



**Bus  
Schedule:**

**Tuesday  
9am-11am  
Dr.  
Appointments**

**Wednesday  
9am-Shopping**

**Thursday  
9am-Banking  
10am-  
Shopping**

**River  
Commons  
Guest Suite:**

**\$75.00 per  
night includes  
2 meals  
Max. stay—3  
consecutive  
nights  
Call ahead for  
reservations  
221-2121  
No pets  
allowed**

Resident	Birthday	Employee	Birthday
George Wright	Dec. 1 <sup>st</sup>	Earnie	Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>
Carl Hanson	Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Lyna	Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>
Rachel Gregg	Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>		
Eddie Donahue	Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>		
Frank Miceli	Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>		
Jeannie Davis	Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>		
Angelo Bravaro	Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>		
Ida Anderson	Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Chloe Winston	Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>		

**Riddles**



1. Which is faster, hot or cold? **Hot, you can easily catch cold.**
2. Forwards I am heavy .Backwards I am not. What am I? **ton**
3. What question can you never answer 'yes' to" **Are you asleep/ dead?**
4. What has teeth but cannot eat? **A comb**
5. What kind of dog never bites? **A hot dog**
6. What wears a cap but has no head? **A bottle**
7. Why is six afraid of seven? **Because seven eight (ate) nine.**
8. What country is popular on Thanksgiving Day? **Turkey**
9. It is black, but you say it is clean. It is white, but you say it is dirty. What is it? **Blackboard**
10. Which table doesn't have legs? **Vegetable**
11. What's never used until it's broken? **Egg**
12. What is the smallest room in the word? **Mushroom,**
13. Why did I throw the butter out of the window? **Because I wanted to see the butterfly.**
14. What starts with E, ends with E and only has one letter? **An envelope**
15. What is the largest ant in the world? **Elephant**
16. What start with a "t",end with a "t" and is full of "t"? **teapot**
18. From what number can one take half and leave nothing? **8**
19. What has hands but no feet, a face but no eyes, tells but does not talk? **Clock**
20. How many months have 28 days? **All**
21. What do you drop when you need it and take back when you don't? **An anchor**
22. What 5-letter word has six left when you take 2 letters away?
23. What do tigers have that no other animals have? **Baby tigers**
24. What can you swallow than can also swallow you? **Water**
25. Which three letters can frighten a thief away? **I C U**
26. What appears once in every minute, twice in every moment, but not once in thousand years? **M.**
27. What belongs only to you and yet is used more by others than by yourself? **My name**
28. Why is a river rich? **It has two banks**

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December 2019

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**Celebrating  
December**

**Spiritual Literacy  
Month**

**Bingo Month**

**Antarctica Day  
December 1**

**Cookie Day  
December 4**

**St. Nicholas Day  
December 6**

**Poinsettia Day  
December 12**

**Winter Solstice  
December 21**

**Hanukkah  
December 22–30**

**Christmas  
December 25**







**Mary Rae Bryden**

**By Alpha Tolbert**



Mary Rae was born in Walla Walla, WA. She has 2 brothers. All 3 siblings were born prior to the depression. Mary Rae's paternal grandfather came from Norway and her paternal grandmother came from Lofoten Islands of the North Arctic Circle. Mary Rae's family moved to Helena, MT in 1930 where her dad worked for the US Forest Service. In 1932, the family moved to Oakland, CA.

Mary Rae went to grammar school and University High School, which was an extension of UC Berkeley at that time. She had to travel to San Francisco by ferry. She remembers the building of Treasure Island and the 1939 World's Fair. The Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge were also built during this time.

Mary Rae went to Armstrong, a private college in Berkeley. She majored in private secretarial studies and accounting. She graduated in 1940 and began working for a stock and bond company in Oakland. In 1937, she met Dick Dickey. He became her husband and she also met Elmer Bryden, who was Dick's best friend. Mary Rae and Dick married in 1941. They had 2 sons, Leas and Chris. In 1945, they moved to Trinity Center, which was a town of 200 during the winter months.

She served 2 terms on the local school board and was Noble Grand of Rebekahs (the women of Odd Fellows). Mary Rae also served on the Trinity County Grand Jury. In 1955 she went to work for the US Forest Service. 1958 brought Trinity Dam and with it, Old Trinity Center was moved to new Trinity Center. In the same year, Mary Rae transferred to the US Forest Service supervisor's office in Redding. Her 2 sons attended Shasta High School, so they bought a home on Eureka Way.

Mary Rae's husband passed away April of 1962 at the age of 43. Both the sons joined the military and Mary Rae transferred to San Francisco with the Forest Service. She married Elmer, a long-time friend, in 1972. Elmer's son Tom became her number 3 son. They both retired and traveled for 3½ months in Alaska during 1976 and then took a 3-month trip across the US in 1977. They also went all over the world on cruises. They moved Mary Rae's mother and aunt to Redding, and she became very involved in raising funds for equipment for a care facility. She keeps up the US Forest Service retirees.

Mary Rae is very proud of her 3 sons and her 6 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

Thank you, Mary Rae, for sharing your story with us.

**from the desk of George Reilly ☺ new resident**

### How to make ice cubes

This no-frost refrigerator-freezer employs a new method for making ice cubes using forced circulation of cold air.

In the freezer section of the unit, high quality ice cubes are made in about 3 hours. Once the ice has formed it can be removed from the ice tray by twisting it gently.

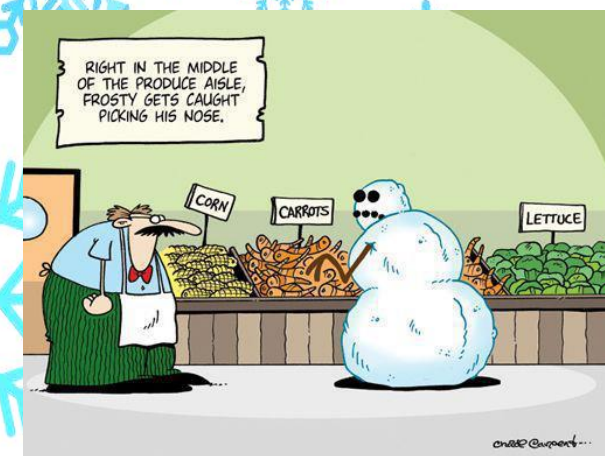
#### CAUTION:

- Water expands when it is frozen. Do not submerge the separation dividers when filling the ice tray with water.
- When using a receptacle other than the ice cube tray to make a larger quantity of ice, the freezer temperature may rise. This may cause ice cream and other such items to soften temporarily.
- When ice is stored for an extended period of time, it may become smaller and stick together.
- Ice, regardless of how it is made, will sometimes develop an off flavor or color if it is kept too long. To avoid this, empty ice tray and make a completely new supply about once a month.



**Charlie Taylor**

### monthly joke



**Holiday Craft Faire  
December 16th 2-3pm**

### monthly fact

Hot chocolate tastes better in an orange cup. The color of the container you're drinking from highly influences the way you think your drink tastes or how strong it is. Studies show people prefer hot chocolate when they drink it from cups that are orange or cream colored compared to drinking out of red or white cups, and the color of your cup can also influence how strong you think your coffee is.



### monthly quote

In the depth of winter I finally learned that there was in me an invincible summer.

- Albert Camus