

December 2024

Oakcrossing News

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**Celebrating
December**
Happy Holidays from
Oakcrossing

International
Volunteer Day
December 5

Hot Cocoa Day
December 15

Christmas Eve
December 24

Christmas Day
December 25

Boxing Day
December 26th

New Years Eve
December 31st

Merry Christmas
& A Happy New Year!

from your peoplecare family



CALLING ALL BINGO LOVERS



Bingo is celebrated throughout December in church halls and community centers because December is Bingo Month. The game dates all the way back to 1530, when Italians played a game called Lo Gioco del Lotto d'Italia

Some even say that this game was used to fight government corruption. Instead of winning a pot of money, those holding winning numbers were elected as local leaders. The French first introduced a playing card full of numbers. Then in the 1800s, the Germans used the game as a tool to teach children math and spelling. It first appeared in America in 1929 at a carnival near Atlanta, Georgia, where it was called "Beano." When an excited winner shouted out the word bingo by mistake, an entrepreneur named Edwin S. Lowe overheard the faux pas, renamed the game, and employed a Columbia University mathematician named Carl Leffler to create 6,000 randomly numbered bingo cards. Leffler purportedly went insane from the task. A Catholic priest asked Lowe to show him the game as a way of raising money for the church. Bingo has been a church hall mainstay ever since. We have Bingo every Monday and Thursday!! Be sure not to miss it



CHRISTMAS LIGHTS TOUR

This year, we are offering three Christmas Lights Tours. We will be driving around the city to check out some Christmas lights. Spots are very limited, if you would like to have your loved one put on the list, please reach out to one of the recreation staff members or send an email to Abbey (DOP) at amccraw@peoplecare.ca.



Christmas Lights BUS TOUR

December 17th,
19th & 22nd
at 6:00pm

Sign up with recreation.
Spots are very limited.



In loving memory of



Joann Newman, Ralph Dakins, and Gloria Williams

Our deepest thoughts and sympathies go out to the family and friends.

"He spoke well who said that graves are the footprints of angels."

~Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

 **DECEMBER**

BIRTHDAYS



Gloria W.	December 5th
Joanna H.	December 12th
Joan H.	December 13th
Jim H.	December 13th
Hazel P.	December 15th
John L.	December 17th
Gary C.	December 17th
Guiseppe V.	December 18th
Max O.	December 19th
Judy D.	December 27th
Thomas C.	December 28th



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WELCOME TO OAKCROSSING

- Jerry Pawitch (Juniper)
- Dragan Tomicevic (Norway Spruce)
- June Lenz (Sugar Maple)
- Donna White (Red Oak)
- Dorothy Stoneburg (Sugar Maple)



UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next **residents' council** meeting is Tuesday December 10th @10:30am in the back lounge of Norway Spruce.
 Next **family council** meeting is Wednesday January 15th 2025 at 7:00pm in person at Oakcrossing LTC.
 Zoom link also offered.

FOOD SERVICES UPDATE

Hello Oak Crossing! This Holiday season we will be celebrating these National Food Days

December 12: National Cocoa Day - Hot Chocolate Bar for all to enjoy

December 24: National Egg Nog Day - Offered for residents at Lunch time

December 26: National Candy Cane Day - Candy Cane Mousse Cake for Dinner

New Years Eve: Cranberry Fizz Drink served at Dinner

Reminder: If Family/Guests are planning to join us for Christmas Dinner, meal ticket purchases are due by December 17th , 2024.



TIMELESS TREASURES

Old-fashioned toys have a timeless charm that still brings joy during the holiday season. These classic playthings remind us that fun doesn't need to be high-tech to be memorable.

Take the Slinky, for example. Invented in the 1940s by a mechanical engineer, this simple metal spring became an instant hit. Kids marveled as it "walked" down stairs. Over 300 million Slinkys have been sold since.

Then there's the yo-yo, which dates back to ancient Greece. The modern version we know today gained popularity in the 1920s. Yo-yos were a must-have for kids learning tricks like "Walk the Dog" and "Around the World." They remain a nostalgic favorite and are often found in Christmas stockings.

Another beloved toy is the Etch A Sketch, introduced in 1960. This magical drawing board uses knobs to create pictures with aluminum powder. It sold over 600,000 units during its first Christmas season. The Etch A Sketch became a staple under the Christmas tree, offering endless creativity without the need for batteries.

No list of classic toys would be complete without the beloved jack-in-the-box. Originating in the 16th century, this whimsical toy has delighted children for centuries. The thrill of turning the crank and waiting for the cheerful pop of a clown or other character never gets old—a perfect reminder that sometimes the most delightful toys are the ones that make us smile with anticipation.

And who could forget Lincoln Logs? These wooden building sets were created in 1916 by John Lloyd Wright, the son of renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright. This open-ended toy allowed children to build miniature log cabins and other structures. The sets are still cherished for their simplicity and the way they spark the imagination.

These toys remind us that sometimes the simplest playthings bring the most joy. Consider adding a few of these timeless classics to your holiday traditions. Perhaps you even have some stored away in an attic. They're sure to bring smiles, just as they have for generations.





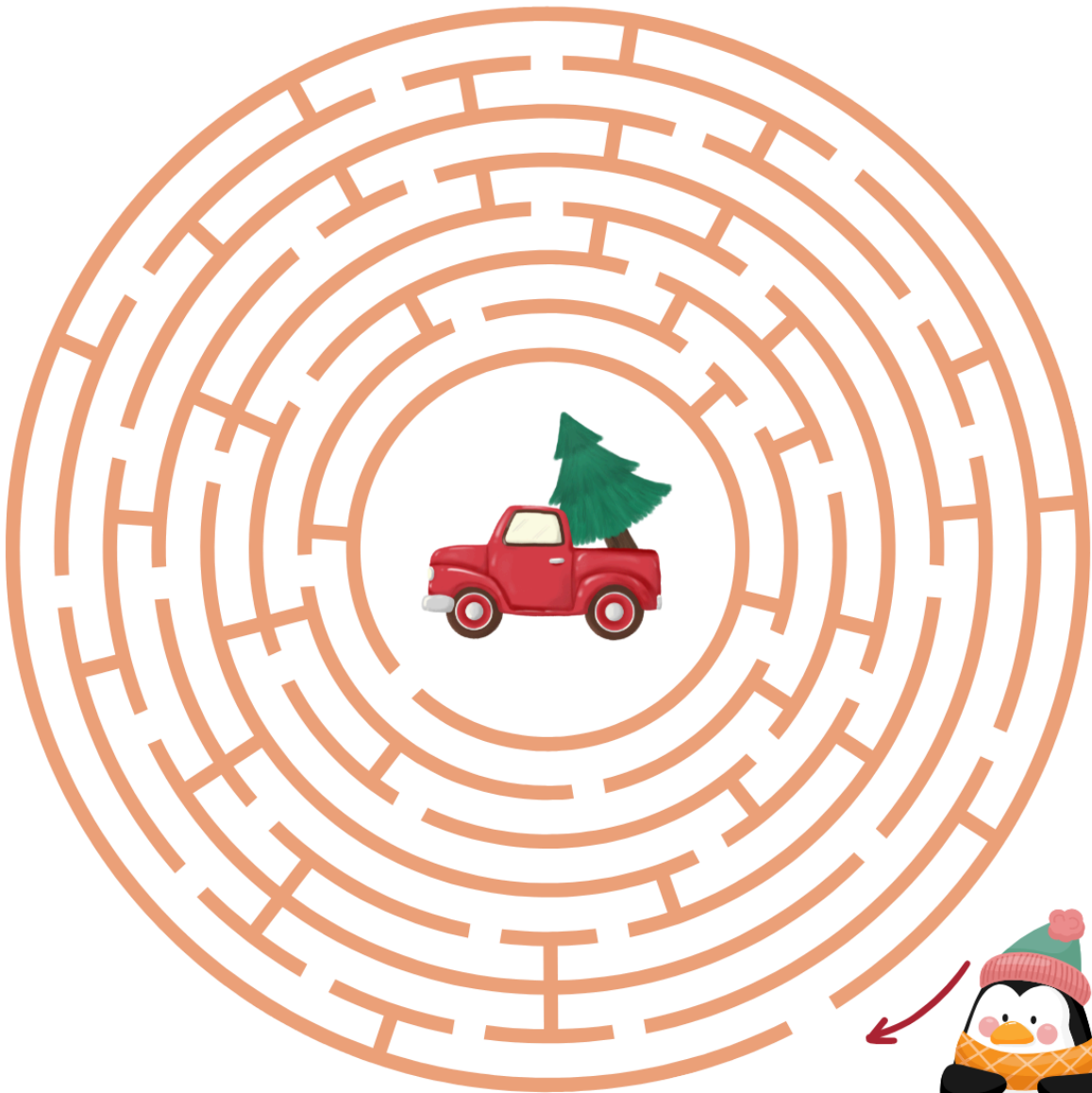
CHRISTMAS MAZE PUZZLE



Name: _____

Date: _____

Instruction: Help penguin find its way to the truck to take the Christmas tree home.

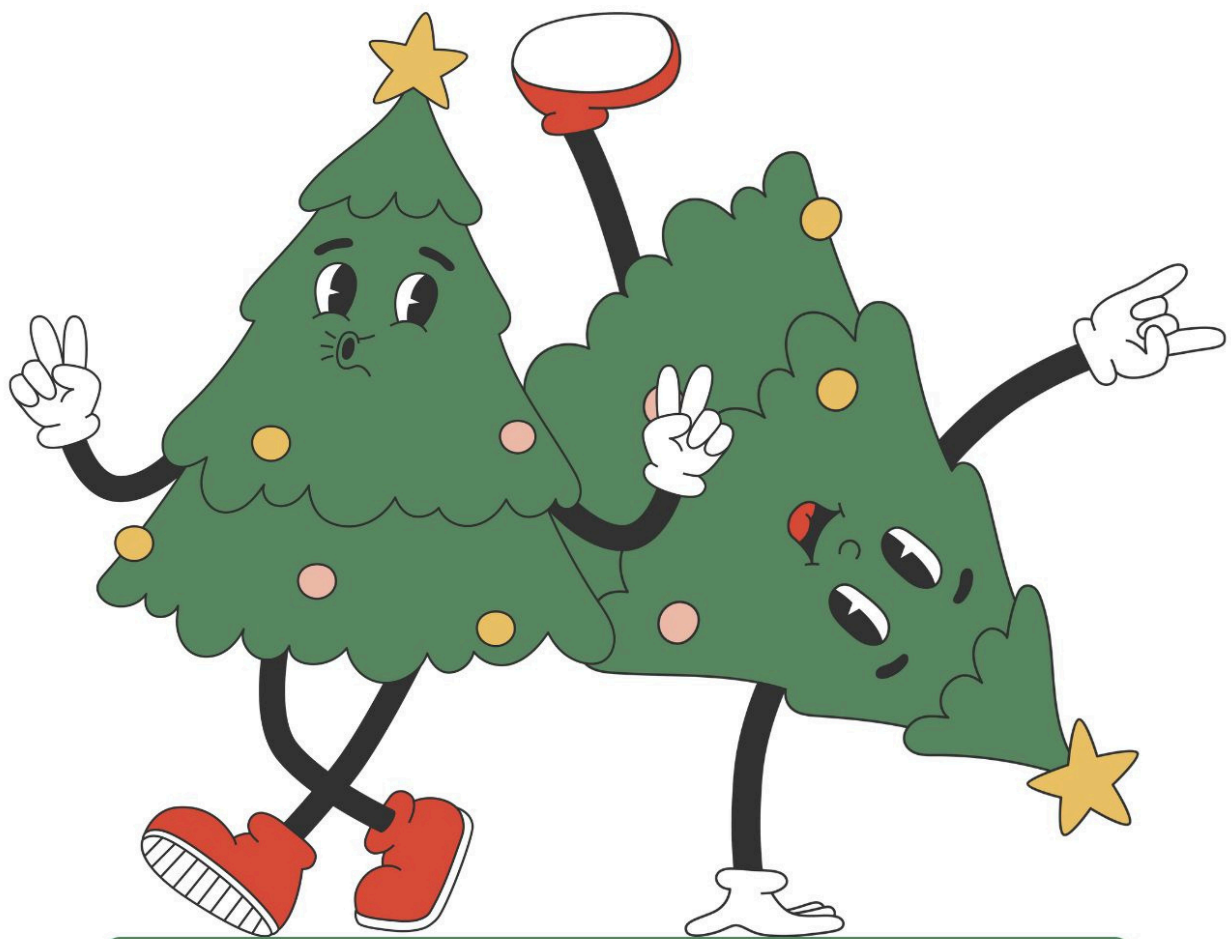


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RESIDENT AND FAMILY

CHRISTMAS

Party



3RD FLOOR - MONDAY DECEMBER 16TH AT 6:15

2ND FLOOR - THURSDAY DECEMBER 12TH AT 6:15

JUNIPER - FRIDAY DECEMBER 20TH AT 6:15

The parties will take place in the Dining Rooms and feature live music.

MAKE-A-WORD

HOW MANY WORDS CAN YOU MAKE FROM :

Christmas

EX: CAR

_____	_____	_____
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Nothing announces the arrival of the holiday season like the smell of freshly baked cookies. If you're looking to spruce up your baking this year, ditch the common round shape for some fun cookie cutters during Cookie Cutter Week, held the first week of December

While evidence shows that ancient Egyptians created interesting molds for baking cakes, Queen Elizabeth I of England is said to have popularized the novelty of baking cookies in the shape of her guests. Gingerbread men and women soon became popular in bakeries across 17th-century England.

Today, you can find cookie cutters in every conceivable shape and size. Some manufacturers will even create custom cookie cutters. Some people enjoy collecting cookie cutters, and serious enthusiasts belong to the Cookie Cutters Collectors' Club (CCCC). In fact, it was the CCCC that originally conceived Cookie Cutter Week about 30 years ago. Members enjoy benefits such as a quarterly newsletter and an exclusive cutter designed to commemorate Cookie Cutter Week.

Lumberjack Social

Tuesday December 17th @2:00pm
in the Café

Get ready for a fun
afternoon of snacks, drinks,
music and fun activities!
Don't forget to wear your
flannel



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

If you were born between December 1–21, you are Sagittarius, the Archer. Archers are optimistic, energetic, generous, and honest. They enjoy exploration and keep an open mind during new encounters. Those born between December 22–31 are Capricorns, the Goat. Capricorns are the most stable and serious signs of the zodiac. Reliable, resourceful, and determined, they make excellent leaders and managers.

- Lou Rawls (singer) – December 1, 1933
- Louis Prima (singer) – December 7, 1910
- Judi Dench (actress) – December 9, 1934
- Connie Francis (singer) – December 12, 1938
- J. Paul Getty (tycoon) – December 15, 1892
- William Parry (explorer) – December 19, 1790
- Ava Gardner (actress) – December 24, 1922
- Ted Danson (actor) – December 29, 1947
- Tiger Woods (golfer) – December 30, 1975

CHRISTMAS WORD SEARCH



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 USHBM COOKIESLTLSSU
 SWESP SMKYAEYRFBCNOPH
 PIENGATHERSLARFOPHAO
 BRAZSSEIEHAAEAYRGIFT
 EAGRLTLNAAHABTTNGHPC
 LSFTEAFEPNOEAWUWDACO
 IIVT IETDIKCCHAFNCAIC
 EAASGRINCHEERIFCHMBO
 VAMCHASTMUAPANJOLLYA
 EEPUOBASSLETKAIAUMMY
 BALTIMNRNAKEVINLNMAA
 ABRTEATSTOCKINGATPMA
 TIEHPLAEWEWILGLIMCTY
 ATZHAYLYAXOWEE E ADCRT

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| Merry | Snow | Gather | Grinch |
| Believe | Hot Cocoa | Gift | Elf |
| Cookies | Cheer | Santa | Wreath |
| Jingle | Jolly | Sleigh | Stocking |





**NEW
YEAR'S
SOCIAL**

**Tuesday December
31st @2:00pm in the
Cafe**

**Join the recreation team in
celebrating the new year!**

**Snacks, music, socializing and
festivities!**