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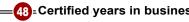
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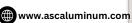




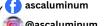
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- 6 Virginia Fuchtman
- 7 Charles Turner
- 12 Christine Mercado
- 13 Ron Marvo
- 14 Mark Atkinson
- 19 Rita Sutton
- 19 Thomas James
- 19 Bonnie Wild
- 20 Dennis Eby
- 20 Michele Newell
- 20 Doug Ross
- 28 Allison Dennis
- 29 Rosanne Marvo
- 30 Greta Samples
- 30 Bob Martin



January Birthdays

- 1 Matt Neu
- 2 Heidi Groff
- 2 Flora Turner
- 7 Janet Martin
- 12 Carmela Claypool
- 13 Deanne Simon
- 13 Louise Thompson
- 13 Anthony D Aqostino
- 15 Lori Reed
- 16 Bryce Reed
- 17 Shan Genetin
- 17 Greg Layfield
- 18 Trisha Novak
- 19 Butch Persons
- 20 RoseAnn Lenss21 Elizabeth D Agostino
- 22 Carla Sue Venable
- 23 Larry Lockhart
- 28 Martin Wild
- 31 Dart Hartgerink









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31 Barb and Dave Thomas 1986

2 Bonny & Robert Nemecek 1965



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Boca Ciega Rummage Sale 2025



The Rummage Sale Committee

Just a reminder that the annual rummage sale is coming up on January 18, 2025, from 8AM until 1PM.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone back at Boca Ciega this year. We appreciate all of your help.

Dinner Theater 2025

Ingrid Eby



alling all Dinner Theater goers. The date has been set for our annual theater night. It is January 30th, 2025. We set the date for a Thursday, so we wouldn't have any conflicts with football playoff games like last year. For those of you who are new to the park, I will share some details. We will all meet at Ed Fletcher's Early Bird Dinner Theater, at about 3:45. The address is 13355 49th Street North, Clearwater Florida. As soon as I pay the money, we are seated at tables of eight. You can't assume that you will sit with all your friends. Cheer up, you never know, you may meet a new person in the park. The salad bar opens at 4:00 and be assured there is always plenty of food. After everyone finishes their salad and picks up their choice of dessert, the hot entrees are ready. This time you will be called by table to get your hot items. This is to make sure there isn't a wild stampede. Coffee, tea and water are provided—other drinks can be purchased from the bar. The waitresses will assist with that. After your delicious meal, the dishes are cleared, and the play will begin. We turn our chairs to face the stage and everyone settles down for the entertainment. This year the performance we will see is Love...or Best Offer. It's about a newly divorced couple who want to get back in the dating arena. With the worst dating advice from their friends, they set out to find happiness-or The Best Offer.

Now for the nitty gritty particular info you need to know. The cost is \$50.00 per person and there are baskets on the tables for tips. I could collect an extra \$5.00 per person but I don't want to deal with change for everyone. You secure your spot by paying me, Ingrid Eby, at number 114 by January 20.. I will give a final count and there are no refunds after that time. So, mark your 2025 calendar for a fun night. SEE YOU AT THE THEATER.









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Janice Marie Mueller-August 26, 1939 - November 6, 2024

Tanice Marie Mueller, 85, of Sturgeon Bay, passed away on Nov. 6, 2024. She was born on Aug. 26, 1939, in Gardner to George and Mary (Bosman) Destree. On Oct. 26, 1957, she married Roger E. Mueller at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Forestville.

Family was the most important to Janice and she was very proud of her children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Janice welcomed everyone into her home. She and Roger enjoyed spending 17 years wintering in Florida, where they met many great friends. Janice also enjoyed baking, cooking, quilting, gardening, and puzzles.

She is survived by her husband, 3 daughters, Diane (John)

Massart, Luxemburg, Laurie (Brian) Karnopp, Green Bay, and Jennifer Mueller, Sturgeon Bay; 3 grandchildren, John (Liza) Massart, Justin (Renee) Massart, and Hope Karnopp; 4 great-grandchildren, Adelyn, Autumn, Collin, and Emilie; brother Harvey (Shirley) Destree; sister Sharon Larkin, sister-in-law, Joyce Destree.

She was preceded in death by her parents, siblings, Arnold Destree, Bernadine (Richard) Kaye, Doris (Harold) Kaye, Arlene (Roger) Braun, Lois (Wallace) Kipp, Dora Destree, brotherin-law Warren Larkin.

Funeral services will be 11:00 am Monday, Nov. 11, 2024, at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Forestville. Entombment will be in the Shrine of the Good Shepherd Mausoleum. Friends may call at the church on Monday from 9:30 am until the time of service.

Special thanks to the Unity Hospice and the staff at Autumn Fields in Luxemburg, especially Amy, Dee, Jodi Lynn, and Renee for their wonderful care and support.

To send flowers to the family or plant a tree in memory of Janice Marie Mueller, please visit our floral store.

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DATE	EVENT	CHAIRPERSON	BUDGET
December, 2024	Ice Cream social	Santo Amento	\$150.00
December 9, 2024	Potluck	Lore Bocchinfuso	\$125.00
December 19, 2024	Early Bird Dinner	Don Boccinfuso	N/A
December 25, 2024	Christmas	Lucy and Don Buccinfuso	\$275.00
December 28, 2024	Pancake Breakfast	Norton	N/A
January, 2025	Ice Cream social	Santo Amento	\$150.00
January 9, 2025	Meet and Greet 2-4	Social Committee Executives	s \$250.00
January 11, 2025	Horse Racing	Karen Parr	\$275.00
January 16, 2025	Early Bird Dinner	Don Boccinfuso	N/A
January 18, 2025	Rummage sale	Rita Sutton / committee	\$600.00
January 25. 2025	Pancake Breakfast	Norton	N/A
January 30,2025	Dinner Theatre	Dennis & Ingrid Eby	N/A
February 1, 2025	Ice Cream social	Santo Amento	\$150.00
February 1, 2025	Casino	Sue Pranger and Committee	\$1,000.00
February 3, 2025	Potluck / Elections	Alison / Joe Dennis	\$60.00
February 20, 2025	Early Bird Dinner	Don Boccinfuso	N/A
February 22, 2025	Pancake Breakfast	Norton	N/A
March, 2025	Ice Cream social	Santo Amento	\$150.00
TBA	Duck Race/		
	Ice Cream/BBQ	Heaphy, Amenta, Pranger	\$350.00
March 3, 2025	Potluck	???	\$125.00
March 14, 2025	Dance Patti William	S	\$500.00
March 20, 2025	Early Bird Dinner	Don Boccinfuso	N/A
March 25, 2025	Shuffleboard Tournar	ment Santo Amento	\$100.00
March 29, 2025	End Of Year Party	Boccinfuso / Committee	\$1,000.00
April, 2025	Ice Cream social	Santo Amento	\$150.00
April 20, 2025	Easter	Bocchinfuso / committee	\$250.00
April 26, 2025	Pancake Breakfast	Norton / Bocchinfuso	N/A
May 26, 2025	Memorial Day	Virginia Fuchtman	\$200.00
July 4, 2025	Independence Day	Virginia Fuchtman	\$200.00
September 1, 2025	Labor Day	Virginia Fuchtman	\$200.00
	Some dates may be s	ubject to change.	

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Aquafit	Mon Wed Fri – 9:00am	Debbie Main
Bingo	Wednesday 7-9:30 pm	Lucy & Don Boccinfuso
Blood Pressure	As needed	Mary Ross & Larry Wills
Coffee Social	First Saturday of the month @ 9:00 am	Volunteers
Cribbage	Friday 1 - 3 pm	Kathy Spitzley
Clubhouse Decorating	Monthly	Ingrid Eby, Lore Bocchinfuso
Early Bird Dinner	3rd Thursday - monthly	Don Boccinfuso
Euchre	Monday 7 - 9 pm	Sandi Mousseau & Kevin McInnis
Hand & Pony	Monday 6:30 - 9 pm	Ann Martin
Ice Cream Social	Ongoing	Judy & Santo Amenta
Ladies Golf	Monday 8:55 am	Judy Amenta
Librarian	Ongoing	Cindy Huettig
Mahjong	Wed. 1:00 p.m.	Dart Hartgerink
Pancake Breakfast	Last Sat. of month	Rob Bocchinfuso, Jim Norton
Pinochle	Tuesday 7 - 9 pm	Dart Hartgerink
Poolside BBQ	Ongoing	Judy & Santo Amenta
Potluck	2nd Tuesday of Month	Volunteers
Poker	Mon, 1 - 3 pm	Kathy Spitzley
Recycling	Ongoing	Jim Norton, Rob Bocchinfuso,
		John Bender
Rummage Sale	Sat. Jan 20, 8:00 am	Lore & Rob Bocchinfuso
Rummikub	Thurs 7:00 pm	Virginia Fuchtman
Shuffleboard	Tuesday 10 & 11:15 am.	Santo & Judy Amenta
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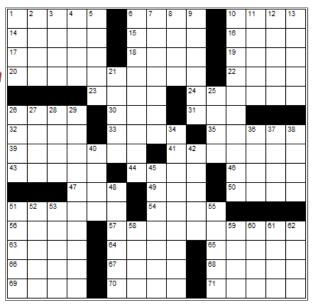
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- 1. Chronic nag
- 6. Hardly believable
- 10. A dark bluish-red color
- 14. Moor
- 15. Not under
- 16. Religious ceremony
- 17. Liquid bodily waste
- 18. Detective Wolfe
- 19. Leave out
- 20. Neutral
- 22. Game piece
- 23. Disagreeable person
- 24. Is melodramatic
- 26. Capable
- 30. Consumed
- 31. Downturn
- 32. Metal used in steel
- 33. Feces
- 35. Skirmish
- 39. Chuckled
- 41. In the best of all worlds
- 43. Brown shade
- 44. Lack of difficulty
- 46. Stair
- 47. Zero
- 49. East southeast
- 50. Fashion
- 51. Lacking companions
- 54. Tears
- 56. Double-reed woodwind
- 57. Classical music compositions
- 63. Dam
- 64. Infinitesimal amount
- 65. Actor Clark
- 66. Being
- 67. Coagulate
- 68. Food grain
- 69. Marsh plant
- 70. Arid
- 71. Affirmatives









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- 1. Blackball
- 2. Protagonist
- 3. Precipitation
- 4. Europe's highest
- volcano
- 5. Young seal
- 6. Line on a world map
- 7. Retaliator
- 8. Nothing more than
- 9. Worn away
- 10. Cytoplasm
- 11. Boundary
- 12. Useful

- 25. Rodents
 - 26. Afflicts
 - 27. Scottish hillside
 - 28. French for "Wolf"
 - 29. Designed
 - 34. Squander
 - 36. Countertenor
 - 37. Sleigh
 - 38. Hoopla
 - 40. Salute

- 13. Distributes 42. Ocean trenches 21. Angered
 - 45. Faucet attachment
 - 48. Words to a song
 - 51. Not upper
 - 52. Overweight
 - 53. Sound of any kind
 - 55. Damp
 - 58. Puncture
 - 59. Act presumptuously

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- 60. Nile bird
- 61. Apart from this
- 62. Adjusts



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Anecdotes

ecember is such a fascinating month, filled with a mix of festive cheer, reflections on the past year, and anticipation for the new one. Here are a few anecdotes that capture the spirit of December:



Holiday Traditions: Many families have unique traditions during the holiday season. For instance, some might bake cookies together, while others might go caroling in their neighborhood. One family I know has a tradition of making a new ornament each year to add to their Christmas tree, cre-

know has a tradition of making a new ornament each year to add to their Christmas tree, creating a beautiful timeline of memories.

Winter Adventures: December often brings the first real taste of winter. I remember hearing about a group of friends who decided to go on a spontaneous road trip to a snowy mountain. They ended up getting snowed in at a cozy cabin, turning what could have been a stressful situation into a memorable adventure filled with laughter, board games, and hot cocoa.

Acts of Kindness: The holiday season often inspires people to give back. There was a story about a community that came together to surprise a local family in need. They organized a secret Santa event, collecting gifts and essentials, and delivered them anonymously. The joy and gratitude from the family were heartwarming and brought the community closer together.

New Year's Eve: The anticipation of New Year's Eve is always exciting. One memorable anecdote involves a couple who decided to get married on New Year's Eve. They wanted to start the new year as a married couple, and their wedding was a grand celebration that culminated in a countdown to midnight, making it a double celebration.

Do any of these stories resonate with you, or do you have any December anecdotes of your own to share?

There are some people who want to throw their arms round you simply because it is Christmas; there are other people who want to strangle you simply because it is Christmas.

— Robert Staughton Lynd

I haven't taken my Christmas lights down. They look so nice on the pumpkin.

— Winston Spear

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What to say about that 'special' gift

- 1. Hey! There's a gift!
- 2. Well, well, well ...
- 3. Boy, if I had not recently shot up four sizes that would've fit.
- 4. This is perfect for wearing around the basement.
- 5. Gosh. I hope this never catches fire! It is fire season though. There are lots of unexplained fires.
- 6. If the dog buries it, I'll be furious!
- 7. I love it—but I fear the jealousy it will inspire.
- 8. Sadly, tomorrow I enter the Federal Witness Protec—tion Program.
- 9. To think—this is the year I vowed to give all my gifts to charity.
- 10. I really don't deserve this. —From the Internet

Some things we must do alone

nce there was a monk who had studied Zen for many years but had been unable to discover any secrets through his efforts. The monk began to lose heart and question whether there really was anything to discover or learn after all. He was very discouraged. One day he was sent on an errand to a distant city that he reckoned would take him at least six months to complete. He feared that making the trip would be a hindrance to his studies



to complete. He feared that making the trip would be a hindrance to his studies and prevent even the possibility of experiencing a breakthrough and discovering some great truth that remained hidden from him.

He shared his anxieties with a fellow monk, who said, "There is no reason you cannot continue your meditation while you travel. Friend, I will go with you and give you help in every way I can."

One evening while they were traveling together the monk who was seeking the answers to the mysteries of life said to his friend, "Can you not help me with finding these answers?"

"Friend, I am willing to help you in any way I can, but there are some things I cannot help you with; these things you must look after yourself."

"What are these things I must find out?" the discouraged monk implored.

"For instance," the sympathetic monk said, "When you are hungry or thirsty, my eating of food or drinking will not fill your stomach; you must eat and drink for yourself. No one else can satisfy your needs for these things but yourself."

The words of the sympathetic monk opened the mind of the discouraged monk, and he was overjoyed. The sympathetic monk looked at his friend and said, "My work is done here," and he left the other to continue on his journey alone.

While we all want, need and deserve help along the way, some things we simply have to do for ourselves. — adapted from An Introduction to Zen Buddhism, by D.T. Suzuki



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Wearing your heart upon your sleeve

You've probably heard the phrase 'to wear one's heart on one's sleeve'... but what does it mean? It usually describes someone who displays their innermost feelings openly.

The expression can be traced back to the medieval days of chivalry, according to R. Brasch in That Takes the Cake. Knights who were to fight each other in a tournament wanted everyone to know for whom they fought. That's why they conspicuously wore something the lady they favored had given them as a token of her affection. Often this was a ribbon, scarf or handkerchief. The knight would then pin or tie the treasured gift to his sleeve. Hence, the saying that he wore his heart or his heart's desire on his sleeve was born.

Saving energy on laundry

omewhere around 90 percent of the energy used to do laundry is used for heating the water, according to EnergySavers.gov (www.energysavers.gov). To save energy while you're washing the family clothes you can use cold water or use less water. And unless you're dealing with oily stains, the warm or cold setting on your wash-



ing machine will clean your clothes just fine. Just switching your energy setting from hot to warm can save a lot—it cuts the energy used for a load of laundry by 50 percent.

Below are some additional laundry tips from EnergySavers.gov:

- Wash your clothes in cold water and use cold water detergents whenever possible.
- Wash and dry full loads. If you do wash a smaller load, change the water-level setting.
- Dry towels and other heavier cottons separately from lighter clothing.
- Don't overdry. Use the moisture sensor on your machine if you have one.
- Clean the lint filter in your dryer after every load.
- Use the cool down cycle to allow clothes to finish drying with residual heat in the dryer.
- Check your dryer vent periodically to make sure it's not blocked. This will save energy and prevent fires.
- Dry your clothes on a clothesline or drying rack.

On experience

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On youth

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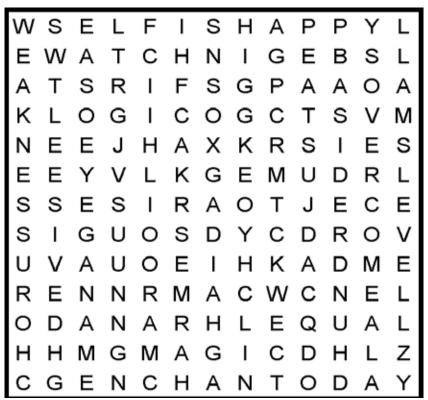
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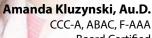
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