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*It's Christmastime!*

Don't you love December? I do. Always have. The child in me comes out to play this month. Since at least October, I found myself drifting to the seasonal areas of every store I entered. I admit it. I don't complain when the trees appear soon after school begins, and the soft sounds of carols make me smile. OK, at some point, I might slip in a CD instead of listening to the repetitive selections on the radio. That didn't stop me from listening in mid-November.

At my house, we traditionally put up the tree, lights and buckets of decorations the weekend after Thanksgiving — sometimes earlier. If you don't have small children at home, borrow one for an afternoon. Take them to stand in front of aisles of decorations and notice the twinkle in their eyes. Find a life-size nativity and watch their wonder of the tiny babe. Warning — it might be contagious.

For the last few years, I chose to volunteer as an elf. Santa noticed something. Many children ask him to bring gifts for someone else. Doesn't that give you hope for the future? This time of year, we can get caught up in busyness, but it's also a great time to get our minds off ourselves and give back. That's what we do at Christmas — give gifts, spend time with family and relish memories and traditions. If you don't, guess what? It's never too late. Start a unique tradition with your family or friends this year, and above all, enjoy this season of love and life.

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# TOGETHER AT LAST

*For Dustin and Adrienne Argumaniz, their home is special for many reasons, but two in particular — each other. Separately, each had a chance previously to purchase the property on which it sits, but it was only after they married that they decided to do so together.*

— By Rick Mauch



You might say it was their gift to each other. Although they celebrate that gift daily through their love and happiness together, at no time of the year is it more beautiful than the holiday season.

"It's like this little piece of property just waited for us to find each other," Adrienne said. "We lived very parallel lives, and now he's my soul mate."

One of the first things visitors this time of year notice is the large Christmas tree in the living room with every ornament a holiday-minded person can imagine. And yes, it's tall — 12 feet, to be exact.

"I wanted a classic, timeless look, so my children and grandchildren would always remember our time together," Adrienne said. "The way things look and smell — I spent a lot of time designing the decor. I personally did it and hand-picked each item." Adrienne also mentioned the tree upstairs, decorated with ornaments belonging to their children from birth.

Together, Dustin and Adrienne designed and created the home in which they live, along with developing the property.

There's an outdoor garden with hand-carved statues of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs. They have 15 chickens and a large garden where Adrienne raises everything from cantaloupe and strawberries to squash and cabbage and a whole lot more.

"Everything you see here is 100 percent hard work," she said. "We built this. When you talk about a dream home, this is it. Our blood, sweat and tears went into this."

Not all of the furniture is new. There's her great-grandmother's mirror that is more than a century old in the dining room. Elsewhere, there's her mother's antique blanket box and another antique dresser in the living room.

Also in the living room, a large clock, its face inscribed with Roman numerals, hangs on the wall above the fireplace. When the batteries go out in the heavy timepiece, they wait until another family gathering to change them. "The batteries are staying out until Thanksgiving," Dustin said, chuckling. "There's no way I can do that by myself."

Everything in the home is about family, Adrienne said. "We have blended two families. We have built this home in hopes

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of starting our own traditions for our children and many generations to come," she said.

The living room is marked by a 22-foot coffered ceiling. It is also extremely open, as is most of the rest of the house, to offer an equal view of pretty much everything to everyone. The indoor balcony overlooking the living room stands out even more when adorned with its many holiday wreaths. On the second floor are the children's bedrooms, as well as a tanning bed and massage chair in the space where the Juliet balcony looks down into the living room.

"In our previous house, our ceilings were super low," Adrienne said. "Whether watching the game or eating Thanksgiving dinner, we want everyone to see each other."

Throughout the home are wood-look tile floors. Modern art accentuates the overall atmosphere, along with some special touches, such as the wine holder Adrienne refurbished after Dustin acquired it from a job with his plumbing company. Chandeliers also are abundant throughout.

The kitchen boasts state-of-the-art appliances, including a steam oven and a copper-colored stainless steel sink. The nearby walk-in pantry is almost like a second kitchen, with a large microwave oven and even its own counters for food preparation. Back in the kitchen is a very large refrigerator to accommodate their family of seven, along with the host of friends they often entertain. The dining table, set for eight, features holiday candles and more festive decor.

"I don't think I'll ever live without a steam oven again," Adrienne said. "We use it a lot for veggies."





The entertainment room is decorated in a sports movie theme, along with a video game machine bearing the Dallas Cowboys logo. There is seating for up to six in individual recliners, complete with lighted cup holders and swivel mini-tables that one might find in a movie tavern. There's also a mini-bar and a wine refrigerator, and it's all set in front of a 120-inch TV.

Outside on the 170-foot patio, a giant sofa is among the plethora of seating available. There's an outdoor fireplace, a covered part of the patio with another big TV and another wine cabinet. There's even an outdoor shower. The exterior staircase leads up to yet another patio, complete with sun chairs.

Combined, Dustin and Adrienne have five children. Daughter, Kirstan, 19, lives in Glen Rose, and daughter, Teaghen, also 19, is away at Texas A&M University in College Station. Still at home are 18-year-old daughter, Tinsley, 18-year-old son, Landon, and 14-year-old daughter, Tatum. Tinsley and Tatum both are cheerleaders, as was Teaghen.

"We usually do a districtwide cheer party," Adrienne said. "We have several gatherings here. Saint Patrick's and Halloween are pretty big."

Of course, the holidays are the most pleasant of all. The family is all there.

"Christmas in our home means less travel, more family time, a place where our kids and grandkids will want to come," Adrienne said. "We want to open presents, eat Christmas dinner and bake with them, play games, do crafts and enjoy the company. We designed our home so the whole extended family could be there, with everyone comfortable. But we must not forget the reason for the season, Jesus. Through Him, all of this is possible." **NOW**

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# NO FLAWS

— By Lisa Bell

*Growing up in California with a grandmother who was a hairdresser, Gina Scholl loved being in a salon. “It was just special. There was always laughter and talking,” she said. An avid reader, she added, “It was like opening a new story, and every week you’d find out more.” By the time she left high school, Gina wanted to pursue a career in beauty, but her parents dissuaded her, saying she needed to get a college degree first. After a year of college, her dad finally agreed to send her to beautician school.*

Gina’s first job in Beverly Hills taught her much. As a personal assistant, she spent three years learning high-end style and, eventually, had the privilege of working on some famous people like Emma Roberts and Blake Lively.

She met her husband at 19, and after five years of dating, they planned a future together. When he received a job promotion that included moving to Texas in 2008, they moved up the wedding date. “Why not? It’ll be an adventure,” she said. “We immediately fell in love with Texas.”







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Because they lived far from family for so long, the couple started attending a church in Keller. Gina began volunteering with the youth group, while her husband traveled with his job. "My family is strict Irish-Catholic," she said, "but in Texas, I found my own relationship with the Lord." She felt like something was missing and considered giving up hair for some type of church service.

About that time, a shear sharpener came into her hair studio. He handed her a business card, which contained a scripture. As they talked, he told her, "Any business can be a ministry." Before leaving, he prayed over Gina, and at that moment, she decided, "I want my business to be about God."

Before long, a customer came in talking about a women's ministry project and asked if she wanted to be part of a raffle. Gina agreed to donate haircuts, but she got the number for the shelter. Beauty Blessings Ministry began. In the second year, the organization's goal is to have a ministry for beauty professionals to use their gifts for God's glory. They live out that mission by donating their talents to many different people.

"We have no parameters," Gina shared. They have helped animals at shelters, homeless people, first responders, military, teachers, nurses and the elderly — whoever needs help. "Every Beauty

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After beginning the ministry, Wes, a representative from Italian-based Davines Hair Products, came into her salon. Ironically, he wasn't supposed to be her rep, and the next month, he moved back to Arkansas. She started carrying their products. In 2018, knowing about Beauty Blessings, the new rep encouraged her to enter their "I Sustain Beauty" contest. Out of 100 entries, she produced the only faith-based video with help from a client and her son. "It was so surreal," Gina said. "I was working on my old youth leader friend when I got the call that I won." She and her husband flew to Parma, Italy, for the award and a four-day beauty show. Later, the company donated seven pallets of product, which Gina used to bless first responders and others.

The ministry keeps growing. In addition to a network where professionals all over the world can join Beauty Blessings Ministry, Gina is starting a Bible study fellowship group for members. She believes as they dig in and serve, the spiritual support will keep them from burning out. Many nonprofessionals have also joined the group to help with administrative needs, nail-painting and other tasks. "I don't want to sell people on quick beauty fixes. I want to show them God and His view of true beauty," Gina said. A sign on her salon station echoes her heart: "You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you" (Song of Solomon 4:7, ESV). Through her ministry, Gina helps many give and receive beauty. **NOW**

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— By Rick Mauch

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Counting dollars and cents didn't make as much sense to Gregory Hoffman as doing something else, so he became Dr. Gregory Hoffman. "I always wanted to do something where I could help people," Gregory said. "I started out in finance at St. Mary's University. Mom and Dad were in science. I worked a couple of summers in finance, and that just wasn't for me.

"When you can help someone feel better, it's an amazing feeling for yourself. At the end of the day, we're helping people here. We're making a difference."

Gregory practices family medicine at Texas Health Family Care. He's in his ninth year with the company after being in a group practice in Joshua for a decade prior.

Gregory attended St. Mary's University in San Antonio, where at 6 feet, 8 inches tall, he was also a center for the college basketball team. He attended medical school at the University of Texas Health Science Center in Houston and did his residency at St. Joseph Hospital in Houston.

Gregory isn't focused on just being a good doctor himself. He surrounds himself with an equally compassionate staff. "The main thing I stress is, can you sit there and listen to the patient?" he said. "I had a professor tell me in medical school, 'The patient is telling you the diagnosis if you'll just listen.' That's the best piece of advice I got at med school."

The Hoffman practice is full-service. "From newborns to geriatrics, kids to adults, we do a little bit of everything," Gregory said.

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**“From newborns to geriatrics, kids to adults, we do a little bit of everything.”**

When not at work, Gregory is a volunteer youth athletics coach. He also volunteers at Nolan Catholic High School in Fort Worth and at St. Andrews Catholic Church and School, where he and his family attend. For the past 20 years, he’s volunteered as the team physician for Joshua High School.

Gregory’s wife of 26 years, Sharon, is a teacher at Montessori School of Fort Worth. They have five children, Patrick, a sophomore at Nolan Catholic; Emily, a freshman at Kansas State University; Gregory, a junior at Creighton University; Katie, a digital media producer for a TV station; and Michael, who’s entering medical school.

As for the future, Gregory would like to help bring an indigent care clinic to Burleson. “I think it would be a great help to a lot of people who are now going to the emergency rooms and getting big bills they can’t pay, or not going anywhere at all,” he said. “That’s something I’d like to be a part of.” **NOW**



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Hill College sophomores, Alyssa Turner and Melissa Walker, hang lights at Russell Farms to earn community service hours.

## Zoomed In: Jo Collins

By Lisa Bell

Jo Collins began drawing at around 5 years old. Now 80 years later, she proudly stated, "I'm an artist." While she primarily creates oil paintings, she still does some sketches, too. "It makes me feel good to do it. I do most any kind." Others brag about her abilities as an artist. The 85-year-old Heritage Place resident enjoys spending time out with her friends, but she's found some success with her art during the last eight-and-a-half years. Sporting her youthful appearance, Jo shared, "You're never too young or too old to start something."



Writer, speaker and former recording artist, Carlos Whittaker, inspires Chamber members.



Crafters welcome the holiday season during the 2019 Holiday Bazaar.



The 3 Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf were sighted at Sara King's Farmers Insurance Agency on Halloween.



Sandra Ruiz, event manager at Venue 510, stops working for a quick pose.



BurlesonNOW Account Manager Kelsea Locke and her family celebrate her son, Harvey's, 1st birthday.



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Jane Bennett, who has been crocheting over five decades, shows off a Christmas tree she crocheted.

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— By Rick Mauch

A bad weather day led to Michelle Uranga falling in love with cooking. “I was very young, and there was ice on the ground outside. To heat the house up, she [her mother] turned on the oven and started making bite-size, sweet empanadas filled with strawberry preserves and coated in powdered sugar,” Michelle recalled. “We spent the entire day baking. I never felt the cold that day.”

From there, Michelle’s love for cooking continued to blossom. “My proudest moment that I can look back on,” she said, “is when people started asking me to make their wedding cakes.”

Michelle, 29, is now a culinary teacher for Burlison ISD. She is also teaching her own 7-year-old daughter, Isabella, the love of cooking. **NOW**

thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh, being careful not to touch the bone.  
**5.** Continue roasting, uncovered, until internal temperature reaches 165 F (Cover legs with foil partway through roasting, if desired.)  
**6.** Depending on the size of the turkey, the total cook time will be around 1 1/2 to 2 hours.  
**7.** Once the thermometer reaches 165 F in the thigh, check the internal temperature of the thickest part of the breast to make sure it reads at least 165 F, as well.  
**8.** Remove from oven. Cover loosely with foil; let rest for at least 15-20 minutes (depending on size) before carving.

### Mayonnaise Roasted Turkey

*Adjust all seasonings and mayonnaise as needed for the size of the bird.*

- 1 turkey**
- 2 tsp. thyme stems**
- 2 tsp. rosemary**
- 2 tsp. oregano**
- 1 tsp. garlic powder**
- 2 Tbsp. kosher salt**
- 2 Tbsp. pepper**
- 1 1/2 cups mayonnaise**

- 3 stalks celery, roughly chopped**
- 1 large onion, roughly chopped**
- 1/2 cup (1 stick) salted butter**

- 1.** Preheat oven to 450 F. Lay turkey in a roasting pan.
- 2.** Add next 6 ingredients to mayonnaise; combine well. Rub mayonnaise/herb mixture all over the outside and interior of the turkey.
- 3.** Add the celery, onion and butter inside the cavity. Roast the turkey for 30 minutes.
- 4.** Reduce heat to 350 F; insert the meat

### Cucumber Mint Lemonade

- 1 large cucumber (divided use)**
- 1 cup lemon juice**
- 3/4 cup sugar or preferred sweetener**
- 1/2 cup fresh mint leaves, loosely packed (divided use)**
- 1 large lemon**
- 6 cups water**

1. Chop half of the cucumber. Add the chopped cucumber to a large sauce pot.
2. Add the lemon juice, sugar and half of the mint leaves to the pot.
3. Place the pot over medium heat. Cook, stirring occasionally, until the sugar is completely dissolved, about 5-7 minutes. Remove from the heat.
4. Pour the liquid through a fine mesh strainer to remove the cucumber and mint.
5. Add the liquid to a large serving pitcher.
6. Slice the remaining half of the cucumber. Slice the lemon.
7. Add the water, sliced cucumber, sliced lemon and the remaining mint leaves to the pitcher; stir well. Serve cold.

## Blueberry Streusel Pound Cake

### Streusel:

- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 cup brown sugar, packed
- 3/4 tsp. cinnamon
- 4 Tbsp. butter, melted

### Cake:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 6 Tbsp. salted butter, room temperature
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp. vanilla extract
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1 1/4 tsp. baking powder
- 1 1/4 cups blueberries

### Glaze:

- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 2 Tbsp. milk

1. Preheat oven to 350 F. Prepare two loaf pans by spraying them with nonstick cooking spray.
2. *For streusel:* Add flour, brown sugar, cinnamon and melted butter into a bowl; mix with a fork until all ingredients are incorporated. Set aside.
3. *For cake:* Beat sugar and butter until light in color and fluffy, 3-4 minutes.
4. Add sour cream and milk; mix until well incorporated.
5. Add egg and vanilla extract; mix until smooth.
6. Combine flour and baking powder in a separate bowl. Add dry ingredients to batter; mix until smooth. This makes enough to fill two loaf pans. Split batter in half.
7. Spread 1/4 of the cake batter into the bottom of one of the prepared loaf pans.
8. Top batter with 1/4 of the streusel mixture; sprinkle in some blueberries.
9. Spread remaining 1/4 cake batter over the streusel. Sprinkle remaining streusel and blueberries over the top of the cake batter.

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- 10. Repeat steps 7-9 to fill the second loaf pan.
- 11. Bake for 34-36 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out with a few crumbs.
- 12. Remove cake from oven; allow to cool in the pan for about 20 minutes.
- 13. *For glaze:* Combine powdered sugar and milk in a small bowl; whisk until smooth. You can always add a little more milk or sugar, if needed.
- 14. Drizzle the glaze over the coffee cake; sprinkle a few more blueberries over top.



Blueberry Streusel Pound Cake

## Strawberry Preserve Empanadas

- 16 oz. butter, softened
- 1 Tbsp. powdered sugar
- 4 cups flour
- 1 cup milk
- Strawberry preserves, for filling
- Powdered sugar, for coating

- 1. Using a stand mixer, cream the butter with the paddle attachment. Add powdered sugar while the butter creams. Add 1 cup of flour at a time, make sure it is fully incorporated before adding another.
- 2. Add milk; mix until a dough is formed.
- 3. On a floured surface, knead the dough until no longer sticky. Be careful not to add

too much flour, or the dough will become too dense.

- 4. After kneading, use a rolling pin to roll out the dough. Cut out small circles. (I like to use a glass cup or a mug.)
- 5. Add 1 tsp., or less, of strawberry preserves in the center of each circle. If you add too much, the strawberry will ooze out.
- 6. Brush water around the circle so it sticks when you close them. You can use your finger for this.
- 7. Fold the circles in half; press the edges with a fork. Poke holes in the center, so they can breathe in the oven.

8. Bake at 350 F for 8-10 minutes, or until golden brown.

9. Let them rest. When you can touch them without burning yourself, coat them in powdered sugar.

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## TravelNOW Historic Delight

— By Lisa Bell

Voted as *USA Today's* Best Historic Small Town in America, Granbury, Texas, lies a short distance southwest of Fort Worth. Although December brings one of the best times to visit this community, throughout the year, Granbury is a noteworthy destination. But *historic* doesn't mean *boring*.

Undoubtedly, the famous town square and Lake Granbury draw many visitors. The square features shops and restaurants, many of which reside in buildings recognized as historic landmarks. The square, itself, was the first courthouse square in Texas listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The bustling town square also contains the Granbury Opera House, recently restored to its 1886 grandeur. The venue provides award-winning live theater every weekend. Granbury Live also brings in remarkable entertainers for a variety of concerts and events weekly.

Several times each year, Granbury hosts festivals on the square. With General Granbury's Birthday Bash in March, April's Wine Walk, Fourth of July festivities, Harvest Moon and more, you can time your visit for one of these celebrated events.

In December, Santa makes the converted gazebo his second home. From the night after Thanksgiving until December 23, lines form with young and old waiting to visit the benevolent character and his adorable wife. Check out the hand-painted walls on the exterior and interior of the house. Several photo-op backdrops are also available for families to capture memories. Santa and Mrs. Claus love posing for pictures and encourage visitors to snap all they want. Be sure and check times, so you don't miss what is quickly becoming a free annual tradition for thousands.

During the first week or two of December, catch a free display containing a private collection of more than 1,000 nativities. A space with touchable nativities entertains children during visits.

In Shanley Park, the city creates a wonderland of lights for the season. Drive down Bridge St. and Dove Hollow Rd. for dazzling displays timed to music. Year-round,

Granbury's parks give families plenty of opportunities to get outside. With about 10 parks, including City Beach Park, kids have ample room to play. A bike-and-hike trail connects some parks, and a skate park provides hours of entertainment for all ages. Nearby, Acton Nature Center, Fossil Rim Wildlife and Dinosaur Valley State Park afford more opportunities for the truly adventurous.

Granbury embraces artists and continues focusing on public art displays. Museums abound in Granbury. From the Doll House Museum, Bridge Street History Center and the Jail Museum to the Historic Railroad Depot and Granbury Light Plant, visitors can learn much. On the first weekend in December, many private and public buildings open for walk-through tours, allowing locals and out-of-town guests to see beautiful architecture and learn local history.

One pride of Granbury, Memorial Lane, embraces a unique setting that honors firefighters, all military branches and all first responders in the same location. Sculptures created by renowned local artists make this memorial park spectacular — a place you don't want to miss.

Another Granbury experience takes some back to childhood. Still in operation, the historic Brazos Drive-In stays open most of the year. Showing current movies, they charge by the carload. While the concession stand creates yummy treats, they allow families to bring in food and beverages. Be sure to pack your lawn chairs or sit in the old-fashioned metal variety under a covered area. In colder weather, you might want a blanket or two.

Every last Saturday night of the month, art galleries stay open late. The second Saturday, designated as Ladies Night Out, also keeps things hopping later in the evening. Every weekend, multiple places in town offer live music, including those on the square and all over town.

While you're in Granbury, be sure to visit the multiple wineries, breweries and distilleries. Most provide entertainment, and some offer tours. Whether you come for a week or a weekend, you'll find plenty to do. Chances are, you might want to return often. **NOW**

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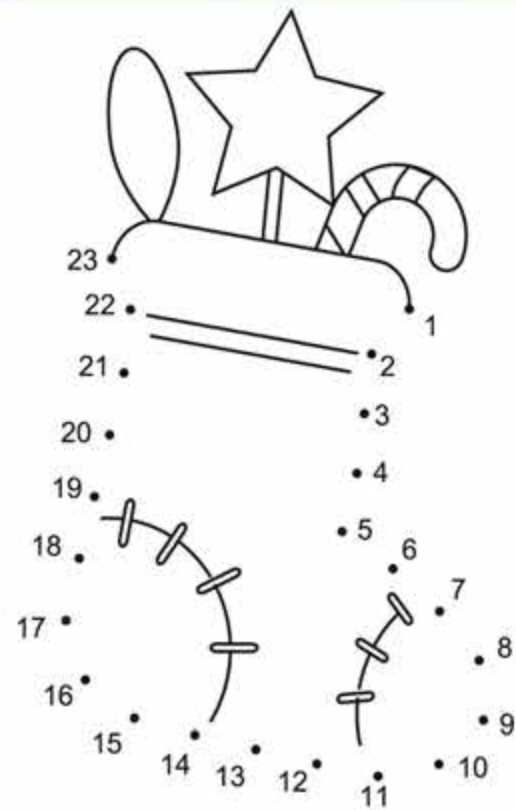
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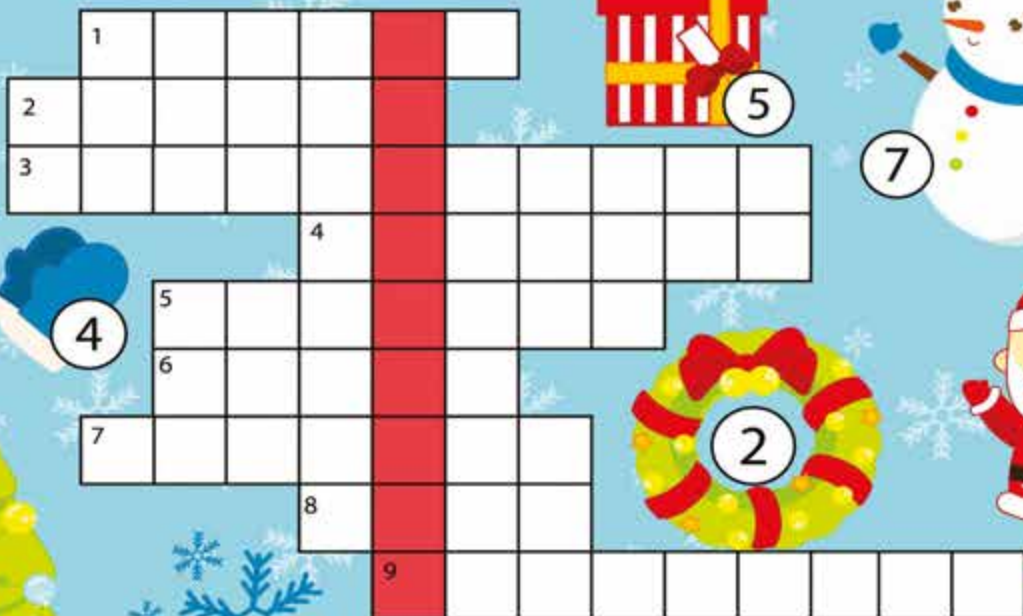
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SOLUTION: NORTH POLE



## Crossword



Answer: 1- spruce; 2-wreath; 3-gingerbread; 4-mittens; 5-present; 6-santa; 7-snowman; 8-cane; 9-snowflake

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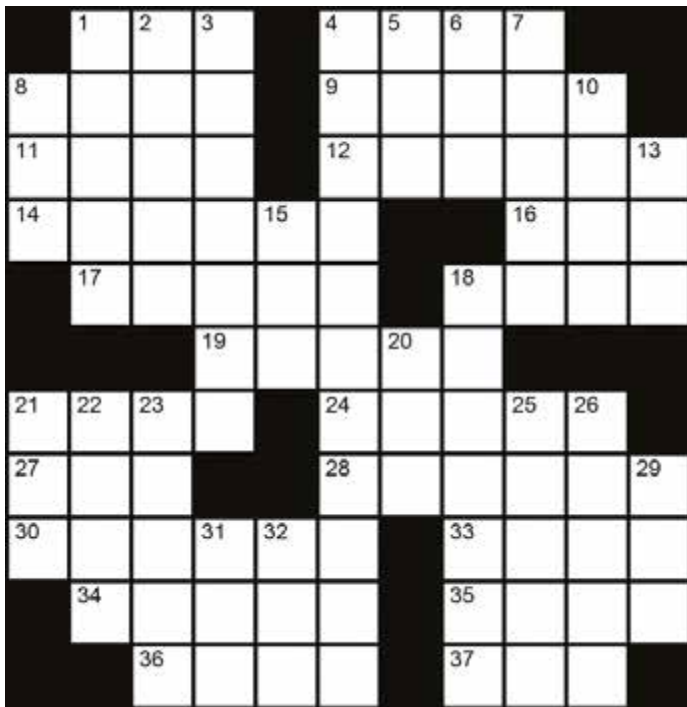
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|------------------------------------|--|
| 1 Fortify                          | 1 Proof of being elsewhere               |
| 4 Turnpike fee                     | 2 Staggers                               |
| 8 Entreaty                         | 3 Nuts                                   |
| 9 Creative flashes                 | 4 Item exhumed years after burial        |
| 11 Claim on a property             | 5 Lyric poem                             |
| 12 Where Muhammad went after Mecca | 6 Took control                           |
| 14 Legally bind                    | 7 Scottish landowner                     |
| 16 Floor covering                  | 8 Org. once led by Arafat                |
| 17 Son of Abraham                  | 10 Cozy                                  |
| 18 Verge                           | 13 Period of human life                  |
| 19 Shows approval                  | 15 Hoedown female                        |
| 21 Apple pie makers                | 18 Spirit                                |
| 24 Mexican moolah                  | 20 Cathedral fixture                     |
| 27 Org. with a flowery seal        | 21 School leader's degree                |
| 28 IKEA's homeland                 | 22 Golf tourney                          |
| 30 Eerie sense of recurrence       | 23 Kind of suit                          |
| 33 Short letter                    | 25 They're known to noses                |
| 34 Dynamite inventor               | 26 Organization                          |
| 35 Yucky buildup                   | 29 "Game of Thrones" patriarch --- Stark |
| 36 Charge per unit                 | 31 Lawyers' gp.                          |
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Medium

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### 12/7

#### **Santa's Breakfast:**

Breakfast with Santa includes pancakes, sausage, juice and coffee. Stop by Santa's workshop to make your own holiday crafts. See Santa himself in the winter wonderland and tell him your holiday wishes! Remember to bring your camera to capture the magical moments. 7:00-10:30 a.m., BRiCk, 550 NW Summercrest Blvd. (817) 426-9106.

#### **Christmas at the Library:**

Create ornaments re-using and recycling craft materials to decorate the Library Christmas tree or to take home. Decorate cookies, enjoy Christmas music and refreshments. There will also be chances to win door prizes. Kick off your holiday season with a good time! 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave. For more information, call (817) 426-9210.

#### **Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting and Fireworks:**

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### 12/9

#### **Burleson Area Retired School Employees Association:**

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### 12/13

#### **Carols & Cocoa:**

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### 12/14

#### **Christmas Craft Fair:**

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### 12/21

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### 1/4

#### **BRiCk Member Appreciation Day:**

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Easy

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Medium

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