



'Tis the Season



The ICE! exhibit at the Gaylord Texan told the story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer with larger-than-life ice sculptures. The last room of the exhibit featured a stunning nativity scene.



Residents Nelson and Marilyn Galle, wearing parkas provided at ICE!, enjoy a cocktail at the exhibit's On the Blocks bar. The temperature at the attraction? A frosty 9 degrees!

Holiday Getaway features Texas' Christmas Capital

*by Becky Fitzgerald,
Development Director*

More than 1 million visitors are expected to visit Grapevine, Texas, (population 50,981) during its annual Christmas Capital of Texas celebration, and the Meadowlark Travelers were 38 of that number on Dec. 6 and 7, ready to experience some Texas-size fun. In addition to tour leaders Becky Fitzgerald and Monte

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EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES

Awning repair, Dec. 17

A crew will be working on the portico awning at the Village Entrance on Tuesday, Dec. 17. There will be sections of the drive blocked off as the work is completed.

Funeral Services for Elisabeth Vanderlip

Thursday, Dec. 12, at 9:30 a.m.



Elisabeth N. Vanderlip, age 86, of Manhattan, passed away Dec. 6, 2024 at Meadowlark. The family will greet friends during a visitation on Thursday, Dec. 12, from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at the College Avenue United Methodist Church in Manhattan. The funeral service will be held at 10:30

a.m. following the visitation. Internment will be at Sunrise Cemetery in Manhattan.

In lieu of flowers the family suggest contributions in memory of Elisabeth to the KSU Foundation Vanderlip Crop Production Graduate Excellence Fund, Meadowlark Foundation Good Samaritan Fund, or the charity of your choice.

Contributions may be sent in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, or if contributing to the Good Samaritan Fund, you may leave your gift at the Hospitality Desk.

Meadowlark Singers Concert

Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6 p.m.

All are invited to come and enjoy your very own Meadowlark Singers at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12, in the Community Room. The singers, led by Payton Engel, will entertain you with an evening of great singing as they present their *Christmas Concert*.

Little Apple Chorus performance

Thursday, Dec. 12, at 7:15 p.m.

Stick around after the Meadowlark Singers Christmas Concert and head to the Event Center to enjoy more music of the season with barbershop-style singing featuring The Little Apple Chorus Heartland Harmony. You don't want to miss this fun event at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 12.

Christmas Carousel 2024

Friday, Dec. 13, at 1 & 5 p.m.

Independent living residents and Passport members are invited to attend *Home for the Holidays: A Sitcom Spectacular* in the Event Center on Friday, Dec. 13. Event guests will be entertained with musical performances and comedic sketches based on popular American sitcoms originally broadcast in the 1960s, '70s, and '80s.

There are two seating options to attend: 1 p.m. or 5 p.m. The event will last approximately two hours, and in addition to delightful entertainment, attendees will be treated to delicious food and festive drinks. To attend this exciting holiday evening, registration is required. Residents and Passport members can secure their spot by registering at the Hospitality Desk or calling (785) 323-3847.

Prairie Star Restaurant will be closed all day Friday, Dec. 13, because of Christmas Carousel.

As a gesture of gratitude to Meadowlark's independent living residents and Passport members, the event is free of charge. Happy holidays!

Manhattan Kiwanis Club Pancake Feed

Saturday, Dec. 14, at 7 a.m.

Manhattan Kiwanis Club invites you to attend the 73rd Annual Pancake Feed and Holiday Silent Auction from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 14, at Pottorf Hall at Cico Park. Adult tickets are \$10, and the cost for children ages 5 to 12 is \$5. Wounded Warriors and children under 5 eat FREE! All proceeds benefit 20+ local community projects.

Transportation to FUMC

Sunday, Dec. 15, at 9:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church in Manhattan will have one worship service on Sundays for the entire month of December. Worship will begin at 10 a.m., and transportation from Meadowlark will leave at 9:30 a.m. from the Village Entrance.

During church service on Sunday, Dec. 15, congregants will be treated to the annual Christmas musical, *The First Leon*, performed by children and youth. Cast members include Murphy and Eilish Duggan, daughters of Meadowlark team member Sarah Duggan.

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Worship Service

Sunday, Dec. 15, at 10:30 a.m.

Join Pastor Melanie Nord for worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, in the Community Room/Chapel. This week, Pastor Melanie will explore the book of Obadiah with a sermon titled "Kingdom of the Lord."

Ms. Rebecca's Piano Studio

Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m.

On Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. in the Community Room, we have the pleasure of welcoming Ms. Rebecca and her piano studio as they present a "Holiday Performance." The performance will last about 30 minutes with cookies being served afterwards. All are welcome.

Visitation for Loren Pennington

Sunday, Dec. 15, at 2 p.m.

The family of former Meadowlark resident Loren Pennington invites you attend his visitation from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, at Prairie Star Restaurant. Loren passed away in Wroten House on Nov. 2.

Prairie Star Writing Group

Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 1 p.m.

Interested in joining the writing group at Meadowlark? Prairie Star Writers is led by Cathy Hedge. The group meets on the first and third Tuesdays. The next meeting is titled, "Music in My Soul" and meets at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the Patriot Room.

Carols & Cocoa

Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m.

Meadowlark Ambassadors invite you to the Event Center for *Carols and Cocoa* at 3 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the Prairie Star Event Center. All are welcome to attend!

Volunteer & Tech Helper

Tuesday, Dec. 17, at 4 p.m.

Deborah Goins will be available to help residents with technology questions between 4 and 5 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, in the Kansas Room (formerly known as the Game Room). Deborah looks forward to building connections through this opportunity and meeting others, so be sure to stop by during her visits!

FUMC Communion

Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 9 a.m.

Join Pastor Donna and Pastor Courtney from First United Methodist Church at 9 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the Bison Room to receive communion. This opportunity is open to anyone wanting to invite Christ into his or her heart.

Tai Chi Classes coming in January!

Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 2 p.m.—NEW DATE

We are excited to introduce Tai Chi classes at Meadowlark beginning in January. If you're not familiar with Tai Chi, or want to learn more, we invite you to attend a special demonstration class at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 18, in the Event Center.

Mal Hoover, a Certified Tai Chi for Arthritis Instructor, will lead the session. She will explain the benefits of Tai Chi and demonstrate some of the movements participants will learn. Mal will also be joined by several current participants who will share their experiences and demonstrate what they've learned through the program. The Tai Chi classes will be offered at no cost to participants, thanks to funding from the North Central-Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging. Tai Chi, as endorsed by the Tai Chi for Health Institute, can help improve flexibility, strengthen muscles, enhance cardiorespiratory fitness, and boost balance, all of which can significantly reduce the risk of falls.

Join us on Wednesday, Dec. 18, to discover how Tai Chi can benefit you, learn about class schedules, and register for the upcoming sessions in January. (*Changed from original scheduled date of Dec. 11.*)

Artist Discussion with the Beach

Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m.

Join Kim Richards from the Beach Museum of Art for *The Story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer*, on Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m. in the Bison Room.

The story of Rudolph can be heard through song and movie. It all started with a poem. Come learn the beginnings of the Rudolph story with illustration images.

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Tour of Lights

Wednesday, Dec. 18, at 6 p.m.

Meadowlark is hittin' the road to see the holiday light displays in Manhattan! You're invited to ride along on the Tour of Lights Wednesday, Dec. 18. The buses will depart from the Village Entrance at 6 p.m. If you plan to attend, please sign up in the Blue Book at the Hospitality Desk.

Lettuce Ketchup with Parkinson's

Thursday, Dec. 19, at 11:30 a.m.

Lettuce Ketchup with Parkinson's Lunch Thursday, Dec. 19, at 11:30 a.m. People with Parkinson's (PwPD) and their Care Partners are invited to Prairie Star Restaurant for a meal and fellowship. This lunchtime opportunity is for those interested in dining and sharing life together along their Parkinson's journey. The cost of food and drink is the responsibility of PwPD and/or care partner.

College Avenue UMC Luncheon

Thursday, Dec. 19, at 12 p.m.

College Avenue United Methodist Church friends will join in fellowship and lunch with Rev. John Collins at 12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 19, in the Bison Room. All are welcome.



Gifts benefiting the Good Samaritan Fund, Helping Hands Fund, Meadowlark Memory Program, Meadowlark Parkinson's Program, and the Nature & Nurture Campaign were received by Meadowlark Foundation during the month of November.

Memory of

Dorothea Boutz
Dorothy Buller

Marie Stanton*
Elda Youngs

**Remembered as part of the annual Dollar-a-Day campaign.*

Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides

Friday, Dec. 20, at 5 p.m.

Dashing through Meadowlark! You're invited to take a ride on a four-person horse-drawn carriage around Meadowlark's campus between 5 and 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20. Two carriages will be available, and complimentary hot chocolate will be served. Please dress accordingly for the weather.

Church Ladies

Friday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m.

The Church Ladies are back at 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 20, in the Event Center and they will present *Church Ladies' Christmas!* Members are Mary Louise Stahl on upright bass and mandolin, Joan Nelson on 12-string guitar, and Cindy Carlyon on melodica, upright bass, and kazoo.

Shopping at Target & Dollar Tree

Saturday, Dec. 21, at 10:30 a.m.

The next scheduled shopping trip is Saturday, Dec. 21, with transportation going to Target and Dollar Tree West. The bus will depart from the Village Entrance at 10:30 a.m., and the return time is set for 11:45 a.m.

Beer & Hymns: Christmas Edition

Saturday, Dec. 21, at 6 p.m.

Come enjoy a soda, alcoholic beverage, or water as we join in fellowship, song, and merriment "Christmas Edition" presented by Pastor Melanie Nord at 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 21. Beverages are available for purchase in Prairie Star Restaurant.

Christmas Piano Recital

Sunday, Dec. 22, at 1:30 p.m.

Tammy Yeager and eight students from the Manning Music School will present a Christmas Piano Recital at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, in the Community Room. These students are excited to perform for the residents of Meadowlark.

Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 10:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Join Pastor Melanie Nord Tuesday, Dec. 24, at 10:30 a.m. or 4:30 p.m. for a Christmas Eve worship service in the Community Room/Chapel. Celebrate the birth of Christ by singing beloved Christmas hymns, sharing scripture, praying together, and learning about God's message for us.

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Spiller, our group was composed of residents, Passport members, and family members.

“The activities were great, the resort was certainly something special, and the stores and story of Grapevine were interesting,” wrote Marcia Stockham, Passport member, in a message this week to Fitzgerald and Spiller. “Thank you so much for allowing Passport members to join these trips. (I’m) looking forward to the next one.”

While rides on a vintage train, gingerbread cookie decorating, and opportunities to whisper Christmas wishes into Santa’s ear attracted families with small children, the sights Meadowlark Travelers saw generally had an educational or nostalgic component.

At Grapevine Main Station, reminiscent of grand railway stations of the 19th century, we ascended 150 feet to the deck of an observation tower for a 360-degree view of historic main street and the distant skylines of Dallas and Fort Worth. We also could watch as planes came and went from DFW airport.

Back on the ground, we entered Peace Circle, an art display with bronze sculptures, depicting an 1843 peace treaty negotiation between then President of the Texas Republic Sam Houston and 10 Native American Chiefs/leaders.

The vintage vignettes at the Hometown Christmas exhibit at Grapevine’s CVB headquarters provided picture-perfect moments, and the model trains delighted the kid in many of us.



[above left] Passport members Dennis and Linda Rice offer their best bronc-riding impressions at the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. **[above right]** Resident Bob Crawford speaks with a Red Earth Art Center employee at TreeFest.

Next, it was off to Gaylord Texan Resort, where we chilled out at ICE! Forty artisans from Harbin, China, used chainsaws and various chisels to carve the story of Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer from more than 2 million pounds of ice. Fortunately, attraction staff provided parkas for attendees — exhibit rooms are kept at 9 degrees!

Going and coming from Grapevine, we stopped in Oklahoma City, touring the Red Earth Art Center, the Oklahoma City Museum of Art, and the National Cowboy & Western Heritage Museum. At Red Earth, we listened as docents described ornaments on several TreeFest entries, decorated according to the history and culture of various native tribes that now call Oklahoma home.



At the art museum, we strolled past colorful blown glass created by famed glass sculptor Dale Chihuly. The exhibit celebrates his five-decade career and offered insight to the hows and whys of the featured pieces.

On the last day of the getaway, we returned to Oklahoma’s

capital to view paintings, sculptures, artifacts, and more at the cowboy museum. The Travelers had free time to explore one or more galleries dedicated to cowboys, Indians, frontier soldiers, American rodeo, firearms, clothing, and more.

The Meadowlark Travelers program was started in 2004; the recent Happy Holiday Getaway was the 23rd adventure led by Meadowlark staff. If you have a destination suggestion, please contact Spiller or Fitzgerald.

Community Bulletin

Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY / 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M. / PRAIRIE STAR RESTAURANT
RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. CALL (785) 323-3820.



Choice of Starter

SHRIMP BISQUE
APPLE PECAN SALAD
WITH HONEY RED WINE VINAIGRETTE

Choice of Entree

6-OZ FILET & LOBSTER TAIL
SURF & TURF \$34
SURF \$28
TURF \$26

Sides

SMOKED GOUDA SCALLOPED POTATOES
HERB-ROASTED VEGETABLE MEDLEY

Choice of Dessert

EGGNOG CHEESECAKE
GLAZED CHOCOLATE TART



Holiday Classic
Last week, The Trust Company hosted the Holiday Classic, and we are grateful for their support all throughout the year. Cheers!



Art Engagement *from the* Beach Museum of Art

When two compositions appear to feature similar landscapes, use compare and contrast to determine how different they might be. As you take a moment to observe what is the same or different in the artworks shown here, you may want to consider the point of view each artist chose to present. How did they treat space, value, and perspective? Challenge yourself to find at least five differences.



Coy Avon Seward
Christmas Card, 1927
Etching on paper
KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art,
gift of Mary Helm Pollack, 2002.452



Laura Pauline Hayes Shirer
Morning Light, mid 20th century
Oil on canvas
KSU, Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Friends
Kansas Art Fund, 2010.1

Notes

RESTAURANT **SPECIALS**

<p>Sunday, Dec. 15</p>	<p>Sunday Brunch Brunch Menu available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.</p>	<p>\$16 Dinner Beef Tips Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Broccoli</p>
<p>Monday, Dec. 16</p>	<p>\$11 Lunch Cheeseburger Sliders French Fries</p>	<p>\$15 Dinner Chicken Fajitas Refried Beans Mexican Rice</p>
<p>Tuesday, Dec. 17</p>	<p>\$10 Lunch Bacon-Cheddar Egg Salad <i>on Croissant</i> Breakfast Potatoes</p>	<p>\$15 Dinner Beef Stroganoff Garlic Breadsticks Roasted Broccoli</p>
<p>Wednesday, Dec. 18</p>	<p>\$11 Lunch Jambalaya Fried Okra Cornbread</p>	<p>\$14 Dinner Fried Pork Cutlet Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans</p>
<p>Thursday, Dec. 19</p>	<p>\$11 Lunch Italian Beef Sandwich Pasta Salad</p>	<p>\$14 Dinner Garlic Rosemary Chicken Smashed Potatoes Broccoli</p>
<p>Friday, Dec. 20</p>	<p>\$11 Lunch Pizza Bar</p>	<p>\$17 Dinner Pecan-Crusted Chicken <i>with Dijon Sauce</i> Garlic-Mashed Red Potatoes Asparagus</p>
<p>Saturday, Dec. 21</p>	<p>\$11 Lunch BBQ Chicken Sandwich Broccoli Salad</p>	<p>\$15 Dinner Fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Corn</p>

Weekly Opportunities Calendar Dec. 15 to Dec. 21

Sunday • Dec. 15 *Put your trash at the curb!*

9:30 a.m. ~ Transportation to FUMC, VE
 10:30 a.m. ~ Worship Service, CR
 2:00 p.m. ~ Ms. Rebecca's Piano Studio, CR
 2:00 p.m. ~ Visitation for Loren Pennington, PS

Monday • Dec. 16 *Trash & Recycle pick-up*

9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 9:30 a.m. ~ Memory Care Partner Support Group, [St. Thomas More](#)
 10:00 a.m. ~ Tuttle Creek Men's Group, MR
 10:00 a.m. ~ Tuttle Creek Women's Group, BR
 10:30 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR/**1960**
 11:00 a.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, [BF](#)
 11:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ 1st Floor Luncheon, MR
 1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise Class, CR/**1960**
 1:30 p.m. ~ God Talk, KSU CL
 2:00 p.m. ~ Change and Loss Support Group, FHR
 5:30 p.m. ~ 5th Floor Supper, MR
 7:00 p.m. ~ Community Bingo, CR

Tuesday • Dec. 17

10:00 a.m. ~ Memory Activities Class, EC
 10:15 a.m. ~ Mat Yoga, FHR
 10:30 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, CR/**1960**
 11:15 a.m. ~ Seated Stretch & Stability, CR/**1960**
 12:00 p.m. ~ 4th Floor Luncheon, MR
 1:00 p.m. ~ Prairie Star Writers Group, PR
 2:00 p.m. ~ 10-Point Pitch Group, KR
 2:00 p.m. ~ Social Circles, PS
 3:00 p.m. ~ Carols & Cocoa, EC
 4:00 p.m. ~ Volunteer & Tech Helper, KR

Wednesday • Dec. 18

9:00 a.m. ~ FUMC Communion, BR
 9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 10:00 a.m. ~ Walmart/Dillons Shopping Trip, VE
 10:00 a.m. ~ Mem. Care Partners Supp. Grp, FHR
 10:00 a.m. ~ Memory Café, KSU CL
 10:30 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ West Monarch Luncheon, BR
 2:00 p.m. ~ Tai Chi Demonstration, EC
 3:00 p.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, CR
 3:00 p.m. ~ Sing-Along, FHR
 4:00 p.m. ~ Artist Discussion with the Beach, BR
 6:00 p.m. ~ Depart for Tour of Lights, VE

Thursday • Dec. 19

9:00 a.m. ~ Messenger Team, KSU CL
 10:00 a.m. ~ Wamego Memory Care Partner Support Group, [WPL](#)
 10:15 a.m. ~ Mat Yoga, KSU CL
 10:30 a.m. ~ Steady Yourself, CR/**1960**
 11:15 a.m. ~ Seated Stretch & Stability, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Lettuce Ketchup with Parkinson's, PS
 12:00 p.m. ~ College Ave. UMC Luncheon, BR
 1:00 p.m. ~ Parkinson's Exercise Class, CR/**1960**
 5:30 p.m. ~ Meadowlark Circle Dinner, MR

Friday • Dec. 20

7:30 a.m. ~ Rock Steady Boxing, [BF](#)
 9:30 a.m. ~ Seated Strength, CR/**1960**
 10:30 a.m. ~ Weights 101, CR/**1960**
 11:30 a.m. ~ Sit & Be Fit, CR/**1960**
 1:00 p.m. ~ Linda Schwulst Celebration of Life, EC
 2:30 p.m. ~ Fridays with Furby, KR
 3:00 p.m. ~ Catholic Rosary, CR
 5:00 p.m. ~ Horse-Drawn Carriage Rides, PS
 7:00 p.m. ~ Church Ladies, EC

Saturday • Dec. 21

9:30 a.m. ~ Band Bust Exercise Class, **1960 only**
 10:30 a.m. ~ Depart for Target & Dollar Tree, VE
 6:00 p.m. ~ Beer & Hymns: Christmas Edition, PS

Room Abbreviations

1960 , TV Channel 1960	KSU CL, KSU Classroom
BF , Body First	MM , 120 Scenic Drive
BR, Bison Room	MR, Manhattan Room
CR, Community Room	PR, Patriot Room
CY, Courtyard	PS, Prairie Star Restaurant
EC, Event Center	MSC , Manhattan Sr. Center
FHR, Flint Hills Room	VBL, Verna Belle's Lounge
GC, Grosh Cinema	VE, Village Entrance
KR, Kansas Room	WPL , Wamego Public Library





GROSH CINEMA SHOWTIMES

MONDAY TO SATURDAY 1:00 P.M. / 4:00 P.M. / 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY 2:00 P.M. / 6:00 P.M.

SUNDAY: Dec. 15

MARY (2024) TV-14, 1 hr. 52 min. *Rousing, Inspiring, Heartfelt*

Cast: Noa Cohen, Ido Tako, & Anthony Hopkins

A miraculous conception. A merciless king. A murderous pursuit. Mary's journey to give birth to Jesus unfolds in this biblical coming-of-age epic.

MONDAY: Dec. 16

OUR LITTLE SECRET (2024) TV-14, 1 hr. 41 min. *Charming, Witty, Feel-Good*

Cast: Lindsay Lohan, Ian Harding, & Kristen Chenoweth

Ten years after a botched proposal, two star-crossed exes must spend Christmas together after discovering their partners are siblings. Awkward much?

TUESDAY: Dec. 17

THE FAMILY MAN (2000) PG-13, 2 hr. 5 min. *Heartfelt, Emotional*

Cast: Nicolas Cage, Tea Leoni, & Don Cheadle

A wealthy banker's world gets upended when he wakes up on Christmas morning to find himself living humble life and married to the love he left behind.

WEDNESDAY: Dec. 18

THE SOUND OF MUSIC (1965) G, 2 hr. 56 min. *History, Music*

Cast: Julie Andrews, Christopher Plummer, & Richard Haydn

A governess wins the hearts of many and leads the Von Trapp family to their 1938 flight of freedom.

THURSDAY: Dec. 19

CHRISTMAS IN CONNECTICUT (1945) Not Rated, 1 hr. 41 min. *Romantic, Comedy*

Cast: Barbara Stanwyck, Dennis Morgan, & Sydney Greenstreet

A food writer who has lied about being the perfect housewife must try to cover her deception when her boss and a returning war hero invite themselves to her home for a traditional family Christmas.

FRIDAY: Dec. 20

SPIRITED (2022) PG-13, 2 hr. 7 min. *Comedy, Musical*

Cast: Will Ferrell, Ryan Reynolds, & Octavia Spencer

A musical version of Charles Dickens's story of a miserly misanthrope who is taken on a magical journey.

SATURDAY: Dec. 21

HOLIDAY INN (1942) Not Rated, 1 hr. 40 min. *Musical, Comedy*

Cast: Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire, & Marjorie Reynolds

At an inn which is open only on holidays, a crooner and a hooper vie for the affections of a beautiful up-and-coming performer.