

DECEMBER 2023

"To appreciate the beauty of a snowflake it is necessary to stand out in the cold."

— Aristotle

December is National:

- * Learn a Foreign Language
- * Car Donation
- * Pear
- * Bingo's Birthday
- * Human Rights
- * Operation Santa Paws
- * Safe Toys & Gifts
- * Spiritual Literacy
- * Universal Human Rights
- * Food Service Safety

Month

Just to name a few!

Symbols of December:

Birthstone: **Turquoise, Zircon, & Tanzanite**

Flower: **Narcissus**

Zodiac Signs: **Sagittarius & Capricorn**



Celebrate the Season

Mark your calendars for Oak Meadows Holiday Party, and celebrate the season with us! The event will take place on Wednesday, December 20th from 4-7pm. A beautiful holiday dinner with all the trimmings will be served from 4-6pm, along with a variety of holiday desserts and festive cocktails. Seating will be available in the Dining Room, Community Room, and Ponds Lobby. Residents not on the meal program may eat for \$17.

Outside guests may attend and enjoy the meal for \$18. The Squire's Band will entertain us with live music from 4:30-6:30. Make your 2023 holiday card extra special with a photo with Santa! Please RSVP to the front desk by Friday, December 15th.



***Especially for The Ladies of
Oak Meadows!***

***Please join us for a “Holiday High Tea”
at 2pm on December 15th***



Happy December Birthday!

Marge R....12/3

Paul W....12/7

Jean F....12/13

Jacquelyn L....12/14

Ralph B....12/15

Becky J....12/17

Linda S....12/18

Joan S....12/19

Audry C....12/21

Dode O....12/22

Lois R....12/25

Mark D....12/27

Alice K.... 12/28

Sandy G.....12/30



***Birthday
Lunch will be
served at 11:30
on December
14th in the
dining room!***

Staff Birthdays:

Chef Jeff....12/24

Clair (Server)....12/13

Diana (Server)....12/25

Kerry (Maintenance)....12/13

Tammy (Reception)....12/15

Ann (Scheduler)....12/6

Ebere (Caregiver)....12/13

Madeline (Caregiver)....12/2



*Wintry mornings wrapped in white, Evenings calm and still,
Snowflakes dancing all around, Sled rides down a hill,
Gatherings with loved ones, Such a pleasure to remember,
All memories and special gifts,
That come with each December*

~Author Unknown

Saint Nicholas Day

St. Nicholas is known for selling all his possessions and giving his money to the poor. Raised as a devout Christian, St. Nicholas dedicated his whole life to serving the sick and suffering.

Legendary stories about St. Nicholas later become part of the inspiration for the modern -day Santa Claus. For example, during the third century, a daughter's chances of marriage increased when her father offered a large dowry to prospective husbands. One story tells of a poor father with three daughters. He had no dowry to offer.

Traditionally, families left their shoes by the fires at night so that they could dry. On three separate occasions, Ol' St. Nicholas provided a dowry for each girl. Legend says he made gold appear in their shoes, drying by the fire.

While St. Nicholas Day is not to be confused with Christmas, some similarities do exist. Traditions include leaving gifts in shoes (or stockings) or the exchange of small gifts. Another tradition suggests leaving treats for good boys and girls. However, the naughty ones receive a twig or chunk of coal.

We're going to have our own Saint Nicholas Day fun! To participate, simply leave a pair of shoes outside your apartment door on December 6th. Let's see what happens....



Thanks to all who participated in our recent photography session. Oak Meadows will be ringing in the New Year with a beautiful new Website!

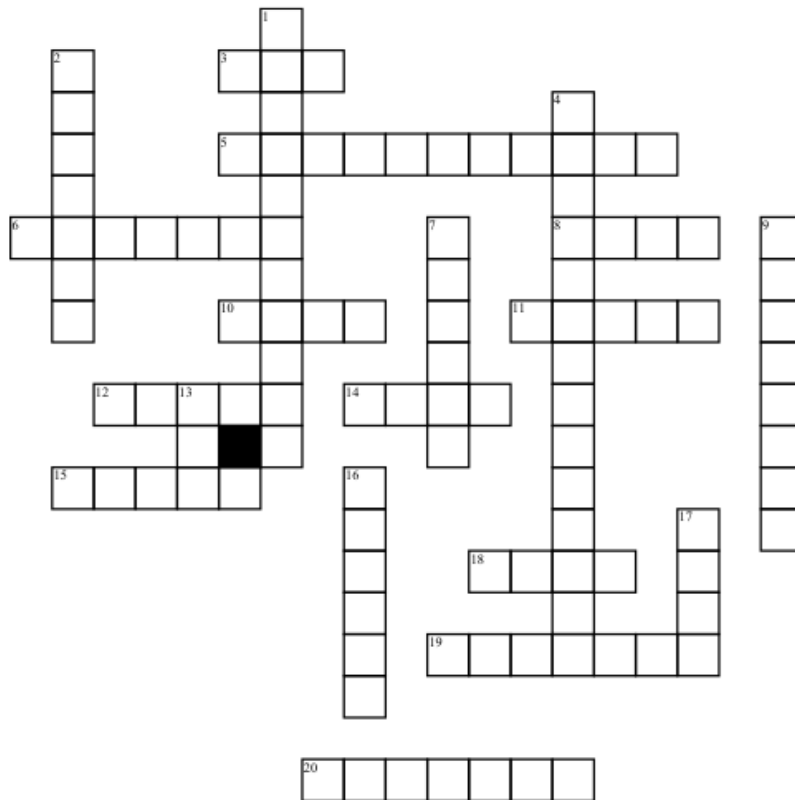
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you* ❤️



There is a new Recycle Receptacle in the Community Room for Aluminum Cans. The cans will be collected and brought to the VFW, who contributes to local organizations...including The Open Cupboard Food Shelf at Guardian Angels. Please be mindful, and do not throw trash in with the cans.

Thank You for Your Support!

A Christmas Carol



Across

- 3.** Scrooge's sister
5. Scrooge's clerk, a kind, mild, and very poor man with a large family.
6. Bob Cratchit's young son, crippled from birth.
8. What did the ghost transport Scrooge with.
10. The Lighthouse workers drink what on Christmas.
11. A beautiful woman who Scrooge loved deeply when he was a young man.
12. What does Mrs. Cratchit prepare for the Christmas meal.

- 14.** The Instrument being played at Fred's party.
15. Scrooge eats a bowl of.
18. Scrooge's nephew, a genial man who loves Christmas.
19. The second spirit to visit Scrooge, a majestic giant clad in a green robe.

- 20.** The miserly owner of a London counting-house.

Down

- 1.** In the living world, Ebenezer Scrooge's equally greedy partner.
2. The men who are collecting money on Christmas Eve are using the money for.

- 4.** The author of A Christmas Carol

- 7.** The third and final spirit to visit Scrooge, a silent phantom clad in a hooded black robe.

- 9.** The jovial merchant with whom the young Scrooge apprenticed.

- 13.** The time that the first two Ghost came.

- 16.** Marley carry's around with his spirit.

- 17.** The first spirit to visit Scrooge, a curiously childlike apparition with a glowing head.