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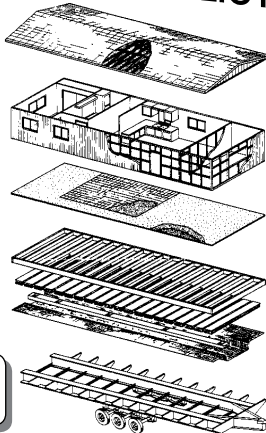
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# Community Manager

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Dear Valued Residents,

As we welcome in 2023, we are looking forward to many things happening this year.

As I type this, we haven't had our Christmas Potluck yet, but we expect a pretty good turnout. My wife and I do really enjoy planning and hosting these and we do hope to see as many residents as possible attending them so please review the calendar for upcoming events. As time passes, more will be scheduled.



Our next Community Yard Sale will be held **Saturday, January 28th, 2023**. I have ordered a large banner to display along each roadside the week prior, so we do expect a lot of traffic.

We also haven't held our Townhall meeting yet, and I do always expect a large crowd at these. Hopefully as you read this, you will have already received a lot of information on what we are wanting to accomplish in 2023. Please know that I am aware of how frustrating it can be to see such slow progress on the larger projects. Between an extensive approval process and being at the mercy of contractor's schedules, many projects take a very long time to be completed. I share this frustration, but I do constantly work on getting these pushed through.

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On a lighter note, it's a new year so let's approach it "glass half full" and see what we can accomplish.

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There was once a young psychology student who was serving in the army and decided to test a theory he had. He drew KP duty and was assigned the duty of passing out apricots at the end of the chow line.

To the first few soldiers who came through the line he asked, “You don’t want any apricots, do you? Ninety percent of the soldiers said “no.”

Next, he tried a more positive approach, “You do want apricots, don’t you. This time about 50 percent said yes, they wanted the apricots and took them.

Finally, he tried an approach based on a selling technique known as “either/or.” This time he asked his question this way: “One dish of apricots, or two?” In spite of the fact that the soldiers obviously did not like Army apricots, 40 percent of the soldiers took two dishes, and 50 percent took one.



## Do what you can for those you can

A Zen monk was seen by his disciple by the sea, where the tide had washed ashore hundreds of starfish. It was clear that they would soon die from exposure. The monk was tossing the starfish, one at a time, back into the sea, in a slow and meditative manner.

“Why are you bothering?” the disciple asked the monk. The young disciple looked at the large number of starfish that were succumbing. “It won’t make any difference.”

The monk stopped for a moment, and looked down at the starfish in his hand. “It will to this one,” he replied.



### ***Great irony***

*Human beings who are almost unique in having the ability to learn from the experience of others, are also remarkable for their apparent disinclination to do so.*

— ***Douglas Adams***

### ***On airports***

*It can hardly be a coincidence that no language on Earth has ever produced the phrase, “as pretty as an airport.” Airports are ugly. Some are very ugly. Some attain a degree of ugliness that can only be the result of a special effort.*

— ***Douglas Adams***

### ***On perspective***

*The fact that we live at the bottom of a deep gravity well, on the surface of a gas covered planet going around a nuclear fireball 90 million miles away and think this is normal is obviously some indication of how skewed our perspectives tend to be.*

— ***Douglas Adams***

## Growing into a new life



There was once an old and unhappy woman who lived alone in a small house. Her life had been fraught with many disappointments. Her husband had left her with two small children to raise, her children had grown and gone off to college and rarely visited — and she didn't have much money.

One day she noticed that a tiny stick of a tree had pushed its way up from underneath the house's crawl space and had threaded through a small hole in the floor. The old woman took note of the tree, but didn't think it would be there long, because it was weak and somewhat sickly looking.

Every day the woman checked on the sapling and expected to find that it had died. She was surprised to see the little tree clinging to life, despite that it did not have an ideal environment.

Now, the old woman began to bring a little watering pot and a bit of plant food for the tree. She also got a friend of hers to come and remove some of the boards of the floor and build a little frame for the tree so that it would have room to grow. And it began to grow and unfurl in ways that the old woman could not have imagined earlier. It grew so healthily that eventually the old woman had to tie up some of its new branches to help support it until it got bigger.

The little tree grew so beautifully in the light by the picture window in the woman's living room that she brought in a circle of chairs and took to inviting people in so that they could enjoy her tree with her.

People stopped by to ask about the tree, and the old woman told the story of the tiny tree that pushed up out of the crawl space and through the tiny opening in the floor. The old woman made friends with some of these visitors, and she no longer felt lonely. She spent the rest of her life planting trees around her little town and they grew like no others. She always gave them plenty of love and encouragement — especially to the seedlings that looked like they were not likely to make it. And her life was rich and full because of it.

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*Some people are worried about the difference between right and wrong. I'm worried about the difference between wrong and fun.*

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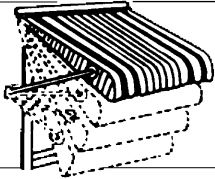


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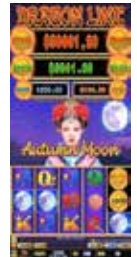
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**M**.J. Ryan, life coach and author of *The Happiness Makeover*, says that it's possible for just about anyone to revamp their thinking. "Training your brain is like training a puppy," she says. "It wanders everywhere, but you need to keep bringing it back to the upside."

So the next time things don't go your way, try not to fall into your usual way of thinking. If you get steamed over small things, like waiting in a long line, the next time it happens tell yourself that this is a great opportunity to stand still and close your eyes while you wait. Or keep a magazine with you and read about something you are interested in so that you don't feel like you are wasting your time.

It might surprise you how little changes can make you feel better in a big way.

## A few packing dos and don'ts for the frequent traveler

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**I**f you're required to travel for your work, you might want to remember this: The root word of "luggage" is "lug." So it's a good idea to buy the right size suitcase and pack lightly.

The largest bag that is allowed as a carry on is a 22 - inch tall suitcase. If you don't have to check any bags, you'll save time and hassle at your destination. You'll want to look for one that has a retractable handle and wheels for convenience as well. Recessed wheels are also a good feature, because they're less likely to cause a problem when you check your bag or try to fit it through security devices.



When you're packing it's good to keep in mind that most people usually overestimate the amount of clothing and products they will need on a trip. Try to cut back on what you take. Doing so will cut back on the chaos and discomfort of traveling. For instance, you might want to buy a travel-size bottle of combined shampoo/conditioner. Take small amounts so you won't have to deal with unwieldy and potentially leaky bottles. It's also a good idea to pack anything that could possibly leak in heavy-duty zip-lock bags. Additionally, you should try to pack these bagged items away from any clothes that could come into contact with them. You might also want to purchase a plastic-lined cosmetics bag that can easily be taken to the bathroom with you when you travel.

Savvy travelers also know that buying and packing items of clothing that have the intentional wrinkled look can save time and hassle and keep you looking great while you are on your trip. When you actually put your clothes into your suitcase here's a good regimen to follow. Put your underclothes in first. Lay flat items on the bottom and line the edges of the suitcase with items like rolled socks or bras. Layer your daily wear on top of these items, and last pack in your finery like ties and scarves, etc.

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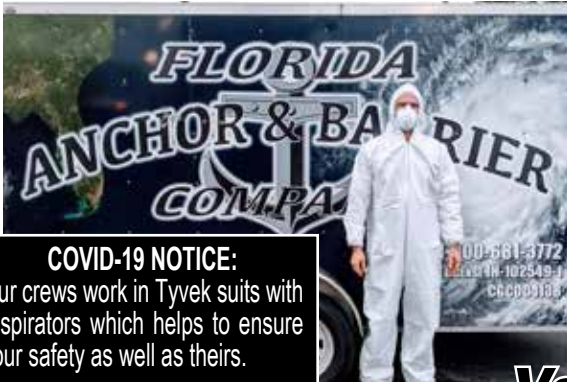
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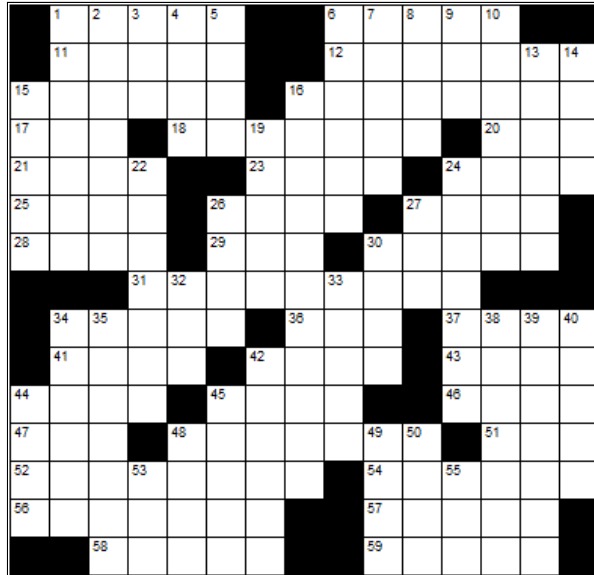
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- 1. Poplar variety
- 6. Select by voting
- 11. Depart
- 12. Illness
- 15. Victor
- 16. Differs in opinion
- 17. American Medical Association
- 18. Noteworthy
- 20. Martini ingredient
- 21. Infinitesimal amount
- 23. Regulation
- 24. Heredity unit
- 25. Pretentious person
- 26. Musical phrase
- 27. Blow a car horn
- 28. Apprentice
- 29. Play a role
- 30. Parental sisters
- 31. Lovelorn
- 34. They connect points
- 36. Before, in poetry
- 37. Chooses
- 41. Prefix meaning "Within"
- 42. Russian emperor
- 43. Entice
- 44. Rodents
- 45. A gathering or event
- 46. Winglike
- 47. Big fuss
- 48. Museum wing
- 51. 54 in Roman numerals
- 52. Related to unskilled tasks
- 54. First-aid item
- 56. Exact
- 57. Pilotless plane
- 58. Discourage
- 59. Durable fabric



**DOWN**

- 1. Payment to an ex
- 2. Legislator
- 3. Greek god of flocks
- 4. Smooth or level
- 5. Adopted son of Claudius
- 6. Safe to eat
- 7. Fine thread
- 8. Being
- 9. C
- 10. Trigonometric function
- 13. Smells
- 14. Slave
- 15. Midsection
- 16. Fearlessly
- 19. Ceasefire
- 22. Teems
- 24. Venetian boat
- 26. Chits
- 27. Color
- 30. Affirm
- 32. Modern
- 33. Give a speech
- 34. A person who rules
- 35. Chanted
- 38. Tugging
- 39. Rookie
- 40. Wait on
- 42. Bank employee
- 44. Wheelchair access
- 45. Untrue
- 48. Person's manner of walking
- 49. Disposes
- 50. Bygone era
- 53. Frozen water
- 55. Dung beetle



January  
Crossword



## Camping with Holmes

Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson are going camping. They pitch their tent under the stars and go to sleep. Sometime in the middle of the night Holmes wakes Watson.

“Watson, look up at the stars, and tell me what you deduce.”

Watson says, “I see millions of stars, and if there are millions of stars, and if even a few of those have planets, it’s quite likely there are some planets like Earth, and if there are a few planets like Earth out there, there might also be life.”

Holmes replied: “Watson, you idiot, somebody stole our tent!”



## Winning bumper stickers

- I get enough exercise just pushing my luck.
- My wife keeps complaining I don’t listen to her ... or something like that.
- Sorry, I don’t date outside my species.
- Laugh alone and the world thinks you’re an idiot.
- When you do a good deed, get a receipt, in case heaven is like the IRS.
- I took an IQ test and the results were negative.
- Give me ambiguity or give me something else.
- If at first you do succeed, try not to look astonished.
- If at first you don’t succeed ... blame someone else and seek counseling.
- How many roads must a man travel down before he admits he is lost.



## A technology lexicon for ruralities

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- Backup — what you do when you run into your girl-friend’s angry ex-boyfriend.
- Bug — that’s why you’re calling in sick.
- Byte — what your dog done to the mailman.
- Chip — something in a field you try not to step in.
- Terminal — time for a visit from the undertaker.
- Crash — when you show up to a party uninvited.
- Digital — counting with your fingers.
- Fax — what you lie about when you get pulled over.
- Hacker — somebody who’s been a longtime smoker.
- Mac — a delectable fast food.
- Megahertz — how your head feels after too much Jack Daniels.
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Day	Holiday	Date
1	National Spaghetti Day	Jan 4th
2	National Bird Day	Jan 5th
3	National Milk Day	Jan 11th
4	National Pharmacist Day	Jan 12th
5	National Youth Day	Jan 12th
6	Kiss a Ginger Day	Jan 12th
7	National Bagel Day	Jan 15th
8	National Hat Day	Jan 15th
9	Martin Luthur King Jr. Day	Jan 17th
10	Winnie The Pooh Day	Jan 18th
11	National Popcorn Day	Jan 19th
12	National Penguin Day	Jan 20th
13	Squirrel Appreciation Day	Jan 21st
14	National Hugging Day	Jan 21st
15	National Pie Day	Jan 23rd
16	National Compliment Day	Jan 24th
17	National Opposite Day	Jan 25th
18	National Spouse Day	Jan 26th
19	National Chocolate Cake Day	Jan 27th
20	National Puzzle Day	Jan 29th
21	National Croissant Day	Jan 30th



## Holidays

Holiday date	Holiday Name
Sat, January 1	New Year
Thu, January 6	Epiphany
Mon, January 17	Blue Monday
Mon, January 17	Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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 — **Woody Allen**

### ***The technology race***

*Programming today is a race between software engineers striving to build bigger and better idiot-proof programs, and the Universe trying to produce bigger and better idiots. So far, the Universe is winning.*  
 — **Rich Cook**



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