

Christmas Song Picture Wordies

Each of the word puzzles below is a visual representation of a famous Christmas song. Can you decipher them?



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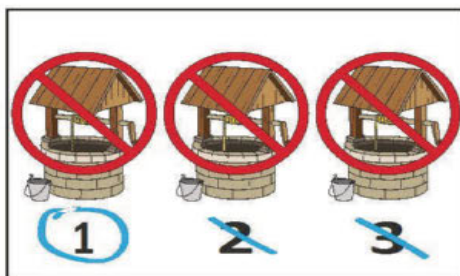
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From the Director's Desk:

Hello Mercer County (and friends of Mercer County,)

As I sit here writing this letter, I am wondering if we will have had snow by the time you read it. It seems as if the simple word snow can evoke strong emotions. Some people smile and get a dreamy look, most grumble and share their displeasure in regards to snow. Isn't that a lot like life? We never know what the weather is going to be from day to day. Just like we never know what life is going to hand to us. But we must continue to step forward with the confidence that whatever comes, we will be able to handle it. Sometimes we may need a helping hand, and that is okay too. I don't think it has ever been the plan to be required to do it 'on our own.' A favorite song from years ago is "Lean on Me" by Bill Withers. The song reminds us that sometimes we are the ones leaning and sometimes we are the ones lending support. That pretty much sums up what the MCCoA is here for. We have volunteers who we lean on, they help in many ways, such as garage sale, bingo, dancing, crafts, phone calls, and the list goes on. We also find support in the form of our Levy. Residents of Mercer County all assist in providing the funding we use to provide Transportation, Chore, Homemaker, and Outreach services. But we are also a place for you and your loved ones to lean when times get tough. If you are lonely, if you have free time, or if you just want to hang out with some awesome people, check out all the things we have going on and plan to come up and spend time at the center.

I wish you a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year.

Hugs,
Dawn



Mark your January calendar

- 1 Office Closed
 - 13 Craft Class
 - 20 Office Closed
 - 27 Garage Sale volunteer meeting and FREE lunch
- Look for more information in next month's newsletter.



GARAGE SALE UPDATE



We have finished our last sale for the year and will be taking a break from our normal garage sale routine. During the break we do a thorough cleaning in buildings 4 & 6 and hope our wonderful volunteers have time to enjoy the holidays. We are

planning a Garage Sale Volunteer lunch/meeting in January and will resume donations in February 2025. A huge Thank You to every volunteer that helped make 2024 a great year. Your assistance enables us to help the seniors of Mercer County. For example, this year we replaced concrete at door 1B, replaced roofing on the south end of building 1, as well as financially assisted many seniors in the community who were struggling to make ends meet. Thank you.

YOUR FAVORITE GARAGE SALE

2025
March 20 - March 23
May 15 - May 18
July 17 - July 20
September 18 - September 21
November 19 Early Bird (6-8pm)
(Ticket money to benefit Senior Angel Tree Gift Program)
November 20 - November 23

HOURS
THU..... 8:30 - 6:30
FRI..... 8:30 - 4:00
SAT..... 8:30 - 4:00
(Everything 1/2 price)
SUN..... 12:00 - 4:00
(\$1 for 2 Bags - All items included)



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2025 Donation Schedule

Feb 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 22, 25, 27
Mar 4, 6
Apr 8, 10, 12, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29
May 1
Jun 3, 5, 10, 12, 14, 17, 19, 24, 26
Jul 1, 3
Aug 5, 14, 19, 21, 23, 26, 28
Sep 2, 4
Oct 7, 9, 14, 16, 18, 21, 23, 28, 30
Nov 4, 6

Donation Times

Tuesdays 12:00 - 4:00
Thursdays 8:30 - 12:00
Saturdays 9:00 - 1:00

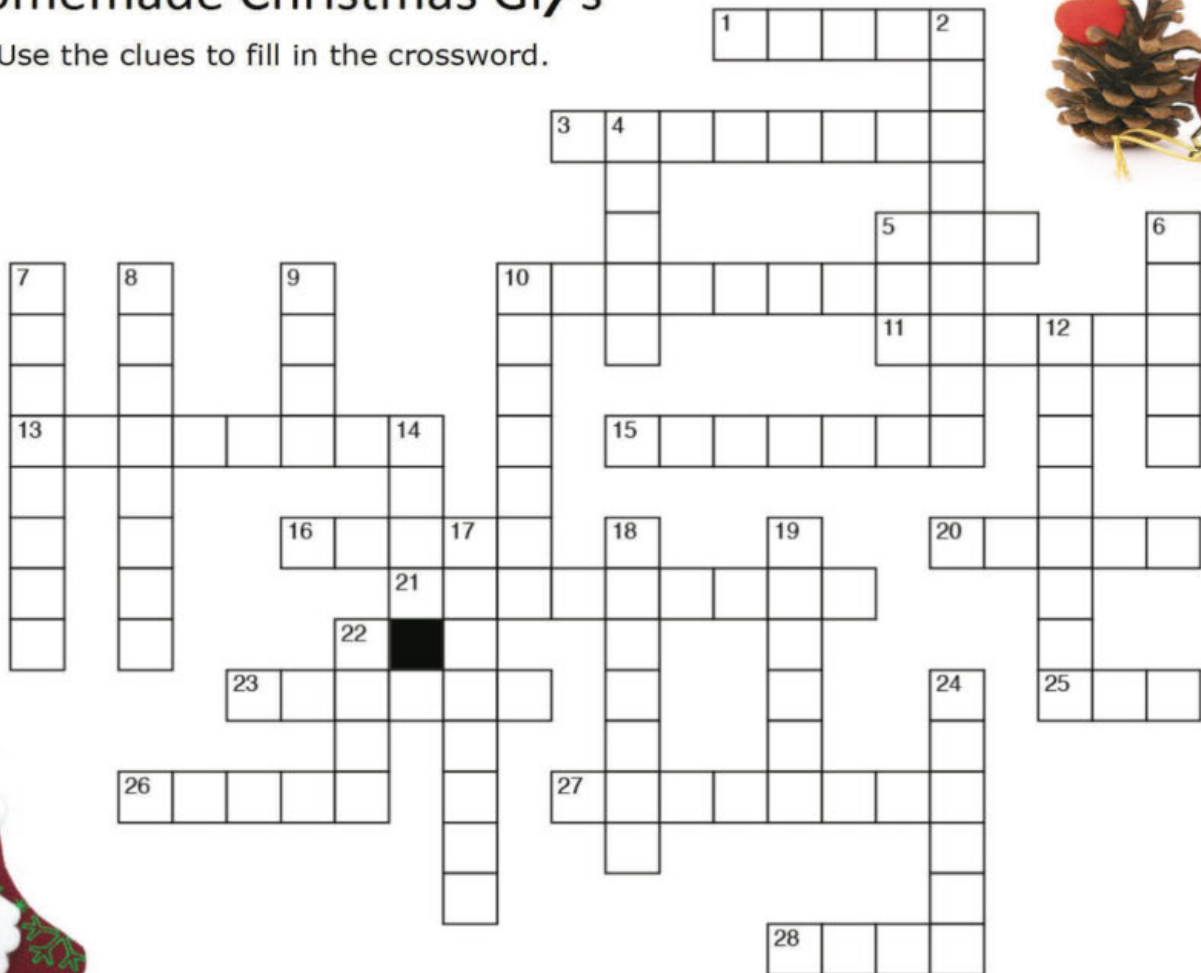
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Weather Announcements
on WKKI, WCSM Radio
WLIO-Lima TV & Facebook

Homemade Christmas Gi/s

Use the clues to fill in the crossword.



ACROSS

1. Patterned blanket
3. Year planner
5. Preserves
10. Container for Oreos and gingersnaps
11. Decorative strip of fabric
13. Ring protectors on your table
15. Anti-chapping product
16. Photo holder
20. Pumpernickel or sourdough
21. Sachet mixture
23. Cushion
25. Stitch
26. Rich, chocolaty treat
27. Ring to hold keys
28. Flower holder

DOWN

2. Garden in a glass container
4. Kitchen wear
5. Mason container
6. Confectionery
7. It's hung by the fireplace
8. Christmas bulb
9. Cook in the oven
10. Type of needlework
12. Library shelf objects
14. Bath bar
17. Graphic symbol using initials
18. Gingerbread men
19. Circle of greens
22. Paste
24. Gift made from beeswax

Dates of Interest

To register call 419-586-1644.

Craft Class

Monday, December 2 at 1:00 pm join Bev Sanning for a Christmas cookie decorating class! You will decorate a star, a snowman and a Christmas tree. The cost of this class has been covered by Mr. Sanning! We would like to give a big Thank You to him for such a wonderful gift!! Space is limited, sign up today.



Art Class

Art class with Debby Gregory on Monday, December 9 at 2:00 pm, for a paint the Christmas card class. Join Debby as she guides you through the process of painting a one-of-a-kind Christmas card you will be able to send to someone special! Everything you need to complete this project is included with a cost of only \$10.00. Register today.



Craft Class

Join Tash and create a cute candy cane wreath on Monday, December 16 at 1:00 pm. You will be provided with candy canes, glue guns and a decorations to add to your wreath. The cost is only \$5.00 so call and register today.



Crochet Club

Crochet club for December will be a stop and drop! Stop in and pick up any yarn you need to create your projects and drop off any done projects that we can take to the nursing home for Christmas. Building 3 will be open with all the supplies out on Monday, December 9 from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm.



Floral Class

Thursday, December 19 join Charlene Guingrich for a Christmas floral arrangement class. Class will begin at 1:30 pm and the cost will be \$15. Class will be held in building 3. Space is limited so call and register today.



New Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, December 31, doors open at 4:00 pm, eat at 5:00 pm. Bring your favorite dish to share with others. Meat and beverages will be provided. A variety of games such as Wii bowling, cornhole, and Yahtzee will be available for anyone who wants to play. This is a free event but please call in and register so we know how many to plan for.



Weather Announcement

As we head into the time of year when the weather can impact some of our activities, please listen to WCSM Radio, WLIO TV, or call the office to find out if an activity is canceled because of weather.



REGULARLY SCHEDULED ACTIVITIES

Please register for all activities so we can notify you in the case of unexpected schedule changes. Thank you.

Check the calendar on page 7 for exceptions.

Bingo

Wednesdays at 12:30 pm.
Reusable cards and chips are 2 for \$1 with additional cards costing 50¢ each. The same cards are used for every game.

Blood Pressure Checks (FREE)

The first Thursday each month from 9 am to 10 am, provided by Heritage Health Care.

Cards

Bridge on Tuesdays at 12:30 pm; **Euchre** on Thursday and Sunday evenings at 6:30 pm; **Bid Euchre, Pinochle, and Bridge** on Fridays at 12:30 pm. **Texas Hold 'Em** on the second and fourth Thursday at 6:30 pm. Cost \$1.

Chair Yoga

Chair Yoga on Mondays at 10:00 am and Thursdays at 1:00 pm. Cost is \$3 per person.

Coffee Time (FREE)

Thursdays from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Join us for coffee, juice, donuts and some great chatting time. Stop in for 5 minutes or stay for a while. Everyone is welcome. Donations are appreciated.

Crochet Club (FREE)

Crochet club meets monthly in Bldg 3. See calendar for specific date and time. This group is open to anyone that likes to crochet. We make a variety of items to give to people in nursing homes. Join us for a fun afternoon of crocheting. Everyone is welcome.

Fitness Class

Tuesdays at 9:30 am join us for a FREE video lead exercise class. The last Tuesday each month at 9:30 am Kathy G leads a 45 minute class that focuses on muscle strengthening and increasing range of movement for daily life activities. Cost is \$3 per person.

Line Dancing (FREE)

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm. Everyone is welcome. Come join the fun, enjoy some music, and get some great exercise. If you are new to dancing, we will be glad to show you how.

Lunch

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays 11:30 am \$4/meal. Reservations are required by noon one day before. Space is limited.

Pickleball

Tuesdays at the Spiritual Center in Montezuma, 6731 SR 219 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am. Cost is \$3 per person. No experience required.

Toe Nail Trimming

The first Wednesday each month at 1:00 pm in Bldg 3. Cost is \$15. First come, first served. Provided by CHP.



ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION

Care Consultations

Marybeth Torsel with Alzheimer's Association is available by appointment. Please call 419-419-5858. Care Consultation covers caregiver education, stress management, planning, communication, finances, and safety issues.

Support Group

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month from 3 pm to 4 pm in building 3. The Caregiver Support Group is for any individual who is caring for someone who has Alzheimer's or any other form of dementia.

Alzheimer's Association Northwest Ohio Chapter

Join us for a free program!

The Empowered Caregiver:

Responding to Dementia-Related Behaviors

Understand common behavior changes and how they are a form of communication. Additionally, this program will provide non-medical approaches to behaviors and how to recognize when additional help is needed.

**Thursday, December 5, 2024
2:30 pm**

Mercer County Council on Aging
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**This program is free, but
registration is requested.**

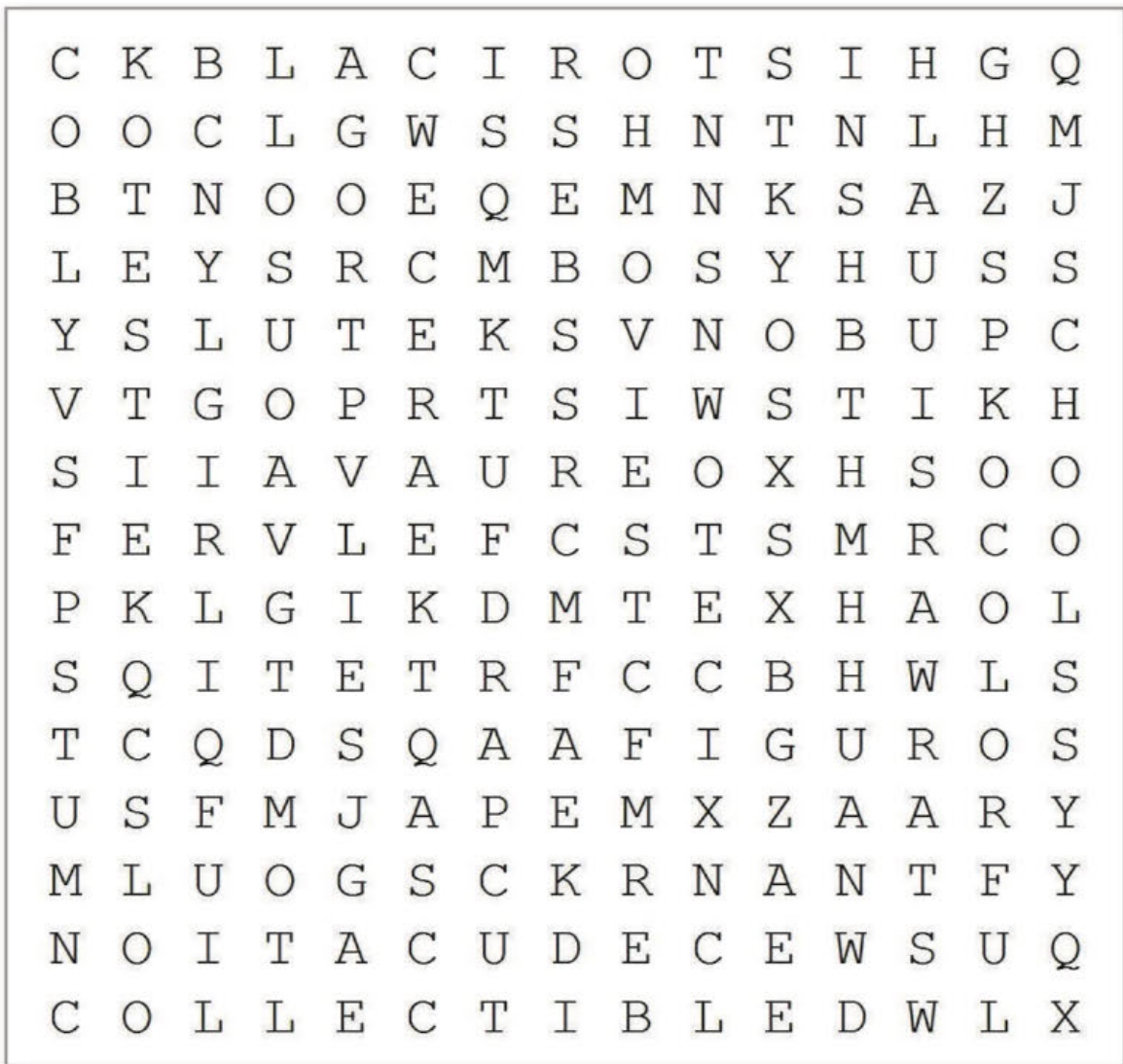
**Please call 419.586.1644 to
register**



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Long Live the LEGO

The words listed below can be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward, and backward. Disregard spaces between words.



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MOVIES
NOSTALGIC
SCHOOLS
SPACESHIPS
STAR WARS
THEME PARKS

December 2024 Activity Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 6:30 - Cards*	2 10:00 - Chair Yoga* 1:00 - Craft Class - Cookie Decorating	3 9:00 - 11:30 Pickleball* (MSC) 9:30 - Fitness Class - Video (FREE) 11:30 - Lunch* <u>12:30 - Bridge*</u> 12:30 - Ladies Cards* 1:00 - Line Dancing	4 11:30 - Lunch* 12:30 - Bingo* <u>1:00 - Toenail Clipping*</u>	5 8:00 - 10:00 Coffee Time 9:00 - FREE Blood Pressure Checks 11:30 - Lunch* 1:00 - Chair Yoga* 6:30 - Cards*	6 12:30 - Cards*	7
8 6:30 - Cards*	9 10:00 - Chair Yoga* <u>12 to 3 - Crochet Club - Stop and Drop</u> 2:00 - Art Class - Paint a Christmas Card*	10 9:00 - 11:30 Pickleball* (MSC) Staff Christmas - Office opens at 10:00 11:00 - CHRISTMAS PARTY at Opulence (Ticket required) <u>12:30 - Bridge*</u>	11 11:30 - Lunch* 12:30 - Bingo* <u>3:00 - Alzheimer Support Group</u>	12 8:00 - 10:00 Coffee Time <u>10:30 - Board Mtg.</u> 11:30 - Lunch* <u>12:30 - Ladies Cards*</u> 1:00 - Chair Yoga* 6:30 - Cards & Texas Hold 'Em*	13 12:30 - Cards*	14
15 6:30 - Cards*	16 10:00 - Chair Yoga* 1:00 - Craft Class - Candy Cane Wreath*	17 9:00 - 11:30 Pickleball* (MSC) 9:30 - Fitness Class with Kathy* 11:30 - Lunch* <u>12:30 - Bridge*</u> 12:30 - Ladies Cards* 1:00 - Line Dancing	18 11:30 - Lunch* 12:30 - Bingo*	19 8:00 - 10:00 Coffee Time 11:30 - Lunch* 1:00 - Chair Yoga* <u>1:30 - Christmas Floral Arrangement Class*</u> 6:30 - Cards*	20 12:30 - Cards*	21
22 6:30 - Cards*	23 10:00 - Chair Yoga*	24 OFFICES CLOSED	25 OFFICES CLOSED	26 8:00 - 10:00 Coffee Time 11:30 - Lunch* <u>12:30 - Ladies Cards*</u> 1:00 - Chair Yoga* 6:30 - Cards & Texas Hold 'Em*	27 12:30 - Cards*	28
29 6:30 - Cards*	30 10:00 - Chair Yoga*	31 Office closes at 12:00 4:00 - New Years Eve Party	<p><i>Italicized and underlined</i> activities are in Building 3. Activities marked with an * have a fee. Activities marked with () are off campus. (MSC) - Montezuma Spiritual Center.</p>			

Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

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December 16

Special Request

Do you get tired of hearing depressing news? If so, here is your chance to help out. We have received a special request from the Daily Standard. They would like to do a special insert in the paper titled "Christmas Memories" and they would like to include **your** memory! If you complete the form on the next page and submit it your story may be included. If you bring it to the center, or email it to us mccoa@bright.net, we will get it to the paper. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.



The Daily Standard

Christmas Memories

Name _____ Age (optional) _____

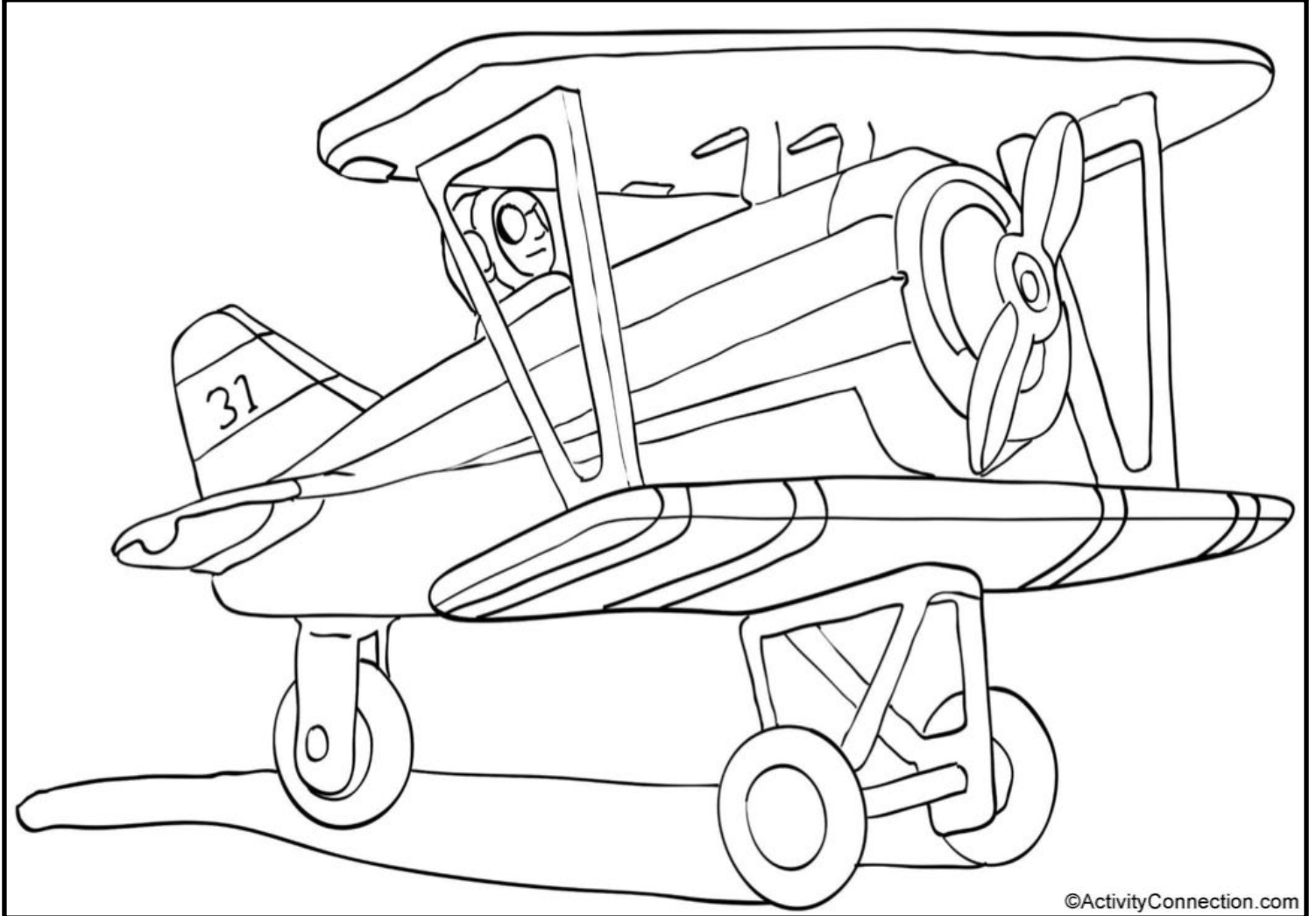
Town _____

Phone (for clarifications) _____

Please share one of your fondest childhood Holiday memories by Monday, Dec. 16.
Selected stories will be published in The Daily Standard on Saturday, December 24, 2024.
Stories can be submitted by

- mail The Daily Standard, PO Box 140, Celina, OH 56822
- in person 123 E. Market St., Celina
- email newsroom@dailystandard.com





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COME Travel With Us! Bus Trips



2025 trips are filling up quickly!

In October we did our first longer trip to Holmes County OH and Lancaster PA to see two wonderful Sight and Sound Productions. We saw "RUTH" in Ohio and "DANIEL" in Lancaster. We also took two buses to LaComedia to see "Saturday Night Fever" with some of the famous disco dancing songs and moves! You can still sign up for two trips in 2024 – Lunch and Texas Tenors on December 4th in Shipshewana IN and Dinner and The Oak Ridge Boys Farewell Holiday Show on December 20th at Wabash IN.

We are accepting reservations for our 2025 trips and some are filling up fast. The California trip in September and the trip in April to NOAH at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster are already sold out! We have decided to repeat the NOAH trip on July 28-31 so we can take more of you to this amazing performance. The Smoky Mountain and Biltmore Holiday trip in November 2025 is also almost sold out! We have two day trips to LaComedia in February to "Ghost the Musical" and "Jersey Boys." If you are interested in going on any trips, you might consider signing up before you get too busy with the holidays!

If your kids or grandkids need a Christmas gift idea, suggest giving you a MCCoA Travel Gift Certificate! For more information call or stop by the office.

Lunch at the MCCoA

December 2024 Lunch Menu

Lunch is served on Tues, Weds and Thurs at 11:30 am. The cost is \$4 per meal. Reservations and cancellations must be made prior to noon the day before. If you are unable to attend for any reason we need to be notified. Thank you for your understanding. All meals delivered must be paid for. Celina Manor provides the meals. Come have lunch with friends and leave the cooking to us!



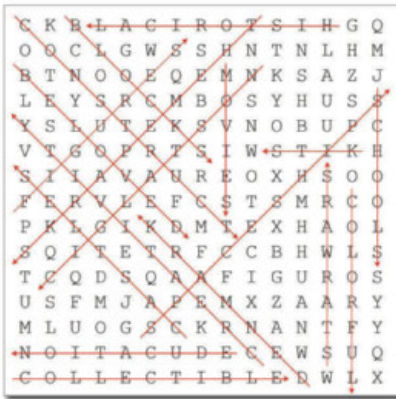
Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
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Mushroom Swiss Burger Potato Triangles Fresh Grapes	Bratwurst Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Sauerkraut Snickerdoodle Cookie	Beef Stew Biscuit Ice Cream
10	11	12
Cream of Tomato Soup Saltine Crackers Texas Grilled Cheese	Creamy Potato Soup Saltine Crackers Fried Bologna Sandwich	Homemade Pizza Tossed Salad/Dressing Chilled Pineapple
17	18	19
Ham & Bean Soup Cottage Cheese Cornbread Peaches	Stuffed Shells & Sauce Broccoli Florets Garlic Bread Pineapple	Creamed Chipped Beef Seasoned Peas Texas Toast Apricots
24	25	26
Office Closed Merry Christmas	Office Closed Merry Christmas	Broccoli Cheese Soup/Crackers Fall Cottage Cheese Fruit Plate Rice Krispy Bar
31		
Office Closed Happy New Year's Eve		

Dot-to-dot #2

Connect the numbered dots 1–107.

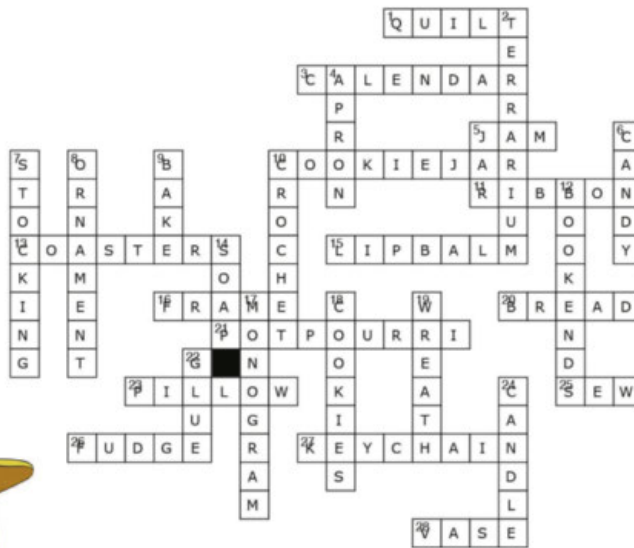


Long Live the LEGO (solution)

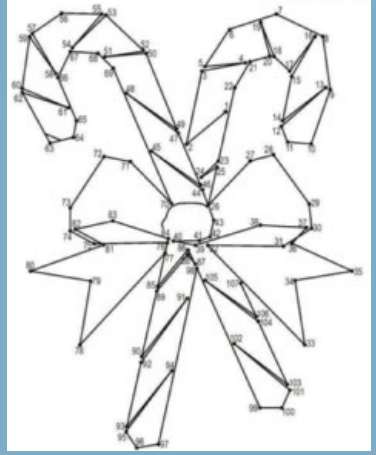


SOLUTIONS

Homemade Christmas Gi/s (solution)



Dot-to-dot #2 It is two candy canes



Christmas Song Picture Wordies (solutions)

1. "Santa Baby"
2. "Twelve Days of Christmas"
3. "Silent Night"
4. "All I Want for Christmas Is My Two Front Teeth"
5. "The First Noel"
6. "Meet Me Under the Mistletoe"
7. "Santa Claus Is Coming to Town"
8. "O Holy Night"
9. "Deck the Halls"
10. "We Three Kings"
11. "Walking in a Winter Wonderland"
12. "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree"



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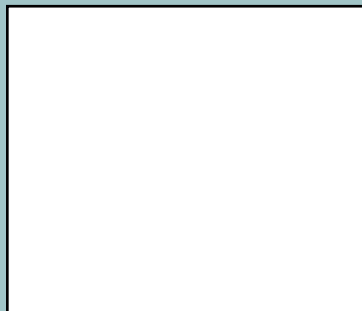
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2024**

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