

WHAT'S COMING UP

December 1

National Eat a Red
Apple Day
Rosa Parks Day

December 4

National Cookie Day

December 6

St. Nicholas Day

December 7

National Pearl Harbor
Remembrance Day

December 10

Nobel Prize Day

December 12

Gingerbread House Day

December 15

Bill of Rights Day

December 18

National Twin Day

December 21

Yule Day
(Day of Winter Solstice)

December 24

Christmas Eve

December 31

New Year's Eve Day



DECEMBER 2022 NEWSLETTER



December Greetings Residents and Families!

Time sure does fly when you're having fun, and we have been having tons of fun at Riverwood!

Entering December, we look forward to the possibilities and opportunities of the New Year. But, before we can look forward, I want to pause for a moment to say, "Thank you," to everyone who contributes to the success of our community. We have had a year full of fun and exciting memories and I am so thankful to have been able to share them with you!

Would you like a free month at Riverwood? "Friends Make the Best Neighbors!" Invite your friends to move into our community, and receive a free month or a check for \$2500 for each referral who becomes a resident!

As we close out 2022, the entire team would like to thank you for being a part of the Riverwood family and I pray that God blesses you, your loved ones, and our shared community during this holiday season and the New Year. We hope your celebrations are filled with food, family, and laughter.

My prayer for you is this: "The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6:24-26

Selina Bradley,
Executive Director



Floyd Springs Baptist Church Singers — November

We had a great turnout for our extended family! The residents love to sing along to their favorite hymns, and we all had a smile on our faces! We do appreciate your time fellowshiping with us. Thank you!



Riverwood Honors Our Veterans — November

We had a very special guest speaker! One of our own, Nick Sharman, Maintenance Director. Mr. Sharman gave a touching message to our veterans, did the honors of pinning our veteran residents with flag pins, and gave certificates of appreciation to our veterans. We had a candlelight vigil throughout the day for our residents to remember our fallen soldiers.



Fall Festival — November

Our families and residents had a great time at our fall festival. There was wonderful entertainment, decorated cookies, and a cakewalk.



Fall Wreaths — November

Our residents had a great time making fall wreaths for their doors, and the wreaths turned out so pretty and festive! You could tell fall was in the air!





Shopping Trip

December 5th to December 8th from 10:00 am to 11:30 am

Riverwood residents will be shopping in Greater Rome's unique shops for Christmas! These local stores are the perfect place to find Christmas gifts for loved ones and friends.



Lighting of the Christmas Tree

December 8th from
5:00 pm to 6:00 pm

We will have live entertainment in the courtyard including Christmas carols, hot chocolate, and treats! We are going to kick off the Christmas spirit in style! Please come and join us in celebrating the spirit of Christmas!



Riverwood Family Christmas Social

December 15th from
12:00 pm to 2:30 pm

We will have a delightful lunch, live music, and pictures with Santa Claus! Come join in the festivities and enjoy what Christmas is all about. We look forward to seeing you there!



Nettle Family Christmas Lights
December 20th at 6:00 pm

Our residents will enjoy looking at all the Christmas lights and singing their favorite Christmas songs as we enjoy the Nettle Family Christmas Lights!



New Year's Party
December 30th from
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Our residents will be bringing in the New Year with a celebration here at Riverwood! We will have a lot of laughter and fun celebrating the New Year!

Save
the
Date

- Dec. 5th** — Shopping Trip
- Dec. 8th** — Lighting of the Christmas tree
- Dec. 15th** — Family Christmas Social

- Dec. 20th** — Nettle Family Christmas Lights
- Dec. 30th** — New Year's Party



Joy Littlejohn

Joy Littlejohn was born and raised in Rome, Ga. Joy was an active member of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority in college. She was married to Carlton “Buddy” Littlejohn for nearly 60 years until he passed in 2011. She and her husband enjoyed travel and went on cruises to the Bahamas, Panama Canal, Alaska, Italy, Mexico, and the Virgin Islands.

In the 1970s, she and her husband owned a fabric store called Rome Fabrics. She loved to sew and made many of her daughters’ clothes when they were growing up. Joy also enjoyed reading, cross stitch, and various crafts throughout the years. Joy worked at Synovus Bank (formerly Citizens Federal or Citizens First) for many years and gained many friends. Her last job there was as an auditor. She enjoyed line dancing with the Dixie Stompers in her free time as well.

Joy has four children: Mike (married to Teresa), Terri, Cindy (Jim), and Todd (Andrea). She has five grandchildren: Jami (Scot), B.J. (Brittany), Tyler, Mason (Arizla), and Brittany (Charlie). She has four great-grandchildren: Anslee, Nicholas, Elizabeth, and Jack. She also has three brothers Jack Jones (Jean), Buddy Jones (Trena), and Danny Jones (Boby).

Thank you for sharing your time and company with us, Joy!

WELCOME NEW RESIDENTS! 🏠

Melanie Wood
Beth Green
Danny Corley

Happy Birthday



Resident

Jennette Matthews Dec. 2nd
Ann Byington Dec. 3rd
Annette New Dec. 7th
Janice Barton Dec. 20th

Employee

Nick Sharman Dec. 1st
Martha Gonzalez Dec. 11th

FUN FACTS

- » December starts on the same day of the week as September every year and ends on the same day of the week as April every year.
- » December is the twelfth and last month of the year in the Gregorian calendar and one of seven Gregorian months with a length of 31 days.
- » The name December comes from the Latin word “decem,” meaning “ten,” as it was the 10th month in the Roman calendar.
- » The Anglo-Saxons called it “Winter monath” or “Yule monath” because of the custom of burning the Yule log around this time.
- » After many Anglo-Saxons became Christians they called it “Heligh monath” or holy month, because Christmas, the birth of Jesus, is celebrated in December.

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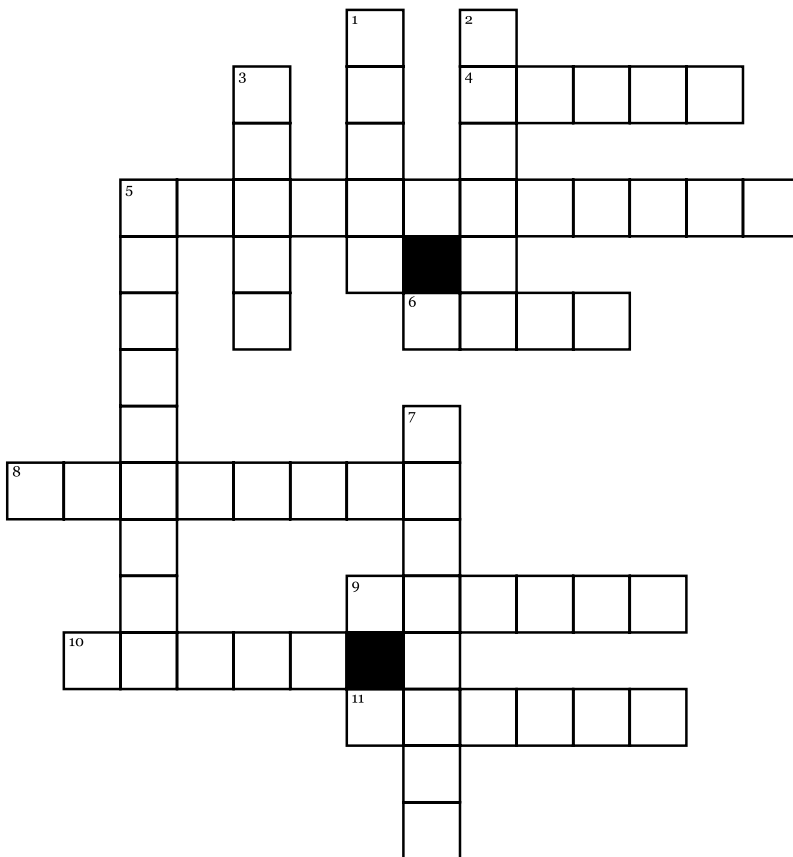
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CROSS-WORD



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1. The first Englishman to circumnavigate the globe
2. Orville and Wilbur Wright, ushered in the era of _____
3. December 7th is National _____ Harbor Remembrance Day
5. December's birthstones are the Topaz and the _____
7. Walter Elias "Walt" Disney was born in _____

Across

4. December 13th is St. _____'s Day
5. "Jingle bells" was meant to be a _____ song!
6. Decoration on top of a Christmas tree
8. English Puritan leader
9. "Everything is _____ in Texas"
10. Latin word for 10
11. National _____ Day is December 4th

EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR

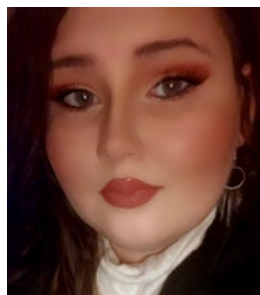
Angie Epperson



We are thrilled to announce that Angie Epperson has been awarded our "Best of the Best" Employee of the year for the ENTIRE company! Angie has been a devoted employee of Riverwood for 23 years! Angie has a warm and happy spirit—you can't help but smile when she is in the room. If you get the chance, please tell her how much she is appreciated!

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

KRISTY AUSTIN



Congratulations to Kristy Austin for being our Employee of the Month for December!

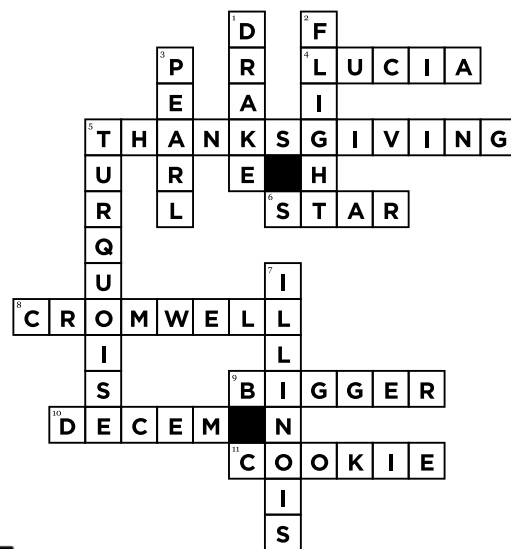
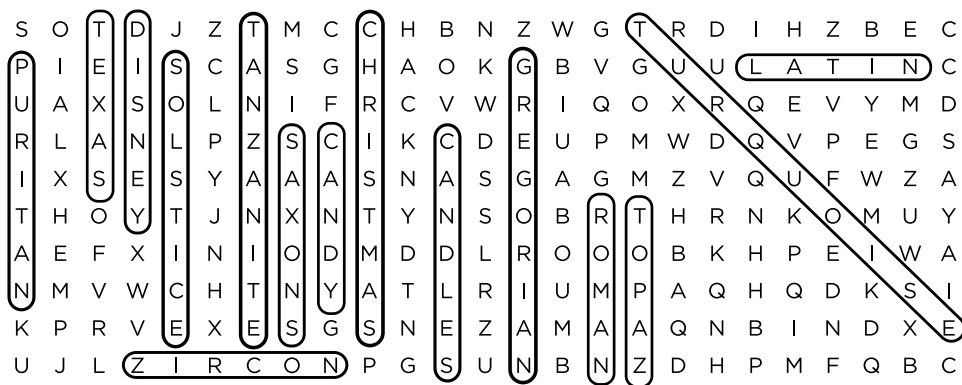
Ms. Austin has been a caregiver at Riverwood for three years and said her favorite thing about working

at Riverwood is the residents. She loves to listen to their stories and get to know them, they feel like family.

When she is not at work she likes taking her son to the park and going on long road trips with her family. Family is special to Ms. Austin. She also likes to listen to music, shop online, and go to the beach every chance she gets.

Thank you for your hard work, Kristy, we appreciate you!

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