

Views From the Hill Top



December 2024





December 15 – Ane Robillard

December 27 – Ruby Bell

Please welcome our new residents

Leona VanHeusden moved into House 1 last month. Welcome to hill top manor

Leona!

Randy and Marlene Hall joined our family mid November in house 4, welcome to our Hill Top Manor Family!

We say goodbye to Russ Torkelson as he moved out of Hill Top. We wish you all the best in your new

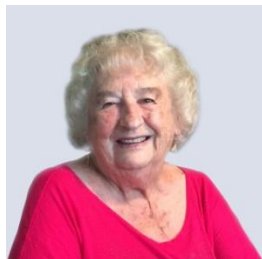


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In Loving Memory



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Yvonne Hall 1925-2024

Yvonne, born on October 18th, 1925, passed away on November 10th, 2024. Yvonne joined her sister, Paulette Bert here in Hill Top in Dec. 2023. Our condolences to her family and friends during this time, and thank you to Yvonne as she was a veteran who fought for our country. You will be missed by all who knew you!

HILL TOP HAPPENINGS...

**Earlier this month we hosted a “First Snowfall” competition to see who could guess closest to the 1st day we receive visible snow on the ground. Now, however it did not last and melted very quickly, we had 2 winners! A prize was given to both Julianna (staff) who guessed the day of that we received a skiff of snow and also to John Sidloski; his guess was the day after.
Congratulations to our winners!!**

Important days to remember:

On December 2nd – Door Decorating Begins, each of the staff have been given a name of whose door they are to decorate, however if you want to decorate your own door, you can do that too! There will be a voting set up for the most decorated doors! Good luck!

On December 2nd – Salvation Army will be coming around with their yearly “Sunshine Bag” gifts around 10:15am!

On December 10th – Join me in the family room to sing classic Christmas Carols!

On December 11th – The Silent Auction begins, this auction will from the 11th until our Annual Tea on the 21st. Come check out the tables when it’s set up!

On December 12th – “The Ukululus” are coming to perform Christmas music for us at 2 pm.

On December 13th – “The Blend” are coming back to play music for us at 2 pm!

On December 15th – Happy Birthday Ane Robillard!

On December 20th – WE’RE HAVING A CHRISTMAS PARTY!

On December 21st – Our annual Christmas Tea is happening in the afternoon from 2pm-4pm. We will have a bake sale happening and the Christmas Silent Auction fundraiser wraps up! Invite your families and friends!

On December 23rd – Winners will be announced from the Door Decorating Contest! Everyone will get the chance to vote on their CHRISTMAS DOORS decorated up for the season!

On December 24th – It’s Christmas Eve and at 2:00, we will gather and open up Christmas presents

On December 25th MERRY CHRISTMAS! – No activities on this day

On December 26th – After Greedy at 2 pm, we will celebrate our December birthday ladies!

On December 27th – Happy Birthday Ruby Bell!

On December 31st – Were going to “Ring in the New Year” by having a party at 2 pm! Also Happy Anniversary to John & Beatrice Sidloski!

SOME CHRISTMAS RIDDLES

- * How do you know Santa has to be a man? No woman is going to wear the same outfit year after year!
- * What did Adam say to his girlfriend on December 24th? It's Christmas **EVE!**
- * When is a boat like a pile of snow? When it's a **drift!**
- * What do you get if Santa comes down your chimney when the fire is alight? **Crisp Kringle!**
- * What do snowmen eat for breakfast? **Snowflakes!**
- * Why does Santa have three gardens? So he can **HO_HO_HO!**



Did you know "**Jingle Bells**" started as a Thanksgiving song? James Lord Pierpont wrote a song called "One Horse Open Sleigh" and performed it at his church's Thanksgiving concert. Then in 1857, the song was re-published under the title it has today, and eventually became one of the most popular Christmas songs.

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Bonus fact: It was also the first song broadcast from space. On December 16, 1965, the Gemini 6 crew serenaded Mission Control after they reported seeing a "red-suited" astronaut!!

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Christmas gift suggestions:

- * To your enemy, **forgiveness,**



- * To an opponent, **tolerance,**
- * To a friend, **your heart,**
- * To a customer, **good service,**
- * To all, **charity,**
- * To every child, **a good example,**
- * To yourself, **respect!**

~ When you stop believing in Santa Claus is when you start getting clothes for Christmas!

~ What do you get when you cross an apple with a Christmas Tree? A PINEapple!

~ What did the big candle say to the little candle? I'm going OUT tonight!

~ A Christmas thought: STRESSED IS DESSERTS spelled backwards.

~ Who is never hungry at Christmas? The turkey – he's already stuffed!

Some Things I Have Learned



I've learned ... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.

I've learned ... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned ... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks!

I've learned ... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.

I've learned ... That life is tough, but I'm tougher!

I've learned ... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them!

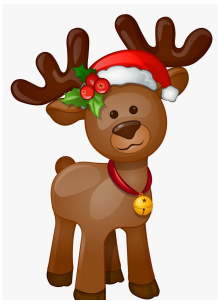
People are so worried about what they eat between Christmas and the New Year, but they really should be worried about what they eat between New Years and Christmas!

Helpful Holiday Dieting Tips

- If no one sees you eat it, it has no calories!
- If you eat standing up, it doesn't count.
- STRESSED is just DESSERTS spelled backwards.
- When eating with someone else, calories don't count if you both eat the same amount.
- If you eat the food off someone else's plate, it doesn't count.
- Cookie pieces contain no calories because the process of breakage causes calorie leakage.

Bon Appétit!

Recipe for Christmas All Year Long



Take a heap of child-like wonder
That opens up our eyes
To the unexpected gifts in life —
Each day a sweet surprise.
Mix in fond appreciation
For the people we know;
Like festive Christmas candles,
Each one has a special glow.
Add some giggles and some laughter,

A dash of Christmas food,
(Amazing how a piece of pie improves our attitude!)
Stir it all with human kindness;
Wrap it up in love and peace,
Decorate with optimism, and
Our joy will never cease.
If we use this healthy recipe,
We know we will remember
To be in Christmas spirit,
Even when it's not December!



Two boys were walking home from Sunday school after hearing a strong preaching on the devil. One said to the other, "What do you think about all this Satan stuff?" The other boy replied, "Well, you know how the Santa Claus thing turned out. It's probably just your Dad."




Stages of life

- 1. You believe in Santa Claus.**
- 2. You don't believe in Santa Claus.**
- 3. You are Santa Claus.**
- 4. You look like Santa Claus.**

Please be sure to come by near the front entrance to check out our

Silent auction from December 11th –December 21st!

Mark it on your calendar — Our annual Christmas Tea and Fundraiser is

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Hill Top Manor
Annual Residents' Tea, Bake Sale & Silent
Auction

Dear Hill Top Residents, Family & Friends,

Greetings to you! Once again, the time has come for our annual Residents' Tea, Silent Auction & Raffle. We are also going to bring back the Bake Sale we have done before in the past. Hill Top Manor will be hosting this on **Saturday, December 21st from 2:00 – 4:00pm.**

This is our main fundraiser for our Residents. ALL proceeds go to the Residents fund for the purchase of items such as additional recreational supplies, equipment, and end of life comfort items. We look forward to your active support and involvement.

So, what can you do to help?

- ❖ You can donate items which could be used for the Raffle or Silent Auction. These items can be dropped off at Hill Top Manor to any staff member before the Sale (The Auction Sale/Raffle Table begins on December 11th and ends on the day of the Tea.)

Christmas Word Search



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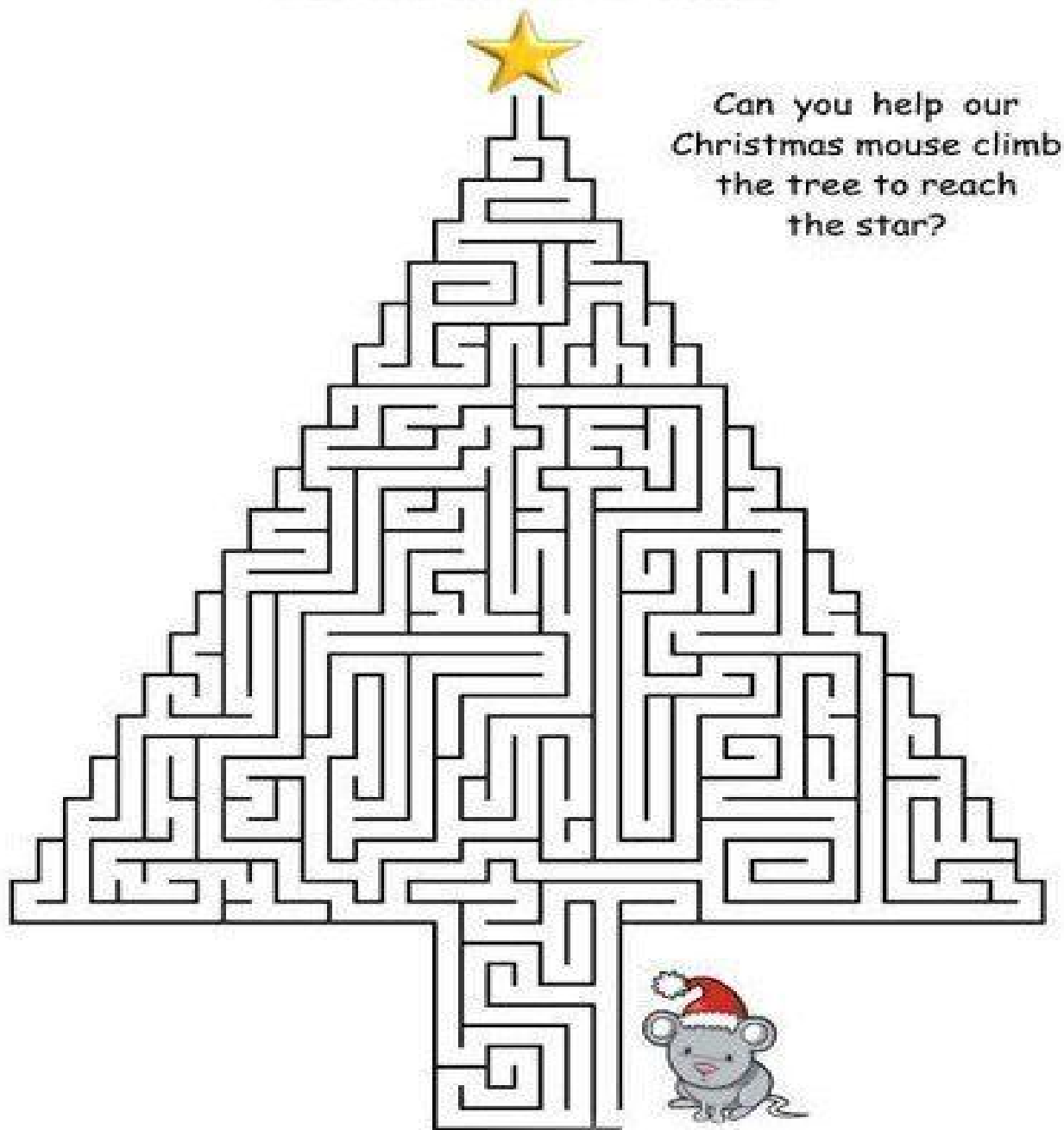
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To all our residents, staff and families & friends of Hill Top Manor, have a Merry Christmas season; I look forward to seeing everyone for the Christmas Tea! – Ashley

Christmas Tree Maze



Can you help our
Christmas mouse climb
the tree to reach
the star?