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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Hello to all our family and friends! I hope you all had a blessed and enjoyable Thanksgiving! Our residents surely enjoyed the delicious meal our ever so talented cooks prepared.

Some in house updates; masks are not mandatory at this time but are available at the front entrances. There will be a posting on the front door if we have any active illness in the building. The fire panel replacement project is close to being completed. This will allow us to use our HVAC system that we have all been anxiously awaiting. I am looking for someone interested in playing the piano during our church services on Sundays at 1:00pm. We also would fit this into another day and time if it would work better. Please contact me at the home 330-627-4665. Our Christmas trees will be going up December 1st for decorating. The employee Christmas party will be December 14th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the facility.

We were so fortunate throughout the year with the free hearted individuals whom graciously donated meat from the 4H/FFA animal sales at the Carroll County Fair. I was unable to send individual thank you notes this year, as I was not provided a detailed list of donors like I have had in previous years. I am honestly just overwhelmed with gratitude for all the generous support this amazing community provides our County Home!

I want to encourage and welcome fellow community members into the facility this month for caroling, to bring cards, or just to spread some holiday cheer! Please keep in mind that our residents do turn in pretty early in the evening, so daytime and early afternoons are the best times to enjoy their company! Please call to coordinate a date and time.

Lastly, I would like to wish you all a blessed and Merry Christmas! May the new year bring you all joy and happiness.

Jessica Dawn Faulk, LPN, Superintendent



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold."

~ Anonymous



BIRTHDAYS

RESIDENTS

NILA HENDERSHOT 12/10

JAMES SMITH 12/10

RAY BORLAND 12/11

WALTER PETRIME 12/15

FELICE DUNN 12/23



EMPLOYEES

ROSE BITTNER 12/03

KELLY LEE 12/14

KIM BERRY 12/17

SHALEEN SHAVER 12/17

CARA BORLAND 12/17

JULIA GUIAO 12/30

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD



There's a lot to love about Christmas – food, family and friends. What makes the holiday season even more charming is the fact that all around the world, countries have developed their own Christmas traditions.

Christmas Chicken: Christmas is all about food, and in Japan, this food is associated with three letters: KFC. People flock to the American fast-food chain KFC to eat – get your drumsticks out – “Kurisumasu ni wa kentakkii!” aka “Kentucky For Christmas!” The tradition of eating “(Fried) Christmas chicken” goes back to a marketing campaign in 1974 – and to this day, KFC records the highest sales volume each year on Christmas Eve.

Lucky Numbers: Since the late 19th century, the Spanish National Lottery has been giving out the biggest amount of money of the year: “El Gordo” or “The Fat One.” It has become a huge social event, usually on December 22, and people get together with dozens of lottery tickets each, in high hopes of being one of the lucky winners. The lottery numbers are traditionally sung by a choir of twenty-two school children, and the whole country basically stands still in hopes for the Christmas present of a lifetime.

Christmas Spiders: Believe it or not, there such as thing as a Christmas spider. In the Ukraine, the Christmas trees are decorated with spider webs – don't freak out, they are ornaments that look like spider webs, which are said to bring good luck. The tale goes all the way back to a poor woman who couldn't afford ornaments to decorate her tree with. The next morning, she woke up and her tree was covered with spider webs that look all sparkly and beautiful in the sunlight. Other countries, like Poland or Germany, consider it good luck if they find a spider or spider web in the Christmas tree.

Santa's Mailbox: I bet we've all written a letter to Santa at some point – but did you know that he actually has an address? His mailbox is in Canada, and if you write him by December 16 – in over 30 languages, including Braille – he will write back. Just send your letter to Santa Claus, North Pole H0H 0H0, Canada. It's free and there are no stamps needed – because Santa is awesome. And so is the zip code of the North Pole.

Christmas Pickle: Pickles should be your favorite Christmas decoration because they mean that you get an extra present: in many countries, an ornament in the shape of a pickle is hidden somewhere in the Christmas tree and the person who finds it, will get an extra present or just a whole lot of good fortune. It's unclear where the tradition actually comes from, but I think we can live with that – as long as we get that extra present.



GOLDEN NUGGETS

Happy December! Where did the year go?! We can hardly believe it is almost over! Many groups and community members have asked about Christmas donations for this year. We have decided to do something a little different than years past. This year we have put together an Amazon.com wish list. Please go to our Facebook page to find the link. Some other things we thought would be nice for the residents are gift cards to some of our favorite places: Dollar General, Family Dollar, Dollar Tree, John's Bakery and Cafe (Minerva), Crossroads Restaurant (By Sandy Valley Schools), Dairy Queen, McDonald's, Wendy's, any of the pizza places in Carrollton or any place to get ice cream, drinks or meals. We also thought, in leu of gifts, groups/people could sponsor a "Snack Night" or Entertainment event. Feel free to call Kasey if you have questions. We will be having our resident Christmas Party December 22nd at 2:00pm.

November was full of lots of fun. We had our weekly shopping trips and out to lunch trips. We made cinnamon dough ornaments. We had Wendy from 4th Street Art come in and do an adorable pumpkin painting with us. The Carrollton Garden Club donated cut flowers and greenery to us to make flower arrangements for all of our residents. We celebrated our November birthdays on the 17th with cake, ice cream, and gifts. On the 19th the singing group “Revived” came in for a morning time show. On the 25th we headed out to the Carrollton Christmas Parade. We hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and has a wonderful Christmas and New Year!