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IT IS ONCE AGAIN that special time, and most traditionally known as *the most wonderful time of the year!*

2025 has seemed to zip by, and people throughout my life have always told me that time moves faster with each advancing year. I can definitely relate to this and perhaps you can as well. Back in the day, it seemed like Christmas would never arrive when I was a kid. Fast-forward to today...I swear that it feels like I just paid our annual property taxes only a few months ago! (LOL)

Yes, each year is special so make sure that you slow it down to enjoy all of it.

Alright, here we go! We have a very special December issue of *Stroll Wind Point* for you this month.

Our cover story involves St. Nicholas who resides right here in Wind Point.

Learn about how this generous gentleman finds great joy each December.

'Nick' has been a beacon of light for the children at his church for several years during this time of year, and he shares his experiences of helping and guiding them. It is a fun and rewarding story that is very inspiring, and I hope that you enjoy it

Resident Julie Cavey provides us with details of her recent magnificent trip to Italy where she went with a travel group. Julie's adventures include several cities and historic sites, and she shares her perspectives and travel tips.

Enjoy the photos and learn of the inspirations behind several beautiful quilts created by Wind Point neighbors at the recent Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show.

We share updated information about the 20th anniversary of The Nativity in downtown Racine which originated here in Wind Point. Have fun with the Word Search and the Winter Wonderland



Let's celebrate this wonderful holiday season! Become the light for someone!

Challenge. Submit your completed entry to have a chance to win the December Crossword Puzzle.

Our first social gathering of 2026 will take place on Tuesday, January 27 (6:30 pm) for our annual Sewing For A Cause at Sew 'n Save of Racine. You can request your space(s) by emailing me at: gary@strollwindpointmagazine.com

Reach out to us with your ideas for your community magazine. Remember, *Stroll Wind Point* is about you and for you. Everyone who has participated has shared with me that it is a positive experience. There are not very many neighborhood publications in our area so take advantage of your personal community magazine. We want to hear from you. I want to hear from you!

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Thank you,

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And To All A Good Night!

VILLAGE VOLUNTEER PROUDLY CONTRIBUTES TO THE TRUE MEANING OF THE SEASON.

The Village of Wind Point is filled with neighbors who contribute, volunteer, and strive to make a positive impact for those around them and our community. This common trait of giving, generosity,

and goodwill is emphasized even more around this special time of the year.

This very moment is the perfect time to reflect on the special efforts of one gentleman who has provided positivity, hope, faith, and good will towards children and their families for the last four Decembers. One of the fun aspects of his volunteerism is the fact that many people do not recognize him as himself. This is because he does an annual physical transformation to prepare for the role. As a result, to honor his request to hide his true identity from the public, we will recognize our neighborhood resident in this story as “Nick”.

“Nick” and his wife have lived in Wind Point since September 2006. They have enjoyed living so close to Lake Michigan and to Shoop Park Golf Course. They have made many close friends with their fellow neighbors, and appreciate the many species of birds that migrate here. They have also been active members of St. Rita’s Catholic Church since 2006.

While many fellow parishioners see them throughout the year, they may have not noticed Nick’s annual timely absence from the church during the timeframe of mid-October to mid-December over the last four years. His absence is a result of Nick intentionally transforming his physical appearance. This includes growing a beard to prepare for the honorable role of playing St. Nicholas at the annual Advent Breakfast at St. Rita’s.

While most of us have heard of St. Nicholas, here is a little background of him. St. Nicholas is a real, historical person, a bishop in modern-day

Turkey, who was known for his great generosity and became the patron saint of children. His feast day is still celebrated on December 6th every year in many traditions.

Nick explains, and reflects his personal experience of his involvement with the event.

“Yeah, I get the same feeling about this transformation every time I’m approached by the church. This is my fourth year becoming St. Nicholas. The annual Advent Breakfast is the perfect time for his appearance to take place.

There have been a couple of ladies in our parish who come to me with this special request each year. This time I was on a beach in San Diego when I received the phone call to once again become St. Nicholas. I am always honored.

Looking back, the Santa Claus presentations at church seemed to have fizzled out after some years ago although some parents still preferred to have Santa at the gathering. The timelines of St. Nicholas and the days of Advent are well aligned, and the ladies thought that a saintlier-way fella would be appreciated a bit more by the parish. (Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas, often referred to as Advent Sunday.)

Father Michael, who was our Pastor at the time, approved wholeheartedly and the ladies built a costume together. The new and current Pastor, Father Thomas, has also been a fan of the appearance of St. Nicholas, and he has been thoughtful about having a saint on hand instead of Santa Claus.

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I will now share my moment of truth of when it all came together for me. Ok, our Deacon, Greg, was at the Advent Breakfast that morning in 2022 and he came over to chat with me. I mentioned to him that I'd heard of many wonderful stories of work that he had been doing in the community from some of the parishioners. He thanked me for my support and I encouraged him to continue his work of helping others. We said our good byes and I watched him then chat with Father Michael. I believe it was at that moment that Father Michael revealed my identity to him. I then watched as Deacon Greg turned to look at me again. He still had a hard time getting beyond my St. Nicholas appearance and still seeing his old buddy! At that moment I was hooked and knew that this was a wonderful way to spend time of encouraging others to do good things for those they knew or didn't know.

The way I've approached my work as St. Nicholas is not to give gifts. It is about asking the children who come to me to do kind things for others. How can they help more around the house? How can they ask people what they need and how can they be of assistance? The children are amazing. I ask them to go to the Christmas Tree to take one of the homemade decorations/ornaments with them. These ornaments have ideas for them to consider in doing well for others.

The parents have become huge fans of how their children listen and try their best to follow my advice. There are small bags of things like chocolate coins, candy canes, and prayer cards that I also give them as they say good bye. Yep, I fight back tears at times because I feel the innocence and joy in these children. Some of the children have made Christmas cards for me and that makes me so happy and joyful. They all want to do good and to be happy. My role is minimal in their lives, but I do a good deed daily and I ask them to join me in doing the same to make the world a better place for all.

It's not a bad time to be growing a beard in the autumn but it begins to become irritating after six weeks. The tickle of the growth takes place after



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the second week and settles down at about week five. It then just becomes annoying! I am not a beard guy at all. In fact, I didn't start growing facial hair until I was 26ish. I did sport a waxed handlebar mustache in the early 80's but that was too much work. I chopped it off for a professional career move and never missed it.

Removing the St. Nicholas beard is a snap with my electric clippers. If the weather permits, I go into the backyard to get rid of the first layer and then get serious with the shaver. The cool air on my naked face is refreshing as I get back to normal and go back to church as the unknown St. Nick! All of this is truly a rewarding experience for me."

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WINTER WONDERLAND

The ice is tricky, and so is this scene! Can you notice the 15 changes among the skaters in this chilly challenge?



2025 Wreath Lighting Brings Large Turnout!

The annual wreath lighting ceremony at the Wind Point Lighthouse was celebrated a few weeks ago on Sunday, November 30, 2025, and it was certainly a memorable one.

This Village tradition always takes place the Sunday after Thanksgiving as the introduction into the holiday and Christmas season. While the calendar still told us it was November on this particular night, the fresh 12.5” of snow that had fallen the previous evening along with frozen temperatures gave notice to everyone that winter was already in full swing. Yes, the season was definitely already here, and Santa, *The Big Guy*, was on his way to to the light the wreath, listen to requests, and wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Families and kids of all ages were invited inside the lighthouse for hot dogs, candy, snacks, balloon animals, a hot cocoa bar, and the opportunity to decorate their own cookies. Seasonal music was in the air as neighbors gathered in a friendly evening of conversation, food, and the sense of holiday magic. Yes, the anticipation of Santa’s arrival was palpable.

The crowd began to faintly hear sirens in the background. Yes, Santa was on his way! Santa was riding to Wind Point on a Fire Truck! The sirens became louder and louder as children and adults anxiously awaited Santa’s arrival in lighthouse parking lot.

Santa greeted anxious fans in the lot, then headed to the west side of the lighthouse lawn for the official lighting of the wreath. After a loud public countdown, Santa hit



the button and the beautiful wreath lit up and placed smiles across all faces. A round of *Jingle Bells* followed the ceremonial lighting.

Attendees then headed back inside where Santa spent time with children. He listened to their wishes. He also passed out candy canes and small gifts.

The lighting of the wreath has been a staple tradition for decades here in the village, and the 2025 event was outstanding and a phenomenal experience.

A special thank you goes out to the various volunteers of the Wind Point Community Club (WPCC) who prepared for months in advance to bring home this special magic opportunity again!

Longtime Village resident and WPCC volunteer Sherry Heck states, “This is always so much fun to help put together and it brings back memories to when I was a little girl. I do remember occasionally having some snow on the ground for this event back in the day, but to be honest, I never recall having THIS much snow as we had this time. The fresh snow made it even more special as all of the outdoor lights reflected so brightly off the ground.

Village President, Alison McCulloch, shares, “This is always an absolutely fabulous evening. I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our volunteers of the Wind Point Community Club and well as our lighthouse keepers, Andrew and Samantha.”

The Village always has a lot to celebrate, and the annual lighting of the wreath is yet another long-standing tradition that goes back for decades. This year’s special event certainly represented a magical kick-start to the 2025 Holiday Season!

1. Santa arrives to Wind Point on a Caledonia Fire Truck!
2. The Rottino family enjoys their first Wind Point Wreath Lighting event!
3. The Activities Room stays busy throughout the event.
4. Thank you for the volunteers of the Wind Point Community Club for bringing this magical tradition back each year!
5. The wreath shines brightly!
6. Santa carefully listens to various requests.
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This year represents the 20th year anniversary of the beautiful 40-foot Nativity in downtown Racine. Visiting the display is free to the public, and is available to experience 24/7 until Wednesday, January 7, 2026. The display has served as an expression of faith and religious symbol of freedom for all. The Nativity has always been non-denominational, and continues to encourage a positive, all-inclusive attitude of tolerance for all.

The origin of this idea began with the late, longtime Wind Point resident Bob Wortock (1940-2023).

Gwen Wortock explains the origin. "The Nativity on Monument Square was Bob's goal from the times he walked through downtown Racine and reminisced about the wonderful Christmases he enjoyed as a boy. Back then, there were decorations that arched over the streets, animated displays in store windows, and seasonal music played everywhere.

People smiled, and wished each other 'Merry Christmas.' Families shopped and strolled together, and enjoyed the sights, sounds, and scents of the season. Stores closed early on Christmas Eve so all could attend church.

Bob wanted to do something about the situation that had been changing, and he decided on a public display in a public place: a Nativity in the heart of Racine. First, he would need permission from the City.

That challenge took almost two years, and resulted in a modest Nativity located on the north side of the Square. During the process, he and the City developed procedures for any such display that continues to assure access to all.



"We have become a destination of hope and strength for many during this very precious time of year. Our community has truly become a beacon of light around the world."

— BOB WORTOCK (1940-2023)


The dates for the Nativity display are determined by St. Nicholas Day (December 6) and Orthodox Christmas (January 7). Regardless of the weather, Bob made many, many trips to the Square at all hours of the day or night: shoveling snow, taking photos of families, listening to the visitors' stories, etc.

Bob was adamant that the organization does not be re-named or taken over by any entity that would claim it as their own. The Nativity was created for the community at large: its creation, maintenance, and continuing displays were – and are - solely due to like-minded, dedicated volunteers."


Please visit: racinenativity.org

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Lighthouse Legacies 2025 Quilt Show

Wind Pointers display their creativity

Earlier this autumn, the Lighthouse Quilters Guild celebrated their 15th Quilt Show at Festival Hall. The show is a celebration of quilting, featuring professionally judged quilts, demonstrations, and allows a variety of vendors. This gathering is always a great opportunity to see amazing quilts, learn about quilting techniques, and to find unique quilting supplies.

There has always been a strong tradition of several village residents participating in this special event, and this year brought some amazing displays.

Cecilia Johnson proudly displayed a number of her quilts at the show. One was titled *Memories of Klinger Barn (Hwy 20)*. Her description states: “Our family friends, Ellis Vielte Klinger’s farm was located on Highway 20 in Yorkville. I love the look of the red barn in the snow and Indian Paint Brush quilt on the side. The quilt was inspired by Sally’s barn on Airline Road that I have admired for years.”

Sailboat Races was another beautiful submission by Cecilia. Her inspiration states: “I enjoy watercolor. In this original whole cloth wall-hanging, I experimented with some of my favorite things...Using painting, torn watercolor paper technique, and quilting methods, I was able to create a lovely beach scene that serves as a backdrop to watch the sailboat races.”

Pat Henningfield’s entry of *Winsome* was in the category of Quilts Among Friends. This was the Twisted Stitches Round Robin of 2025. Pat, owner of the quilt (Center Pinwheels Block); Dianna Zimmerman (First Border); Ginger Wanserski (Second Border); Sharon Langlieb (Third Border); and Catherine Rolfson (Fourth Border).

Kimberly Heller-Neal submitted *Forest Fortress Fountain*. She describes, “In the forest there is a fortress built around a deep blue fountain that feeds the friends of the wild, if you know how to



This was the first time that the show was at Festival Hall.



Cecilia: “The quilt was inspired by Sally’s barn on Airline Road that I have admired for years.”



Kimberly Heller-Neal submitted Forest Fortress Fountain.



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Catherine Neal stands next to her beautiful quilt.



The Lighthouse Quilters Guild has been stitching our community together since 1981.



Sailboat Races was another beautiful submission by Cecilia.



Jim is always supportive of the Lighthouse Legacies Quilt Show.

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prove your worth. This is my own pattern and will be on my Emerald Eclipse Quilting website.”

Catherine Neal also had several submissions and some of them were impressively large with beautiful colors. One display included, *At Water’s Edge*, which was placed in the Landscape/Pictorial Category. Her inspiration states: “Sandpipers are walking along the sand looking for dinner in the ocean. Pieced, fused and free motion quilted on stationary longarm. Pattern by McKenna Ryan.”

The Lighthouse Quilters Guild has been stitching our community together since 1981. From the very beginning, the group’s mission has been as colorful and layered as a well-loved quilt.

They celebrate and promote the art of quilt-making and textile crafts. They offer learning and inspiration through educational programs, fostering friendships, and the sharing of skills and stories. The goal is to bring the joy of quilting into the wider community, and to preserve and honor the heritage of this timeless art.

Today, the Lighthouse Quilters Guild is made up of quilters of every age and skill level and connected by a love of fabric, design, and creativity. The group meets 10 times a year and provides monthly newsletters for continuous information. They always welcome new members with open arms.

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Aug. 28.....	Open House (Elementary & K-8)	Nov. 26-28.....	No school K-12 (Thanksgiving Recess)	Mar. 20**.....	No school K-12/contingent weather day (Spring Break Day)
Sept. 2.....	First Day of School K-12	Dec. 12.....	No school K-12 (Prof. Learning Day)	Mar. 27.....	End of 3rd Quarter
Oct. 2.....	No school K-5 (Prof. Learning Day)	Dec. 22 - Jan. 2.....	No school K-12 (Winter Recess)	Apr. 1.....	K-12 PM Parent-Teacher Conferences
Oct. 3.....	No school K-12 (Prof. Learning Day)	Jan. 19.....	No school K-12 (Martin Luther King Jr. Day)	Apr. 2.....	No school K-12 (Parent-Teacher Conferences)
Oct. 31.....	End of 1st Quarter	Jan. 23.....	No school K-12 (Prof. Learning Day) End of 1st Semester/2nd Quarter	Apr. 3 - Apr. 10.....	No school K-12 (Spring Recess)
Nov. 1-30.....	RUSD School Choice (rusd.org/schoolchoice)	Feb. 12-13.....	No school K-5 (Prof. Learning Day)	May 15**.....	No school K-12/contingent weather day (Prof. Learning Day)
Nov. 6.....	No school K-5 (P-T Conferences K-5, PM P-T Conferences K-12)	Feb. 16**.....	No school K-12/contingent weather day (Winter Break Day)	May 25.....	No school K-12 (Memorial Day)
Nov. 7.....	No school K-12 (Parent-Teacher Conferences)	Mar. 10.....	No school K-10, 12 (Juniors ACT Day/Prof. Learning Day)	June 11**.....	Last Day of School, End of 2nd Semester/4th Quarter

Please note: All dates are subject to change. *3K, 4K and BEE Center, please use the Early Learning calendar on rusd.org. **May be adjusted due to inclement weather.

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■ No school for all students (Holidays, Conferences, Professional Learning) ◆ No school for K-5 (Prof. Learning or P-T Conf.)
● 11 Grade ACT Day and Professional Learning (No school for K-10, 12)

Ciao Everyone!

Italy 2025

JULIE CAVEY RESIDENT OF BIRCH CREEK LANE

I AM JULIE CAVEY, a retired nurse practitioner and a member of the Wind Point Garden Club. I have lived in the Racine area my whole life. My husband, Tom, and I purchased our home in 1981 and raised our children in the Wind Point community. I love all the trees and green space, Shoop Golf Course, and the tranquility of the area. Tom and I love to travel and we have been to many places with his work and for vacation. I recently went to Italy on a group tour with Fox World Travel. Last year I went with Fox Travel to Ireland. It was a great trip. Since my husband has been to Italy many times, I chose to travel there by myself. All the monuments, sights, and excursions advertised for this trip intrigued me. I was not disappointed and had a wonderful time.

There are many different tours in Italy and many cities and sites to see. Fox World Travel partnered with Insight Vacations for this tour. There were 35 people on the trip as well as a group travel specialist from Fox (Katie) and a tour director from Insight (Gigi). Gigi was fluent in Italian and contracted with local guides. They provided history, information, tickets to the venues with fast passes, helped to navigate the crowds, and had suggestions for dinner, shopping, public bathrooms, etc.

It is very easy to travel with a tour group. Transportation, baggage handling, tips, and several group meals were provided. I have many new friends from this trip. There was much walking on the tour with many sets of stairs and cobblestone roads. I would highly recommend a guide and getting venue tickets if not with a tour.

Italy is about the size of Arizona and has 20 regions. Italy is shaped



like a boot extending into the Adriatic, Tyrrhenian and Mediterranean Seas, and the Apennine Mountains running down the length. Each region has a diverse landscape, history, culture, wine, and cuisine specialties, and of course shopping. The tour was called *Best of Italy* and included three days in Rome (central Italy), two days in Florence (capitol of Tuscany), two days in Venice, one night in Assisi, and two nights in Sorrento. When driving to the different

cities there would be stops at sites like San Giamano, Pisa, Pompeii, Burrano, Murano, a drive along the Amalfi coast, and a cruise around the Isle of Capri.

There were many more stops and experiences and it is hard to pick what was my favorite. Towns all have a Cathedral or Basilica, fountains or wells, and a large plaza or piazza lined with restaurants and shops. Italy is part of the European Union and uses Euros for currency. The Euro is stronger than the

dollar - one Euro dollar is equivalent to about \$ 1.16 US. I exchanged money at my local bank. ATMs and banks were also available to exchange in Italy, but I don't know what the fee was. Every place I went took Euro or a credit card.

Many restaurants have outdoor seating. Pizza is abundant everywhere. Many restaurants use old family recipes and there is an assortment of toppings. The crust is amazing. A pizza comes in a standard size and costs 14-16 euros. There is usually a gelato shop on every corner. Your guide can tell you where the best gelato is. Menus are in Italian and English.

Rome is known for pasta and tomato dishes, Florence for meat and beef, Tuscany for wine, Venice for fish, and Assisi/Sorrento region for rice and hence risotto (brought from Asia by Marco Polo) and tomatoes. One of my favorite experiences was visiting a tomato farm near Mount Vesuvius. The farmer's wife made homemade pizza and pasta for our group. Piennolo tomatoes are

cherry size, grow in clusters like grapes, and need the fertile volcanic soil. They would hang them up and they last for a year due to lower water content.

Wine is abundant and reasonable. A class of wine is 7-10 Euros, while a class of Coke (no Pepsi products) is 8 Euros. Water must be purchased and is about \$2-3 Euros for a bottle or carafe.

Another memorable dining experience was at Villa Machiavelli in Tuscany. This historic villa was built in the 1500s by Niccolo Machiavelli after he was exiled from Florence. It is a functioning winery and also has olive groves. We had a pasta-making demonstration and wine tasting as well as dinner. We were greeted with a drink made with prosecco, peach liquor, and blue curacao. It was very easy to ship wine back to the U.S.

Italy is full of history dating back to 700 BCE. Rome of course has many buildings dating back to early Christianity and the Romans. Rome was very crowded with tourists and

I can't believe how much I saw and experienced. Traveling provides great memories, friendships, experiences, and adventures.



religious pilgrims due to the 25 Jubilee of the Catholic church and ending of the tourist season. Familiar sights we visited were the Colosseum, Vatican and St Peters square, Catacombs, Trevi fountain, Spanish steps, and the Parthenon. Outside of Rome are the Tivoli gardens which is a collection of Renaissance fountains, grottos, and gardens. They were built in 1550 by a cardinal. One of the fountains plays music powered by water flowing through pipes. The architecture is very impressive and the gardens are a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Florence was less hectic than Rome. Cars are not allowed in the city center, so you have to take a golf cart or walk everywhere. There is a massive piazza with shops and restaurants. The Basilica St Croce has beautiful windows, artwork, and statues. It also houses nearly 300 tombs including those of Michaelangelo, Galileo, Machiavelli, and a memorial to Florence Nightingale. Florence is known for gold and leather products, such as purses, belts, and shoes. Gigi introduced us to the owners of the stores, which gave a history of their business (and also a discount).

I knew Venice was known for canals and gondolas, but I did not know the city was a collection of islands. There are no cars; all transportation is by boat, water taxi, or gondola. Ambulances, police, garbage hauling, funerals, going to school, and even getting our luggage to the hotel was all by some form of boat. We had a private water taxi and toured the Grand Canal seeing the Doge Palace and St Mark's Cathedral. We also had a gondola ride and were serenaded by local singers.

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We also toured the island cities of Murano and Burano which are island cities known for glass and lace making and colorful homes

The drive to Assisi in the Umbria was similar to that of driving through Tennessee. The Basilica of St Francis located in a mountain town and was built in the 1300s. The paintings and frescoes are amazing. There is a medieval town to explore.

Next we went to Pompeii. I wasn't sure what to expect, but I was amazed to see how advanced the city was with streets, water and sewage systems, and housing. There was a shop also that made cameos.

Our trip ended in the Sorrento area with a tour of Positano, Capri, and the Almagi coast. The roads are very narrow with over 1000 curves, and many are tight hairpin turns. Our tour bus could not navigate these roads and we had to take several smaller vehicles. This area is set high on cliffs, overlooking coastlines of the Tyrrhenian Sea and small villages. We took a boat tour

around the isle of Capri and then took a cable car to the city. This is a tourist city and shuts down for the winter season.

Although my tour was 10 days, I can't believe how much I saw and experienced. I would have liked to have learned more about the history of Italy and the

regions before the trip. If you would like to travel to Italy or another country in Europe and have not been before; I would recommend a group tour. Traveling provides great memories, friendships, experiences, and adventures. My next trip in 2026 will be to Scandinavia!



Julie: "One of my favorite experiences was visiting a tomato farm. The farmer's wife made homemade pizza and pasta for our group. Piennolo tomatoes are cherry size, grow in clusters like grapes, and need the fertile volcanic soil. They are hung up and they last for a year."



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In 2015, two close friends with a shared dream founded Elite Home Health Care — a company built on heart, friendship, and a deep desire to make a difference. What began as a small vision to help individuals live safely and comfortably in their own homes has grown into a trusted personal care agency that feels more like a family than a business.

Lisa Wilckens, RN, is a registered nurse with over thirty years of healthcare experience. Jennifer Cuccia-Grays, EA, is an experienced accountant who provides accounting, payroll, and tax preparation for many local businesses in the Southeastern Wisconsin area.

One night over dinner, Lisa and Jennifer were talking, and the subject of their careers came up. Lisa was considering the idea of wanting to make a career change. Jennifer mentioned that Lisa would be perfect to start a home health care agency in the local area. As a result of her personal searches for one of her own family members that needed care at that time,

Jennifer knew there was a very high need in the area for qualified agencies.

As the night progressed and the conversation grew, Lisa mentioned that she would love to go into business for herself but the financial side of things scared her, and she would not know where to begin. Jennifer jokingly stated, “Hey, I have a great idea. We can be business partners. You run the administration healthcare side of the business and I will run the financial side. It’s a win for both of us because I am not a nurse and you are not an accountant so we won’t get in each other’s way.” They both laughed and went home for the night. The next morning Lisa called Jennifer and asked if she was serious to become her business partner. She replied by saying, “Absolutely!”

Ten years later through hard work and dedication from both women, they created a business that they are proud to each call their own.

Elite Home Health Care’s mission is simple but powerful: “Providing

individuals with passionate care where they feel at ease the most... at home.”

A PROMISE OF INDEPENDENCE AND DIGNITY

For many older adults or individuals with health challenges, the idea of leaving home for a nursing facility can be overwhelming. Familiar surroundings, cherished memories, and personal routines are often lost in the process. Elite Home Health Care exists to change that outcome — giving individuals the support they need to stay where their hearts are: home.

Through personalized, one-on-one care, Elite helps clients maintain independence and dignity. The caregivers assist with daily activities such as bathing, dressing, meal preparation, and companionship, ensuring that every client feels safe, comfortable, and valued. It’s this attention to personal detail that allows individuals not only to live longer, but to live better.

THE ELITE DIFFERENCE: FAMILY, NOT JUST CARE

From the very beginning, Elite Home Health Care was founded on friendship and family values. Lisa and Jennifer believed that exceptional care starts with genuine relationships — between caregivers, clients, and families. This philosophy has shaped the agency’s culture: caregivers are carefully chosen not just for their qualifications, but for their compassion, empathy, and



The proud of owners of Elite are: Lisa Wilckens, who is a registered nurse with over thirty years of healthcare experience, and Jennifer Cuccia-Grays, who is an experienced accountant who provides accounting, payroll, and tax preparation for many local businesses in our community.

commitment to treating every client as part of the Elite family.

Lisa explains, “Every family is unique, which is why our skilled nurses conduct a complimentary in-home assessment to identify specific needs. Together, we create a customized plan of care designed around your loved one’s health, lifestyle, and preferences.

Once a plan of care is decided, we will match your loved one with one of our trained caregivers. We take pride in thoughtfully matching each caregiver with our clients to ensure a perfect fit based on personality and comfort. We make sure that everyone involved in your loved one’s care has the necessary training, has a complete background check required by the State of Wisconsin, and is licensed and insured. After the start of care begins, every sixty days one of our skilled nurses

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- Charity Scams – Fake charities ask for donations after disasters.

Top 10 Ways for Seniors to Prevent Scams:

1. Don't share personal information – Never give out Social Security numbers, bank info, or passwords over the phone or email.
2. Hang up on suspicious calls – If someone pressures you for money or personal info, end the call immediately.
3. Beware of "too good to be true" offers – Sweepstakes, prizes, or investments that sound amazing usually aren't real.
4. Don't rush decisions – Scammers create urgency; take time to verify before acting.
5. Verify through trusted sources – Call companies or agencies directly using official phone numbers, not those provided by the caller.
6. Avoid paying with gift cards, wire transfers, or cryptocurrency – Legitimate organizations never request payment this way.
7. Be cautious online – Don't click unfamiliar links or download attachments from unknown senders.
8. Protect your mail and accounts – Shred sensitive documents and use strong, unique passwords.
9. Discuss with family or friends – If something feels off, talk to someone you trust before taking action.
10. Stay informed

Education Session Brings Neighbors Together

Learning on how to avoid scams

Wind Point neighbors and other community members recently attended an education session held at St. Monica's Senior Living.

The topic was Scam Awareness and Personal Safety for seniors, and the interactive session was taught by Caledonia Police Officer Jacob Buer.

Officer Jacob shared that scams constantly take place, and they are more frequent than what most people may think as only 1 of 44 elder financial abuse cases are actually reported to law enforcement. He also reinforced that it is important for everyone to check on their credit report annually as a proactive approach to prevent from becoming a victim.

Here are some takeaways from this insightful information session.

Top Most Common Scams Targeting Seniors

- Tech Support Scams – Fake technicians claim that your computer has a virus.
- IRS/Government Scams – Impersonators threaten arrest of fines.

- Medicare / Health Insurance Scams – Fraudsters seek personal info.
- Grandparent Scams – Pretend a loved one is in danger and needs money.
- Romance Scams – Online relationships used to exploit victims financially.
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OUR RACINE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Artistic endeavors and community gatherings

BY SHAY KING, HEAD OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Hello Wind Point! Here are updates on what is happening at your public library!

LIBRARY FOUNDATION'S HOLIDAY FUNDRAISER

Mark your calendars for the Racine Public Library Foundation's third annual winter fundraiser! This year's event will be Thursday, Dec. 11 at 326 6th Street in Racine. Doors open at 5 p.m. Enjoy festive drinks, a warm meal, gift-shopping opportunities through our silent auction, a 50/50 raffle, and a cozy evening with library lovers.

Tickets are \$25 and include entry and dinner. Buy tickets at RacineLibrary.info/HolidayFundraiser2025.

COZY CRAFTS TO PASS THE WINTER

This season is a wonderful time to dust off craft projects or try something new. If you feel so inclined, bring your creative energy to the library to enjoy some company while you craft! In addition to our regular craft programs, here's our upcoming new and improved activities for adult visitors:

The Fellowstitch

First Tuesday of every month through March (Jan. 6, Feb. 3 & March 3) • 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.
New in 2026! During each session of this cozy movie-and-craft night, we will screen one of the films from the "Lord of the Rings" movie series.

Senior Arts and Crafts

Jan. 12, Feb. 16 & March 16 • Noon - 2 p.m.
New in 2026! Shannon will guide guests through different craft projects every month. In January, paint a wintery scene on a mini canvas magnet; in February, make your own gnome; in March, design a notepad cover.

Art with Ken

Jan. 20, Feb. 17 & March 24 • Noon - 2 p.m.
Now open to adults of all ages! See the world in a new light through an instructional art session with Ken, using different tools and media every time.

Facts on Fabric

First day the library is open every month
New format! Stop by the Supply Swap cart in the Beyond Books Collection on the second floor to grab the fiber arts history zine each month. Zines are produced by Alex Thomas, circulation teammate and resident fiber arts enthusiast.



Senior Arts and Crafts begin Monday, January 12, 2026.

For more crafting opportunities, visit RacineLibrary.info/calendar and select the "crafts" filter.

FAIRS AND FESTIVITIES IN THE NEW YEAR

What better way to catch up with old friends than at a community gathering? Here's the fairs happening at the library in early 2026. Come say hello!

Community Resource Fair

Friday, Feb. 6 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Meet local organizations, ask your questions, and discover programs and resources to support you and your family. Is your organization interested in hosting a table? Contact Ashley.Cedeno@RacineLibrary.info to apply.



Digital Literacy Fair showcases resources that support access to affordable internet and devices as well as the skills to safely and effectively navigate technology.

Digital Literacy Fair

Saturday, March 21 • 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Browse digital literacy resources that support access to affordable internet and devices as well as the skills to safely and effectively navigate technology. Enjoy food, classes, and community connections. Interested in tabling? Contact Melissa.Donaldson@RacineLibrary.info.

Local Author Showcase

Saturday, April 25 • 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Witness Racine's stories by visiting with local authors. Apply to be one of the visiting authors at RacineLibrary.info/AuthorSignup2026.



YEAR-END CLOSURES

Bookmobile:

The Racine Public Library Bookmobile will close for the holidays Monday, Dec. 22 through Friday, Jan. 2. Its school-year schedule will resume on Saturday, Jan. 3.

Beginning Saturday, Dec. 20, any holds requested for pickup at the Bookmobile will be routed to the library building instead. Bookmobile patrons can pick up any holds directly at the library building beginning Monday, Dec. 22.

Building and Bookmobile:

In addition, both the building and Bookmobile will be closed on the following upcoming holidays:

- Christmas: Wednesday, Dec. 24 and Thursday, Dec. 25. Reopening on Friday, Dec. 26.
- New Year's: Wednesday, Dec. 31 and Thursday, Jan. 1, 2026. Reopening on Friday, Jan. 2, 2026.
- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, Jan. 19. Reopening on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

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The Outstanding Student K-8 Rewards Program that has been recently instituted rewards elementary and middle school children with a FREE Kids Meal on Saturdays and Sundays.

Mike explains how the program works. "We ask that parents bring a recent graded test of their child to the restaurant on a weekend. If the test is graded / marked with a 100% score or with an "A", we will provide that hard-working student with a free meal that

day. It is that simple! We appreciate the educational successes of our youth, and we want to reward them."

(Note: There is a limit of one meal per weekend per student.)

A DAY OF CARING 2025

Last month, Sew N Save of Racine teamed up with The Volunteer Center of Racine County and AmeriCorps Seniors to bring together a large group of volunteers for a full day and impactful work at Roma Lodge. Projects such as furnishing dresses for Toys For Tots dolls, and creating blankets, quilts, reusable pads were part of the day.

Jim Deibler, who has been the proud owner of Sew N Save since 1984, states, "Thank you for all the members of our community who participated in this grand event. I appreciate them giving up their day to help make peoples' lives a little brighter. Also, I would like to personally thank Jeffery





The
LIVING PALETTE
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Yes! We invite you to join us for this annual noble event! We will once again create colorful pillowcases together for those in need in our Racine community.

You do not need to know how to sew to participate. We will have teachers on hand to assist with the machines in a fun classroom setting on Tuesday, January 27 @ 6:30 pm. This unique opportunity is open to everyone!

All machines, equipment and materials are provided courtesy of Jim Deibler, owner of Sew ‘N Save of Racine.

Light snacks furnished! (It would not be a Wind Point gathering without food, right?)

Bring the family, create wonderful memories, and make a positive impact in our local community!

There is limited space to participate in this very unique gathering. Please RSVP to gary@StrollWindPointMagazine.com and we will confirm your space(s).





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PUBLIC WORKS E. FOUR MILE ROAD PROJECT UPDATE E. Four Mile Road Construction

Wind Point had originally set up a timeline for the water, storm, and road reconstruction for Four Mile Road to begin in late October or early November. The timeline has now changed due to some unforeseen circumstances. The plan for reconstruction was for the water, storm, and road to be replaced. The advertisement for bids was initially set to go out in August/September, with a start date for water reconstruction to start in November. The goal was to get attractive bids from contractors due to the timing of the work, and to allow contractors to keep employees working through months they typically wouldn't have projects.

We-Energies Gas contacted us a few weeks ago with the desire to design and install new gas mains and services on Four Mile Road. This replacement will take place at the beginning of the project. The anticipated timeframe of their construction would last for about 3 months. This project started on November 3. Pushing the Village back from their proposed start date.

We-Energies Electric contacted us shortly after We-Energies Gas notified us that they would also be joining the rehabilitation of Four Mile Road. Their design is still in progress, but their timeline has been proposed from November 2025 to June 2026 for completion of their project. This will involve replacing and moving utility poles.

Caledonia Sewer Utility contacted us after reviewing their televising reports and decided that they needed to replace some mains, manholes, and lateral services within our project. Caledonia's work would take place after Wisconsin Gas and before Wind Point, since typically you install utilities from deepest to shallowest. Again, pushing the Village back from their start date.

The timing of the advertisement, bid opening, selection of the bid, and recommendation of a contractor for the Village utility project are still unknown at this point. Tentatively, we anticipate an advertisement to bid going out in mid-January with a public bid opening in February. All these decisions will be reviewed in their selected committees and eventually approved/not approved by the Village Board.

The approved traffic plan for the construction project will have to be reconfigured and approved due to the added utilities being replaced and their proximity to the road. These impacts will also be discussed in the selected committees and eventually submitted to the Village Board for approval.



Some additional summary notes

- Utility coordination continues with We Energies gas and electric (more specifically with the revised gas plans provided last week), along with needing to also coordinate with AT&T and Spectrum/Charter due to the utility pole relocations proposed by We Energies electric.
- Finalizing the sanitary sewer plan design components for the Caledonia requests.
- Completing the specification adjustments requested by the Village Attorney, as well as adding the new items and sections for the sanitary sewer work.
- We anticipate having revised draft plans and specifications to both the Village and Caledonia for review and approval.
- After attaining both villages' approvals, we will submit the water main permit applications to the DNR and the work within right-of-way permit to Racine County.
- We anticipate going out for bid in January, with bids opened early February, with construction to begin as anticipated after contracts are awarded and bonds/Certificate of Insurance (COI)'s are in place.



PROPERTY TAX BILL INFORMATION!

Property tax bills have been mailed out to Wind Point residents. If you need another copy of your bill, please contact the Village Office at 262-639-3524 or retrieve it from the Racine County website. Tax payments will show up in the Racine County system as soon as they are received. Please make sure to include your tax bill pay stub with your payment. If your escrow amount is greater than the full tax bill, the Village will issue you a refund check. A refund check is issued within approximately 15 business days.

Tax payment options are the same as in prior years. The first installment or full payment is due to the Village of Wind

Point by January 31, 2026. Below are the options to pay your property taxes:

- **In-Person:** Payments can be made at the Village Office, 215 E. Four Mile Road. Please note the Village Office will be closed on December 24, 25, 31, and January 1.
- **Drop Box at Village Office:** A secure drop box is located on the circular drive outside the office next to the tennis courts. If you would like a copy of your receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.
- **Mail:** Send your payment to the Village of Wind Point, 215 E. Four Mile Rd. Racine, WI 53402. If you would like a copy of your receipt, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope with your payment.
- **Online:** You can pay online at the Village's website. Please note that a convenience fee, based on the amount that you are paying, will apply.

Please remember that if you fail to pay either your first installment or the full amount of your tax bill by January 31, the full bill becomes due, and interest and penalties accrue on the unpaid amount starting on February 1.

If you plan to pay in installments, any payments made after January 31 are made to the Racine County Treasurer at the Racine County Courthouse, 730 Wisconsin Avenue.

LOTTERY AND GAMING CREDIT

If your home in Wind Point was your primary residence as of January 1, 2025, make sure you are receiving the Lottery and Gaming credit on your tax bill. You can check by reviewing your tax bill or by checking the Lottery Credit Finder.

Credit can only be claimed for one property and cannot be claimed by renters or on business property, rental units, vacant land, garages, or other property that is not the primary residence of the owner. You can still add or remove the credit from the 2025 tax bill before January 31 by contacting the Village Office at 262-639-3524.

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Candidates for local offices must file ballot access forms with their local clerk. The first day for candidates to circulate nomination papers for a Spring Election is December 1.

Prospective candidates can begin collecting signatures on December 1. At least 20 signatures from Wind Point electors are required. All nomination forms must be submitted to the Village Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 6, 2026.

Three incumbent Village Trustees are: Beighley, Gaspero, and Loppnow.

The spring election will be held on Tuesday, April 7, 2026, and, if necessary, the primary election will be held on Tuesday, February 17, 2026.

If you have any questions, please contact the Village Office at 262-639-3524 or by e-mail at info@windpoint.org.

CHRISTMAS TREE PICK-UP DATES

Wind Point's DPW will start collecting Christmas trees on Mondays, January the 5,12,20,26 of 2026. Trees must be placed by the road AND must be visible, not covered in snow. Trees must have lights and ornaments removed. DPW will not dig out trees from snow events. Please make sure they are visible and easily accessible.

**Wreaths & garlands should be placed in your garbage cart as they cannot be chipped.



SNOW POLICY FOR WIND POINT - HYDRANTS AND MAILBOXES

Wind Point Public Works strives to remove snow and ice in an expeditious and orderly manner. During a storm, main streets receive priority and are salted and/or plowed first. Residential streets are started after, and maintained in conjunction with, the main streets. As salt inventory permits, salt is applied to these streets at each intersection and on hills and curves. Plowing is provided to keep these streets passable to normal vehicular traffic. After snow and ice have been removed from streets, Wind Point Public Works plows snow on the paths at Village Green and other certain paths in Wind Point. Click here to read the Wind Point Snow and Ice Control Policy.

Residents are responsible for clearing snow around fire hydrants that are adjacent to their property. If a fire hydrant is lost or buried in the snow, firefighters can lose valuable time trying to locate and dig out the hydrant when they arrive. Clear the snow three feet all around the hydrant so firefighters have enough room to connect a hose.

It is the responsibility of the property owner to replace a mailbox damaged by snow that was pushed by the plows. Make sure your mailbox is winter-ready by ensuring it is straight, sturdy, and stable and meets US Postal Service installation and maintenance requirements: 41 to 45 inches off the ground, 6 to 8 inches back from the curb or edge of the pavement, buried 24 inches in the ground, and able to safely break away if struck by a vehicle.



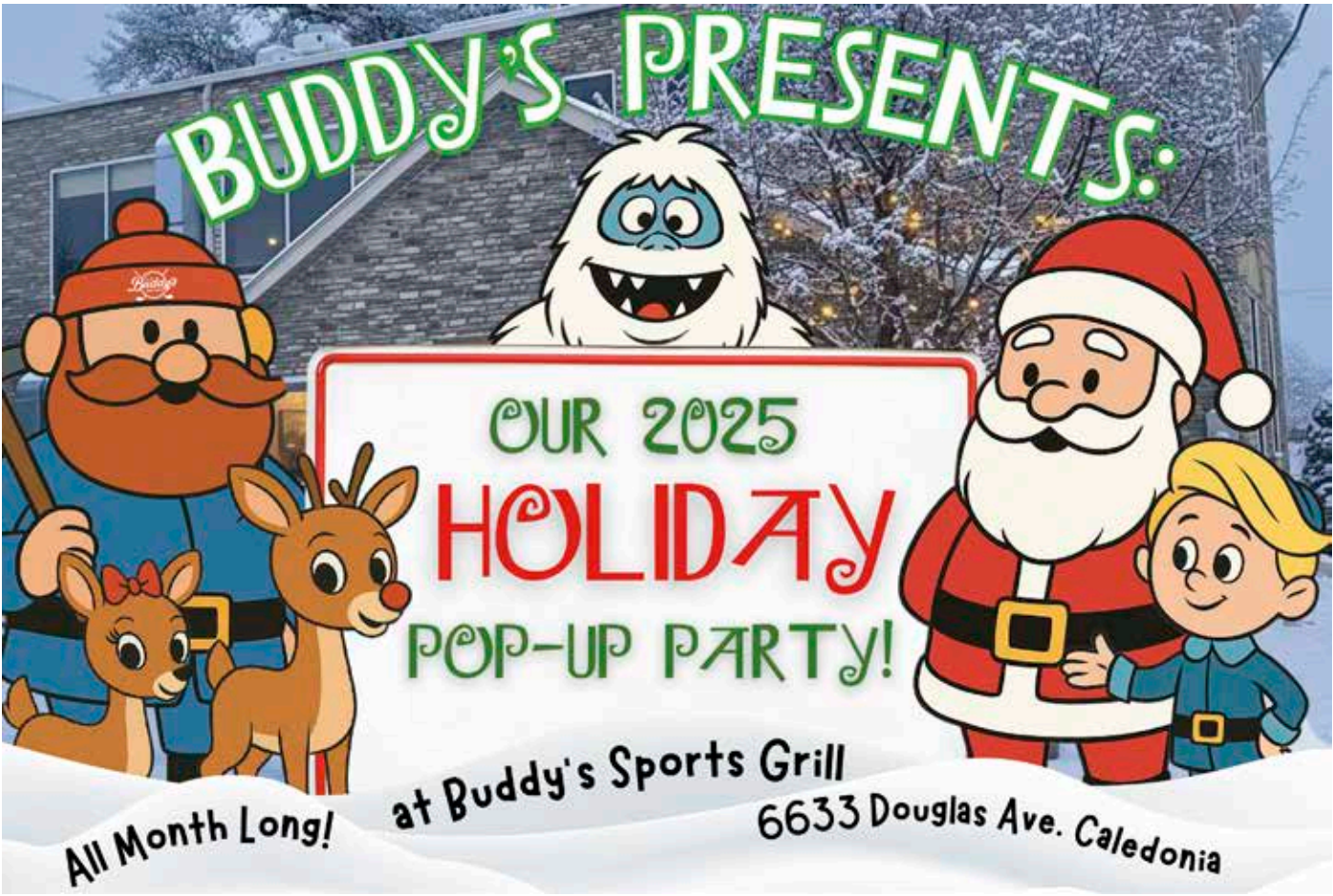


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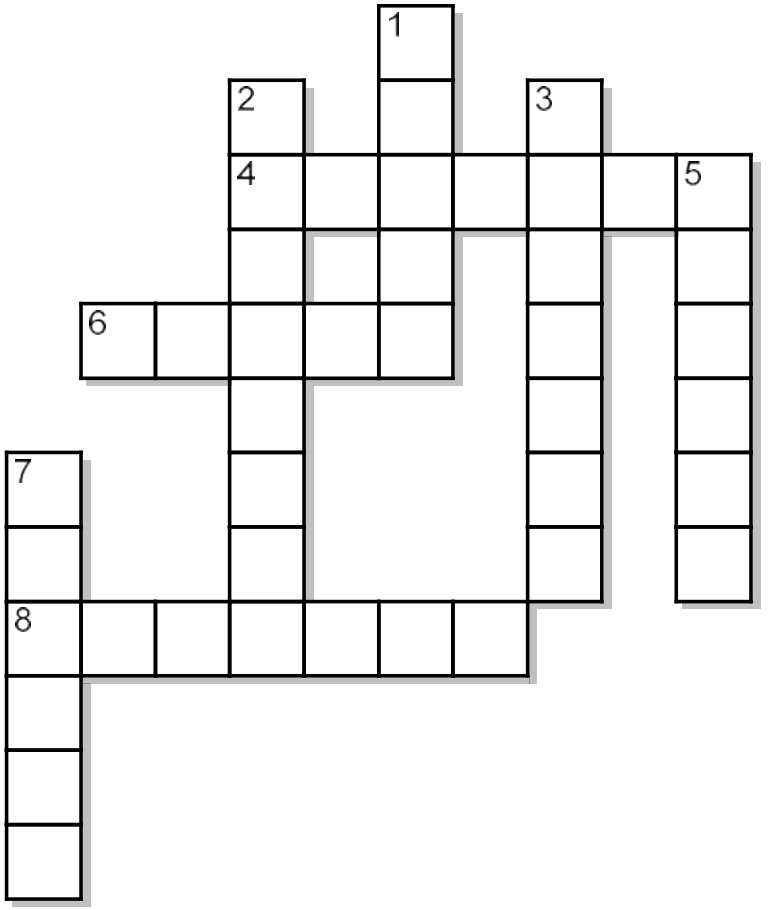


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- Across**
- 4. Italy is about the size of this U.S. state
 - 6. She recently enjoyed a wonderful trip to Italy
 - 8. He is the originator of The Nativity
- Down**
- 1. ____ Home Health Care was started by two close friends
 - 2. ____ Races is a quilt submitted by Cecilia Johnson
 - 3. The theme of this month’s Word Search: ____ Magic
 - 5. St. Nicholas appears at the annual ____ Breakfast
 - 7. The 2026 ____ For A Cause is Tues. January 27

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Address	Neighborhood	List Price	Sale Price	Beds	Baths	SqFt	Status
115 Eldorado Drive	Single Family	\$449,000		4	3	2,537	Active
4 Greenwood Court	Single Family	\$450,000		4	2.5	3,038	Active
10 Cherrywood Court	Single Family	\$459,000		4	2.5	2,464	Active
9 Sandalwood Court	Single Family	\$469,000		4	3.5	3,860	Active
5 Shorewood Court	Single Family	\$525,000		4	2.5	2,480	Active
3 Birchwood Court	Single Family	\$529,000		4	2.5	3,220	Active
2 Redwood Court	Single Family	\$550,000		4	3.5	3,708	Active
4253 Lake Meadow Drive	Single Family	\$629,000		4	2.5	3,353	Active
4 Lake Pointe Circle	Single Family	\$749,000		5	3.5	3,739	Active
1 Birchwood Court	Single Family	\$389,000		4	2.5	2,582	Active w/offer
9 Ironwood Court	Single Family	\$646,000		4	3.5	4,085	Active w/offer
8 Lake Pointe Circle	Single Family	\$993,000		5	2.5	5,234	Active w/offer
5119 Valley Trail	Single Family	\$495,000	\$475,000	3	2.5	1,962	Sold
4503 N. Main Street	Single Family	\$614,900	\$575,000	3	4	2,619	Sold
4287 Lake Meadow Drive	Single Family	\$635,000	\$620,000	4	2.5	3,274	Sold



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