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TAKE A PEEK AT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE AT THE
BLUE GOOSE

GEORGIA WAR VETERANS NURSING HOME

December 2024



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GEORGIA WAR
WOULD LIKE TO WISH
YOU A MONTH FILLED
WITH LOVE, PEACE, AND
JOY.

WELCOME!

Georgia War Veterans Nursing Home would like to give a warm welcome to the following new residents:

Margaret Skates

Frank Williams

LeRoy Jenkins

Gee Chalker

Pinnacle Honorable Mentions November 2024

Amy Green (2x)

Belinda Howard

Tamika Williams

Carolyn Harris

Kandice Clements

Carlton Deese

Dr. Richard Sams (2x)

Shirley Hill

Micah Ferguson

Paul Vella III

Heather Nichols

Constance Jones

Asia Marshall

Debra Fields

Yolanda Rhyne

Birthstone: Turquoise, Tanzanite, and Zircon

Flowers: Narcissus

Astrology Zodiac Signs: Sagittarius & Capricorn

Dates to Remember:

12/2 Cyber Monday

12/13 U.S. National Guard Birthday

12/21 First Day of Winter

12/25 Christmas

12/25 First Day Hanukkah

12/26 First Day of Kwanzaa

12/31 New Year's Eve



DONATIONS & CONTRIBUTIONS

The following individuals/organizations contributed their time and/or services to GWNH:

American Legion Department of Georgia	Snack Cakes, Razors, Body Wash, and Toiletries
American Legion Post 192 Auxiliary	Banana Splits
American Legion Post 205 Auxiliary	Pizza Party
Chaplain Larry Jesion	Church Service
Combat Vets Motorcycle Club	BINGO Prizes, Poker Run Bike Show, Resident Gifts, Candy
Cub Scouts	BINGO Prizes
Disabled American Veterans	Evening BINGO and Prizes
DAV Auxiliary	Ice Cream Social
Daughters of the American Revolution	Handkerchiefs, Blankets, Body Wash, T-Shirts, and Razors
El Rey	Mocktail Margaritas
Elks Lodge	Banana Pudding
Evans VFW	Birthday Party, Blankets, Cupcakes
IBM	Cucina 50 Brunch
WJBF News Channel 6	Christmas Ornament Crafting and Painting

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Piedmont Hospital	Christmas Ornament Crafting and Painting
Syenssqu	Christmas Ornament Crafting and Painting
Security Federal Bank	Christmas Ornament Crafting and Painting
Savannah River National Laboratories	Veterans Day Outing and Veterans Appreciation Ceremony
Mackey House Music	Live Music
Mrs. Mosley	200 Crochet Blankets
Miss Teen Georgia Jr.	Social Visits and BINGO Calling
Martinez Methodist Church	Goodie Bags and Cards
Project Lifting Spirits	Fall Festival with Games, Custom Burgers and Hotdogs, and Drinks
Quilts of Valor	Honoring Mr. Hirsch

The following individuals/organizations made contributions to our Resident Benefit Fund:

Susan Sasser

Donald Bloom



Warrior of the Month



America has been described as a “Melting Pot” in every history textbook I ever had from kindergarten through college. The idea that America welcomes all who seek safety and “The American Dream”. It was not until I grew older that I realized this homogeneous blend was not only untrue but that it greatly dimmed the sparkle that America offers. We are not a “Melting Pot” we are a stew. America is a collection of bright beautiful cultures, faiths, foods, and freedoms that are all held together by a common goal of a better future. A better future for ourselves, our children, and our grandchildren to come. We are better as a whole for highlighting the beauty of individuality. As our definition of a better future morphs from generation to generation, so do the citizens of our country. A perfect example of this is shown by Mr. Harry Pappas, the December Warrior of the month!

Mr. Pappas is a man filled with a utopianistic and never wavering love for both his country of origin and the America he fought to defend. After coming to America in his youth, physically leaving Mytilene, Greece behind, Mr. Pappas’ life was filled with twists and turns including the sudden loss of his father shortly after arriving. Despite being young, new to America, and having limited resources, Mr. Pappas graduated high school and went on to serve 30 years in the U.S. Army. Despite serving numerous tours in Korea and Vietnam, his great take away from his career was love. He met and married his wife Lucia who gave him three wonderful children and lots of good food. Mr. Pappas still finds great pride in the memories he made sharing the cultures of the countries the ARMY exposed him to with his children. Pride for his Greek roots and “the great America that we fight for” makes Mr. Pappas as American as the Popeyes chicken he craves nonstop. He celebrates everyone’s unique quirks and can always point out how these differences make us all better together. Despite everyone’s dissensus around the world, Mr. Pappas can find the beauty. His infectious smile draws out the best in those around him and encourages his peers to love one another. “With good food and beautiful women what is there to worry about.” Thank you Mr. Pappas for 30 years of military service and for adding your own spice to the American stew.

Heather Nichols,
Director of Activities



HALLOWEEN 2024 COSTUME CONTEST



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PUMPKIN CONTEST 2024



Mary Palmer



FALL FESTIVAL 2024



FORT EISENHOWER CHRISTMAS HOUSE



CRAFTS AT THE BLUE GOOSE



STAYING BUSY AT THE GOOSE



FALL FESTIVAL KICK OFF



COMMAND UNIT 103



CHRISTOPHER HARDY



DELTA GEMS



PROJECT LIFTING SPIRITS

COMBAT VETERANS MOTORCYCLE



PROJECT LIFTING SPIRITS



CELEBRATING OUR VETERANS



SAVANNAH RIVER NATIONAL LABORATORIES



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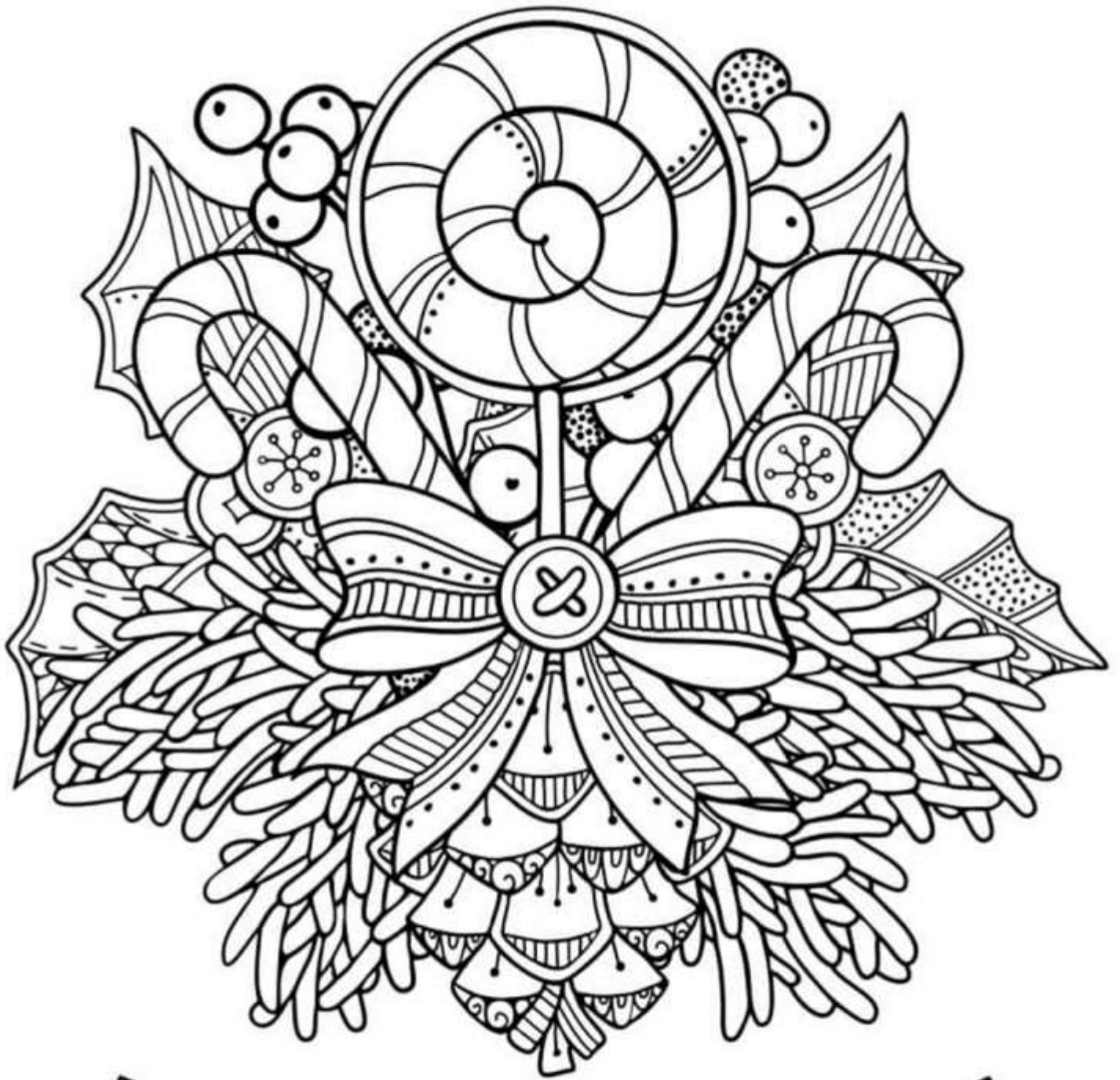
STAYING BUSY AT THE GOOSE



COLORING PAGE



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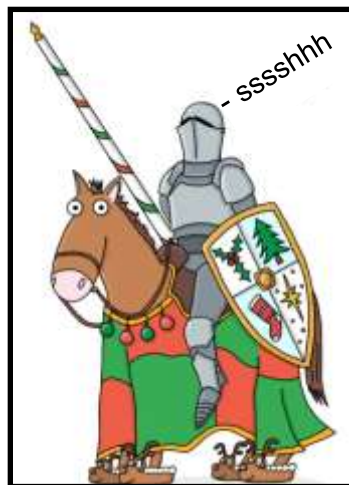
Happy Holidays!

NAME THAT CAROL

Solution on page 29



ABCDE
FGHIJKM
NO PQRS
TUVWXY
Z



WORD SEARCH

Solution on page 30

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FREEZING

ICEBERG

SCARF

SLUSH

FROST

IGLOO

SEASON

SNOWBOARD

FROZEN

JACKET

SHIVER

SNOWFLAKE

GLOVES

MITTEN

SHOVEL

SNOWSUIT

HOLIDAY

PENGUIN

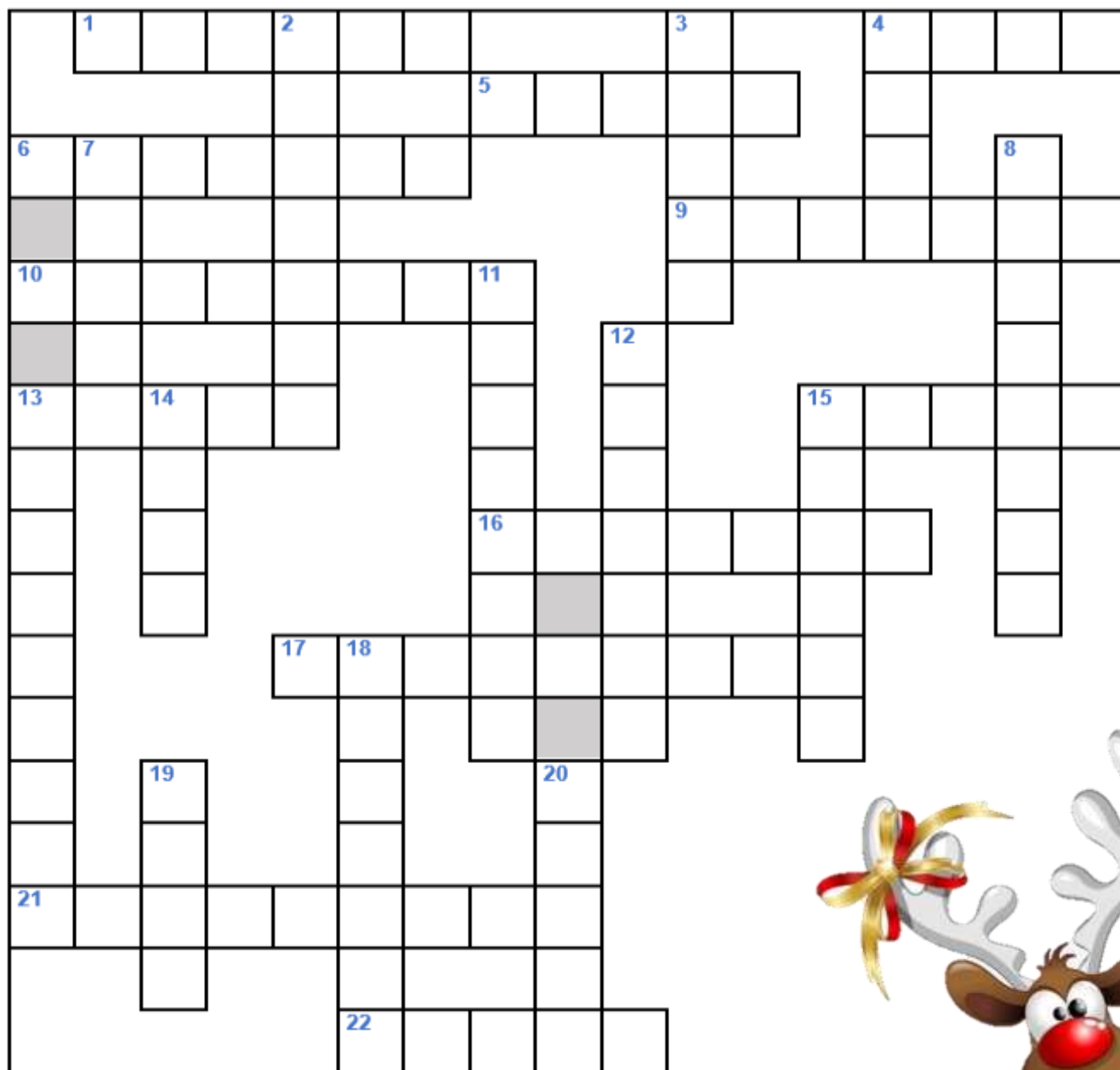
SKIING

SOLSTICE

SWEATER

WINTER CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Solution on page 31



Across

- 1 Ice sport played with a puck
- 4 Fun ride down a snowy hill
- 5 Neck warmer
- 6 Change habitat seasonally
- 9 Sometimes has a carrot nose
- 10 Snowstorm
- 13 Hot sweet drink
- 15 The color of snow
- 16 Keeps your hands warm
- 17 Sleep through the winter
- 21 A unique crystal of ice
- 22 Direction birds fly for the Winter

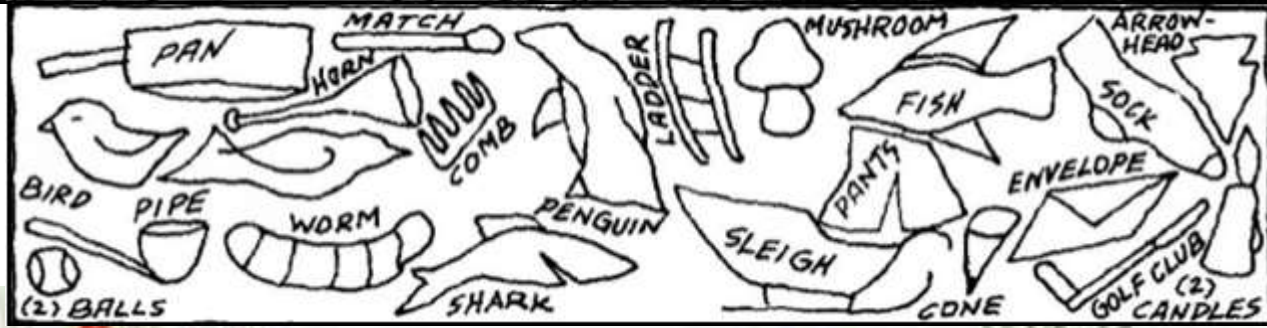
Down

- 2 African American holiday
- 3 Jack _____
- 4 Frozen rain
- 7 House made of ice
- 8 Time off from school or work
- 11 Christmas month
- 12 Gliding on ice
- 13 Holiday of giving
- 14 Opposite of hot
- 15 The coldest season
- 18 Frozen spikes
- 19 Vehicle that clears snow from streets
- 20 Mix of snow and rain



HIDDEN IMAGES

Solution on page 32



HIDDEN NAME CONTEST

Congratulations!

**November 2024 Hidden Name
Contest Winners**



John Ballard



Olandia Lambert

Somewhere in this issue, we have hidden the names of one Georgia War Resident and one Staff Member.

If you find your name, please call the Activities Office to claim your prize.

Each month, we will randomly pick the name of one resident and one staff member. Be sure to carefully review each issue to see if your name is hidden somewhere within.

Good Luck!



Let's Celebrate

Year End Reflection

Greetings and Salutations,

It is so good to be here with you today. I am thankful to both our God and you for allowing me to serve as your Chaplain here at the "Blue Goose". This year of 2024 has been an honor and a pleasure to share with you! As 2025 approaches, I simply give thanks to God that I am still alive! The good Lord still has a plan for you because, guess what, if you are reading this, you are too.

No one in this world, in my opinion, wants to live in a place where they are only tolerated and not celebrated. It is vital that we have a mindset that says, "I want to help you, not hurt you." I want to make you better and not bitter. I am going to give you the best because I want the best from you! The biblical principle known as the "Golden Rule"—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"—was stated by Jesus in Luke 6:31 and Matthew 7:12. I find that these texts keep me centered in all aspects of my life.

Are you an asset or a liability in peoples' lives? I pray that God receives all the praise for my life, and I hope that anything I have said, written, or done has improved yours. Although there were moments when we might have thought we would not make it, we are grateful that the good Lord has seen us through a lot this year. Each of us has the power to affect and influence other people, either favorably or unfavorably. One of the things I have learned in my life is that we must avoid being so preoccupied with receiving and giving "presents" that we neglect to spend time in God's "presence." I hope this holiday season brings you joy and solace! I hope everyone has a great Christmas and holiday season.

I want to encourage you to get help if you are experiencing severe depression, anxiety, or exhaustion during this holiday season. If you are a part of a local church, mosque, or synagogue, please reach out to them.

Feel free to email me if you need someone to talk to Tlark@augusta.edu.

Sincerely,

Timothy E. Lark

Chaplain

How Do We Go On?

John Mark Green

How do we go on, after the
unthinkable happens?

How can we carry the burden of
knowing the world can be cruel and dangerous?

The future so unpredictable?

How do we grieve with empty arms and a head
filled with echoing
memories?

~

We are stronger than we know, and this is how we
show it:

Holding each other, Giving comfort in the midst of
pain.

Loving more fiercely, through our actions and the
things we say.

Making the world just a little bit better, every sin-
gle day.

Never taking life for granted, knowing that it can
be snatched away.

~

This world may bring deep darkness but we are
the bearers of light.

We'll join our flames together, and shine in the
blackest of nights.

Chaplain's Corner

in Memory of:

John Parker

Bobby Latham

Edward Kneeland

Dennis Nesbitt

Donations in Memory of John Porter:

Tammie & Mickey Harp

Jennifer Herbert

Elise King

Libby Poteet

Mr. & Mrs. Richard Foley

Roger & Janet Greuel

Mr. Walt McAbee

The Staff of AUCC Furys
Ferry

Happy Birthday

Residents

Jerry Mounts	12/3
Herman King	12/3
Charles Dunn	12/4
Joseph Thomas	12/5
Tommy Wilson	12/11
Thomas Wall III	12/17
Rolland Grisco	12/18
Wilbur Lewis	12/20
Jack Yelton Jr.	12/21
Raymon Blancos Sr	12/24
Elijah Cherry	12/25
Ronnie Harris	12/26
Robert Lewis	12/31

Staff

Miranda Crocker	12/8
Dorothy Gilmore	12/8
Natè Lambert	12/9
Lydia Lee	12/13
Karen Monaco	12/17
Mary Walker	12/17
Sharon Martin	12/18
Shirley Hill	12/19
Vita Crawford	12/20
DeMarcus Cooper	12/21
Monecia Merritt	12/28
Alyse Taylor	12/28
Reyna Smith	12/28
Janesha Mason	12/29

Wishing these wonderful residents and staff a
Happy Birthday month!

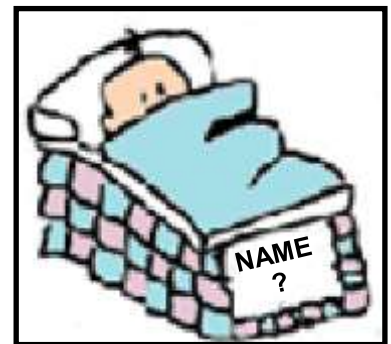
NAME THAT CAROL SOLUTIONS



Deck the Halls



The Christmas Song
(Chestnuts Roasting on an
Open Fire)



What Child is This?



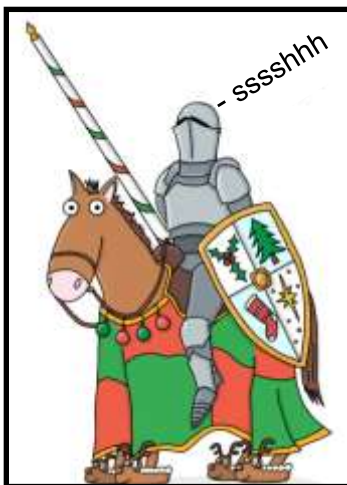
Noel



O Christmas Tree



We Three Kings



Silent Night

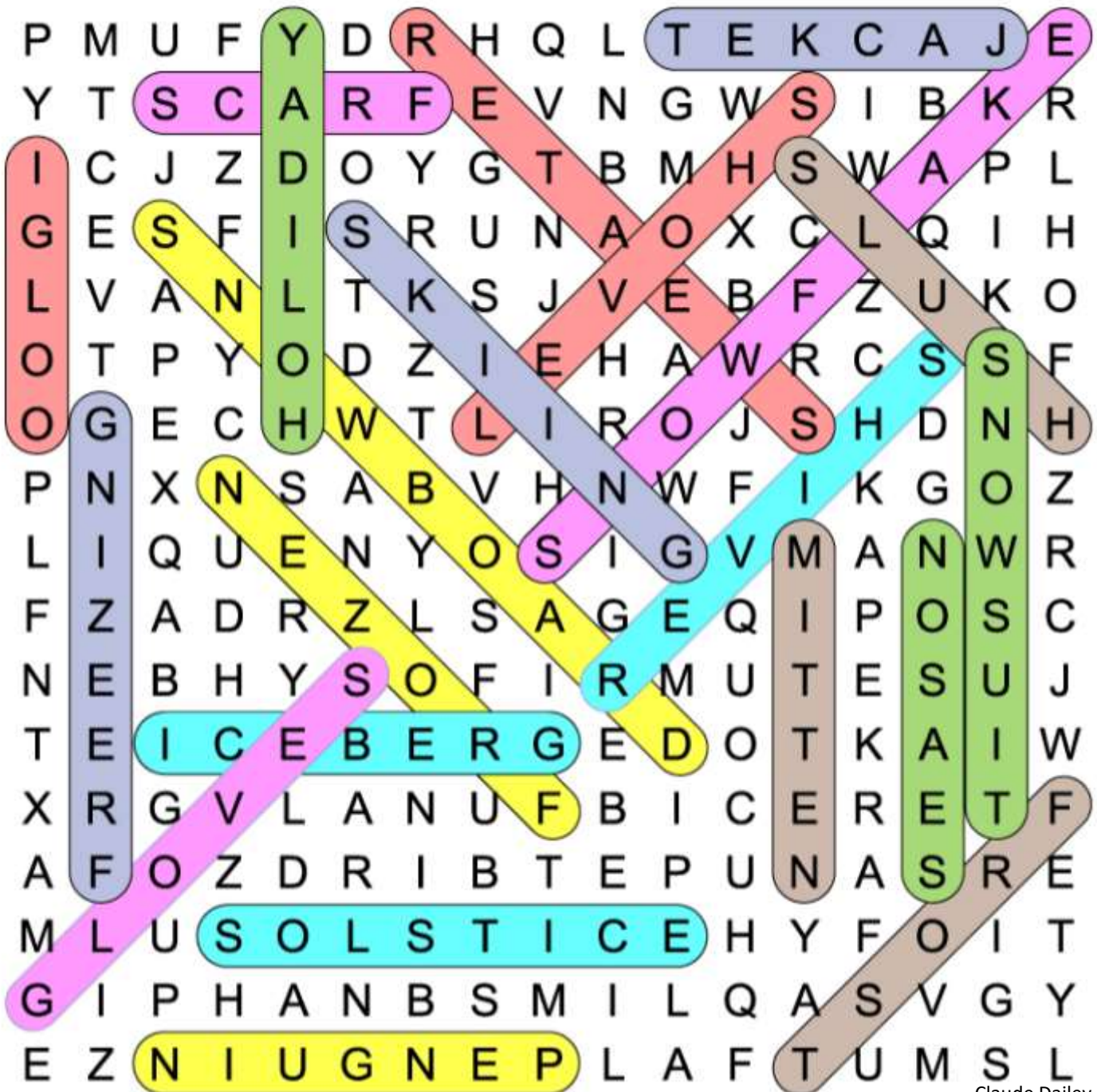


Jingle Bells



I Saw Three Ships

WORD SEARCH SOLUTIONS



Claude Dailey

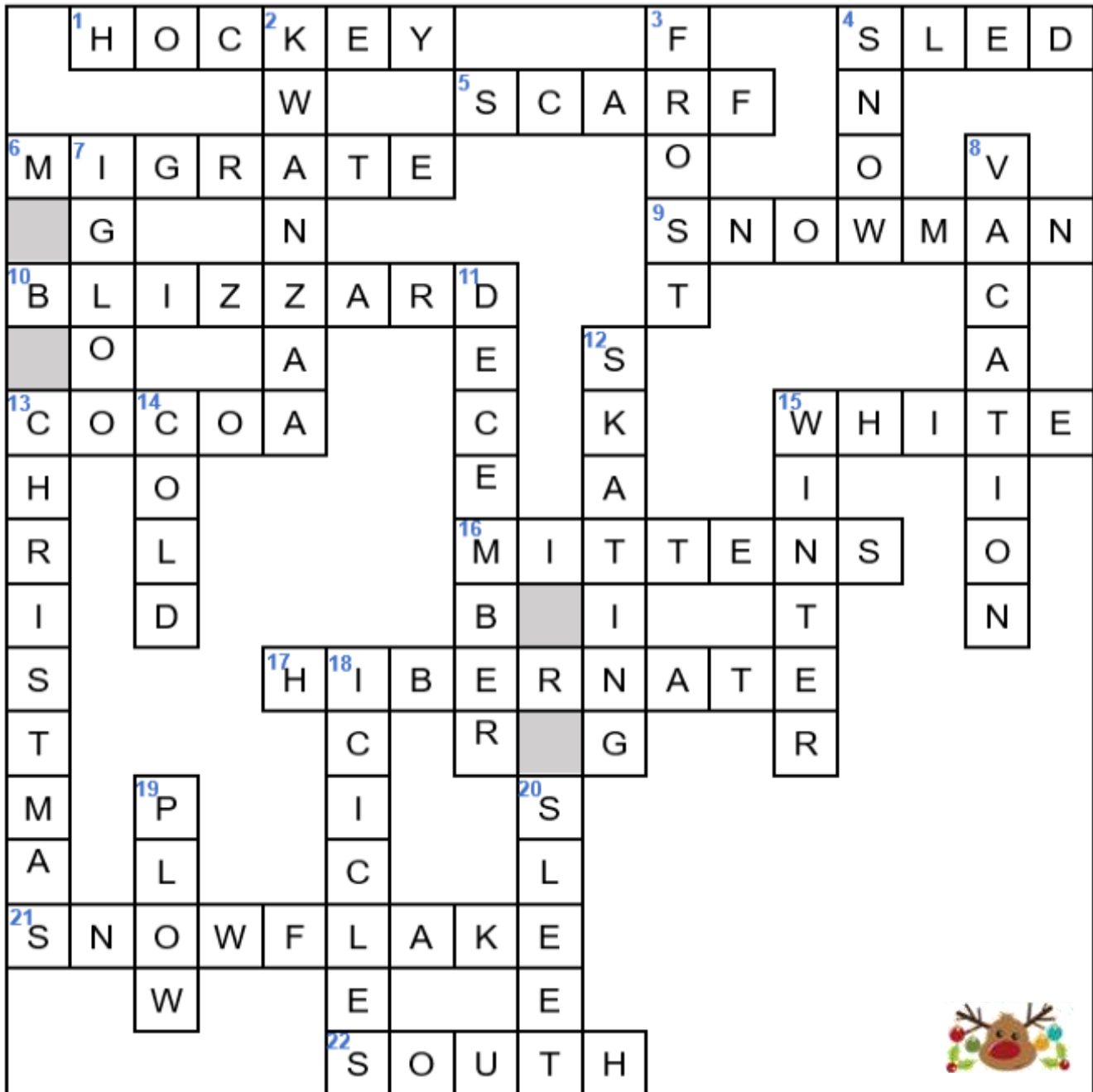
FREEZING
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 ICEBERG
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JACKET
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 SCARF
 SEASON
 SHIVER
 SHOVEL

SKIING
 SLUSH
 SNOWBOARD
 SNOWFLAKE
 SNOWSUIT
 SOLSTICE
 SWEATER



CROSSWORD PUZZLE SOLUTIONS



ACROSS

- | | | | |
|----|----------|----|-----------|
| 1 | Hockey | 13 | Cocoa |
| 4 | Sled | 15 | White |
| 5 | Scarf | 16 | Mittens |
| 6 | Migrate | 17 | Hibernate |
| 9 | Snowman | 21 | Snowflake |
| 10 | Blizzard | 22 | South |

DOWN

- | | | | |
|----|----------|----|-----------|
| 2 | Kwanzaa | 12 | Skating |
| 3 | Frost | 13 | Christmas |
| 4 | Snow | 14 | Cold |
| 7 | Igloo | 15 | White |
| 8 | Vacation | 18 | Icicles |
| 11 | December | 19 | Plow |
| | | 20 | Sleet |

HIDDEN IMAGES SOLUTIONS




Resident Menu – December 2024

Sunday 12/1	Monday 12/2	Tuesday 12/3	Wednesday 12/4	Thursday 12/5	Friday 12/6	Saturday 12/7	
Tropical Fruit Oatmeal Scrambled Eggs Turkey Sausage Patty	Pineapple Grits Sausage & Cheese Breakfast Casserole	Tropical Fruit Cream of Wheat Scrambled Eggs Grilled Ham Toast	BREAKFAST			Pears Scrambled Eggs Biscuit with Sausage Gravy	Grapes Oatmeal Scrambled Eggs Bacon Toast
Roasted Pork Loin Dijon Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetables Ice Cream Cornbread	Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Cookie Dinner Roll	Fried Fish Baked Yams Green Beans Pie Dinner Roll	LUNCH			BBQ Pork Rib Macaroni & Cheese Collard Greens Watermelon Dinner Roll	Balsamic Glazed Chicken White Rice Squash Medley Chocolate Cake Dinner Roll
Baked Ham Turnip Greens Macaroni & Cheese Peach Cobbler Cornbread	BBQ Pork Sandwich Coleslaw Baked Beans Tropical Fruit	Tuna Salad Sandwich Southwest Tortilla Soup Pasta Salad Chocolate Pudding	DINNER			Lasagna Green Beans Garlic Bread Cobbler	Sloppy Joe Sandwich Roasted Zucchini Baked Chips Jell-O
Sunday 12/8	Monday 12/9	Tuesday 12/10	Wednesday 12/11	Thursday 12/12	Friday 12/13	Saturday 12/14	
Tropical Fruit Scrambled Eggs Corned Beef Hash Grits	Pears Scrambled Eggs Sausage Crispy Hash Browns	Tropical Fruit Scrambled Eggs Sliced Ham Pancakes	BREAKFAST			Strawberries Sausage & Cheese Breakfast Casserole Toast	Tropical Fruit Scrambled Eggs Turkey Sausage Patty Banana Muffin
Baked Ham Cornbread Stuffing Green Beans Chocolate Cake Dinner Roll	Fried Pork Chop Roasted Yams Green Peas Fruit Cobbler Dinner Roll	Baked Ziti Garlic Bread Spinach Jell-O	LUNCH			Fried Chicken Roasted Potatoes Collard Greens Pudding Cornbread	Sausage, Peppers & Onions Vegetable Medley Jell-O Dinner Roll
Grilled Chicken Lima Beans Glazed Carrots Vanilla Pudding	Beef Bean Chili White Rice Broccoli & Cauliflower Peaches Cornbread	Italian Pork Loin Pinto Beans Squash & Red Peppers Pudding	DINNER			Spaghetti with Meat Sauce Mixed Vegetables Grapes Garlic Bread	Chicken Tenders Potato Wedges Steamed Carrots Ice Cream

Menu items are subject to change based on supply and availability.

Resident Menu – December 2024



Sunday 12/15	Monday 12/16	Tuesday 12/17	Wednesday 12/18	Thursday 12/19	Friday 12/20	Saturday 12/21
Fresh Blueberries Oatmeal Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon Toast	Peaches Pancakes Scrambled Eggs Pork Sausage Patty	Biscuit Grits Scrambled Eggs Grilled Ham	Pineapple French Toast Scrambled Eggs Turkey Sausage Patty	Tropical Fruit Grits Scrambled Eggs Bacon Toast	Strawberries Sausage & Cheese Breakfast Casserole Toast	Pears Oatmeal Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon Toast
BREAKFAST						
Baked Swiss Steak Garlic Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Berry Cobbler Dinner Roll	Baked Chicken Baked Potatoes Turnip Greens Pound Cake Dinner Roll	Roasted Ginger Pork Rice Pilaf Asian Vegetables Banana Pudding Dinner Roll	Spaghetti with Meatballs Green Beans Yellow Cake Garlic Bread	Roasted Turkey with Gravy Steamed Rice Mixed Vegetables Brownie Dinner Roll	Fried Fish Rice Pilaf Collard Greens Apple Pie Dinner Roll	BBQ Chicken Roasted Sweet Potatoes Zucchini Jell-O Dinner Roll
LUNCH						
Smothered Pork Chop Mexican Rice Mixed Vegetables Jell-O Dinner Roll	Philly Cheesesteak Sweet Potato Fries Coleslaw Chocolate Cake	Grilled Chicken Sandwich Vegetable Soup Fruit Salad Crackers	Tuna Salad Crackers Chicken Noodle Soup Chocolate Pudding	Beef Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Sugar Cookie	Cheeseburger Sweet Potato Fries Mixed Vegetables Jell-O	Baked Ham Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Pineapple Dinner Roll
DINNER						
BREAKFAST						
Fresh Blueberries Scrambled Eggs Pork Bacon Pancakes	Pineapple Scrambled Eggs Corned Beef Hash Grits	Strawberries Scrambled Eggs Sliced Ham Breakfast Potatoes	Tropical Fruit Scrambled Eggs Pork Sausage Patty French Toast	Cantaloupe Scrambled Eggs Turkey Bacon Hash Browns	Pears Scrambled Eggs Biscuit with Sausage Gravy	Grapes Scrambled Eggs Turkey Sausage Patty Pancakes
LUNCH						
Country Fried Steak Steamed Potatoes Green Beans Key Lime Pie Dinner Roll	Chicken Pot Pot Pie Brussel Sprouts Cobbler Dinner Roll	BBQ Pork Loin Butter Beans Cabbage Watermelon Cornbread	Holiday Meal 	Chili Lime Chicken Lemon Rice Pilaf Zucchini & Yellow Squash Carrot Cake Dinner Roll	Crispy Baked Tilapia Hushuppies Collard Greens Banana Pudding Cornbread	Chicken & Dumplings Steamed Broccoli Apple Pie
DINNER						
Fried Chicken Sweet Potato Squash Ice Cream Cornbread	Hot Dog on a Bun Baked Beans Asian Slaw Chocolate Pudding	Tuna Salad Potato Soup Crackers/Bread Chocolate Chip Cookie	Chili Steamed Rice Carrots Lemon Pudding	Brunswick Stew Rice Spinach Ice Cream Dinner Roll	Chicken Tenders French Fries Mixed Vegetables Peanut Butter Cookie	Cheeseburger Potato Salad Green Beans Watermelon

Menu items are subject to change based on supply and availability.



DECEMBER 2024



Sun.	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat.
1 Family Visits Faith Baptist Church @ 2:30	2 Holiday Decorating	3 Holiday Decorating 7:00 BINGO with CMVA Riders	4 Holiday Decorating 8:30 Barber 7:00 BINGO with DAV	5 9:00 Movie & Popcorn on each unit 2:30 DAV Ice Cream Social	6 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Resident Scavenger Hunt	7 Family Visits American Legion Dept. of GA Visit @ 9:00
8 Family Visits St. Pauls Ice Cream Social @ 2:30	9 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Letters to Home 2:30 BINGO	10 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 News with Friends 2:30 Music in Motion	11 8:30 Barber 10:00 Chaplain Larry 2:30 Food for Thought	12 9:00 Movie & Popcorn on each unit 2:30 DAV Ice Cream Social	13 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Holiday Treats & Sweets	14 Family Visits Youth Group BINGO & Ice Cream @ 10:00
15 Family Visits Mackey House Music @ 2:30	16 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Parachute Pop 2:30 BINGO	17 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 News with Friends 2:30 Nerf Deer Hunt!	18 8:30 Barber 10:00 Chaplain Larry 2:30 Elks Lodge Social	19 9:00 Holiday Cards & Coffee 2:30 Crafting 6:30 Kappa Caroling 7:00 Movie & Popcorn	20 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Cookies with Santa	21 Family Visits
22 Family Visits	23 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 Theraband Stretching 2:30 VA Guitar Ensemble	24 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 News with Friends 2:30 Monthly Birthday Party with Evans VFW	25 CHRISTMAS 10:00 Chaplain Larry 	26 HOLIDAY BREAK 	27 10:00 The Word with Chaplain Lark 2:30 Frozen Friday	28 Family Visits
29 Family Visits Church of Christ @ 2:30	30 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 News with Friends 2:30 BINGO	31 9:00 Coffee & News 10:00 News with Friends 2:30 Project Lifting Spirits New Years Evel				

Activities are subject to change based on Resident interest and safety. One-on-one activities occur on each floor

Thank you

*To all of our Veterans, families, friends,
and staff.*

GEORGIA WAR VETERANS NURSING HOME

