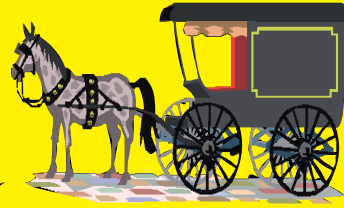


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ANSWER: SANTA CLAUS

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B



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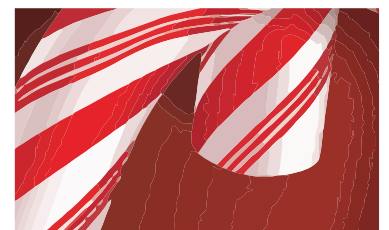
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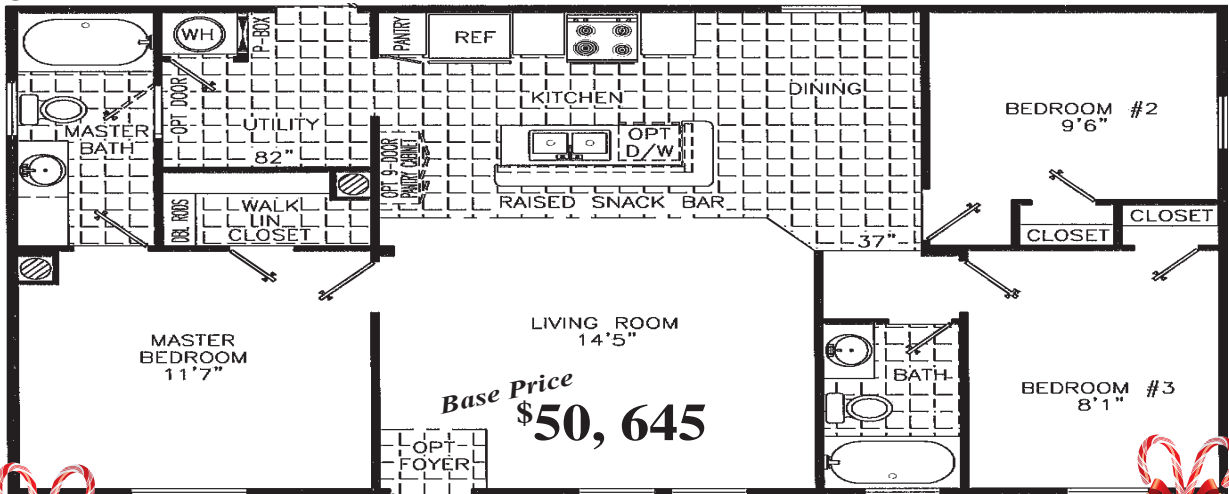
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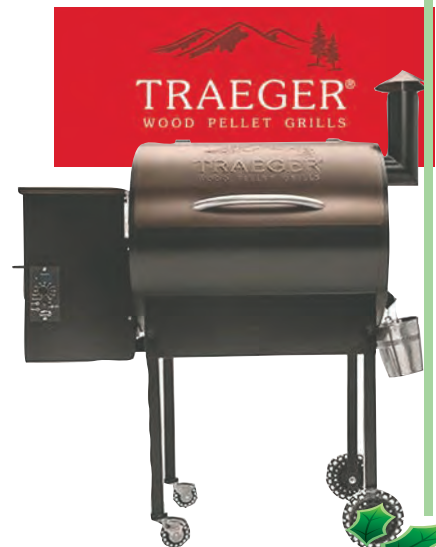


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Christmas Tree Tips and Tricks



Christmas trees are an iconic symbol of the holiday season. Whether they are personal trees nestled in the corner of a living room for families to enjoy or towering evergreens serving as the focal point of a town square, Christmas trees are a wonder to behold.

Many people have fond memories of time spent around the Christmas tree sharing gifts and family traditions. Live trees and their pine-like aroma can be especially nostalgic trees to include in holiday plans. The National Christmas Tree Association says that approximately 25 to 30 million real Christmas trees are sold in the United States every year. North American trees hail from all 50 states and areas of Canada. While freshly cut trees can be particularly beautiful and aromatic additions to the season, they require a bit more work than artificial trees in order to remain beautiful and thrive throughout the holiday season. Maintenance can help keep Christmas trees as perfect as possible.

- Even though it is tempting to buy a real tree as early as possible, their shelf life is limited even with the best care. Dural Christmas Tree Farm advises that, under the best conditions, a real tree should last

up to four weeks before drying out.

- Consider the needles when looking for a real tree. Pull your hand toward your body along the branches. If many needles fall off, the tree is past its peak.

- Think about the room in which the tree will be located. Leave at least 6 inches between the tip of the tree and the ceiling, accounting for the height of the tree stand as well.

- If needle retention is a goal, the Scotch pine variety has the best needle retention and a high survival rate, lending to its popularity, offers Precision Tree and Landscape. Douglas fir and balsam fir are other durable trees.

- If possible, buy a freshly cut tree from a reputable nursery or tree farm, advises The Old Farmer's Almanac. Many pre-cut trees sold elsewhere were likely cut weeks before and may not be fresh.

- Cut the bottom of the tree trunk before bringing it home to facilitate the uptake of fresh water daily. Trees can absorb as much as a gallon of water in a day, so make sure the tree gets fresh water every day.

- Keep trees away from as many heat sources as possible and away from direct sunlight to prolong longevity.

- According to Karabin Farms in Connecticut, to make a Christmas tree last longer, boil a gallon of water and then dissolve one cup of sugar in the water. Allow to cool. After freshly cutting the trunk, pour in the warm sugar water. Continue to add fresh, cool, plain water to the tree stand afterward.

Once needles begin to fall off with frequency, the tree is reaching its prime. Remove it so it does not become a fire hazard.

Make Your Poinsettias Last Longer

Poinsettias are synonymous with the holiday season. These colorful plants brighten up homes with their vibrant hues in variations of red, white and pink, making them a holiday decoration many people cannot live without.

While they're most visible during the often chilly holiday season, poinsettias prefer warm weather. Poinsettias are native to Central America and originally flourished in an area of southern Mexico. The Aztecs used the plant for decorative and medicinal purposes.

The poinsettia may have remained a regional plant if not for the efforts of Joel Roberts Poinsett, who was the first United States Ambassador to Mexico under President James Madison. Poinsett, who would later found the Smithsonian Institution, had a love of botany and became enamored with the brilliant red plants he saw in Mexico. Eventually, Poinsett began growing the plants at home in South Carolina, and friends and others soon coveted them. Poinsettias are beautiful and the bracts (modified leaves) can be vibrantly colored. That signature vibrancy is why many people would like to preserve their poinsettias to last beyond the New Year, which is possible with the right care. The following are some tips, courtesy of Mother Nature's Network, Habersham Gardens, Oregon Live, and Phoenix Flower Shops, to keep poinsettias thriving past the holiday season.

- Start with healthy plants that have full leaves, bracts and deep colors.
- Poinsettias do best when the temperature is between 65 and 75 F. Temperatures below that or drafts from cold windows can cause leaves to drop.
- Position the plant in a room that gets in-



direct sunlight for at least six hours per day. If direct sunlight can't be avoided, diffuse the light with a sheer curtain.

- Poinsettias need well-drained soil. Overwatering or allowing roots to sit in wet soil can cause the leaves to fall off prematurely. Water thoroughly only when the pot looks dry. In households with temperatures around 70 F, the plant should be watered about once a week.
- Fertilize the plant after the blooming season with a balanced, all-purpose fertilizer.
- Try placing poinsettias in or near a bathroom, as they prefer high humidity.

It may be possible to get poinsettias to rebloom next season. Allow the poinsettias to dry out a little more in the spring. In May, cut about four inches from each stem to produce a lush, full plant during the winter. The plants can be moved outside in June and during the summer, but keep them away from direct sunlight. Return the poinsettias indoors beginning around October. Make sure the plants get at least 12 hours of darkness per day for around eight weeks in October and November. This will help them develop a deep hue and bloom on time for Christmas.

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- 3, 1947 Tennessee Williams' A Streetcar Named Desire makes its Broadway debut
- 4, 1991 Muslim Shiites release last U.S. hostage Terry Anderson (held 6 years)
- 5, 1943 Singer-actress Dinah Shore marries western film actor George Montgomery
- 6, 1884 Aluminum capstone set atop Washington Monument
- 7, 1972 Apollo 17, NASA 's final moon landing mission, lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida
- 8, 1952 1st TV acknowledgement of pregnancy (I Love Lucy)
- 9, 1856 African explorer Dr. David Livingstone returns to London
- 10, 1953 Hugh Hefner publishes the first issue of Playboy magazine
- 11, 1961 John F. Kennedy provides U.S. military helicopters and crews to South Vietnam
- 12, 1957 Jerry Lee Lewis weds his cousin Myra Brown, 13, while still married to his first wife
- 13, 1961 American primitive artist Grandma Moses dies at age 101
- 14, 1799 George Washington dies at age 66
- 15, 1939 Gone with the Wind had its world premiere in Atlanta
- 16, 1773 The Boston Tea Party occurred as colonial activists dumped 342 containers of tea
- 17, 1903 Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first powered, controlled airplane flights
- 18, 1892 Tchaikovsky's The Nutcracker Suite premieres in St. Petersburg, Russia
- 19, 1959 Walter Williams, thought to be the last surviving veteran of the US Civil War, dies in Houston, Texas, at age 117
- 20, 1920 Bob Hope (born Leslie Townes Hope in England,) becomes a US citizen.
- 21, 1620 Mayflower pilgrims land at Plymouth Rock
- 22, 1962 1,000,000th NBA point scored
- 23, 1963 Beach Boys 1st appearance on "Shindig"
- 24, 1814 The US and Britain sign the Treaty of Ghent, ending the War of 1812
- 25, 336 Christmas is celebrated on this day in Rome
- 26, 1946 Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas opens
- 27, 1979 "Knots Landing," premieres on CBS-TV
- 28, 1999 Clayton Moore, star of The Lone Ranger, dies in Los Angeles at age 85
- 29, 1848 Gaslights are installed in the White House
- 30, 2006 Saddam Hussein is hanged in Baghdad
- 31, 1946 President Truman officially proclaims end of WW II

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CRAFT A DURABLE GINGERBREAD HOUSE



Gingerbread cookies and houses are one of the many symbols of the holiday season, alongside Christmas trees and twinkling lights. In fact, few confections symbolize the holidays more so than gingerbread.

Many a child (or a child at heart) has spent hours carefully trying to create decorative gingerbread houses. Although gingerbread recipes span various cultures, gingerbread houses originated in 16th century Germany. The fairy tale “Hansel and Gretel” helped solidify the popularity of gingerbread, which became part of Christmas traditions.

Even though gingerbread houses can be fun to make, there’s no denying it can be exacting work – especially for those who strive for perfection. Prepackaged kits attempt to take some of the guesswork out of the equation, but those who are crafting from scratch can employ these tips as they build their gingerbread houses.

- Go for form and not flavor. Few gingerbread houses ever get eaten, so focus on finding a dough that will bake up rock hard as opposed to one that tastes good.

- Get the right icing texture. Pastry artist Catherine Beddall says royal icing is the preferred “glue” to adhere gingerbread pieces. Beddall says icing should be thick like peanut butter and not runny.

- Mind the dough. Do not roll out the gingerbread dough too thin or it may become brittle after being cooked. Always cut out shapes before the gingerbread is baked. Let the baked pieces sit overnight to cool completely before using them to build.

- Patience is key. Allow the icing to dry for at least a couple of hours after adhering each piece and before moving and handling the house, says Beddall. Work in stages so that individual items can be decorated and allowed to dry. Then the walls can be put together, followed by the roof pieces.

- Kids likely will need help. Children may not have the patience or steadiness to handle complete gingerbread construction. They can decorate the separate pieces of the house while the components are laying flat, which is easier for kids. Adults can do the main assembly later on.

- Utilize a template. Free-handing may not be easy. Cut out templates using cardboard or posterboard for various gingerbread pieces.

One of the most important tips is to have fun. Don’t take gingerbread house making too seriously as a novice. Rather, enjoy the experience and the centuries-old tradition.

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DUNNELTON COMMUNITY CHORALE

Saturday, December 14th at 3:00 p.m. the Dunnellon Community Chorale will hold their Christmas Sing-A-Long, featuring traditional Christmas songs by the chorale members and a time for everyone to join in singing Christmas carols. Refreshments will be served after the concert in the Fellowship Hall. Located at Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut Street, the concert is free. Sunday, December 15th at 3:00 p.m. the Central Florida Master Choir will be at the Dunnellon Presbyterian Church, 20641 Chestnut St. with their annual Christmas Concert this year entitled, "There's Something About Mary" honoring Mary, mother of Jesus, featuring Felix Mendelssohn's "Magnificat!". The concert is free, with love offerings accepted.

BEVERLY HILLS CHAPTER OF HADASSAH

The next meeting of the Beverly Hills chapter of Hadassah will be December 9, 2019 at the Kellner Auditorium, 102 Civic Circle at 1:00PM. Our guest speaker will be Sara Metz from the YMCA. Chanukah is this month and we will be serving potato pancakes with applesauce and sour cream. All are welcome to attend.

FRIENDS OF CITRUS AND THE NATURE COAST

The Friends of Citrus and the Nature Coast will host a free ABC of Dementia workshop from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at 8471 W. Periwinkle Lane in Homosassa, Florida. The workshop, to be conducted by Debbie Selsavage, President of Coping with Dementia LLC, will define Alzheimer's and dementia, explain how dementia affects individuals, discuss ways to interpret dementia behaviors for better communication and results, and show how compassion and the proper use of voice, approach, and appropriate touch can result in more effective and less stressful caregiving. While the event is free and open to the public, registration is encouraged for planning purposes. To make a reservation, call 352-422-3663 or e-mail deb@coping.today.

CRYSTAL RIVER CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

Crystal River Christian Women's Club invites you to attend the Christmas luncheon, Tuesday, December 10th. Space is limited, you must reserve your spot now. Fashion Show by Ritz and Glitz on the Square, D.J. Donna with Christmas music, Guest Speaker, delicious catered lunch \$11. For this event we will be at Providence Church, 4471 West Sanction Road, Lecanto. Reservations must be made by December 4th by calling Kate at 352-419-8453.

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The next blood drive for Our Lady of Grace K of C Council 6168 will be held at Our Lady of Grace Parish Life Center, 6 Roosevelt Blvd., Beverly Hills from 8AM to 1 PM on Saturday, 12/14/2019. This is on the second Saturday of December to provide some time before Christmas and still allows the required 56 day spacing between donations for repeat donors. Please plan on participating and give a special gift of life to someone for Christmas. All blood collected by Life South is prioritized for use here in Citrus County.

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GERMAN AMERICAN CLUB OF W. CENTRAL FL

You are invited to The German American Club of West Central Florida for the monthly meeting, Monday, December 9, beginning at 4:00 PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy. (CR 486) Lecanto, Florida. After a brief Business Meeting refreshments, German music and social activities will complete your evening. Visitors and guests are welcome. For information call Sigi Strak at 352-854-9616 or email sigistrak@centurylink.net

NEW AGE THINKERS

2628 W. Woodview lane, Lecanto. This month's speaker will be Paranormal Author Jamie Pearce. Jamie has been professionally involved in the paranormal for over 25 years. Her first book came out in 2011 and she now has 7 books in her Historic Haunts series. She has conducted investigations in 26 states and 3

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HOMOSSASSA RIVER GARDEN CLUB

The Homosassa River Garden Club will hold its Christmas Luncheon on Monday December 2, at the Seagrass Resort. The Spring Cove Road Cleanup will be held on December 12 beginning at 9:00 AM. Meet near the Burger King Parking Lot by the Suncoast Parkway and Yulee Drive. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday, January 20 beginning at 9:30 AM. The program will be "Composting" presented by B J Jarvis of the Citrus County Extension Office.

Recurring Events

INVERNESS LIONS CLUB

Inverness Lion's Club meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month, at Mama's Kuntry Kafe, 1787 W Main Street, Inverness, FL 34450. Meeting starts at 6:00 p.m. and is open to anyone, 18 and above. For more information, please call President, Kelley Rowland, at 352-464-4977.

CITRUS SHRINERS

Citrus Shriners meet the 2nd Friday every month at 9 AM at 468 N. Woodlake Ave. Inverness. Social 2nd Thursday every month. 4PM social hour, 5 PM dinner. For more info. call 352-422-0951.

CITRUS COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION

Citrus County Community Commercial Kitchen Open and Available. Citrus County Parks and Recreation is happy to announce the opening of the Community Commercial Kitchen, located at the Citrus County Resource Center at 2804 West Marc Knighton Court Lecanto FL 34461. The kitchen has been inspected and licensed by the Department of Business and Professional Regulation. Parks and Recreation will start accepting applications on September 9, 2019. The Community Kitchen is for entrepreneurs and vendors who need kitchen space with a minimum capital investment. The kitchen will provide prep space, cold and dry storage. It will be available daily, weekly, monthly or as needed. For pricing and availability, please contact Parks & Recreation at (352) 527-7540.

HOMOSSASSA RIVER GARDEN CLUB

Regular monthly meetings will resume October through May at the 1st United Methodist Church, 8831 W Bradshaw at 9:30 AM. Contact Carole at garden-sci2019@gmail.com.

NATURE COAST DULCIMER PLAYERS

The Nature Coast Dulcimer Players meet most Mondays at the Central Ridge Library community room in Beverly Hills from 3:00-5:00pm. We welcome adults of all levels to join our jams. For more information, please call the library at 352-746-6622.

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GERMAN AMERICAN CLUB

The German American Club meets the 2nd Monday of each month at 4PM at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 2389 W. Norvell Bryant Hwy. (CR486), Lecanto. After a brief business meeting there is musical or other entertainment and refreshments. Members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome. For info call Sigi Strak at 352-854-9616.

INVERNESS ELKS CLUB

Every Monday Bingo at the Inverness Elks Lodge #2522. 3575 E. Lake Place, Hernando. Doors open at noon with games starting at 1:00. Mad Hatter, Coverall and others. Public invited, smoke free, soft drinks available for purchase. Phone 352-726-2027.

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CITRUS COUNTY VETERANS COALITION

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DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

The Betty Lykes Stringer Chapter 2407 meets on the third Tuesday of each month between September and May. For further information, contact Anne Brown, anebro@gmail.com. We are a Historical Preservation group.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S CLUB

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Meets every 2nd Tuesday of the month at Coastal Region Library, 8619 W. Crystal St., Crystal River. For more info visit lwcc2013@gmail.com or visit http://www.lwccitrus.org, or call 352-382-0032.

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VFW POST 4864

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MARINE CORPS LEAGUE

Marine Corps League Ted Archambault Detachment 819 is open to all Marines and Navy Corpsmen in the F.M.F. We do the Toys for Tots and other community services. We meet the last Thursday of the month in Beverly Hills. For more info, call Commandant Robert Deck at 352-527-1557.

BUTTONWOOD BONSAI CLUB

The Club meets every 4th Saturday of the month starting at 9:30am. Meeting is held in the community building at Whispering Pines Park, 1600 Forest Dr., Inverness. The Club is for the novice and experienced bonsai tree enthusiasts. For more info call the club president at 352-586-0582.

HERNANDO HERITAGE COUNCIL

The Council meets the first Thursday of the month at 4:30pm in the classroom at the Historic Hernando School. Everyone is invited to attend. Our purpose is the restoration of the school. For more info, contact Cathy at 352-697-0193.

WEST CITRUS DEMOCRATIC CLUB

Meets every second Saturday of the month at the Riviera Mexican Restaurant & Cantina, 1935 S.E. U.S. Hwy. 19 in Crystal River. \$10 self-pay lunch, \$5 seat charge for meeting only. All registered Democrats are welcome. Lunch at 12, meeting immediately follows. Call 352-212-3345 or visit www.westcitrusdems.org.

CITRUS COUNTY PRES. TRUMP REPUBLICAN CLUB

Monthly meetings held the 2nd Tues. of each month, 6:30pm, at the Citrus County Board of Realtors Bldg., 714 S. Scaboro Ave., Lecanto. Call Billy Cayce at 352-322-3097 for more info.

CITRUS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC BLACK CAUCUS

The Citrus County Democratic Black Caucus meet every 3rd Saturday of the month at 12 noon, at Oysters Restaurant, 606 NE Hwy 19, Crystal River. All registered Democrats are welcome to attend. For more info, call 352-522-1859.

KRIYA MEDITATION

Light Haven in Floral City offers basic Kriya meditation techniques, philosophies, and lifestyle suggestions. We meet monthly on the first Saturday from 10am-noon at 13266 S. Southpoint Ave., Floral City. Open to the public, there is no charge but love offerings are appreciated. Contact Sharon Hawkins at 352-464-1618 for more info.

CITRUS SPRINGS CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Citrus Springs Civic Association hosts Bingo games the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month at 1:30 pm at Citrus Springs Community Center, 1570 W. Citrus Springs Blvd. Doors open at 12:45 pm. \$10 entry that plays all 16 games, additional game packages sold at reduced prices, over \$850 in prize money. Smoke-free, hot food, snacks & drink concession.

FLORAL CITY ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

The Gulf Coast Chapter meets at 10:30am on the third Friday of every month at Floral City United Methodist Church, 8480 E. Marving St., across from Floral City Elementary School. Please come to share your questions, concerns and support with other caregivers. For more info call 352-342-2867 or 352-726-7740.

COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

Recurring Events

FLEET RESERVE ASSOC. CITRUS BRANCH #186

Meets the 3rd Thursday of each month at 3pm at the DAV Building, Independence Hwy. and US 41 South. Call Bub Huscher, Secretary at 352-344-0727. FRA is a military organization of Navy, Marines and Coast Guard veterans.

HANDS-ON-WOODTURNERS

Meets 7pm the 3rd Wednesday monthly at the Lions Club, 72 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills. Following a short business meeting a woodturning related demonstration is provided by an experienced craftsman. Group is comprised of members with all levels of experience and visitors are welcome. Contact Denis Cap for more information at 352-489-4374.

PRECIOUS PAWS PET RESCUE

Needs foster homes in Citrus County for small dogs & cats. Also need donations of money, food and pet supplies. If you can help, call 352-726-4700 and leave a message.

NATURE COAST MINISTRIES

Food Pantry provides food for 100 families each week on Tuesdays from 10am-2pm at the Thrift Shop location (796 S. US Hwy 19, Crystal River) Also no-cost furniture and things for burned out families, victims of abuse and families getting started again. We are getting ready to re-open the FREE Dental Clinic located at 7655 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy, Unit #8, Crystal River. Call 352-563-1860 for more information.

SUNSET DRUM CIRCLE

Every 2nd Sunday approximately 2 hours before sunset (summers 6pm, winters 4pm, lasts about 2 hours. Meet at the end of Ft. Island Trail off Hwy 19, Crystal River at the beach at the last picnic shelter. Everyone welcome. Free. Small percussion instruments available in center of circle for use at the drum circle. Event cancelled if raining. Call 352-344-8009 for information.

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VFW POST 4337

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CITRUS COUNTY COUNCIL

Meets every 2nd Wednesday at 9am (doors open at 8:30am for coffee and networking) at Beverly Hills Lions Club, 72 Civic Circle, Beverly Hills, FL 34465. Public is welcome! Our mission is to protect our environment and natural resources, thereby preserving quality of life in Citrus County. We do this by monitoring local government, researching issues and disseminating relevant information through our members and delegates. We are all citizen volunteers.

NATURE COAST DIVA ANGELS

Is a non-profit organization of female motorcycle enthusiasts interested in riding together, camaraderie, community service, and building strong friendships along the way. All makes, models and riders of bikes are welcome! We meet at Sleepy Hollow the third Sunday of each month at 9am. After our meeting follow us on a ride through Citrus and Hernando County. Also follow us on Facebook. For more info, email us at divaangelsnc@yahoo.com or call Jamie at 352-585-6417.

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OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM VETERANS

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FEMALE VETERANS NETWORK

The Female Veterans Network has always appreciated the supporters of our Network, but effective immediately, our meetings will be open to female veterans ONLY! This change will allow us to follow our mission statement. We Meet the second Thursday of every month at 1pm at the Lecanto Resource Center, 2804 W. Marc Knighton Ct., Lecanto. For more info, call 352-527-5900.

ROLLING THUNDER FL CH 7

Come join us at our meeting the 2nd Saturday of every month from 10am-noon at DAV Ch 70 on Independence Dr. in Inverness, or call Vicki at 352-464-0304 for info.

CITRUS FISHING CLUB

Meets the first Monday of each month at 7pm at the American Legion Post 155, 6585 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy. Look for the large American flag, just east of Publix. Call Dave Zeiher (President) at 352-563-9928 for more info.

CITRUS COUNTY CRUISERS

Please join us every Sat. at the parking lot by Wendy's in Crystal River. This is open to all makes and models and years of cars/trucks/whatever. We have oldies music and 50/50 every Saturday. Appreciation Nite is the 2nd Sat. of the month and valve cover races on the 3rd Sat. We start at 5pm and usually end before 8pm. Call 352-382-5501 for more info.

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BEVERLY HILLS FISHING CLUB

Beverly Hills Fishing Club meets on the third Wednesday at 1:30 PM at the Lions Club on Civic Circle, from September thru May. We may have adjustments at Christmas Time. but all are Welcome to join our group. Further info available @ 352-216-2342 or *352-270-0631.

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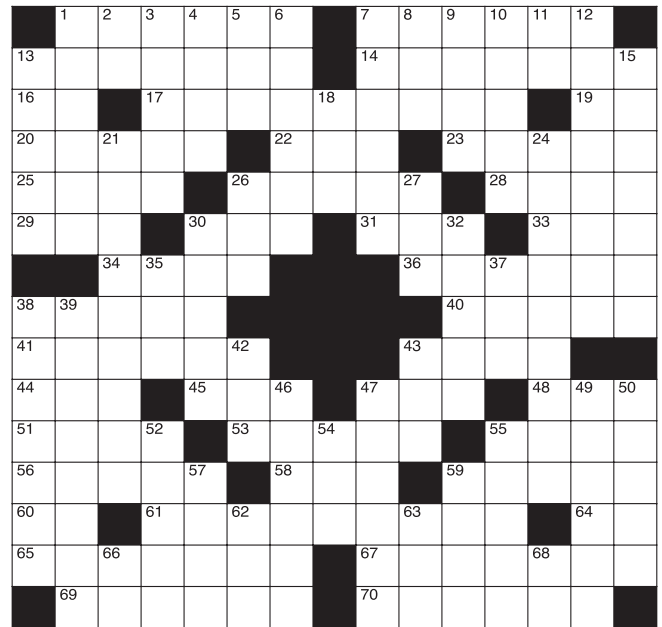
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17. Home of the Brewers
19. Atomic #44
20. Vetches
22. Moved earth with a tool
23. Cavalry sword
25. Supplements with difficulty
26. Encouraged
28. Speech defect
29. Periodical (abbr.)
30. Very cold
31. __ Paulo, city
33. Former OSS
34. Approves food
36. Cars need them
38. Sweden's dominant phone company

ANSWER ON PAGE 36

40. Long lock of a woman's hair
41. North American natives
43. Fly high
44. One type is fire
45. Nocturnal bird
47. More than one male
48. LOTR actor McKellen
51. Employee stock ownership plan
53. Tony-winning actress Daisy
55. Tennis star Kournikova
56. Pulitzer-winning composer
58. The opposite to pro
59. Safecrackers
60. Denotes past
61. Parrots
64. One quintillion bytes (abbr.)
65. Reduce the importance of
67. Stiffly
69. In a sensible way
70. Signs

CLUES DOWN

1. Capital of Zambia
2. Article
3. Country star LeAnn
4. Egyptian goddess
5. Afflict in mind or body
6. Showy but cheap
7. Belgian urban center
8. Short-winged diving seabird
9. Deploys
10. Ballplayers can legally do it
11. Centiliter
12. Contrary beliefs
13. Type of pole
15. Distinguish oneself
18. 8th month of the year (abbr.)
21. One who monitors
24. Petty quarreling
26. Fiddler crabs
27. Touch lightly
30. American state
32. Pro wrestler Randy
35. Indicates spelling mistake
37. Macaws
38. Gradually narrowed
39. Installments
42. Female sheep
43. Politician
46. Servant
47. Said to facilitate concentration
49. California ballplayers
50. Once Toledo's tallest building
52. A type of pie
54. State of southwestern India
55. Principal member of Norse religion
57. Counterspy
59. Wellness practice
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The little girl looked up at her mom with admiration and asked, "How do you know so much?"

Thinking quickly, the mother said, "All moms know so much. We have to. It's on the Mommy Test. If you don't know it, you don't get to be a mommy."

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Keep Safe During A Season Of Holiday “Spirits”

The weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year’s Day are some of the most festive times of the year. Family and friends socialize and exchange gifts while many people take inventory of their good fortunes. Many things are enjoyed in abundance during the holiday season, and that unfortunately can include alcoholic beverages.

A 2018 survey conducted by One-Poll on behalf of the supplement company Morning Recovery revealed that, among 2,000 American respondents, the average person consumes twice as many alcoholic drinks over the holidays than any other time of year. That uptick in drinking likely has something to do with the holiday social scene. In normal, non-holiday weeks, Americans attend just one social event, but that number climbs to three when the holidays arrive.

The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, a division of the National Institutes of Health, warns that the holidays can be a time when some people are more likely to drink to excess in the name of merrymaking. Despite the known dangers of excessive consumption of alcohol, many people still overindulge. Perhaps some sobering statistics can be just what people need to avoid drinking too much this holiday season. SCRAM systems, which make alcohol monitoring software systems for the criminal justice market, offer these statistics.

- Seventy percent of holiday drunk driving deaths are caused by drivers with a blood-alcohol level of 0.15 or higher.

- In December 2017, 885 people were killed as a result of alcohol-impaired crashes.

- A BAC between 0.08 and 0.14 causes noticeable impairment of coordination and driving skills. It is illegal to drive at this level in all 50 states.

- One in eight drivers who consume alcohol say they’ve driven when they thought they were close to or over 0.08 BAC in the past year, according to AAA.

- The NIAAA reports that 40 percent of traffic-related deaths during Christmas and New Year’s involve drunk drivers.

- Alcohol lowers people’s inhibitions and affects their judgment, potentially contributing to reckless decisions. Many people think that a cup of coffee is all that’s needed to sober up and get home safely. The NIH says even after someone stops drinking, alcohol in the stomach and intestines continues to enter the bloodstream, resulting in impaired judgment and coordination for hours after one has had his or her last drop.

Impaired driving and other activities can make for unsafe conditions this holiday season. Celebrants should be aware of their alcohol intake and have responsible ways to get to and from social occasions.





3 Strategies For A Safe New Year's Eve

New Year's Eve is one of the most festive nights of the year. Counting down to a new year while simultaneously saying goodbye to the current year provides grounds for celebration for millions of people across the globe.

New Year's celebrations vary depending on where the partying is taking place, but it's common for people to check their inhibitions at the door on December 31. That can make for a fun evening, but also puts celebrants in jeopardy of making bad decisions or confronting the consequences of others' poor decisions. Adhering to three simple safety strategies can increase the chances that this New Year's Eve is memorable for all the right reasons.

1. Travel in packs.

Most people who are out and about on New Year's Eve are focused solely on having fun. However, some criminals see New Year's Eve as an opportunity to prey on unsuspecting men and women who may not be as alert to danger as they are on other nights of the year. For example, a recent report from Australia's Bureau of Crime Statistics and Research found that the number of violent offenses between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. on New Year's Eve is nine times higher than it is on other nights of the year. By hitting the town with friends and staying with those friends throughout the night, New Year's Eve revelers can make themselves less vulnerable to criminals.

2. Don't overindulge in alcohol.

The National Highway Traffic Safety

Administration notes that people who consume alcohol begin experiencing a loss of judgment when their blood alcohol concentration, or BAC, reaches .02. That means it only takes a relatively small amount of alcohol before people's judgment begins to falter, and judgment only suffers further with each additional drink. The pressure to overindulge in alcohol on New Year's Eve can be considerable, but revelers should avoid situations where they might be tempted to drink too much. Such overindulgence only makes people vulnerable to bad decisions and even criminals looking to prey on inebriated victims.

3. Don't get behind the wheel.

Even people who avoid alcohol on New Year's Eve are vulnerable to potentially unsafe highways. That's because everyone shares the roads, and drivers never know who else will be on the road when New Year's Eve festivities end and everyone goes home. The U.S. Department of Transportation notes that, over the last half-decade, an average of 300 people died each year in drunk driving crashes in the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. To avoid becoming such a statistic, New Year's revelers can celebrate at home and invite others to stay overnight.

New Year's Eve is a fun but potentially dangerous night. However, a few simple safety strategies can make sure New Year's Day conversations are all about the fun from the night before.



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Stereo Receiver, Pioneer, Model VXS-406 w/5 speakers & Samsung Sub woofer, \$175. 352-382-7656.

Wii Fit Exercise Board by Nintendo. \$20. 352-746-3785.

Computer monitor, 18" Dell Ultra Sharp model #1800FP. \$25. 352-382-7656.

2 Ring Stick Up Security Cameras, \$75. ea. 352-228-8251.

Furniture

Stand, walnut color. Very solid and on rollers for easy moving. Like new condition 15" deep x 27" long x 20 1/2" high. \$25. 352-382-7656.

Large Oval Porch Table, w/6 chairs, \$350. OBO. Loveseat, \$75, OBO. 352-726-4061.

Sleep Number Bed with base and metal frame, Double Bed, 5000 series, equal to P5 series, VGC, \$400 OBO. 352-586-7126.

4' walnut coffee table, \$25; 6'5" high, 4' wide oak Broyhill hutch, 2 pcs, \$80. 352-341-0299.

Empire Royal Grenadier Speakers, Model 9000, 8 ohms, 60 watts, in walnut case w/round marble top. \$100. OBO. 352-212-2966.

Twin Bedroom Set w/bookshelf, hunter green winged chair, room divider w/TV shelf, Large BBQ Grill w/cover, Large Lanai glass table w/6 chairs, large corner desk, assorted wall prints w/nice frames, 2 large lamps, Fee Gift w/each purchase, 352-382-0842.

Jumbo Rocking Chair, dark wood, 2 thick cushions, \$95. 352-341-2091.

Hide a bed couch, full size, never used, pristine cond. Homosassa 352-220-4643.



Love Seat, teal blue, w/2 matching pillows, \$175. 352-637-6804.

California Futon, EC, \$225. OBO. 302-893-9884.

Ottoman Bench w/storage, medium brown, extra padded, no rips or tears, very clean, \$25. 561-676-0865.

Heating & Cooling

2017 King pellet stove, only used one season, extra auger and auger motor, with chimney. paid \$1400, asking \$1,000. 574-202-3101.

Hobbies

Texas Hold'em, never opened, still in case, \$20. 352-746-0850.

Craft Material, Ancient Indian Pottery Shards, local, some w/rims/designs. 10lbs, \$10. Selected Ancient Stone Chips, recovered at site occupied thousands of years ago, assortment of colors, left from stone tool manufacturing, 10lbs, \$5. 352-436-5956.

Stained Glass Classes, Tues. & Wed. 10-12:30 at Touch of Glass by Susan, Floral City. Supplies/Tools. 352-726-1765.

Hunting & Fishing

Winchester, model 100, 308cal, clip, LN, \$895. JD Sauer & Shon, german made, dbl barrel 20g shotgun, special Laufshohl. \$1,495. 352-501-8788.

Remington Mod 742 BDL, 30-06, \$400. 352-634-1957. 98 Maoser Conversion to 257 Roberts w/scope, \$400. 352-634-1957.

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1897 Winchester 12g. shotgun \$325. FIRM, 30-30 Winchester 1969 Golden Spike Commemorative rifle, \$800. 352-341-1186.

Concealed Carry Taurus, 38sp. Pulse P, Ultra Lite, 5 shot revolver in satin stainless, LN in box, w/38sp ammo, \$450. 352-447-4042.

Wood Stock for Ruger 10/22, EC, \$75. 352-513-5058.

Winchester Rifle w/ scope, 270ca., single shot birch led, \$275. Antique 22 Single Shot, too old for serial #, Made by Savage Arms, bolt action, \$100. Marlin 30-30 w/strap, scope, case, model 336W, 6 shot, lever action, \$275. Henry Golden Boy Collectors Edition, model 266, 22 mag. \$600. 12ga single shot gun, Stevens Breach Load, model 9404 made by Savage Arms, Long Barrel, \$150. 352-344-2512.

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Hi Stand Dura Matic 22cal. target pistol, 6.5" barrel, EC, \$450. 352-513-5058.

Medical & Health

Hearing Aid Batteries, sizes, 13 & 312, Pkg of 8, \$4. 352-220-4643.

Maxima Scooter, 4 wheels, Large seat, never used, heavy duty, brand new, never used, \$1,400. 352-465-7873.

Pets & Supplies

Dog Cages, 2, \$50. 352-419-5835.

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Parrot Sanctuary is taking in parrots and macaws that you can no longer care for or want. Birds will be given a loving, happy, permanent home, age of bird doesn't matter. Birds must be healthy. 352-592-5959.

Sports Equipment

Man's Bicycle, Murray Westport, single speed, GC, \$35. 352-419-4066.

Golf clubs, Ping Eye 2, irons and SW. 2 jumbo drivers. 4 misc. woods, 2 putters, 4 doz. Pro-V1 ball plus other balls and Ping bag, other accessories. 352-628-1063.

2 Huffy 26" bicycles, 1 men's model Santa Fe II, 1 lady's model Spindrift, both in EC, \$85 each or \$150 for both. 315-256-2800.

Power Built golf clubs & bag, LN, never been used, \$70 OBO. Call or text, 859-537-2474.

Body Solid Complete Gym Set, \$175. 352-465-7873.

Cabela's Premium Marksman shooting table, VGC, \$125 or reasonable offer. 352-857-2085.

Golf Clubs, Men's + Women's, EC. 352-746-0850. Golf Pull Carts, EC, \$10. OBO, AB Lounge Sport w/manual. blue, \$10. LN, 352-746-0850.

Total Gym XL, \$225, folds for space saving, LN, pull up bar, leg pulley & DVD included. 352-697-2189

Weslo Treadmill, 5.9 \$65. OBO, 419-908-5440.

Storage Buildings

Drill Press, counter top, GC, 4 speed, \$40. 352-564-6861.

Tools & Machinery

Power House Pressure Washer, 208cc motor, gas, VGC, \$150. 352-513-5058.

Coleman Generator, 3000 watt. \$175. 352-344-4603.

Murry Lawn Mower, 15.5hp, 42" cut, New Carburetor, coil, filter, will not start, has good spark, engine turns, but wont run. \$75. OBO, 352-212-2966.

Ceramic Tile Saw, Includes: 1/4" spacers, adhesive, trowel, & sealer, \$75. 352-220-4643.

Nearly new drywall hoist, used once, \$100. 352-423-1012. Jon.

Speedex Key Cutting Machine, model #9160MC, used less than 40x, Large assortment of Key Blanks, \$475. 321-506-0267.

Tractors & Heavy Equipment

B7200 Kubota Tractor, 17hp, diesel, 2WD, turf tires w/30gal Fimco spray tank, 8' boom & hand held sprayer, \$2,700 OBO. 321-506-0267.

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Utility trailer w/camper top, heavy duty, 16" tires. 352-789-0212.

Miscellaneous

Books, Books, Books, (bought out a bookstore), plus framed art - all sizes - nice pieces, collectibles and more. Long Trading Post and Pawn Shop, Hwy 41, Hernando. 352-341-1735.

Gas Grill, Weber, 3 burner, black w/hardwood side shelves, includes weatherproof cover. \$65. 585-781-0294.

Radio Flyer Rocking/Spring Horse, 3'h, \$50. Razor Scooter, \$50. 352-746-3785.

Porcelain Pedestal Sink, \$20. 352-344-4603.

Fabric steamer, Con Air, new, 1 hr. of continuous steam, \$50. 352-527-1557.

Burn Barrels, \$15 ea. Hernando. 352-302-2210.

Keurig Coffee/Tea Machine, \$20. OBO. Clothes Steamer, \$15. OBO. 352-220-1692.

6' Douglas Fir Christmas Tree w/lights & decorations, \$100. 352-220-4643.

Foot massager, LN, \$15. 352-453-9745.

Propane Tanks, 10&12 Gallon, \$25. ea. 352-634-1957.

The Green Machine for children, adjustable seat, EC, \$25. 352-586-7126.

Coffee service & tray, silver plate, \$75. 352-341-0299.

Split Head Queen Sheets, 100% cotton sateen, white or light yellow color \$15 each; VGC. Outlast fitted mattress protector for split head queen mattress, temperature regulating material, LN, \$15. 352-586-7126.

16" Barbie Bike, pink w/hand brake. GC. \$15. 352-746-3785. Elsa, from Frozen, large size castle, 3'h, \$50. 352-746-3785.

Char-Griller, model 2222, grill/smoker, \$60. 352-860-1915.

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200 New music CD's, from Europe, Waltzes, Polkas, etc.. 352-489-3993.

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Seaga Candy Stand, metal, (3) sections, Has keys, .25 in ea. section. \$80. firm, Credit Card Machines, \$5. ea. Magnet Sign, goes on vehicle, states "back off you don't fit in my trunk". Credit Card Machine, \$5. ea. 352-220-1692.

Sewing Machines & Sergers, tons of fabric, over 300 rolls, Commercial Consew Hemmer, Johnson Ruffler, 352-489-3993.

2 Burial Plots at Fountains Memorial Park in Homosassa FL, side by side, located in the Garden of Peace, lot 18 back row numbers 1 & 2, \$700. for both. 352-726-8873.



Trailer hitch carrier with straps, LN, \$40. 352-453-9745.

Automotive

Cars

Chevy HHR, EC, \$3,500. make offer, 352-220-1692.

2018 Chevrolet Trax 1LT, dk blue, backup camera, Sirius XM and more, still under warranty, \$14,000. 352-628-1063.

2001 Olds Classic, low miles, extra nice. \$3,995. 352-789-0212.

Cars and Trucks Wanted, Dead or Alive. Cash paid at pick up. No title required. Family owned! Smitty's Auto in Homosassa. 352-628-9118.

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2013 GMC Terrain, 6 cyl., Low miles, leather seats, blue tooth, backup camera, VGC. \$16,900 OBO. 352-201-8614.

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2007 Nissan Frontier, 4 door, 4x4, 88,000 miles, New bed cover, new dual exhaust, \$8,800. OBO, 352-201-9675

2005 Chevy Silverado, full size, 4 door, 5300 Vortec V8 engine, rubber bed liner, tri-fold Tonneau Cover, \$3,800. 321-506-0267.

Vans

1996 20' Wan/w ramp, ex- u-haul, 352-789-0212.

Parts & Accessories

Honda Motor, 6.5hp, side shaft, industrial or go-cart, \$60. 352-344-4603.

2002 VW Beetle, for parts. complete car, \$250. 352-341-1186.

4 Yokohama Geolander, 1/2 tread, 315x75x16. \$100. for all, 352-634-1957.

Truck Tires, 2, P255/70R16, (DH2) LN, \$10. ea. 352-422-1467.

Edelbrock intake manifold, new in box, Pontiac 328-455 cid. \$125. 352-527-1557.

Parts from restoration of 1977 MGB, mag wheels including center caps and lug nuts, head rests, steering wheel, luggage rack, electronic fuel pump. 352-341-0140.

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Firestone 2- 205/65 R16, \$50. 352-897-4176.

RV Accessories, Reese 2" trailer hitch bar, 12,000lbs \$150. Locks, \$20. Curt 2" hitch, \$75. EZ Ramp Levelers, 2 boxes, \$10. ea. RV Side Winders, \$10. 352-419-5835.

Rubber Floor Mats, Subaru 2010 - 2018 outback. \$50. 352-634-1957.

4 Fender guards for a 2015 Hyundai Sonata, \$20. 352-382-7656.

Car Dolly, new tires, new spare, tie downs, EC, \$850. 352-765-2059.

Rear bumper for 1968 Impala, complete w/all six taillights, EC, light up your man cave, \$300 352-746-0850.

Motorcycles & ATVs

1982 Honda GL 500 Silver Wing, C-B style, runs great, GC, \$950. 352-344-4603.

Recreational Vehicles

2015 Solitude Grand Design, 379 FL, 42.5', 12' 11" H, 5 slides, 2 AC, solid surface counter tops, SS appliances, 18 cf residential refrigerator and more. \$35,000. 701-566-1877.

21' Gulfstream Camer Trailer, GC, everything works, new tires, \$5,000. 231-357-8403.

1992, 17', SunLine Camper, Dual Axle, fully contained, 352-208-3805.

1998 24' Ford Safari Motor Home, \$1,500. 352-464-5417.

1997 Motorhome, Dolphin, 40', slide out, extra nice, 30k miles, Tri-axle. 352-789-0212.

Boats

Boats for Sale

18' Wellcraft w/90h Johnson, cb radio, Garmin, lots of ex tras including cover on tandem trailer. \$3,500. OBO. 352-344-2511.

14' Starcraft Boat and trailer, 9.9hp Yamaha motor, LN, includes depth finder, 2 anchors and much much more. \$1,500. OBO. 352-341-3842.

West Marine Brand, Rubber Dingy, 8 1/2', roll up type, new in box, w/title, \$450. 352-472-6872.

2004 Tracker Marine Party Deck 21', 195 Mercruiser Inboard/outboard, 1 stainless & 1 aluminum 3 bladed prop, aluminum dive deck, live bait well, dry storage, seats 10, interior seating recently reupholstered, except cap's chair, have front swivel seat posts but no seats, \$10,500. OBO. 352-344-2940.

Inflatable double kayak, Sea Eagle SE-370, LN, 2 paddles, 2 deluxe seats w/stow pouches, foot pump, carry bag. \$300. 352-453-9745.

Airboat with trailer, 12 Ft., 60hp, 2 seater, \$3,800 OBO. 585-690-0449.

Boat Accessories

Outboard motor rack, 8' long, \$75. 352-860-1915.

Real Estate

Commercial Property-For Sale

Inverness, 850 Hwy 41 South, Commercial strip mall on 100x270 lot, 6 units & 1 separate building, public water and sewer, access from 2 roads, great investment, reduced, \$289,000. Inverness Horizon Realty, 352-637-4280.



4+ ACRES, corner of Croft & 486, 1,200 Sq. Ft. Bld., Commercial zoning, cleared, great traffic count & exposure, #778553, Call Karen Bender 352-464-0839, ONLY \$375,000, Craven Realty, Inc.

Homes For Sale



Waterfront neighborhood of Arbor Lakes! This 3/2/2 is partially furnished offers over 1700 Sq. Ft. Liv. area & 2200 under roof. Features dual pane windows, vinyl windowed back porch, large garage with screen doors. Call Michele Rose 352-212-5097, Craven Realty, Inc. about all the great amenities in Arbor Lakes. ONLY \$219,900. #784964.

2051 sq ft Cape in Malverne, L.I. NY, TLC needed or flipper, needs some upgrading, 5 BR, 3 bath, new roof, siding, windows 5 years ago, wood burning fireplace, sunroom, finished basement, 1 1/2 car garage and more, 80' x 100' lot, \$549,000. 516-668-1484.



"POOL" Home & 5 acres, a must to see if looking for acreage - large home - indoor heated pool - min. restriction subdivision - animals permitted, call for private showing on this 3 BR, 2 3/4 bath, 2 car garage, 2300+ sq. ft. Liv. area, over 3900 sq. ft. under roof, private paved road, ONLY \$274,000. Call A.W. "Skip" Craven 352-464-1515, #778282, Craven Realty, Inc.



INVERNESS, Great location, 3/2/2, 1,700 Sq. Ft. under roof, built 2005, nice & clean, Call Karen Bender Agent/Owner, 352-464-0839, \$147,900. Craven Realty, Inc. #786405.



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CLASSIFIED DEADLINE 18TH OF EACH MONTH



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Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to everyone, from Craven Realty, Inc.

Vacant Land

Inverness, Waterfront, Point Lonesome Rd off Turner Camp Rd., 1 acre on canal to lakes, homes only, \$16,000. Inverness Horizon Realty 352-637-4280.

Hernando, Forest Lake North, Western Dr, for mobiles or site built homes, cleared, 1 acre, \$19,900. Inverness Horizon Realty 352-637-4280.

Rainbow Park, Ocala, off of RT 40, 1/4 acre-wooded, high & dry, \$700. down, \$100. per month, \$8,995. owner financing. 352-489-5056.

Pine Ridge Commercial & Residential parcels on the Blvd. Call Skip Craven, Broker for details. 352-464-1515 Craven Realty, Inc.



Citrus Hills Building Lot, 1+ acre in low traffic area, #780125. Call Michele Rose 352-212-5097, ONLY \$24,900, Craven Realty, Inc.

Inverness Highlands West, Bristol Terr, 1/2 acre, \$12,500, Inverness Horizon Realty. 352-637-4280.

Inverness, Citrus Hills, Belmont Hills gated community, HOA, Needles Pt, 1/2 acre, \$24,900. Inverness Horizon Realty 352-637-4280.

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Williston Highlands, 1 1/4 acres, wooded, south of Williston, Fl. off Rt 121, \$1000. down, \$100. per month. owner financing. 352-489-5056.

Homosassa Wooded Lot, w/big Oak & Cedar Trees, .44 acre, 117' x 166', near Mason Creek Boat Ramp w/access to Gulf of Mexico and Homosassa River. Off Bassett Rd. \$6,800. 727-639-9200.

1 acre lot in Citrus Springs on Fountainhead Dr. Owner can finance with low down payment. \$14,900. 352-746-1017.

Inverness Highlands South, La Salle Ave, city limits & public water, 80' x 120', Reduced! \$7,200. Inverness Horizon Realty. 352-637-4280.

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Garage & Yard Sales

Hernando

Estate Sale, 4136 E. Lake Park Drive, Dec. 7th & 8th, 8am-3pm. Household items, boat & boat parts, 2019 Kia w/ low mileage, everything must go.

Inverness

First Presbyterian Church of Inverness Annual Trash & Treasure Sale, Jan. 16 & 17, 2020. 8am-2pm, Jan. 18, 2020. 8am-12pm. Sale inside, bake sale & snacks, proceeds donated to charitable Organizations, 206 N. Washington Ave. Inverness. 352-860-0534.



MAKE THE HOLIDAYS A LITTLE SWEETER

What would the holidays be without platters full of homemade cookies? It's that time of year for pulling out favorite recipes and filling the house with delicious aromas and delectable treats.

This recipe for "Stareos" from "Classic Stars Desserts" (Chronicle Books) by Emily Luchetti adds a gourmet spin to a popular chocolate sandwich cookie.

Stareos

Makes 18 cookies

Chocolate Shortbread

- 1-1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- Pinch of kosher salt
- 1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder, sifted
- 8 ounces (16 tablespoons) cold unsalted butter, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- Flour for dusting



Filling

- 1 cup mascarpone cheese
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

To make the chocolate shortbread: In a bowl, stir together the flour, salt and cocoa powder and set aside. Combine the butter and sugar in the bowl of a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment and beat on low speed until the butter and sugar begin to incorporate, about 15 seconds. Add the dry ingredients and continue to mix until the dough comes together, about 3 minutes. It will look dry just before it comes together.

Line 2 baking sheets with parchment paper. On a lightly floured work surface, roll out the dough 1/4 inch thick. Using a 2-inch star cutter, cut out as many cookies as possible. Gather together the scraps, reroll, and continue cutting out cookies until you have 36 cookies. Place the cookies on the prepared baking sheets, spacing them 1 inch apart. Refrigerate until firm, at least 1 hour.

Preheat the oven to 300 F. Bake the shortbread until firm, about 35 minutes. At the midway point, switch the baking sheets between the racks and rotate them 180 degrees to ensure even baking. Let cool on the baking sheets to room temperature.

To make the filling: In a small bowl, stir together the mascarpone, sugar and vanilla until smooth.

Turn 18 of the cookies bottom-side up on a work surface. Using a table knife or a small icing spatula, spread about 1 tablespoon of the filling on the bottom of each cookie. Top with the remaining cookies, bottom-side down.

JOKE

Bernard, who is noted for his gracious manners, was awakened one morning at four forty four a.m. by his ringing telephone. . .

"Your dog's barking, and it's keeping me awake," said an angry voice.

Bernard thanked the caller and politely asked his name and number before hanging up.

The next morning at precisely four forty four a.m., Bernard called his neighbor back.

"Good morning, Mr. Williams.... Just called to say that I don't have a dog."

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The Friends of Homosassa Springs Wildlife Park Present The

Celebration of Lights

at Homosassa Springs Wildlife State Park

December 19–24 & 26, 2019 from 5:30 to 9PM

Thursday, December 19

Music: Stan Prinston of the Flamingos. Sponsored by Citrus Kia of Crystal River.

Friday, December 20

Music: Country variety with Martin George. Sponsored by Cody's Roadhouse of Crystal River.

Special Guest: Santa Claus

Saturday, December 21

Music: 50's and 60's Doo Wop With Bill Castner. Sponsored by The Royal Dalton House.

Special Guest: Santa Claus

Sunday, December 22

Music: "Little Miss Dynamite" Karen Kallin. Sponsored by Kane's Ace Hardware of Homosassa.

Monday, December 23

Music: Janis Joplin era with Jolo Jones. Sponsored by RGA Media Systems of Hernando.

Tuesday, December 24

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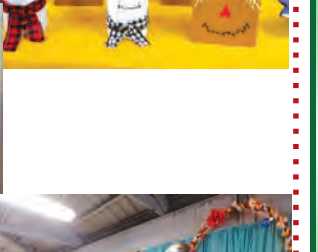
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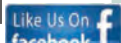
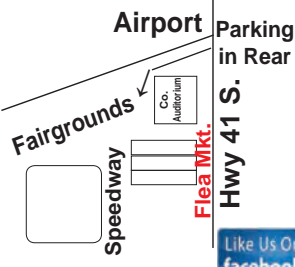
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