Nancy Morgan	417
12/16	Becky Reinhardt	449
12/17	Diane Sheeley	397
12/17	Jacquie DiPego	311
12/19	Troy Walseth	314
12/20	Gary Goessel	384
12/20	Chris O'Dell	376
12/21	Vincent (Chic) Consolo	476
12/22	Randy White	468
12/24	Bernie Stoneham	411
12/26	Virginia Lavoie	378
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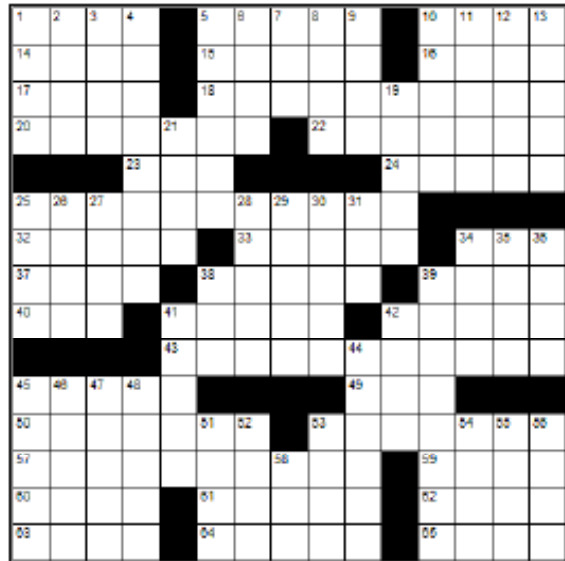
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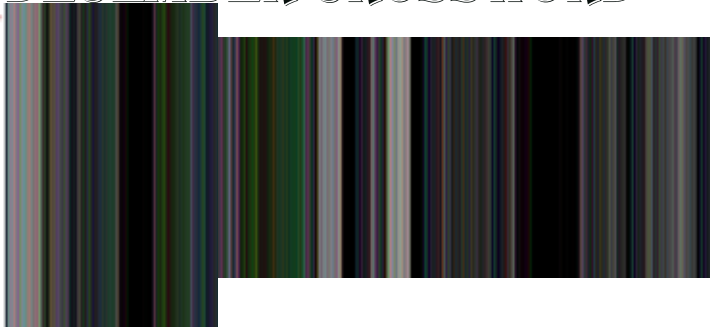
1. On-line journal
5. Rhinoceros
10. Gangs
14. Former Italian currency
15. A red fluorescent dye
16. Send forth
17. A Freudian stage
18. Totally
20. Vixen
22. Hypodermic
23. L
24. Donkeys
25. Class chums
32. Held on tightly
33. Japanese cartoon art
34. Beer
37. Not yours
38. Inscribed pillar
39. Make unclear
40. Damp
41. Villain
42. Communion table
43. Self-restraining
45. A long-legged S. American bird
49. Dawn goddess
50. Windfall
53. Detective (slang)
57. Noble
59. Greek cheese
60. Actors in a show
61. Give a speech
62. Relating to urine
63. Beers
64. Waste conduit
65. Lake (Scottish)



## DOWN

1. Ho-hum
2. Connects two points
3. By mouth
4. Square-rigged sailing ships
5. Summon to return
6. Owl sound
7. Belief
8. Bites
9. Unique
10. Anagram of "Smite"
11. Portents
12. Cause to leak
13. Infections of the eye
19. Delete
21. Blockage
25. Flat-bottomed boat
26. Hint
27. Offended
28. Married partners
29. Concerning (archaic)
30. Diacritical mark
31. An uncle
34. Countertenor
35. Hawaiian feast
36. Makes a mistake
38. Bro or sis
39. Happy
41. Lose consciousness
42. "Smallest" particle
44. Spay
45. Hemp
46. Small goat antelope
47. Licorice-like flavor
48. Sail supports
51. Animal menageries
52. Unit of land
53. Way in
54. Protagonist
55. Ear-related
56. Every single one
58. Uncooked

# DECEMBER CROSSWORD





## MONTHLY

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**Bingo's Birthday Month.** With origins that date back to a 1530s Italian lottery game, different versions of Bingo were played in Germany and France for hundreds of years before it reached North America in 1929. The game has been popular in the United States since then, used by churches to raise funds and by casinos that promise huge jackpots to a lucky few.

**Root Vegetables Month.** Looking for something healthy to offset the sugary treats of the holiday season? Consider a carrot soup seasoned with turmeric and ginger; add shaved beets and radishes to a salad; or try a side of mashed parsnips or baked sweet potatoes with your next meal.

**National Eggnog Month.** Spike it with bourbon, whiskey, or rum; add a splash to your coffee; or enjoy a glass with a sprinkle of cinnamon on top. For those who love the rich, creamy beverage known as eggnog, this is the month to indulge.

**Seasonal Affective Disorder Month.** About 20 percent of the population suffers from a mild form of depression during the cold-weather months. Most experience fatigue, irritability, a lack of concentration and other symptoms in the winter months. Check in with your health care provider if you or someone you know experiences changes in moods and behaviors this winter.



## WEEKLY

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**Clerc-Gallaudet Week, Dec. 3-9.** Laurent Clerc (1785–1869) and Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet (1787–1851) worked to establish the foundation for American Sign Language, as well as the first school for the deaf in this country. Clerc-Gallaudet Week was established by the D.C. Public Library in 1974 to honor the December birthdays of these men and to raise awareness of issues in the deaf and library communities.

**Christmas Bird Count, Dec. 14–Jan. 5.** For more than 100 years, the Audubon Society has relied on volunteers birders throughout the Western Hemisphere to conduct an avian census. Go to <http://www.audubon.org/join-christmas-bird-count> to find out the details about CBC activities in your area.

**National Gluten-Free Baking Week, Dec. 17-23.** The treats and feasts of the season can be especially challenging for those with digestive issues or an intolerance for the complex protein found in barley, wheat, and rye. Consider adding a few gluten-free alternatives to your holiday spread this year.

**Hanukkah, evening of Dec. 12–evening of Dec. 20.** This eight day “Festival of Lights” is commemorated by the nightly lighting of a menorah, the recitation of special prayers, and feasting in the Jewish community.



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## The Mysterious Gift Under the Tree

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One Christmas Eve, a family gathered around the tree, finishing up the last of the cocoa and carols. As the children were sent off to bed, the parents noticed a small, unmarked gift tucked deep behind the tree. Neither of them had placed it there. Curious, they opened it to find a handmade ornament with the words: “Believe in the magic.” Inside was a note from their late grandmother, written years before she passed, thanking them for keeping the family traditions alive. She had hidden the gift during her last Christmas with them, hoping it would be found when they needed it most. That year, the family had been struggling with grief, and the unexpected message brought comfort and tears—reminding them that love endures, even after loss.

## The Christmas Truce of 1914

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During World War I, on Christmas Eve 1914, something extraordinary happened. British and German soldiers, entrenched in bitter combat, spontaneously ceased fire. Soldiers from both sides emerged from their trenches, met in no man's land, and exchanged greetings, food, and even played a game of football. They sang carols together and buried their dead with dignity. Though brief, the truce was a powerful reminder of shared humanity—even in the darkest of times. It remains one of the most poignant examples of peace breaking through conflict, if only for a day.

## The Turkey That Got Away

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One Christmas, a family decided to go all out and buy a fresh turkey from a local farm instead of the usual frozen one. The dad was in charge of picking it up, and he proudly brought home a massive bird. But when it came time to cook it, the oven door wouldn't close—it was too big.

So, they tried trimming it. Still too big. Then they tried rotating it. Still no luck. Eventually, they gave up and decided to cook it on the grill outside. But halfway through, it started raining—hard. The dad, determined not to let Christmas dinner be ruined, stood outside with an umbrella, flipping the turkey like a warrior defending his feast.

Hours later, they finally brought it in, only to discover... it was still raw in the middle. They ended up eating side dishes and pie for dinner, and the turkey became the next day's project. The family now jokes that the turkey was so big it needed its own zip code—and they've gone back to frozen ever since.



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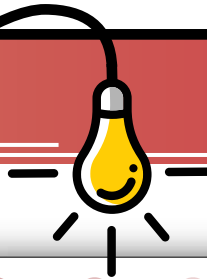
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2. Encourage them to share their thoughts. Then help them improve their outlook by exploring strategies and solutions that will empower their thinking and inspire a willingness to strive for more.
3. Feelings. Sometimes as parents we're too quick to step in and say, "Don't worry. Everything will work out." Yet this approach doesn't allow your children to recognize and process how they are feeling, nor understand how their feelings can influence behavior.
5. Give youngsters a judgment-free forum for exploring their emotions, and offer insight and constructive feedback for dealing with those emotions.
6. Fears. Confronting adversity helps to develop problem-solving skills and gives us the confidence to make better choices.
7. Don't allow children to give up when times are tough. Encourage kids to face their fears with positive actions and perseverance. They may not always come out on top, but they will be able to hold their heads up knowing they did their best.



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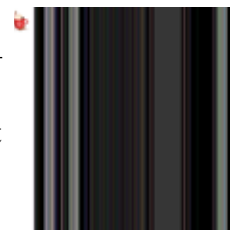
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But what he didn't realize was that the bowl was sitting directly under the heat vent.

As the party went on, the eggnog slowly warmed up... and fermented. By the time people started ladling it into cups, it had developed a surprisingly fizzy texture. One brave soul took a sip and immediately spat it out, yelling, "It's ALIVE!"

Moments later, the bowl cracked from the heat, sending a tidal wave of eggnog across the table, soaking cookies, gifts, and one unfortunate intern's laptop. The smell lingered for days, and the punch bowl was never seen again.

The moral? Never mix dairy, heat, and ambition.

## The Cat vs. The Christmas Tree

**O**ne family had a beautiful, towering Christmas tree decorated with delicate glass ornaments, shimmering tinsel, and twinkling lights. It was their pride and joy—until their cat, Mittens, decided it was her personal jungle gym.



On the first night, they heard a crash and found Mittens halfway up the tree, dangling from a branch like a furry ornament. She had knocked off several baubles and was batting at the star like it owed her money.

They tried everything: citrus spray, aluminum foil around the base, even a motion-activated air puffer. Nothing worked. Every night, Mittens launched a stealth attack. One morning, they woke up to find the entire tree tipped over, ornaments scattered like confetti, and Mittens sitting triumphantly on top of the fallen pine like she'd conquered Everest.

From then on, they decorated only the top half of the tree and left the bottom bare—except for a sign that read: "Mittens' Zone – Enter at Your Own Risk."

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- **Start early.** You have more willpower and energy in the morning, so use it to your advantage. You'll also have fewer interruptions and distractions while other people are just pouring their first cup of coffee, and you'll be able to put off less-important tasks for when you have the time to devote to them.
- **Select a goal.** Challenge yourself to write 5,000 words, work for two hours straight, finish a chapter, or write half your article before you move on. This gives you something concrete to strive for.
- **Warm up.** Spend a few minutes describing something around you, recreating a conversation from yesterday, writing down a dream, or just recording random thought as they come into your head. The practice of writing something—anything—will help get your mind in gear.
- **Leave it unfinished.** Some writers make a habit of stopping in the middle of a sentence so they have a natural starting point the next morning. If that doesn't work for you, try leaving what you're working on incomplete once you've reached your daily goal. You'll find it easier to continue when you have a natural jumping-off point.
- **Don't push yourself.** Sometimes the only thing to do is step away from the keyboard for a while. Let your mind wander without getting lost in another subject. After a few minutes (or hours) you'll be able to return with a fresh perspective.



## Quotes

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**T**o invent, you need a good imagination and a pile of junk.  
—Thomas Edison

Our imagination is stretched to the utmost, not, as in fiction, to imagine things which are not really there, but just to comprehend those things which are there.

—Richard Feynman

Do not be embarrassed by your failures. Learn from them, and start again.

—Richard Branson

You've got to get up every morning with determination if you're going to go to bed with satisfaction.

—George Lorimer

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- The scammer will say it's **urgent** and that you're the only one who can help.
- The scammer might tell you it's **important to keep it secret**. They don't want you talking to other family members and friends and realizing it's a scam.
- The scammers will **play with your emotions**. They're counting on you to act quickly to help your family or friend. And they're counting on you to pay without stopping to check out whether there's really an emergency. If you get a call like this, you can be sure this is a scam.

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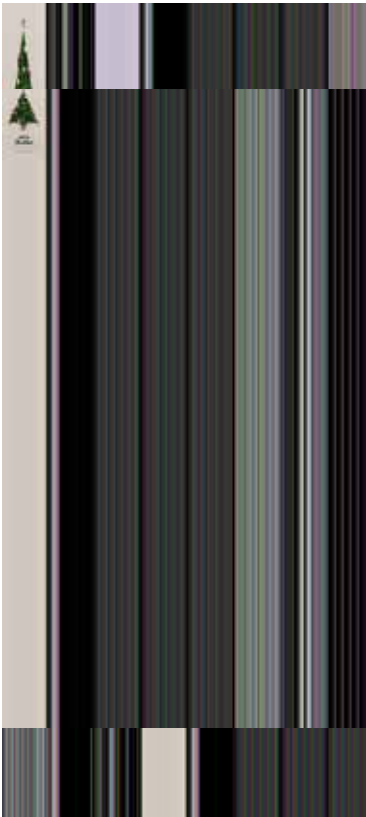
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Advertise BUY, SELL, TRADE ITEMS by sending copy & check to Monthly Media at 220 Bahama St, Venice, FL 34285. Ads over 10 words must be accompanied by \$.80 per extra word or publisher will edit. Each new word indicated by a space, numbers included. No mobile home sales, no professional products or services. Envelope must be postmarked by 10th of the month to meet deadline. **SORRY: No ads accepted by phone or email.**

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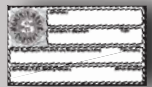
# MANIA

over \$216,800 since our contest began!



## HOW IT WORKS:

1. Patronize the advertisers in this month's newsletter
2. Ask the business for your Monthly Mania ticket, **OR a copy of your receipt and clip this ad**
3. Mail it back to us at: **Monthly Media | 220 Bahama St. Venice, FL 34285**
4. Every month we draw new tickets for **CASH PRIZES** and mail winners a check! **Every month is a new chance to win!**



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Claudia Vater.....\$10.00..... Jones & Sons Plumbing

**Not enough qualifying winners for the November drawing!  
Mail in your tickets or paid receipt for your chance to win!**

• Limit of one ticket per visit • Advertiser may have up to 5 winners per month • Advertiser must have bill paid current to qualify • Allow 8-12 weeks for mailing of check • No purchase necessary • Contest void where prohibited by law • Tickets available at participating Monthly Media advertisers •

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