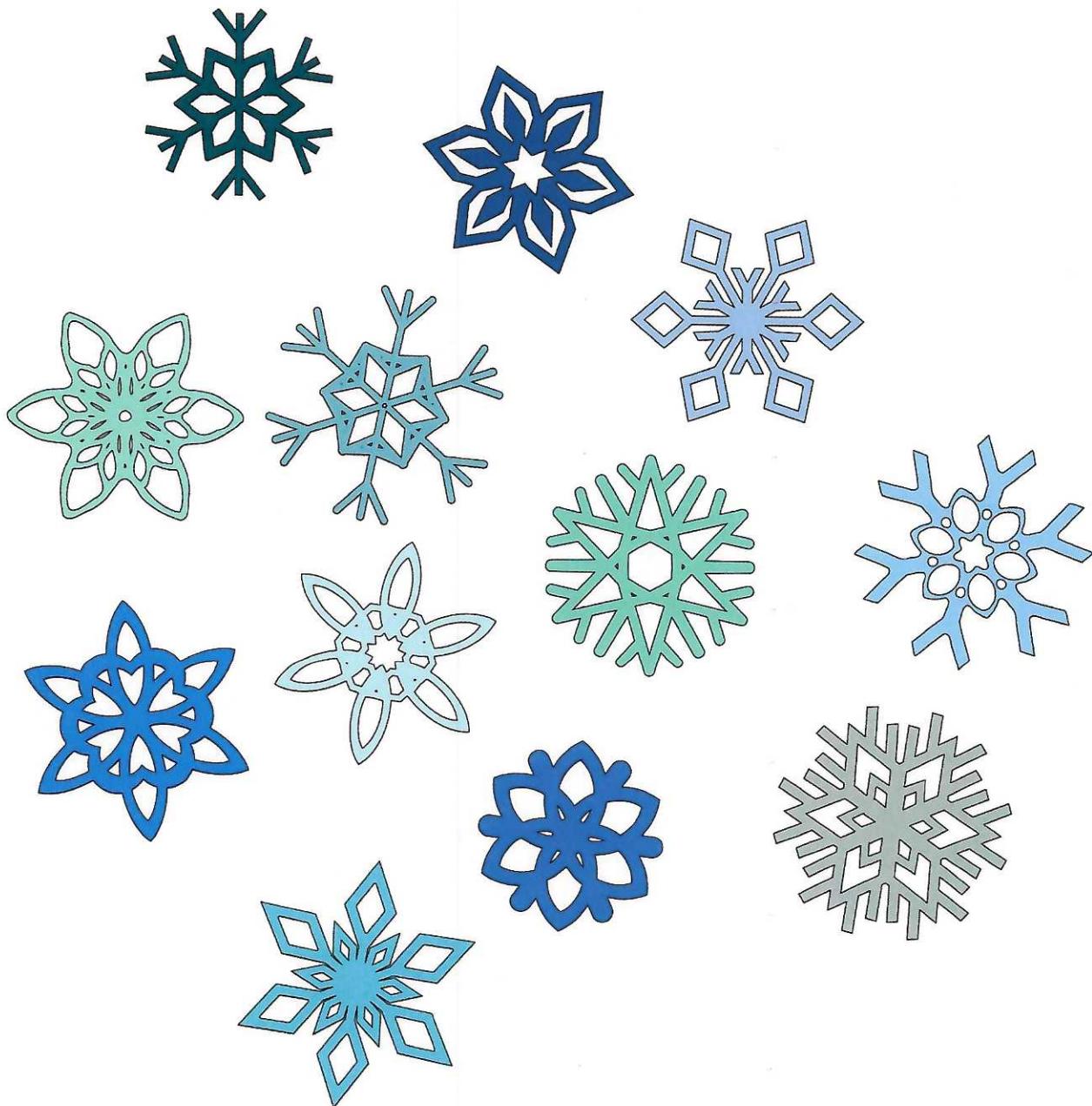


# *COUNTRYSIDE COURIER*

*January 2026*



# Message from the President

Happy New Year!

Hard to believe it's here. Where did 2025 go?

Remember to attend the CEROC Board meeting on Jan 20<sup>th</sup>. Steven Metzer, the parks attorney will be here.

There are three openings on the board. If you intend to run the final date is January 8th to submit your application and a short resume.

Dave Lafeniere, set a rat trap by the dumpster. Please be aware of that and keep pets away. We can check it and refill if needed. With all the cutting of trees around us their habitats are being destroyed. Please try not to leave any food out. Take garbage to dumpster if you have too.

We are going to be updating the directory. If you have a new address, phone number or email address please let Sherry know in the office.

Also, please update the office with any emergency contacts.

The Memorial tree has a few wind chimes. Thanks Bruce Price, for trimming the tree and putting up the sign.

I want to thank everyone here at Countryside for making this place a great live.

Always,

Jeri Hinson

# Men's Club

## January 2026

The holidays are generally set in stone for days off for the Men's Club and as Christmas and New Year's both fall on Thursdays, there has been no work for these two weeks. The volunteers have stayed busy over December picking up leaves and completing small projects.

Our January and February projects will center on completing the maintenance fence around the sewer plant pond and draining and cleaning the pool.

If you see the men working on any given Thursday, or even during the week picking up leaves and debris, say thank you. We appreciate it. We also save the park many thousands of dollars with our ongoing efforts.

Please mark your calendar for Saturday, January 17 th at 9 a.m. That will be the first Men's Club sponsored Pancake breakfast. The cost will be \$9.00 per person and will include all your favorites, like biscuits and gravy, hash browns, scrambled eggs and bacon. Everyone is invited. There will be a 50/50. Hope to see you there.



## **Treasurer Report**

### **Tim Smith**

As this year comes to an end I am happy to report our financial condition for Countryside remains in good shape with solid balances in all our checking and reserve accounts. Check out the Treasurer's report for our current account status.

You will notice the Taxes Reserve account is a zero balance. That is because we have paid our tax bill in December with the reserve account accrual kept up throughout the year. Starting in January, we will start the 2026 tax and insurance accrual all over again based on the approved budgeted amounts from the November meeting.

We took a lot of big money hits this year so I am hoping, and planning on, an easier year for spending in 2026.

Happy New Year to you and your loved ones.

## TREASURERS REPORT

12-30-2025

CAPITAL TAXES RESERVE	\$0
CAPITAL CITY INSURANCE RESERVE	\$1,305.70
CEROC OPERATING CHECKING	\$12,986.55
MAINTENANCE EXPENSE RESERVE	\$99,022.29
CAPITAL ACCOUNT RESERVE	\$134,728.13
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TOTAL	\$248,042.67



## COUNTRYSIDE LADIES CLUB



Out with the old 2025 and in with the new 2026! Each year we try to start fresh and new. With that being said, effective 2/1/2026 I am resigning as President of the Ladies Club. It has been my pleasure to have served for the last two years, and I look forward to seeing what the new President will do for our community.

### **Annual Cookie exchange and Hanging of the Greens.**

There wasn't as many participating as I had hope for, but we still had a lot of cookies and some left over for the Hot Chocolate and Cookies after the golf cart parade

### **The Ladies Club Luncheon**

We had so much fun!! Thanks to Beth for ordering and picking up our lunch! She did a great job on the selection of food. We made Gingerbread houses, had a White Elephant gift exchange and good conversation. Wendy Jarosiewicz's table decorations were so cute.

### **Brooksville Nursing home**

The Ladies Club made up 41 gift bags for the short-term residents at the Brooksville Nursing Home. I delivered these on the 16<sup>th</sup> for them to give out at their Christmas party on the 19<sup>th</sup>. I spoke to Kara, their Activity Director, and said next year, if we do this again, we would like to personally deliver these to the residents. Kara said that we could discuss making that happen next year. This was a success!

Our newest Countryside resident **Lisa Szabo** donated 10 bags already made up with all the items already in them.

**Carol Poland**- Had gotten us 21 lap quilts from Nature Coast.

The following ladies donated items for the gift bags as well as came and helped put them together.

**Susie Colburn, Tamara McClung, Connie Hoffman, Jeri Hinson, Beth Berden and Sue Starbuck.**

## **Countryside Christmas Dinner**

Thank you so much Pat Graves for once again created an experience with our Christmas around the World theme. I hope everyone had a chance to take in the decorations that were represented at different stations. The food everyone brought was so creative in representing various countries.

## **Luminaries**

I for one was very disappointed in the quality of these. We were misled in the description of what these were. We will be discussing this in the next meeting for a possible solution.

## **Golf Cart Parade**

Wow, Countryside really turned out this year, the Golf Carts were so creative and looked amazing. What fun it was to see everyone out enjoying the parade and being in it.

## **12/31/2025- Memorial Lantern**

The releasing of the Lanterns was such a success that we will be doing this again this year. Maybe you want to release them to remember a loved one or just to release one to let go of bad energy and start the year fresh. Whatever your reason is we will be releasing them on New Years Eve at the fire pit. The cost per lantern is \$5.00. Please provide your own lighter to light your lantern.

**Next Club Meeting will be January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026!**



The International Christmas Dinner was attended by over 30 residents and guests. Appetizers, desserts and tons of other food were served buffet style, with plenty of options to choose from.....no one went home hungry. We sampled red cabbage, Lasagna, Swedish Meatballs, General Tso's Chicken, Pizza, and so much more!

Pat and Wendy's endearing decorations created a wonderland of travel and Christmas adventures from table wreaths with inflatable globes, travel books, posters, souvenirs, and worldly Christmas ornaments and "parachuting elves" hanging from the ceiling. Even Santa and his elf had their suitcases packed and passports ready for fun.

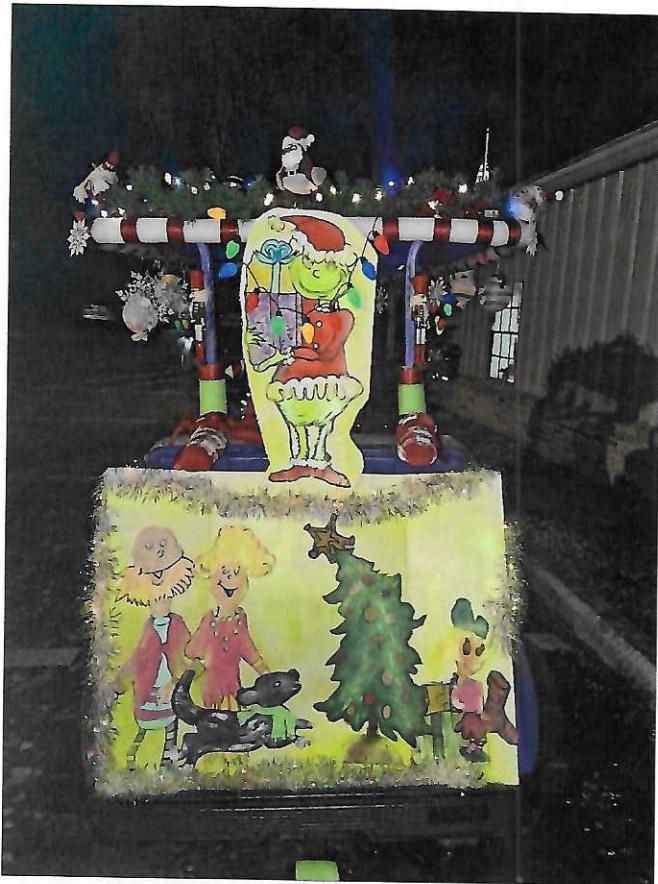
Nature Coast Outreach donated a beautifully decorated sheet cake.

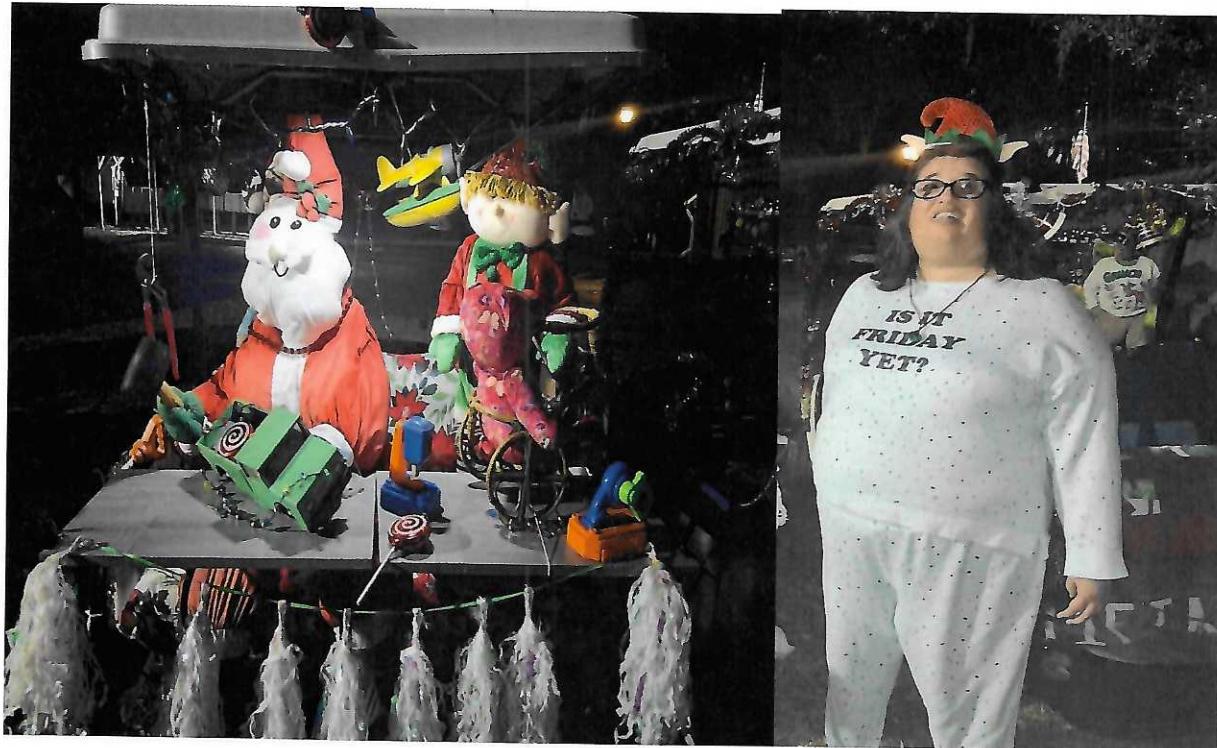
We also enjoyed our annual Golf Cart Christmas Parade. It was a month full of events and good times.

Thanks to everyone for participating! A special thank you to everyone who sent in information and pictures from these events. Please enjoy the pictures on the following pages. There are several pictures from both the dinner and the parade.









# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!

## January

4 – Tricia Harriman

11 – Lenny Jarosiewicz

11 – Carl Price

12 – Pat Graves

16 – Brenda Condit

18 – Ed Sherburn

21 – Cathy Pimm

29 – Karen Smith

30 – Leticia Guterrez

31 – Karen Cheatwood

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!

30 - Dave & Lisa Wood

Please help me keep birthdays and anniversaries up to date. Let me know of any corrections or if I missed anyone or a couple on their anniversary.



# Wine & Spirits



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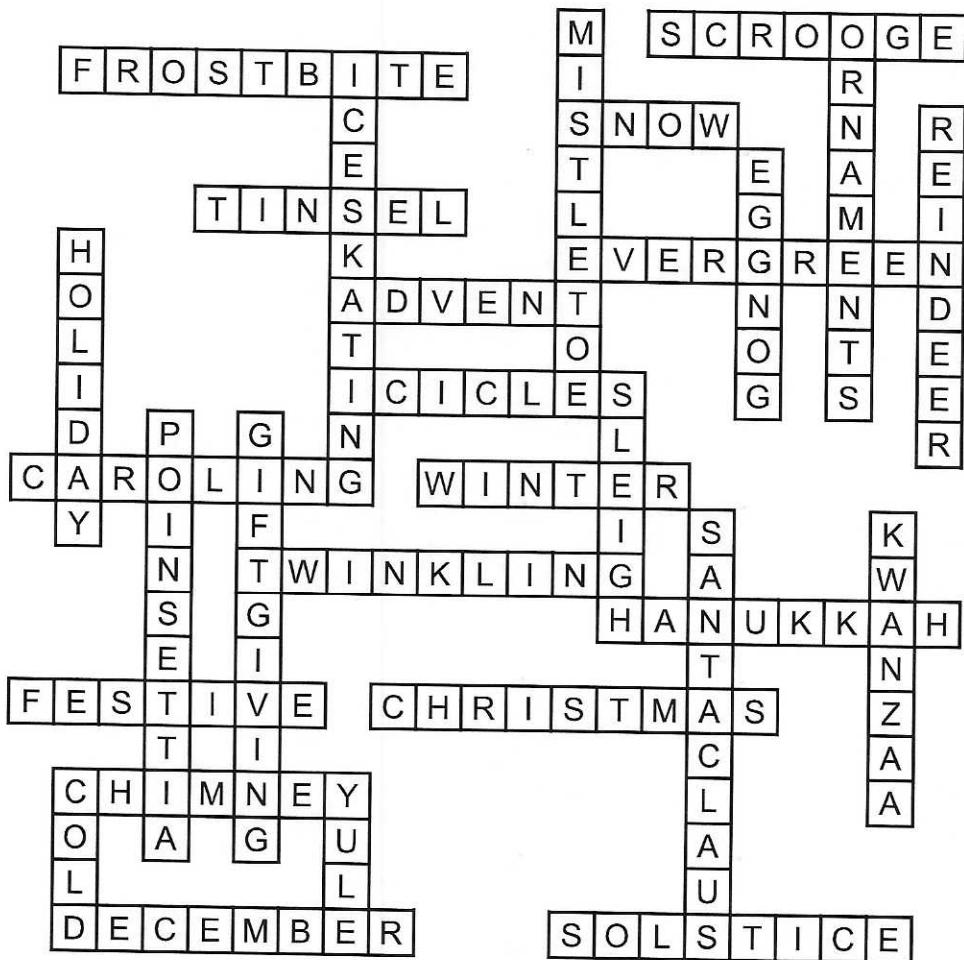
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# DECEMBER

## Crossword

### SOLUTION



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# JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	31	Happy New Year!!	1	2
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25	Poker 12PM Mahjong 1PM	26	27	Poker 12PM 28 Mens work crew 8AM Card Bingo 7PM	29	30
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Holidays and Observances: New Year's Day (1), Martin Luther King Jr. Day (19)

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