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COLLEEN'S CORNER

Colleen Walker, TWERC President



IN 2024 WE CELEBRATED 40 YEARS AS A COMMUNITY: NOW WE'RE CELEBRATING OUR 400TH ISSUE OF TOPICS

Barbara Coulter

As December rolls in, our Tangerine Woods Community is buzzing with festive spirit, ready to ring in the holiday season with joy, camaraderie, and cherished traditions. It's the time of year when neighbors become friends, friends become family, and together, we celebrate the heartwarming values of friendship, faith, family, and new beginnings. Whether you're looking forward to annual events, special holiday traditions, or just enjoying the cozy community atmosphere, December in Tangerine Woods has something for everyone.

December Highlights in Tangerine Woods:

- *Cookie Exchange* (December 19) What's better than the smell of freshly baked cookies in the air? Sharing them with friends, of course! The annual Cookie Exchange is a delightful tradition where neighbors bring their best baking skills to swap with others. It's a sweet way to connect with fellow residents and leave with a variety of delicious treats to share with your loved ones.
- *Community Decorating* started on the first of December and is likely happening as you read this issue. Our volunteers do an incredible job transforming the clubhouse and streets.
- *Menorah lighting*: December 14 - 21 at sunset. Community members (all are invited) will meet in front of the TW Clubhouse between 5:15 and 5:30. A brief history and more details about this tradition can be found in this issue.

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We are delighted to be bringing our residents the 400th issue of the TW newsletter! These have been published since January 1984. It started as a simple two-sided/two-page document and as more activities were added it quickly grew: by September of that year it had grown to five pages. They filled their pages with similar articles - activities, opportunities that were developing, and the poem we ran in last summer's 40th Anniversary issue: "I'm a New Member." In August of 1985 the masthead was developed and *Tangerine Topics* was in full production. Ads began appearing in 1988 and the newsletter continued to grow.

If you are ever curious about what life was like in the early days of Tangerine Woods, please visit the bottom shelf of the TW Library. There is one copy of every newsletter since that first issue. We owe gratitude to the earlier editors for creating a platform to share information with our neighbors. We're looking forward to having this resource for many years to come.

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[TWERC President message continued]

- **Christmas Golf Cart Parade** (December 21) Get ready for the highlight of the Season—the Tangerine Woods Christmas Golf Cart Parade! Residents are encouraged to decorate your golf carts with festive themes, bright lights, and holiday flair. The parade will wind through the community, bringing smiles and laughter to everyone.
- **Christmas Eve Luminaries** (December 24) One of the most heartwarming traditions of the season is the luminaries on Christmas Eve. As dusk falls, the entire community will glow with the soft, flickering light of hundreds of luminaries lining the streets. This peaceful tradition symbolizes hope, peace, and the beauty of the season.
- **Christmas Day Buffet** (December 25) The Christmas Day Buffet is a grand tradition that brings us all together to celebrate the holiday in a relaxed and festive atmosphere. For those who prefer not to cook, or simply want to enjoy a delicious meal without the hassle, this buffet offers an exquisite selection of holiday favorites. From roast turkey and ham to mashed potatoes and gravy, there's something for everyone. Whether you're spending the day with family or making new memories with friends, this shared meal is a perfect way to celebrate the joy and abundance of the season.
- **Cheers to New Year's Eve** (December 31) As we bid farewell to 2025 and welcome the promise of a new year, the Cheers to New Year's Eve celebration at Tangerine Woods is the perfect way to mark the occasion. With friends, and neighbors by your side, enjoy an evening of celebration. Let's raise our glasses to new beginnings, renewed faith, and the exciting opportunities that 2026 will bring.



The holiday season at Tangerine Woods isn't just about events—we look forward to celebrating all the joy and hope December has to offer—together. Sending all of our residents wishes for a wonderful holiday season filled with peace, love, and laughter!

DECEMBER FOOD TRUCK

Jan Chard

The December food truck is **Freeman's Grill**, a BBQ truck. They will be in TW **Monday, December 15** from **4-7pm** and their menu includes Ribs, Pulled Pork, and Chicken (wings and legs): menu choices include one meat with two or three sides. The sign-up and menu will be posted on a bulletin board outside the clubhouse.

ATTENTION: ALL TWERC ACTIVITY CONTACTS

TWERC needs information from current contact people: if your activity has capitol items, that were purchased with TWERC funds, you are required to have a list of those items and where they are stored[ie: Christmas decorations - blue building mezzanine]. A simple written list is all that is needed: information must be submitted to our TWERC TEAM by **JANUARY 1, 2026**.



IMPORTANT MEETINGS

Buildings & Grounds

December 3 @9:15

TWERC December 10 @9

TWBOD is December 11 @9

TWERC ELECTION - 2026

by Marcia Kiestlinger,
Election Chairperson

Hi everyone! This is a reminder that the **TWERC election** is **January 10, 2026**. You can vote from 8-9am and after coffee for an hour. Positions for this election are President, Treasurer, and one Director (2yr).

The sign-up sheet will be posted December 1, 2025 on the bulletin board outside the office. The results will be posted on the TWERC bulletin board outside the clubhouse.

Position descriptions are posted on the bulletin board outside the clubhouse. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Marcia at 603-505-6422.



ART, CRAFTS & CERAMICS!

Steph Hedrick

There are many fun things that happen in our Art Room weekly from **10am-12 on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays**.

***Watercolor Class** - Tuesdays - Tutorials with Kimberley Choma. Limited space, no sign up yet; but, if classes get too full, sign-up may be necessary. \$2 per class. **STARTS at 10am, please be there by 10 at latest.

***Crafts** - Wednesday, Dec 3, 10, & 17. Chair or Frame Painting with Steph and Pat Molt. Sign-up in Art Room: class space is limited and there is a materials fee of \$20, plus you will need to bring a chair you would like to paint. Gone for holidays? No worry, this class will repeat in January!

***Ceramics** - Thursdays - No sign-up or experience is necessary. Just bring cash for ceramics pieces, and we will show you the ropes!.

We hope you'll join us! Contact Steph with questions (307)250-7945



NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

TW Neighbors - please plan to join us to ring in the new year. We will gather on New Year's eve - **Sunday, December 31, 2025** - in the TW Community Center. The party will be held from **6:30 to 9:30pm** with music by *Fawny Frost* for our dancing and listening pleasure. Most folks enjoy sprucing up in fancy attire for the occasion.

Tickets will be sold before Saturday Morning coffee on December 13 and December 20. Each ticket is \$15 and admits one. Coordinate with the others with whom you are sharing the table and bring your food, snacks, and libations for the table.

Join us as we ring in the New Year!!! If you have any questions, please contact John & Kathy Fliess, your New Year's Eve Dance Contacts - 262 237-0215

HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE

Melissa Cherry

December 19 - Noon in the TW Clubhouse

It's the time of year for a little cheer
We will have some wine and
Hors d'oeuvres will be served
With Bourbon Slush that will make you blush
Some will bring cookies so please don't play hooky
Some will bring candy cuz they are oh so handy
Cookies, candies, sweets, and treats is what we all share cuz we will all bring some spare
Others may bring breads go right ahead
Cuz we will all trade the goodies we have made
Please come and share til the plates are bare
As the recipe may be from someone's heir

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Contact Melissa with questions 815-592-2044
Tickets will be sold at Saturday coffee the 6th and 12th of December.



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TANGERINE WOODS QUILT CLUB

Linda Carrey

The 2026 Quilt Club created a beautiful Queen-Size Raffle Quilt, **Florida Life**. Tickets will go on sale in January. Tuck aside a few dollars so you can get yours! \$1.00 per ticket or 6 for \$5.00 these will be available at Saturday Morning Coffee beginning in January and from Quilt Club members.

JUST GOOD MOVIES

Judy Goodrich and Pat Molt

Community Movie nights for December are scheduled for December 5, 12 and 19. Doors open at 6; and we will begin showing the movie promptly at 6:30pm. Bring your own snacks and drinks and a sweater or blanket - it does get chilly in the clubhouse in the evening.

- December 5: **F1 - The Movie**: Sport/Action-2 hours and 35 minutes
(there will be a short intermission)
- December 12: **About My Father**: Comedy-1 hour and 29 minutes
- December 19: **Best Christmas Pageant Ever**: Family/Comedy-1 hour 39 minutes

Information about our monthly movies will be shared on the bulletin board, during Saturday coffee announcements, here in *TOPICS*, and in Angie's Friday email updates.

WE WANT YOUR INPUT!

Do you have a feature story, article, or photo you'd like to submit? Our deadline is the **11th of December** - it's early this month: type **January TOPICS** in the subject then email your submissions to Barbara at beejcoulter@gmail.com

REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBMISSIONS

Due to limited space, if your submission is over these requirements we may have to edit them. Please follow these guidelines when submitting.

- Activities Articles**: 100 - 150 words
- Featured articles**: Maximum length 500 words/photos welcome.

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A WARM TW WELCOME TO OUR NEW RESIDENTS!

Geoffrey Metje & Diane French - 772 Tangerine Woods Blvd.

Purchased from Dale & Elaine Fillion

Karen Blixt & Mary Cummings - 809 Tangerine Woods Blvd.

Purchased from Thomas (Steve) Martin



DEEP WATER EXERCISE (DWX)

Lydia Molineaux

Deep Water Exercise will take place at 10:00am on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the TW community Pool. Contact Lydia Molineaux at (202)546-3117 for more details.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Dave Flemma

The December Pancake Breakfast will be held on **December 7, from 8 - 11am**. Tickets can be purchased at Saturday coffee or at the door - each ticket is \$8. If you are ill or housebound but still want a yummy breakfast, please contact Doreen Anderson for home delivery. Dave Flemma is the organizer for this activity, please contact him if you have questions.

We will also have pancake breakfasts monthly throughout the season. January 11, February 8, March 8, and April 5.

Remember to bring your appetite for this all you can eat breakfast cooked and served by our neighbors.

HANUKKAH, HANUKKAH COME LIGHT THE MENORAH

Bonnie & Gregg Busch

Hanukkah is Dec 14-Dec 21 (8 nights) and it begins at sunset each evening. Please join us for the lighting of the menorah commonly known as the Festival of Lights. ALL ARE Welcome!!

We will be meeting at the menorah which is placed in front of the clubhouse by the street. Participants should arrive between 5:15-5:30 for a bit of community social time, bring a chair, and your drink of choice. Each night Bonnie will read a Hanukkah story describing why we celebrate.

Hope to see you there!

FAQ:

Q: Do I have to be Jewish to attend the lighting of the candles?

A: No, just like you don't have to be Irish to attend a St. Patrick's celebration either.

Q: Is this a religious ceremony?

A: Not very. Actually, Hanukkah is mostly a celebration of a military victory. The only thing close to touching on religion is one prayer that addresses God as the King of the Universe. Most people do not have an issue with that.

Q: What happens at the "Lighting"?

A: Every day at sunset another candle is lit, followed by good company of neighbors, some bring treats to share. All are welcome and should bring your Holiday spirit!



LAZY DAZE/DAZIES

John Yannaci

Hello Friends and Neighbors - oh what a community we have chosen to live in! Each week we are seeing more people return and new people stepping up to help out. If you see the "orange shirts" out and about every Monday, PLEASE give them a shout out with your appreciation for all the hard work being done in Tangerine Woods!

Our list of projects continues to grow and our work force meets each task and challenge head on. We are all volunteers and the pride that is taken with each and every project is second to none! Thank you to all our volunteers!

Until next time stay safe and be healthy.



ST. JUDE LUNCHEON & FUNDRAISING

Our 2026 St. Jude fundraiser calendar is busy this year. The luncheon fundraiser will be on Thursday, the 22nd of January. This season we will start selling bingo cards in December and wrap up our fundraising efforts following a beautiful harp concert on Sunday the 15th of February, compliments of Judy Goodrich and friend.

Please save these dates and get those great soup recipes ready! Thanks everyone!

DOMINOES HAVE BEGUN

Dominoes have begun. Put your screens down and join us for a casual evening of laughter, chatting and dominoes. It is an easy game to learn with friendly people to teach you. We play from 6:30 to 8:30 every Tuesday in the main room of the clubhouse



Happy Birthday!!

1. Rod DeGraw and Bud Hargate
3. Glen Jette and Les Walters
5. Ilona Cutsinger and Debra Medeiros
6. Bill Frey and Nancy Rushlow Jr.
7. Karl Spandau
10. Bert Noyes
11. Bruce Tyroll and Cindy Kleinschmit
13. Bev Rayner
14. Judy Roberts
18. Donna Riley
20. Bonnie Freas, Linda Friede,
James Carrey, and Bonnie Busch
21. Don Freiburger and Christian Wiltsey
23. Roberta DeCoste
24. Greg Raleigh
25. **Happy 90th Birthday** Oscar Keuker
26. Angela Kellner, Tammy Young-Risher,
and Cathy Furimsky
27. Paul Hibbard
28. Bill Reese
29. Mary Maloney
31. Karl Mortensen and Tammy Riegsecker

Happy Anniversary!

30. Bob & Liz Summers
31. Tom and Sheri Welch

BIRTHDAY PARADES

Mark Ostrander

If you have information about an upcoming big birthday, please contact Mark Ostrander - he coordinates our birthday parades for **90+ celebrations - call him at** (517)206-7691 to make sure your loved one receives this celebration.

Remember, if you want your birthday and/or anniversary listed in **Topics**, you must contact the office to give permission for that information to be shared - please contact the office with updates or corrections too. You can stop by the TW Office and chat with Judy Hughes or email: twoffice2@gmail.com.

TW END-OF-SEASON GRATITUDE GATHERING SATURDAY DECEMBER 6 AT 2PM.

Hosted by Cathie Shaw, Barb Badowski, and Steph Hedrick
Once again, TW residents will gather to express our gratitude for a season of peaceful weather. ***This event is usually held at Indian Mound, but this time, we are meeting HERE on our own beautiful grounds.** The location is lovingly known as 'Lake 4,' which is **next to the lateral on the north side where the park bench is [park on TW Blvd]**. Grab your neighbors and circle up in golf carts, bikes, or on foot. Bring dogs on leashes, snacks, chairs. Karl Mortensen will provide tunes. please join us.

In Loving Memory

Remember, in TW, **we care.**

If a loved one, who was a current or former resident passes away, please notify Marcia Kiestlinger (603) 505-6422. TWERC will place a rose in our lobby in their memory.



Local Things to Do – December



The Old Englewood Village Association Christmas and Winter Festival on Dearborn Street. The festivities are on the 1st of December from 5 - 7 pm.



Enjoy Christmas lights at a variety of locations around Port Charlotte - Visit this [website for more details](https://christmas-events-near-me.com/port-charlotte-fl/christmas-lights/) [https://christmas-events-near-me.com/port-charlotte-fl/christmas-lights/]



Venice Community Christmas Walk - December 4: 5 - 8pm. Enjoy this holiday open house with shopping and live music: stroll the avenues, enjoy some treats, & gaze at Christmas window displays!



Christmas Carol Trolley, December 1 - 23 5:30 and 7:30. This is a 75 minute event with singing, stories, and a tour of Sarasota's lights. Meet at 1826 4th Street, Sarasota, FL - FREE parking. Tickets are \$58.99 for adults.



VETERAN REMEMBRANCES

Ted Coulter

Mike Cameron's journey began unexpectedly - he was drafted on his twenty-first birthday while taking a quarter off from college to earn his tuition, convinced he would be safe from the draft during the short break. Instead, he found himself reporting to Fort Jackson, running the infamous Tank Hill in South Carolina, and scoring well enough to be considered for stateside duty. But Mike opted for the unknown, ultimately receiving orders for Vietnam after advanced survival training in the swamps.

Landing in Tan Son Nhut Air Base, Mike was driven to Saigon and then flown 300 miles north to Da Nang. He landed at night, was given an M16 and ammo, and then loaded into a deuce and a half for a harrowing drive even further north to Bloody Beach. His introduction to the war came swiftly that night: the ground trembled as the USS New

Jersey fired its sixteen-inch guns offshore right over the base, rattling nerves and providing a stark welcome.

Initially Mike trained as a personnel specialist, he served as an infantry rifleman and was quickly promoted to NCO in charge of the reactionary squad. Patrols at night, manning observation and listening posts near villages, defending the base, saving the ammo dump, during an attack, and tragic loss during booby-trap sweeps became routine. His quick thinking saved comrades and earned him a medal, but the cost was high.

One of the most harrowing nights came with a firefight near the perimeter; Mike's squad, manning a listening post outside the fence, found themselves separated from the base by a large enemy force attacking the perimeter. To avoid outgoing fire, they hugged the ground and remained undetected as the Viet Cong force retreated directly over their position.

When his squad disbanded, Mike joined Huey Pilot Captain Craw as a door gunner, high-risk duty that delivered both camaraderie and loss. Missions included flying over the North Vietnam border and surviving multiple helicopter hits while checking out a firefight. Mike narrowly escaped death multiple times, both in the air and on the ground. Mike's bravery extended beyond combat. He received the Soldier's Medal for saving a drowning fellow soldier and was recognized in Saigon.

Amid the hardship, one memory stands out in startling contrast: Bob Hope's Christmas visit to Freedom Hill, Da Nang, in 1969. Hope's arrival brought a rare taste of home to the only Army unit in the area, they were joined by Marines and Green Berets, with dancers, comedians, and NFL celebrities performing. The show was a nerve-wracking treat, as helicopter gunships circled for protection against mortars and rockets. For Mike, it was as much an act of courage as any on the battlefield. He never forgot Hope's generosity and humor, a beacon for soldiers far from home - a hero in his own right.

Throughout his service, Mike witnessed the unwavering dedication of military nurses. Working under constant threat and caring for critically wounded young men, these women showed uncommon courage and compassion and never received the recognition they deserved.

Mike Cameron's experiences in Vietnam highlight the resilience, sacrifice, and humanity that defined his generation - facing fear, loss, and uncertainty with courage and heart.

Do you have a story or memory from your time in the military? Please contact Ted [you can email him coultert@mac.com or call 740-804-6794] to turn that memory into a story for **Topics**.



Mike Cameron in a UH1H - Huey helicopter circa 1970.





ADOPT-A-FAMILY

Robin Mikota

The Adopt a Family charity has been a part of the Tangerine Woods community for more than twenty years. We work in coordination with the Sarasota Sheriffs Department to purchase new clothing and school supplies for our Englewood children in need. Our contributions have grown every year with donations of all sizes. Please find your holiday spirit and give to this worthy cause. Cash or check (made out to TWERC) will be accepted by:

Robin Mikota (815) 922-3389 | 813 Newbury Ct.

Barb Badowski (585) 314-3467 | 806 Manchester Ct.

Jane Warburton (941) 681-2609 | 782 Heathercreek Ct.

We are looking for volunteers to shop and wrap. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board at the clubhouse. Both our shopping and wrapping days begin at 8:30am.

SHOPPING: Tuesday, December 16: we will meet in the clubhouse parking lot [no later than 8:30] and carpool to the Venice Target.

WRAPPING: Wednesday, December 17: gather in the clubhouse. Please bring your own scissors and tape - wrapping paper will be provided.

PASTA DINNER

Mike & Charlene Gineo
Ralph & Carrie Autuore



Where can you go for a delicious pasta dinner? Right here in the TW clubhouse. Mark your calendar for **Saturday the 7th of February**: dinner begins at 5:30. The menu is the following: Pasta, Sauce, Meatballs, Sausage, Bread, Salad, Dessert (made by residents of TW) and ice tea/lemonade. There will also be 50/50! Remember, all the donations go to the American Cancer Society!

FROM OUR NURSES

Patti Becherer

We are fortunate to have an active group of nurses that coordinate great programs for our residents. Blood Drives, Immunization Clinics, and Blood Pressure checks are among a few of the opportunities they offer. Our next community Blood Pressure check will be held before coffee, in the card room, on Saturday, December 13.

Also, we'd like to invite any new residents who are retired, former, or active nurses to join our Nurses Group. The next meeting is the 14th of January. If you have any questions, please contact Patti Becherer at 330-936-4296.

VETERANS DAY LUNCHEON FOLLOW-UP

Robin Mikota



TW, once again you've proven why this community is such a great place to live and play. I'm sending a heartfelt thank-you to all who showed up to show their respect and gratitude to the men and women of TW who served our great country.

I am deeply grateful to my committee and to all who volunteered their time and help! You each went above and beyond to put this beautiful tribute together to honor our veterans. I cannot name all of you, but I hope that you know that your efforts were not only appreciated by me, but the entire community.

The Army, Navy, Marines, and Air Force were represented by 35 men and women. A total of 156 people attended the luncheon/program on the 11th of November. It was a beautiful ceremony and community gathering.



TICKETS ARE \$5 FOR RESIDENTS AND \$10 FOR GUESTS: THEY WILL BE SOLD AT COFFEE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 & 13

LINE DANCING

Kathy Fliess

Classes will be held on Tuesdays from 1:00 P.M. To 3:00 P.M. We will begin on Tuesday, the 6th of January. No experience is necessary. Put on your dancing shoes & come enjoy our dancing together!

If you have questions, please contact Kathy Fliess (262) 237-0215.



TIKI FRIDAY

Char Gineo

Are you ready to party on a Friday? Then mark your calendar for **Friday, January 16**, 2:00-6:00 by the pool and lanai! You can relax, eat good food, dance to our great TW Sunshine Band and socialize with your neighbors! Our menu pricing will be announced in the January **Topics**. Don't forget to bring extra money for 50/50 and also BYOB!

BOCCE

Pam Muzzey

The deadline to sign up for 2026 Bocce is nearing. Bocce schedules will be completed after December 16, 2025: that is the last day to submit your name/team for the 2026 season. If you want to sign up please send your name and day you prefer to Pam Muzzey at pjmuzzey@gmail.com. Schedules will be available before the holidays.

Our bocce season will begin in January - for Tuesday players the 6th, for Wednesdays the 7th, for Thursdays the 8th, and for Fridays the 9th. We will play for ten weeks followed by our Championship series. Make sure to complete the score sheet after each game and place it in the wall container in the equipment room. Looking forward to a great season of play.

TENNIS

Barb Weatherhead

Tennis season will be in full swing in January, with Women's, Men's, and Mixed matches starting at the beginning of the month. We are always looking for players and are happy to be welcoming some new players already this season. If you have any interest in joining our group, please contact the following:

Women- Carmen Lowden 317-331-7778

Men - Andy Weatherhead 616-292-7514

Mixed - Barb Weatherhead 616-308-0440

Tennis is one of the best sports for senior health! Once you start, you will love it!

PICKLEBALL - IT'S TIME TO HIT THE COURTS AGAIN!

Dan Kiestlinger, PB Chair

The "ponging sounds" of pickleball are back in the hallowed grounds of Tangerine Woods. The courts are filling up with players who haven't lost a step, as well as others looking to remove the rust of limited play during the summer. Whether you are a new resident or have been living here for quite some time, Pickleball may be the activity you have been looking forward to trying, so come on over to the courts during our scheduled time and give it a go. We play Sunday, Monday, Wednesday and Friday throughout the season, usually 8:00-11:00am, unless there is a scheduled league Tennis match.

If you are new to the game, there are always players willing to help you learn the game. We have spare paddles; all you need are court sneakers and a positive attitude. Be prepared to get your daily exercise, while having plenty of FUN and meeting your fellow residents. It is advisable to check the courtside Bulletin Board for updated information during the week or to sign up for extra play time any afternoon. Join our TW Pickleball Facebook group for more information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Dan Kiestlinger at (603)505-5441. See you on the courts - Happy Pickling!!

CORNHOLE

Sherry Doerr

Sorry to say, still greeting y'all from Michigan, fellow Cornholers! Please be reminded again that Cornhole leagues will start the first week of January 2026! In the meantime, the Cornhole equipment is ready in the Cornhole area in the clubhouse lanai and you are welcome to sharpen your skills before the season begins. Steve and I will do permanent taping in late November. In December, expect to receive a call confirming your league play day. Last, but not least, save Saturday, January 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the clubhouse for our Cornhole Meet and Greet and schedule pickup. I promise it will be less chaotic this year! Sherry's phone number is (231) 645-0000 if you need any additional information.

HORSESHOES

John O'Neill

The 2026 TW Horseshoe season will start in early January and continue into March: matches are played on Mondays. The League is a two-person team created by a points-based rating system: men and women of all skill levels are welcome. All TW residents and renters are invited to join. If you are not able to commit to every Monday but enjoy playing, we do need substitutes. Sign up sheets are posted in the Clubhouse Game Room or you can contact John O'Neil at 774-266-3725, Barry Gottshall, or Kevin Parker to sign up.

WOODCARVING

Don Goodrich

Come join us at Woodcarving on Wednesdays from 1-3 pm starting January 7, 2026. We have all the materials you will need to get started. Call Don Goodrich at 231-620-2033 with any questions.



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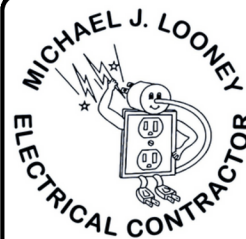
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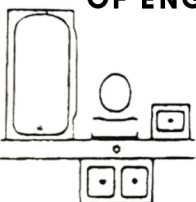


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5. The more, the _____
7. Cold enough to freeze the tail off a _____
9. Like turkeys voting for _____
11. All the _____ of the season
12. As snug as a bug in a _____
14. Good things come in small _____
16. Like a kid in a _____ store
17. Wrapped up like a _____
18. Bah, _____!

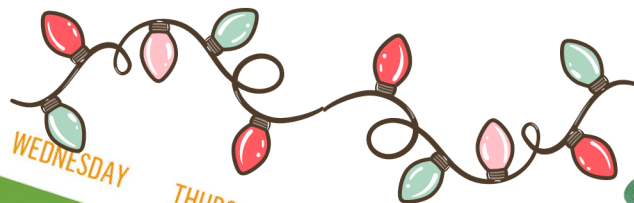
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1. Lit up like a Christmas _____
3. Don't look a gift _____ in the mouth
4. Feeling in the holiday _____
6. As busy as Santa's _____
8. Christmas came _____ this year
10. Don't get your tinsel in a _____
13. The proof is in the _____
15. Don't be a _____





December Kindness 2025



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Spread kindness and share the December calendar with others	2 Contact someone you can't be with to see how they are	3 Offer to help someone who is facing difficulties at the moment	4 Support a charity, cause or campaign you really care about	5 Give a gift to someone who is homeless or feeling lonely	6 Leave a positive message for someone else to find	7 Give kind comments to as many people as possible today
8 Do something helpful for a friend or family member	9 Notice when you're hard on yourself or others and be kind instead	10 Listen wholeheartedly to others without judging them	11 Buy an extra item and donate it to a local food bank	12 Be generous. Feed someone with food, love or kindness today	13 See how many different people you can smile at today	14 Share a happy memory or inspiring thought with a loved one
15 Say hello to your neighbour and brighten up their day	16 Look for something positive to say to everyone you speak to	17 Give thanks. List the kind things others have done for you	18 Ask for help and let someone else discover the joy of giving	19 Contact someone who may be alone or feeling isolated	20 Help others by giving away something that you don't need	21 Appreciate kindness and thank people who do things for you
22 Congratulate someone for an achievement that may go unnoticed	23 Choose to give or receive the gift of forgiveness	24 Bring joy to others. Share something which made you laugh	25 Treat everyone with kindness today, including yourself!	26 Get outside. Pick up litter or do something kind for nature	27 Call a relative who is far away to say hello and have a chat	28 Be kind to the planet. Eat less meat and use less energy
29 Turn off digital devices and really listen to people	30 Let someone know how much you appreciate them and why	31 Plan some new acts of kindness to do in 2026				



Acts of Kindness this December

You can use a notepad or even colored post-its for your doodles. The goal, quite simply, is to get drawing every day for a short amount of time. Have fun with this one!

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30 	1 Send a postcard to someone you haven't talked to in a while.	2 Donate 5 items you don't need.	3 Share some cookies with a neighbor or friend.	4 Surprise your partner or a family member with a small gift.	5 Send an inspiring message to a friend.	6 Offer to run an errand for a family member or close friend.
7 Volunteer for a couple of hours.	8 Donate some books.	9 Check in on friends you haven't talked to in a while.	10 Share a good recipe with a friend who loves cooking.	11 Write a thank-you email to someone who had a positive impact on your life.	12 Get coffee for a friend, co-worker, or someone in line behind you.	13 Help a family member decorate their house for the holidays.
14 Be kind to yourself and do at least one self-care activity today.	15 Send an encouraging message to a friend or family member.	16 Leave some treats for the delivery drivers.	17 Let someone go ahead of you in the line.	18 Take a friend out for coffee to catch up.	19 Bring snacks to work or any gathering you have today.	20 Treat yourself to a small gift today.
21 Donate any warm coats and blankets you don't need.	22 Give a sincere compliment to someone you're close to.	23 Help someone out with a project they have.	24 Be kind to yourself and do one relaxing activity today.	25 Take a family/friend photo and frame it later as gifts to people in the photo.	26 Cook brunch or treat someone to brunch today.	27 Share an inspirational quote or message with friends and family.
28 Tell someone how much you appreciate them.	29 Help a family member or someone close to you with chores.	30 Keep a positive attitude and only share positive things.	31 Be kind to yourself and celebrate going into 2026 the way you want to.			

December Doodle Challenge

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30 	1 Snowflake	2 Festive bow	3 Candy canes	4 Polar bear	5 Snowman	6 Penguin
7 Angel	8 Reindeer	9 Sled	10 Slice of cake	11 Garland	12 Fir cone	13 Wool socks
14 Yule log	15 Snow globe	16 Candles	17 Cup of hot cocoa	18 Gingerbread man	19 Christmas ornaments	20 Snow-covered house
21 Wrapped gifts	22 Star	23 Christmas wreath	24 Christmas stocking	25 Christmas tree	26 Bells	27 Icicles
28 Holly leaves and berries	29 Mistletoe	30 Confetti	31 Fireworks			

