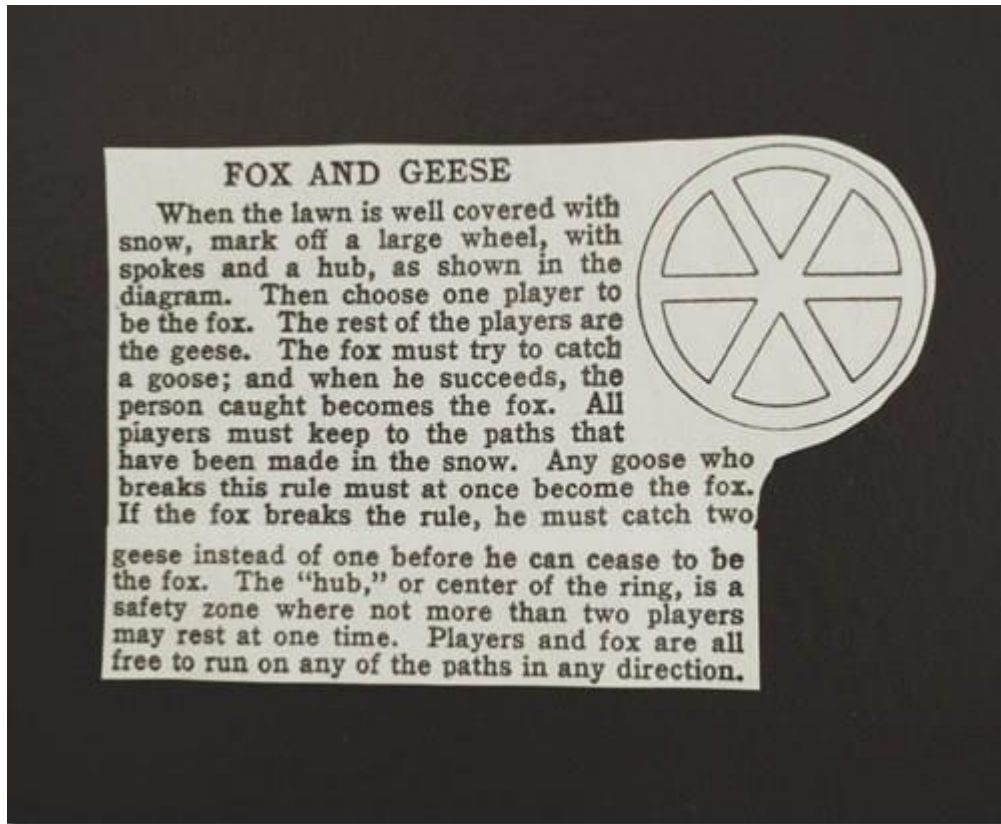


## Along with The Tobin Tree: **Fox and Geese**

The following article about the game of Fox and Geese came from a site called *Family Reunion Helper*. You can also see a short video on YouTube if you search: *Fox and Geese Game in the Snow*.

**How to Play Fox and Geese:** In the 'olden days' (meaning long ago) the game of Fox and Geese was played on paths tromped in the snow in the shape of a spoked wheel. The following is an entry from an old book of games.



**Make Fox and Geese Trails:** It's best to play Fox and Geese when there is fresh snow on the ground or at least snow that no one has been walking on. To make paths or trails, walk through the snow packing it down until it makes a clearly defined trail. The paths don't necessarily need to be in a perfect circle or in straight "spoke" lines.

**How to Play Fox and Geese:** Choose one person to be the fox. The fox tries to tag the rest of the players, who are the geese. All the players must stay on the paths. Whoever is tagged then becomes the fox and has to chase the geese. If you have "safe nests," only one goose can be in a nest at a time. If you have a big group, you may need more than one fox.

**Note:** **Fox and Geese** has a long history that dates back to the Middle Ages in Europe. The game is described in *Greetis Saga*, an Icelandic poem written in 1300 AD! Imagine children playing in the snow over 500 years ago! It's good to know some things never change.