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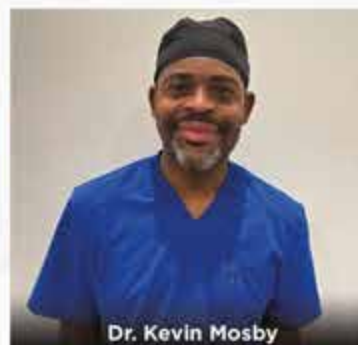
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Haul out the holly!

If you celebrate Christmas and don't have your decorations out by now, I don't know what you're doing! There's something so serene about sitting in the warm light of the Christmas tree. It puts me in a festive mood just thinking about it. Admittedly, my Christmas decoration collection is a bit abysmal, since I moved out of my parent's house last year. My home doesn't feel nearly as much like a winter wonderland during December like it did with my mother's reserve of Christmas knickknacks and trimmings. Granted, I lack the storage space for a vast amount of trinkets.

This season, I'm planning on crafting decor to fill my space. If you're in a similar predicament, you can, too! Some simple things to make and decorate are colorful paper chains, popcorn or dried orange



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garlands, paper snowflakes and gingerbread house kits. If you enjoy nature walks, you can forage branches to create a wreath with floral wire and twine. Whatever you make, I'm sure it'll look great!

Merry decorating!

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At Home With Sherry and Danny Mitchell

— By Emma McKay

The glow of artfully placed string lights warms the cozy living room of Sherry and Danny Mitchell. “Christmas means a lot to us as a couple,” Sherry said. Before they started dating 32 years ago, the two enjoyed decorating for Christmas with their families. Since then, that love for the holiday has grown, and their decorations have become an exhibit of their Decembers spent together. “My favorite one is when he asked me to marry him.”

On Christmas 2003, Danny proposed to Sherry. The two had been together for 11 years, and hadn’t planned on getting remarried. “His daughter, Hayley, was fixing to get married, and she was like, ‘I do not want to introduce her as my dad’s girlfriend. I want to introduce her as my stepmom,’” Sherry recounted.

Danny chuckled, “It’s kind of like we got a shotgun wedding.”

When they hosted the family Christmas gathering that year, after the gifts had been dispersed, Sherry recalled Danny announcing, “Wait a minute, I got you something else.” Hayley pulled out her phone to record them, as Danny revealed a little wrapped package. “Of course, I knew what it was,” Sherry admitted. “Anyway, then Hayley started yelling, ‘Get on your knee, Dad! Get on your knee!’ He was like, ‘You stay out of this.’ Later, he goes, ‘You never did answer me.’ I was like, ‘Well, you never did ask me!’” she laughed.

Starting November 1 of every year, the couple takes down the Halloween decorations that they put up in mid-September, then cleans the entire house to prepare it for the upcoming week of redecorating. While the two work on setting out poinsettias, hanging up seasonal pictures and placing homemade pillows, they graze on their favorite snacks and play Christmas movies on the television. “I like to start out with *A Charlie Brown Christmas*,” Danny shared.

Upon entering the living room, guests’ eyes might gravitate toward the wooden entertainment center, towering against the right wall, inside of which glowing scenes of Santas and snowmen depict yuletide cheer. Atop the entertainment center hangs a multicolored lit wreath, with a matching garland resting underneath. “I usually do that,” Sherry said. “It takes me forever, because I want it to look just so.”



Beloved Christmas movie characters, such as the Grinch, Frosty the Snowman and festively dressed Snoopys, stand at attention around the base of the entertainment center and the fireplace, waiting to entertain. "I bought [them] for the grandkids," Danny said. "We decorate like kids still live here."

Over the mantel presides their stuffed deer, donned in festive jingle bells and a Santa hat. On either side of the deer hang stockings Sherry sewed from scrap material Danny had kept in his attic. "I love the different stuff that his daughter and my son made," Sherry said. "I think that's my favorite — the homemade stuff." At the center of the mantel rests a fabric snowman couple Hayley crafted. The two wear complementary white hats with holly berries sewn on the brims. At the base of the fireplace rests a large, stuffed reindeer, flanked by two smaller stuffed reindeer, sitting in little wagons with evergreens carved in the sides. "His mother gave us these

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little wagons, and they weren't painted." Danny's sister-in-law gave life to them by painting the wagons red and green.

Separating the living room from the dining room stands their 40-year-old Christmas tree. With its tinsel garland, plethora of presents and angel perched on top, the tree appears to have stepped straight out of a greeting card. "My parents always decorated for Christmas. My dad would put lights outside and decorate a tree every year. So, I continued that. Of course, ours is a lot bigger and better," Danny boasted. Many of the ornaments adorning the limbs were made by Danny's

ex-wife; Hayley; Sherry's son, Donny; and her granddaughter, Reagan.

"My granddaughter made us a snowman paper plate," Sherry added. "And it says, *Merry Christmas, Nana and Danny.*" Having gotten used to calling him by his first name, Sherry's grandkids refuse to call him anything else, even after the couple got married.

In the kitchen, jolly Santas, seasonal mugs and gingerbread people line the countertops. "We just started doing the gingerbread stuff a couple years ago," Sherry said, showing off the gingerbread man and gingerbread woman hangers on the refrigerator door handles. "I'm out of room to put stuff. Whenever I get ready to cook, I have to start cleaning all the counters off!"

Each December, Sherry spends several days in the kitchen, preparing for Christmas celebrations with their families, much to Danny's excitement. "She makes a lot of good food, and I have to be the taster for all of it!"

"At Christmastime, I make everybody their favorite dish. When his daughter and them are coming in, they have to have the cherry dump. It's cherry pie filling and

pineapple, then cake mix on top. I make chocolate popcorn with white chocolate. His daughter and them eat gluten-free. So, I have to make all gluten-free stuff," she explained. "Now, my kids, they like the chocolate pie I make. There's a new candy that I started making that they love. It's with Ritz crackers, and it's like a brittle candy." She even makes enough sweets to share with the neighbors.

As they leave, a table in the entryway reminds guests of the reason for the season. The wooden console table with ornately carved, curved legs holds various depictions of the nativity story made from white glass, painted carvings and even snow globes. Framed scenes in cold blues and warm oranges, give viewers a glimpse of the story of Jesus' birth.

Once the festivities have concluded, they pull out the storage boxes and put away the decorations. "We usually start taking them down the day after Christmas. Then, after we've taken them down, we're like, 'Oh, man, look how dull it looks in here,'" Sherry said. Despite the heartache of putting Christmas away, the couple knows that come mid-September, they'll get to start decorating again. **NOW**

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Unlike many other assisted living communities, Mustang Creek is not an apartment-style senior living community. Instead, the campus is comprised of six residential houses:

four assisted living and two secured, licensed memory care homes. Each house has a kitchen, a living room and 16 bedrooms and bathrooms. “Instead of being a large building where people get lost in the shuffle, we’re as cozy and as close as you could get to being at home,” stated Lynette Wyatt, executive director of the Burleson location, who has worked in senior care for 35 years.

“Residents and families have a lot of fear about going into assisted living. But when they see our homes, they feel at home,” Renee explained. “It doesn’t feel like they’re moving into an institution. It feels like they’re in a home just getting additional care.

“Part of our mission is to be affordable and simple for our customers,” she continued. “We have a flat rate that’s unusual in assisted living. By having essentially the same type of floor plans, we’re able to have a very simple pricing structure for our customers.”

Mustang Creek goes the extra mile, when providing for the well-being of its residents. Their dietitian creates a

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For their memory care residents, they send out a detailed questionnaire to the families, so they can learn what their residents’ day-to-day lives look like and adjust the care they provide to accommodate them. “A lot of the families appreciate that we want to know the details of their loved one’s life,” Lynette added. “We try to keep their life as normal as possible.” Some of the mindful accommodations available for memory loss residents include meals tailored to those who cannot hold utensils and hydro jet tubs for those intimidated by showers.

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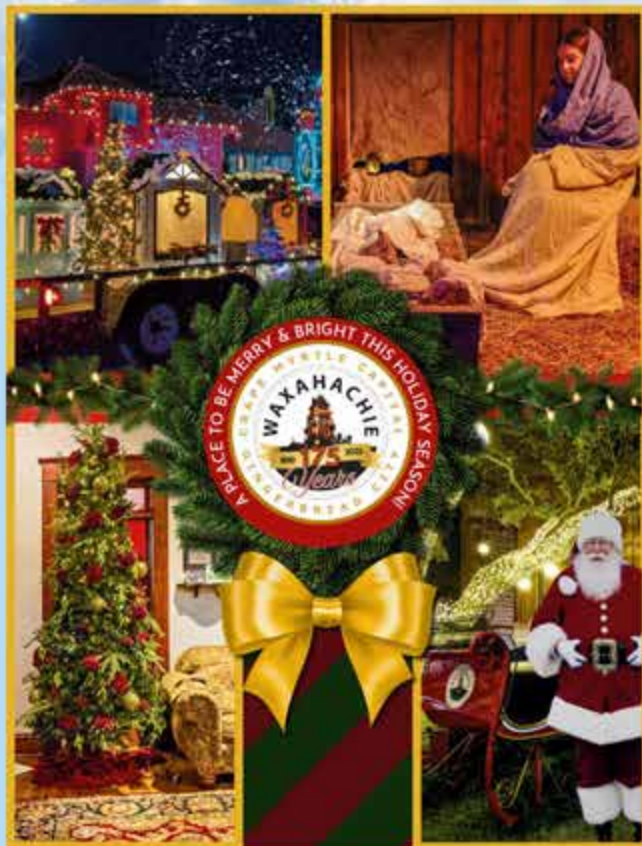
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“It doesn’t matter how old you are, we all want purpose,” Renee explained. “Purpose can be just being a friend to somebody, but it also can be helping in the kitchen, which they can do at Mustang Creek.” Since each home holds a residential kitchen, residents may set the table or help with meal service if they wish.

Whether it’s to feel at home, to feel seen or have purpose, the team at Mustang Creek Estates of Burleson hopes to provide it for you. “The residents, the care staff and the residents’ family members become one big family,” Lynette concluded. “It’s a community.” **NOW**

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By Emma McKay

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DECK-OUYPAGE THE HALLS

— By Emma McKay

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Ribbon

1. Carefully separate the layers of your napkins, discarding the blank layer.
2. Cut the napkins into 1-inch strips, long enough to wrap around the circumference of your ornament but not more. If your napkin has large images on it that you do not want broken up, you can use the creases in the napkin to help guide you into cutting it into fourths.
3. Remove the hangers from your ornaments.
4. Brush a thin layer of Mod Podge on the ornaments.
5. *For napkin strips:* Place one end of a napkin strip at the top of the ornament, then wrap it around the length of the ornament, making sure it adheres to the curve of the ball.
6. Rotate the ornament 90 degrees, then repeat Step 5. When looking at the bottom of the ornament, the napkins should make an X.
7. For the remaining blank space, either repeat Step 5 until the whole ornament is covered, or cut the strips of napkins to the size of those spaces and adhere them.
8. *For napkin fourths:* Place one corner at the top of the ornament, then carefully wrap the napkin around the rest of the ornament, making small folds to cover the whole thing.
9. Now that the whole ornament is covered, brush a layer of Mod Podge over

the napkins. You may need to adjust the material or add a little bit of Mod Podge under any folds to make it lie flat against the ornament's surface.

10. Let the ornament dry for a few hours.

11. Once the Mod Podge has completely dried, trim any excess material around the top of the ornament, so that the hanger will fit as you place it back on the ornament.

12. Tie a piece of ribbon into a bow on the loop of the hanger.

DECOPAGE CANDLES

Decorative napkins
Scissors
Electric or real cylinder candle
Flat paintbrush or painting sponge
Mod Podge
Craft glue (optional)
Ribbon, rhinestones or other decorative things (optional)

1. Carefully separate the layers of your napkins, discarding the blank layer.
2. Cut the napkins to the height and circumference (plus 1/4 inch) of your candle, or just cut out any large images that you want from the napkins to stick them on individually.
3. *For full coverage:* Brush a thin layer of Mod Podge over the candle.
4. Line up the edge of the napkin with the bottom of the candle, then carefully wrap it around the rest of the candle. Have the 1/4 inch extra length of napkin overlap the start of your napkin, so the candle is completely covered.
5. *For just the images:* Brush Mod Podge on the candle where you wish to place the image, then apply it to the candle. You can even treat this as a collage, using images from different napkins and overlapping images to create your own unique scene. When overlapping the napkins, be sure to give the first one that's Mod Podge down time to dry. Otherwise, the excess glue could tear the napkins.
6. Brush a layer of Mod Podge over the napkins, smoothing out the wrinkles as you go.
7. Let the candle dry for a few hours.
8. Once dried, you can glue ribbons, rhinestones or whatever crafting supplies you'd like to fill in any gaps or cover the rough edges of your napkins.
9. If you don't want to use Mod Podge on the candle, you can also apply the napkins using an iron or another handheld heat source. Just place the napkins where you want them, wrap the candle tightly in parchment paper, then on low heat, slowly work your iron around the candle. This melts the wax enough to bind to the napkin. Once the candle has cooled, you can remove the parchment paper and enjoy your new decoration! **NOW**



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CookingNOW IN THE KITCHEN WITH BELLA TITUS

— By Emma McKay



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Bella Titus began baking around the age of 4, when introduced to it by her grandmother. “It’s really kind of always been a part of my life because that’s how I connect with her. I was also encouraged by my great-aunt. We would bond over baking all the time.”

Now in high school, Bella uses baking to relieve stress. “I’ll often be in the kitchen to deal with negative feelings, baking a bunch of cookies.” She likes to share these treats with her friends. Bella feels a sense of connection with her friends when she sees them enjoy her baking. She wanted to share her recipes with the Burlson community, “So maybe they can have some of that enjoyment in their lives, too.” **NOW**

My Fudgey Brownies

- 1 cup unsalted butter, melted and cooled**
- 2 Tbsp. vegetable oil**
- 1 1/4 cups white sugar**
- 1 cup light brown sugar, packed**
- 4 large eggs, room temperature**
- 1 Tbsp. vanilla extract**
- 1 cup all-purpose flour**
- 1 cup unsweetened cocoa powder (higher quality the better)**
- 3/4 tsp. salt**
- 7 oz. large chocolate chips or roughly chopped chocolate bar (divided use)**

- 1.** Preheat the oven to 350 F
- 2.** Lightly grease an 8x12-inch baking pan

with cooking oil spray; then line the pan with parchment paper.

- 3.** Combine the butter, oil and sugars in a medium bowl, whisking well. Add the eggs and vanilla; beat until lighter in color.
- 4.** Sift in the flour, cocoa powder and salt. Gently fold in the dry ingredients until combined. (Do not overbeat; this will affect the texture of the brownies.)
- 5.** Fold in 3/4 of the chocolate pieces.
- 6.** Pour the batter into the prepared pan; smooth out the top evenly. Top with the remaining chocolate pieces.
- 7.** For “just under-done brownies,” bake for 25-30 minutes, or until the center no longer jiggles and is just set to the touch. Bake 35-40 minutes if you like your brownies well-done.

- 8.** Let sit for 15-20 minutes before removing from the pan.

The BEST Lattice Apple Pie

- 8 Tbsp. unsalted butter**
- 3 Tbsp. all-purpose flour**
- 1/4 cup, plus 1 Tbsp. water (divided use)**
- 1 cup granulated sugar**
- 2 1/4 lbs. Granny Smith apples (approximately 6-7 apples)**
- 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon**
- 2 piecrusts (Homemade or store bought, I recommend homemade.)**
- 1 egg**

- 1.** Preheat the oven to 425 F
- 2.** Melt the butter in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Whisk in the flour; simmer for 1 minute, whisking constantly. Whisk in 1/4-cup water and the sugar, bringing to boil. Reduce the heat; continue simmering for 3 minutes, whisking frequently, then remove from the heat.
- 3.** Peel, remove the cores and thinly slice the apples. It should be approximately 7 cups. Place in a large bowl. Sprinkle the top with the cinnamon; toss to combine. Pour the sauce over the apples; stir to coat.
- 4.** For homemade crust, roll out the bottom piecrust to 12 inches in diameter; wrap it around the rolling pin, and transfer it to a 9-inch pie plate. For pre-made piecrust, lay gently into the pie pan. Add the apple mixture, being careful not to get the filling on the edges.
- 5.** For the second piecrust, roll out to 11 inches; cut into 10 even strips using a pizza cutter. Arrange in a lattice pattern on top of the pie. Beat together the egg and 1 Tbsp. of water and brush over the top of the crust.
- 6.** Bake on the center of the rack for 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350 F; continue baking for another 45 minutes, or until the filling is bubbling through the vents of the crust. Rest at room temperature for 1 hour before serving.



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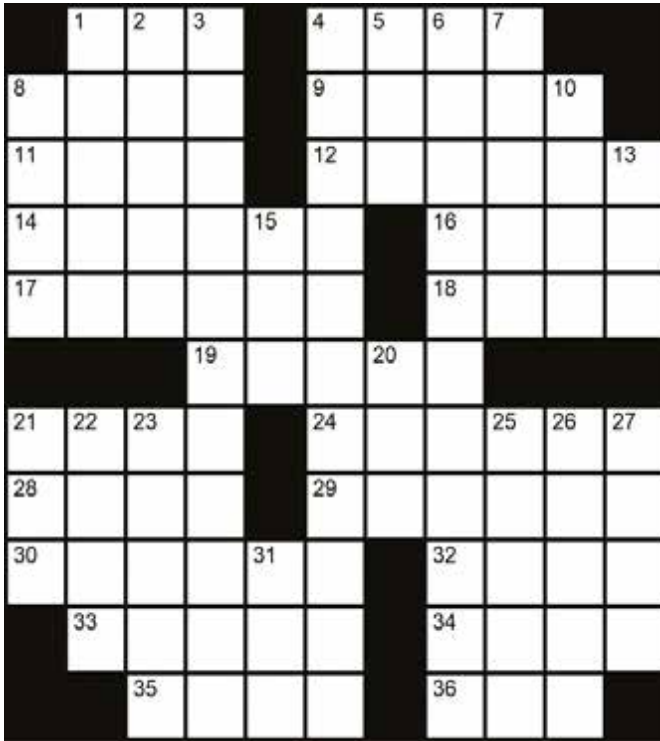
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Across

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- 4 Rover's reward
- 8 --- Battlefield Historic State Park
- 9 Blue ribbon, for example
- 11 --- Bradley, five-star General
- 12 "Pride and Prejudice" heroine Elizabeth ---
- 14 Acquire
- 16 Hi or 'bye in Italy
- 17 Where Dorothy was blown away
- 18 Quick sharp bark
- 19 Monica Lewinsky's former friend Linda ---
- 21 Former Russian ruler
- 24 Seismic event
- 28 "Before I forget ..."
- 29 "I Want ---!" (1958 Susan Hayward movie)
- 30 How trains run if they're on schedule
- 32 "Oily Oily --- free"
- 33 It has a World Series, like baseball
- 34 Kind of wave
- 35 Torn clothing
- 36 "--- a Heartache" (Bonnie Tyler song)

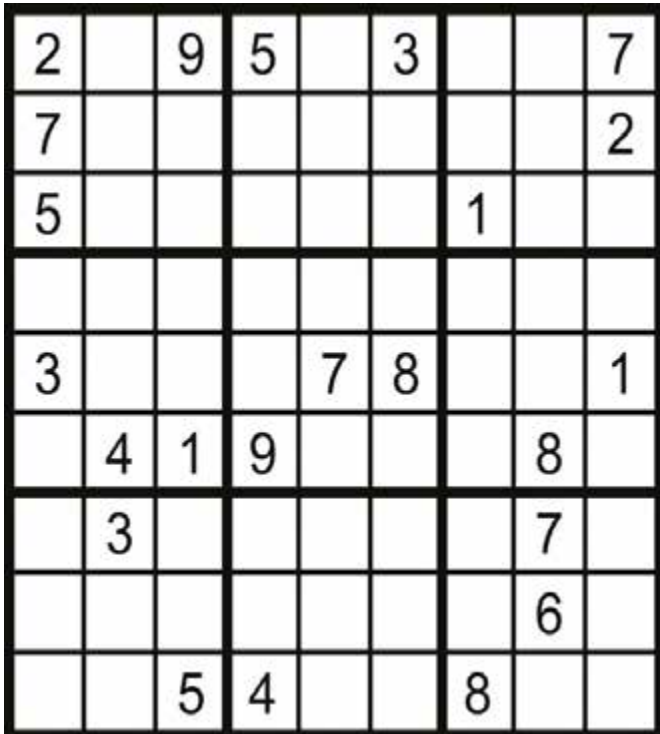
Down

- 1 Girl Scout cookie
- 2 "He's --- fool!"
- 3 1980s Soviet policy of reconstruction
- 4 Distributing tasty bribes gets home helps
- 5 "You --- it to yourself"
- 6 Nosy pelican flapped about in the House
- 7 Orange Sesame Street room-mate
- 8 Charging station
- 10 Distribute cards
- 13 Beat
- 15 Ingot
- 20 Sports moneymaker
- 21 Make lace
- 22 Farm fare
- 23 Mary --- of "The Maltese Falcon"
- 25 Start fighting
- 26 They take the cake
- 27 "Pandora's Box" painter --- Magritte
- 31 Eldest of the "Little Women"

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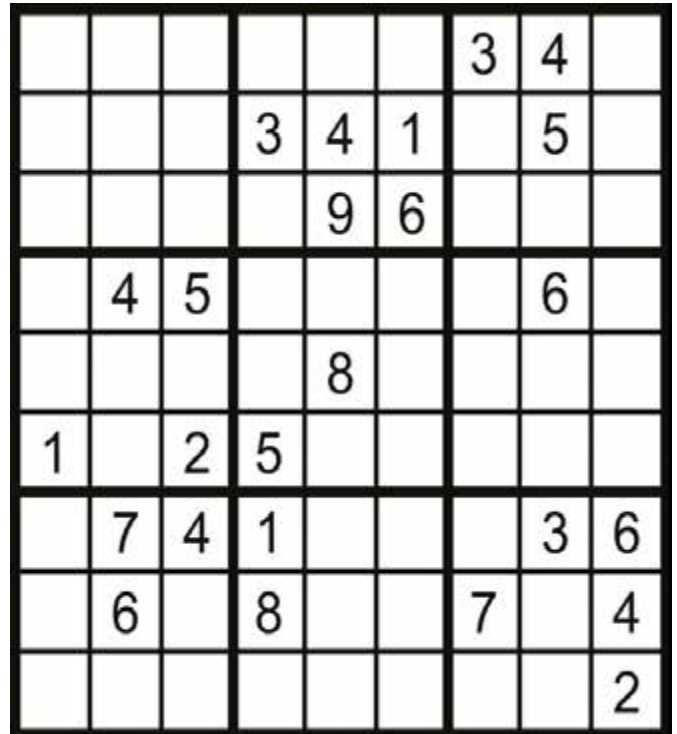
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12/5

Pictures and Story Time With Santa Claus:

Experience a holly, jolly meet and greet photo opportunity with Santa Claus! Bring the kids, and enjoy cookies and cider while listening to his captivating Christmas story. Free. 2:00-4:45 p.m.; story starts at 3:45 p.m., First National Bank of Burleson, 899 NE Alsbury Blvd. For more information, call (817) 295-0461.

12/6

Santa's Breakfast:

Celebrate the season with the Parks and Recreation's annual Santa's Breakfast. Enjoy a pancake breakfast, holiday crafts and the big man himself, Santa Claus! Children (3-12): \$5; adults (13 and up): \$7. Registration for your 30-minute time slot is required. 7:00-11:00 a.m., Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. CR 714. Purchase tickets at the BRiCk or visit burlesontx.com/events.

Christmas at the Library:

Spend the morning crafting, enjoying refreshments, embarking on a scavenger hunt and more! Free. 9:00 a.m.-noon, Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave.

Saturday Morning Sketch Group:

What's in your snow globe?

Dream it up, and draw or paint your version of a snow globe.

Grab your creative gear, and come draw, paint or just make art and connect in the relaxing, inspirational environment of Russell Farm. Follow along with the weekly theme, or work on your own artsy project amidst other creatives. No sign up required. 9:00 a.m.-noon, Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. County Road 714.

BTX-MAS:

Join the Burleson Rotary Club as they host their annual lighted Christmas parade followed by the city's tree lighting and drone show. Free. 6:00 p.m., Mayor Vera Calvin Plaza, 141 W. Renfro St.

12/9

Network@Night:

A night of networking, cocktails, appetizers and door prizes with the Burleson Chamber of Commerce. Meet new clients, promote your business, and expand your network. 4:30-6:00 p.m., Island Massage Spa, 115 SW Anderson St.

12/10-12/13

Nights of Lights:

Families are invited to get into the Christmas spirit at the beautiful Russell Farm Art Center with Christmas lights, hot beverages and music. Free. 6:00-8:00 p.m., Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. CR 714.

12/13

Christmas Craft Fair:

Shop one-of-a-kind handmade Christmas gifts and stocking stuffers. Local vendors will be showcasing their sewn creations, art, jewelry and other handmade items. Be sure to bring some cash, as not all vendors take cards. 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., Senior Activity Center, 216 SW Johnson Ave.

Christmas on the Farm:

Visit Russell Farm Art Center for a country Christmas full of crafts, activities and vendors. There will also be a real, live donkey wearing antlers to take photos with. 3:00-6:00 p.m., Russell Farm Art Center, 405 W. CR 714.

12/14

Brazos Chamber Orchestra Christmas Concert Series:

Bring family, friends and neighbors to see the Brazos Chamber Orchestra perform! Free, but donations are accepted. 7:30-9:00 p.m., Pathway Church, 325 NW Renfro St. For more details, visit brazoschamberorchestra.org.

12/15

Could it be Dementia?:

In this presentation by the North Central Texas Area Agency on Aging, get education on dementia, brain

changes and evaluation tools to determine if someone may have dementia and cognitive decline. 6:00-7:00 p.m., Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave.

12/19

Reindeer Rave at City Hall Council Chambers:

Step into a winter wonderland of family-friendly holiday music, shimmering lights and festive cheer. Whether you're rocking an ugly Christmas sweater, decking yourself out in tinsel and glowsticks or showing off your best reindeer antlers, festive attire is highly encouraged. All ages welcome. 6:00-7:00 p.m., City Hall, 141 W. Renfro St.

12/20

Gift Wrap Party:

Still have gifts to wrap? Stop by the library and finish in style! We'll have wrapping paper, ribbons, tape and tags ready to go, plus snacks, good company and holiday vibes to keep things merry while you work. 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., Burleson Public Library, 248 SW Johnson Ave.

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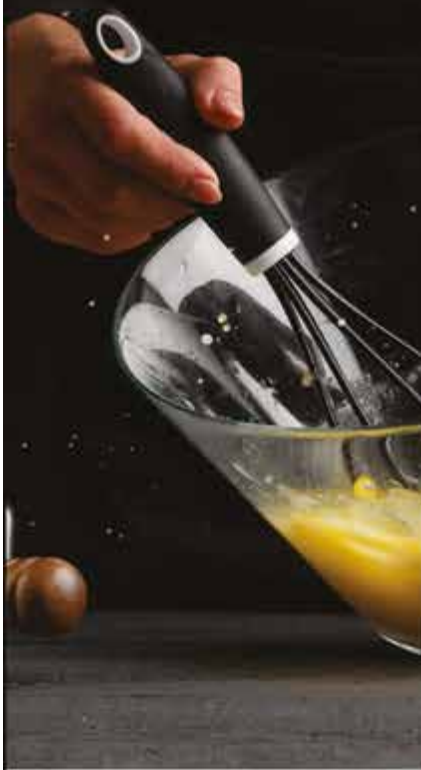
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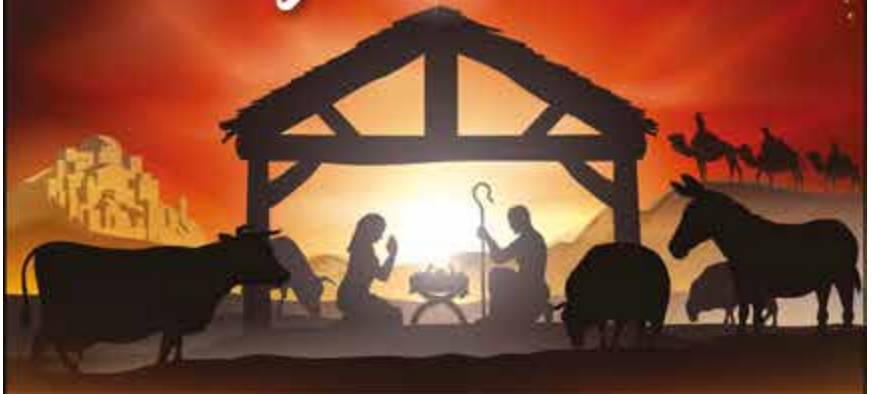
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