

JANUARY 2026 NEWSLETTER

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A word from your ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! As Christmas approaches, our halls are filled with twinkling lights, cheerful music, and the cozy spirit that makes Grand Oaks feel like home. December is always such a heartwarming month — a time for togetherness, reflection, and gratitude.

I want to thank each of you for bringing so much joy and life to our community. Whether it's sharing a laugh during activities, joining us for our Christmas socials, or helping decorate the tree, your presence fills our hearts with the true meaning of the season.

Our team has been working hard to make this month extra special with festive events, delicious treats, and plenty of reasons to smile. I encourage everyone to take part — come sing a carol, sip some cocoa, and make new memories with friends who have become family.

As we close out the year, let's take a moment to count our blessings and look forward to a bright and joyful New Year ahead. May your holiday season be filled with peace, laughter, and love.

Happy Holidays!

With warmest wishes,

Sabrina Straight

Sabrina Straight,
Administrator





**CHEF'S
SPECIAL**

**PORK
POTSTICKERS**



Asian pork dumplings, pan, seared in sesame oil, drizzled with teriyaki glaze and sprinkled with toasted sesame seeds



Happy
BIRTHDAY!



**JAN
2**

Leonard O.

**JAN
18**

Marjorie G.

**JAN
23**

Doris A.

**JAN
29**

George M.



New Staff
WELCOME!

- Grace
- Deanna



**RESIDENT
SPOTLIGHT**

HAROLD M.



Harold M. was born in Alva, Kentucky, and is the proud father of a son and a daughter. Over the years, Harold built a strong work ethic, beginning his career in a hardware store in Hamilton, Ohio. He later attended Bob Jones University for a year and went on to hold various office positions with different companies. While office work paid the bills, Harold knew it wasn't where his heart truly was. He eventually found long-term fulfillment at Delco Products, where he worked for 30 years before retiring.

Retirement didn't slow him down—Harold went on to serve as the head of a ministry group at North Fairfield Baptist Church for many years, where the program continued to grow under his leadership.

One of Harold's fondest memories is enjoying the cookies his late wife used to bake, a treat that still brings him comfort and joy.

Today, Harold shares that what he enjoys most about living at Grand Oaks is the food, the people, and being close to his family

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C	O	B	S	M	C	Y	Y	D	R	C	C	Q	R	E	M	M	R	CHILLY
C	S	R	R	G	W	I	I	E	J	K	L	A	Y	H	W	H	O	COLD
T	T	A	A	C	I	R	G	O	O	F	R	W	D	L	O	C	Z	EARMUFFS
V	Y	R	A	U	N	A	J	N	W	A	E	K	X	T	N	A	E	FREEZE
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T	G	L	O	V	E	S	G	G	W	O	F	D	R	E	W	M	P	HAT
S	W	X	H	G	I	P	B	N	A	R	E	H	E	N	F	L	E	HOT COCOA
G	R	E	K	L	A	F	X	S	N	O	W	B	A	L	L	S	C	ICE
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I	E	J	E	L	A	S	N	O	I	T	U	L	O	S	E	R	G	NEW YEAR
H	E	Z	C	I	R	R	O	Q	L	I	E	J	K	L	A	N	H	RESOLUTIONS
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JANUARY TRIVIA

1. How many sides does every snowflake have?
2. What phenomenon brings freezing air from the North Pole?
3. When does winter officially start in the Northern Hemisphere?
4. What's the largest snowflake ever recorded?
5. Where are the first Winter Olympics held?
6. What color are polar bears?
7. What year did Alaska become a state?
8. What are the birthstone and birth flower for January?




Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
9:30a Porch Talk 4 11a Church Service 1:30p B-I-N-G-O 3p World News 4p Rummikub	9:15a Sit & Fit 5 10a Penny Poker 11a Price is Right 2p Arts & Crafts 3p Movie Time Salon Day	9:15a Walmart 6 10a Porch Talk 11:15a Bible Study 2p WJ & Friends 3p Puzzles 4p Scrabble	9:15a Sit & Fit 7 9:45a Townhall Meeting 10a BINGO 11a Price is Right 2p Auction Time 4p UNO	9:15a Porch Talk 1 9:30a Activity Meeting 10a Rummikub 11a Price is Right 2p New Year's Part <small>New Year's Day</small>	Leonard's B-Day 2 9:15a Sit & Fit 10a BINGO 11a Price is Right 2p Happy Hour & Blackjack 3p Scrabble	9:30a Porch Talk 3 10a Hidden Objects 2:30p Penny Poker 4p Board games
11 9:30a Porch Talk 11a Church Service 1:30p B-I-N-G-O 3p World News 4p Rummikub	12 9:15a Sit & Fit 10a Penny Poker 11a Price is Right 2p Arts & Crafts 3p Movie Time	9:15a Walmart 13 9:30a Porch Talk 11:15a Bible Study 2p LCR 3p Puzzles 4pm Scrabble	14 9:15a Sit & Fit 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Painting 11a Price is Right 2p BINGO 3p Coloring 4p UNO	15 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Cornhole 11a Price is Right 2p Trivia/Drinks 3p Treat Time 4p Dominos	16 9:15a Sit & Fit 9:30a Porch Talk 11a Lunch at Crossroads 3p Penny Poker 4p Coloring	17 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Hidden Objects 2:30p Penny Poker 4p Board games
Marjorie's B-Day 18 9:30a Porch Talk 11a Church Service 1:30p B-I-N-G-O 3p World News 4p Rummikub	19 9:15a Sit & Fit 10a Penny Poker 11a Price is Right 2p Arts & Crafts 3p Movie Time Salon Day <small>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</small>	9:15a Walmart 20 10a Porch Talk 11:15a Bible Study 2p Birthday Party/ BOHO 4pm Scrabble	21 9:15a Sit & Fit 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Painting 11a Price is Right 2p BINGO 3p Coloring 4p UNO	22 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Cornhole 11a Price is Right 2p Trivia/Drinks 3p Treat Time 4p Dominos	Doris A's B-Day 23 9:15a Sit & Fit 9:30a Porch Talk 10a BINGO 11a Price is Right 2p Blackjack 4p Puzzles	24 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Hidden Objects 2:30p Penny Poker 4p Board games
25 9:30a Porch Talk 11a Church Service 1:30p B-I-N-G-O 3p World News 4p Rummikub	26 9:15a Sit & Fit 10a Penny Poker 11a Price is Right 2p Arts & Crafts 3p Movie Time	9:15a Walmart 27 10a Porch Talk 11:15a Bible Study 2p LCR 3p Puzzles 4pm Scrabble	28 9:15a Sit & Fit 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Painting 11a Price is Right 2p BINGO 3p Coloring 4p UNO	George M's B-day 29 9:30a Porch Talk 10a POKENO 11a Price is Right 2p Trivia/Drinks 3p Treat Time 4p Dominos	30 9:15a Sit & Fit 9:30a Bealls Outlet 11a Price is Right 2p 5-Card BINGO 3p Coloring 4p Puzzles	31 9:30a Porch Talk 10a Hidden Objects 2:30p Penny Poker 4p Board games

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Activities are subject to change!



JANUARY
IN HISTORY

1412

Joan of Arc born.

1776

Thomas Paine publishes Common Sense.

1863

Lincoln signs the Emancipation Proclamation.

1892

Ellis Island opens.

1901

Queen Victoria dies; Edward VII becomes King.

1924

Howard Carter discovers Tutankhamun's tomb.

1926

John Logie Baird demonstrates television.

1942

Declaration of the United Nations signed.

1946

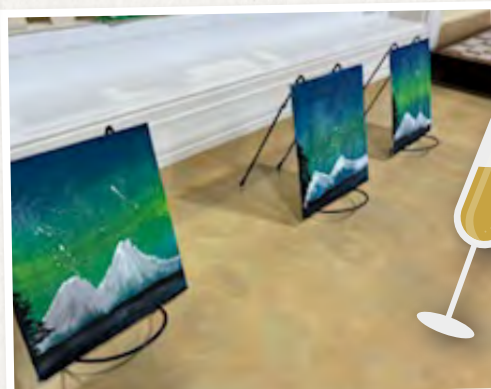
First UN General Assembly meets.

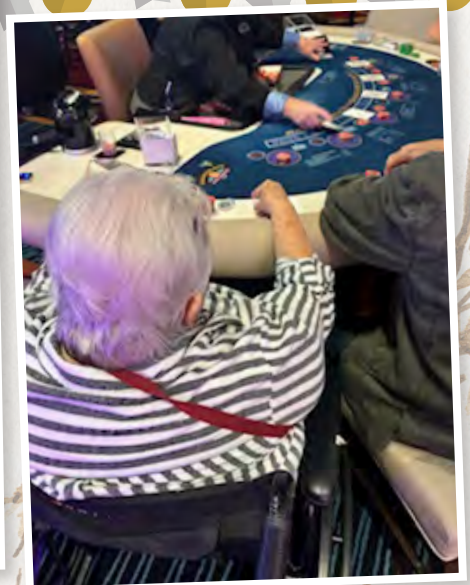
1999

The Euro currency is launched.

2009

Barack Obama becomes the first African-American U.S. President.







Calendar Spotlight



*Our Roots
Run Deep
IN OUR
COMMUNITY*

January 16th

Lunch at Crossroads
11:00am



Every Monday

Arts & Crafts
2:00pm



January 20th

Boho Birthday Party
2:00pm



JANUARY TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Six
2. The Polar Vortex
3. The Winter Solstice
4. 15 inches wide
5. Chamonix, France (1924)
6. Not white! Their skin is black, and their fur is hollow and transparent
7. 1959
8. Garnet (stone) and Snowdrop (flower)