

Hope Woods Newsletter

DECEMBER EDITION

H O P E W O O D S A P A R T M E N T S

THE PERILS AND PLEASURES OF WINTER
BY: MARJORIE HOLMES

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An old fashioned, family kind of winter brings back all the Christmases past that I knew as a little girl. It brings back the winter sports that were the glorious preview: the ice skating, the snow battles, the hopping of bobs. An entire new era of delight was ushered in with the first snowfall; and with the freezing of the



lake, it became an intense reality. The lake, that...
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**Welcome Home to
our newest neighbors:
No new neighbors
this month!**

*"The winter winds
whip icing white
And pile it on the lake.
They swirl each snow
mound soft and light
Like frosting fluff on
cake."
~Nadene M. Murphy~*

Monthly Reflection Questions:

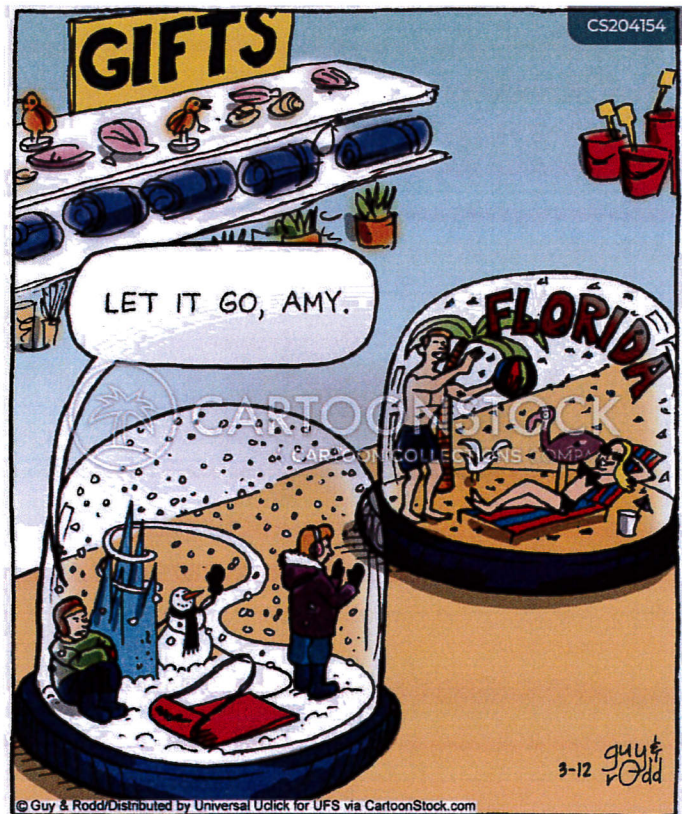
Answer the following questions then meet with a fellow Hope Woods resident to compare and discuss your answers! Have fun!

Q: What do we all have in common besides our genes that makes us human?

A:

Q: Would you rather never know your real name or never know what you really look like?

A:



MAKES 6 SERVINGS!!!!

FIG-GLAZED CHICKEN WITH WHITE BEANS

- 3/4 cup fig preserves
- 1/3 cup water
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons sherry vinegar
- 4 teaspoons minced fresh rosemary or 1 teaspoon dried rosemary, crushed
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 6 bone-in chicken thighs (about 2-1/4 pounds)
- 4 shallots, coarsely chopped
- 1 can (15 ounces) cannellini beans, rinsed and drained

DIRECTIONS:

1. Mix first 8 ingredients. In a Dutch oven over medium-high heat, brown chicken in batches, starting skin side down. Remove from pan, reserving drippings.
2. In drippings, sauté shallots until golden brown, 2-3 minutes. Stir in preserves mixture; bring to a boil, stirring to loosen browned bits from pan. Add chicken. Reduce heat; simmer, covered, 5 minutes.
3. Add beans; return to a boil. Cook, uncovered, until a thermometer inserted in chicken reads 170°-175°, 12-15 minutes.

vast rolling body of water in which we had frolicked all summer, became forbidden territory soon after Labor Day. Though it continued to rush shoreward with foaming force, we knew that the days of its might were numbered. Winter was watching from behind the gold, then gradually naked, trees. Soon the water would lie subdued, the first sheets of ice inching out from the shore. Every day some daring boy would test its surface, racing back at the sounds of cracking. But the cold and certain encroachment was taking place; until one day, after severe nights and several false reports, the word would race through town: "The lake's frozen over!" And though parents remained doubtful and issued edicts and warnings, the first few figures began taking tentative swings across its glassy expanse.

"Fools," our dad would declare. "You kids aren't setting foot on that ice until we're sure it's safe."

"But it is!" we'd claim. "Old Doc Vanderhoof's been going out every day."

Old Vanderhoof, a retired "horse doctor," was also our local Hans Brinker. Dutch-born, a superb skater, whenever you saw that tubby figure, arms folded, white whiskers blowing, doing his loops and turns, the parents were assured. The ice was safe.

Our skates had been ready for days, dug out from cellar, barn or attic, sharpened, polished, their worn straps tested, tried on repeatedly. "Now take those things off," Mother scolded, as we clumped or wobbled about. "You'll cut the rug and you'll scar the floor." Each year we inherited bigger ones from older brothers and sisters, and passed ours down. Or you traded with the neighbors. Sometimes the purchase of a new pair was not to be avoided; and oh the thrill of those tough, strong, leathery-smelling straps, the brilliance of the blades.

We lived only two blocks from the lake. On Saturdays, and most days after school, we hastened down to The Point, a favorite gathering

place. Here an old green boathouse afforded shelter from the stinging blasts. It was always intensely cold; and though we were lumpy with long underwear and bundled to the eyebrows in layers of sweaters, jackets, leggings, mufflers, mittens, we huddled in protection, or drew gratefully toward the great crackling fire that older boys often built among the rocks.

Armed with sturdy brooms, the boys would have swept the snow aside for a hockey court. And what blithe young [men] they seemed as they smacked the little puck with their store-bought or homemade hockey sticks, laughing, yelling, fighting with a fierce and joyous abandon.

Boys also fought pitched battles behind their snow forts, and here the girls were allowed, if only in the capacity of providing ammunition. Our job was to make the snowballs, and we gloated over our growing stock, much as our mothers proudly counted their canning. A good snowball maker was much in demand. I always envied Gert Beatty who was first to be chosen when she trudged out. She fashioned round, from snowballs with the same methodical skill that she turned out loaves of bread for her mother. Hers put my leaky, lopsided snowballs to shame. An even higher honor was accorded Kac Ford, a girl who knew more about football than most boys and had such a terrific pitching arm she was not only allowed on the team, she sometimes led the charge.

Yet for sheer exhilarating delight, nothing could equal hitching bobsled rides. With the onset of winter, cars were hoisted onto blocks to protect the tires and stored away. There were simply no facilities for sweeping the snow-muffled streets. Townspeople walked (or waded) to their destination; country people traveled by bob. Saturday was the big trading day in town and, consequently, the best day for hopping bobs. Farmers approaching Storm Lake by almost any road were met by a swarm of kids, most of them pulling sleds. If you didn't have a sled, you

hopped on the long wooden runner and hung onto the wagon box. With a sled you looped its rope over a bolt at the back or through a brace at its side.

Parents were always issuing futile edicts against the hopping of bobs. Yet they too remembered the thrill of lying belly-flat upon a sled that went whistling and bouncing across the crusty and glittering ground—here bumpy, here glass smooth, here grayly tramped, here purest shining white, while up front there was the steady plocking rhythm of the horses' hooves, the jingle of harness, the creak and rattle of the wagon box, while sometimes wisps of straw flew back like pinfeathers from angel wings.

Clutching the wooden rudders of our sleds, we steered, avoiding the deeper ruts and, rounding a corner, trying not to swing too far to the side. You could lose your grip, skid off, hit a curb, a lamppost, or be hurled into the path of an oncoming team. Thus the perils of a childhood winter, tempering our pleasure, yet enhancing it.



HOLIDAY Gift Wrapping

Monday, December 7th

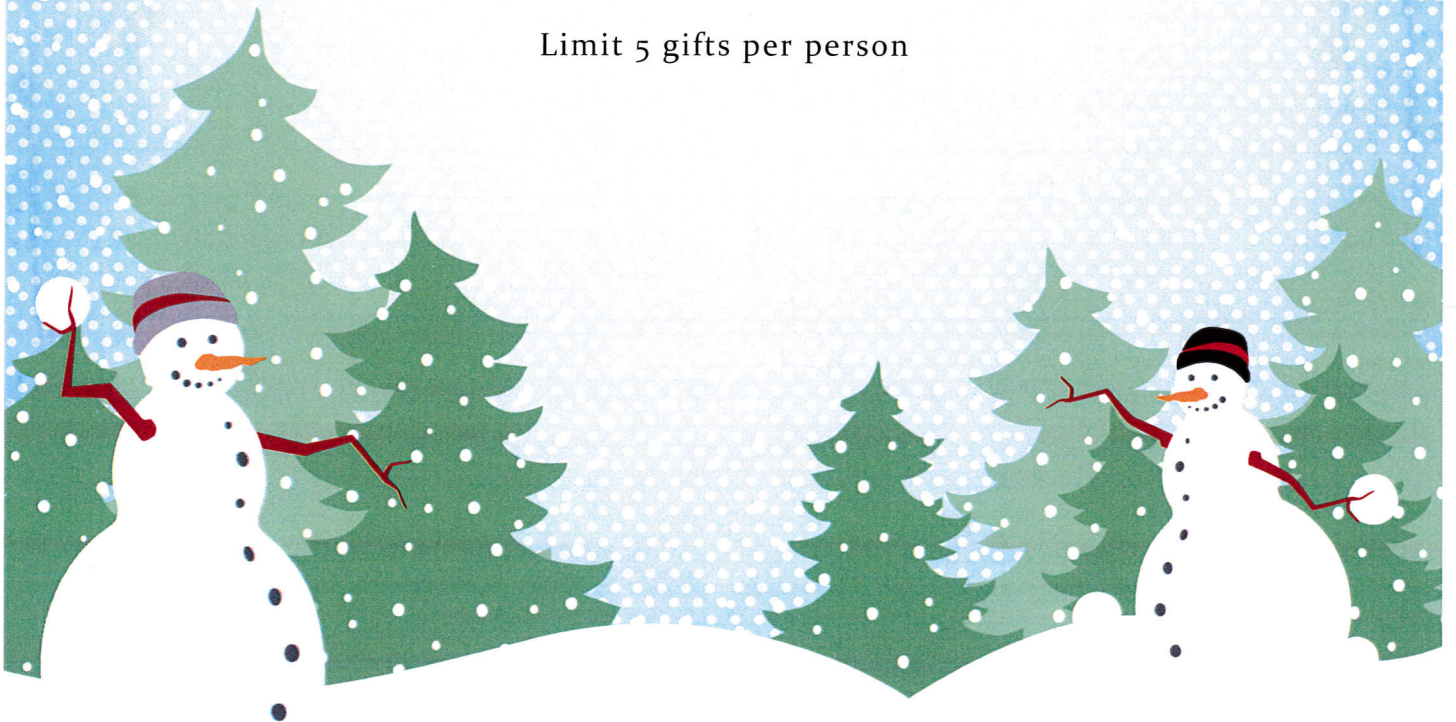
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Wednesday, December 20th

In the Leasing Office ALL DAY

Bring your gifts to the Leasing Office to be wrapped. Supplies will be provided. This is a complimentary service offered by Hope Woods Management!

Limit 5 gifts per person



DECEMBER ACTIVITIES CALENDAR 2022

Activities Calendar Key:

1st Floor

T.V. Lounge: Low Vision Support Group
 Dining Room: Birthday Party, Meet & Greet
 Main Lobby: Exercise (w/ Cindy), Happy Hour
 Dining Room: (Grocery) Bingo, Potluck

2nd Floor

T.V. Lounge: Hope Woods Singers, Doug Hamilton
 Craft Room: Craft Class, Fiber Therapy
 Game Room: Euchre, Dominoes, Cribbage, Scrabble, Pinochle, Poker, Phase 10, Hand + Foot, Rummi Kub, Bridge

3rd Floor

Social Room: Golf, Bible Study, Coffee Hour
 Movie Theatre: Movies

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday				
4	7p Hand & Foot	5	9a Coffee 9a Meijer/Walmart 2p Doug Hamilton 2p Dominoes 3-4p Hope Woods Singers 6:30p Bible Study 7p Pinochle	7	9a Coffee 9 & 9:30a Harding's 2p Euchre 3p Poker 7p Pinochle All Day Gift Wrapping	8	9a Coffee 1p Bridge 2p Dominoes	9	9a Coffee 1p Caroling 2p Euchre 4p Happy Hour 6:30p Golf 7p Cribbage	10	9a Coffee 1p Phase 10 6:30p Scrabble 7p Bingo
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11 3p Movie 7p Hand & Foot	12 9a Coffee 9a Exercise 1p Fiber Therapy 1p Bridge 2p Euchre 7p Rummi Kub	13 9a Coffee 9a Meijer/ Walmart 9:15a Dr. Ghazarian 2p Dominoes 3-4p Hope Woods Singers 6:30p Bible Study 7p Pinochle	14 9a Coffee 9 & 9:30a Harding's 12p Grocery Bingo 2p Euchre 3p Poker 7p Pinochle	15 9a Coffee 1p Bridge 2p Dominoes	16 9a Coffee 2p Euchre 4p Holiday Dinner 5p Holiday Dinner 6:30p Golf 7p Cribbage	17 9a Coffee 1p Phase 10 6:30p Scrabble 7p Bingo
18 5-6:30p Potluck 7p Hand & Foot	19 9a Coffee 9a Exercise 1p Fiber Therapy 1p Bridge 2p Euchre 7p Rummi Kub	20 9a Coffee 9a Meijer/ Walmart 2p Dominoes 3-4p Hope Woods Singers 6:30p Bible Study 7p Pinochle All Day Gift Wrapping	21 9a Coffee 9 & 9:30a Harding's 12p Grocery Bingo 2p Euchre 3p Poker 7p Pinochle	22 9a Coffee 1p Bridge 2p Dominoes	23 OFFICE CLOSED 9a Coffee 2p Euchre 4p Happy Hour 6:30p Golf 7p Cribbage	24 9a Coffee 1p Phase 10 6:30p Scrabble 7p Bingo
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HOPE WOODS TIDBITS

- **Food Donations:** We are pleased to report that for the month of November we collected 42 non-perishable food items to donate to Kalamazoo area families in need! We accept donations all year long. *Please be sure to check the items you are donating for expiration dates; expired food is not accepted.* Feel free to drop off your food donations directly to the office. Thank you!
- **Winter Weather Reminder:** Please remember it is important to be sure when parking your vehicle that your bumper is not hanging over the sidewalk. This allows for the snow removal crew to completely clear sidewalks. In addition, it is helpful if you move your vehicle at least a few times a week at minimum to allow the plow to clear the parking spaces. Thanks for your help!

A maintenance emergency is something involving appliances, leaks, damage to the building structure, etc. A full list of emergencies can be found in your Resident Rules & Regulations packet. For your convenience, please see the list below:

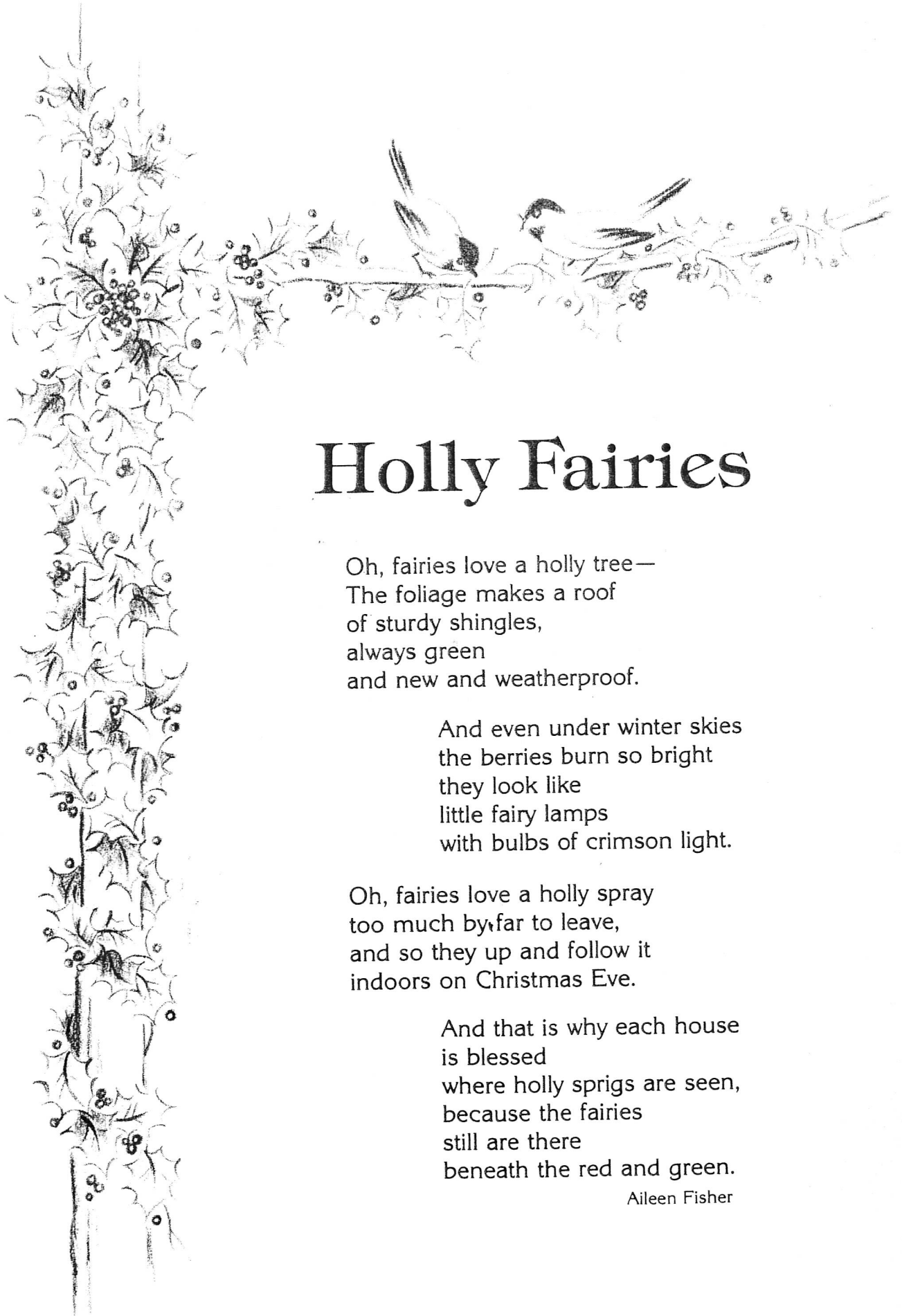
1. Furnace problems
2. Broken water pipes or primary windows
3. Plugged services
4. Floods or leaks
5. Electrical malfunctions
6. No water
7. Building damage
8. Gas leaks (Call Consumer's Energy at 1-800-477-5050)
9. Fire or natural disaster
10. Hot water-heater problems
11. Locked out (remember, if it is after office hours there will be a fee)



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BIRTHDAYS:

224	Nancy Ferriell	12/1
311	Bob Vansickler	12/11
123	Evelyn Evans	12/13
124	Peggy Shadrick	12/13
217	Karen Appleton	12/14
236	Ken Kelly	12/14
136	Patricia O'Neil	12/19
235	Trudi Newhouse	12/22
238	Brigitte Ross-Gwin	12/22





Holly Fairies

Oh, fairies love a holly tree—
The foliage makes a roof
of sturdy shingles,
always green
and new and weatherproof.

And even under winter skies
the berries burn so bright
they look like
little fairy lamps
with bulbs of crimson light.

Oh, fairies love a holly spray
too much by far to leave,
and so they up and follow it
indoors on Christmas Eve.

And that is why each house
is blessed
where holly sprigs are seen,
because the fairies
still are there
beneath the red and green.

Aileen Fisher

Hope Woods Star Resident

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We are continuing to get to know our valued residents. This month we learn about
Wilbur J. (Bill) Zook.

Wilbur J. Zook Apt. 234

I was born in Roseland, Nebraska in 1932. During the Great Dust Bowl, I was number six in a family of eight. There were four boys and four girls.

We moved to Morrison, IL when I was five years old. The family moved again, this time to Ashley. I was still only five years old. My Dad was a Mennonite Pastor and moved wherever he was needed.

My Dad was raised in an Amish family in Belleville, PA in 1894. When he was 18 years old his Dad came to him and said, "Son, I have watched you grow up, and you are never going to be a farmer." So in 1917, my Dad rode the back of a Harley Davidson Motorcycle from Pennsylvania to Hesston, KS. There he met and married my mother. This is how I moved to Michigan!

We moved to St. Johns, MI. I went to a country school there until eighth grade. St. Johns had a high school and I graduated when I was 21 years old. Why so late? Well, it was like this: My older brother wanted to go to school— so that left me next in line to stay home and work on the farm. The next year after he needed help on the farm, but I told him I wanted to go back to school. We made an arrangement with the school that my younger brother and I would switch days if we kept our grades up. We both kept our grades up and graduated together that year!

Because of my age, I was drafted. Since Mennonites were considered Objectors we were approved by the government to do "Alternative Work." My "Alternative Service" was keeping records on dairy cows at the University of Michigan. Butterfat was needed for the war effort.

I met my first wife by one of the dairy farms. She was his →

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daughter, but we fell in love and got married and had six children. The first one was Sonja and she retired from teaching mentally challenged children. Our next child was a girl named Denyse, she maintained several jobs. Next came a son, his name is Leonard. He retired from the Navy as Navy Chief. He then went on to "Director of Imaging." Jenelle excelled at College Soft ball and went on to be a Christian Counselor. Tadd is the next, he lives in Ionia, MI. Lisa became an Occupational Therapist.

My first wife passed away in 2004 at 74 years of age from Diabetes after 51 years of marriage, and 6 children.

My family has always been very important to me. I am very blessed in the way they all turned out.

My working years were very changeable. I stayed at the dairy farm for about two more years. After my time with Uncle Sam I decided that I could make a living selling "Fuller Brush." I worked about two years for Mr. Fuller. I liked the job when I had two weeks. Then I realized that the family was growing and we didn't have any insurance. Then I heard that General Motors was hiring. The problem was the job was in Pontiac, which was about 58 miles from Sandusky. I decided to take the job and we found a house, got the financing, and were ready to move. The next day the riots in Detroit broke out and Pat and I decided not to bring the kids into that environment. We decided I would drive the eighty miles one way to work and leave the kids in a good school system. I drove to Pontiac Motors for 28 years. I knew my family was safe and had good insurance.

I worked 28 years with General Motors as a skilled tradesman and pipe fitter. I retired from G.M. when they decided to reduce "skilled trades" so at fifty five I took the chance. I knew I would keep the insurance and my pension. I started a plumbing business. I worked my plumbing business for ten years.

I spent some of my many years driving for aLimo Co. until the economy went down and caused a downfall on my job. By this time I was in my eighties and my daughter Lisa, who lives in Mattawan,

called me and said that the family had gotten together and decided I was too old to live alone any more and that I should move closer to one of them and that Mattawan or Kalamazoo would be best. Why don't you relocate there?

I spent some time looking around and came to Hope Woods. It took me three months to get in.

It is the best decision that I have made. We feel that God led Trudy and me together. We smile a lot and we enjoy many of the same things. She is the best gift that God has given me!



Christmas Word Scramble

Unscramble the letters to find words which have to do with Christmas.
Some of the words have religious meanings, others are secular in nature.

1. Groceos _____
2. Naclorig _____
3. Rats _____
4. Scunttshe _____
5. Porduhl _____
6. Naast _____
7. Skagceap _____
8. Dressephh _____
9. Gramen _____
10. Galen _____
11. Limesotte _____
12. Vaniyitt _____
13. Gotscink _____
14. Virasou _____
15. Traweh _____
16. Gisehl _____
17. Wamsonn _____
18. Ejuss _____
19. Stranneom _____
20. Scamsthir _____



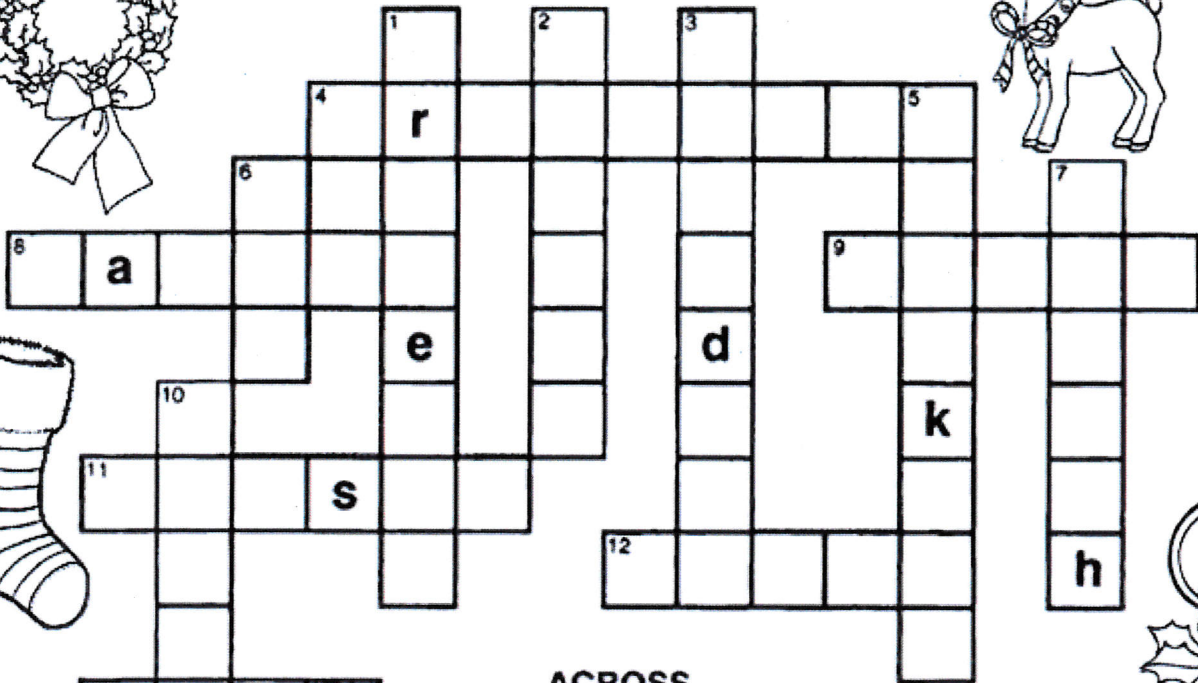
Christmas Word Scramble Solutions

Unscramble the letters to find words which have to do with Christmas.
No peeking at this answer key until you've given it the good college try!

1. Groceos Scrooge
2. Naclorig Caroling
3. Rats Star
4. Scunttshe Chestnuts
5. Porduhl Rudolph
6. Naast Santa
7. Skagceap Packages
8. Dressephh Shepherd
9. Gramen Manger
10. Galen Angel
11. Limesotte Mistletoe
12. Vaniyitt Nativity
13. Gotscink Stocking
14. Virasou Saviour
15. Traweh Wreath
16. Gisehl Sleigh
17. Wamsonn Snowman
18. Ejuss Jesus
19. Stranneom Ornaments
20. Scamsthir Christmas



Christmas Crossword Puzzle



WORD BANK

sleigh
 reindeer
 holly
 presents
 green
 red
 ornaments
 stocking
 candle
 Frosty
 wreath
 carols
 bow
 star

ACROSS

4. Another name for decorations
8. Christmas songs
9. This evergreen has red berries
11. The name of a famous snowman
12. A traditional Christmas color
13. Bright heavenly body visible at night

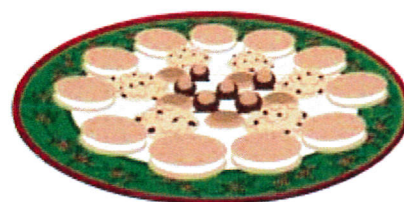
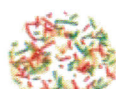
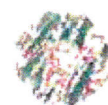
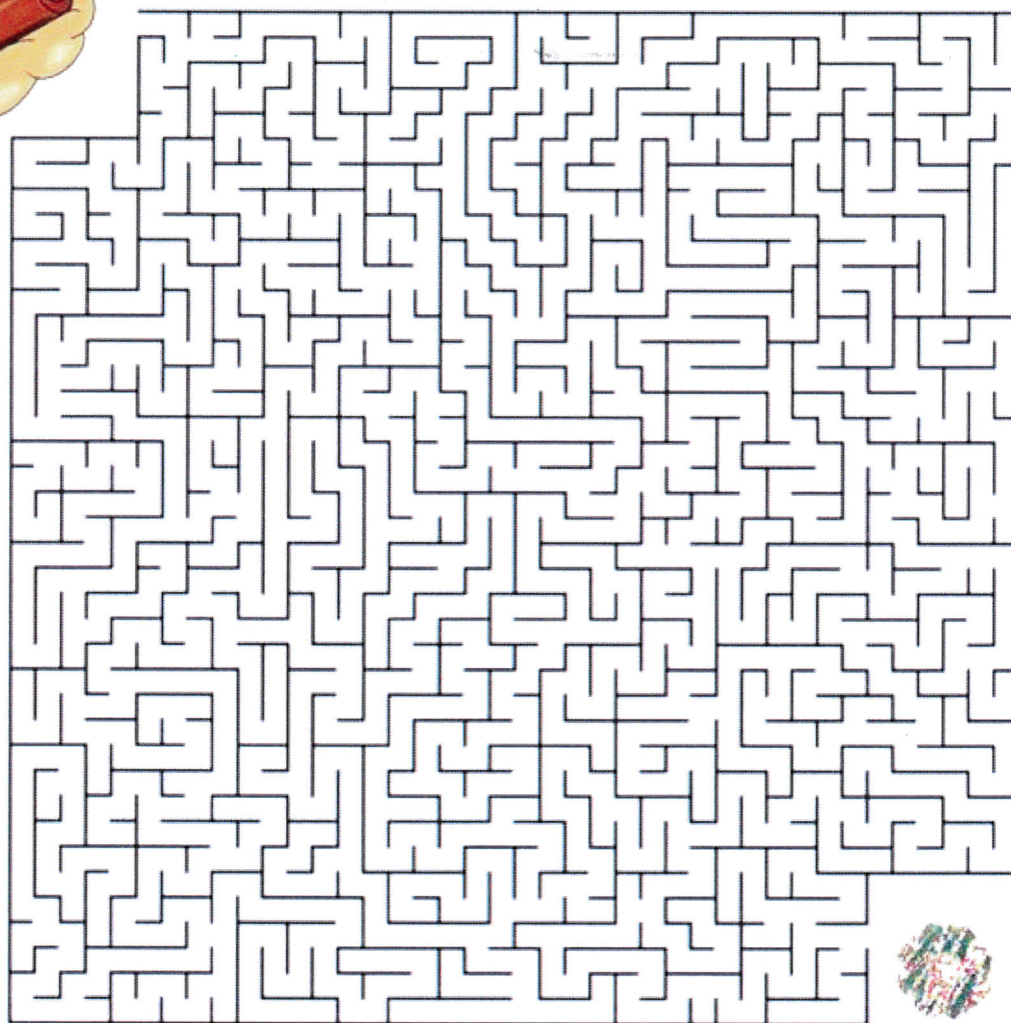
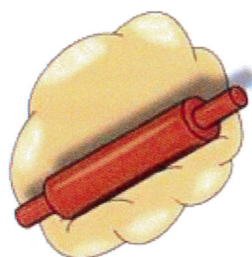
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1. Another name for gifts
2. Made of wax, this gives off light
3. Santa has eight of them
5. Hang this over your fireplace
6. A decoration made with ribbon
7. Horses pull this over the snow
10. A decorative ring hung on doors
14. The color of Rudolph the Reindeer's nose


Christmas Cookies

a delicious maze

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A 5 Minute Activity Christmas

Write three words in each category! Name: _____ Score: _____ 

1	Three traditions at Christmas	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
2	Three Christmas decorations	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
3	Three Christmas Carols	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
4	Three Christmas movies	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
5	Three things you eat at Christmas	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
6	Three Christmas superstitions	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
7	Three Christmas presents	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
8	Three Christmas figures	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
9	Three things on your Christmas table	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
10	Three Christmas days	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
11	Three of Santa's reindeer	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
12	Three green Christmas decorations	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
13	Three Christmas drinks	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

