

The SILVERIDGE Sun

SILVERIDGE

The Friendliest Park in the West

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The People of the Park:

From the Kitchens
in Vegas to the
one in Silverage



(L to R, Jerry, Brenda and Tracy)

A Journey with Brenda Osborne

by Dale Dauten

"I don't know what it is, but if YOU put it on the menu, I know I'm going to try it—and likely like it."

When we asked Brenda Osborne to recall a favorite compliment about the food at the park, the memory of that one above made her smile. And the food at Silveridge has been making residents smile for years, especially since the expanded kitchen management team of Brenda, Jerry Colling and Tracy Gagnier got the green light last season to elevate the menu.

But it's not just the managers who get the credit, as Brenda was quick to point out: "We have about 100 volunteers in the kitchen—not all at one time, obviously—and they are amazing. We couldn't put together any of these events without them. Last year we came in and threw all kinds of different menus at them, and they took it and ran with it. They enjoyed learning new things

and doing new things and became a great team." She added, "They make the job fun because they want to be there."

We asked Brenda if experimenting with new menus didn't add to the stress of the kitchen. "There's a lot of juggling that goes into it," she responded. "All the different timers and all the different things that are going on at one time. It's not like you go cook one thing and put it away. When you're cooking for 200 or 300 people, you have to get it all done at the same time and keep it warm right up until service."

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We wondered if she had a secret to staying calm amid all that juggling: "I don't know if there's a secret," she answered. "It's just organized chaos. As long as everybody's working together as a team, it can be stressful for a minute, but we work together and the stress or chaos never get overwhelming or out of control. When I worked in Las Vegas, I would describe that as not organized chaos—just chaos, stress, and tension. But this kitchen is different. Everybody works together, and they're all happy to be there. Even when there are the problems, it still runs smoothly."

We'll get back to Vegas, but first, we wondered, what sort of problems she was referring to. Brenda shrugged as she recounted a few examples: "We had one night when half the outlets went out. We couldn't use half the kitchen, so we had to adapt really quickly. And the grill—there was the day when every time we would use the grill, it would set the smoke alarms off. The smoke alarm reset is on the ceiling, so we'd have people jumping up on a ladder trying to turn it off. And I've also had my orders not come in complete, missing a key element. For example, with the chicken pot pie, the key element wasn't there – the puff pastry topping. We had to shuffle quickly and find another way to get it done. There's always something – it just depends on how quickly you can fix it, without stress." Then she smiled the smile of someone who enjoys a good problem.

But let's get back to Las Vegas, and we'll get there via a brief bio of Brenda...

Brenda grew up in Colorado, mostly in what's known as the Western Slope, around the city of Grand Junction. Brenda summarized her family this way: "My dad was in construction and then was a truck driver. My mom was a photographer and then worked at a bank. I have a brother – he's about four years younger -- who drove me nuts when I was younger, but now we're best friends."

After graduating from Palisade High, outside Grand Junction, Brenda moved to Denver and did some bartending. Then she returned to Grand Junction for culinary training, and that led her to Las Vegas and to UNLV to study hospitality management. We asked Brenda if that training then led to her time working in kitchens in Las Vegas. She surprised us with this answer: "Yes. And then I came back to Colorado and went into concrete because I never wanted to work in a kitchen again."

Wait.. What? ... What happened in Vegas?

"It was horrible. Some of the food they asked me to serve was questionable, and the way they talked to people and treated people—I just felt like my morals were compromised all the time I was working there. It wasn't worth it. I went into concrete and industrial supply and stayed there until I came here, to Silveridge. That first year, I helped out in the kitchen and had fun. So when I was asked to join the management team, I accepted. And I was happy about it because it's a fun environment to work in."

But we need to back up one more time and hear about working with concrete after working hospitality in Vegas... how did that come about?

"A friend of the family owned a concrete company. We only worked on airports, and that's how I got the job -- I could pass a federal background check. I helped manage the crew and organize everything. I handled supplies—from batteries all the way up to concrete components. You have to move a lot of dirt and prepare a lot of dirt, then you can put all your forms in and lay the concrete. It's a lot of concrete on an airport – you need to go at least four feet deep, in layers. And I would do whatever I needed to do, to step in. I'd run equipment or flag, and I even stepped in and helped finish the concrete a couple of times. Some days I'd be in a dump truck. Some days I'd be in a roller, smoothing the ground out. Some days it would be a backhoe or a Bobcat."

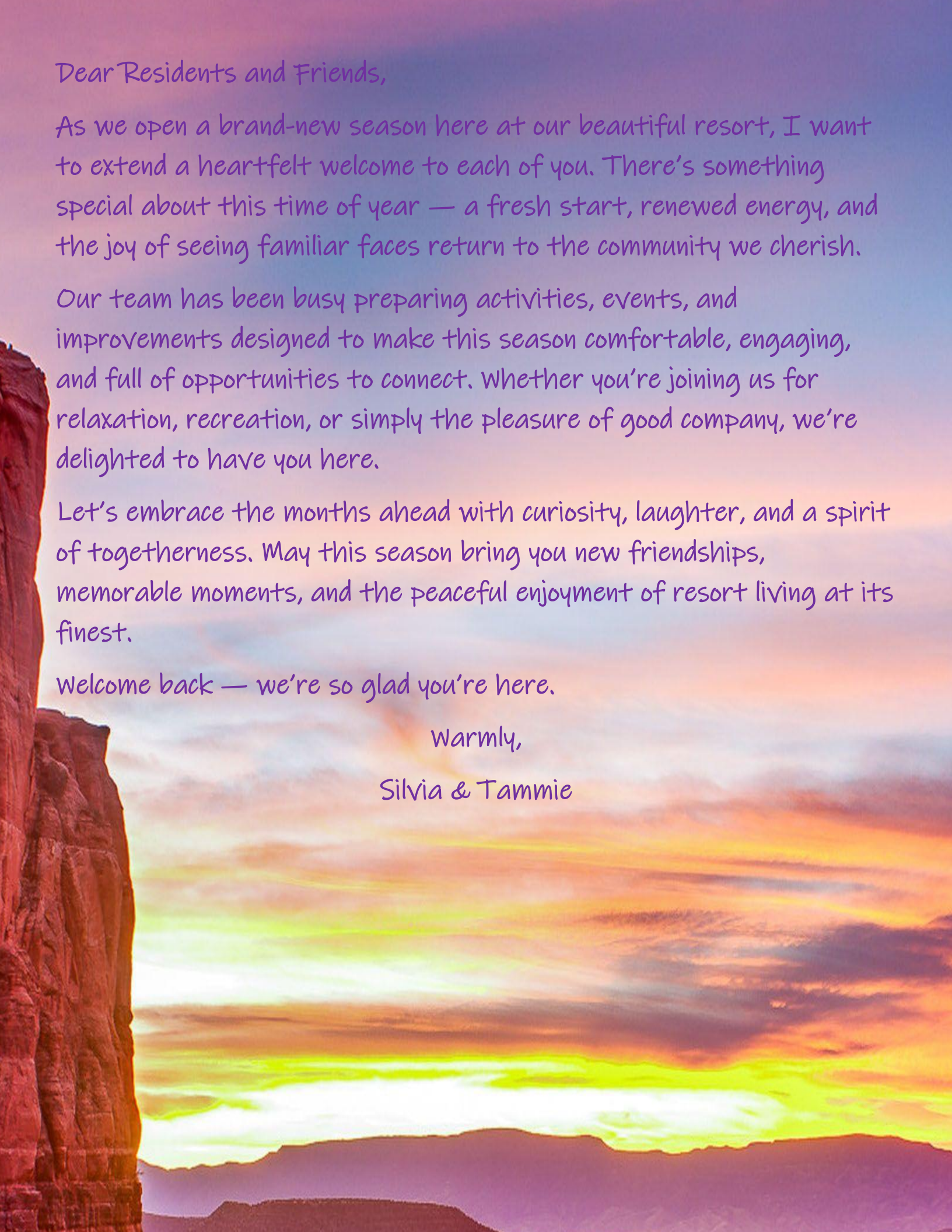
We supposed that being a woman working in concrete made her a rarity, and that led us to wonder, hopefully, if she found a positive side to being a woman in that mostly male world.

"I suppose it gives the men a different perspective, something different that they wouldn't normally think about. A lot of them would look at you as the female and say, "Oh, you don't know anything because you're a female. Then you give them the answer, save the day, or fix whatever the problem is, and they're like, "Oh, wow. I'm always coming back to you for help."

And speaking of coming back, from Colorado to Vegas and back again, from the kitchen to concrete and back again, Brenda has found her surprising path to Silveridge. And, as the new season starts up, we'll get to see what surprises Brenda, Jerry, Tracy and a hundred volunteers come up with.

Send your thoughts/comments or story suggestions to Dale -- DDauten@gmail.com

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Dear Residents and Friends,

As we open a brand-new season here at our beautiful resort, I want to extend a heartfelt welcome to each of you. There's something special about this time of year — a fresh start, renewed energy, and the joy of seeing familiar faces return to the community we cherish.

Our team has been busy preparing activities, events, and improvements designed to make this season comfortable, engaging, and full of opportunities to connect. Whether you're joining us for relaxation, recreation, or simply the pleasure of good company, we're delighted to have you here.

Let's embrace the months ahead with curiosity, laughter, and a spirit of togetherness. May this season bring you new friendships, memorable moments, and the peaceful enjoyment of resort living at its finest.

Welcome back — we're so glad you're here.

Warmly,

Silvia & Tammie



TIPS FROM TOM

You **MUST** check in with the office **BEFORE** mail can be placed in your box. If you'll be receiving mail for a parent, child, etc.....

Please, let Tom know so he can add the name to your box, otherwise it will be returned to sender as there is no record of the name on file.

Please remember that mail is put out as soon as it is received.

Packages are always done last. Sometimes, packages are not released the day they may show on apps. In this situation, there is nothing Tom can do to expedite the delivery process.

Packages are placed in the lockers by the mailroom. You will receive a key for the locker in your mailbox once the package has been delivered. **PLEASE check your mail often and return the keys to the appropriate slot.** We often run out of lockers waiting on residents to pick up their package(s) and there is no more space in the lockers. Then, others will have to wait to receive their packages until a locker is available.

If you have any questions, please see Tom in the mailroom.

THANK YOU



Silveridge Moments



Please remember the 15 MPH speed limit in the park. Whether you are on your bike, in your golf cart, or in your car, please obey all traffic signs.



NAME BADGES

We have many new residents at Silveridge. Please remember to wear your name badge around the park. It helps new residents learn your name and is a good way to start conversation. If you need a new name badge, please go to the front office.



Silveridge Moments

Join us for Coffee & a Donut and learn about upcoming events plus learn from local businesses with special offers for our Silveridge residents



8:30 AM in the Ballroom

November 16th

December 7th

January 4th

January 18th

February 1st

February 15th

March 1st

March 15th

Free coffee & donut. Cups, creamer, and sugar are provided (no personal cups please). Come out and visit with your friends and learn about our community



Wednesday November 4th

Wednesday November 11th

Wednesday November 18th

Wednesday November 25th

Wednesday December 2nd

Wednesday December 9th

Wednesday December 16th

*Doors Open at 4:00 PM

*Come early if you plan to eat

*Dinner is available on a First Come, First Served Basis

*Bingo begins promptly at 6:00 PM

*Menu may change without notice





Silverridge Moments

Event Schedules:

Dinner Dances (BYOB)

- *4:30 Dance Begins
- *5:15 Dinner is Served
- *5:45-7:30 Dancing Continues

Dinner Shows (BYOB)

- *5:30 P.M. Social Hour
- *6:00 P.M. Dinner is Served
- *7:00 P.M. Show Begins

Show Only (BYOB)

- *6:30 P.M. Social
- *7:00 P.M. Show Begins

Concerts

- *6:30 P.M. Doors Open
- *7:00 P.M. Performance Begins



SATURDAY BREAKFAST

7:30 AM-9:00 AM



Tickets are \$7.00

Can be purchased in advance in
Activity Office as well as at breakfast

November 14th November 21st

December 5th December 19th

January 9th January 23rd

February 20th March 13th



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Silverridge Moments



2026-2027



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH @ 1:00 PM

MONDAY, JAN 11TH @ 2:00 PM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH @ 2:00 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH @ 12:00 PM

SIGN-UP IN ACTIVITIES IN ADVANCE

SPOTS FILL QUICKLY

\$5.00 BUY IN





FREE SILVERIDGE PRESENTS KARAOKE NIGHTS

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 20TH

FRIDAY DECEMBER 18TH

THURSDAY JANUARY 14TH

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

THURSDAY MARCH 18TH

POTLUCK & BYOB
BRING CASH FOR
50/50 & BASKET
RAFFLES

COME SHARE YOUR
TALENTS AND ROCK
THE NIGHT AWAY

6:00PM-8:00 PM
IN THE
BALLROOM





MARKET DAY DATES:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2026

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 2026

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2027

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2027

9 AM- 2 PM

FOOD TRUCKS 11AM- 2 PM

**TO RESERVE A TABLE, PLEASE
CONTACT LINDA YERDON AT 712-320-
0361 OR LKVODRASKA@GMAIL.COM**



Silveridge Moments

3 Speed Band



**Tuesday,
November 10, 2026
4:30-7:30**

Dinner Dance Tickets \$20
Theme: Stars and Stripes

Classic rock, dance, and rock & roll hits. Oldies but goodies.

PAJAMA party
With **Shaky Ground Band**



Tuesday, December 15, 2026

Dinner Dance Tickets \$20

Classic Rock, Southern Rock, and Country
Line Dance Music from the 60's, 70's, 80's thru today!

Thaddeus Rose Band



**Tuesday, January 12, 2027
4:30 7:30**

Dinner Dance Tickets \$20

A variety band offering the best dance rock hits and iconic cover tunes from the 1950s to the 1980s, including modern hits

Theme: Dress As Your Favorite Salad Dressing



Gordy & Debbie



Tuesday, March 16, 2027

Dinner Dance Tickets \$20

Gordy and Debbie perform an upbeat variety of country, 50's & 60's, gospel and patriotic music

Theme: Wagon Train





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RICK ADAMS

DINNER DANCE
TICKETS \$20

4:30-7:30

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 2027

THEME: COUNTY FAIR

Playing Americana, country, and classic yacht rock hits from the '70s through the 2000s.



Hillbilly Deluxe

Tuesday, January 19, 2027

4:30-7:30

Dinner Dance Tickets \$20

A high-energy band specializing in country, Southern rock, and party music, often featuring 90s country hits and classic rock.

Theme: **TACKY WACKY**



Bobcats
From Apache Junction, AZ

Tuesday, March 9, 2027

4:30 PM-7:30 PM

Dinner Dance Tickets \$20

Classic Rock, Country, Southern Rock

Theme: Dress As Your Favorite Song Title

Walk Like an Egyptian-The Bangles

Hungry Like A Wolf-Duran Duran



Come Back Buddy

Tuesday, November 17, 2026

Dinner Dance Tickets \$20

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Theme: Hairspray, 50's

Rock-n-roll band specializing in 1950s hits, heavily inspired by Buddy Holly and the Crickets. They perform high-energy dance music from that era, including hits by Elvis Presley, Chuck Berry, Johnny Cash, and Roy Orbison

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Welcome Back Dance with Chuck Peterson 4:30-7:30 FREE	BINGO			Patio Sale 8:00-Noon
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		3-Speed Dinner Dance 4:30- 7:30 Theme: Stars & Stripes	Veteran's Day Ceremony and Lunch BINGO		Market Day 9:00-2:00 Food Trucks 11a.m-2 p.m.	Breakfast 8:00-9:30
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Silveridge Church Service 9:00AM Ballroom	8:00-8:30 Blood Pressure Checks in Card Room 1 8:30 Coffee and Donuts Book Club Daughters of the Bamboo Grove: from China to America 6:30 Room 4	Come Back Buddy Dinner Dance 4:30- 7:30 Theme: Hairspray 50's	BINGO	Poker Run 1:00 	10:00-Noon Square Dancing with Jerry Junck Ballroom Karaoke 6:00-8:00 	Breakfast 8:00-9:30
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
Silveridge Church Service 9:00AM Ballroom		Harry Mathews Dinner Dance 4:30-7:30 Theme: Jersey Night: Be a good sport	BINGO	Thanksgiving Potluck Dinners 1:00 and 4:00 Sign up in advance at Activities	10:00-Noon Square Dancing with Jerry Junck Ballroom	
29	30					
Silveridge Church Service 9:00AM Ballroom						

December 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
		Reign-N-Country Dinner Dance 4:30-7:30 Theme: Superstition Gold	BINGO		10:00-Noon Square Dancing with Jerry Junck Ballroom 	Breakfast 8:00-9:30
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Silveridge Church Service 9:00AM Ballroom	8:00-8:30 Blood Pressure Checks in Card Room 1 8:30 Coffee and Donuts	Arizona Avenue Dinner Dance 4:30-7:30 Theme: Be an Elf, Not a Grinch	BINGO		Market Day 9:00-2:00 Food Trucks 11a.m-2 p.m.	Pickleball Social In the Ballroom and Social Hall
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Silveridge Church Service 9:00AM Ballroom	Christmas Cookie Social (Bring your favorite Christmas cookies and recipe to share) 2:00 in the Social Hall	Shaky Ground Dinner Dance 4:30-7:30 Theme: Pajama Party	BINGO	Golf Cart Parade Line up at 5:15 in front of the clubhouse Potato Soup is provided after the parade for all participants	10:00-Noon Square Dancing with Jerry Junck Ballroom Karaoke 6:00-8:00 	Breakfast 8:00-9:30
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Silveridge Church Service 9:00AM Ballroom	Book Club 6:30 in Room 4				Christmas Potluck Dinner 1:00 and 4:00 Ballroom Sign Up in Advance at Activities 	
27	28	29	30	31		
Silveridge Church Service 9:00AM Ballroom				New Year's Eve Dance 8:00-12:30 pm Keith Byers Theme: Black And White		