

## WHAT'S COMING UP

### December 1st

National Christmas  
Lights Day

Rosa Parks Day

### December 6th

St. Nicholas Day

### December 7th

Hanukkah Starts

### December 15th

Bill of Rights Day

National Ugly Sweater Day

Hanukkah Ends

### December 16th

National Wreaths Across  
America Day

### December 20th

Games Day

Go Caroling Day

### December 21st

Winter Solstice

### December 23rd

Festivus

### December 24th

Christmas Eve

### December 25th

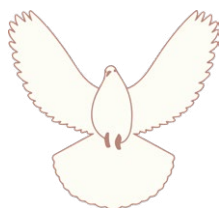
Christmas Day

### December 26th

Kwanzaa Begins

### December 31st

New Year's Eve



## DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER



### *Hello Residents,*

As we approach the end of this transformative year, I'm delighted to share the December newsletter with a touch of spiritual reflection. This season serves as a poignant reminder of the values and spiritual beliefs that unite us as a community.

In the spirit of gratitude, let's take a moment to appreciate the collective strength that has seen us through this year's challenges and triumphs. As we gather with loved ones, may the warmth of these connections kindle the flame of hope and compassion within our hearts.

In this edition, you'll find stories of kindness and resilience that reflect the spiritual journey we've collectively undertaken. We'll explore how our core values align with the deeper, transcendent aspects of our shared human experience. The many different faces shown in this newsletter express the care and love within our community and make me so proud of our Rosewood family.

As we usher in the season of giving, let us extend our compassion to those in need and spread the joy that comes from selfless acts. Together, we can amplify what God has provided to each of us: unconditional love. Love defines the true spirit of Christmas. I hope you feel the warm support that all the associates at Rosewood have shared throughout the year to make your time with us special. What a special combination we have at Rosewood... the best residents ever and the best care team ever!

Wishing you and yours a blessed and meaningful Christmas Season. May God bless us all!

**Greg Pflug,**  
*Executive Director*

### *Friends Make the Best Neighbors*

Would you like a free\* month at Regency? Don't forget about our "Friends Make the Best Neighbors" promotion! Invite your friends to move into our community and receive a free month or a check for \$2,500 for each referral who becomes a resident.

*\*Referring residents will be paid out 60 days from the move-in date.*



## Reverse Trick or Treat

Residents enjoyed a heartwarming reverse trick-or-treat event, featuring children from both the staff and two local churches who generously shared candy. Residents praised the children for their good behavior, with one saying, "I'm impressed by how thoughtful they were to visit a bunch of old folks" with a sweet smile. Another resident declared it the best night ever at Rosewood. The event was a bustling and joyful occasion, with over 77 people in attendance. A big thank you to Christ First Church, Peavine Baptist, HeRose Sunday School and the dedicated staff who volunteered their free time to bring smiles to the residents.



## Spa Day with Cyndi Sisson, Mary Kay Representative

Cyndi Sisson is a local Mary Kay Rep, and she reached out to us to do facials with some of our ladies here at Rosewood. She had the Discovery Center decked out for facials. Cyndi shared day and nighttime skincare routines with the ladies and generously gave each resident a gift set containing samples for their eyes and lips. These ladies had a great time and said it made them feel beautiful.





## Veterans Day Recognition

Hearth and Tapestry Hospice, along with Caris Healthcare, recently honored our veterans at Rosewood. The veterans received pins and certificates, and Caris Healthcare organized a Vet to Vet Cafe, bringing in veterans from the American Legion for one-on-one conversations. A Veteran's Day Lunch, catered by Choo-Choo BBQ in Chickamauga, GA, was also hosted by Life Enrichment, providing BBQ and fixings. The veterans were deeply appreciative of these gestures. Thanks to all the groups involved for taking the time to honor our residents.



## Sunshine Tour to Sonic for 50¢ Corn Dogs

We hopped on the bus and went to Sonic for their 50¢ corn dog promotion. The residents had a blast enjoying this classic treat. Mrs. Pitts, who had never tried a corn dog before, decided to give it a shot and absolutely loved it! We encourage everyone to join us on these outings — they're a lot of fun, and sometimes we even create new and exciting experiences like this one.





## Oakwood Christian Academy Band Performance

December 7th at 2:30 p.m.

Students from Oakwood Christian Academy's band will be here to share their Christmas performance with our staff and residents. This band is a delight to watch, showcasing great harmony and rich talent. Please join us in the dining room at 2:30 for a wonderful performance you won't want to miss.



## Family Day Dessert Party

December 9th at 2 p.m.

This will be our last family event for the 2023! Please, invite your family to join you for our dessert party. We will have a spread of many different desserts and drinks for you and your family to enjoy. We appreciate you and your family, and this event is one way to show our thanks.



## Christmas Carols with Tyler

December 12th at 6 p.m.

Tyler with Tapestry Hospice will be here Tuesday evening to lead us in Christmas carols and an activity. He will also be bringing a group of young men to engage with our residents and learn a little more about them. This is a wonderful sentiment. We are always grateful to those who take the time to show our residents such loving kindness.





## Nightshine Tour to See Christmas Lights

December 14th & 21st at 6 p.m.

We had a fantastic turnout last year, and we're doing the event twice, just like before. Sign-up sheets are available in the folder at the front desk. It's first-come, first-served, and we'll accommodate one non-transferrable wheelchair each night. We'll rotate residents to include more people. Be sure to join us!



## Christmas Carols with The Gathering

December 19th at 6 p.m.

Members from The Gathering will be here to sing Christmas carols to our residents in the dining room. They will also be bringing a special treat to share! Please, make every effort to attend this performance.



## Lunch Outing to Golden Corral

December 21st at 11:30 a.m

We will enjoy our last lunch outing of the year with a trip to Golden Corral. The sign-up sheet will be in the folder at the front desk as per usual. Make sure to sign up ASAP so that you get a seat on the bus. If you have never been, it is a buffet with many different options for you to choose from. As always, you must provide money to pay for your meal.



## New Year's Day Celebrations

December 31st

On December 31, we're hosting two New Year's Day celebrations! At 3 p.m., residents are invited to join Life Enrichment in the Discovery Center for snacks, drinks, and accessories. We'll ring in the New Year at 4 p.m. for the early birds who can't stay up until midnight. Additionally, at 11 p.m., Life Enrichment will be back in the Discovery Center with more snacks, drinks, and accessories. We'll watch the Times Square ball drop in real-time on TV and welcome 2024 together. Please make every effort to attend this special event!



## Martha Pitts

Martha can almost always be found in one of two places: the dining room or the Discovery Center. She is very active in our community. Known to us as “Snooki Bill,” she is our resident chocolate lover.

Martha loves to watch ball games and play BINGO. She formerly worked with the Secret Service in Washington, D.C. Martha and her husband, Thomas, loved to travel. She has many great stories to tell about her childhood and she also taught us what watermelon rind preserves are!

Martha loves it when our entertainers come to perform and any time children or pets come to visit. She loves it when we take Sunshine Tours up to Lookout Mountain to see the views.

## Happy birthday

### Resident

Faye Porter	Dec. 2
Connie Pharr	Dec. 9
Lucille Chandler	Dec. 9
Carolyn Tanner	Dec. 10
Alice Howard	Dec. 14
Bob Weaver	Dec. 17
Frank Robertson	Dec. 19
Jimmy Hannah	Dec. 20
Imogene Ausmus	Dec. 20

### Employee

Leeann Chapman	Dec. 2
Melanie Kreis	Dec. 5
Marion Bailey	Dec. 7
Rachel McRobie	Dec. 12
Lidia Watkins	Dec. 15
Tiffany Richards	Dec. 17
Monica Barnes	Dec. 22
Mercedes Mitchell	Dec. 22
Gregg Martin	Dec. 26
Destiny McReynolds	Dec. 27
Hayden Harman	Dec. 28
Faith Sanders	Dec. 31



## COMMUNITY STORY

Recently, Rosewood underwent a community refresh! Our lobby, dining room, mezzanine, and office areas received many upgrades. The feedback from residents, guests, and families has been overwhelmingly positive, with everyone noting how the updates have made our community look fresh and inviting.

Shelly Stern played a key role in this transformation, and while there are still some ongoing improvements, we are already enjoying the benefits of this new look. One resident was so delighted that she called her daughter to express how the place felt brand new.

Our parking lots also received a resurfacing. We appreciate the cooperation of everyone throughout these changes. We welcome you to come spend some time in our beautifully renovated lobby!

Check out our November photo album online for pictures of our renovated space!

More community news comes from Katie Kenner, the



Mrs. Juanell Eaves

caregiver to Juanell Eaves. We extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Eaves for their dedicated service to our country and appreciation to Katie for sharing their story!

Juanell Eaves, a resident of Rosewood, is a remarkable 96-year-old native of Catoosa County, GA. She graduated from Ringgold High School, and is the daughter of Monroe and Ozeal Pack. Juanell dedicated 30 years of her life as a secretary for the ARMY (USPFO), retiring in 1986.

Her husband, Sonny Eaves, visits almost every day to sit with her, hold her hand, and feed her breakfast. They’ve celebrated 71 years of marriage. Sonny served in the Marine Corps from 1948 to 1952, earning the rank of Staff Sergeant. After his military service, Sonny worked for 25 years at A&P Tea Company in Atlanta, GA.

## WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS! 🏠

Jake Wardlaw  
Joe White

Lucy Bryant  
Earnie Harris

Mary Lemons  
Mary Forrester



## WORD FIND

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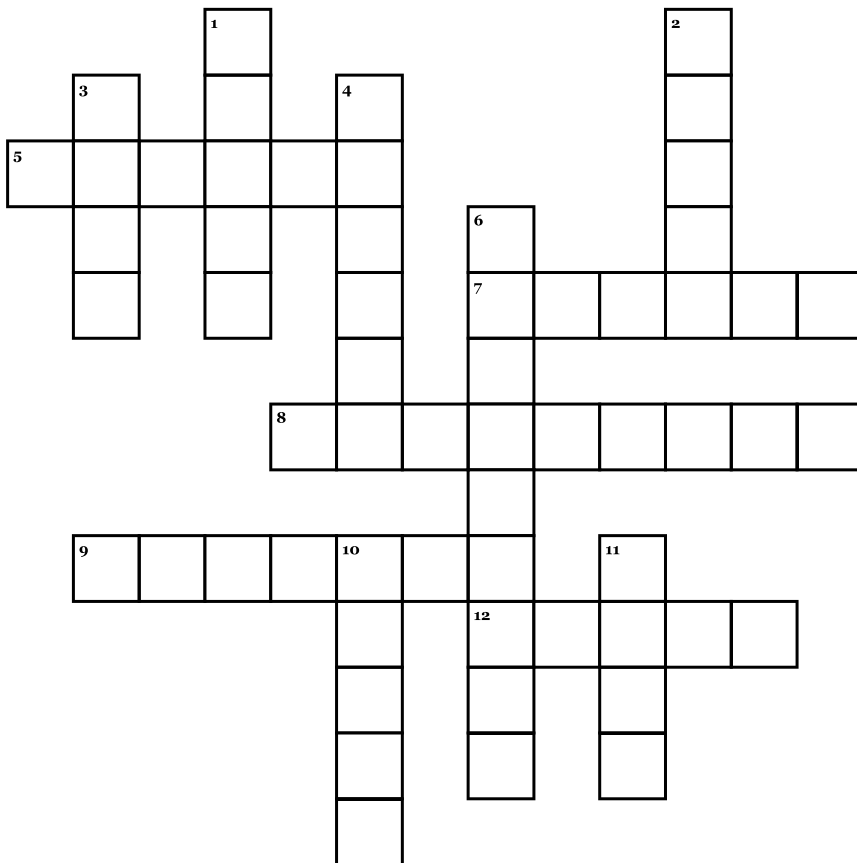
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## CROSSWORD



### Down

1. Common Christmas Tree Topper
2. You might dream of this kind of Christmas
3. Striped mint candy shape
4. Brothers who ushered in the era of flight
6. December's flower
10. One of December's birthstones
11. Kind of men who came to visit Jesus with gifts

### Across

5. Away in a \_\_\_\_\_, no crib for a bed
7. Four week period leading up to Christmas
8. These are hung by the chimney with care
9. Circular evergreens that represent eternal life
12. Clothing for a Christmas Tree

## Stay Connected!

### Join Our Facebook Group

Are you on Facebook? Join our exclusive Friends and Family Group for a fun glimpse into what's happening in our community.



## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

### Matt Goss

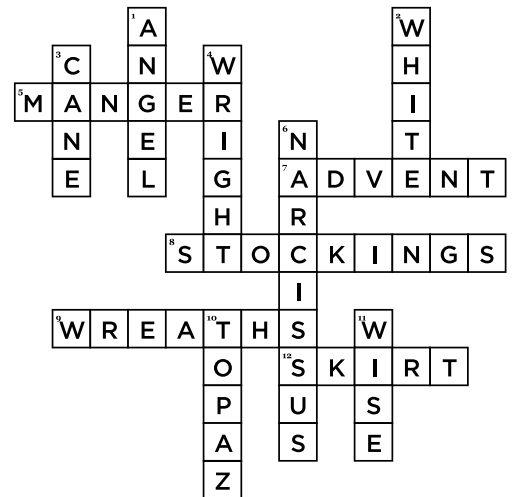
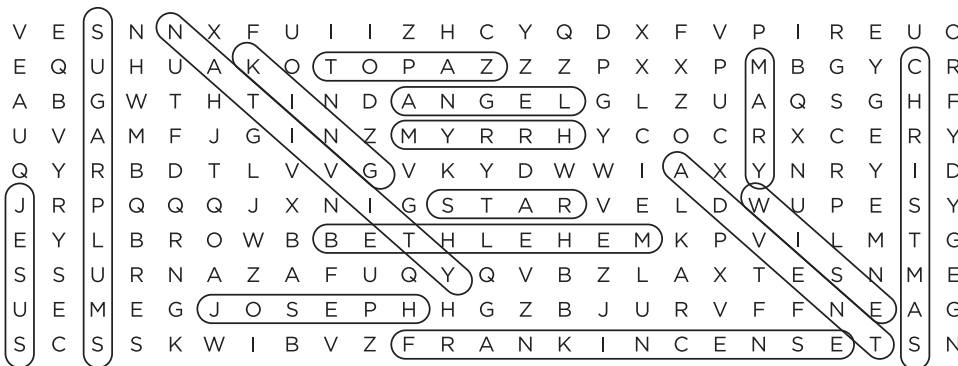


Matt is an RN and has been employed at Rosewood for 15 months. He is known for his smile, his pleasant attitude and his willingness to help anyone in need. Matt is well-known all over the community by residents and staff alike!

Matt is also an 8 year combat veteran who served in the Army with multiple deployments. Matt has 4 children and says, "Dad is my favorite title." Matt is engaged to Courtney, who he says is the most loving and supportive woman.

When asked what he enjoys most about his job, he said, "The hugs I get and give from my residents." He enjoys sitting and talking with residents and asking how he can improve their lives. Matt, thank you for being a shining example of what it means to be Employee of the Month.

## ANSWER KEY



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