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FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPERINTENDENT



Hello to all our family and friends. I want to remind all of our visitors to please take necessary precautions when coming into visit. If you are having cold symptoms, cough, or just not feeling good, please, for the safety of our residents, refrain from visiting until you are symptom free. As many of you know, our population is so vulnerable to all of the cold and flu bugs. Also, as the holiday season is now in full swing, please be mindful of the serious pine allergy on of my employees suffers from. No pine trees, branches or cones are to enter the building.

We will be starting the month of December off by putting up tress and decorating every room we can. We have a handful of residents that enjoy helping us, which is always such fun! Please, if you are able to bring your children, youth groups, etc. in to carol, pass out Christmas cards or crafts they have made for our residents, or any other festive and fun ideas, call Dawn or Kasey with a projected time and day. We welcome all of you. The joy you all have brought to our resident's faces in the past priceless.

I would like to thank the Carrollton Suburban Garden Club for providing the fresh flowers every month for our resident birthday party. We are so thankful for your continued support.

Myself, our DON, Shaleen Shaver, and our Administrative Resident Care Coordinator, Jen Kirby, attended the Ohio County Home Association conference that was held at Mohican Lodge. As chairman of the association, it is a pretty busy time. It was so nice to meet and collaborate with all the other county homes in Ohio. It is nice to bounce ideas off one another, especially when we all operate on such different levels than a lot of other nursing facilities. We were able to obtain all of our CEUs as well.

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who continues to bring gifts for our residents, cards, gingerbread houses, etc. We appreciate it. May you all have a blessed and merry Christmas.

Jessica Dawn Faulk, LPN, Superintendent



QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Holly and mistletoe, candles and bells, I know the message that each of you tells."

~ Leland B. Jacobs

BIRTHDAYS

RESIDENTS

WALT PETRIME 12/15



EMPLOYEES

ROSE BITTNER 12/03

KELLY LEE 12/14

KAREN WAGNER 12/15

KIM BERRY 2/17

CARA BORLAND 12/17

SHALEEN SHAVER 12/14

JULIA GUIAO 12/30



CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

1. What holiday song was the first song to be broadcast in space? **Answer:** “Jingle Bells.” In 1965, Gemini 6 astronauts reported a “low-flying object traveling from the north pole” to mission control. Then, they played “Jingle Bells” over the radio transmission using a harmonica that they smuggled aboard the spacecraft.
2. What holiday was “Jingle Bells” originally written for? **Answer:** Thanksgiving. In 1867, James Lord Pierpont wrote the originally titled “One Horse Open Sleigh” to celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. In the decades that followed, the song became associated with the Christmas holiday.
3. True or false? “Jingle Bells” was written by the uncle of J.P. Morgan, the American financier. **Answer:** True. James Lord Pierpont’s sister married Junius Spencer Morgan. They named their son John Pierpont Morgan.
4. What song inspired the parody “All I Want for Christmas Is a Beatle”? **Answer:** “All I Want for Christmas (Is My Two Front Teeth).” Don Gardner wrote this song in 1944 for a Christmas concert for his wife’s second-grade class. He noted that most of the children had their two front teeth missing. The parody was recorded in 1963 by singer-comedienne Dora Bryan.
5. True or false? Gardner didn’t think his song “All I Want for Christmas (Is My Two Front Teeth)” would be a hit. **Answer:** True. Gardner sold the song to a New York music publisher who told him, “It’ll never be a hit.” However, it was immensely popular when it was released by Spike Jones and His City Slickers in 1948.
6. What Christmas song with a color in the title did Elvis sing for his 1968 Christmas TV special? **Answer:** “Blue Christmas.” This TV special is the only existing video recording of Elvis singing a Christmas song. In 2008, video of country singer Martina McBride was digitally imposed onto the original Elvis video to make it appear as though they are singing a duet. When the duet hit #22 on the charts, it was the first time an Elvis single topped the charts since 1982.
7. A line in “Blue Christmas” goes, “You’ll be doing alright with your Christmas of white....” What other Christmas song is this line referring to? **Answer:** “White Christmas.” The song “Blue Christmas” was released by Elvis 15 years after “White Christmas.”
8. What artist first popularized the song “White Christmas”? **Answer:** Bing Crosby. Crosby recorded this song in October 1942. It topped the charts for 11 weeks after its release, well past the Christmas season.
9. True or false? The song “White Christmas” was written for the movie of the same name. **Answer:** False. The movie White Christmas was actually developed in response to the popularity of the song of the same name. The song “White Christmas” debuted in the 1942 film Holiday Inn.
10. Who wrote the song “White Christmas”? **Answer:** Irving Berlin. According to Berlin, who was a prolific

GOLDEN NUGGETS



Happy December! We can hardly believe that 2024 is coming to a close! Thank you to everyone who made this year amazing! November was a fun and busy month. We continue to have Armchair Yoga three days a week. This focuses on range of motion movements. We have quite a few residents that really enjoy it. We have the wonderful Chuck Fedorka in three Wednesdays a month to host a bible study. We have two shopping and out to lunch trips a month to accommodate everyone who wants to go. Old Path Bible Baptist Church comes in three Sundays a month for a worship service. We enjoyed an ice cream treat every Tuesday during Bingo. We had root beer floats, sundaes and ice cream cones.

On the 4th we headed to Whitehouse Fruit Farm near Canfield for a wonderful afternoon adventure. We really enjoyed walking through the shop and seeing all of the wonderful items they carry. We found some of their fruit ciders and decided to give them a try. They were delicious. We got some samples of the delicious apples they sell. Before we left the store we stopped at their bakery for their famous donuts. They did not disappoint. We enjoyed our donuts and cider at the picnic area near their fish pond. It was beautiful. Some of us went down to the dock and were able to see a bunch of fish. On the 7th we had Sarah Warfield from Traditions Health Hospice Care come in and hosted a pinning ceremony for our Veterans. It was a wonderful ceremony. All 6 of our Veterans received a certificate of appreciation. On the 15th we had a turkey shoot using a nerf gun. It was a lot of fun. Residents had to shoot at a turkey made out of cups. The cups were covered in tissue paper. The residents had to shoot out the tissue paper and then they got to pick a prize! On the 16th Rae and Joe Knipp brought in a movie, “The Nativity”, and snacks. The residents really enjoyed the movie. On the 19th and 22nd we went to lunch at our favorite spot, Crossroads Restaurant, then headed to Dove to The Warther Museum Christmas Tree Festival. We had a wonderful time. The Christmas Tree Festival was amazing. If you have never been, we highly recommend it. On the 21st we celebrated our November birthdays with a pink lemonade themed party. Thank you to the family of Ardena Gassman for sponsoring the delicious cupcake cake from Sander’s Market. On the 30th we headed to the Carrollton Christmas Parade. We always enjoy getting to ride through the parades. Be sure to follow us on Facebook to see all of the fun things we do!

As the new year approaches, we are looking for sponsors for our monthly donut day and our monthly birthday cake. If you are interested or have questions please call Kasey.