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Letter From the President:

Happy New Year!!

I hope each of you had a blessed holiday season. It seems like there were so many events going on in our community in December and I hope you were able to enjoy some of them!

And now we begin 2026!! I don't believe in making new year resolutions - I guess because I am pretty certain I wouldn't be able to make them happen! The only thing I know I will do is support our Silver Center and try my best to make it a fun, safe place to meet with friends and enjoy the companionship and company of others!

Please check our dance schedule here in this newsletter. We have changed things up a bit this year and I hope our Friday night dancers will continue to support us!!

As I always say, please be safe and remember to tell your friends and family that you love them! We look forward to seeing you soon!

Rosie Van Booven



HELLO FROM THE FRONT DESK....

I wish you the happiest of New Years!

Let's make 2026 OUR LUCKY YEAR! Why not?
Let's make it a special, memorable time in our
lives! Let's make every day count!

Let's reach out to friends and family... Let's get
together here at the Silver Center, or over a cup of
coffee at the dining room table! BUT LET'S GET OUT!
Go on a trip! Go next door to visit! Come to a dance
and meet someone new to talk to!

We have 2 great bands for your toe tapping
enjoyment here in January 2026!

BIMBO & BORDERLINE will entertain you on
Friday, Jan 9th and PAUL SANCHEZ & WRANGLER
COUNTRY will entertain you on Friday, Jan 23rd!
Great music, Great bands, Great people to hang
out with! Our concession stand will be rocking the
griddle with fresh juicy hamburgers, and hotdogs
as well as sandwiches. If you'd like something else
JUST ASK! If we have it in the kitchen, our cooks
would love to please you! Grilled cheese
sandwich... SURE! Just ask.

We will host a Celebration of Life one Saturday, a 16th
birthday another Saturday and a baby shower on a
different Saturday this month. Political groups will be
meeting a lot here, for the next few months.

(MARCH 3rd will be Election Day this year)!
Educate yourself as to who will truly get out there
and work for YOU!

We are always looking for volunteers... and we
would love to have you come by to visit.
Until then... Happy Trails To You!



Glenda & Norman Partain

BUSINESS MEMBERS

The Silver Center is sincerely grateful for the
support of our faithful Business Members.

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Ankle Surgical Assoc.



If you have a January birthday, and are not on our list, please call us so we can update our records! Please note we currently make to-go lunches, with preorder on Tuesday through Friday!

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ella Pullen	1/8
Jenny Shepherd	1/10
Michelle Rappmund	1/11
Linda O'Connell	1/12
Pat Bodine	1/13
Georgia Turk	1/17
Paula Arguello	1/18
Rosie Van Booven	1/20
Roger Baenziger	1/24
Joan Vanbeck	1/24
Evelyn Martin	1/27
Rusty Clopton	1/30
Karen Wallock	1/30

New Years Word Scramble

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Please call Glenda Partain at (830) 303-6612 today to volunteer a couple of hours of your time around the Center.

**VOLUNTEER - HOURS - DECEMBER
420 Hrs**

THANK YOU to all of our VOLUNTEERS that helped us serve our community and those who are helping us deliver meals!

May God Bless all of our Board of Directors who volunteer so much of their time to assist us with special events, dances, and more!

CHARITABLE DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER

Triva & Larry Hicks

Line Dancers

Kimberley A Illhardt, CPA

Brenda Engelmann

Norman & Glenda Partain

Rosie Van Booven

Buster & Mary Jane Cage

Funny One-Liners

What is the sound of no-hands texting?

If an anonymous comment goes unread, is it still irritating?

Knock. Knock. Who's there? Nobel. Nobel who? Nobel so I knocked.

Small son sitting on Dad's lap: "I am confused. Was I born in a nest or a hive?!?"

Why did Beethoven get rid of his chickens? All they said was "Bach.. Bach.. Bach"

The insomnia patient was such a fervent vegetarian that he counted carrots jumping over the fence!

My father is allergic to cotton. He has pills he can take but he cannot get them out of the bottle.

The reason some politicians like to stand on their record is to keep voters from examining it.

You'll always stay young if live honestly, eat slowly, sleep sufficiently, work industriously, worship faithfully and lie about your age. What happens to an illegally parked frog? It gets toad away.

The claustrophobic astronaut? He just wanted a little more space.

How can tell you're **getting old**? When you go to an antique auction and three people bid on you!!

If you take \$2 out of an ATM that has a \$2.50 fee, do you the machine money?

Jan. 2026	9	7:30PM	Bimbo & Borderline
	23		Paul Sanchez & Wrangler Country
February	13		Kerr Creek Band
	27		<i>To Be Determined</i>
March	13		Paul Sanchez & Wrangler Country
	27		Gabe Galvan Band
April	10		Kerr Creek Band
	24		<i>To Be Determined</i>
May	8		Paul Sanchez & Wrangler Country
	22		Gabe Galvan Band
June	12		Bimbo & Borderline
	26		<i>To Be Determined</i>
July	10		Kerr Creek Band
	24		<i>To Be Determined</i>
August	14		Paul Sanchez & Wrangler Country
	28		<i>To Be Determined</i>
September	11		The Merles
	25		<i>To Be Determined</i>
October	9		Bimbo & Borderline
	23		<i>To Be Determined</i>
November	13		Paul Sanchez & Wrangler Country
	27		No dance - Thanksgiving weekend
December	11		Bimbo & Borderline
	25		No Dance - Christmas Day

We ♥ Our



LuAnn Archibeque

Barbara Behal

Syndee Bundick

“Buster” Cage

Mary Jane Cage

Jamie Evans

Brenda Englemann

Anna Ezell

Dena Flanagan

Tom Franczak

Martha Greenlaw

Shirla Humiston

Bob Kellner

Gary Kubenka

Pierce Law

Glenda Partain

Casey Pruett

Sharee Layton

Karen McMath

Betsy Martin

Evelyn Martin

Gay Lynn Olsovsky

Norman Partain

Kelly Perkins-Orozco

Santa Smith

Kay Stuart

Rosie Van Booven

Pat Weber

Liz Witten

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Cranberry Sparklers



Level: Easy
Total: 10 min
Active: 10 min
Yield: 6 drinks



Recipe courtesy of Melissa Gaman for Food Network Kitchen
From: Food Network Magazine

Spritzes are for winter months too! Try replacing traditional Aperol with the smashed cranberry-brandly mixture in this cocktail recipe for a refreshing and cozy sipper.

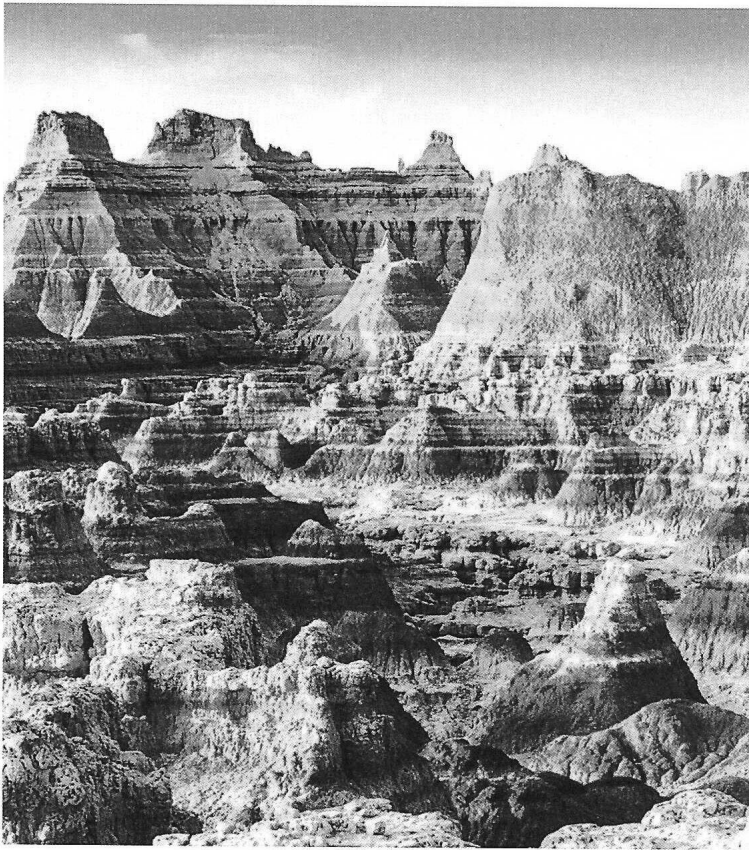
Directions:

- 1** Muddle the cranberries with the brandy and sugar in a small bowl until the cranberries are in small bits and the sugar is dissolved. Strain into a large liquid measuring cup and stir in the bitters. (This can be done a day ahead; cover and refrigerate.)
- 2** For each drink, add 1 ounce of the cranberry mixture to a glass filled with ice. Top with about 4 ounces prosecco and a splash of seltzer. Garnish with cranberries.



Ingredients:

1 cup cranberries (thawed if frozen),
garnish
1/2 cup brandy
1/4 cup sugar
1/2 teaspoon orange bitters
1 750-ml bottle prosecco, chilled
Seltzer, chilled, for topping



7 Days • 9 Meals: 6 Breakfasts, 3 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Mount Rushmore, Badlands National Park, Wall Drug, Deadwood, Off-Road Jeep Safari at Custer State Park, Crazy Horse Memorial, Devils Tower National Monument

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Days 1 – 6 Hyatt Place Rapid City, Rapid City, South Dakota

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

*Tour Date
July 31 through
August 6, 2026*

Day 1: Friday, July 31, 2026 Rapid City, South Dakota Welcome to the West. Your tour opens in Rapid City, long known as the gateway to the Black Hills. As travelers arrival times vary greatly, we have no group activities planned during the day. Tonight, you and your fellow travelers gather for a welcome dinner featuring a Native American chronicler who shares stories about the Lakota and Sioux way of life. (D)

Day 2: Saturday, August 1, 2026 Rapid City - Mt. Rushmore - Rapid City Learn the history of enterprising Westerners at the Chapel in the Hills. Continue to Mount Rushmore to spend time with the epic figures of Washington, Jefferson, Roosevelt, and Lincoln as you stroll along the Presidential Trail, offering the closest view of this iconic sculpture. This evening, return to Mount Rushmore for the nighttime lighting ceremony.* (B)

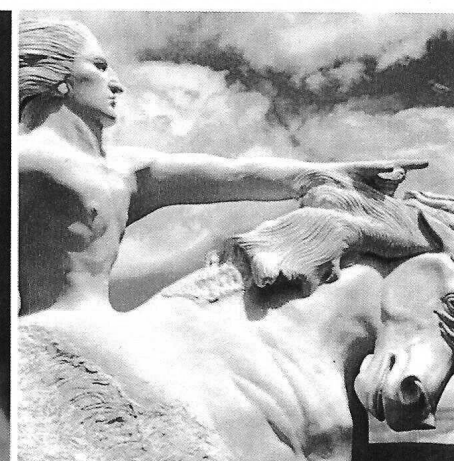
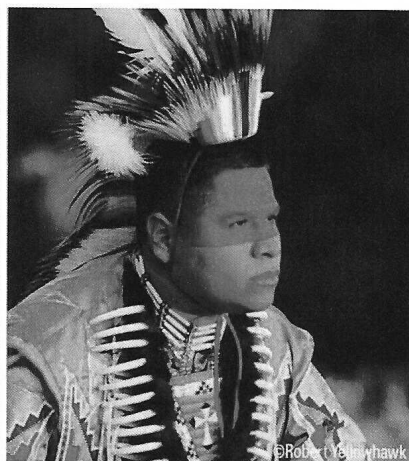
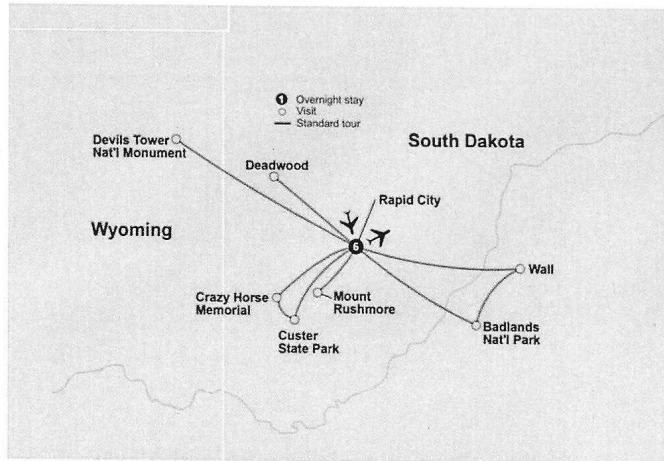
Day 3: Sunday, August 2, 2026 Rapid City - Badlands - Wall - Rapid City This morning, visit the Oglala Lakota Living History Village. The Oglala Lakota are one of the seven tribes that make up the Great Sioux Nation. In their own voices, hear about their history, relationship to the land and modern-day culture. Then, embrace the allure of wide-open spaces and explore the larger-than-life Badlands National Park. At the visitor center, the stage is set for your adventure, with informative exhibits, displays and video to introduce you to the area. Travel the Badlands Loop Road, home to vibrant colors and rock formations created by mineral deposits. Visit the legendary Wall Drug, a store barely changed since 1936. Do a little browsing, have a seat at the soda fountain, and perhaps grab a bite for lunch. (B)

Day 4: Monday, August 3, 2026 Rapid City - Deadwood - Rapid City Get ready for Deadwood, where gold, gambling, and gunpowder were once the order of the day. This morning, **it's your choice!** Take a guided tour of the Adams Museum and explore dynamic exhibits that shine a light on Deadwood's legends and outlaws **-OR-** visit Kevin Costner's *Tatanka: Story of the Bison*, sculptures depicting the relationship between bison and the Lakota. This afternoon, this National Historic Landmark comes alive as if you've stepped onto the set of an old-fashioned Western. A local guide shows you the town, including where Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane are buried. This evening, enjoy a dinner and Western show at the High Plains Heritage Center. (B, D)

Day 5: Tuesday, August 4, 2026 Rapid City - Custer - Crazy Horse - Rapid City Head to Custer State Park and keep your eyes peeled for bighorn sheep or wandering elk. Take in the lush landscape, rocky outcrops, and grazing animals as you make your way through South Dakota's first state park. Venture off road with an exciting Buffalo Safari, cruising deep into the park in an open-air jeep and searching for herds of roaming buffalo. This afternoon, visit Crazy Horse Memorial and delve into the story of the largest, still-in-progress mountain sculpture. Take time to explore the Indian Museum of North America, the Native American Cultural Center, the sculptor's studio, orientation center and theaters. (B)

Day 6: Wednesday, August 5, 2026 Rapid City - Devils Tower National Monument, Wyoming - Rapid City Get your bearings at the Geographic Center of the Nation, marking the middle of the US. Cross into Wyoming and view the first national monument - Devils Tower. Stand in awe before this lofty monolith, perhaps hiking the 1.3-mile Tower Trail around the base. Although famous as the backdrop in *Close Encounters of the Third Kind*, the tower is also sacred to many local tribes. This evening, join your fellow travelers for dinner as the end of your South Dakota adventure draws near. (B, D)

Day 7: Thursday, August 6, 2026 Rapid City - Tour Ends Say goodbye to Rapid City as your tour comes to a close today. (B)



Book Now & Save \$200 Per Person:

Double \$3,199;
Single \$3,899;
Triple \$3,169

Double \$2,999*
Single \$3,699;
Triple \$2,969

For bookings made after Jan 31, 2026 call for rates.

Included in Price: Round Trip Air from San Antonio Intl, Air Taxes and Fees/Surcharges, Hotel Transfers

Not included in price: Cancellation Waiver and Insurance of \$429 per person

* All Rates are Per Person and are subject to change, based on air inclusive package from SAT

IMPORTANT CONDITIONS: Your price is guaranteed once deposit is received and booking confirmed by Collette. Your price is not subject to increase after the deposit is received and booking confirmed, except for charges resulting from increases in government-imposed taxes or fees. (See registration form for consent.)

Important Tour Information:

Book Now rates valid until Jan 31, 2026, valid on air inclusive packages only.

The overall activity level of this tour is a level 2. This means you like a balanced approach to travel. Walking two to three miles over the course of a day is no problem for you. You can handle a variety of terrains, from cobblestone streets to moderate hills with relative ease and without assistance. You can climb two flights of stairs with ease. Expect some full days balanced with free time to recharge or set out on your own adventure. You can handle altitudes up to 6,000 feet. While this level is appropriate for travelers that require mobility assistance devices, there could be times when you may have to sit out on some of the included activities.

Travel with an average of 37 people (maximum of 44).

If you require any special assistance while on tour, please make us aware at time of reservation so the necessary request form can be sent to your attention.

*Mount Rushmore Lighting Ceremony is available May 22 - September 25, 2026.

When reserving a triple room, please note it will have two double beds. Due to fire safety regulations, a rollaway bed cannot be brought into the room.

Single accommodations are limited and are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Single rate subject to change based on availability.

To complete your tour, we include round-trip airport-to-hotel transfers when purchasing our airfare with your tour. If you have arranged for your own air, we are pleased to provide you the option of purchasing these transfers. Please note that all transfers will leave at pre-scheduled times.

For air-inclusive reservations, the name provided at time of booking must match your government-issued ID that will be used during travel. Name changes are subject to penalties.

Please be advised, many airlines do not provide advance seat assignments until check-in at the airport. Advance seating will be subject to the airline's terms and conditions.

Economy air rate and schedule are applicable for groups of 10 or more traveling on the same flights and dates.

Travel Requirements:

IDENTIFICATION

Travel within USA

A Real ID compliant form of identification must be presented both at the time of booking air travel with Collette and upon checking in at the airport to board any flight. State-issued driver's licenses and IDs that are not REAL ID compliant are no longer accepted as valid forms of identification at

Experience It! Crazy Horse Memorial

Crazy Horse Memorial, the world's largest mountain sculpture now in progress, is located in the Black Hills of South Dakota. The nine-story-high face of Crazy Horse, a visionary leader committed to preserving the traditions and values of the Lakota way of life, was completed in 1998 when work shifted to the 22-story-high massive horse's head. The work was begun in 1948 by sculptor Korczak Ziolkowski at the request of Native Americans, and Ziolkowski determined that the memorial would be more than just a sculpture – it would be a humanitarian project, whereby the stories of Native American peoples would be relayed to present and future generations through the collection and preservation of Indian culture and heritage. Visitors to the memorial can view the progress of the sculpture, as well as tour an Indian museum, cultural center, the sculptor's studio, and orientation center. Although Ziolkowski died in 1982, his wife, Ruth, and their family continue to work on the project in collaboration with the Crazy Horse Memorial Foundation.

For more information visit <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/1389124>

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BABY

BALL

BALLOONS

CALENDAR

CELEBRATION

CHAMPAGNE

CLOCK

CONFETTI

COUNTDOWN

DANCING

DECEMBER

EVE

FATHER TIME

FIRECRACKER

FIRST

FLUTE

GAMES

Happy New Year!



GOWN

HAPPY

HAT

HOURLASS

INVITATION

JANUARY

KISS

MIDNIGHT

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NOISE MAKER

PARTY

RESOLUTION

SPARKLER

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TRADITION

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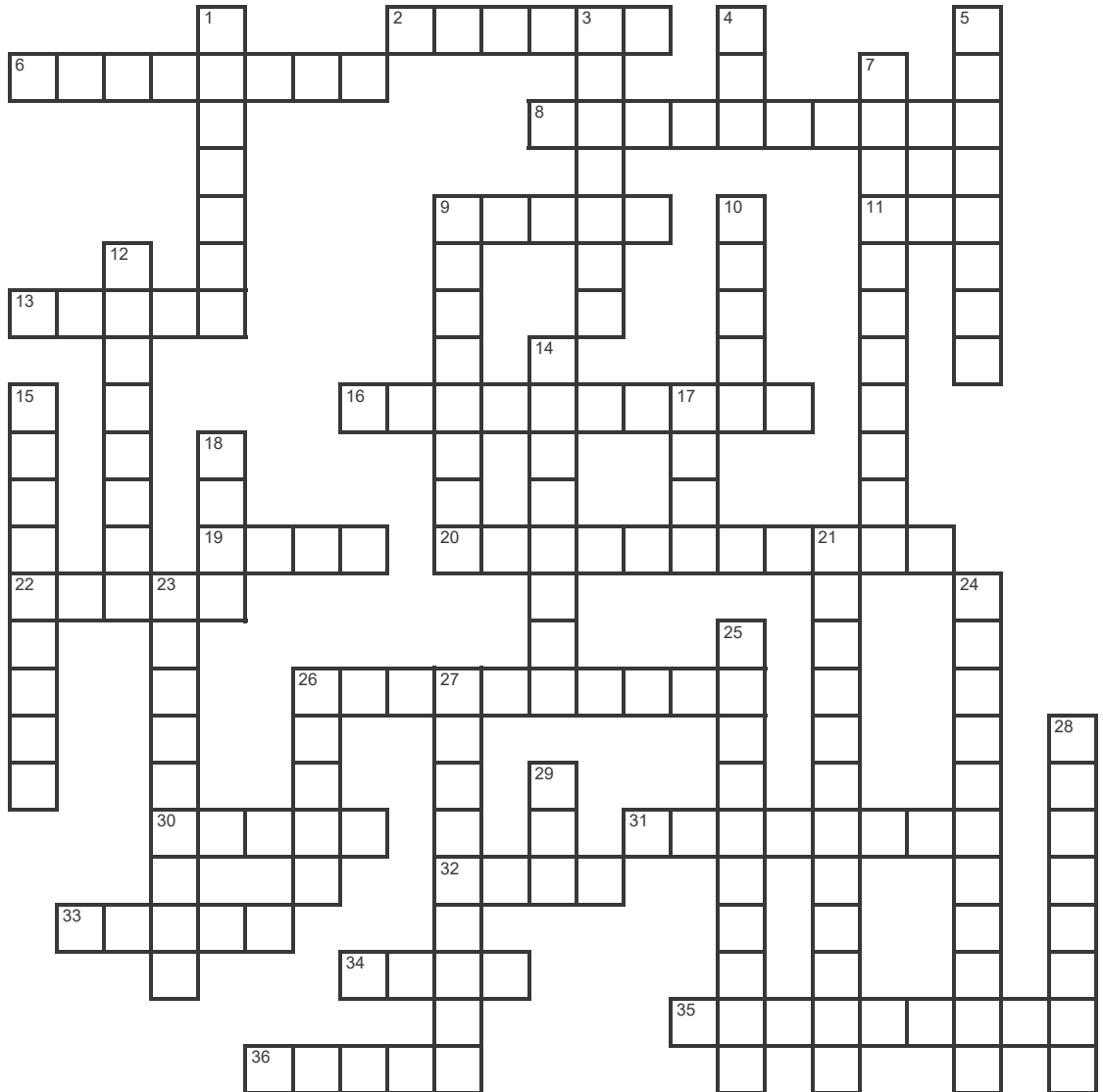
VOW

YEAR

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ACROSS

2. Formal attire for a New Year's gala
6. Colorful decoration unfurled at midnight
8. Written request to join the festivities
9. Auditory entertainment for the party
11. Night before the big day
13. Joyful state of mind for the occasion
16. Device for creating a ruckus at 12 AM
19. Spherical object dropped to mark the new year
20. Famous New York location for celebrations
22. Social gathering to welcome January 1st
26. Symbolic elderly figure of the passing year
30. Raised glass with well-wishes for the future
31. Tool for tracking days in the coming year
32. Elegant female attire for a New Year's soirée
33. Device counting down to midnight
34. 365-day period coming to an end
35. Vocal tally of seconds until midnight
36. Fun activities at a New Year's gathering



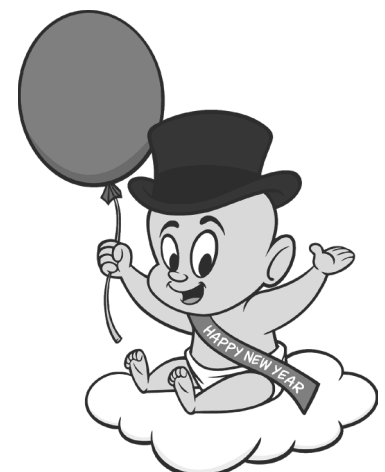
DOWN

1. First month of the new calendar
3. Rhythmic movement to celebrate
4. Festive headwear for the occasion
5. Small paper bits thrown in celebration
7. Explosive noisemaker for the festivities
9. Moment the new year officially begins
10. Stemware for sipping bubbly beverages
12. Handheld firework for celebrations
14. Final month of the outgoing year
15. Bubbly beverage for toasting
17. Romantic gesture at the stroke of twelve
18. Symbolic infant representing the new year

21. Traditional song sung on New Year's Eve
23. Customary practice for the holiday
24. Festive event to welcome the new year
25. Personal promise for self-improvement
26. Initial occurrence in the new year

27. Sand-filled timer symbolizing passing time
28. Inflatable decorations for the party
29. Commitment made for the upcoming year

Auld Lang Syne	Father Time	Music
Baby	Firecracker	Noise Maker
Ball	First	Party
Balloons	Flute	Resolution
Calendar	Games	Sparkler
Celebration	Gown	Streamer
Champagne	Happy	Times Square
Clock	Hat	Toast
Confetti	Hourglass	Tradition
Countdown	Invitation	Tuxedo
Dancing	January	Vow
December	Kiss	Year
Eve	Midnight	



New Years Word Scramble Answers

**PARTY
GAMES
CELEBRATE
CONFETTI
COUNTDOWN
CHAMPAGNE
DANCING
FIREWORKS
RESOLUTIONS
NEW YEAR**

Calling all people who would like to help us as Volunteers!

We truly need someone to help us set the letters on the large sign out front, assist us in setting up the rooms for scheduled events, tidy up rooms after events and if you're food service certified, we could use your help in the kitchen or bar area!

I would also love your help with news articles, & folding the newsletter so it can get to the post office on time. Are you looking for a way to help?

We would love to discuss it with you!

(830) 303-6612

**Please call
Glenda Partain
Tuesday – Friday after 2
to discuss the possibilities!**

Guadalupe County Crime Stoppers



877.403.TIPS (8477)

www.gccsTIPS.org

Guadalupe County Crime Stoppers
P.O. Box 542
Seguin, Texas 78156-0542

Champagne-Battered Fried Chicken Bites



Level: Easy
Total: 25 min
Active: 25 min
Yield: 6 to 8 servings



Recipe courtesy of Amy Stevenson for Food Network Kitchen

This twist on fried chicken is a fun way to start your New Year's Eve party. Open a bottle of sparkling wine for the batter and enjoy the rest with friends or family while you serve up these crispy fried morsels with a creamy caviar dip. As a bonus, the rice flour and cornstarch in this batter help the coating stay crisp much longer than a traditional all-flour batter. Just make sure to use plain rice flour (as opposed to sweet or glutinous rice flour). Inexpensive black caviar is fine for this recipe, but you could also go all out and use the good stuff – it's up to you.

Directions:

Special equipment: deep-fry thermometer



- 1** Pour 2 inches of oil in a large Dutch oven and heat to 360 degrees F on a deep-fry thermometer. Line a rimmed baking sheet with a cooling rack.
- 2** For the caviar sour cream, stir the sour cream, horseradish, lemon zest and juice, 1/4 teaspoon salt and a generous grinding of black pepper together in a small bowl. Add 1 ounce of the caviar and the chives and stir just to combine (don't overmix, you want to keep the caviar eggs whole). Refrigerate while you make the chicken.
- 3** For the chicken, combine the all-purpose flour, cornstarch, rice flour and 1 teaspoon salt in a large bowl. Whisk to combine. Whisk in the champagne to make a smooth batter.
- 4** Season the chicken pieces all over with 1 teaspoon salt and several grinds of pepper. Working in batches, dip about half of the chicken pieces in the batter, letting the excess drip back into the bowl. Add to the hot oil and fry, turning as needed, until deep golden and crisp, 4 to 5 minutes. Transfer to the cooling rack to drain and season lightly with salt. Repeat with the remaining chicken and batter, letting the oil return to temperature between batches.
- 5** To serve, garnish the dip with the remaining 1 ounce caviar and some more chives. Serve the fried chicken hot or warm, with the dip.

Ingredients:

Vegetable oil, for frying
1 1/2 cups sour cream
3 tablespoons drained prepared horseradish
2 teaspoons lemon zest
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
Kosher salt and freshly ground black pepper
One 2-ounce jar caviar
3 tablespoons chopped fresh chives, plus more

for garnish
1 1/4 cups all-purpose flour
1/2 cup cornstarch
1/4 cup rice flour
1 1/2 cups (12 ounces) chilled Champagne or other dry sparkling wine
2 pounds boneless, skinless chicken breast and/or thighs, cut into bite-size pieces

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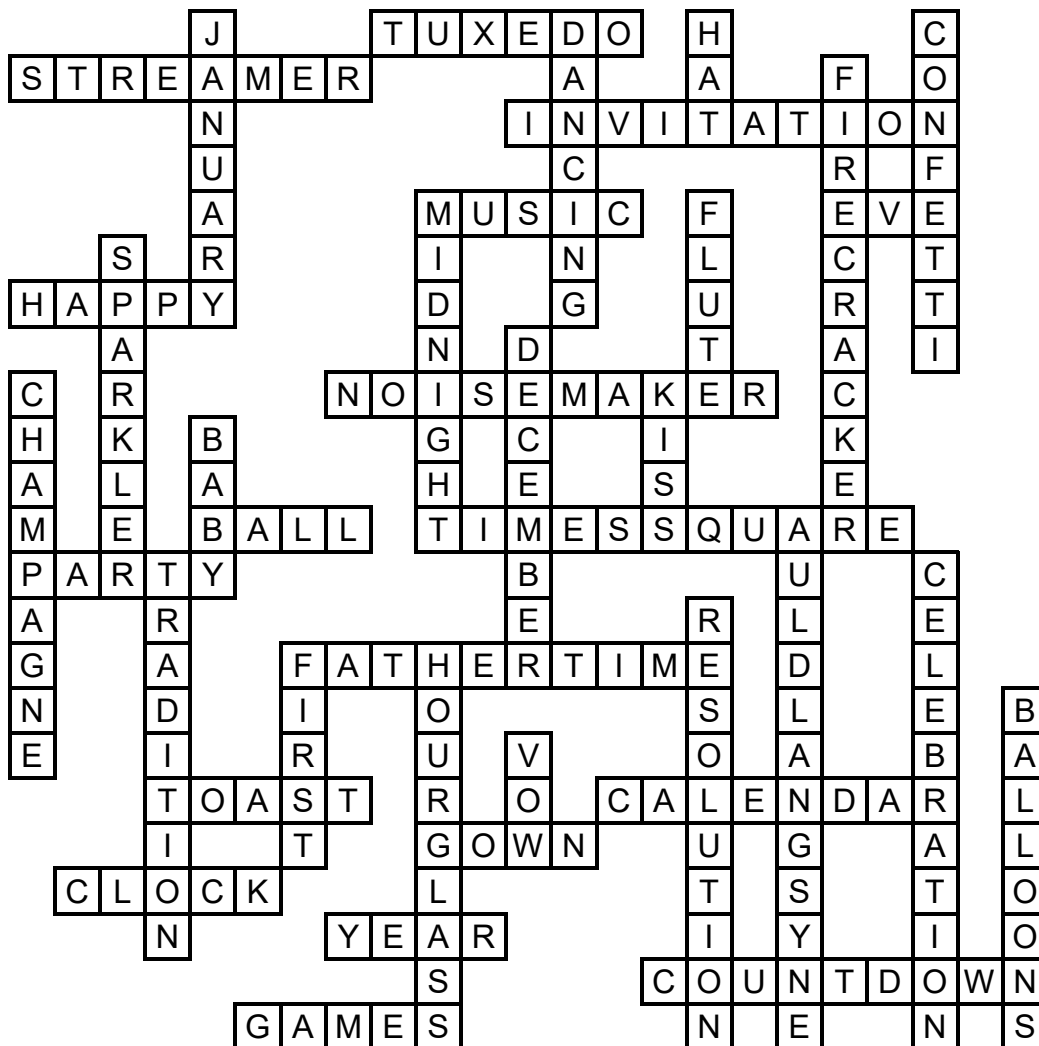


Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 31	Thu 1	Fri 2	Sat 3
	CLOSED ON MONDAYS		Closed until the Dance 1:00 PM Majhongg 7:00 PM New Years Eve Dance doors open 8:00 PM NEW YEARS EVE DANCE	CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY	8:30 AM We are Open! 1:00 PM Majhongg 2:30 PM Line Dancing	
4 14	5 CLOSED ON MONDAYS	6 11:30 AM Bridge (4)	7 11:30 AM Bridge (8) 1:00 PM Majhongg	8 11:30 AM Class of 1954 lunch 11:30 AM ZONTA BOARD LUNCH 12:00 PM Lions Club 6:30 PM Young Republicans Meeting	9 1:00 PM Majhongg 2:30 PM Line Dancing 7:30 PM BIMBO & Borderline Dance 8:00 PM Music starts for the dance	10
11	12 CLOSED ON MONDAYS 6:00 PM Gideons meeting	13 11:30 AM Bridge (8) 5:30 PM Mid-Texas Symphony Meeting	14 11:30 AM Zonta's Luncheon 1:00 PM Majhongg	15 12:00 PM Lions Club 7:00 PM Conservative Republicans Meeting	16 1:00 PM Majhongg 2:30 PM Line Dancing	17 2:00 PM Celebration of Life
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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Crossword

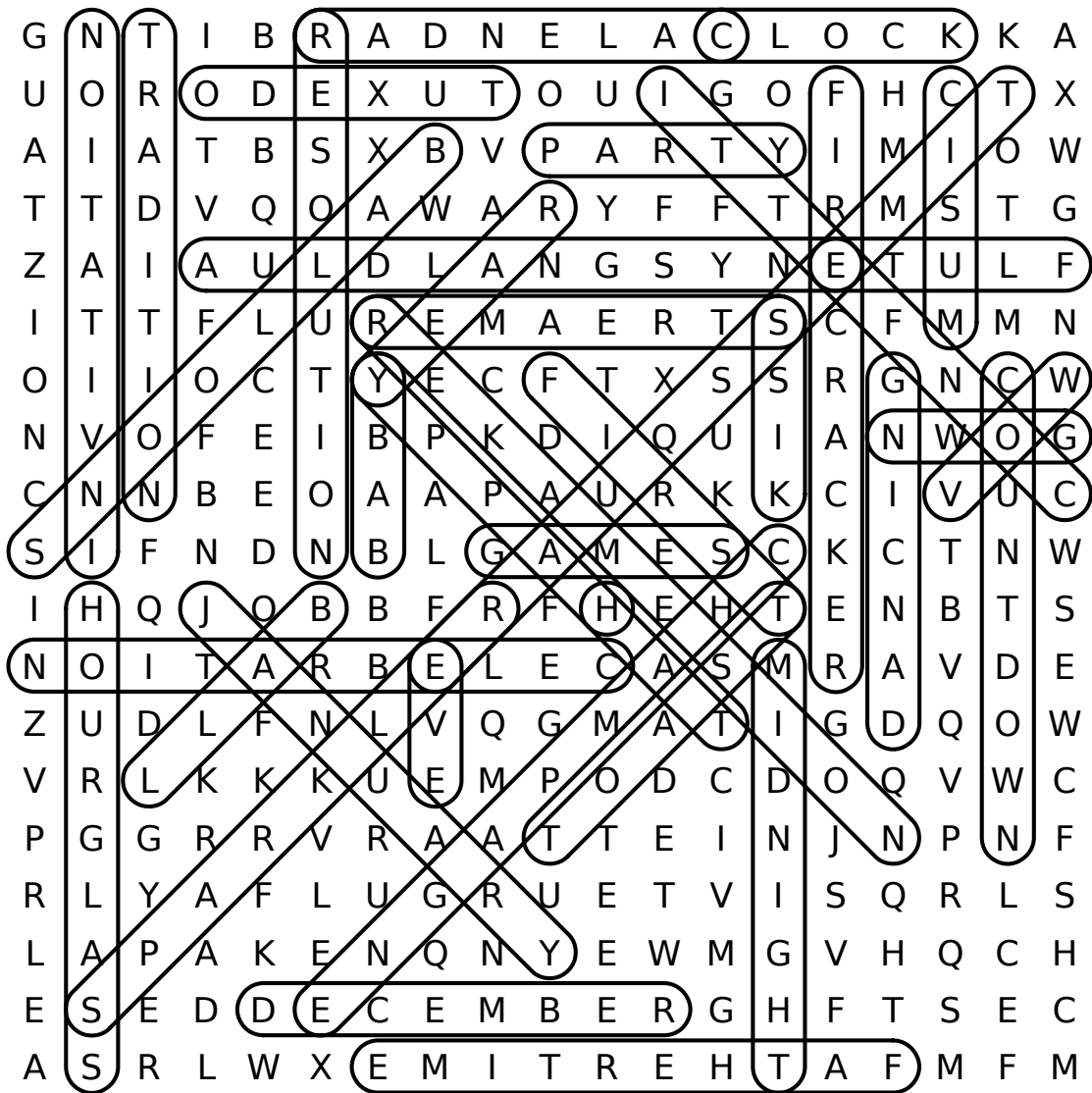
SOLUTION



Happy New Year!

Word Search

SOLUTION



Seguin-Guadalupe County Senior Citizens Center
The Silver Center (a 501©3 Charity)

Membership Application

Business (or Your Name) _____

Primary Contact _____

Address _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____

Email _____

Website Address _____

Annual Membership Levels

☐ **Standard PERSONAL Membership** **\$ 40.00**
(**\$20 off a room rental**)

☐ **Standard Business Membership** **\$ 125**
(listed in our business membership in the newsletter)

☐ **Gold Business Membership** **\$ 250**
(listed in our business membership & 1 month free ad in newsletter)

☐ **Platinum Business Membership** **\$ 500**
(listed in our membership & 2 months free ad in newsletter & 10% discount on a rental)

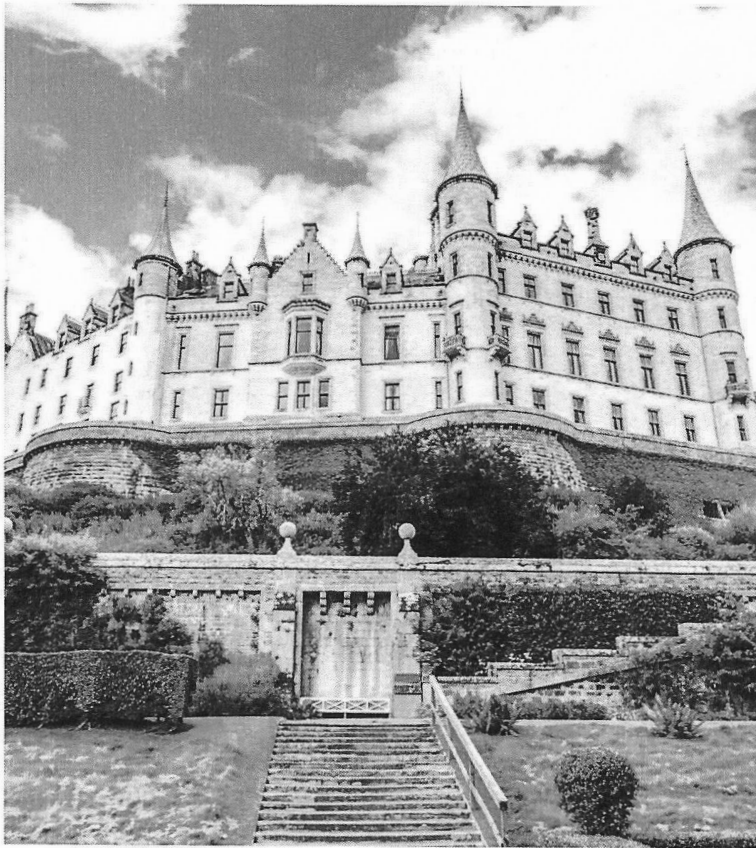
☐ **Diamond Business Membership** **\$1,000**
(listed in our membership & 1 year free ad in newsletter & 10% discount on a rental)

☐ **Please invoice to the above address**

☐ **Make your check payable to "The Silver Center"**

Are you interested in:

- ☐ **Volunteer opportunities in exchange for business recognition.**
- ☐ **Providing a "Lunch and Learn" event for the community.**
- ☐ **Advertising in the center's monthly newsletter.**
- ☐ **Participation on the Board of Directors level for The Silver Center.**



10 Days • 15 Meals: 8 Breakfasts, 7 Dinners

HIGHLIGHTS... Bagpipe Demonstration, Whisky Tasting, Isle of Skye, Loch Ness, Orkney Islands, Dunrobin Castle, Sheepdog Demonstration, Edinburgh Castle, Scottish Cooking Demonstration, Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo

ITINERARY AT A GLANCE

Day 1	Overnight Flight
Day 2	Maldron Hotel Glasgow, Glasgow
Days 3, 4	Ballachulish Hotel, Ballachulish
Days 5, 6	Norseman Hotel, Wick
Day 7	Inverness Palace Hotel & Spa, Inverness
Days 8, 9	Radisson Blu Edinburgh, Edinburgh

On some dates alternate hotels may be used.

Tour Date
August 8-17 2026

Day 1: Saturday, August 8, 2026 Overnight Flight An overnight flight transports you to a country of stunning landscapes, lively cities, and stirring history.

Day 2: Sunday, August 9, 2026 Glasgow, Scotland Arrive in Glasgow, Scotland's Victorian city. With no planned activities today, you can explore Glasgow at leisure. Tonight, your Scottish adventure begins with a visit to a local restaurant. After experiencing a piping demonstration and lesson with a renowned piper, join your fellow travelers for a lively welcome dinner at the restaurant. (D)

Day 3: Monday, August 10, 2026 Glasgow - Ballachulish This morning, bid Glasgow farewell as you travel to your next destination. First, stop at a local whisky distillery for a guided tour and tasting. After some free time for lunch in a nearby town, you can relax aboard the motorcoach and admire the verdant green hills and mountainside waters as you arrive at your remote countryside hotel, situated on lovely Loch Linnhe. (B, D)

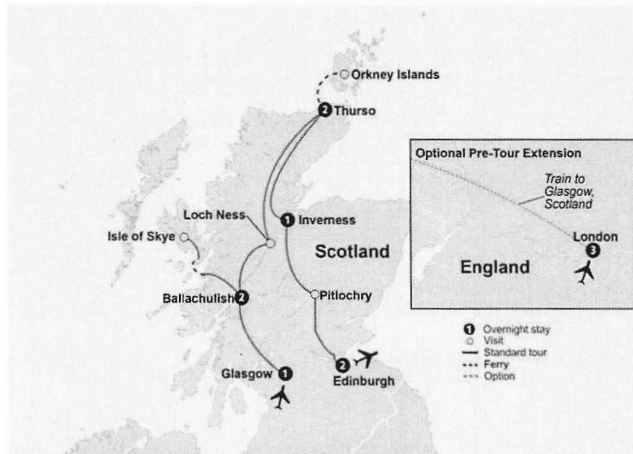
Day 4: Tuesday, August 11, 2026 Ballachulish - Isle of Skye - Ballachulish This morning, journey to the stunning Isle of Skye, also known in poetry and song as Eilean a' Cheò (The Misty Isle). Upon arrival in Armadale, a local from the island joins you to share the history of this magical place and what it is like to live there today. A visit to the capital of Portree allows some time to explore before taking the scenic route back to Broadford. End your day by returning to Ballachulish via the Skye Bridge and a scenic drive along the "Road to the Isles." (B, D)

Day 5: Wednesday, August 12, 2026 Ballachulish - Loch Ness - Thurso Today, enjoy stunning and unspoiled landscapes as you journey further into the Highlands. Travel through the Great Glen, famous for its many lochs (lakes). Visit the striking ruins of Urquhart Castle before enjoying a cruise on Loch Ness, one of Britain's most famous bodies of water. Keep your eyes open — you never know when Nessie might appear! Travel off the beaten path to Thurso, one of Scotland's most remote towns on the North Coast. Embrace the rustic environment of the Scottish Highlands as you settle in for your two-night stay. (B, D)

Day 6: Thursday, August 13, 2026 Thurso - Orkney Islands - Thurso Grab your windbreaker — it's time for an adventure on the Orkney Islands.* Ferry to this former Viking stronghold off the northernmost coast of Scotland, where artists admire the ever-changing clouds rolling across the sky like a time-lapse at double speed. On the crossing, feel the wind in your hair as you view the abundant bird life and, if you're lucky, porpoises and seals. A local guide introduces this ethereal place that few visitors to Scotland get to experience. Visit Skara Brae and discover the remains of a Neolithic village built before the Great Pyramids in Egypt. Continue on toward the prehistoric Standing Stones of Stenness, reported to be older than Stonehenge. Make your way through the town of Viking Kirkwall before returning to the mainland. (B, D)

Day 7: Friday, August 14, 2026 Thurso - Inverness As you make your way back from the northern coast, visit the majestic Dunrobin Castle,** which dates back to the 1300s. The castle is built in the style of a French château and is home to the Duke of Sutherland. Next, **it's your choice!** Step into history at the atmospheric Culloden Battlefield, where the Jacobite Rising came to a tragic end **-OR-** visit the imposing Inverness Castle on a self-guided tour, now home to a fascinating museum of the battles of the Highlands. Enjoy an overnight stay in Inverness, capital of the Highlands. (B, D)

Day 8: Saturday, August 15, 2026 Inverness - Pitlochry - Edinburgh Begin your day with a visit to a family-run farm set



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in the heart of the Highlands. See sheepdogs at work while surrounded by the mountain wilderness of Cairngorms National Park. Continue on to the vibrant Victorian town of Pitlochry for some time at leisure to explore on your own. End your day in Scotland's capital city of Edinburgh. Enjoy a lively and interactive cooking demonstration at one of Scotland's premier culinary institutions. With a "wee dram" in hand, toast the end of a wonderful day. (B, D)

Day 9: Sunday, August 16, 2026 Edinburgh Today, visit Edinburgh Castle, home to the Scottish Crown Jewels. Enjoy a panoramic tour of Edinburgh's new town before your local expert takes you on a walking tour up to the magnificent castle. Enjoy an afternoon of free time. This evening, take your

seat at the spectacular, world-famous Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, one of Scotland's greatest events. (B)

Day 10: Monday, August 17, 2026 Edinburgh - Tour Ends
Your tour of Scotland comes to a close today. (B)

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Jason Goodwin, MD, a native of the area, brings decades of experience from his decorated career in the Air Force, including multiple combat deployments, as well as clinical practice in the U.S. and England. He specializes in diseases of the ears, nose, and throat, offering comprehensive care for patients of all ages.



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