



# WEST MARION Messenger

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## Stone Creek helps out



Residents of the Evangeline Booth Apartments look over some of their gifts.

## Garden Club elves pay a visit to Salvation Army apartments

BY PATRICIA GIZZI  
 Special to the Messenger

Recently, some of the Garden Club elves from Stone Creek involved in the "Be a Santa to a Senior Program" visited the Evangeline Booth Garden Apartments for their holiday celebration and to help give out the gifts that were collected by the residents of Stone Creek to the residents of Evangeline Booth. These apartments are run by the Salvation Army.

The "Be a Santa to Senior" program is spearheaded by Home Instead Senior Care. The Home Instead Senior Care network is locally owned and operated by Jim Samuelson and the

Stone Creek Garden has joined them for the fifth year to make this program a success.

Residents were awaiting the celebration. Linda Cooper, Rita Levy and Patricia Gizzi were on hand to help serve food to the residents and then give out the gifts. There was great joy as most residents opened their gifts. Some wanted to wait until Christmas to open theirs. All the gifts were beautifully wrapped. Many residents said they had been given more than they asked for. One lady who was a resident for only a week did not expect anything but was so happy to receive a blanket and gift card. Another gentle-

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Linda Cooper, Rita Levy of Stone Creek and Jim Samuelson of Home Instead.



## Stadium decision delayed

BY JIM CLARK  
 Editor

Marion County commissioners Tuesday delayed a decision concerning the proposed baseball stadium for a New York Yankees Minor League team.

Chairman Carl Zalak told the audience that he was discussing options with the city of Ocala and the Chamber and Economic Partnership, trying to find a solution that would eliminate the need for the proposed one-half percent sales tax. He asked for, and received, permission from other commissioners to continue the public hearing on the sales tax ordinances until the next regular meeting three weeks from then on Jan. 7.

If the commissioners still decide to have an election, it would probably be held in early April. Supervisor of Elections Wes Wilcox had said at a previous meeting that if the proposed March 18 date were to be met, he would have to have had a definitive answer Dec. 17, 91 days before the election.

Still being considered, now in January, are two ordinances, one for a regular vote and the other for a mail-in ballot.

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## West Port production earns state thespian honor

West Port High School's production of The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams was invited to perform at the 2014 Florida State Thespian Festival in March.

"Each year over 40 schools enter the mainstage competition and adjudicators select six or seven shows to be produced at the Straz Performing Arts Center in Tampa," explained the troupe's director, Janet Shelley. "To be chosen is indeed an honor. I am very proud of my students for this capstone achievement." The Florida State Thespian Festival, attended by over 7,000 students and teachers

from the state's 15 districts, is the largest high school theatre festival in the world.

In addition to the troupe's mainstage, their one-act play, For Whom the Southern Belle Toll, by Christopher Durang, was also selected to perform. "The irony is that this play is a parody of The Glass Menagerie," said Shelley. "One of the adjudicators commented that it was obvious that we knew the material very well, based on the success of our spoof."

West Port students will also represent Marion County at the festival's opening ceremonies in both

performance and technical events. West Port received nine "Critic's Choice" commendations at the District XII Thespian Festival held Dec. 6 and 7 at the College of Central Florida. Shelley explained that the judges in each event select one performance or technical theatre event from each category, such as monologues, duet and ensemble acting, pantomime, solo, duet, and musical theatre, costume, scenic, and publicity design, playwriting, and student directed scenes. "Savannah Hirst's solo musical performance from Candide and Reem Okab's publicity design for Chekhov's The Cherry Orchard were selected as 'Best of the Best' out of all the performance and technical Critic's Choice events. We had 65 students participate at the district festival in 34 events, resulting in 21 superior, 11 excellent, and 2 good ratings. My students have worked extremely hard this semester and I am so happy that their efforts were rewarded."

## Habitat looking for local volunteers

Habitat for Humanity of Marion County is looking for volunteers to help in construction, fundraising, our ReStore, and for our upcoming Strawberry and Craft Festival.

This is a great opportunity to start the year off by helping families in need in our community. If

you are in need of community service hours or have a heart for families, Habitat is the place to be!

To find out about volunteering with Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, Inc. please call Britney Fish, volunteer coordinator, at 352-351-4663.



Fairfield hostesses

Rachel Muse, right, Community Manager, and her assistant, Lisha Burry, left, were the delightful hostesses for the fantastic Christmas Dinner Dance sponsored by ALL on Dec. 13 in the Fairfield Village Clubhouse. See column on Page 6.

# If you like your snow, you can keep your snow. Please!

Memory is a very wonderful thing, at times. It seems the older I get the more I remember things that never happened. I do not know how that takes place, but I guess it is just old age creeping up on me. With me, old age has ceased creeping and has started a fast sprint to some finish line. I just wish it would slow down just a wee bit.

Christmas, however, is the time to indulge ourselves in memories. Some people can go back in time and remember things when they were 2 or 3 years old. Me, I cannot remember what I had for breakfast this morning. I have a strong suspicion that those remembering things back that far are remembering things that really did not take place but who in the world is going to prove them wrong.

To me, one of the delightful things about Christmas is getting to see family and friends that you have not seen all year long. I remember those old-fashioned family reunions we used to have when all of our relatives would get together. It was at those reunions that I remembered why I did not see my relatives the rest of the year. Once a year was quite enough, thank you.

If insanity is hereditary, I am in deep trouble. I am only thankful my wife did not meet my relatives prior to our wedding. Of course, after I met her relatives I began realizing that after all, families are relative, and some more relative than others.



**Out to Pastor**  
*Dr. James Snyder*

I was thinking about some Christmases in the past and the good times we had. I remembered our first Christmas as a married couple. That was probably the cheapest Christmas we ever had. Then I got to thinking about the Christmases as the kids began dropping into our family and taking up permanent residence. When the kids arrived, it changed Christmas forever and not just the cost.

This week I got a couple Christmas cards from some relatives who live up north. All of them had pictures of snow.

Watching the weather reports this week I knew many of them were having snowstorms and I chuckled to myself thinking about it. In one Christmas card, was the familiar title, "I'm dreaming of a white Christmas." Then at the bottom of the card, they scribbled, "Don't you miss all the snow this time of the year?" Then they drew a series of smiley faces.

I smiled and for a few moments, one brief moment, I did miss all that snow.

The Gracious Mistress of the Parson-

age saw me smiling and asked, "Who sent the Christmas cards?"

I told her who the cards were from and added, "They think we miss all that snow." We then shared a hearty laugh together and went about our own business.

I just could not get it out of my mind. Did I miss all that snow? What a question.

I put my thinking machine in gear and began processing the Christmases we celebrated up north where there was plenty of snow. As I begin thinking, I did begin missing all that snow.

Then it dawned on me what snow was all about.

At times, we forget some details of our memories and only think of the positive and good aspects. Do not get me wrong. Snow looks wonderful on a Christmas card. I do not mind watching a TV program where plenty of snow is falling and people are singing Christmas carols. I rather enjoy it in those venues.

The question is, did I miss all that snow?

My answer goes something like this. Yes, I do miss all that snow! Furthermore, I plan to miss all that snow for the rest of my life.

The basic reason I moved to Florida when I did was that I do not like snow. I like looking at snow on a Christmas card but I do not like looking at snow through my car window.

It is not so much that I do not like driving in snow; it is the other idiots

coming at me who do not know how to drive in snow and do not know how to stay in their own lane.

I remember the last time I did any driving in snow I ended up almost a complete nervous wreck. People drive in snow as though they do not know how to drive in snow.

Yes, I do miss the snow, and the cold and being snowed in, did I mention the cold. I do miss all that and I plan to miss it the rest of my life. Period. Some things you can live without and as far as I am concerned this is one.

To all those who love snow and cannot get enough of it, please enjoy it this year for me because I do not plan to.

Only one Bible characters seemed to enjoy snow. God said to Job, "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? Or hast thou seen the treasures of the hail?" (Job 38:22).

When God was trying to get Job to see is that no matter what your circumstances are, that is not the end. Look beyond your problems and difficulties and see the hand of God who created all things and then called them "good." In every circumstance you will find some treasure of God's amazing grace.

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## Religion

### Berean Baptist Church

Dec. 24 - 6 p.m. - Christmas Eve Candlelight Service w/communion.

The church is at 4800 SW 20th St., Ocala. Phone is 352-237-5611.

### Southwest Christian Church

Tuesday, Dec. 24: Special Christmas Eve candlelight service celebrating the birth of Christ beginning at 6

p.m. Please join us for this special time of remembering the true meaning of Christmas.

Wednesday, Dec. 25: On this special holiday the Christian world celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. In the midst of all the excitement and busyness at this time of year, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas. The baby Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, grew up in Nazareth raised by His mother, the virgin Mary and his father, Joseph the carpenter. But in His short life of 33 years, He changed the entire world for all of history by showing us the way back to God. May we remember always the life He lived, how He loved and served others, and likewise let us remember that He calls us to live our lives in a like manner. And through His willingness to suffer crucifixion on a cross for our sins, we have the hope of spending eternity with Him in Heaven when we leave this life.

Southwest Christian Church, 9045 SW 60th Ave. (south off State Road 200), Ocala, phone 352-861-9080, <http://www.swccocala.com>.

### Friendship Baptist Church

December 24 we will have our Annual Candlelight Service beginning at 6 p.m. Please join us. All are welcome to attend.

Friendship Baptist Church is at 9510 SW 105th St., off of Highway 200. The church phone is 352-237-2640 or you can find us on the web: [www.friendshipbaptistocala.org](http://www.friendshipbaptistocala.org).

### College Park Church

College Park Church, 3140 SW 26th St., across from CF Police Academy, will hold its annual Christmas Eve Candles and Carols Service at 6 p.m. There will be a cookies, coffee and punch reception following the service on Dec. 24. For information, call 352-237-2247

### First Congregational

Our Christmas Eve candlelight service will begin at 6:30 p.m., and will include a variety of Christmas carols sung by the choir and congregation, with featured performances on guitar and hand bells.

First Congregational United Church of Christ is at 7171 SW State Road 200. Sunday worship service begins at 10:30 a.m.

Christ Church of Marion County  
Tuesday, Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service, 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Thursday, Dec. 26: Praise & Prayer Group, 9 a.m.

Friday, Dec. 27: 'Sharing Hope Soup Kitchen', 11:30 a.m.

Christ's Church of Marion County, 6768 SW 80th St. (off State Road 200), Ocala, 352-861-6182 or <http://www.ccomc.org>.

### Countryside Presbyterian

Countryside Presbyterian Church, 7768 SW Highway 200, Ocala will celebrate

Christmas Eve on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 5 p.m. with the traditional service

of nine lessons and carols. This was first performed in 1918 at Kings College Cambridge, England, and is now performed in churches all around the world.

The Rev. Gary O. Marshall will officiate and the Chancel Choir and members of the Hand Bell Choir will perform. The congregation will join in for the traditional carol singing.

The public is invited to join us for this beautiful Christmas candlelight service.

For further information, please call the church office at 352-237-4633.

### Joy Lutheran Church

The Advent season will culminate on Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24. Joy Lutheran Church will celebrate with two candlelight services, 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. Pastor Holloway's message will be "Unto Us a Child is Born" at the 7 p.m. service. His message at the 10 p.m. service will be an awesome surprise. The Joy vocal and bell choirs will provide music at the 7 p.m.

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**Quail Meadow**  
Carolyn Slocumb

## Lunch at Blanca's

Twenty-nine ladies of Quail Meadow enjoyed a delightful luncheon at Blanca's last week. This was our Christmas/Holiday gathering. A last minute change of location from the Olive Garden to Blanca's was necessary because of overcrowding at the Olive Garden. The gift exchange added to the festivities. We had five "first-time" attendees: Joyce Huey, Fran Lynch, Linda Linsky, Sue Hennigan, and Dolores Reinbold. They each received a "Princess" crown and scepter. The January luncheon is scheduled for Friday, Jan. 10 at the Olive Garden. Please call Maryanne Ellner for reservations. We wish to thank Maryanne Ellner and Dottie Heffernon for volunteering to head up the luncheon arrangements for next year.

**REMINDER:** Mark your calendars for the big mortgage burning party to be held on Saturday, Jan. 11. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. Tickets for the dinner are available from Charlotte Payne and Carol Sjogren. There will be more about this next week.

Today is Christmas. I hope each of you have a wonderful day; let's not forget the true meaning of this very special day - the birth of Jesus. Don't you love hearing all the Christmas carols and other festive songs of the season? Certain songs bring back memories of past holidays. Probably one of the most popular carols of Christmas is Silent Night. The first time this carol was performed was on Dec. 24, 1818, in the Church of St. Nicholas in Obendorf, Austria. The lyrics were written in German by the Austrian priest, Father



From the left, Sue Hennigan, Fran Lynch, Linda Linsky, Joyce Huey and Dolores Reinbold.

Josef Mohr, and the melody composed by his friend, Franz Gruber. The words were translated into English in 1863 by John Freeman Young. The lyrics by Mohr were written in 1816, but only put to music by Gruber on Christmas Eve 1818. According to some historians the church organ wasn't working on that Christmas Eve, so Mohr and Gruber worked together to create a song that could be accompanied by Father Mohr on his guitar. Another popular story relating to the finding of this beautiful carol is that an organ repairman found the manuscript in 1825 and revived it. However, Franz Gruber published various arrangements of it throughout his lifetime. The Mohr arrangement from the 1820's era is kept at the Carolino Augusteum Museum in Salzburg, Austria. An interesting note: Silent Night was sung simultaneously in English and German by the troops during the Christmas truce of 1914, as it was one of the few carols the soldiers on both sides of the front lines knew. It is believed that this carol has now been translated in over 300 languages around the world.

Another very popular song of Christmas is White Christmas written by Irving Berlin. This song was written in 1940 while Berlin was sitting by the pool at

the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa in Phoenix, Arizona. The original verse was written poking fun at the wealthy people from Los Angeles longing to be back "up North". Berlin dropped his original words and the version we now have is about dreaming of a white Christmas. The song was introduced in 1942 in the film, "Holiday Inn" starring Bing Crosby and Fred Astaire. Of course, usually when we think of this song, we immediately hear Bing Crosby singing it. The Bing Crosby single recording of this song is recognized as the best-selling single in any music category. Millions of copies have been sold. In 2002, the original 1942 version of White Christmas was chosen by the Library of Congress to be added to the National Recording Registry.

Merry Christmas!

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City Manager Matt Brower said after the meeting that he had spoken with Frank Bruno of the Yankees who said that a short delay was acceptable.

In a related issue, the commissioners scheduled a public hearing, also for Jan. 7, on an amendment to a county alcohol sales ordinance which would allow drinks to be sold at the stadium. David Moore was the lone dissenter in the 4-1 vote.

The public hearings on Jan. 7 will be at 10 a.m.

Even with Zalak's statement that he was working on an agreement and hoped to avoid a sales tax, several members of the public spoke during the hearing. A few were in favor of the project, but many were against it.

Some of the comments against the project included a man who said "the project looks like crony capitalism." Others had the theme, "Let the Yankees pay for it."

A Tea Party official said the local group had voted "no" to the project. He said that he was concerned that "the buck not be passed to" the voters.

Another man told the commissioners, "You're here to govern." He said he didn't like the way it happened, with the city working on the project for two years before demanding a vote on short notice.

Butch Verrando, a former County Commission candidate, said the project "should not be a government participation enterprise" and criticized government and business cooperation.

Others said they approved the stadium, but not at public expense. Another suggested putting it downtown.

And near the end, one woman evoked laughter from the audience when she seriously said the new stadium would add nothing to the community "except enjoyment."

In the end the decision was made to allow Zalak more time to negotiate, and the hearing will continue on Jan. 7, along with the alcohol sales, a change in ordinance that will not be needed if the stadium fails.

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# Opinion

## Our Message

### Yes, Virginia

This letter was received in 1897 by a newspaper editor. His response has become a lasting classic, and each Christmas we are proud to reprint it.

"DEAR EDITOR: I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus.

"Papa says, 'If you see it in THE SUN it's so.'

"Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

"VIRGINIA O'HANLON.  
"115 WEST NINETY-FIFTH STREET"

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

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## WEST MARION Messenger

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### We added four legs and fur for Christmas

For Christmas this year, our household grew by one. No, not that way. This one has soft fur and four legs, and is gray and white.

His name is Snuggles, the name given to him by the rescue personnel.

When our cat of 13 years, Mitch, died a little over three years ago, we decided, actually I decided, that we shouldn't try to break in a new kitten while both of us were away working so much.

But now that I'm home a lot more, I said OK, and gave my wife the Christmas present of Snuggles.

It had been a long time since we had a four-legged furry friend that was this young and curious. As I write this on Friday morning, he's been here less than 12 hours, and he's explored almost everything.

Of particular interest are the low-hanging ornaments on the Christmas tree. They hang there and sway as you walk by, and of course that brings up a playful paw. Fortunately, they're plastic, so he's not going to hurt himself.

But the real story here is how Snuggles came to be available.

A woman waiting for the traffic light at Pine Run and State Road 200 spotted three cats, one under a car in front of her. She got out of her car and told the driver in front not to move, and eventually got two of the kittens into her possession. The third, Snuggles, got away.

Within a couple of days he was found in Pine Run, and the trio of brothers was reunited at a home in Northwest Marion County which serves as a shelter.

It amazes me, with all the loving people around, how anyone could just abandon three kittens near a busy highway. Of course, we don't know if there were only three, but they're the only



### Among Friends

Jim Clark

ones that were found.

They were in pretty good physical shape, and obviously had been nursed by mama and taken care of, but then they were let loose.

With all the help available, it's a little cruel to just drop them off somewhere and feel that someone will take care of them...or worse.

One of the three was adopted right away, we took Snuggles as the second one. That left the third one, Simba, another little lively kitten.

As of this writing, Simba is still available, so if you're interested, call Arlene at Sheltering Hands at 875-9761. There is a \$50 adoption fee and you will have some paperwork to fill out, but the kitten is neutered, has his shots and is litter trained.

You also get a little carrier to take him home in.

If you can't help out, at least let your friends and neighbors know that there is a way to get rid of unwanted animals that is humane. Don't just drop them off on the highway.

They may not be as lucky as Snuggles and his two brothers, who were saved by a caring lady at Pine Run.

Jim Clark is the editor of the West Marion Messenger and South Marion Citizen.

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Send letters to: The West Marion Messenger Editor; 8810 S.W. State Road 200, suite 103, Ocala, FL 34481; or e-mail editor@westmarionmessenger.com.

## Your Letters

### Parade on TV

After reading your editorials in this week's South Marion Citizen and West Marion Messenger, I wanted to enlighten you regarding the TV broadcast of this year's Ocala/Marion County Christmas Parade. My department, Television Media Productions, provides the television coverage of the parade compliments of a private donor who pays staff overtime (since the district no longer pays overtime). This is my 13th year with the parade. We broadcast live on the Marion Education Channel after hours of discussion, testing, rehearsals, and equipment set-up the day of the parade. This year was certainly a challenge.

We are able to go "live" thanks to a microwave dish attached to the top of a 30-foot-tall aluminum mast extending from the top of our production truck into the sky. Throughout Saturday afternoon, despite downpours, heavy mists, and lighter rains, we pulled cables, set-up camera platforms, even made alternate arrangements to protect our \$25,000 broadcast-quality cameras from Mother Nature. When I saw lightning just before 5PM, I called off the "live" coverage immediately...any metal rod sticking into the air in Florida is considered a lightning rod...and I've read numerous stories of live TV news crews being electrocuted from lightning strikes. Obviously, the danger was great so I "pulled the plug" on live coverage without hesitation. After this, we decided to continue with "live-to-tape" so we could rebroadcast the parade. At 5:10PM (20 minutes before the parade started), the rain was simply too much for our equipment. I called off coverage completely for the sake of our broadcast equipment. We were all disappointed. We look forward to broadcasting the parade each year; it's a huge undertaking but one we prepare for and deliver with lots of excitement. Obviously, this year, that excitement was washed away by the rain.

I hope this information provides insight for you and your readers as to why this year's parade was not televised. The risks to staff and equipment were simply too great.

May you have a Merry Christmas, Happy Holiday Season, and a Safe & Joyous New Year!

Kevin Christian  
Marion County Schools

### JFK letter

That letter in your last edition about John F. Kennedy was terrific.

The writer mentioned the first JFK-Nixon debate, where Nixon looked tired and disheveled. There were polls taken after that debate. All of them showed that those who watched it on TV said JFK won. But those who listened to it on the radio gave Nixon the win.

So, besides being a moral eunuch, JFK was mostly style (i.e., charisma) but little substance.

Alan Shumard  
Oak Run

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classifieds



**ARIES (March 21 to April 19)** You might be busier than you had expected right now. But between the socializing rounds and the workplace tasks, there are opportunities for moments with that certain someone.

**TAURUS (April 20 to May 20)** Your creative approach leads to a quicker-than-expected solution to a workplace problem. Now you can devote more time to that proposal you hope to introduce by mid-month.

**GEMINI (May 21 to June 20)** Technological glitches create problems early on. But by midweek, all runs smoothly once again, and you're well and truly on your way to meeting all your deadlines.

**CANCER (June 21 to July 22)** Your energy levels are high, and you feel you can handle everything that comes along. But try to take a break from your hectic pace for some quiet time with someone close to you.

**LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22)** Before you pounce on that shiny new opportunity, take more time to check it out to see how much substance actually lies beneath all that glitter. A family member has important news.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)** A personal situation you thought was resolved resurfaces, thanks to a possibly well-intentioned move that went awry. Deal with it as soon as possible. Accept the help of a trusted friend.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)** That goal you set way back when is finally in sight. Maintain your focus on achieving it, and don't allow yourself to be distracted by unimportant demands for your attention.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)** A temperamental flare-up creates negative feelings that need to be dealt with immediately. But things once again go well after the apologies are made and hurt feelings are soothed.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)** An early impulsive act causes confusion. But all is smoothed over once explanations are made. Expect a friend or family member to ask for your kind and always wise advice.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)** You might have to do some juggling of your priorities, as a personal matter appears to require more time and attention. Put your pride aside and accept help from those who offer it.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)** Your creative aspect is strong. Not only does it help you accomplish your goals, but it inspires others. This could lead to a rewarding collaboration opportunity.

**PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20)** Be careful about making major decisions when you're not really committed to them. And resist any pressure to do otherwise.

# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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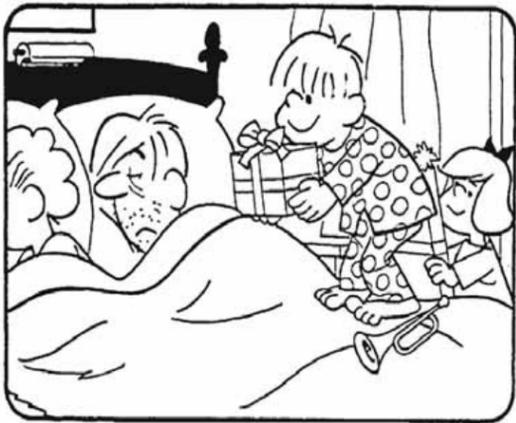
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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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## HOCUS-FOCUS BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



CAN YOU TRUST YOUR EYES? There are at least six differences in drawing details between top and bottom panels. How quickly can you find them? Check answers with those below.  
Differences: 1. Bed lamp is missing. 2. Bedpost is missing. 3. Bow is moved. 4. Sleeve is shorter. 5. Bugle is missing. 6. Hair is different.

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HERE IS A PLEASANT LITTLE GAME that will give you a message every day. It's a numerical puzzle designed to spell out your fortune. Count the letters in your first name. If the number of letters is 6 or more, subtract 4. If the number is less than 6, add 3. The result is your key number. Start at the upper left-hand corner and check one of your key numbers, left to right. Then read the message the letters under the checked figures give you.

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# Super Crossword

NOW ZEE HERE

- ACROSS**
- 1 Place
  - 7 Installs in advance, as software
  - 15 Using ink, as a signature
  - 20 Really stuck
  - 21 Its capital is Bogotá
  - 22 Dewy-eyed
  - 23 Plate a World War II battleship with a certain metal?
  - 25 Iron emission
  - 26 Downed
  - 27 Sea dogs
  - 28 Biology subj.
  - 29 Actor Guy
  - 30 Fuzzy image
  - 31 Woman on "Friends" being fervent?
  - 34 Long guns
  - 37 Grassy turf
  - 38 "— that time"
  - 39 "Boy oh boy!"
  - 40 Disquietude
  - 41 Commercial forest area
  - 46 "The Grapes of Wrath" migrants
  - 48 African warrior answering to a captain?
  - 50 "Put — Happy Face"
  - 51 Summer, in Montréal
  - 52 NYPD rank
  - 53 Advanced study group
  - 55 Gibson and Brooks
  - 59 "My life — open book"
  - 62 Chew the —
  - 64 Notes after dos
  - 65 Dye anew
  - 67 Put lollipops in the microwave?
  - 70 Greek god who's a physician?
  - 72 Walking so as not to make a peep
  - 73 Hither and —
  - 75 Cambodian leader Lon —
  - 76 Safecracker
  - 77 Critic Shalit
  - 78 Baltimore ball team
  - 81 Massage response
  - 83 Investment option, for short
  - 85 Investment options, for short
  - 87 Pigskin-passing actor Efron?
  - 91 Juice, as a goose
  - 94 Units of GIs
  - 95 Glowing with light
  - 96 Corp. name ender, often
  - 97 Enthusiast
  - 99 Sushi eggs
  - 100 Huge meals
  - 101 Place where injured animals are brought to recuperate?
  - 107 Pre-'91 world power
  - 108 Garments
  - 109 Hit tune by the Kinks
  - 110 Having a tiff
  - 111 Flip — coin
  - 114 Basel's river
  - 115 Witty remark belted out without instrumental backup?
  - 119 Uses a Nook or a Kindle
  - 120 Gave birth to
  - 121 Trick-taking card game
  - 122 Young's partner in accounting
  - 123 City near Los Angeles
  - 124 Varieties of trapshooting games
- DOWN**
- 1 Ms. Minelli
  - 2 Doing the job
  - 3 Sugar type
  - 4 One side in the Pro Bowl: Abbr.
  - 5 Least large
  - 6 Very tired
  - 7 Toxic chem. pollutants
  - 8 French "king"
  - 9 High trains
  - 10 Willy of "Death of a Salesman"
  - 11 Dweller in Muscat
  - 12 Bric- —
  - 13 Decrees
  - 14 Hefty's Cinch —
  - 15 Ripe
  - 16 Birth-related
  - 17 Potato-filled dumpling
  - 18 Bolter before a hurricane, perhaps
  - 19 Archenemies
  - 24 Be off target
  - 29 Rat, to some
  - 30 Cordon —
  - 31 Forenoon
  - 32 Playwright Clifford
  - 33 "Invader" on Nickelodeon
  - 34 Regulation
  - 35 Set in motion
  - 36 Boon on "Wheel of Fortune"
  - 37 Plaza figure
  - 42 Weizman of Israel
  - 43 Was irate
  - 44 Writer Lurie
  - 45 Part of RBI
  - 47 Ini — of reggae
  - 49 One of a making-out couple
  - 50 Filled cookie
  - 54 Schoolroom for painting and sculpting
  - 56 Mourns in verse
  - 57 Ed Asner TV series
  - 58 Sophs., two years later
  - 60 Viewpoint
  - 61 Filbert, e.g.
  - 63 Get sober
  - 66 Have a bawl
  - 67 Veer back
  - 68 Talks sweetly
  - 69 — eclipse
  - 71 Crude
  - 74 Roman tyrant
  - 79 Mensa stats
  - 80 Cache
  - 82 12 1/2 and 20 1/2, say, in women's clothing
  - 84 Isn't idle
  - 86 Rid of trees
  - 88 Heroic verse
  - 89 Pool ball striker
  - 90 Old Chrysler
  - 91 Strange
  - 92 One after —
  - 93 Nova — (certain Canadian)
  - 94 German link
  - 98 Is, pluralized
  - 102 Chances on
  - 103 Foil giant
  - 104 Castle protectors
  - 105 Greek letter
  - 106 Stared in amazement
  - 107 Stage star Hagen
  - 110 Pierce player
  - 111 Brutish sort
  - 112 "Star Wars" character
  - 113 God of war
  - 115 Crank (up)
  - 116 Afere
  - 117 Cager Bias
  - 118 No, in Fife

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## GO FIGURE! by Linda Thistle

The idea of Go Figure is to arrive at the figures given at the bottom and right-hand columns by following the diagram by following the arithmetic signs in the order they are given (that is, from left to right and top to bottom). Use only the numbers below the diagram to complete its blank squares and use each of the nine numbers only once.

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**DIFFICULTY: ★**

★ Moderate ★★ Difficult  
★★★ GO FIGURE!

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# Happenings

**Tuesday, Dec. 31**

**United Way Day of Caring deadline**

United Way of Marion County will hold the 21st annual Day of Caring on Saturday, Feb. 22. Day of Caring offers businesses, individuals, organizations and civic clubs the opportunity to help local nonprofit human service agencies accomplish much-needed projects during one day of organized volunteerism.

Volunteer work teams who are interested in participating or community organizations that have projects that need to be completed can fill out an application at [www.uwmc.org](http://www.uwmc.org). The deadline for team and project

applications is Tuesday, Dec. 31. For more information, contact Tina Banner at 352-732-9696 or [tbanner@uwmc.org](mailto:tbanner@uwmc.org).

**Friday, Jan. 3**

**The Kingsmen perform**

Begin 2014 being encouraged and uplifted listening to The Kingsmen, Christian music's most predominate Quartet. This Christian Music Hall Of Fame award-winning group, spanning a five-decade career as one of gospel music's most influential artists, will present their unique concert of Southern Gospel music, "The message of Christ." Enjoy music loved by all. This is a free concert. A love offering will be received. The concert begins at 6:30 p.m.

Christ's Church of Marion County, 6768 SW 80th St. (off State Road 200), Ocala, 352-861-6182, <http://www.ccomc.org>.

**'Take Charge of Diabetes' deadline**

If you are part of the nearly 10.6 percent of Marion County's adult population that, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, has diabetes, don't ignore it - take charge! The best way for people with diabetes to maintain a high quality of life is to learn about the disease and develop a healthy living plan. Marion County UF/IFAS Extension Service staff and local health professionals are ready to help you

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Mrs. Santa Claus reads a game narrative as Santa looks on with interest at the Fairfield Village Christmas Dance Party.



**Fairfield Village**

Priscilla Barnett

## Fairfield folks wish you a Merry Christmas

At this most special time of year, the neighbors of Fairfield Village send out special greetings to all those who enjoy the Christmas season as much as we do. This year has been especially festive in our community with lots and lots of beautiful decorations, happy neighbors, and fun gatherings.

One really bright spot

in the season's calendar was the Christmas Dance party hosted by Community Manager, Rachel Muse, and her assistant, Lisha Burry. The evening brought out a very large crowd to enjoy the food, music and dancing and everyone obviously had a very good evening.

The catering company, Bella Faire, which is a Certified International Event Planning Company based in Leesburg, was responsible for the food and the service for the evening. Their teams of highly qualified individuals are known for their stellar reputation throughout the state of Florida. The group certainly lived up to that reputation as the service was superb.

During the evening, a big surprise was a visit from Santa and Mrs. Santa Claus who delighted the group with a comical narrative that involved everyone at the party. Table prizes were shuffled back and forth during the program until the time for one person at each table to be awarded a special gift.

After the meal, those attending enjoyed dancing to music that included Christmas melodies as well as all kinds of dance music. The dance floor was filled with couples really enjoying the opportunity to celebrate the season.

Special thanks go to the hostesses Rachel Muse and Lisha Burry who did an excellent job with the first party of this type sponsored by ALL. Fairfield Village is known as "a lively place filled with lovely people" and it was quite obvious that our management was happy to celebrate the season in a very "lively, lovely" way as well.

From Fairfield Village, we send out a huge wish to all our friends in Marion County for a wonderful Merry Christmas.

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### Go Figure!

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## HAPPENINGS

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by offering the 10-class series, "Take Charge of Your Diabetes."

Participants will learn about everything from carbohydrate counting and blood glucose monitoring to medication and foot care.

The class will give participants the understanding and knowledge to actively control their diabetes and maintain a quality, healthy lifestyle.

The \$45 fee covers the 10 class sessions and health screening for each participant; one support person per registrant may attend for free.

Participants must register by Jan. 3 by calling 352-854-3699.

Classes will be at Master the Possibilities, 8415 SW 80th St., on Tuesdays starting Jan. 7, from 10 a.m. to noon.

For a flier and class schedule, visit [www.marion-countyfl.org/extensionservice.htm](http://www.marion-countyfl.org/extensionservice.htm).

## RELIGION

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service and the bell choir along with special music is scheduled for the 10 p.m. service. Communion will be served at both services. The tree will be trimmed, the wreaths hung and the poinsettias will adorn the altar. Consider attending one or both of these services for a true Christmas experience.

Joy Lutheran Church is on SW State Road 200 at 83rd Place, Ocala. For info call 352-854-4509 ext. 221.

### Hope Evangelical Lutheran

Christmas Eve Services will be on Tuesday, Dec. 24 at 7 p.m. Call 352-489-5511 for more information.

## EDITORIAL

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You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! he lives, and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay, ten times ten thousand years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

### Super Crossword

Answers

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### Weekly SUDOKU

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man had just arrived the day before and there was a gift for him.

For some residents, this would be their only gift. One woman who did not expect anything got a bag filled with goodies for her cat and of course, something for her.

One of coordinators had filled out a gift request for her. What a surprise for her and her cat!

As we sat and talked to many of the residents we found out how grateful they were for the gifts. One lady showed her beautiful soft nightgown to the others at her table.

Another woman loved her new towels and said how they would look great in her bathroom. One man loved his festive red shirt and new pants.

The lap blankets that were made by the stitchers of the Leisure Arts Club were a huge hit. Each was different and so appreciated by the residents. This was often an extra gift given to the resident in addition to the one they requested.

In the Japanese language there is a term — on. The meaning of on often includes a sense of gratitude combined with a desire to repay others for what we have been given.

It's not just that we feel grateful, or that we express our gratitude, but that we actually experience a sincere desire to give something back.

The Stone Creek Garden Club was very grateful to the residents of Stone Creek for making 150 wishes come true.

Residents in three different facilities will find joy as they open their gifts.

Jim Samuelson of Home Instead said he could not believe that Stone Creek had requested 150 tags. He told us that the SC residents did an outstanding job and he was also grateful to all the Stone Creek residents for their generosity.

There will also be many children who have grateful hearts as they receive the toys collected by the Stone Creek Veterans for the "Toys of Tots" Program.

As we celebrate this season of joy, peace and love, know that you have a difference in the life a child and a senior.

*Patricia Gizzi is Stone Creek correspondent.*

## Saturday, Jan. 11

### Magic show scheduled

Brian LaPalme, the award-winning, world renowned magician, is bringing his magic show to First Congregational United Church of Christ, for a fundraiser, on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 2 p.m.

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