



# Life is good

## Community Activities This Month

December 2011

THE STRATFORD  
*At Beyer Park*

The Stratford at Beyer Park  
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Go Minnie!



Too many to choose from!

Happy Holidays  
Best wishes this season!



Joan and Florence at Ironstone Winery

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Some Halloween Fun!





## Trivia Whiz

Americans have a few shared New Year's Eve customs, some of which date back hundreds of years.

*"Auld Lang Syne."*

Some call it "the most famous song no one knows the words to," but most people can belt out a line or two. The tradition of singing this song started with Guy Lombardo when he performed it on New Year's Eve in 1929.

*Ball drop.* The ball drop in New York City, which started in 1907, draws throngs of viewers to Times Square. Millions more around the world watch the event live on TV.

*Resolutions.* For centuries, people have seen the new year as a good time for a new beginning or goal.

*Foods.* Some people consider collard greens and black-eyed peas lucky NYE choices, because they resemble paper money and coins.



Our Winner, Jeanetta!



What's Cookin' Ralph?



Our pumpkin decorating contest was a big hit. The competition was tight!

## It Was Apple Time!

Our trip to Cover's Apple Farm was full of information and good eats...Mr. Cover demonstrated his 100-year-old apple peeling machine and made a pie right in front of us.



We enjoyed a fabulous lunch and tried a variety of apple goodies, including applesauce cookies....yummm!



Ben, Dot and Minnie take a ride on the train at Cover's Apple Farm.





## Quotes

"A lot of people like snow. I find it to be an unnecessary freezing of water."  
—Carl Reiner

"They say that every snowflake is different. If that were true, how could the world go on? How could we ever get up off our knees? How could we ever recover from the wonder of it?"  
—Jeanette Winterson

"Snow and adolescence are the only problems that disappear if you ignore them long enough."  
—Earl Wilson

"The snow itself is lonely or, if you prefer, self-sufficient. There is no other time when the whole world seems composed of one thing and one thing only."  
—Joseph Wood Krutch

## It Was a Beautiful Day!

We had a great time feeding the hungry ducks, geese and fish at Donnelly Park in Turlock...and, of course, a great picnic lunch!



## So Much Talent!

The residents here at Stratford have been enjoying expressing themselves through acrylic painting on canvas. We have so many talented artists; some, like Helen at left, have never painted a picture before and are thrilled with the results. Helen overcame many obstacles during the creation of this piece with fantastic results. We are so proud of you, Helen, keep up the good work! Stop by the Activity Room and check on our progress as we discover the world of painting one step at a time.

