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Merry Christmas!

During these busy and brisk days, I'm enjoying a couple of hours daily crocheting some fun items and cross-stitching a quilt top for my youngest granddaughter. Those warm items just didn't feel comfortable in my lap during our recent heat advisory days, but now they are a nice way to relax during evenings while watching traditional and new holiday-themed TV shows.

In our spare moments, my sisters and I are busy scanning the many letters and photos my mother saved from both her side and my dad's side of the family. Since both of my parents had no siblings, they inherited everything from generations of ancestors. Tintypes and old photos, letters and postcards and an immense stamp collection speak to us today of older times. Remarkably, the photos have come through well after having been stored in attic trunks! We have wondered, too, while going through so many personal papers, what it's going to be like for future generations, since most of us no longer write a letter, postcard or thank you note. Some of the letters are truly history told in first person. Will future generations read everything stored in the "cloud" or will it all have been deleted without thought?

My family will gather for the holidays and spend time trying to remember all the many card games we played long ago. Many decks of cards and ash trays are the remnants of my parents' days of bridge, canasta, spades and gin rummy.

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Christmas magic pops from every corner of Steve and Terri Mitchell's home, as family and friends are surrounded by Santas, nutcrackers and mischievous elves of all sizes. Steve just might, once again, even step into Santa's shoes. Bob Phillips of Texas Country Reporter fame must have been thinking of Steve when he said, "There are three stages of man: He believes in Santa Claus; he does not believe in Santa Claus; he is Santa Claus."

"I've collected more than 100 Santas," Terri said, "and then Steve agreed to be Santa for the kids at the College Park Mall and at home. I finally got my very own live Santa! The magic happened when the suit went on. He did it for several years, and we've lived here long enough that he knew many of the children's names and something about them. Our son was Steve's elf. Those times were so special."

A Michigan native, Steve moved to Corsicana in 1986 and owned their home before meeting Terri in Atlanta, Georgia, when both were working at trade shows — glass for him and retail for her. "He convinced me to come to Texas after a 12-month, long-distance relationship," Terri recalled.

"We had a lot in common," Terri explained. "Steve's Scottish, and I'm Sicilian, but we're both Catholic and share a lot of the

same family traditions. We had three kids each, so we became the Mitchell Bunch, not the Brady Bunch."

The couple recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on a Bahamian cruise with several of their children and grandchildren. They have 13 grandchildren, and with spouses, the immediate family now numbers 27, along with rescue dog, Mac.

The Mitchell Bunch set about making the home theirs. "We love cooking and family gatherings, so our home needed some remodeling," Terri explained. "I drew the plans, and we gutted the entire house while living in it.

"Steve's been very patient! People were hired to do some of the work while we did the stripping and painting. All the kids were involved, and they learned so much. They have such an appreciation for each other, and they are an amazingly close blended family. They have positive attitudes, beautiful smiles and great work ethic. My inspiration has come from a cousin born with no arms, but he has a can-do attitude."

Terri, Navarro College's bookstore manager, appreciates Corsicana. "Canton is nearby, and I love the people, small shops and antique stores in Corsicana." It was a plus that she could finish her higher education goals locally. Terri enjoys painting on canvas, a pastime she's shared with the kids and now grandkids. Both Terri and Steve like traveling to far-flung places. When he's not traveling with his job, Steve enjoys playing relaxing rounds of golf and watching his grandson



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— By Virginia Riddle



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practice for the golf team at the Corsicana Country Club. "This is a great place to raise kids. Moving from life in the Detroit area to Corsicana, I didn't know if I would adjust to the small-town life, but here I still am, and I love it," he remarked.

"Our pride and joy at home is the outdoor kitchen and pool," Terri said. "When we moved here, the kids were between ages 5 to 17. We've watched them grow up with their friends, as they gathered to swim or before or after events. Steve's the barbecuer. We like to gather in our staycation pool area that we landscaped ourselves." A blending of the couple's two cultures, plus a bit of Texan decor lends a backdrop to Steve's Christmas-Grinch-like humorously unsuccessful attempt to string holiday lights.

On Christmas Eve, the family pours through the exterior leaded glass mahogany doors, guided by the flickering gas porch lights. "The doors are a reminder of my parents' home in Mississippi, and my cane collection is ready for use whenever we might need it," Terri quipped.

The guys gather in the back den to watch sports, and the ladies enjoy the family room with its fireplace and no television. "I wanted this room to be for visiting and laughter," Terri said. "The family room is special because Steve and I renewed our vows there on our 20th anniversary with the family present. I'm very big on traditions and find English and Italian antiques comfortable and inviting."

The galley-style kitchen buzzes busily during gatherings. Its tile floor, like





the scored concrete and wood floors throughout the home, is practical and beautiful. Terri made all the garlands that decorate each room, including the one on an antique bookcase that came from an old CISD school.

Steve's study is decorated with a Christmas tree loaded with treasures and comfortable throws across antique chairs. "This is a cozy, very Old-World place for us to sit and work," Terri said.

The formal dining room's table expands exponentially when needed. "The antique hardware cabinet was my first antique purchase when I was 18 years old," Terri said. "I used it in my decorating and gift shop business that I opened on my 20th birthday"

The couple's master bedroom is a relaxing retreat with its fireplace and French windows and doors leading to a private courtyard. Chairs with musical carvings and two special family paintings — one of Steve and his two brothers, the other of Terri and her two sisters — are treasures from the couple's moms. A son-in-law did the master bath's stonework, and its brass sinks and mirrors are from Mississippi.

Stairs lead to an upstairs guest bedroom suite with its own balcony. Small Christmas trees stand in guest bedrooms, along with larger trees in most of the home's gathering rooms. Two guest baths, one located strategically for wet folks coming in from the pool, were part of Terri's master plan.

Mac, often the "doggie in the window" awaiting his family's arrival, will be anticipating Santa's "Ho, ho ho!" on Christmas Eve. And the next day, Terri smiled as she recalled past Christmas morns, "We love to see the grandchildren's faces light up as they share what Santa brought. I love Christmas!" **NOW**



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Jimmy and Tammy Parham and the 31 Kings Motorcycle Club started collecting bicycles for Corsicana children in 2000. "Everywhere we went, kids would come around admiring our motorcycles. We decided we wanted to try to make a difference in these kids' lives. We thought about different kinds of toys, but we could not decide what kind of toys, and we were looking at a pretty wide age range of kids. We decided on bicycles because every kid likes a bike. That first year, we gave away 25 bicycles," Jimmy remembered.

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Brian was Jimmy's neighbor when the motorcycle club ran with the idea. Jimmy recalled with laughter that Brian called himself the 32nd King, but he could not join the club without a motorcycle. One year, Jimmy specifically asked Brian to help, so he could understand the joy associated with the project. Jimmy and his wife had moved to Grand Prairie but wanted to see the project continue. At the end of one week, Jimmy called Brian and told him he had raised \$2,000, and he wanted Brian to go with him to purchase some bikes. Later, Jimmy called Brian again and Brian had raised \$2,500. He understood the joy.

"Seeing the happiness in the kids' faces is what keeps the project going," both men agreed. "With my move to Grand Prairie, Brian has overseen the project for the past eight years. He does a great job, and it would not be the success that it is without his leadership," Jimmy related. "He has a natural knack for meeting with donors and other volunteers. My work schedule is flexible enough that I can still come down and help, but Brian really drives this thing."

Through the years, the community has actively supported the project. "Community National Bank and Trust is a major sponsor every year, but if we tried to name all of the businesses and individuals that help, there would not be room in the article. The Cowboy Church lets us take over their building for the pizza party we have for the kids to present them with their new bikes. Pastor Derek Rogers loves the event, and last year, he helped distribute the bikes that were not picked up at the church. My entire church is on board with this event," Brian offered.





Bikes From Santa depends on area school counselors to determine the recipients of the new bikes. The group understands that without the donations, many of these children would not experience much joy at Christmas. In addition to the bikes, the group provides gift cards for other family members who are not included in the bicycle giveaway. "Sometimes, there will be three kids in a family who will be getting a new bike, but there are actually five siblings," Brian shared.

The group has grown over the past 20 years. Last year, they raised almost \$40,000 and gave away 655 bikes, numerous gift cards and fed a host of families from 350 pizzas at The Cowboy Church bike presentation. That is a long way from the first year when they gave away 25 bicycles. About three years ago, Bikes From Santa officially became a nonprofit organization with 501(c)(3) status. The group also has received the Corsicana ISD Superintendent's "C Award," which is based on four C's — Character, Commitment, Compassion and Courage.

"We have often said we were going to cut back on the number of bikes we give away, and we sometimes set smaller goals than we actually achieved the year before, but somehow it just keeps growing," Brian mused. "People speak of the 'booming economy,' but there are always families that have a genuine need, especially at Christmas."

Moore's poem, also known as "The Night Before Christmas," closes with, "But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, 'Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!'" Moore must have been writing about Bikes From Santa. **NOW**

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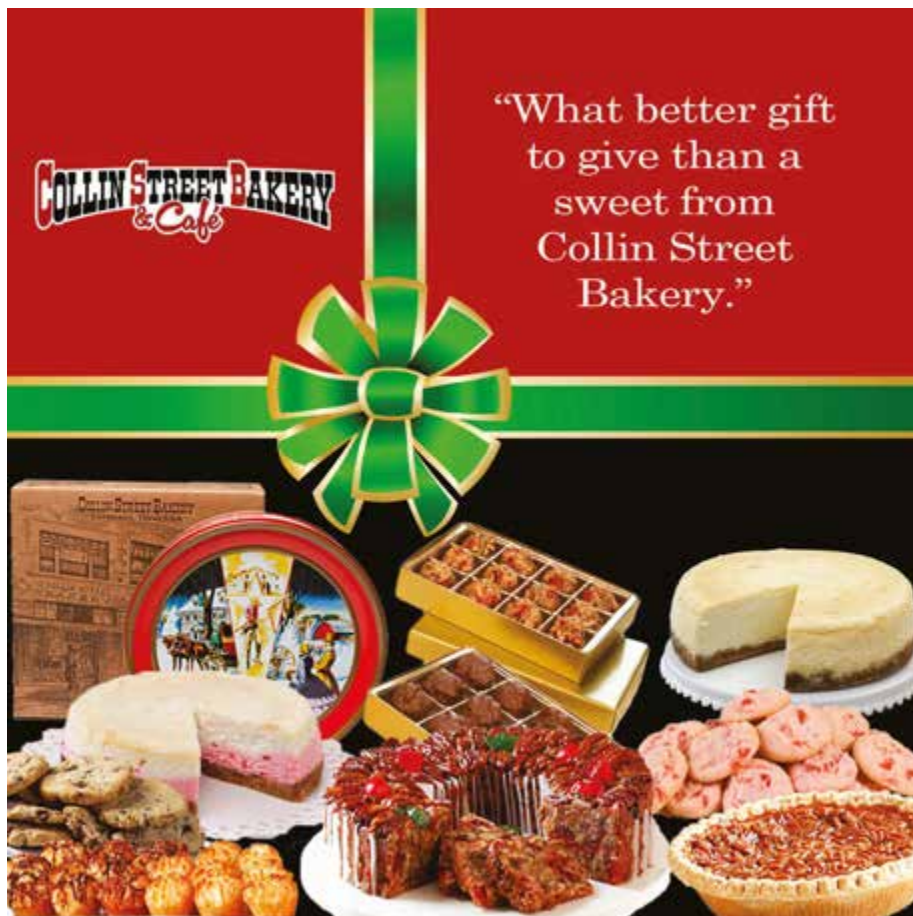
Pedro, quite the entrepreneur, was born in Mexico and came to the United States when he was 16 years old. "I started working on transmissions in 1987 and was an honor graduate of the ATI Career Training Center in Dallas in 1989," Pedro remembered. "I saw the need and opportunities in Corsicana and moved here after working in Dallas first."

A previous owner of La Tiendita Meat Market, Pedro added, "I also do custom ranch work for myself and others. I remember going to automotive school. I look back on those hard times and know my family has come a long way. It's very rewarding."

Both businesses are members of the Corsicana & Navarro County Chamber of Commerce, and Pedro wishes to get more involved in the community. "Right now, we're still building the event center business and working long hours, but I can see the light at the end of the tunnel when we'll have more time to volunteer," he offered.

Just as in his businesses, Pedro enjoys spending any spare moments with family. "I've coached my sons' soccer teams, and we visit family in Mexico when the kids' schedules allow," he said.

Hard work and training pay off. Pedro offered his recipe for success, "Everything starts with an idea, but if you don't put it into action, it doesn't happen. You have to figure out what you need to accomplish the idea or dream, and then stay focused to the end goal." **NOW**



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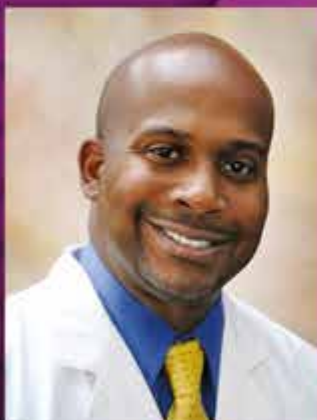
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Zoomed In: Susan Copeland

By Virginia Riddle

Susan Copeland, her husband, Craig, and their son, Michael, built their home on Lake Richland Chambers 11 years ago. They loved life there so much, her in-laws moved in “across the way.” “Mildred ISD is good, and Michael could be in a class of 64 freshmen instead of more than 900 in the Metroplex,” Susan said. Although retired now, she served as an OR nurse after graduating from Texas Woman’s University.

“Didlin’ stuff” is Susan’s description of her quilting, reading, colored pencil drawings and painting hobbies. She’s traveled throughout Europe and to Egypt, Turkey and Russia. She’s a member of both Corsicana Newcomers Club and Piecemakers’ Quilt Guild and a CISD mentor.

“I like to help out,” she said. “We love the people and watching the galaxy and fishing from our backyard. I’m truly blessed.”



Rawl Barrera and his son, Vicente, celebrate the Halloween Comic Fest 2019 with Nic Davidson of Oil Town Comics.



Gladys Espenson demonstrates stained glass cutting during the Corsicana Artist Studio Tour.



Courtney Prater and the Sidekicks perform during Out on the Porch night at Pioneer Village.



Local Corsicana folks attend the screening of *Burying Yasmien* out at Schulman’s Movie Bowl Grille.



CPD officers Todd Morris and Kevin Bailey are honored at a first responders appreciation breakfast.



The hayride is popular with ghosties and goblins at Boo on the Block.



Volunteers and staff welcome Sonya Terpening, awards juror for The Pearce Museum's American Plains Artists Exhibit.



Judy Parten, with her "Devil Dog," Popeye; Stacy McCreary; and Chrystal Pitman of Lucky 7 Kennels visit during the Trick or Treat by Humane Society of Navarro County.

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— By Virginia Riddle



Inspired by women in her family, Brett Schmidt said, “I’ve learned from the best in the best way — by doing.” From Christmas cookies baked with her mom to her great-grandmother’s dressing and her father-in-law’s sauerkraut served during the holidays, Brett acknowledges food is a tradition. “Food brings back memories of loved ones passed and serves as a tangible and delicious connection to ancestors.”

A Frost native and farm girl, Brett is the music and theater teacher at James L. Collins Catholic School. She and her husband, R.W. Schmidt, are writing and illustrating, respectively, a cookbook to be published soon. Sharing recipes and cooking for friends and family brings joy to Brett, who added, “I now enjoy having my kids, James (4) and Emilia (2) help me in the kitchen.” **NOW**

Cranberry Scone With Orange Glaze

Scones:

Parchment paper

2 cups flour, sifted

1/2 tsp. salt

1 Tbsp. granulated sugar

4 tsp. baking powder

4 Tbsp. cold butter, cubed
3/4 cup dried cranberries
2 eggs (divided use)
3/4 cup milk (divided use)
Flour, for dusting

Glaze:

Zest of 1 orange

3/4 cup powdered sugar

Juice of 1 orange, as needed

1. *For scones:* Preheat oven to 375 F; line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, sift together flour, salt, sugar and baking powder.
3. With hands or a pastry blender, combine butter into flour mixture until it is crumbly; add cranberries.
4. In a small bowl, beat 1 egg; add half of the milk. Add egg mixture to flour mixture, adding more milk, if necessary, to make a soft dough that’s not sticky or too wet.
5. Turn dough onto a floured surface; shape, pressing out the dough to about 1-inch thickness.
6. With circular cookie cutters, cut out dough; place scones on the baking sheet. Gather dough, repeating this process.
7. In another bowl, beat remaining egg; brush scones with egg before baking for 10-13 minutes. Let cool a few minutes prior to glazing.
8. *For glaze:* Mix zest and sugar; slowly add the orange juice until desired consistency is reached, usually about like peanut butter.

Gingerbread Man Snaps With Royal Icing (as named by son, James)

Makes 5 dozen plain or iced snaps.

Snaps:

Parchment paper
3/4 cup vegetable shortening
1 cup sugar
1/2 tsp. salt
1 large egg
1/3 cup molasses
2 1/3 cups flour
2 tsp. baking soda
2 tsp. ground ginger
1 tsp. ground cinnamon
1/2 tsp. nutmeg
1/2 tsp. ground black pepper

Royal Icing:

1 egg white
2 cups powdered sugar
1/2 tsp. vanilla

1. Preheat oven to 375 F; line a baking sheet with parchment paper.
2. Cream the shortening, sugar and salt together; add the egg and molasses.
3. In a separate bowl, combine the flour, baking soda and spices. Add dry mixture to shortening mixture, 1/2 cup at a time, to make a sturdy dough.
4. Turn the dough out onto a floured surface; roll it out until it's about the thickness of a quarter, ensuring a "snap." Cut into desired shape with 2-inch round cookie cutters.
5. Place snaps on the baking sheet; bake for 9 minutes. Cool.
6. For icing: Beat the egg white until frothy; add sugar, gradually, whisking continuously for 5-7 minutes until glossy.
7. Whisk in vanilla. Note: For a thicker consistency, add more powdered sugar. For thinner consistency, add 1 tsp. water.

Cherry Icebox Cake

Note: Inspired by Collin Street Bakery's Cherry Icebox Cookies.

Cake:

3 cups all-purpose flour
3 cups sugar
1 1/2 tsp. baking powder
1 1/2 tsp. salt
3/8 tsp. baking soda
1 1/2 cups water
1 1/2 cups butter, cubed
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 4 cups powdered sugar (divided use)
 1/2 tsp. vanilla extract
 1/2 tsp. cherry extract
 2-3 Tbsp. milk (divided use)
 Dash of salt
 Maraschino cherries, for garnish
 Nuts, chopped, for garnish



Cherry Icebox Cake

1. For cake: Preheat oven to 350 F; butter and flour two 8x2-inch round cake pans.
2. In a large bowl, combine flour, sugar, baking powder, salt and baking soda; set aside.
3. In a saucepan over medium heat, combine water and butter until mixture comes to a boil; remove.
4. In a small bowl, combine eggs, sour cream and extracts; beat with a fork until mixture is smooth.
5. Slowly add the butter mixture to the dry, flour mixture. Wait a minute before adding egg mixture. Add cherries and food coloring to the batter.
6. Drop 3 cups of batter into each prepared cake pan. Bake 25 minutes; cool completely.

7. For frosting: Cream butter and Crisco; gradually add half the sugar.
8. Add extracts and half of the milk; continue to beat. Add remaining sugar, milk and salt. Note: To alter the consistency, add more milk to thin or more sugar to thicken.
9. Add a crumb coat to cooled cake. Let cake set in refrigerator for 30 minutes before adding the final frosting layer. Garnish with maraschino cherries and nuts to taste.

Madeleine Cookies

Makes 2 dozen and can be made 1 day ahead.

2 large eggs
 2/3 cup sugar

1 tsp. vanilla
 1/2 tsp. lemon peel, grated
 Pinch of salt
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 10 Tbsp. unsalted butter, melted and cooled slightly
 Powdered sugar, to taste

1. Preheat oven to 375 F. Generously butter and flour large madeleine pan.
2. In a large bowl, beat the eggs and sugar; beat in vanilla, lemon peel and salt. Add the flour gradually, beating until blended. Slowly add butter in a steady stream until just blended.
3. Spoon 1 Tbsp. batter into each pan indentation. Bake 10-16 minutes, until puffed and browned. Cool 5 minutes; gently remove from pan.
4. Repeat the process, buttering and flouring the pan before each batch. Dust cookies with powdered sugar.

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— By Lisa Bell

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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.

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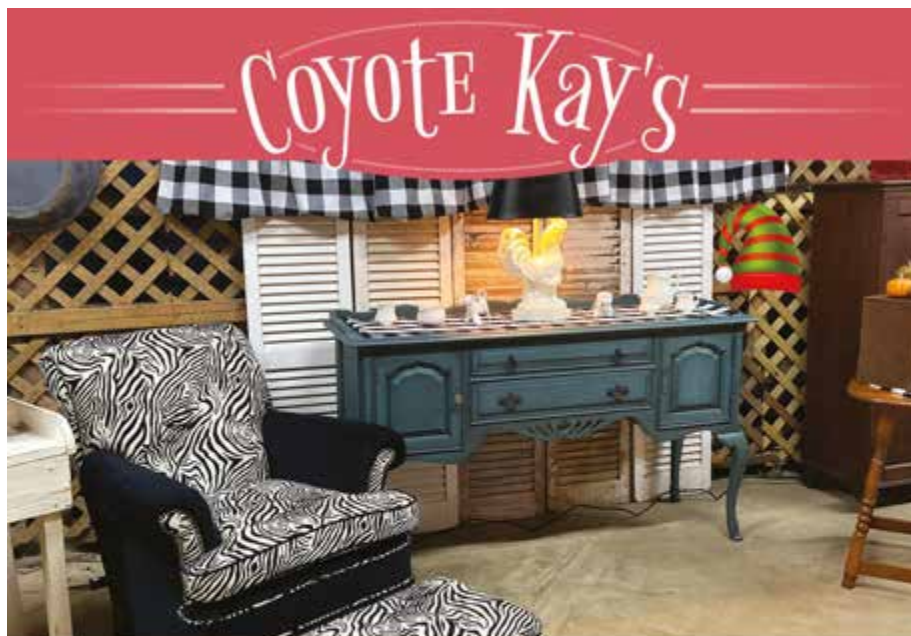
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In Shanley Park, the city creates a wonderland of lights for the season. Drive down Bridge St. and Dove Hollow Rd. for dazzling displays timed to music. Year-round, Granbury's parks give families plenty of opportunities to get outside. With about 10 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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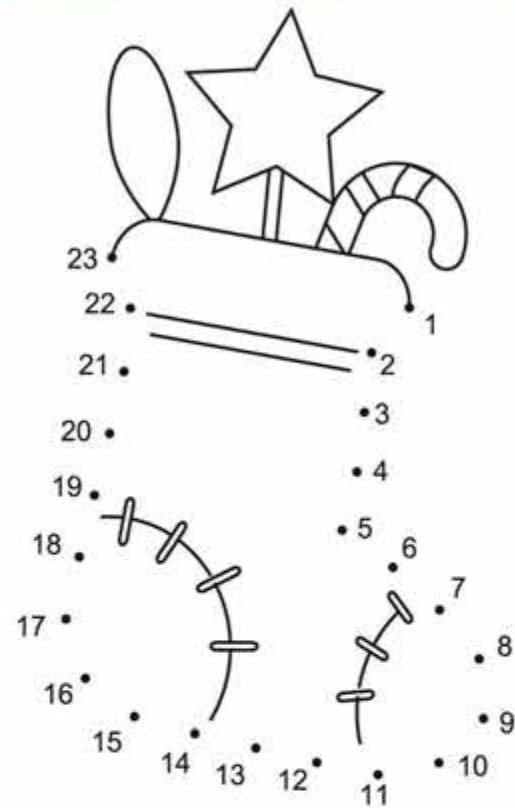
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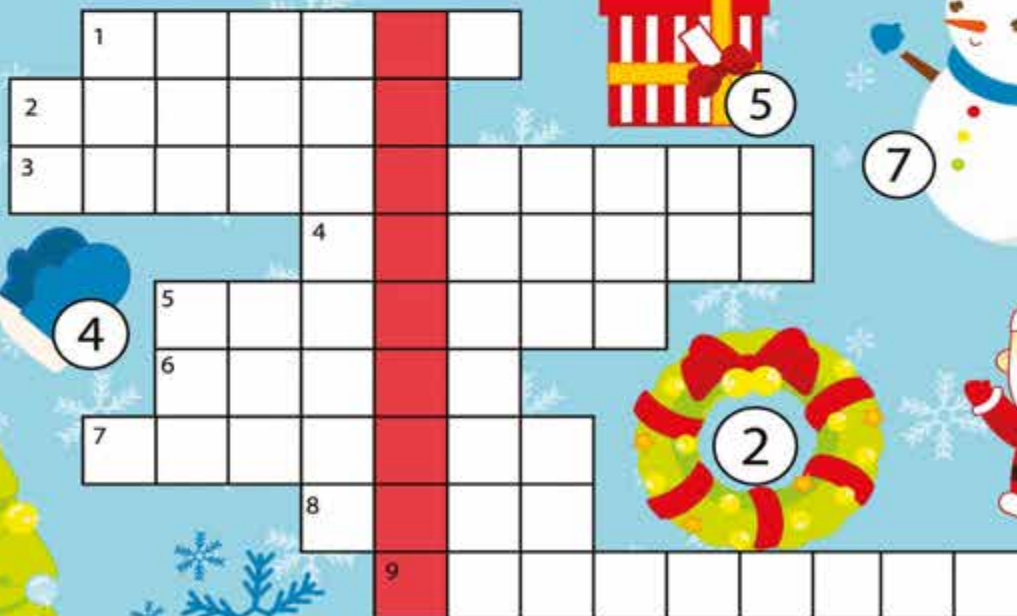
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SOLUTION: NORTH POLE

Crossword



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

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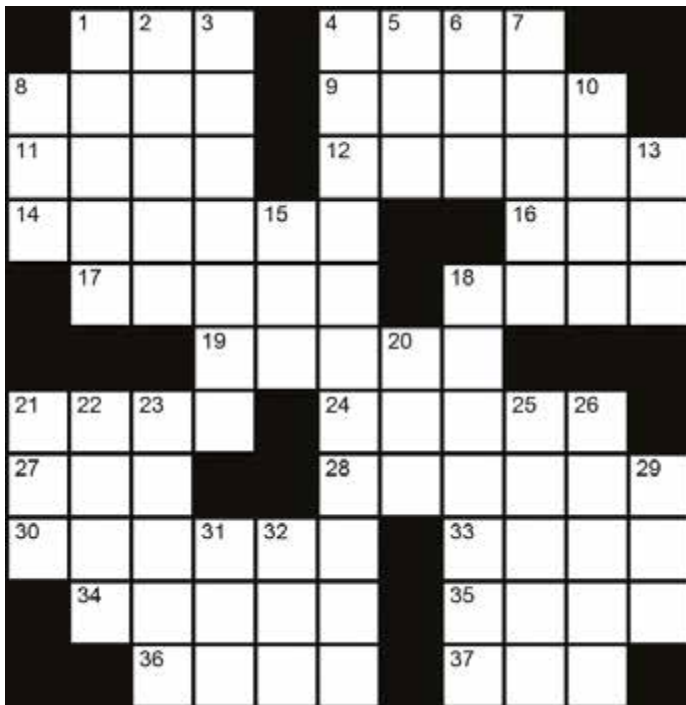
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- 4 Turnpike fee
- 8 Entreaty
- 9 Creative flashes
- 11 Claim on a property
- 12 Where Muhammad went after Mecca
- 14 Legally bind
- 16 Floor covering
- 17 Son of Abraham
- 18 Verge
- 19 Shows approval
- 21 Apple pie makers
- 24 Mexican moolah
- 27 Org. with a flowery seal
- 28 IKEA's homeland
- 30 Eerie sense of recurrence
- 33 Short letter
- 34 Dynamite inventor
- 35 Yucky buildup
- 36 Charge per unit
- 37 Psychic "gift"

Down

- 1 Proof of being elsewhere
- 2 Staggers
- 3 Nuts
- 4 Item exhumed years after burial
- 5 Lyric poem
- 6 Took control
- 7 Scottish landowner
- 8 Org. once led by Arafat
- 10 Cozy
- 13 Period of human life
- 15 Hoedown female
- 18 Spirit
- 20 Cathedral fixture
- 21 School leader's degree
- 22 Golf tourney
- 23 Kind of suit
- 25 They're known to noses
- 26 Organization
- 29 "Game of Thrones" patriarch --- Stark
- 31 Lawyers' gp.
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	1				8		5	
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	7			6				
4			3	1	5		7	
			6					4

Medium

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	3							
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12/3

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12/5

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12/7

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12/9

Cookie Exchange:

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a copy of your recipe. Leave
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12/12

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12/13

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12/20

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Medium

7	8	2	5	6	3	9	1	4
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6	9	3	7	8	2	5	4	1
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