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## RENAISSANCE MARQUIS

NEWSLETTER  
JANUARY 2026

*A Gingerbread Masterpiece  
by Dining Services Director  
Mary Wilbanks.*



## A MESSAGE FROM YOUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

There's a certain feeling that comes over you in a great old cathedral—something that hushes the world outside and draws you into a kind of quiet awe. Sunlight streams through stained glass, scattering blues and reds across smooth wood, intricate railings, and sometimes the gleaming pipes of an ancient organ, each sound echoing up into spaces shaped perfectly to carry music and prayer. It's hard to put into words, but you can almost feel the place hum inside your chest—a comfort, a stillness, a mysterious sense that something inside you is being soothed.

For centuries, we've chalked up the beauty of these buildings to faith and artistry. Yet, as science has peeled back more of the mystery, another truth emerges: their creators may have been working with a level of knowledge that still astounds us today. Many cathedrals were built to magnify certain sounds—low chanting, the deep swell of an organ, even a single clear bell—so that their vibrations linger long after the last note fades. Researchers are now finding that some of these sonic frequencies, by pure design or ancient intention, may even help calm our minds, steady our breath, and encourage a gentle kind of healing that everyone, regardless of background or belief, can sense.

It leaves me wondering—what else did those master builders understand about lifting spirits and fostering togetherness, knowledge that we're only now rediscovering? Perhaps it's not just the architecture or music, but the experience of being in a space built by many hands for the well-being of all. Maybe it's the simple fact that when people gather under a shared roof, supporting each other through silence or song, something in us finds a sense of belonging and peace.

We don't need stained glass or soaring arches to benefit from this ancient wisdom. Every day, in our own spaces—dining halls filled with laughter, patios humming with quiet conversations, even hallways lit by a friendly greeting—we create our own kind of resonance. The kindness, patience, and encouragement we offer ripple out, reaching further than we imagine and carrying a subtle, lasting comfort.

As we step into a new year, let's remember that we're all builders in our way—shaping environments with our choices and the warmth we share. May our community continue to be a place where hearts are lifted, spirits are steadied, and the gentle music of acceptance and care never fades.

Wishing you a harmonious and hopeful year ahead,

*Catie Mason*



### Helen Lloyd: Enduring Bonds & New Beginnings

Helen Lloyd was born on May 25, 1937, to Howard and Omer Blalock in Paulding County, Georgia. She grew up as the fourth of eight

children—part of a lively family of four girls and four boys. When Helen was three, the Blalocks moved to Floyd County, living in Silver Creek until she was 14, and then setting down new roots in Lindale.

Helen attended Harmony School from first through eighth grade, followed by Pepperell High School, where she graduated with the class of 1956. During her high school years, Helen worked at McClellan’s 5 & 10 Cent Store on Broad Street—a classic “five and dime” right in the heart of Rome. Shortly after graduation, she landed a job at a finance company in downtown Rome before starting a long and meaningful career at Inland Container Corporation in the Coosa community. Helen served as a Customer Service Representative there from 1960 until her retirement in 1999, earning the respect and affection of coworkers and customers alike.

Helen’s story is also one of lasting love. She and Jodie (Joe) Pitts married on March 31, 1956, spending 46 years together until his passing in

March 2002. In August 2007, Helen found love and companionship again with James (Jimmy) Lloyd, sharing 18 happy years until his passing in June 2025.

Helen is the proud mother of two daughters: Jo Marie Amos (James) and Allison Cook (Robby). Her family circle also includes grandchildren Justin Amos (Keely), Cody Amos (Emily), Carson Cook, and Rylee Cook Barackman (Michael). She is blessed with three great-grandchildren: Declan Amos, Tenley Amos, and Charlotte Amos.

A woman of faith, Helen is an active member of Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church in Silver Creek. In her free time, she enjoys sitting outside in the sunshine, watching Atlanta Braves baseball and University of Georgia Bulldogs football on TV, and—most of all—spending precious time with her family.

Helen became a resident at Renaissance Marquis in February 2024 and has been part of our community for nearly two years. She looks forward to Friday visits to the ice cream shop and enjoys the Thursday coffee bar with friends. She especially appreciates hearing the First Baptist Lindale Senior Adult Choir and watching the Dixie Stompers perform. When asked what she likes most about Renaissance Marquis, Helen is quick to mention the friendliness of the residents and the caring, helpful staff.

Helen’s life is a wonderful tapestry of hard work, deep roots, and family devotion. We’re honored that she calls Renaissance Marquis her home.



### A Fresh Start with a Faithful God by Chaplain Danny Rhodes

**“Because of the Lord’s great love we are not consumed, for His compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is Your faithfulness.” Lamentations 3:22–23**

January has a special feeling about it. The decorations are put away, the new calendars are hung, and we turn the page into a new year filled with unknowns. For many seniors, January can be a reflective month—looking back on God’s goodness through many seasons of life and looking forward with quiet hope.

The beauty of this season is not found in resolutions or in the promises we make to ourselves. The beauty is in the promise God makes to us: His mercies are new every morning. That means no matter our age, our limitations, or our past year’s struggles, God offers us a fresh beginning—again and again.

Think of the countless mornings God has already given you: mornings of joy, mornings of sorrow, mornings where you felt strong, and mornings where you felt

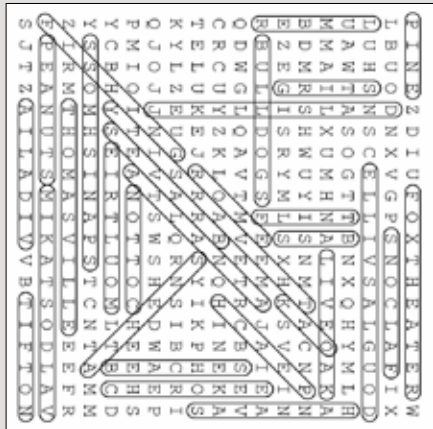
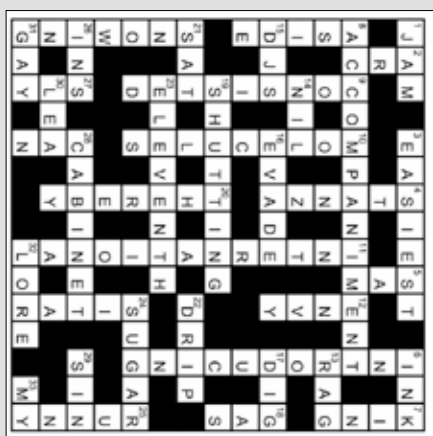
weak. Yet through every sunrise, one truth has never changed—God has been faithful. And He still is.

As we enter January, it’s easy to wonder what the coming year will bring: But the Lord doesn’t ask us to carry the entire year at once. He simply asks us to trust Him today. He gives us daily bread, daily strength, daily grace, and daily mercy.

In fact, January is the perfect time to slow down and remember that our hope is not in changing circumstances but in an unchanging God. As Lamentations declares, His compassions never fail. We may feel the weight of years behind us, but God still has purpose for every breath He gives us. He still works through our prayers, our encouragement, our wisdom, and the quiet strength we show by trusting Him.

So let this month be a gentle reset for your heart. Ask God to refresh your spirit. Invite Him into every part of your day—your conversations, your decisions, your rest. You are not starting the year alone; you are stepping into it with a God who walks beside you.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for Your unfailing faithfulness. As we begin this new year, remind us that Your mercies are fresh each morning. Give us peace for today and hope for tomorrow. Help us to trust You with every step ahead. Thank You for being our constant strength. Amen.



### RESOLUTION SOLUTION

#### PICK & CHOOSE YOUR NEW YEAR’S MUSE

Haven’t quite settled on a New Year’s resolution yet? No worries... Pick one of ours!

PRACTICE SAYING, “WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE,” WITH DRAMATIC PAUSES AND MYSTERIOUS WINKS.

REFER TO MY WALKER AS MY “CHARIOT” AND INSIST UPON DRAMATIC ENTRANCES.

ORGANIZE THE MAIL PILE—BY MOVING IT TO A BRAND-NEW PILE IN A DIFFERENT SPOT.

FINALLY STOP PRETENDING TO REMEMBER EVERYONE’S GRANDKIDS’ NAMES.

DEVELOP A SIGNATURE PHRASE FOR WHEN I FORGET SOMEONE’S NAME: “OH, THERE YOU ARE!”

START A NEW RUMOR EVERY MONTH ABOUT HIDDEN SECRET PASSAGES IN THE BUILDING.

CALL MY MORNING WALK “A ROYAL PROCESSION” AND EXPECT THE NEIGHBORS TO SALUTE.

LET MY FAMILY TEACH ME HOW TO USE A SMARTPHONE. PRETEND TO FORGET EVERYTHING NEXT WEEK.

OFFER UNSOLICITED ADVICE TO UNSUSPECTING STAFF. INSIST ON PAYMENT IN PUDDING CUPS.



## Welcome Home




Bill Johnson



Elaine Prince

It's great to meet you—  
can't wait to get to know you!



May this New Year bring you surprising delights—the kind you never knew to hope for. Here's to finding laughter in unexpected places, to small victories you didn't see coming, and to old friendships that grow even richer and new friends who feel like old ones. May you discover new strengths in yourself, and may the little, ordinary moments be the ones you treasure most. Wishing you a year full of gentle surprises, bright connections, and the comforting knowledge that, wherever you are, you belong.



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## TACO 'BOUT A GOOD TIME!



THE RENAISSANCE LUNCH BUNCH  
GOES MUY SABROSO AT THE BORDER



Charlesean Bennett  
January 1



June Scoggins  
January 2



Barbara Crowe  
January 5



Mary Carlton  
January 12



Evelyn Tyler  
January 15



Jan Lemasters  
January 17



Laura Frederick  
January 19



Lee Burno  
January 20



Faye Spicer  
January 22



Michael Booth  
January 23



Frances Kelly  
January 23



Joanne Alexander  
January 24



Johnnie Wise  
January 24



Carl Honecker  
January 25



Wanda Owen  
January 30

## Celebrations & Milestones

### Welcome to our newest residents!

- Bill Johnson
- Elaine Prince

### Let's celebrate everyone marking a special moment this month!

#### RESIDENT BIRTHDAYS

#### TEAM MEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Jan. 3: Jodi Ingebrigtsen
- Jan. 11: Wendy Johnson
- Jan. 12: Catie Mason
- Jan. 12: Stephanie Herring
- Jan. 18: Kara Meeks
- Jan. 18: Gregory Lawrence
- Jan. 20: Tyrous Calhoun
- Jan. 29: Jeylin Tavera-Cornejo

#### RESIDENT ANNIVERSARIES

- Helen Lloyd – 2 years
- Danny Story – 2 years
- Melba Didrick – 1 year
- Richard Didrick – 1 year
- Mickie Medlock – 1 year

#### TEAM ANNIVERSARIES

- Melissa Weeks – 25 years
- Brittany McGee – 4 years
- Briana Regla – 4 years
- Levi Dunaway – 2 years
- Brianna Dempsey – 1 year





ANNUAL REVEAL PARTY FOR MARY'S GINGERBREAD CREATION!



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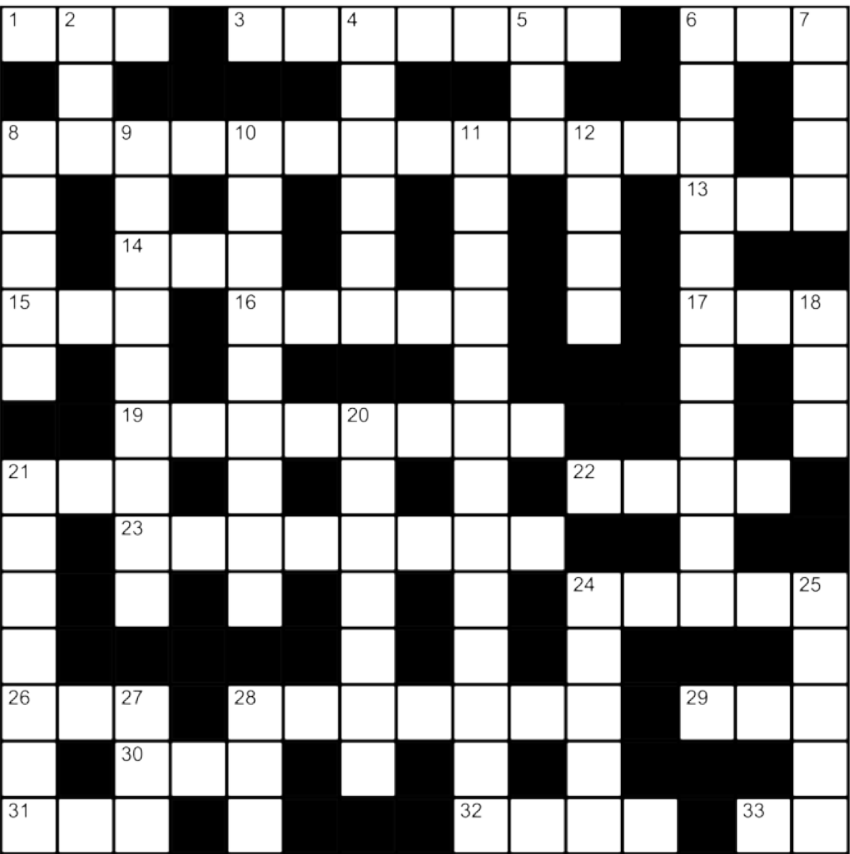
ACROSS

- 1. Preserves
- 3. Least difficult
- 6. Squid's defense
- 8. Music to support a solo instrument
- 13. Dust remover
- 14. None; zero
- 15. Disc jockeys, abbrev.
- 16. Give the slip
- 17. Archaeological site
- 19. Closing something
- 21. Warmed the bench
- 22. Slo-o-ow leak
- 23. At the \_\_\_\_\_ hour (in the nick of time)
- 24. Sucrose, for one
- 26. \_\_\_ and outs
- 28. Place to store china
- 29. Break a commandment
- 30. Meadow
- 31. In high spirits
- 32. Folk follower
- 33. "You Are \_\_ Sunshine"

DOWN

- 2. Circle segment
- 4. Poem subsection
- 5. A character from *Casablanca*
- 6. Presenting
- 7. Double-decker checker
- 8. "All kidding \_\_\_\_"
- 9. Was made of
- 10. Groups of atoms
- 11. Global; multiple countries
- 12. "Green with \_\_\_\_"
- 18. Neon or helium, for example
- 20. As a result

- 21. Coming down in flakes
- 24. Stringed Indian instrument
- 25. Like the yolk of a poached egg
- 27. Cunning
- 28. Soup container in store



*Georgia* The words listed can be found vertically, horizontally, diagonally, forward, and backward.



- ATHENS
- BASS
- BEACHES
- BULLDOGS
- CHEROKEE
- COTTON
- DOUGLASVILLE
- THE VARSITY
- FALCONS
- FISHING
- FLINT
- FOX THEATER
- GRITS
- JEKYLL ISLAND
- LIVE OAK
- LUMBER
- MOULTRIE
- OAK
- PEACH
- PEANUTS
- PINE
- ROME
- SAVANNAH
- SPANISH MOSS
- THOMASVILLE
- TIFTON
- VALDOSTA
- KIM VIDALIA



*Festive Faces & Santa's Embraces*



CHRISTMAS PARTY HIGHLIGHTS



**Justina Garcia** ❄️ JANUARY WINNER

*"If anyone forces you to go one mile, go with them two miles." Matt 5:41*

Denise Taylor nominated Justina Garcia for the Extra Mile Award, writing, "She has been such a blessing to our mother, Lib Rogers, and to the family as well! Justina's personality is such a great fit for our mother. She's always smiling and 'cutting up' with Mom and knows just how to respond to her. We write appointments and events on Mom's calendar and then have Mom write them on her chalkboard the night before. Justina has learned our routine and is so good to check both calendar and chalkboard each morning to make sure Mom is prepared for the day. She calls one of us whenever there is a problem or something she thinks we would want to know about Mom. Most recently, Justina had Mom's MAR printed and ready for me when I arrived to pick her up for an early morning appointment. Justina always does this without me even asking. She also had questions for me to ask the medical provider that day that was beneficial to Mom's care - something that I would have not thought to ask. That's Justina! Always looking out for our Mom! Such a blessing!"

Justina Garcia has been part of the Renaissance Marquis team for nearly 13 years, working as both a med-tech and caregiver. She loves being part of this community because of the residents, who she says are the grandparents she never had growing up. Hearing their stories from the days when they were pilots, professors, and nurses is one of the highlights of her work. Justina's heart is especially warmed when residents treat her 10-year-old son like family whenever he visits. For her, coworkers are cherished as well—she says she's "blessed with the best."

Born and raised in Rome, Justina spends her days off with her son, whether they're swimming, bowling, or jumping at the trampoline park. She also enjoys searching for good deals on shopping trips. Having spent nearly 13 years as a CNA, Justina is known for encouraging those around her and is always willing to lend a listening ear. She reminds others to push through tough days and brings dedication and compassion to everyone she encounters.

For Justina, caring for others isn't just a job—it's her calling. We're grateful to have her as part of our Renaissance Marquis family.

*Santa*  
CRAFT CORNER



KIDS!

A little boy came downstairs crying late one night.

"What's wrong?" asked his mother.

"Do people really come from dust, like they said in church?" he sobbed.

"In a way they do." said his mother.

"And when they die do they turn back to dust?"

"Yes, they do."

The little boy began to cry again.

"Well, under my bed there's someone either coming or going!"



EDIBLE ARTISTRY: BROWNIES TRANSFORMED INTO FESTIVE TREES



*Celebrations  
& Milestones*

Welcome to our newest resident!  
• Brenda Fowler

RESIDENT ANNIVERSARIES  
• Martha Nichols – 3 years  
• Bobby Tate – 3 years

MERRY & BRIGHT: CHRISTMAS PARTY SMILES WITH SANTA



ARTISTRY IN EVERGREEN

Winter Memories Matching: 1 & 8

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FESTIVE  
FUN:  
CRAFTING  
CLASSIC  
CHRISTMAS  
POPPERS



HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR.

HANDS IN THE DOUGH: BAKING A PIE THE OLD-FASHIONED WAY





**MATCHING WINTER MEMORIES**

Find the two sets of photos that are exactly alike.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h1>January 2026</h1> <p>"Baby Its Cold Outside"</p>				 <p>New Year's Day</p>	<p>9:00 Morning Activities 9:30 Devotion 10:00 Simple C 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Movie or Magic Table 2:00 Manicure Madness 3:00 Pastor Rhodes 2:30 Ice Cream 4:00 Supper</p>	<p>9:00 Movie 10:00 Brain Games 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Town Theater 2:00 H2O 3:00 Music Hour 4:00 Supper</p>
<p>9:00 Devotional Town Theater 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Movie or Magic Table 2:00 H2O 3:00 Singing to Hymns 4:00 Supper</p>	<p>9:00 Devotional Town Theater 10:00 Morning Activities 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Movie or Magic Table 2:00 Memory Match Up 4:00 Supper</p>	<p>9:00 Morning Activities 9:30 Devotion 10:00 Gospel Sing Along 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Movie or Magic Table 2:00 Flash Cards 4:00 Supper</p>	<p>9:00 Morning Activities 9:30 Devotion 10:00 Gospel Sing Along 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Movie or Magic Table 2:00 Karaoke 4:00 Supper</p>	<p>9:00 Morning Activities 9:30 Devotion 10:00 Marquis Melodies 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Movie or Magic Table 2:00 Memory Match Up 4:00 Supper</p>	<p>9:00 Morning Activities 9:30 Devotion 10:00 Simple C 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Movie or Magic Table 1:00 Tiera (Snow Cream) 2:00 Manicure Madness 3:00 Pastor Rhodes 2:30 Ice Cream 4:00 Supper</p>	<p>9:00 Movie 10:00 Brain Games 11:00 Lunch 12:00 Town Theater 2:00 H2O 3:00 Music Hour 4:00 Supper</p>
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