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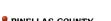


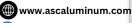


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1st - Joyce Cutlip, lot 65

5th – Jan & Everett Northcutt, Lot 148 (Anniversary)

15th – Cecile Belanger, Lot 157

22nd - Serena Libby, Lot 14

23rd - Nancy Havens, Lot 5





If we are missing your birthday or anniversary, please let us know. Email: ShangriLaStar2023@gmail.com

MESSAGE FROM OUR HOA PRESIDENT

appy December! The weather is getting nicer and the humidity is down.

As we all got through the hurricanes, there was a lot of damage in our park. We are all still working to get things back to normal. Well, as normal as we can.

We will be having a meeting on Thursday, December 5th at 6 p.m. We will not be having elections since no one signed up to run for the Board. We will become the board by default, as what happened during the pandemic. We will perform our duties as required by law. We will have one meeting per year, every December. The nomination sheet will be posted on the board in April of 2025 and will be removed in November for a vote in December, if anyone signs up.

If anyone wants to have an activity in December please let me know. HOA will fund it. We need help.



A Neighborhood of Kindness

n October 5th, Milton came to Shangri-La with a force. Among the many damages that occurred in the park, one of the oldest palm trees fell at an angle that came within 3 feet of my home. The driveway and entrance to my mobile was blocked. I thought I was blessed by the near miss, but I was even more blesses with what came several days later.



Through the kindness of neighbors, the almost 6,000 lb tree miraculously was hauled away through the persistant efforts of the following: Dave and Tammy Tynan. Dave Bolduc, Bob Doty, Tim Bier, Jim and Joanne Brabender, Jim Kulig and Patrick Chieves chainsaw! To you all: God Bless you with my heartfelt thanks. I have lived in this park since 1997 and have seen many good deeds done by neighbors.

This effort will be the most memerable! I now know what it means when they say "it takes a village" and I am proud to live in a "village" of a kind, generous and resourceful community. Polly Pfifer, Lot 50

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If you would like more information you may contact Colleen Gartner, District 2 President at 484-880-6816 crgartner@iclooud.com . or check out their website at https://www.fmo.org/.

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JOKE

Thy doesn't the gingerbread man have teeth?
He has chronic ginger-vitis.





RECIPE:

Spiced Red Cabbage with Apples and Cranberries:

This side dish is both colorful and flavorful. Braise red cabbage with sliced apples, cranberries, a touch of brown sugar, and spices like cinnamon and cloves. It's tart, sweet, and a perfect match for rich meats.

Brussels Sprouts with Bacon and Chestnuts:

Roast Brussels sprouts with bacon and chestnuts for an earthy, savory side. The bacon adds a smoky flavor, while chestnuts bring a subtle sweetness, making it a delicious complement to your main dish.

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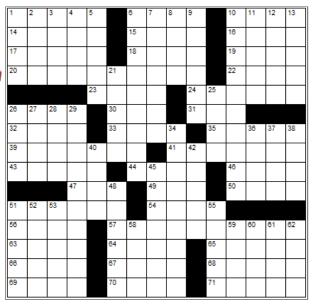
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ACROSS

- 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









DOWN

- 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

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

- 42. Ocean trenches
- 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

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



December Crossword

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DECEMBER Major Holidays

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hristmas (December 25): Celebrated by Christians to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. It's also widely observed as a secular holiday with traditions like gift-giving and decorating Christmas trees.

Hanukkah (December 18-26, 2024): An eight-day Jewish festival, also known as the Festival of Lights, celebrating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

Kwanzaa (December 26 - January 1): A week-long celebration honoring African-American culture and heritage, focusing on seven principles like unity and self-determination.

New Year's Eve (December 31): The final day of the year, celebrated with parties, fireworks, and countdowns to welcome the new year.

Other Notable Observances

t. Nicholas Day (December 6): Honoring the patron saint of children, who inspired the legend of Santa Claus¹.

Bodhi Day (December 8): Celebrated by Buddhists to mark the day Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha) attained enlightenment¹.

Winter Solstice (December 21): The shortest day and longest night of the year, celebrated by various cultures with festivals and rituals¹.



Fun and Quirky Days

National Cookie Day (December 4)
National Brownie Day (December 8)
National Ugly Sweater Day (December 20)



December is truly a month filled with joy, reflection, and celebration. Do you have a favorite holiday or tradition in December?



My husband's idea of getting the Christmas spirit is to become Scrooge.

— Melanie White

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https://www.keepinspiring.me/funny-christmas-quotes/





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Holiday traditions

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Decorating the Christmas Tree: This is often a family affair, with everyone pitching in to hang ornaments, string lights, and place the star or angel on top. Some families even have a special ornament that gets added each year.

Baking and Sharing Treats: From cookies to pies, baking is a beloved tradition. Many families have recipes that have been passed down through generations. Sharing these treats with neighbors and friends spreads the holiday cheer.

Advent Calendars: Counting down the days to Christmas with an advent calendar is a fun way to build anticipation. Some calendars have chocolates, small gifts, or even activities to do each day.

Holiday Lights Tour: Taking a drive or walk to see the holiday lights in your neighborhood or city can be magical. Some places even have light shows set to music.

Gift Giving: Exchanging gifts is a central part of many holiday celebrations. Secret Santa or White Elephant gift exchanges add an element of surprise and fun.

Watching Holiday Movies: Curling up with a blanket and watching classic holiday movies is a cozy tradition. Favorites might include "It's a Wonderful Life," "Home Alone," or "Elf."

Volunteering and Acts of Kindness: Many people use the holiday season as a time to give back. Volunteering at a local shelter, donating to toy drives, or simply helping a neighbor can make the season brighter for everyone.

My mother-in-law has come round to our house at Christmas seven years running. This year we're having a change. We're going to let her in.

— Leslie 'Les' Dawson, Jr.

The principal advantage of the non-parental lifestyle is that on Christmas Eve you need not be struck dumb by the three most terrifying words that the government allows to be printed on any product: 'Some assembly required.'

—John Leo

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Tree safety for the holidays

Buying and decorating a tree during the holiday season is often a beloved activity. This tradition can be a fun and memorable experience. However, while a real tree can add real enjoyment to your holiday, you should keep in mind the following safety tips from the National Safety Council to prevent fires and other safety hazards associated with Christmas trees.



- Trees can be fire hazards. Annually more than 400 fires involve Christmas trees, with nearly 40 deaths and 100 injuries resulting from those fires.
- Look for fresh, green trees. Pines and spruces should have flexible needles that do not break—and they should be hard to pull off the branches. Fresh fir needles will snap when they are bent, like a fresh carrot.
- Don't let your tree dry out. Before you put the tree in its stand, cut off about 2 inches of the trunk so that it can "drink." Then secure the tree in a stand filled with water. And—this is important—keep the stand filled with water as the tree "drinks" it, so that the tree can remain as green and supple as possible.
- Place your tree strategically away from heat sources, such as fireplaces, radiators and registers. (You'll also want to make sure that your tree doesn't block exits and doorways.)
- When purchasing lights, make sure you only buy indoor lights for your tree—and make sure that the lights have the Underwriters Laboratory label on them.
- Don't plug more than three cords into a single extension cord. Keep the extension cords against the wall, so that people don't trip over them—but do not run them under rugs.
- Always turn off all Christmas lights (on your trees and in your house) before you leave or go to bed.
- When decorating the top of your tree, always use a good step stool or ladder. Don't apply decoration that is sprayed or comes from a jar until you thoroughly read the directions.
- Don't place candles near your tree.
- Be careful not to hang ornaments in low places where children and pets might have access to them. Small ornaments could be a choking hazard, and breakable ornaments could cause injury.
- If you buy an artificial tree, make sure it's fire resist-ant and tested. If lights are built into the tree, make sure the tree has a label from the Underwriters Laboratory.



Nothing's as mean as giving a little child something useful for Christmas.

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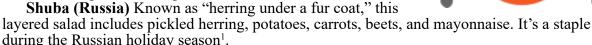






Unique Holiday Foods

Bûche de Noël (France) Also known as the Yule log, this is a traditional Christmas dessert made from sponge cake rolled with cream and decorated to look like a log. It's often adorned with powdered sugar to resemble snow¹.



Yebeg Wot (Ethiopia) A spicy lamb stew made with berbere spice mix, onions, garlic, and tomatoes, often served with injera, a type of flatbread. It's a popular dish during Ethiopian holidays¹.

Spiced Hot Chocolate (Peru) This rich and creamy hot chocolate is made with spices like cinnamon, cloves, and chili powder, giving it a unique kick. It's often enjoyed during Christmas celebrations¹.

Bibingka (Philippines) A type of rice cake made with coconut milk, sugar, and sometimes topped with cheese or salted eggs. It's traditionally eaten during the Christmas season, especially after attending Simbáng Gabi, a series of early morning masses¹.

Hangikjöt (Iceland) Smoked lamb or mutton, typically served with potatoes in béchamel sauce and pickled red cabbage. This dish is a Christmas favorite in Iceland¹.

Tamales (Mexico) Made from masa (corn dough) filled with meats, cheeses, or sweet fillings, wrapped in corn husks, and steamed. Tamales are a traditional Christmas food in Mexico².

Kutia (Ukraine) A sweet grain pudding made from wheat berries, poppy seeds, honey, and dried fruits. It's an essential dish for Ukrainian Christmas Eve dinner¹.

Janssons Frestelse (Sweden) Also known as Jansson's Temptation, this is a creamy potato casserole with onions and pickled sprats (a type of fish), often served during Christmas¹.

Lechon (Philippines) A whole roasted pig, known for its crispy skin and tender meat, is a centerpiece of Filipino Christmas feasts².

These dishes reflect the rich culinary traditions and cultural diversity of holiday celebrations around the world. Do any of these foods sound particularly intriguing to you?

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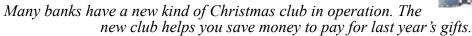


Quotable

On Christmas

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is looking for a job the next day.

— Phyllis Diller



—Anonymous

I once bought my kids a set of batteries for Christmas with a note on it saying, toys not included.

— Bernard Manning

There is a remarkable breakdown of taste and intelligence at Christmas-time. Mature, responsible grown men wear neckties made of holly leaves and drink alcoholic beverages with raw egg yolks and cottage cheese in them.

— P.J. O'Rourke

Never worry about the size of your Christmas tree. In the eyes of children, they are all 30 feet tall.

— Larry Wilde

A lovely thing about Christmas is that it's compulsory, like a thunder¬storm, and we all go through it together.

— Garrison Keillor

If all the year were playing holidays, to sport would be as tedious as to work.

— William Shakespeare

On kindness

Kindness is the ability to love people more than they deserve.

— Anonymous

On the past

The past always looks better than it was. It's only pleasant because it isn't here.

— Peter Finley Dunne (Mr. Dooley)

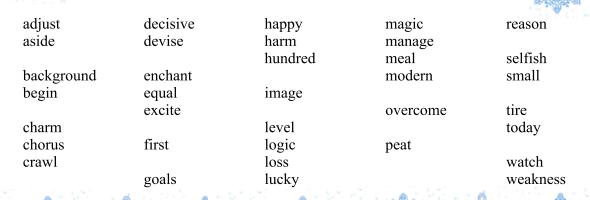
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