



Center Voice

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December 2020



The Center is
Closed due to
COVID-19 virus.

Director's Corner

October 19th thru December 7th is Open Enrollment for changing your Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan due to pricing or changes in your medications. Please read page seven (7) for details regarding a "very limited" senior center opening for Part D Drug plan changes.

Weekly Cold and Frozen Meals available thru The Chester County Department of Aging

The Oxford Area Senior Center has been providing area seniors with vital services throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, most importantly offering nutritious "grab and go" weekday meals.

We have provided area senior residents with over 2400+ nutritious meals since we closed our doors on Friday, March 13th. You do not need to be a current participant at the senior center to be eligible to receive meals. You will need to complete a Consumer Information Form providing us and the Department of Aging with some necessary information.

If you are able, a voluntary, confidential, anonymous donation of \$2 per meal is suggested to help the CCDAS offset some of the meal costs.

Each week a meal participant is eligible to receive 2 cold meals and 3 frozen meals. These meals are delivered to us every Tuesday and Thursday and **available for pick up between 11am and 12pm on those days.**

The cold lunch is a box lunch including a sandwich, cold vegetable or vegetable salad, and fruit. The frozen meal is similar to frozen meals you see in the grocery store. I've tried both and they are nutritious, tasty, and well-balanced meals.

The delivery we receive on Tuesday consist of one cold meal and one frozen meal, and one quart of milk for each participant who placed an order for meals that week. The Thursday delivery consists of one cold meal and two frozen meals also for each participant who had requested meals that week. That's a total of 5 meals each week that can be provided. **December's meal menu is on page 4.**

Our weekly meal order is due to the Department of Aging by noon of Tuesday for the following week!!!!!!!

If you have any questions about the meals or procedure for ordering them, please feel free to contact me. Since we are closed for activities, call the senior center (610-932-5244) and leave a message on my voice mail box or email me directly at jdmcleod@oxfordseniors.org.

Annual Appeal Fund Drive

Please see the article on page 8 regarding our December Annual Appeal. Even though our building has been closed for most of our regular activities, we continue to offer them either at an off-site location, remotely on Zoom, or providing assistance by telephone. Please go to page 8 and see how you can help.

Please continue to be safe!

Jim

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of the Oxford Area Senior Center is to enhance the quality of life of senior citizens in Southern Chester County by providing programs and services that promote health, wellness, and fellowship.

THANKS TO LAST MONTH'S...

VOLUNTEERS

Mary Baringer

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Chester County Food Bank
Chester County Department of Aging

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Endowment Fund Donation

We wish to thank the following
donors for their donations:

In Memory of Dennis Birt

Kathy & Leonard Bojanowski

Endowment Fund Donation

We wish to thank the following
donors for their donations:

In Memory of Laura McKinney

John & Freeda Baker
Eleanor & Bob McMullen

IN MEMORY

We wish to offer our
condolences to the family
and acquaintances of our
dear friends:

**Dennis Birt
Lynn McCarthy
Wells Stidom, Jr.**

**OUR BEST WISHES
&
THOUGHTS GO TO:**

Families of:
Dennis Birt
Lynn McCarthy
Wells Stidom, Jr.

Carol Birt



NEW MEMBERS

Lynn Shirey



INFORMATION & REFERRAL



Leaves are nearly gone and winter is just around the corner. Didn't we just get out the grills and lawn furniture? Time to cover them up and get the Christmas trimmings in place. I've been very busy with Medicare Part D appointments and I think I shall never be organized again. **Open Enrollment!**

It's insurance renewal time. For Medicare Part D coverage (prescriptions), and Medicare Advantage health coverage, you may make changes up until **December 7th**. They advise you to try to have changes done early so you have no lapse in coverage and computers have the necessary time to calculate changes. Medicare 101 classes being offered on the Chester County Library website (<https://www.ccls.org/> then click on Events Calendar, you can search for "Medicare" or search by library).

Some of what I told you in past letters bears repeating:

- 1) **Medicaid:** You will automatically be placed in a plan at no cost to you.
- 2) **HMO & PPO Participants:** You are now receiving renewal forms which show your previous coverage and in what plan they will place you. If you agree, you do *NOTHING*. If you wish to increase or decrease coverage, you may make your election at this time, before December 7th.
- 3) **Medi-gap Participants:** You need to read the letter from your insurance plan to see if there are any changes (other than cost!!). If you have a stand alone prescription plan, you may want to compare plans again to see if any of the new plans available will better cover your current needs. You'll need to bring your list of medications so we can do some comparison shopping, and do I like to shop!!
- 4) **Company Retirees:** Just like medi-gap participants, their letter will let you know what your next step should be. I can help you sort out your choices.
- 5) **If all you carry is basic Medicare A & B,** we'll need to check your current prescription plan to see if it's meeting your needs.
- 6) **Pace/Pacenet:** You do *NOTHING*. They place you with the plan they choose. Income requirements for Pacenet has been increased by \$4000. You may now qualify. See me to apply.
- 7) **Discontinued Plans:** If your plan has been discontinued, *see me for your options*.

Just a reminder, Medicare *never* calls you. Be careful of scammers who are targeting seniors, trying to get personal information to steal identities. If you get a suspicious call, hang up. If you get something questionable in the mail, bring it in and we'll check it out! "Obamacare"/ACA has nothing to do with your Medicare options. **DO NOT** try to call the exchanges!!

The Chester County Senior Food Box Program is available to any person over 60 whose income is within the limits set by the county. Income limits for a single person household is \$1,595 a month and \$2,155 a month for two person household. This amount is good through June of 2021. See me if you have any questions.

As the year comes to a close, remember to stop and smell the roses. Remember the good times, make someone happy and you'll be sure to have a blessed holiday season. Don't let holiday blues get you down.

"Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!"

Sally

WHAT IS INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE?

From time to time we all know we need information but have no idea how to find answers.

WHO IS SALLY ARTER?

Sally is the Center's very own Information & Assistance Specialist. Her responsibilities include helping you find the answers to your questions.

REFER WEB

The Chester County Department of Human Services is pleased to introduce Refer Web, an Information and Referral web-based application. Simply visit their website at www.chesco.org/human. Once on the site, locate the Refer Web icon, click on it and start searching.

DECEMBER 2020 MENU

Call 610-932-5244 - Center is closed due to COVID-19

Call or email to sign up for lunch by 10am Tuesday for the ENTIRE following week.

MENU IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE - MUST PICKUP

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
CCDAS Food Vendor 	1. Box Lunch Roast Turkey Hoagie on 6" Club Roll w/ American Cheese, Lettuce & Tomato Three Bean Salad Peaches	2. Chicken Parmesan WG Penne Pasta Mixed Romano Blend Pears	3. Box Lunch Buffet Ham & Cheese on Rye w/ Lettuce & Tomato Potato Salad Oatmeal Cookies Mustard	4. Baked Tilapia Brown Rice Mixed Vegetables Wheat Roll Orange
7. Roast Turkey Gravy Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Dinner Roll Margarine Grape Juice	8. Box Lunch Seafood Salad Bun Cucumber Salad Oatmeal Cookies	9. Baked Chicken Oven Roasted Potatoes Mixed Vegetable WG Dinner Roll Margarine Diced Peaches	10. Box Lunch Roast Beef & Provolone Kaiser Roll Horseradish Sauce Pasta Salad Mandarin Oranges	11. Cheeseburger on WG Bun Baked Beans Cole Slaw Ketchup Pineapple
14. Chicken Stir Fry Fried Brown Rice WG Dinner Roll Margarine Mandarin Oranges	15. Box Lunch Italian Hoagie on Club Roll Diced Tomato Salad Pineapples	16. BBQ Riblet Carrots Garlic Mashed Potatoes WG Dinner Roll Margarine Applesauce	17. Box Lunch Tuna on Bun Chopped Broccoli Salad Sugar Cookies Grape Juice	18. Roast Turkey w/ Gravy Stuffing Winter Blend Vegetables Dinner Roll Margarine Grape Juice
21. Sweet Italian Sausage, Onions & Peppers on Club Roll Romano Blend Vegetables Oatmeal Raisin Cookies	22. Box Lunch Chicken Salad Cup Croissant Lettuce & Tomato 3 Bean Salad Pineapples	23. HOLIDAY MEAL Cranberry Glazed Ham Oven Roasted Potatoes Corn Pudding Biscuit Margarine Cherry Fruit Crisp	24. Box Lunch Turkey Ham & Cheese Wheat Bread Lettuce & Tomato Black Bean & Corn Salad Mixed Fruit Juice Mustard	25. 
28. Baked Chicken Brown Rice Winter Blend Veg Orange Juice WG Dinner Roll Margarine	29. Box Lunch Roast Turkey & Swiss on Rye 1000 Island Dressing Cole Slaw Grape Juice	30. Turkey Burger on WG Bun w/ Lettuce & Tomato Oven Roasted Potatoes Green Beans Applesauce	31. Box Lunch Buffet Ham & Cheese on Wheat Lettuce & Tomato Potato Salad Pineapples Mustard	SENIORS 60 & ABOVE A voluntary confidential requested \$2.00 donation INDIVIDUALS UNDER 60 \$4.52

Call 610-932-5244 or email jdmcleod@oxfordseniors.org to order meals.
 You can also order meals for the next week when picking up your meals.
 Pickup is every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am-12pm

Senior Center membership is not required for those 60 and older to participate in the lunch program. Chester County residents 60 and older are invited to enjoy the meals from the box lunch/frozen meal program. There is no cost for the meal but you must reserve your meal by 10am Tuesday for the ENTIRE following week of meal service. A voluntary confidential contribution of \$2.00 is appreciated toward the cost of the meal but is not required. Envelopes will be available when picking up meals on Tuesday and Thursdays.

The official registration and financial information of Chester County Department of Aging Services may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, 1 (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

Important Information due to the COVID-19 Situation

Chester County Seniors

For food, supplies and prescriptions (also pet food)

During this COVID-19 stay-at-home mandated time, if you cannot shop for food, supplies or pickup your prescriptions, please call the senior center (610-932-5244) and leave a message. We check our messages daily. We can get someone to help you!

ROVER

Thanks to Chester County officials, hours for rides in the mornings to grocery stores, doctor's appointments and pharmacies have been extended, and available on Saturday mornings too! There is a limit of 3 seniors on a bus at one time! There is no additional cost!

PA Dept. of Health Updates

As always, stay directly informed on COVID-19 by visiting the Pennsylvania Department of Health's website, which is regularly updated. <https://www.health.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx#>

CDC COVID Updates

Visit the CDC website for the latest information, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Chester County COVID Updates

Visit this website for the latest information for Chester County: <https://www.chesco.org/4376/Coronavirus-COVID-19>

Emotional Support

Where people can turn if they need to talk:

Emotional Listening Line at 800-932-4616. <http://www.contacthelpline.org/emotional-listening-support>
The Chester County Department of Mental Health has compiled information on how to access help and support during the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit their website and help us to get the word out by sharing this message. <https://www.chesco.org/615/Mental-HealthIntellectual-Dev-Disabiliti>

Chester County Warm Line: 866-846-2722 or visit [chesco.org/mhidd](https://www.chesco.org/mhidd)

COVID-19 Statewide Support & Referral Line: 855-284-2494

Governor's Websites

Visit the Governor's websites for important information on the COVID-19 situation.

Pennsylvania Governor Tom Wolf's website: <https://www.governor.pa.gov/>

Maryland Governor Larry Hogan's website: <https://governor.maryland.gov/>

Delaware Governor John Carney's website: <https://governor.delaware.gov/>

Veterans Affairs

In case you are a veteran or know of one in need, please call 610-344-6375

Oxford Area Senior Center

As always be sure to also check our website at www.oxfordseniors.org or Facebook page for any updates.

#GIVING TUESDAY™

GivingTuesday is a global day of giving, celebrated on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving (in the U.S.) and the widely recognized shopping events Black Friday and Cyber Monday, GivingTuesday kicks off the charitable season, when many focus on their holiday and end-of-year giving.

On December 1, 2020

Join the movement and give to your favorite senior center!

<https://oxfordseniors.org/donateoasc.htm>



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- | | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Inez L. Drennen | 13 Linda Walton |
| 1 Walter M. Leis | 14 Gail W. Bauer |
| 1 Francis J. Cornell | 14 David Kujala |
| 1 Frances Stevenson | 14 Jo Ann Coates |
| 2 Pauline L. Whitby | 14 Vivian P. Brown |
| 2 Ella Cheyney | 15 Nancy J. Brennan |
| 2 Mary Lucille Schwabeland | 15 Karen Underwood |
| 3 Edward L. French | 15 Linda M. Teel |
| 3 Joseph A Lanciano | 15 William A. Sumner |
| 4 Leann Gogel | 16 K. Tom Weitzel |
| 4 Robert P. Strange | 16 John F. Hugues |
| 4 Ruth E. White | 16 Nancy P. Heck |
| 4 Elaine T. Nicholl | 16 Marie E Cascarelli |
| 5 Ruth M. Smith | 17 Theresa A. Skelton |
| 5 D. Jean Demboski | 18 Carolyn S. Hoard |
| 5 Joan P. Small | 18 John Hammond |
| 5 Alta F. Caudell | 19 Evelyn A. Robertson |
| 6 Margaret Anne Mailey | 19 Judy M. Smith |
| 6 Linda Hunter | 19 Ruth A. Shadel |
| 6 Polly James | 21 Ralph Young |
| 6 Barbara P. Hill | 21 Ruth M. Galantino |
| 6 Joseph M. Hendrickson | 21 Phyllis D. Rutherford |
| 6 Denise J. Millette | 21 Mary E. Morrison |
| 6 Wayne M. McCorkle Jr. | 21 Barbara Burkhardt |
| 6 Phyllis C. Sunderland | 21 David L. Denny |
| 6 Sandra J. Hampton | 21 Evelyn D. Wood |
| 7 Judith V. Arrington | 22 Anthony Paul Cabellero |
| 7 Glenda M. Patrick | 23 Joseph C. Melrath |
| 7 Wanda M. Woods | 24 Robert S. Miller |
| 7 Carol A. Jarman | 25 Luann Hall |
| 8 Richard C Southard | 25 Betty J. Sullins |
| 8 John R. Williams | 25 Barbara M. Morris |
| 8 Arthur E. Cordivano | 26 Julius A. Der Kinderen |
| 9 Denise B. Saylor | 26 Richard Nybeck |
| 9 Leonard Celauro | 27 Ida Mae C. Large |
| 9 Harry L. Melrath | 27 Sandy Joy Bellosi |
| 9 Laura F. Blevins | 27 Kathryn Reese |
| 9 William F. Webber | 28 Marie J. Scott |
| 10 Linda L. Caskey | 28 Sarah L. Wallace |
| 11 Jennie M. Evans | 30 Dorothy W. Houser |
| 11 Sam H. Sylvest Jr. | 30 Barbara A. Murphy |
| 11 Toni Lee Trout | 30 Christine J. Wollaston |
| 11 Charles E. Hamrick | 30 Elsie E. Shepherd |
| 12 William P. Townsend | 31 Gale D. Shepherd |
| 12 Angelina Collins | |

Happy
Holidays!

CONSTITUENT OUTREACH

State Senator Andrew Dinniman's Constituent Outreach Representative Kevin Collins is available to answer any question you may have regarding Commonwealth of PA programs and services they offer via phone.

West Chester District Office:
610.692.2112

Harrisburg Office
717.787.5709



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FREE TO A GOOD HOME BOOKS & PUZZLES



Due to the current circumstances in our world, we feel it is in the best interest of our participants that we no longer maintain books or puzzles for community use. Therefore, we are offering to anyone who wishes to have the books and puzzles we currently have to take as many as you want.

Please call to arrange a pickup time. You must wear a mask during the time you are in the building.



MEDICARE OPEN ENROLLMENT

Procedures and Guidelines for Open Enrollment Appointments for seniors who require assistance with Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Plan Enrollment Call Sally for an appointment



The senior center will be open on a very limited basis for Open Enrollment Medicare Part D Prescription Drug appointments. All Information, restrictions and protocols regarding these sessions are listed below and must be strictly followed.

1. The time frame for limited opening will be weekdays from Monday, October 19, 2020 through Friday, December 4, 2020.
2. One-hour appointments, for a maximum of 2 (two) consumers, will be scheduled on-the- hour beginning at 9am and ending with the last appointment scheduled for 2pm.
3. Each appointment will be scheduled for a maximum time of 45 minutes, allowing the I & A Specialist 15 minutes for cleaning and sanitation immediately after the session.
4. Face masks must be worn and social distancing requirements will be strictly enforced by the Receptionist at all times. All consumers will be encouraged to bring their own paper for notes and writing utensils.
5. No consumers will be allowed to enter the facility until the previous consumers have exited the building and a staff member invites them to enter.
6. A pathway, beginning at the building entrance guiding all consumers to the I & A Specialist's meeting area, will keep all individuals a minimum distance of six (6) feet from any staff person.
7. The Receptionist will confirm all appointments, time of entry, and contact information in the event contact tracing becomes necessary.
8. All consumers will be required to use hand sanitizer as they enter and exit the building.
9. The I & A Specialist will observe all social distancing requirements during the meeting process.
10. All consumers will exit the building immediately after finishing their session and the next appointment will be invited to enter.
11. Consumers will not be allowed to use the restrooms. If an emergency situation occurs and they must use it, the room will be completely sanitized upon their exit.
12. A Hostess will contact all appointments no more than two (2) days prior to the session to explain all of the requirements for the session and restrictions on building usage, and complete a COVID-19 Participant Health Screening Form.



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First Saturday of each month, 10:00 AM

St. Christopher's Episcopal Church
116 Lancaster Pike, Oxford, PA 19363

brad4d@zoominternet.net

Visit www.alz.org/delval to learn more about caregiver programs and resources. To further extend your network of support, visit ALZConnected®, our online community, at alzconnected.org.

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SUPPORT YOUR CENTER

Annual Appeal Fund Drive

As mentioned in the article on page 1, being closed for all regular programs and activities due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and decreasing regular non-profit grant revenue due to the virus, we find it necessary to again hold an *Annual Appeal Fund Drive* during December.

Since Monday March 16th our staff has been working from home remotely or on the telephone. Brief visits to the senior center have been necessary to help prepare the newsletter, assist Sally with Medicare Part D appointments, or get caught up on the statistics we are required to keep. Our Executive Director Jim has been at the senior center everyday coordinating all efforts to assist our seniors. Our Kitchen Supervisor Jim has been busy with the nutrition programs offered by CCDAS, and Colleen has been busy with one-on-one appointments helping folks with their tech issues. Please see my article on page one for more details on the current nutrition program. Exercise classes are taking place either in a parking lot at Nottingham County Park or remotely on Zoom. Zumba was happening in the instructor's driveway. We are handling food needs for approximately 50 seniors on a weekly or monthly basis. So as you can see, we're busy continuing to provide our senior community members with the services they so vitally need. With all of this going on costs continue to go up and revenue continues to go down.

The Board of Directors has done a tremendous job of managing our expenses in light of our current situation at the center. Even with slight increases in expenses, the income budget must include \$12,000 in Annual Appeal Fund Drive revenue to help offset our revenue decreases due to the loss of revenue from grants and charitable foundations.

United Way, private foundation grants and government grants make up only a portion of what is needed for program operations. The balance must be raised through member-driven fundraising events, our \$15 yearly membership donation and an Annual Appeal Fund Drive. This is a *Community-Based* appeal reaching out to the entire area which we serve, not just to our senior participants, friends and current supporters.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact our Executive Director, Jim McLeod.

Thank you for your continued and generous support.

Oxford Area Senior Center Board of Directors



*From the Oxford Area Senior Center
Staff & the Board of Directors*

*To ALL of our participants, volunteers, supporters and friends,
We Wish You a Very Happy Holiday Season*

Christmas Carol Cryptogram

Here is a list of 18 Christmas Carols whose titles have all been written in the same secret code. Can you figure out what the titles are?

1. Q PQOR WYY VR JWFNSJBY
2. AFYRUN UFTSN, SQYV UFTSN
3. IRPZ NSR SWYYA DFNS MQBTSA QJ SQYYV
4. SWXZ! NSR WUTRYA AFUT
5. NSR JFXAN UQRY
6. DR DFAS VQB W ORXXV PSXFANOWA
7. FN PWOR BLQU NSR OFIUFTSN PYRWX
8. F'O IXRWOFUT QJ W DSNR PSXFANOWA
9. WDWV FU NSR OWUTRX
10. AWUNW PYWBA FA PQOFUT NQ NQDU
11. AFYERX MRYYA
12. YFNMYR IXBOORX MQV
13. TQI XNAN VR ORXXV TRUNYRORU
14. XBIQYLS NSR XRI UQARI XRFUIRRX
15. F AWD OQOOV ZFAAFUT AWUNW PYWBA
16. KFUTYR MRYYA
17. SWER VQBXARYJ W ORXXV YFNMYR PSXFANOWA
18. Q PSXFANOWA NXRR



Hint: replace the letter F with a C.

Sudoku Puzzle #1- Easy

	8	9	4		1	7	3	
4		2				8		9
7	3		8		6		5	4
8		3		4		6		1
			3		9			
2		5		6		9		3
1	2		7		4		9	8
9		4				1		7
	7	8	9		2	4	6	

Sudoku Puzzle #2- Easy

	5	8				4	1	
			5		8			
	3	2	1	7	4	5	6	
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	6	7		8		2	3	
4			7		6			1
2	7			1			8	5
8				5				4
		6				3		

sudoku-download.net

Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group

*Virtual Meetings – Attend via computer or phone.
In-person meetings will begin after COVID-19
restrictions are lifted.*

*Meetings are held at 9:30 am on the
4th Saturday of each month.*

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Contact betsy.bradfordbb@gmail.com or 610-593-2035 for more information

Holiday Word Search

Two words in the word list appear twice in the word search. Can you find them?

T	S	I	L	H	S	I	W	O	H	T	A	E	R	W	N	G
E	O	T	E	L	T	S	I	M	Y	T	R	A	P	C	U	A
F	K	F	S	R	E	E	D	N	I	E	R	U	H	F	T	T
C	H	W	F	N	C	T	W	S	S	I	L	I	C	S	C	N
N	O	O	L	R	M	E	A	R	O	N	L	V	U	O	R	A
B	B	T	T	B	I	N	F	G	E	D	O	R	E	G	A	S
N	G	I	S	C	T	E	A	A	R	A	P	W	D	S	C	G
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B	I	S	K	Y	L	O	N	D	I	I	O	H	E	E	E	I
B	K	E	L	A	G	B	C	S	S	Y	L	S	R	T	R	P
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H	G	I	E	L	S	E	L	D	N	A	C	W	G	W	Y	C

BOWS	HOLLY	SLEIGH
CANDLE	HOT CHOCOLATE	SNOW
CHILDREN	LIGHTS	STOCKING
CHIMNEY	MISTLETOE	SURPRISE
COOKIES	MUSIC	TINSEL
ELVES	NUTCRACKER	TOYS
FAMILY	ORNAMENT	TRAVEL
FRIENDS	PARTY	TREES
GARLAND	PLAYS	TURKEY
GIFTS	REINDEER	WISH LIST
GINGERBREAD	RIBBON	WRAP
GLITTER	SANTA	WREATH
HAM	SHOPPING	

CHRISTMAS TRIVIA

- The real St. Nicholas was born in what modern-day country?
IRAQ ISRAEL GERMANY TURKEY
- Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer was created as a promotion for what department store?
NORDSTROM JC PENNEY
MONTGOMERY WARD MACY'S
- What song does Lucy ask Schroeder to play on his piano in "A Charlie Brown Christmas"?
JINGLE BELLS SILENT NIGHT
FROSTY THE SNOWMAN JOY TO THE WORLD
- In "The Twelve Days of Christmas", there are how many drummers drumming?
12 8 6 10
- Where was the baby Jesus born?
GALILEE NAZARETH
GOLGOTHA BETHLEHEM
- What was the name of the magician with the magic hat in the 1969 TV special "Frosty the Snowman"?
PROFESSOR HINKLE BLACK BART
BLACK PETER PROFESSOR
FINKLE
- Eggnog was first consumed in what U.S. city?
BOSTON, MA JAMESTOWN, VA
NEW YORK, NY PROVINCETOWN, MA
- What English monarch established the Christmas tree tradition in Great Britain?
VICTORIA ELIZABETH I
GEORGE II HENRY VIII
- What is the name of Ebenezer Scrooge's deceased business partner?
JACOB MARLEY FEZZIWIG
BOB CRATCHIT TINY TIM
- Who tried to steal Christmas from the Whos of Whoville?
SCROOGE A DOMINABLE SNOWMAN
GRINCH OLD MAN POTTER

F U N S T U F F S O L U T I O N S

Sudoku Puzzle #1- Easy

5	8	9	4	2	1	7	3	6
4	6	2	5	7	3	8	1	9
7	3	1	8	9	6	2	5	4
8	9	3	2	4	5	6	7	1
6	1	7	3	8	9	5	4	2
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Sudoku Puzzle #2—Easy

6	5	8	2	9	3	4	1	7
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5	1	6	8	4	7	3	9	2



Christmas Carol Cryptogram Solution

1. O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL
2. SILENT NIGHT, HOLY NIGHT
3. DECK THE HALLS WITH BOUGHS OF HOLLY
4. HARK! THE ANGELS SING
5. THE FIRST NOEL
6. WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
7. IT AME UPONE THE MIDNIGHT CLEAR
8. I'M DREAMING OF A WHITE CHRISTMAS
9. AWAY IN THE MANGER
10. SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN
11. SILVER BELLS
12. LITTLE DRUMMER BOY
13. GOD REST YE MERRY GENTLEMEN
14. RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED REINDEER
15. I SAW MOMMY KISSING SANTA CLAUSE
16. JINGLE BELLS
17. HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS
18. O CHRISTMAS TREE

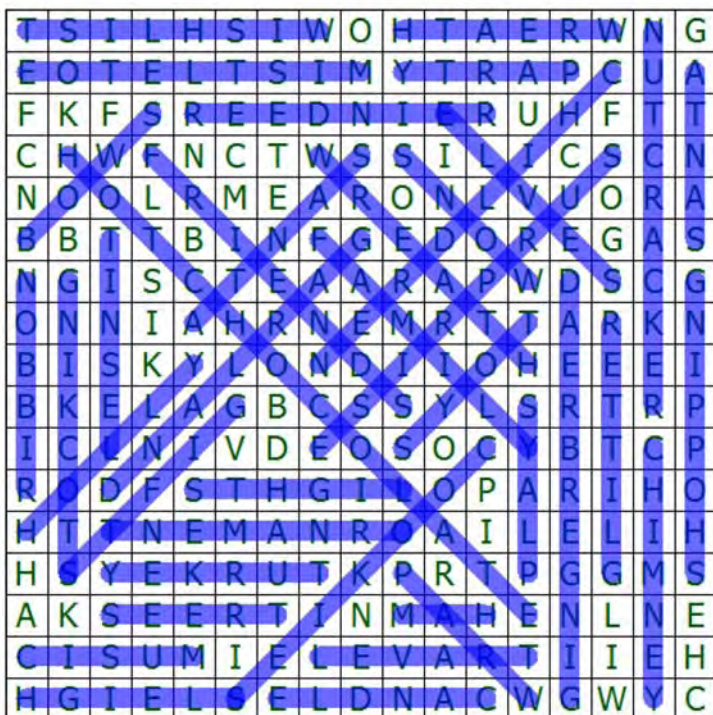


CHRISTMAS TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. It is believed that the real St. Nicholas was born sometime around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day **Turkey**. According to legend, his extraordinary kindness led him to give away all of his inherited wealth as he traveled the countryside helping the sick and poverty-stricken.
2. **Montgomery Ward** hired a writer named Robert L. May in 1939 to write a Christmas story which could be given away to holiday shoppers. May's brother-in-law, songwriter Johnny Marks, liked the story and decided to write a song to go with it. The resulting "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer", eventually recorded in 1949 by Gene Autry, has become a Christmas classic.
3. Schroeder attempts to play several complex versions of **Jingle Bells** for Lucy with her dismissing each one with a "No, no, no." He plunks out a single key version and she yells "That's it!"
4. There are **twelve drummers drumming**. According to Catholic tradition, The twelve drummers symbolized the twelve points of belief in The Apostles' Creed.
5. The New Testament identifies **Bethlehem** as the birthplace of the baby Jesus.
6. A washed-up magician named **Professor Hinkle** wants desperately to get his discarded magic hat back after he realizes that it has brought Frosty to life.
7. According to the historical accounts of Captain John Smith, the first eggnog made in the United States was consumed in his 1607 Jamestown settlement. "Nog" was, apparently, a variation of the word "grog", which refers to any drink made with rum.
8. England didn't get on the Christmas tree bandwagon until 1848, when **Queen Victoria** set up a tree at Windsor Castle.
9. Jacob Marley is now a tormented spirit, forced to wander the earth forevermore as punishment for his greedy, selfish and uncaring attitude towards mankind.
10. In *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!*, the **Grinch** attempts to put an end to Christmas by stealing presents from the homes of the nearby town Whoville on Christmas Eve. Despite his efforts, Whoville's inhabitants still celebrate the holiday, so the Grinch returns everything that he stole and is the guest of honor at the Whos' Christmas dinner.

Holiday Word Search Solution

The words **SANTA** and **WREATH** appear twice



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