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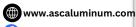


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Mon, Dec 2	7 pm	Trivia
Thurs, Dec 5	9-10 am	Coffee Social* & Community Update
Tue, Dec 10	10:30 am	Holiday decorating Clubhouse and Outdoor yard
Thurs, Dec 12	6-9 pm	Holiday Social Music by Tangent
Mon, Dec 16	7pm	Trivia
Wed, Dec 18	6:30 pm	Men's Poker
Thurs, Dec 19	9-10 am	Coffee Social* & Community Update
Tues, Dec 24	noon	Distribution of Luminaries
Mon, Dec 30	7 pm	Trivia

<sup>\*</sup>Volunteers to host the bi-weekly Coffee Socials are needed.

Watch for updates and activities starting in January: Water Aerobics, Shuffleboard, Bingo, Canasta, Women's Game Night, Bunco. New suggestions and leaders





Wishing a happy and healthy holiday season to all our residents where ever you celebrate.

A warm welcome all our seasonal residents as we gather at Golden Crest for the 2024-2025 season.

The Golden Crest annual rummage sale will be held on January 10 and 11, 2025. This year will include a bake sale along with all the favorite treasures.

#### Golden Crest Birthdays December, 2024

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12	4	Francis	Wildemann	441
12	6	Tom	Sopko	371
12	8	Barbara	Gavin	305
12	11	Gene	Wolfert	465
12	12	Rita	Baratta	450
12	12	Wayne	Marchand	328
12	12	Lee	Smay	445
12	16	Rebecca	Reinhardt	449
12	17	Jacquie	DiPego	311
12	17	Diane	Sheeley	351
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12	20	Chris	O'Dell	376
12	21	Vincent	Consolo	476
12	21	Carla	Tuokko	397
12	22	Randall	White	468
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12	25	Catherine	Kotsay	406
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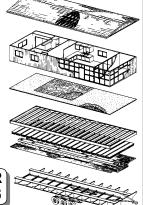
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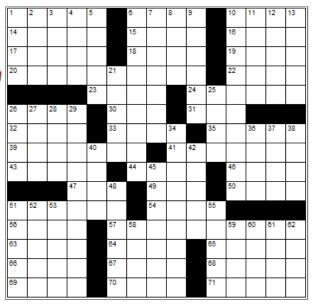
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#### ACROSS

- 1. Chronic nag
- 6. Hardly believable
- 10. A dark bluish-red color
- 14. Moor
- 15. Not under
- 16. Religious ceremony
- 17. Liquid bodily waste
- 18. Detective Wolfe
- 19. Leave out
- 20. Neutral
- 22. Game piece
- 23. Disagreeable person
- 24. Is melodramatic
- 26. Capable
- 30. Consumed
- 31. Downturn
- 32. Metal used in steel
- 33. Feces
- 35. Skirmish
- 39. Chuckled
- 41. In the best of all worlds
- 43. Brown shade
- 44. Lack of difficulty
- 46. Stair
- 47. Zero
- 49. East southeast
- 50. Fashion
- 51. Lacking companions
- 54. Tears
- 56. Double-reed woodwind
- 57. Classical music compositions
- 63. Dam
- 64. Infinitesimal amount
- 65. Actor Clark
- 66. Being
- 67. Coagulate
- 68. Food grain
- 69. Marsh plant
- 70. Arid
- 71. Affirmatives









#### **DOWN**

- 1. Blackball
- 2. Protagonist
- 3. Precipitation
- 4. Europe's highest
- volcano
- 5. Young seal
- 6. Line on a world map
- 7. Retaliator
- 8. Nothing more than
- 9. Worn away
- 10. Cytoplasm
- 11. Boundary
- 12. Useful

- 13. Distributes
- 21. Angered
- 25. Rodents 26. Afflicts
- 27. Scottish hillside
- 28. French for "Wolf"
- 29. Designed
- 34. Squander
- 36. Countertenor
- 37. Sleigh
- 38. Hoopla
- 40. Salute

- 42. Ocean trenches
- 45. Faucet attachment
- 48. Words to a song
- 51. Not upper
- 52. Overweight
- 53. Sound of any kind
- 55. Damp
- 58. Puncture
- 59. Act presumptuously

- 60. Nile bird
- 61. Apart from this
- 62. Adjusts



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#### **DECEMBER Major Holidays**

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hristmas (December 25): Celebrated by Christians to commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ. It's also widely observed as a secular holiday with traditions like gift-giving and decorating Christmas trees.

**Hanukkah** (December 18-26, 2024): An eight-day Jewish festival, also known as the Festival of Lights, celebrating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem.

**Kwanzaa** (December 26 - January 1): A week-long celebration honoring African-American culture and heritage, focusing on seven principles like unity and self-determination.

**New Year's Eve** (December 31): The final day of the year, celebrated with parties, fireworks, and countdowns to welcome the new year.

#### Other Notable Observances

**t.** Nicholas Day (December 6): Honoring the patron saint of children, who inspired the legend of Santa Claus<sup>1</sup>.

**Bodhi Day** (December 8): Celebrated by Buddhists to mark the day Siddhartha Gautama (the Buddha) attained enlightenment<sup>1</sup>.

Winter Solstice (December 21): The shortest day and longest night of the year, celebrated by various cultures with festivals and rituals<sup>1</sup>.



#### **Fun and Quirky Days**

National Cookie Day (December 4)
National Brownie Day (December 8)
National Ugly Sweater Day (December 20)



December is truly a month filled with joy, reflection, and celebration. Do you have a favorite holiday or tradition in December?



My husband's idea of getting the Christmas spirit is to become Scrooge.

— Melanie White

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# **Golden Crest**

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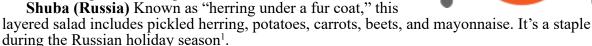


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**Yebeg Wot (Ethiopia)** A spicy lamb stew made with berbere spice mix, onions, garlic, and tomatoes, often served with injera, a type of flatbread. It's a popular dish during Ethiopian holidays<sup>1</sup>.

**Spiced Hot Chocolate (Peru)** This rich and creamy hot chocolate is made with spices like cinnamon, cloves, and chili powder, giving it a unique kick. It's often enjoyed during Christmas celebrations<sup>1</sup>.

**Bibingka (Philippines)** A type of rice cake made with coconut milk, sugar, and sometimes topped with cheese or salted eggs. It's traditionally eaten during the Christmas season, especially after attending Simbáng Gabi, a series of early morning masses<sup>1</sup>.

**Hangikjöt (Iceland)** Smoked lamb or mutton, typically served with potatoes in béchamel sauce and pickled red cabbage. This dish is a Christmas favorite in Iceland<sup>1</sup>.

**Tamales (Mexico)** Made from masa (corn dough) filled with meats, cheeses, or sweet fillings, wrapped in corn husks, and steamed. Tamales are a traditional Christmas food in Mexico<sup>2</sup>.

**Kutia (Ukraine)** A sweet grain pudding made from wheat berries, poppy seeds, honey, and dried fruits. It's an essential dish for Ukrainian Christmas Eve dinner<sup>1</sup>.

**Janssons Frestelse (Sweden)** Also known as Jansson's Temptation, this is a creamy potato casserole with onions and pickled sprats (a type of fish), often served during Christmas<sup>1</sup>.

**Lechon (Philippines)** A whole roasted pig, known for its crispy skin and tender meat, is a centerpiece of Filipino Christmas feasts<sup>2</sup>.

These dishes reflect the rich culinary traditions and cultural diversity of holiday celebrations around the world. Do any of these foods sound particularly intriguing to you?

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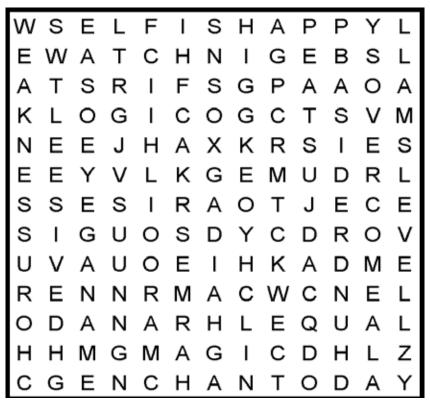






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#### **Anecdotes**

ecember is such a fascinating month, filled with a mix of festive cheer, reflections on the past year, and anticipation for the new one. Here are a few anecdotes that capture the spirit of December:



Holiday Traditions: Many families have unique traditions during the holiday season. For instance, some might bake cookies together, while others might go caroling in their neighborhood. One family I know has a tradition of making a new ornament each year to add to their Christmas tree, cre-

know has a tradition of making a new ornament each year to add to their Christmas tree, creating a beautiful timeline of memories.

Winter Adventures: December often brings the first real taste of winter. I remember hearing about a group of friends who decided to go on a spontaneous road trip to a snowy mountain. They ended up getting snowed in at a cozy cabin, turning what could have been a stressful situation into a memorable adventure filled with laughter, board games, and hot cocoa.

**Acts of Kindness:** The holiday season often inspires people to give back. There was a story about a community that came together to surprise a local family in need. They organized a secret Santa event, collecting gifts and essentials, and delivered them anonymously. The joy and gratitude from the family were heartwarming and brought the community closer together.

**New Year's Eve:** The anticipation of New Year's Eve is always exciting. One memorable anecdote involves a couple who decided to get married on New Year's Eve. They wanted to start the new year as a married couple, and their wedding was a grand celebration that culminated in a countdown to midnight, making it a double celebration.

Do any of these stories resonate with you, or do you have any December anecdotes of your own to share?

There are some people who want to throw their arms round you simply because it is Christmas; there are other people who want to strangle you simply because it is Christmas.

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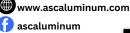
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- 5. Gosh. I hope this never catches fire! It is fire season though. There are lots of unexplained fires.
- 6. If the dog buries it, I'll be furious!
- 7. I love it—but I fear the jealousy it will inspire.
- 8. Sadly, tomorrow I enter the Federal Witness Protec¬tion Program.
- 9. To think—this is the year I vowed to give all my gifts to charity.
- 10. I really don't deserve this. —From the Internet

#### Some things we must do alone

nce there was a monk who had studied Zen for many years but had been unable to discover any secrets through his efforts. The monk began to lose heart and question whether there really was anything to discover or learn after all. He was very discouraged. One day he was sent on an errand to a distant city that he reckoned would take him at least six months to complete. He feared that making the trip would be a hindrance to his studies



to complete. He feared that making the trip would be a hindrance to his studies and prevent even the possibility of experiencing a breakthrough and discovering some great truth that remained hidden from him.

He shared his anxieties with a fellow monk, who said, "There is no reason you cannot continue your meditation while you travel. Friend, I will go with you and give you help in every way I can."

One evening while they were traveling together the monk who was seeking the answers to the mysteries of life said to his friend, "Can you not help me with finding these answers?"

"Friend, I am willing to help you in any way I can, but there are some things I cannot help you with; these things you must look after yourself."

"What are these things I must find out?" the discouraged monk implored.

"For instance," the sympathetic monk said, "When you are hungry or thirsty, my eating of food or drinking will not fill your stomach; you must eat and drink for yourself. No one else can satisfy your needs for these things but yourself."

The words of the sympathetic monk opened the mind of the discouraged monk, and he was overjoyed. The sympathetic monk looked at his friend and said, "My work is done here," and he left the other to continue on his journey alone.

While we all want, need and deserve help along the way, some things we simply have to do for ourselves. — adapted from An Introduction to Zen Buddhism, by D.T. Suzuki





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