

EMBERS WELCOME

Dorothy Cripps Apt. 315



Dorothy Cripps was born in Montana to Ed and Louise Kallem. She came from a big family, growing up with 12 children altogether - 6 brothers and 5 sisters!! The family moved to Eagle Grove when Dorothy was young and she attended School there, graduating from Eagle Grove High School in 1942. After moving to Ankeny, Dorothy worked at the Ordinance Plant in Des Moines for several years.

In 1946, Dorothy worked at Iowa State in the Food Service department for four years.

Later, Dorothy moved to Marshalltown with her girlfriend. They both worked at Cooper Manufacturing. While living with her roommate, she met Wally, who was also working at Cooper's. In 1948, Dorothy and Wally Cripps went back to her parents Church in Eagle Grove to be united in marriage. They have 2 daughters – Janice who lives in Gilman with her husband, Howard Summers. Her other daughter, Carol lives in Clear Lake with her husband, John Hughes. There are 3 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. Dorothy stayed home to raise the girls, but went back to work when they went to school. She worked at Marshalltown Manufacturing calibrating gauges.

Dorothy is a member of the Elim Lutheran Church, where she was a Sunday School teacher and belonged to different Circles and organizations.

Welcome, Dorothy, we're glad you're here!!



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Mary Ann Tichy Apt. 146



Mary Ann Tichy was born in Cedar Rapids to Anton and Julia Parizek. There were 5 kids in the family, including her sister who lives here at the Embers – Barb Prusha! Mary Ann lived in Clutier, Ia. when she was very young and then moved to a farm in Toledo. She attended school in Chelsea. When she was in 5th grade she moved in with her aunt and uncle and attended school in Cedar Rapids. One year later she went back to Chelsea and attended school there through the 8th grade. She and her mother moved to Tama and lived with her married sister and her husband and Mary Ann graduated from Tama High School in 1944. After graduation, she worked at a restaurant/coffee shop called Irene's and also at Kilcons clothing store for a few years.

She met her husband, George through a friend and in 1947, George and Mary Ann Tichy were married in Marshalltown. He was a farmer and then worked at a car repair shop in LeGrand where they were living. George finally got on at Fishers. Mary Ann stayed home to raise their family.

Mary Ann has 4 children: Pam who is married to Larry Walden and lives here in Marshalltown. Her son, Jim lives here in town and is married to Scherry. Cathy lives in LeGrand with her husband, Leonard Underhill and Jerry Tichy lives with his wife Teresa in Marshalltown.

Mary Ann has 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren with one more on the way!!

She is a member of St. Henry's Church, enjoys family gatherings, is a former member of the Lioness of LeGrand and Cro-Knit Club. George and Mary Ann traveled to Canada fishing for many years and also wintered in Texas for 15 years. He passed away in 2005.

Welcome, Mary Ann, we're glad you're here!

Vicki's Vibes

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas --- It will be here before you know it. Last Saturday I was in Ames and it snowed that beautiful Christmas snow, you know the one with the big soft flakes - it was just gorgeous, and can really put you in the holiday mood. So I bought a pair of shoes!!! I know its crazy.....

The holidays are a family time and if you expect them to be here over the holidays, be sure to call Deb early so we can fill your needs if you need guest rooms or rollways; if you need a meeting place be sure to get in touch with Jo.

We have had two fire alarms in the last week so I thought we better go over guidelines to refresh your memories. If you are doing any type of cooking in your apartment and you overcook it, smoke can cause your apartment smoke detector to go off. When this happens **DO NOT OPEN YOUR DOOR!!!!** Take the pan off the stove - turn on the exhaust fan over the stove and in the bathroom, open your windows and let the smoke out. If you open your apartment door and the smoke goes into the hallway the BUILDING ALARM will go off and the fire department will come. If you were to have a fire with flames then get out of the apartment.

When the smoke detector in your apartment goes off it alerts us at the front desk - When the building alarm goes off our security company calls the Fire Department and then us to let us know that they are on their way to the Embers. Please be careful when cooking - Thanks

We will miss Elmer, Clara and Maralee. Welcome to Ed and Elizabeth Blink and MaryAnn Tichy. There will be more new faces in the coming months.

The Shoes that Fit program was a success again this year. You raised \$1615.25 to purchase 4 pair of tennis shoes, 1 pkg. of underwear and socks, 3 sweatshirts, 18 gloves, hats and scarf sets, 23 winter coats, 32 pair of snow boots and 18 pair of snow pants for a total of 100 items. Younkers, Penney's and Kmart were wonderful to help us make every dollar go further and have more purchasing power. Thanks so much to Millie Pizel for collecting the donations, Margie Elwood, and Ginny Underkofler for helping us get organized. Our shopping elves were Evelyn Weuve, Barbara Jo Morgan, Lucy Hof and Marjorie Moore. It's a lot of fun to be able to pick and choose all those coats, boots and hats. We had On Media pick them up on Wednesday to deliver them to the schools so the school nurses can get them to the kids. This year we had more Anson needs than ever and we filled needs for Hoglan and Lenihan too. Thanks again for your generosity, just know that there will be a large group of children warm this winter.

Merry Christmas to you.

Love ya, *Vicki*

Deb's Ditty

Happy Holiday's!!! 'Tis the season, beautiful weather, beautiful families, and beautiful place to live, who could ask for more!!!

I don't have much business for you so I will give you a baby update... Moriah is having a boy and is due Jan. 14th and his name is Collin David., Kassy is having a girl due Friday, Feb 13th and her name is Kelsey Rene. I am very excited for both. Kassy also just got a puppy named Rufus and I have been babysitting my Granddog a lot.

I am looking forward to the Christmas Party. I think I can get my husband to come meet you this year.

Warm thoughts,

Deb

JO'S JENDA

Ho! Ho! Ho! Here we go!!

We will have a Christmas Tea this Wed. morning in the Coffee Shop, starting at 9:30 a.m. Come on down!!

Tis the season for kids to come and sing!! Thirty children from Lenihan will be here to entertain you this Thursday the 4th at 2:15.

The Resident Birthday Party is this month, of course!! We have 6 celebrating. Come and wish them a Happy Birthday at the party on Friday the 5th at 2:00 p.m.

We will have our annual Cookie Workshop on Mon. morning the 8th in the Comm. Room. I will need Elves to help make peanut clusters and decorate sugar cookies.

The reason we are making goodies is because our Christmas Party is on Wed. the 10th at 5:00 in the Community. We always have a good time and the staff is welcome to invite their families.

The Kids & Us Program has begun. The 4th grade children from Woodbury School will be here each month to mentor with you. Look for them on Tues. the 16th at 3:45 in the Community Room.

One of our programs we all look forward to the most is when our friends from The Men's Chorus come here for their spectacular program in the Community Room. We are so fortunate to have them here in concert. Mark your calendar now for Sunday Dec. 21st at 3:00 p.m.

Please listen for announcements at noon for the Carolers that will be here, we have so many I can not fit them all on the calendar!! The first ones will be here from First Baptist Church at 2:00 in the Chapel.

Merry Christmas!!

Till next month, JO



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

<i>Jean Snyder</i>	<i>December 6 th</i>
<i>Dorothy Rich</i>	<i>December 9th</i>
<i>Verla MacCanon</i>	<i>December 23 rd</i>
<i>Sally White</i>	<i>December 25 th</i>
<i>Madelyn Lindsey</i>	<i>December 27 th</i>
<i>Basil Gray</i>	<i>December 31st</i>

MAINTENANCE LEAK

Happy Holidays!!

You have probably noticed two new Maintenance guys in the building. I'm Lonnie Barnes and my partner is Kim Kenner. Some of you might remember Kim from when he worked in the Maintenance Dept. a few years back.

Kim and I are here to assist you with all your maintenance needs and are always happy to help out when we can. As you know preventative maintenance is our game and we would like your help. Make sure you let the office know if you see something that isn't working properly.

Seeing all the friendly faces everyday makes this a great place to work. Looking forward to getting to know each of you. We wish you a wonderful Holiday Season.

Lonnie & Kim

Staff Birthday

Kim Kenner

December 30 th



Kitchen Klatter

It's Ho! Ho! Ho! time once again!!! We will be putting out the sign up sheets for Christmas dinner on the 2nd of Dec. and pull it on the 16 th. You must sign up if you plan on eating - with or without guests, just like the Thanksgiving meal. There will be 2 setting times for dinner, 11:00 and 12:30.

Christmas dinner will be served the Sunday before Christmas, December 21 st. We will also have a sign up sheet out for if you need a take home meal, since the kitchen will be closed Christmas day. We will be handing out the meals on Wednesday the 24 th. These meals are for those of you who will not be going out on Christmas day and need a meal at home.

Blanche Prusha is our Resident of the Month. She has chosen Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Boiled Cabbage and Beets and Pecan Pie for dessert. Nice choice, Blanche!!

Have a Merry Christmas from all of us in the Kitchen!!

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CHANNEL CHANGES MADE:
CHANNEL 38 IS NOW THE WEATHER
CHANNEL 49 IS SPEED NETWORK



KATHY'S COMMENTS

Merry Christmas to you all!! Hope all of you have a wonderful Christmas and enjoy time with your family. My granddaughter is already counting the days till Santa Claus comes. I just can't believe this year is almost over.

Of course we will not be working on Christmas day. If your cleaning day falls on the 25th, it will be made up sometime throughout that week.

Just to remind you we have another "free week" December 29 th – January 2 nd. If you would like extra work done in your apartment let me know.

I'm sure most of you have heard that Connie has quit. The good news is Megan is back to fill in part time until I can find someone. It feels good to have her back. I can always count on her to get things done. Tessa is doing a great job trying to keep up with everything.

See you in the New Year - 2009

Housekeeping,
Kathy, Tessa and Megan

