

# ROADSIDE READER



## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA



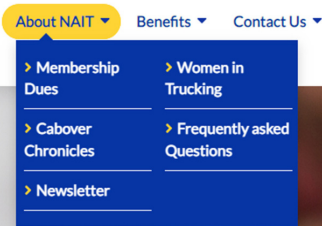
### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### OPEN ENROLLMENT UNTIL DEC. 15

Choosing the right health insurance for you and your family is important. We understand, and we want you to feel confident in your choice. So let us help you find the plan that's right for you.

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# FUN FACT

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The Winter Solstice – the astronomical first day of winter in the Northern Hemisphere and the first day of summer in the Southern Hemisphere.

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## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

National Wreaths Across America Day is **Saturday, Dec.17**. Each year, WAA’s mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach is carried out by coordinating wreath-laying ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery and more than 3,400 additional locations in all 50 states, at sea, and abroad.

Join NAIT and the IAT Insurance Group by sponsoring a veterans’ wreath at a cemetery near you, volunteering, or donating to a local sponsorship group.



### WREATHS *across* AMERICA

The October NAIT Newsletter featured WAA Director of Transportation Don Queeney, who noted the 2022 Wreaths Across America theme is "Find a way to serve."

"We use a cliché, 'It's more than a wreath,' and it's true," Queeney said. "You start doing this work and coming in contact with these people that really dig it and then stumbling upon somebody that maybe didn't know anything about it but was so moved by it.

"In some cases, they're an average citizen. Then you meet that newly minted Gold Star wife who stops by her husband's headstone to find a fresh balsam wreath on it and tries to figure out who did this. Then they learn about [WAA], and they become involved."

Queeney added, "This thing is much bigger than me – the number of people our program has impacted. We all know how important it is. It's so much more than just a wreath.

"Find a way to serve," he said. "It doesn't have to be serving WAA's mission. It could be any mission, and it doesn't even have to do with the military – find a way to participate in your community. So, yeah, that's what keeps me going – finding a way to serve."

Learn more at [wreathsasscrossamerica.org](http://wreathsasscrossamerica.org)



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## RESOLUTIONS?

Making New Year’s resolutions is said to have begun with the Babylonians as early as 2600 B.C. as another way to reflect on the past and plan ahead.

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# CHRISTMAS DISHES

'Tis the season – and to wrap up 2022 we're going whole-hog with a holiday classic!

## Double-Smoked Ham with Cherry Bourbon Glaze



### INGREDIENTS

- 1 10-pound bone-in ham
- 1/3 cup Dijon mustard
- 3/4 cup dry rub

### For the cherry glaze

- 1/2 cup cherry jam
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/4 cup bourbon or whiskey
- 2 tablespoons freshly squeezed orange juice
- 2 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice

### INSTRUCTIONS

#### For the glaze

- In a small saucepan over medium heat, add all ingredients and bring to a simmer. Continue to simmer for 10 minutes and remove. Let cool. Will thicken as it cools. Can be made in advance. Reheat slightly before applying.

#### For smoking the ham

- Preheat the smoker to 250 degrees F using fruit wood (we like cherry).
- Coat ham with Dijon mustard and liberally apply the dry rub and place into smoker on a sheet pan or in a small aluminum pan (uncovered). Insert a digital meat thermometer temperature probe if you have one.
- Smoke at 250 until the internal temperature of the ham reaches 130 degrees F. Glaze the ham with half the glaze. Close the lid and continue cooking until the internal temperature of the ham reaches 140 degrees.
- Remove from the smoker and apply the remaining glaze to the ham. Let sit for 20 minutes and serve.

### DID YOU KNOW

December originally consisted of 30 days. However, when January and February were added to the calendar (around 700 B.C.), December was shortened to 29 days. Then, two days were added to December in the subsequent Julian calendar, making it 31 days long.





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To receive a quote for any of these programs, call 877-770-6248.

# NAIT PARTNER

## atlanta humane society

Are you looking for a furry addition to your family this holiday season? The Atlanta Humane Society aims to better lives, instill compassion, and uplift our whole community by connecting homeless animals with good homes and providing neglected animals with safe spaces.

NAIT is a proud partner of the AHS and encourages the adoption of animals into permanent loving homes.

Learn more at [atlantahumane.org](http://atlantahumane.org)

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- WellCard Prescription & Health Discount Card Program

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#### HAPPY NEW YEAR!

In Spain, people attempt to eat 12 grapes during the 12 strokes of midnight. Tradition says that if you succeed before the chimes stop, you will have good luck for all 12 months of the coming year!



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## 2023 HEALTH INSURANCE OPEN ENROLLMENT



Open Enrollment is the annual period in the fall when people can enroll in a health insurance plan for the next calendar year.

**Enroll by Dec. 15** for coverage that starts Jan. 1, 2023.

### The affordable plan options you're looking for

NAIT partners have a variety of health insurance plans – from I-feel-invincible to I-wanna-get-that-checked.

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