

FIRST scores high for Muenster ISD

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News Editor

Nobody from the public attended the public hearing scheduled as required by the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas (FIRST). It was held on Wednesday, Dec. 9, prior to the regular monthly meeting of the MISD Board of Trustees.

Superintendent Steve Self explained, "It's very good news for the District. FIRST has a new format this year. They've had about 22 indicators in the past and they've lowered it to seven this year. This year, you either passed or you failed, basically. In the past, they've had four different levels and Muenster has usually received the superior achievement. This year they got a passed achievement which is good."

The seven performance indicators include: was the audit report submitted to TEA on time; was the audit report clean; was the District in compliance with all terms of all debt agreements; was the total unrestricted asset balance greater than zero; was the school district's administrative cost ratio equal to or less than the threshold ratio (MISD got a 10 which was the highest score possible); did the comparison of Public Education Information Management System (PEIMS) data to like information in the school district's AFR result in a total variance of less than 3% of all expenditures by function (a 10 was awarded if the variance was less than 3% and MISD got a 10 by having a variance of 300th of a percent); and did the external independent auditor report that the AFR was free of any instance of material weakness in internal controls over financial reporting and compliance for local, state, or federal funds (MISD had a 10).

Self noted that the District's score was 30 which is the maximum possible. Scores of 16 and greater were rated as passed.

They also were required to report on the year ended 2014 to list all reimbursements to the superintendent and School Board members at that time because that is the period the ratings are on. It was reported that Superintendent Richerson was reimbursed \$419 in travel expenses. There were no reimbursements to School Board members.

Business transactions between businesses and School Board members were to be reported. The only ones reflected at that time were a total of \$4,412.12 between the School District and Flusche Enterprises. Board member Neal Flusche has some interest in Flusche Enterprise, noted Self.

A copy of the current superintendent's contract was required also.

Superintendent Self concluded, "It is a very good report as far as from the state's point of view. And, there's not much interest of the School Board into the School which is also good."

Getting ready to open a new business



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Work continues on the old DI One Stop building on Hwy. 82. A Quick Way convenience store, with gas pumps and car wash, and a full menu, sit-down Mexican restaurant will soon be Muenster's newest business. The building is getting a complete make-over, inside and out. The time line is towards a March opening.

County approves extended voting hours for March Primaries

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Cooke County voters will have more opportunities to participate in early voting during the Democratic and Republican Primary Elections this coming March.

Pauline Lesch, Cooke County Republican Women's Party vice chairman, explained to the Court that several months ago she became

aware the counties of less than 100,000 could extend early voting by a request of 15 registered voters. There are two options. One is to request extended hours during the last week of early voting to 12 hours per day. The other option was to extend early voting to Saturday and or Sunday between the two weeks of early voting.

After consulting with various people, Lesch said it was decided that extended hours during the last week of voting would be most beneficial to voters. Instead of having the opportunity to vote early nine hours that week, it would be 12 hours. This year, Presidents Day falls during the first week of ear-

ly voting, so voters will lose those 12 hours.

"We feel like this is an election that's going to have a lot of interest," remarked Lesch. "We also are aware that we have dismal voter turnout." She said the local Republican Party is viewing this as a way to do a pilot program to see how much response they get.

County Judge Jason Brinkley noted, "It is my understanding that with the 15 signatures based on the statutes, this is a 'shall.' Based on those 15 signatures, we are obligated to do this."

Discussion followed on the affect on the budget of extending early voting hours that week. The County Clerk

staff, Tax Assessor/Collector (Voter Registrar) staff, and security that is required.

Tax Assessor Collector Billie Jean Knight commented, "I anticipate this election to be something like the 2000 election where it will be a massive turnout due to the interest in the election. So, we want to help the voter as much as we can."

The Court voted unanimously to approve the additional extended hours for early voting.

The Court approved a statement of work with Alexander Open Systems for the installation of a new server and related software. County Judge Jason

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Muenster named Tree City USA



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Courtney Levins from Texas Parks and Wildlife presented Muenster Mayor Tim Felderhoff with another Tree City USA flag. Muenster has earned the title for 13 consecutive years. With the help of Muenster 4-H members, a tree was planted in front of the Muenster ISD administration building.

NCTC's financial standing strong

Darin Allred

NCTC Public Relations

Once again, North Central Texas College (NCTC) is in sound financial standing, according to auditors.

Regents of the North Central Texas Community College District were informed Friday that the College has received an "unqualified" audit, meaning Regents received a clear opinion of the

College's financial standing. Representatives of Schalk & Smith, CPA presented the audit to the Regents at their regular meeting Friday.

The only other new business discussed at Friday's meeting involved personnel. The Board accepted the retirement announcement of Associate Degree Nursing instructor Michael Fire and the resignation of RITA

Grant Education and Employment Coach Mayci Giambruno. New employees hired include Hope Galloway as Coordinator of External Affairs in Denton County, Michelle Huggins as Counselor on the Bowie campus, and Amy Klohn as Title III Grant Manager.

Regents Jon Grimes and Patsy Wilson were unable to attend Friday's meeting.

Signs of Stupidity



Janie Hartman photo

Vandals' graffiti sprayed on the boat dock area at Muenster Lake has been covered up by City workers. Persons defacing City property can be fined up to \$500 or more, depending on the severity of the graffiti. Anyone having knowledge of acts of vandalism should notify the Muenster Police Department.

County GOP requests extended hours for Early Voting

On Dec. 4, County Republican Party officials submitted a request to County Clerk Rebecca Lawson to extend the hours for Early Voting prior to the March 1, 2016 Primary Election. In accordance with the Texas Election Code, voters in counties with less than 100,000 population can request 12 hours of early voting on each weekday of the last week of early voting.

For the Primary, Early Voting takes place the two weeks prior to Election Day. Typically that means 10 days of Early Voting in Cooke County during the County's

regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

"By opening the Annex for 12 hours each day during the second week of Early Voting, we hope to make it more convenient and draw more folks to the polls," Republican County Chairman Chris McNamara said.

"We believe there will be a lot of interest in the Republican Primary in 2016," McNamara explained. "Texans will have an opportunity to influence the selection of the Republican candidate for President, and locally we will have some spirited con-

tested races. We are hoping for high voter turnout."

In 2016, President's Day falls on Monday, Feb. 15, and Early Voting will start on Tuesday, Feb. 16. "Given that we will only have four days in that first week, the extended hours during the second week could be especially beneficial to voters," added Vice Chairman Pauline Lesch.

Find information about the Cooke County Republican Party, upcoming elections, and events, at www.cookegop.com, and follow CCRP on Facebook.



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Gathered for the ribbon cutting at the office of Mindy Klement, DDS last week included, from left, front - Brady Klement, Mindy Klement, Bud Graham, Donna Graham, Carter Klement; back - Debbie Hess, Lilly Palmer, Sue Fisher, Stan Endres, Chris Klement, Kelly Corbett, Carlee Sampson, Janelle Smith, and Kim Stobaugh.

DAYS GONE BY.....

65 YEARS AGO Dec. 15, 1950

Billy Don Wolf and his sisters Sandra and Barbara have whooping cough. Obituary: William Bierschenk, 50. New Arrivals: Charlene Ann to Ray and Evelyn Stewart; Barbara to Frank and Marie Sandmann; Walter to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bailey; Deborah to Lawrence and Mary Alice Schmitz; Stephen to Leo and Lillian Appel; David to the Herbert Swirczynskis. Texas polio toll reaches new high. August Schmidtkofer honored on 80th birthday. Muenster Livestock advertises calves sold for \$31.75 per hundred at last week's sale. The Charm Shop advertises dresses for \$8.95 and up.

50 YEARS AGO Dec. 17, 1965

William J. Miller is new owner of Muenster Livestock, buying it from Dick Cain. Sacred Heart Tigers named to State Team of Catholic League are Larry Hess on the first defensive team and Steve Kralicke on the second offensive team. Obituaries: Emma (Mrs. Henry) Streng, 74; Mrs. J.A.

Travis, 66; Joe M. Leonard, Sr., 75. New Arrivals: a son to the Marvin Rauschubers; Deanna to Dale and Kathy Hess; Aaron to Ray and Cecilia Hoening; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Doughty; a son to the Billy Joe Reiters. Michael Hundt named Boy of the Month for December by the Optimist Breakfast Club of Gainesville.

25 YEARS AGO Dec. 14, 1990

Rainard Walterscheid arrives home after being taken captive by Iraqi soldiers while working on an oil rig in the Kuwait desert on Aug. 2, 1990. Lindsay City Council hears discussion on expansion of their wastewater treatment facility. Obituaries: Matt Stelzer, 85; Calvin Blankenship, 68; Mozelle (Mrs. Andrew) Schilling. Weddings: Dana Wickliffe and Michael O'Connor; Julianne Krahl and Darwin Sicking. New Arrival: Daniel to Don and Judie Felderhoff Woodall. Sherilyn Sicking and Clifford Sicking earn Gold Star Awards. Jeanie Hess is named manager at Zales Jewelers in Gainesville.

County Library holiday schedule

The Cooke County Library will close at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 23 and will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Dec. 24, 25, and 26 for the Christmas holiday. The Library will open Monday, Dec. 28 with normal hours at 9 a.m.

The Cooke County Library will close at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 31 and will be closed Friday, Jan. 1 and Saturday, Jan. 2, for the New Year's holiday. The Library will open Monday, Jan. 4, with normal hours at 9 a.m.

Remember just because they are closed doesn't mean you don't have access to library services. You can still access eBooks, downloadable audiobooks, magazines and music. You can find all of these great products by visiting the Cooke County Library website (<http://cooke-countylibrary.org/>), click the "Books & More" tab, and then click on the eBooks, Downloadable Audiobooks, eMagazines and Music headers to learn more details on each of these services.

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Brinkley explained that it was for the installation of new storage space and software for new servers at the Sheriff's Office and Courthouse. He said \$45,000 was budgeted for it and the cost will be about \$40,000. "This will significantly increase storage space and allow for backup at the Sheriff's Office and the Courthouse," noted Judge Brinkley.

Commissioners Court voted to adopt the 2016 TCDRS Retirement Rate and approved a lump sum payment not to exceed \$300,000 and a rate of 8.88.

During Public Comments, Stephen Harlow spoke telling of slippery conditions on a portion of CR 327. He said that one night last week, his vehicle slid off the road on a portion that he said was more clay than gravel.

In other business, Commissioners Court:

- Rescinded the approved proposal between Cooke County and TNT Electric for maintenance on the EMS 30w generator and approved new agreement with TNT Electric at a higher cost of

\$488 per year due to it being a larger generator than the others. The vote was 4-1 with Commissioner Al Smith voting against.

- Approved a temporary staff member for the Justice of the Peace, Pct. 1 office at \$9 per hour for 20 hours per week.

- Approved a joint resolution and statistical information for a Joint Primary to be held March 1, 2016.

- Consent agenda items approved by the Court included:

- Purchasing agreement between Cooke County and Taser International to participate in a taser buyback program.

- Accepting auction proceeds from Pct. 1, Pct. 4, and Sheriff's Office sale.

- Accepting additional insurance settlement for EMS on a 2012 ambulance that was damaged in an accident in the amount of \$2,650.

- Accepting the Texas Department of Public Safety Public Assistance Grant DR-4223 in the amount of \$96,408.74 for the repair of roads and bridges damaged due to severe flooding.

- Accepting the Texas Department of Public Safety Public Assistance Grant DR-4223 in the amount of \$210,768.61 for the repair of roads and bridges damaged due to severe flooding.

- Interlocal agreement between Callisburg Volunteer Fire Department and Cooke County.

- Indigent cremation of Bret A. Foster.

- Renewal of an interlocal agreement with Denton County for ambulance services for an area north of

Lake Ray Roberts.

- Out-of-state travel for four members of the DEU Unit and one Patrol Supervisor so that they may attend the 2016 National Interdiction Conference March 13-18, 2016 in Reno, NV.

- Donations to the Cooke County Library in the amount of \$3.55 from anonymous donors, \$15 from Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nortman in memory of Nell Hess, \$50 from Jerry and Glenna Metzler in memory of Nell Hess, \$5 from Judy Hoberer in memory of Nell Hess, \$25 from Lillian Walterscheid in memory of Nell Hess, \$30 from Gary and Kim Otto in memory of Nell Hess, \$10 from Weldon Bezner in memory of Nell Hess, \$20 from Natalie Alexander in memory of Nell Hess, \$20 from Scott and Connie Filloon in memory of Nell Hess, \$20 from an anonymous donor in memory of Nell Hess, and \$25 from Margaret and David Harper in memory of Nell Hess.

- Out-of-state travel for Jennifer Johnson-Spence, Library Director, so that she may attend the Public Libraries Association Conference in Denver, CO.

Area Event

Pancakes with Santa

The Callisburg Band Boosters are hosting a pancake breakfast Sunday, Dec. 20 at the First State Bank Conference Center in Gainesville, serving 8 to 10 a.m. Admission is \$5 per person or \$20 family max.

Santa will be there for visiting and pictures!

The band is trying to raise money to help defray the cost per student for a band trip to Florida.

MMH expands gym offerings

Your New Year's Resolution to get in better physical shape may have just gotten a little easier to keep, as Muenster Memorial Hospital announces plans to expand its offerings in the FIT Center beginning Jan. 4.

Fitness boot camps, personal training, water aerobics, and complete gym access are just some of the opportunities available to FIT members as we enter 2016.

ACE-accredited personal trainer Page Klement will

conduct the fitness boot camps and personal training sessions.

ACE, or the American Council on Exercise, is the largest nonprofit health and fitness certification, education, and training organization in the world with more than 58,000 certified professionals who hold more than 64,000 ACE Certifications. With a long heritage in certification, education, training, and public outreach, ACE is among the most respected organizations in the industry and a resource the public has come to trust for health and fitness education.

Water aerobics will be led by Karime Graves, FIT program manager.

FIT Camp classes will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, beginning at 6 p.m. Each class will last from 40 minutes to one hour. Each class will accommodate 10-12 participants. If the first session fills, a second class may be added at 7 p.m.

Water aerobics classes will be held two or more times per day, depending on enrollment.

FIT membership is \$35 per month for an individual and \$49 per month for family. Senior (60 and over) rates are \$20 for individuals and \$35 senior and spouse. Discounts for annual commitments are provided, and one-time orientation and consultation fees for new members do apply.

For \$25 per month over the FIT membership fee, a member will have unlimited access to all group classes offered in the FIT Center, including water aerobics and fitness boot camps.

FIT hours of operation are generous. The Center is open Monday through Thursday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Friday, 5 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.; and Sunday, 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, the Center does close from 1 to 2:30 p.m. for Cardiac Rehab patients.

For additional information on membership fees and descriptions, class schedules, or if you would like to tour the FIT Center, contact Karime Graves at (940) 759-6198.

Act quickly as class sizes will be limited.

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Sunday, December 20, 2015	Monday, December 21, 2015	Tuesday, December 22, 2015	Wednesday, December 23, 2015	Thursday, December 24, 2015	Friday, December 25, 2015	Saturday, December 26, 2015
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm		Library open 10 am - 6:30 pm	Library CLOSED NO Religious Ed	Library CLOSED	MERRY CHRISTMAS Muenster Museum CLOSED	Library CLOSED Museum CLOSED
		WINTER BEGINS		NO SCHOOL		
	MISD dismissal @ 12:30 pm SHCS NO school					
Sunday, December 27, 2015	Monday, December 28, 2015	Tuesday, December 29, 2015	Wednesday, December 30, 2015	Thursday, December 31, 2015	Friday, January 1, 2016	Saturday, January 2, 2016
Muenster Museum Open 1-4 pm	Pledge of Allegiance Day	Library CLOSED	Library CLOSED NO Religious Ed	Library CLOSED	Muenster Museum CLOSED	Library open 10-2:30 Museum CLOSED
			NO SCHOOL	New Year's Eve	Welcome to the New Year	

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Obituaries

Pauline "Sis" Stelzer

Mrs. Pauline "Sis" Myrick Stelzer passed away on Dec. 10, 2015, of heart failure while recovering at the Bowie Advanced Rehabilitation Center for a hip replacement procedure.

She was preceded in death by her parents Dr. T. S. Myrick, Alvarene Bradshaw Myrick, and 10 weeks earlier by her husband, city councilman Patrick Theodore Stelzer, whom she met in the second grade. She married Pat, her childhood sweetheart, in 1955. They would have celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Dec. 27 of this year.

She was born in what is now the kitchen of her family home, delivered by her father Dr. T.S. Myrick. She attended Sacred Heart Grade School and graduated from Muenster High School before gaining her RN degree from John Sealy Hospital, University of Texas Medical Branch complex in Galveston.

She worked at the VA hospital in Dallas before returning to Muenster to live in her

childhood home and joining the staff of Muenster Memorial Hospital. She worked there for many years and often fondly recalled assisting in the delivery of many babies with Doctors Kralicke, Antonetti, and Juarez. She also recalled working closely with Dr. Marvin Knight, Sr. and his famous Dallas Cowboys patients at MMH.

She was also active in the Muenster Garden Club, Sacred Heart Church Choir, and Cooke County Chorale.

She then worked in Denton at Denton Regional and Denton Community hospitals until forced to take early retirement due to health concerns in the mid 1990s.

She is survived by her siblings John Myrick of Florida, James "Jim" Myrick of Lindsay, and Margaret Myrick Bordeau of Maine; daughters Rene Rousseau of Muenster and Kristy Koesler of Illinois Bend; and three grandsons Benjamin, Charles, and Max Koesler of Illinois Bend.

A Rosary will be held in her memory on Friday, Dec.



Pauline Stelzer

18 at 7 p.m. in Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Muenster followed by visitation in Sacred Heart Community Center. Memorial Mass is set for Saturday, Dec. 19 at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Meals On Wheels; <https://www.razoo.com/us/story/Cooke-County-Meals-On-Wheels-And-Senior-Nutrition-Project> or to the Muenster Library Fund.

Norbert Rohmer 1927 - 2015

Mass of Christian Burial for Norbert Anton Rohmer, age 88 of Muenster, was held at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 14 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Fr. Ken Robinson officiating. Burial was in Sacred Heart Cemetery under the direction of Scott Funeral Home of Muenster. Rosary and Vigil were held at 6 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 13 at the funeral home. Mr. Rohmer died Thursday, Dec. 10, 2015.

Born April 16, 1927 in Muenster, Norbert was the youngest of 14 children of Leo and Anna Koelzer Rohmer. He attended Sacred Heart School and was a member of Sacred Heart Parish. Norbert married Ella Mae Voth on April 3, 1951 in Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Gainesville.

Norbert and Ella Mae lived on their farm north of Lindsay until moving to Muenster in 1988. In addition to farming and raising cattle, he also helped his brother Ollie drill water wells for 25 years. Each year he would combine his own crops as well as for friends and neighbors.

Norbert was a good provider. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He loved watching his grandchildren play sports. He enjoyed farming, taking care of his cattle, and gardening tomatoes and especially onions. After moving to Muenster, he often drove back out to the farm to enjoy his memories of farm life.

He was mechanically inclined and enjoyed taking care of the maintenance items on his family's vehicles. He was always under the hood checking the oil and monitoring the number of miles driven - the kids were careful to not drive down the "drag" too many times.

He was very meticulous about the care of his tools - he could always tell if one of his children or sons-in-law had used them if they were not put back exactly as he had them. He would not be upset, but simply ask if it had been used because he noticed it had been moved. The same goes for his cattle trailer. If it was borrowed and not put back "just so," he would put the trailer hitch on his pickup so he could reposition the trailer to his preferred exact spot.

At night time, after daddy said "lights out," the kids would often read books by the glow of the light on their electric blanket controllers. Norbert also had "exceptional" hearing abilities. Also at bed time, if they had the radio on at a volume where they could barely hear it, he would let them know it was too loud and to turn it down or turn it off.

A story that Norbert would retell on occasion was about

the time when some of the family went to the Saint Jo rodeo. Carol came home, sat on his lap, and told him the funny joke a clown said. "Birdie, birdie in the sky. Why did you do that in my eye?" Norbert laughed each time he retold this story.

When Gene and Carol wanted to raise baby calves, their dad sectioned off a portion of a lot for them to do this. Carol admits that Gene often got the short end of the stick on this one because he got stuck with more feedings than she did. Their dad would buy the feed throughout the year and when the calves were sold, he was paid back every penny due to him keeping close track on costs. Daddy, as his kids fondly called him, had a loud, boisterous laugh, that is sure to be missed and a long time memory for his family and friends.

Norbert is survived by his wife of 64 years; their children Betty Perkowski and husband Alan of Plano, Barbara Mosman and husband Jimmy of Gainesville, Helen Whitecotton and husband David of Montague, Gene Rohmer and wife Tammy of Gainesville, and Carol Bowman and husband Kenny of Prosper; grandchildren Stephen Tyler and wife Danielle, Lori Ruml and husband Kevin, Jeanie Martin and husband Joey, Lisa Reaves and husband Jaret, John Mosman and wife Amber, Thomas Whitecotton and wife Cassie, Sarah Morrow and husband Paul, Michael Whitecotton, Mark Whitecotton, Bobby Rohmer, Jonathan Rohmer, Cathy Blake and husband Patrick, Travis Weatherhead, Jennifer Bowman, and Kailey Bowman; great-grandchildren Jake and Cody Tyler, Max, Juliana, and Spencer Ruml, Kenlea Reaves, Cameron, Kyle, and Carson Whitecotton, Bryson and Chryssa Morrow, Patty and Abby Blake. Two more are expected in May. His only surviving sibling is Gertie Voth. Norbert is also survived by sisters-in-law Imelda Rohmer and Viola Rohmer, both of Muenster, as well as brother-in-law Patrick "Scotty" McCallion of Tucson, AZ.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers Albert, Arnold, Alois, Ed, and Urban Rohmer; and sisters Mary Rohmer, Bertha Wooten, Rita Becker, Eleanor Sicking, Martha McKinney, Agnes McCallion, and Adeline Pettit.

During the funeral Mass, nephew Stephen Pettit gave the First Reading. The Second Reading was given by Sharon Luke, niece. Prayers of the Faithful were read by Cassie Whitecotton, granddaughter-in-law. Granddaughters Jennifer and Kailey Bowman brought up the Offertory Gifts. Eucha-



Norbert Rohmer

ristic ministers were Alan Rohmer, Viola Rohmer, Werner Becker, Billie Becker, and Barbara Mosman. Beth Trubenbach gave the eulogy. Altar servers were Willie Fisher and Leon Knauf.

Music ministers were Diane Grewing, Christi Klement, Linda Flusche, Doug Yosten, and Jim Endres. Songs included "Just A Closer Walk With Thee," "How Great Thou Art," "On Eagles Wings," "Songs of the Angels," and Holy God We Praise Thy Name." Granddaughter Sarah Morrow sang "Amazing Grace" accompanied by her husband Paul on the guitar. At the cemetery, Sarah Morrow, Diane Grewing, Jim Endres, and Linda Flusche sang "I'll Fly Away."

Pallbearers were Stephen Tyler, Thomas Whitecotton, Jonathan Rohmer, John Mosman, Michael Whitecotton, Travis Weatherhead, Bobby Rohmer, and Mark Whitecotton.

Corcoran services set

Funeral Mass for Sandra Catherine Corcoran, age 69 of Lindsay, will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday, Dec. 19 at St. Peter's Catholic Church with Fr. Phil Petta officiating. Burial will follow at a later date. Rosary followed by visitation will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18 at Geo. J. Carroll & Son Funeral Home in Gainesville.

Sandra died Dec. 13, 2015 at her home. She was born Dec. 16, 1945 in Muenster to Alois John and Marie Catherine Hartman Walter.

Emptiness is a symptom that you are not living creatively. You either have no goal that is important enough to you, or you are not using your talents and efforts in striving toward an important goal.

- Maxwell Maltz

New at Muenster Public Library - December

Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction

Wishes for Christmas by Fern Michaels, *Tricky 22* by Janet Evanovich, *Stars of Fortune* by Nora Roberts, *Knight of the 7th Kingdoms* by George R.R. Martin, *Ashley Bell* by Dean Koontz, *Bazaar of Bad Dreams* by Stephen King, *Wyoming Rugged* by Diana Palmer, *Painter's Daughter* by Julie Klassen, *Ghost Boy* by Martin Pistorius, *Leaving Orbit* by Margaret Lazar Dean, *More Perfect Union* by Ben Carson, M.D., *Knitting Pearls* edited by

Ann Hood, *Destiny and Power* by Jon Meacham, *Pioneer Woman Cooks Dinnertime* by Ree Drummond, *School of Greatness* by Lewis Howes.

Junior Fiction & Non-Fiction

Firefly Hollow by Alison McGhee, *Sleeper and the Spindle* by Neil Gaiman, *Snow White: Stories Around the World* by Jessica Gundersen, *Visitors* by Orson Scott Card, *Auggie and Me* by R.J. Palacio, *Girl Who Could Not Dream* by Sarah Best Durst, *Triple Moon: Summer on East End* by Melissa De La Cruz, *Zoo at the Edge of the World* by Eric Kahn Gale, *Badger Knight* by Kathryn Erskine, *Darkest Part of the Forest* by Holly Black.

Easy Books

Little Snowplow by Lori Koehler, *Christmas Wish* by Lori Evert, *Reindeer Wish* by Lori Evert, *When Sophie's Feelings are Really, Really Hurt* by Molly Bang, *Whisper* by Pamela Zagarenski, *Day the Crayons Came Home* by Drew Daywalt, *Nonsense Show* by Eric Carle.

CD Books

Cross Justice by James Patterson, *Guilty* by David Baldacci, *Mistletoe Inn* by Richard Paul Evans.

James "Jim" Klement 1937 - 2015

Funeral Mass for James "Jim" Albert Klement, age 78 of Gainesville, was held at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Dec. 16 at St. Mary's Catholic Church with Fr. Gary Picou officiating. Burial was in St. Peter's Cemetery. Rosary was held Tuesday, Dec. 15.

Jim was born Sept. 26, 1937 in Gainesville to Albert "Pop" August and Gertrude Reiter Klement. He died Dec. 13, 2015 in Gainesville.

He is survived by his wife Cissy Klement of Gainesville; son Tim Klement and wife Krissa of Lake Kiowa; daughter Christine Doyle and husband Milan of St. James, MO; seven grand-

children and one spouse; one great-granddaughter; brothers Melvin Klement of Tennessee and Richard Klement and wife Mary of Gainesville; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; infant daughter Mary Diane Klement; and brother Paul Klement.

Pallbearers were Smoot Earnhart, Gary Burk, Doug Klement, Regi Klement, Mike Rigler, Lawrence Siegler, Matt Pugh, and Dustin McCrory.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Mary's Catholic Church or School.

Rafael "RJ", Charlotte, and I would like to thank this Beautiful Community of Muenster, TX for all the love and support shown to us during this very difficult time. Thank you to Father Ken Robinson for his love and support, for presiding over Ralf's vigil and rosary, Mass and funeral; thank you to the Sacred Heart High School and Alumni boys that served, the Eucharistic ministers, Mr. Kelley and the Sacred Heart Choir for providing the beautiful music. Thank you to the Catholic Daughters for the wonderful meal, the KCs for the use of the hall; the many who brought food, meal train dinners, sent flowers and cards. Thank you for the many contributions made to the Sacred Heart - Heart Scholarship fund, in memory of Dr. Rafael Rondon. Ralf fully dedicated himself to Catholic Education and believed in the importance of helping others. I am truly moved by all the outpouring of love and support shown to RJ, Charlotte and I. We have found great comfort in the many blessings given.

Rafael Jr., Charlotte and Mary Rondon

Here is a man of integrity whose life will not be forgotten. His reputation will be passed on to his descendants and this will be their inheritance. His family continues to keep the covenant and will because of what their father did. His family line will continue and his glory will not fade. He will be laid to rest, but his reputation will live forever. The people will proclaim his wisdom and the assembly will celebrate his praises.
Ecclesiasticus 44: 10-15



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SPORTS

State Semi-finalist Hornets end season

By Clay Corbett
Publisher

It didn't take long to realize why the Bremond Tigers are the defending State Champions Friday night in the Class 2A Division II State Semifinal game. Behind 540 yards of total offense, the Tigers dominated Muenster, cruising to their second straight State Championship game with a 40-7 win over the Hornets.

All season long, Muenster (13-2) jumped out to big early leads. But Friday, Bremond turned the table on the Hornets, scoring three 1st quarter touchdowns to take an early 21-0 advantage.

"Before the game, we talked about how teams all year long have given up points to them early and then we go out and do the same thing," Muenster Head Coach Brady Carney said. "That's just the way they [Bremond] play the game. They have an explosive ability."

After a three and out to start the game by the Hornets, Bremond immediately responded with a seven play drive to take a quick 7-0 lead.

Bremond's defense came up with another stop on Muenster's next drive. The Hornets wouldn't pick up their first 1st down till late in the 1st quarter.

"Their offensive and defensive lines were a lot better than what we saw on film," Carney said. "They dominated us up front. Their skill kids were better than we expected too."

Chase Deeken stopped the Tigers' next drive with

a fumble recovery, but once again Muenster was unable to move the football. Star quarterback and SMU commit Roshaud Paul took over Bremond's next drive, capping it off with an 11-yard touchdown scamper. The junior finished with 211 yards of total offense.

"The game plan was to slow him [Paul] down," Carney said. "He is an exceptional athlete. They are a good all-around team."

Kaidyn Peralez ran for a 41-yard touchdown to cap off the 1st quarter scoring for the Tigers.

After a turnover on downs, the Tigers started the 2nd quarter with another scoring drive that only took two plays, with Josh Anderson scoring from 2 yards out. Bremond took a 27-0 lead into the half.

The Tigers were kept off the scoreboard till midway through the 3rd quarter, when Paul connected with Joe Williams for a 15 yard touchdown strike. Bremond would add one more score early in the 4th quarter on a Peralez 59 yard run to give the Tigers a 40-0 lead.

Muenster finally put a scoring drive together late in the 4th quarter. After three nice runs from Parker McGrew, Blayne Jones found Deeken for a 12 yard touchdown pass to put the Hornets on the scoreboard.

Bremond was able to run out the clock on their next series.

"I congratulated them on making history and reaching the State Semifinals," Carney said about his post game

speech. "I told them how proud I was about how they never gave up and fought hard all night."

Bremond will move on to take on Albany in a rematch for the State Championship at Houston's NRG Stadium. The game was set for Thursday afternoon.

Muenster will return a lot of talent next season, but Carney knows it will be tough to lose some of his key seniors.

"I'm glad they got to experience a run to the State Semifinals after six years of hard work," the coach said about his seniors. "It's a great achievement to win 13 games in a season and they are a great group of guys. I don't know of a more deserving group of guys."

M	0	0	0	7	7
B	21	6	7	6	40

Team Stats		M	B
8	1st downs	23	
39/80	Rushes/yds	53/435	
95	Passing yds	105	
8/16/0	Comp/att/int	7/10/0	
1/0	Fumbles/lost	1/1	
7/45	Punts/avg	5/31	
3/15	Penalties/yds	8/45	

Individual Stats
RUSHERS: Dalton Bartel, 18/64; Parker McGrew, 7/22; Clay Stevens, 1/3; Trace Klement, 1/3; Blayne Jones, 12/-12. RECEIVERS: Chase Deeken, 2/35; Parker McGrew, 2/26; Blayne Jones, 1/25; Bryce Herr, 2/9. TACKLES: Parker McGrew, Blayne Jones, Dalton Bartel, Dalton Hess, Zane Kemp, Brennan Binder, Chase Deeken, Logan Pagel. TURNOVER: Fumble Recovery - Chase Deeken.



Amy Binder photo

Hornet Bryce Herr (7) attempts to pull down a Bremond runner. Kagen Dangelmayr (25) comes in to assist. Also pictured is Logan Pagel (78).

Tigers win two of four in Aubrey Tournament

The Sacred Heart Tigers competed in the Aubrey Tournament last week, playing four games, winning two.

Action began in a tough match with Gainesville which ended in a 50-35 loss. Kason Reeves led the Tigers in point making with 13. Wyatt West and Hunter Hess each added 7, Zach Flusche and Thomas Hennigan contributed 3 apiece, and Will Green 2.

Game two was a 47-38 victory over North Garland JV. Green and Reeves led the scoring with 11 and 10 points. Hess and Flusche each added 7, Grant Springer 6, and 3 apiece from Sam Hesse and West.

McKinney Christian was too much for the Tigers as they fell 63-49 in game three. Points were made by eight Tigers, with Hess leading with 16. West and Green each added 7, Reeves and

Hesse 5 apiece, Tyler Spruill and Flusche 4 each, and Springer 1.

The final game saw the Tigers pull out a 54-53 victory over Denton Calvary. Flusche was the Tigers' leading scorer with 16 points. Reeves added 13, West 9, Hess 6, Green 4, and 3 apiece by Hennigan and Springer.

Tigerettes at Era Tournament

The Sacred Heart Tigerettes played three games at Era last week, winning the first round, but beaten in games two and three.

Action began against the host team Lady Hornets. Alane Bartush and Avery Truebenbach scored 12 and 11 points to help pull out a 36-35 win. Rylee Reiter and Amanda Aldridge each added 4, Kate Springer 3, and Leah Knabe 2.

Game two was a 53-26 loss to Era's Lady Hornets. Aldridge scored 13 points for the Tigerettes, with Bartush adding 6, Reiter 3, and 2 apiece by Alana Endres and Knabe.

Truebenbach and Aldridge each scored 13 points in Sacred Heart's 60-45 loss to Nocona. Knabe added 8, Samantha Palmer 6, Reiter 3, and Sophia Jones 2.

Lady Hornets bring home 2nd place trophy

A 4 point loss to #6 ranked Windthorst in the Championship game of the Mesquite Pit Classic Tournament in Poolville last week had the Lady Hornets settle for a 2nd place finish.

Action began Thursday with a 39-15 win over Springtown. All eight Lady Hornets put points on the board. Bailey Klement scored 9, Mady Burnett, Morgan Eldridge, and Natalie Dangelmayr each added 5, with Katie Pagel, Claire Schneider, and

Allie Walterscheid making 4 points each, and Alaina Kubis 3.

Game two was a one-sided victory over South Hills 71-18. Again, every Lady Hornet contributed points to the victory, with four hitting the double digits - Klement, Dangelmayr, Eldridge, and Burnett scored 13, 12, 11, and 10 points, respectively. Pagel put in 9, Walterscheid 8, Schneider 7, and Kubis 1.

On Friday, the Lady Hornets added another big win

to their record, a 52-20 victory over Tolar. Burnett led the scoring with 16. Pagel added 10, Eldridge 7, Dangelmayr and Walterscheid 6 each, Klement 4, and Schneider 3.

The Championship game with Windthorst Saturday gave the Lady Hornets their third loss of the season. The Lady Trojans pulled out a 38-34 win to claim 1st place. Burnett again was the leading point maker for Muenster with 13. Pagel and Walterscheid each added 5, with Klement and Eldridge scoring 4 apiece, and Dangelmayr 3.

Mady Burnett and Allie Walterscheid were named to the All-Tournament Team.

The Muenster Hornets took 3rd place in the Mesquite Pit Classic Tournament in Poolville last week.

The first round game Thursday was a 54-27 win over Millsap. Blake Hoepfner dominated the scoreboard with 25 points. Logan Cook added 12, Cal York 9, John Weger 6, and Michael Moseley 2.

Mu 16 10 10 18 54
Mi 3 12 5 7 27

In Friday's round two contest with Springtown, the Hornets pulled off a 47-37 victory. Weger led the scoring with 19 points. Hoepfner added 9, York 7, Cook and Mathew Porter 5 each, and Billy Felderhoff 2.

M 6 17 13 11 47
S 9 9 14 5 37

Game two Friday, the

tournament's semifinal, the Hornets faced the Indians of Nocona. A 3-pointer with 4 seconds in the game gave Muenster a 68-66 loss.

Hoepfner burned the boards with 26 points. Cook added 14 and York 11. Also putting points on the boards were Porter with 7, Weger 5, and Moseley 3.

M 19 12 17 18 66
N 28 13 12 15 68

Blake Hoepfner and Logan Cook were named to the All-Tournament Team.

Lady Hornets start District with 64-36 win

The Lady Hornets opened District play Tuesday night with a 64-36 victory over the Lady Eagles of Valley View.

All Muenster players contributed points towards the win. Bailey Klement scored 18 to lead the Lady Hornets in points. Mady Burnett added 14, Natalie Dangelmayr 8, Claire Schneider 7, Katie Pagel 6, Allie Walterscheid 5, Morgan Eldridge 4, and Alaina Kubis 2.

Hornets defeat Whitesboro in double overtime

The Muenster Hornets were able to pull out a double overtime victory against the Class 3A Whitesboro Bearcat squad Monday night. According to Muenster Coach Lynn Cook, poor shooting plagued the Hornets the entire game, but solid defense and timely free throws were enough in the end to secure the 52-50

win. Both Logan Cook and Blake Hoepfner scored 13 points, with Cook also pulling down 20 rebounds. Cal York added 11 points, Blayne Jones 7, John Weger 4, and 2 apiece by Trace Klement and Mathew Porter.

M	9	11	11	10	5	6	52
W	10	12	14	5	5	4	50

JV BASKETBALL

Sacred Heart 40
Valley View 31

Sophia Jones scored 19 points to lead the JV Tigerettes to victory over the Lady Eagles. Jessica Kemna added 7, Kate Springer 6, Lydia Hennigan and Madi Ladzinski 3 each, and Samantha Muller 2.

Sacred Heart 28
Valley View 30

The JV Tigers came up short against the Eagles recently. Six Sacred Heart members put points on the board. Roy Endres scored 8, Robert Hanson 7, Matthew Anderle 6, Jon Hess 3, and 2 apiece by Jacob Kemna and Zane Schoppa.

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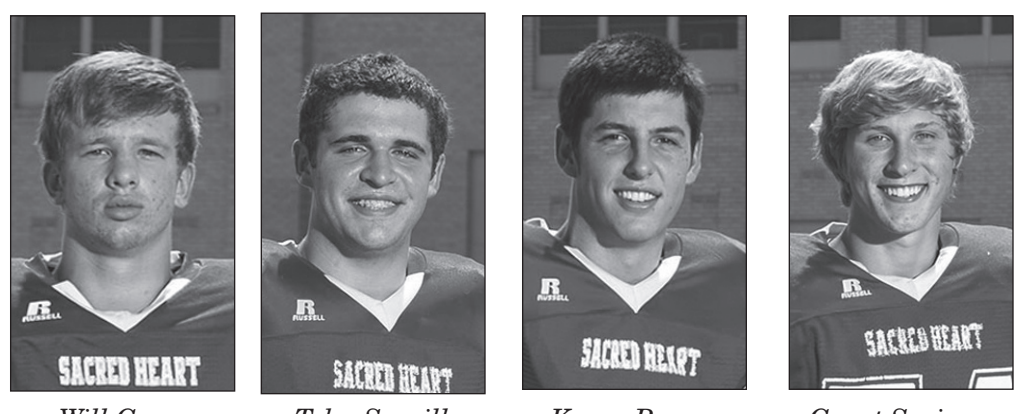
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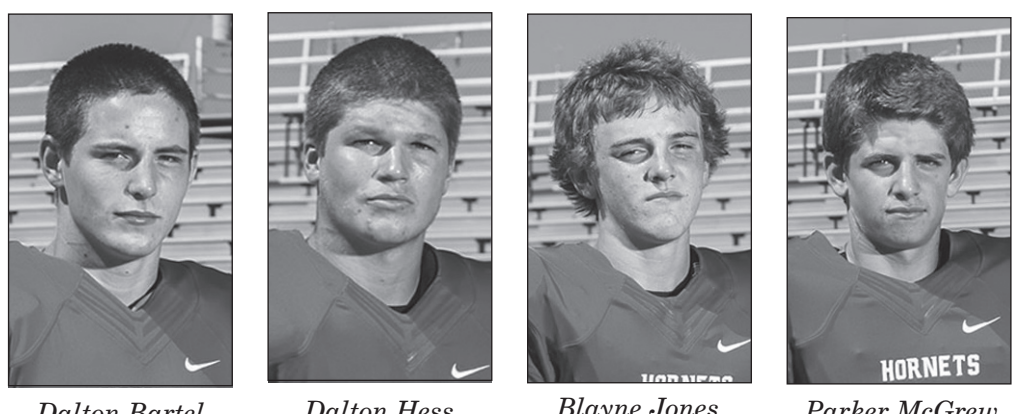
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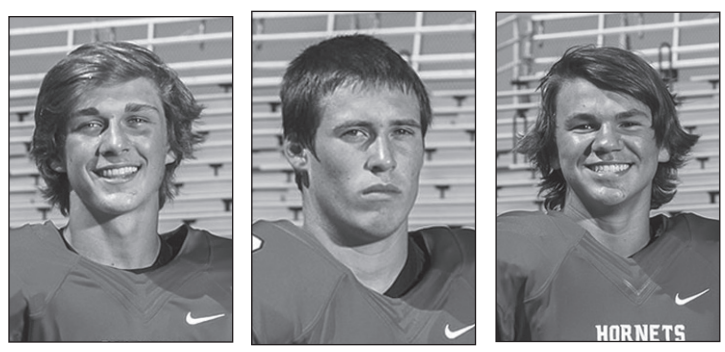
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Tyler Spruill
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Offensive Line
Grant Springer
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Kason Reeves

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Linebacker
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Thomas Hennigan
Offensive Line
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Running Back
Tyler Spruill
Receiver
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Linebacker
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Defensive Back
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Offensive Line
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Receiver
Wyatt West

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Noah Thompson, E
Defensive Line
Zane Kemp, M
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Colton Morris, E
Garrett Sullivan, CE
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Logan Wann, L
Miguel De Los Santos, E
Eddie Amaro, CE
Outside Linebacker
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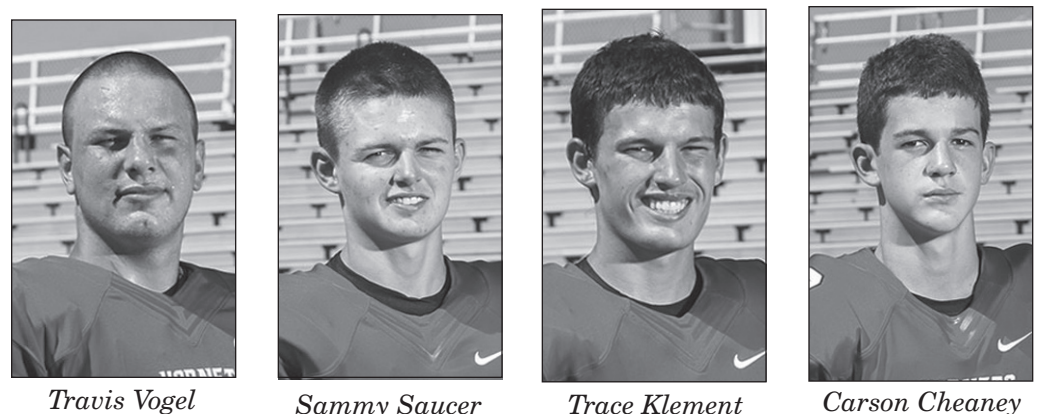
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Quarterback
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Kicker
Bryce Herr, M
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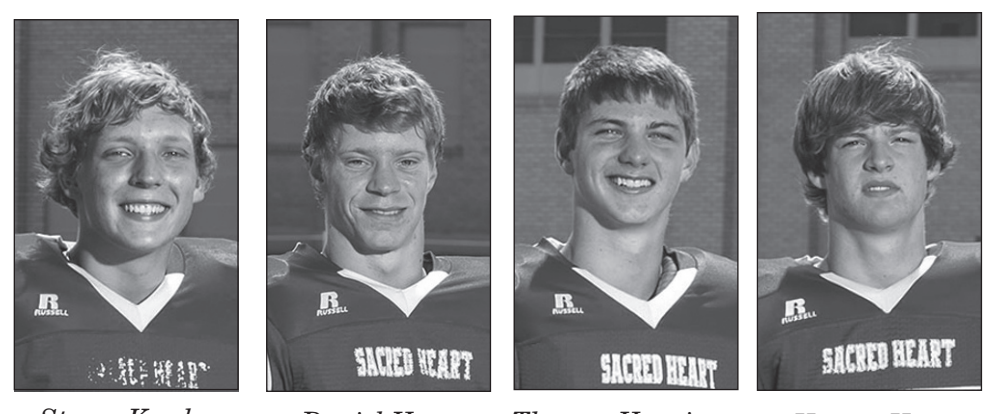
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Threats to federal crop insurance loom

SWCD Directors support development of brackish water supplies

Soil and water conservation district directors representing 216 Texas soil and water conservation districts (SWCDs) in attendance at the 75th Annual Meeting of SWCDs were in unified accord for the development of brackish water supplies to supplement dwindling fresh water supplies.

Brackish water does not have an exact definition, but is typically defined as distastefully salty but less saline than seawater. Brackish water contains between 1,000 to 10,000 parts per million (ppm) in total dissolved solids compared to highly saline water and ocean water which contains from 10 to 35,000 ppm in total dissolved solids.

Billy Mann, Jr., chairman of the Matagorda County SWCD headquartered in Bay City that sponsored the resolution calling for greater efforts on the part of the state to develop and implement brackish water supplies said, "Unprecedented growth in Texas has overburdened conventional sources of water resulting in a drawdown of water tables in underground aquifers coupled with the dilemma that surface water resources have also been impacted with near record reductions in storage levels.

"Texas may have already reached at least a short term limit of water readily available to support continued growth without adversely affecting already designated supplies for human consumption, agriculture, and economic development. That's why Texas SWCDs support this effort," added Mann.

According to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB), the population of Texas is expected to double within the next 50 years and water demand to increase al-

most 27% in that time period. During that same time period, groundwater supplies, which is the volume of groundwater that can be produced with current permits and existing infrastructure, is expected to decrease about 32%.

The TWDB estimates that the state has more than 2.7 billion acre-feet of brackish groundwater resources. In the 2012 State Water Plan, five regional water planning groups recommended brackish groundwater desalination as a water management strategy to meet at least some projected water needs. In total, the regional water planning groups foresee that desalination of brackish groundwater would create about 184,704 acre-feet of new water supplies per year by 2060.

The TWDB recently held a public meeting in Austin to gain input to identify and designate local or regional brackish groundwater production zones in areas of the state with moderate to high availability and productivity of brackish groundwater that can be used to reduce the use of fresh groundwater.

Local SWCDs coordinate the implementation and deliverance of corresponding natural resource conservation programs to farmers and ranchers throughout the state. Additionally, SWCDs participate in planning,

implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution.

In other areas of responsibility, SWCDs participate in a state water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush. An added area of responsibility permits SWCDs to engage in work to ensure local flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repairs.

The Top 10 tips for farmers Christmas shopping at the mall

by Mark Parker

10. When buying clothes for your wife, steal tags from her closet — don't try to describe her size with hand gestures.
9. Stick a flag on your bale spear so you can find your truck in the parking lot.
8. If you're searching for your wife, focus on stores that smell like a perfume vat exploded or ones that sell shoes.
7. Yeah, coffee in the food court is pricey; get over it.
6. You'll end up sitting on a bench while your wife shops. If you want a pleasant ride home, don't pick the one in front of Victoria's Secret.
5. Do not rationalize that a new chain saw is a good choice for your wife on account of how she likes to stay warm.
4. When you're absolutely bored to death waiting on her, estimate how much hay the place would hold.
3. Accept the fact that you'll look more out-of-place with your Stetson than the kid with purple hair and a safety pin through his nose.
2. If you inspect the hay quality at the nativity scene, people will think you're odd.
1. You know you're going to give up and get her a gift certificate anyway, so just do it first thing

The deal appears to have been struck with retired Speaker John Boehner rather than current Speaker Paul Ryan.

After the announcement of a "deal" to save crop insurance, legislators introduced several bills in both the House and the Senate that would strip up to \$24 billion from the crop insurance program.

If the bills are passed and crop insurance is cut, farmers and families across the nation will suffer the consequences.

"The last farm bill was over a year ago. Agriculture took about \$23 billion in cuts. About the only thing we were going to be able to hold onto, they said, was crop insurance," TFB President Russell W. Boening said in an interview with the TFB Radio Network. "Now, they're coming back a year or so later and wanting to go into crop insurance—the one thing we had left, really. Congress cannot balance the federal budget on the back of the American farmer."

Without crop insurance in 2011 and 2012, many farmers would have suffered much bigger losses. Some would have been forced out of the business altogether without a safety net.

"A blow like that doesn't just hurt the farmer," Boening said. "It hurts rural businesses. It hurts industries that depend on agriculture."

Agriculture as a whole wouldn't collapse immediately without crop insurance. But it would become much

more volatile.

"Whenever you can't take out deep losses like when you have a drought, the volatility gets to be much more severe," Boening said. "You will lose operations. You will lose family farms."

Some experts say that farmers should pay for their crop insurance without government subsidies.

Boening explains that would still create market volatility, which would eventually hurt the American economy.

"Farmers wouldn't be able to afford it," Boening said. "There's no doubt about it. It's marginal in some areas and on some crops already. If you had to pay the entire premium, you'd go without it. If you went without it, if you had a bad enough year, it would force you to close the doors. We would lose production that we desperately need to feed a hungry world."

Losing production in one part of the U.S. would affect American agriculture as a whole — especially in difficult crop years. For example, when the Corn Belt suffers from too much or too little rain, the corn growers in Texas and across the South are very important.

Agriculture programs, as a whole, don't take up much of the federal budget anymore. Proposed cuts to the programs that are left are just additional slashes to an already small piece of the pie.

"I try to explain to them what it costs them in tax money. You can get it down to the average taxpayer pays pennies a day for crop insurance," Boening said. "I think if the average consumer and taxpayer really studied it, at the end of the day, they would agree it's a good investment for them."

Agriculture groups continue to meet with legislators in Washington, D.C. about the proposed cuts.

U.S. feedlot cattle placements hit nearly 20-year low

The number of cattle placed into U.S. feedlots last month declined 4% from a year ago to their lowest level for October since the government began tabulating the data in 1996, a U.S. Department of Agriculture report showed. October's placement results nearly matched forecasts by analysts, who cited burdensome supplies of heavier animals that weighed on cattle prices and eroded profit for feedyards.

Abundant grazing pasture and affordable feed also allowed ranchers to grow cattle outside of feeding pens longer as leverage against lower prices for their animals.

USDA's data indicated the number of cattle placed on feed by weight class continued to decline year-over-year for all categories except that above 800 lbs.

Source: Cattle Network

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Nortex celebrates with Christmas party



Courtesy photo

Alvin and Gracie Fuhrman at the Nortex Christmas party where Gracie received a plaque for 60 years of service.

The clock struck six o'clock as employees, retirees, spouses, and guests entered into the beautifully decorated Heritage Park building for an evening of fun, games, food, and great company.

As guests arrived, they were welcomed with a table of snacks prepared by Donna Neu and Donna Endres. Alan Rohmer gave thanks for the food. The steak dinner was catered by Neu Ranch House, and the desserts were homemade by Claudia Zimmerer.

After the meal, President and CEO Alvin Fuhrman began with a highlight of the past year. Mr. Fuhrman began by thanking the employees for their hard work and introducing the CFO, Alan Rohmer, and COO, Joey Anderson.

Mr. Rohmer reviewed the company's financials for 2015 and the positive forecast for 2016. Recently, the company has been busy with construction updating and extending their service area with fiber optics.

Mr. Anderson discussed how technology is always changing, therefore, Nortex is always changing with technology to offer the best products and services to its customers. He thanked the employees' spouses for their constant support and the employees for their hard work and their continued exemplary customer service.

Mr. Fuhrman presented awards to dedicated employees including: Chad White for five years of service; Lacy Neu and Willey Grove for 10 years; Phyllis Cook and Shay Evans for 15 years of service; Donna Neu, Floyd Truebenbach, Sharon Ivins, and Alan Rohmer for 20 years of service; Kyla Henscheid and Susan Flusche for 30 years of service; John Monday for 40 years of service; and Alvin Fuhrman presented a plaque to Gracie Fuhrman for 60 years of service.

Mrs. Fuhrman wrapped up the program by giving company statistics and sharing several humorous company stories from the past.

After the program, all enjoyed playing the Twas A Night Before Christmas package exchange game. Throughout the night, names were drawn for gifts of table centerpieces, tools, gift cards, and more. The highlight of the drawings was a day off with pay, which was won by the lucky recipient Mendy Gieb.

The evening ended with another trip to the snack table, shared stories of fond memories, and a round of thanks and appreciation for the good time made possible by Nortex.



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Dana Knight of Muenster was excited to get a call informing her that she was the winner of Muenster Hospital Auxiliary's Home Sweet Home Raffle. The drawing for the Home Sweet Home package was held Monday evening. The prize package included a bench, fire ring, rug, gift certificate, bird feeders and house, blanket, garden lights, and more. Proceeds from the drawing will be used to purchase a new Abbott Precision Xceed glucometer for the Hospital. The glucometer, which is used to monitor blood sugar levels in patients, will be used in all clinical areas including the Emergency Department, Medical Floor, and Day Surgery. It has the capability to connect to Meditech, the Hospital's electronic health record (EHR).

Baptism

Taylor

Joseph Clint Taylor was baptized at Sacred Heart Catholic Church on Wednesday, Nov. 4 by Rev. Ken Robinson. Joseph is the son of Nicholas and Jaime Taylor of Muenster. His grandparents are Steve and Doreen Taylor of Muenster and Rick and Linda Carey of Celina. Chosen as Joseph's Godparents were Adam and Lauren Taylor. The baptismal gown worn by Joseph was originally worn by his father and handmade by Doreen Taylor. Grandparents Steve and Doreen hosted family and guests for a dinner to celebrate the baptism.



Joseph Taylor

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Are you looking for a New Year's Resolution? 2016 is the perfect time for you to become a CASA - Court Appointed Special Advocate -- with new training classes starting at the end of January.

CASA of North Texas advocates for abused and neglected children in the court system. CASAs are appointed by judges to help the courts deal with the overwhelmingly difficult and costly increase in child abuse cases. The CASA volunteer is an independent voice for a child, assuring that their needs are met.

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Classes meet 10 times, twice a week, for three hours at a time. Classes can be scheduled during the day, or evening depending on the volunteer's schedule.

For more information on how you can volunteer, call the CASA office (940) 665-2244, or visit either of the CASA websites, www.casant.org, or www.becomeacasa.org. You may also contact CASA's recruiter Jerry Metzler via e-mail at jmetzler@casant.org.

Taylor earns Master of Arts degree

Nicholas Taylor graduated from the University of North Texas with a Master of Arts degree in History at commencement ceremonies held Friday, Dec. 11 at the University of North Texas Coliseum in Denton. While at North Texas, Taylor completed research on topics in Texas History and completed a Master's thesis titled Office of the Lieutenant Governor of Texas: A History, Pre-Statehood to 1949.

Taylor is a History teacher in Celina ISD. He graduated from Texas A&M University in 2005 with a Bachelor's in Political Science and is a 2001 graduate of Sacred Heart High School. Nicholas lives in Muenster with his wife Jaime and son Joseph.

Parents of the graduate are Steve and Doreen Taylor of Muenster.



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DAR members enjoy program on Red River history

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met in Gainesville for its November meeting.

The program, "The Hunt for the Red River: From Moscoso to Marcy," was given by Robin Cole-Jett. She is the author of four books and is a historian of the area history in the Red River Valley that includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. These include books on not just the Red River, but on the cattle trails of Texas and some of the notorious outlaws who have plagued the area - Bonnie and Clyde. Jett has done a lot of research on ghost towns as well as historical tours and road trips. One features vintage gas stations of long ago and another the historical Fort Richardson near Jacksboro.

Jett runs a website "The Red River Historian" with links to all of this information as well as information about her books. She currently teaches history at North Central Texas College and is in much demand as a speaker.

Regent Edna Slater presided over the meeting and Chaplain Linda Moore read a prayer honoring Veterans Day.

For the Faith of Our Father's Report, Linda Moore presented information on her patriot, James Easterling. She shared information from a book compiled about the Easterling lineage.

Keighley Ward Jacobsen and her committee have contacted 12 high school counselors in the area and given information on the Good Citizenship Award.

A report from the Medal of Honor Float Committee announced that a place has been provided to put the float together. In addition, flags from every military branch will be available plus the national flags. The committee is checking on the cost of a banner to be carried in front of the float and bunting material for decorating.

A benediction on Thanksgiving was given by Chaplain Moore before the meeting was adjourned by Regent Slater.

Refreshments were served before the meeting by Ann Francis and Joan Brockett.

The December meeting was a social event at Lovejoy's in Whitesboro at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 12. A wrapped gift exchange between members is always the highlight of the meeting.

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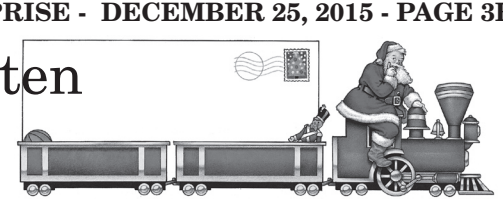
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please bring
me a
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Guitar and a
cat

Love Katelyn
Hacker
Love Santa.

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 I would like
 a robot to do my
 homework a
 basketball hoop
 computer
 Thank you for
 the toys
 Barrett

Dear Santa,
 I would like
 a real Elf on the
 Shelf, ten dogs,
 a slushie maker, a
 pet mouse, and a
 new Barbie doll.

Thank you
 Santa
 Love, Kinley

Dear Santa,
 I would like
 a pet fish in a
 cage. I want
 a pet fishing
 tank. I want
 a toy Advent
 Wreath. Thank
 you for every
 thing I love
 Jesus. Zac

Dear Santa,
 I would like a
 my Little Pony
 castle and a
 real live horse
 Love, Eliana

Dear Santa
 I would like
 a new iPhone
 a watch and a
 new iPad, a new
 teddy bear
 Thank you!!!!

Dear Santa,
 I would like a
 real live miniature
 horse that will
 grow up. An
 electric toy kitty
 and a yellow scapalar.

Thank you Santa for
 everything
 Love Adelle Parker

Dear Santa,
 I would like a
 robot, a table
 that can move. A
 dinosaur and
 candles
 to celebrate Jesus'
 Birthday
 Love, Ario

Dear Santa
 I wish for an
 Anna dress and
 a skateboard
 a new watch.
 Love, Lynzie

Dear Santa,
 I would like
 a bike with
 little
 rocket boost
 ers
 and a bow and
 arrow
 Thank you,
 Eli

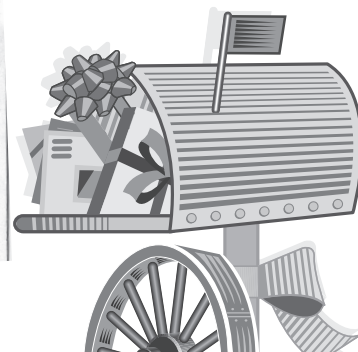
Dear Santa, I
 would like 3
 real dogs and
 2 boys and
 1 girl and some
 mittens
 Thank you
 very much
 Love, Jake



Dear Santa
 I would like a
 dinosaur that
 can control
 with my body
 and an Easy
 Bake and a
 cotton candy
 maker
 Love, Ben

Dear Santa,
 I would like an
 Elsa Barbie with
 papers and a
 Barbie house
 for Elsa
 Thank you Santa
 Carlissa

Dear Santa,
 I would like a
 toy robot, a
 Zacksco's
 toy dinosaur a
 Mario card number
 7 and adventurous
 cap.
 Love Hunter



Dear Santa
 I would like a
 big piggy bank
 to buy the new one. I
 go more and a big
 momma cot. I love
 Jesus. I want
 Christmas. I want
 Santa to see us in
 the morning.
 Thank you very
 much. I like
 Santa's elves
 Love, Hannah

Dear Santa,
 I would like
 Play-Doh
 and a robot
 Kitty cat that
 would walk
 on a leash. Also
 a Barbie Elsa
 doll that can
 sing. Love, Mollie

Dear Santa,
 I would like
 a princess tent
 and a new scooter
 and new bicycle
 Love, Monina

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Dear santa I would like a X box 360 and a mind craft game for my X box 360. dont forget I want a nother mindcraft stuffy named Steve
love Seth Paulin
thank you

Dear santa I would like a reflecting pool that copies what ever you do. And a remote control Iron man that can talk fly and some mad guys so Iron man can thar something to fite. And some odd square Legos, thank you
St Liam + einers

Dear Santa
I want a new dog and a toy I want a train gun will get an help on a sled? Santa
to bring me a lego 404 I will get a new lego for My dad
I want a iso ask for a pet frog.
Jack Lashley

Dear Santa,
I would like a Dragon Egg.
Thank you
Douglas Hacke

2015
Dear Santa
I want a camel back 2 A neck protector 2 a net machin 4 clip for my dirt bike boots shin pads for my dirt bike.
sincerely
Branson Voth

Dear Santa
I would like for you to bring me stuffed animal I would like Pokemon stuffed animal.
JACKSON PILL

Dear Santa, I would like you to please bring a prumset and a Barbie house for my sister. And a lego set.
Thank you.
Lore Cooper Graves

Dear Santa
I would like for you to please bring me anything you would like to bring to me.
Thank you Santa
Skyler Reed

Harley
Dear Santa
I would like for you to please bring me a real horse a real phone would like stuff for a vet. Thank you.
Harley Oliver

Dear Santa, I would like for you to please bring art stuff for me I will be good. I love you.
I really want a pagostick.
Thank you
Ava Hacker

Dear Santa I would like for you to please bring me a dirt bike
Thank you
colt

Dear Santa
I would like for you to please bring me a ipad and a parting kit.
Thank you
Taylor Sicking

Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring me a hideout and that Jesse doll I saw on toy story 3.
Thank you
Della Walterscheid

Dear Santa I would like for you to please bring me a koryoke machine and a guitar. I wish you a merry christmas.
Thank you.
Lucy Klement

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Dear Santa
I would like for you to please bring me a Xbox 360 pop stick thank you
CARSON BRIDGES

Dear Santa
I would like for you to please bring an ipod. And some Dino toys.
Tyler Smith

Dear Santa, I would like something from you. can you bring me all of it. I want from you a X box 360 cord and a mindcraft guy
Thank you
Brody Charles

Dear Santa
I would like you to get lego Dickinse and men in black 2 and a Spiderman Hideout.
COLT W. Walterscheid

Dear Santa I would like for you to please bring me a dirt bike and some stuffies for me and my sister, and can you also bring me lego help set. from Carter to Santa
love Carter Heller

Dear Santa, I would like for you to please bring me and Carter a X box 360. Thank you
Hayden Sicking

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Dear Santa,
I would like for you to please bring a Barbie saddle and ride and season one Shopkins. Thank you
Nevaeh Fleitman

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December 1, 2015
 Dear Santa
 I want a new pair of shoes
 I want a stuffed animal
 I want a baby puppy
 I want a big dog
 I want a baby puppy
 PUPPY Emma

Dear Santa,
 I want a puppy because they are so cool!
 I want a real computer with a swivel chair and a bunk bed and a play house that looked like a real house with stairs.
 Love Kyle

December 1, 2015
 Dear Santa,
 I want some stuff
 1. buck bed
 2. tballis
 3. Gymnastic make
 4. Barbie dream house
 Love Adyson Carney

December 2015
 Dear Santa
 I am asking for
 1. iPad
 2. Xbox one
 3. I want a tablet
 4. I want a Destiny game
 5. I want a phone for Dad
 6. I want a book
 7. I want a little sweater for my sister
 Love Caden Simon

Dear Santa
 1. trampoline
 2. robocopy
 3. A lot of money
 4. iPad
 5. phone
 6. toy bird
 7. rain boots
 8. globe
 9. randoe m r k
 10. 3 pet fish
 Love Eliza

Dear Santa, I am asking for:
 1. pet fish
 2. tent, Jorey, make
 3. make up, eye pad, a dress up dress, an eye pad case, a stuffed ndus that I can sit on.
 Love, Caitlyn Mccann



December 1, 2015
 Dear Santa
 I am asking for
 • Christmas Socks
 • brush makeup pens
 • Sanders Paine
 • barney dream house
 • Shopkins kindle
 • baby Pures
 • Emagyn P. Morgan

December 2015
 Dear Santa
 I do not know what I want. But, I like baby dolls and stuffed animals.
 Love, Cheyenne Carcoran

Dear Santa
 I want a twist er, 2 elf on a shelf and its rain deer.
 3 real cat.
 Leonardo da Vinci's model of a mosquito
 the painting stary night
 a radio that plays the music the cats waltz
 Love Kalle Cope

December 2015
 Dear Santa
 I want a foot ball toy robot
 a push Adam Hofbauer

Dear Santa
 I am asking for a big Pangwin and a Pop alt Pet and a toy rooster
 When I touch his nose will lite up
 LOVE Dofen Kootof
 LOVE ange
 Angelina Hermes

Dear Santa
 I am asking for
 1. A Nerf gun
 2. A Pop out pet
 3. Trbo Max tode truck
 4. A Stuffed animal
 5. A Robot.
 Cooper Hartman

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 Love Kalle Cope

Dear Santa, I would like to please bring me a skateboard and a dirt bike and a drum set
 Thank you
 Spencer Jarosz

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 Thank you
 Spencer Jarosz

Dear Santa, I would like for to please bring me a skateboard and a dirt bike and a drum set
 Thank you
 Spencer Jarosz

Dear Santa,
 I am asking for
 a lego ninjago zane set
 a small foot ball
 a santa leg set
 a zippy zack
 a train twister
 Brady Klement

December 1, 2015
 Dear Santa
 I want a ribbon
 I want Zobebe zoolips costume
 I want a pig bone
 I want a baby pipe
 I want a dirt bike
 I want a file
 Love
 Frum collinott

Dear Santa
 I'm asking for
 Mario game
 same
 plays a atian
 Dynasty
 a pig bone
 for my da
 a Gungy
 a Pubee y
 callay
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Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer doing? How are the reindeer able to fly? I did all my chores. I've been very good for Christmas. I like the TIME Legend, Bow and Arrows, Star Wars Legos, a pellet gun, stuffed bear and a little black puppy. I will leave a light for you.
Love
Samantha

Dear Santa
I really like your elves because they are so silly. I have been very good this year. I have done all my chores. For Christmas I would like the Aqua beds starter set, aquabeds, Disney Cinderella playset, Beanie Baby Boo Lamy, Zippy Turtles and weddies, penguin and Mary Ellen American Girl Doll, and a pop out Pet. LOVE
Jaycee

Dear Santa,
What kind of Reindeer foot do you feed the Red-Nosed? I helped Daddy do the chores and I take my bed every day. For Christmas I want the Matchbox Pile Trapper Train, a train, a car, a toy xylophone, a dinosaur and are loci captor.
Love
Cody

Dear Santa
How many reindeer do you have and what are their names? I have been a good girl. I have done all my chores. For Christmas I would like a little white mini car for me and my sisters to ride in. I also want an Ice skating American Girl doll.
Love
Anna

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? What is it like at the North Pole? I have been very good this year. I would like a Snow and an Indian dress, a beanie boo and a life-up pillow pet. I will leave you some chocolate chip cookies.
Love
Anna

Dear Santa, How are you? For all the families? I have moved into a new house on Ash Street. May I please have a Hasbro Easy-Bake Oven, Little Live Pets Clever Keeper, a Nerf Blaster, a Hobbit Shelf, and a real black and white kitten. I will leave a Kit Kat on the kitchen table.
Love
ADD



Dear Santa,
How do the elves make all the toys? I helped Mom take care of my baby brother. For Christmas I would like a Girl Scouts Easy-Bake oven. I would also like a real little brown puppy. Could you bring my little brother a chew, chew toy.
Love
Halli

Dear Santa,
Is Rado on the Red Nose Reindeer real? I have given all my old toys to the pool. I would like a Platoon toy pistol and a bow and arrow set. I would also like some axes.
Love,
John B

Keep
CHRISTMAS
in CHRISTMAS!

Dear Santa,
I think your elves are funny. How do the elves make all the toys? I have been a good boy. I would like a K-size 4-wheeler, a hot wheel and a football. I will leave you some Christmas cookies on the coffee table.
Love
Cody

Dear Santa,
How are the reindeer able to fly? For Christmas I would like a lot of dinosaurs. I want a T-Rex and a Velociraptor. Some Army men.
Love
Ryder

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Dear Santa,
I have been a good girl this year. How do the reindeer fly? How does Mrs. Clark help you at Christmas? I want a mickey mouse baby ball with a rock and a stick. I also want an iPad. I will be back on the list.
Love, Joanna

Dear Santa, I have been a very good girl. This year Santa are you real? I hope you are for Christmas. I would like some per candy I like strawberry and banana flavor. I would like the polar bear per. I also want a little girl kitten with white spots.
Love, Miriam

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing OK. I have been very good this year. I would like a teddy bear, a Barbie doll, a tiara, a sure box, and a stuffed baby lion. Please bring baby bear, a stuffed dog, a rat, etc. I will leave you some milk and cookies and some carrots for reindeer.
Love, Kristen

Dear Santa,
How old are you? When is your birthday? How many elves do you have? I have been a good girl. I would like a hamster, a cat, a girl doll, etc. I would also like a lot of dolls. I will leave you some love and joy. Also, I will leave you some love and joy.
Love, Resi

Cookies for Santa



Cake Batter Chocolate Chip Cookies

yield: 2 - 2.5 dozen cookies
If you like chocolate chip cookies and you like cake batter, you will love these soft & chewy cookies!

Ingredients:
1 and 1/4 cup all-purpose flour
1 and 1/4 cup yellow or vanilla boxed cake mix
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 cup unsalted butter, softened to room temperature
1/2 cup granulated sugar
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1 egg, at room temperature
1 and 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1 cup chocolate chips
1/2 cup sprinkles

Directions:
In a large bowl, sift together flour, cake mix, and baking soda. Set aside. Using a hand mixer or a stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment, cream the softened butter and both sugars together on medium speed until smooth. Add the egg and mix on high until combined, about 1 minute. Scrape down the sides and bottom of the bowl as needed. Add the vanilla and beat on high until combined. Add the flour mixture to the wet ingredients and mix on low-medium speed until just combined. Add the chocolate chips and sprinkles. Mix on low until the add-ins are evenly disbursed.

Cover tightly with plastic wrap and refrigerate dough for at least 2 hours, or up to 3-4 days. This step is mandatory. The dough is fairly sticky, so chilling the dough is required in order to avoid the cookies from spreading too much. If you chill longer than 2 hours, make sure you roll the cookie dough into balls after the 2 hour mark. Place dough balls on a plate, cover tightly, and store in the refrigerator until ready to bake. You may also freeze the balls at this point for up to 3 months. (Then bake as directed adding 1 minute to the bake time without thawing.)

Once dough has been chilled, preheat oven to 350°F. Line two large cookie sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats. Scoop rounded balls of the cold dough onto an ungreased baking sheet, use about 1.5 Tablespoons of cookie dough per cookie. Shape your cookie dough balls to be "taller" than they are wide, as pictured above. Press a few chocolate chips into the tops of the cookie dough balls, if desired. That makes a pretty cookie. Make sure to keep dough chilled when working in batches. Bake the cookies for 10-12 minutes until edges are

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Dear Santa,
How are your reindeer? How is Mrs. Claus? I have been very good this year. For Christmas I want a Betty Boop baby animal. I would also like the perfect pet zzzz. Black Lab and a custom collapsible Hula Hoop. I will leave the porchlight on.
Love, Koralee

Dear Santa,
For Christmas I would like the lego Jurassic World T-Rex tracker. I can't wait!
Love, Bren

Christmas Magic Cookie Bars

YIELD: 12 cookies
PREP TIME: 15 minutes COOK TIME: 25-30 minutes

Soft and Chewy Magic Cookie Bars

INGREDIENTS:
1 stick butter (1/2 cup)
One 14 oz Can Of Sweetened Condensed Milk
1 & 1/2 cups graham cracker crumbs
1 cup Holiday or regular chocolate chips (divided into 1/2 cup portions)
1 cup chopped nuts (I prefer walnuts)
1 cup Holiday or regular M&M's (divided into 1/2 cup portions)
1 & 1/2 cups flaked coconut

DIRECTIONS:
Unwrap butter and place in 13" x 9" pan. Place pan, with butter, in the oven and turn the oven on to 350°F. Butter can melt in pan while preheating. Keep an eye on it, checking every few minutes and pulling out of the oven when butter is melted. Please be careful while preparing recipe as pan will be very hot.

Crush graham crackers in a food processor to create graham cracker crumbs (or buy crumbs). When butter is melted, remove pan from oven and carefully sprinkle the graham cracker crumbs over the melted butter. Press in lightly with fork or back of spoon. Pour sweetened condensed milk over the crumb layer. Sprinkle 1/2 of the chocolate chips, 1/2 of the M&M's & the nuts over the sweetened condensed milk layer. Sprinkle coconut on top, followed by remaining chocolate chips & M&M's. Bake in oven for 25-30 minutes or until lightly browned. Remove from oven. Allow bars to cool completely. Slice, give and enjoy!

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Dear Santa,
Are the reindeer doing okay, can you bring me a Lego papail or a helicopter? How do you get all the toys delivered in just one night?
Love,
Brendan
HESS

Dear santa,
Are you doing well? Thank you for the truck you brought last year. Please bring me two candles and an iPad. I would love a Hot Wheels set also.
Love,
Richie Joly

Dear santa
How are you doing? Would you love a new iPad and an electric scooter. Please bring me a Bean bag chair. Thank you for the car you brought me last year.
Love,
Marce Schilling

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Thank you for the book last year. Please bring me a new bike because my bike is old. And bring me a new book to read please.
Love,
Timothy Flusche

Dear Santa,
I hope you are well. Thank you for the Hot Wheels you brought last year. Please bring me a 3ds and a new book.
Love,
Clayton Bezher

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? I hope Mrs. Claus and the reindeer are doing ok. Thank you for the trampoline and for the soap from last year. This year I want an iPad and a puppy.
Love,
Kaden Blanton

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. Thank you for the Dr. Pepper and Snickers you gave me last year. Please give me an Xbox 360 and a iPod and a new bike.
Love,
Luke Hesse

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. I want a remote control helicopter and car. I really want a dog or a cat. Please bring a puppet like Jerry for the car.
Love,
Callistus Ganzon

Dear Santa,
How are you doing? Please send an elf to our house this year. Thank you for the batman cave last year. Please bring me a T rex and the blue ego Ninjago kit.
Love,
Ethan Howard
set a magic spell please

Dear Santa
How are you today? Is Mrs. Claus doing well? How are the reindeer? I love all that you have given me. Please bring me an iPad and a game called mouse trap. I would like a book called Valentines Day from the Black Lagoon. I would love an American girl doll.
Love,
Landry Schilling

Dear Santa,
How are you doing?
Thank you for the candy you brought last year. Please bring me a new trampoline. I would love a new backpack.
Love,
Bella Walterscheid

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. Thank you for the iPad you brought last year. Please bring me an American Girl doll. I would love a new backpack.
Love,
Lexie Hess

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. Thank you for the bike last year. I hope Elvis helped with your sled. This year I would like a remote control car, a polar bear, and a Electric scooter.
Love,
Jake Hess

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well. Thank you for the Toys you brought me last year. Please bring me a new bike to ride. I would love a new gun.
Love,
Zadok Schilling

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing well with all the toys for the children. What I mostly want for Christmas is a new bike, and of course all the toys I want. I hope all the children get what they want.
Merry Christmas
Love,
Juan McCoy

Dear Santa,
How was your year? How are you doing this year? Thank you for every thing you have done. I would like a new soft blanket for the living room. Please bring me a new bike and a iPad.
Love,
Nolan Schilling

Dear Santa,
I hope you give me a puppy and a phone. I would love a horse and the bike I want from Walmart. I hope you are doing well.
Love,
Marnie Sprouse

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slightly browned. Mine take 10 minutes exactly. The centers will still appear very soft, but the cookies will set as they cool. You can also press a few more chips into the tops of the cookies at this point (the chips will melt down and stick from the warm cookies). Allow the cookies to cool on the baking sheet for 4 minutes and transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Make ahead tip: Cookies stay fresh covered at room temperature for up to 1 week. You can make the cookie dough and chill it in the refrigerator for up to 3-4 days. Allow to come to room temperature and continue with step 4. Baked cookies freeze well - up to three months. Unbaked cookie dough balls freeze well - up to three months. Bake frozen cookie dough balls for an extra minute, no need to thaw.

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Dear Santa,
 How are you doing? I'm doing fine. I was wondering if I could have a hover ball by whamo, basketball shoes, and under armour. And I'm playing soccer this year but I do not have anything for soccer. Hope you have a great year.
 Love,
 Paityn Price.

Dear Santa,
 I hope you give me a puppy, an I-pad, and a Barbie doll for Christmas. Tell the one with the red nose. He's real. Merry Christmas! Tell all the deers I love them all. Merry Christmas Santa. Am I on the good list?
 Love,
 Katilyn

Dear Santa,
 I hope you and your reindeer fly safely. And how are your elves doing? And how is Mrs. Claus? I can't wait for you to come! What I have been always wanting for Christmas is a make-up kit.
 Love,
 Natalie

Dear Santa,
 I hope you are doing good making toys. Can you get me an I pad, a Lego set, and an Xbox 360?
 Love,
 Ace Beggs

Dear Santa,
 I hope I get a special toy for Christmas. I hope you and your elves have a safe trip. I hope your reindeer fly good. Are you doing good? I wish I could see you and go on your sled. I hope every

body was good this year. Have a great Christmas.
 I hope I get a special toy.
 Love,
 Allie

Dear Santa,
 I hope I've been good this year. What I want for Christmas is a Baby Alive because it is funny and silly. And a phone so I don't have to play on my mom's. And a tablet so I can watch movies on it!
 Love,
 Kalyn Walterscheid

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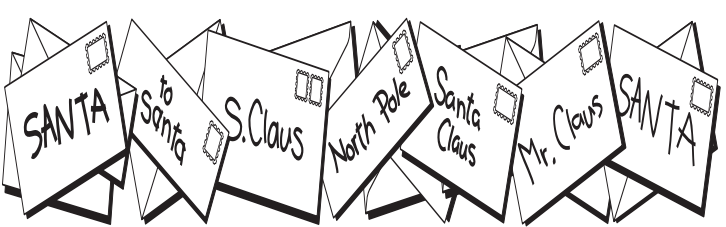
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Dear Santa, I would like everyone to be happy and cheerful. That would make me happy. That would be the best Christmas. And enjoy the cookies and milk.

Love,
Rhett Watterscheid

Dear Santa, I have been really good this year. I hope Mrs. Claus makes good cookies this year. Please for Christmas I want an iPad. Santa you are the best!

love,
Addison Snuggs

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I didn't talk back to the teacher. I really, really, really want a puppy for Christmas. I want a tea cup puppy. I hope Mrs. Claus is making good cookies for you. I will show my friend my puppy.

Love,
Ella Watterscheid

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I hope you give me a nether fish and chapstick. Enjoy your cookies and milk. Thank you!

Love,
Bailey Newton



Dear Santa,
I've been very good this year. I hope you'll give me one of the mouse toys are us.

Love Jade
Broyles

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. I hope Mrs. Claus and you are doing good. I want a bow and arrow and a bike. I will give make cookies for your reindeer. Love,
megan Hess

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I really hope you made good cookies for me. I want an iPad. I hope that you will bring it to me. I know you will because your very sweet. Thank you Emma Greuning

Dear Santa,
I have been really good. I would like to ask for an iPad, a fourwheeler, and a puppy. By the way I hope you're doing well. Thank you!!

Love,
Danni Paulin

Dear Santa,
I have been really good this year. I want a video Drone, a kitchen TV, and two real crabs. Are your reindeer okay? I hope they are okay, so you can fly.

Love, Shawn Henderson

Dear Santa,
I been good this year. I want a Destroyer ship. And I want what Justen blamer made at the end of Forman 2. Thank you!

Love
Colt Haverkamp

Dear Santa,
I have been very good this year. I really want a electric scooter, Seattle seaHawk blanket, and thank you for the very nice teacher.

Enjoy your cookies and milk.

Your friend,
Nolan Peel

Dear Santa,
I have been nice to my dog. I sent notes you and Mrs. Claus stuff. I want another Elf on the Shelf. And a chocolate. La best hope the reindeer are good.

William Cox

Dear Santa,
I've been good. Can you give me Star Wars Legos and Under Armour. I a Ref. I hope your rain boots are or we will leave you cookies, wraps and milk.

Love, Brock Watterscheid

Dear Santa,
I would like a pink and black electric scooter, a Monster high robe, and maybe a iPad or phone, and maybe under armour stuff, maybe mudding for wheeler. Thank you for the stuff I wish for. I will leave you some cookies and milk.

Love Desiree Lutken

Dear Santa,
I have been nice. I would like a Barbie dream house. How are the elves? I hope you won't get sick this year.

Loves
Anna Warren

Dear Santa,
I have been good this year. Can I have Mike craft store. Please also I will have good cookies for you.

Love,
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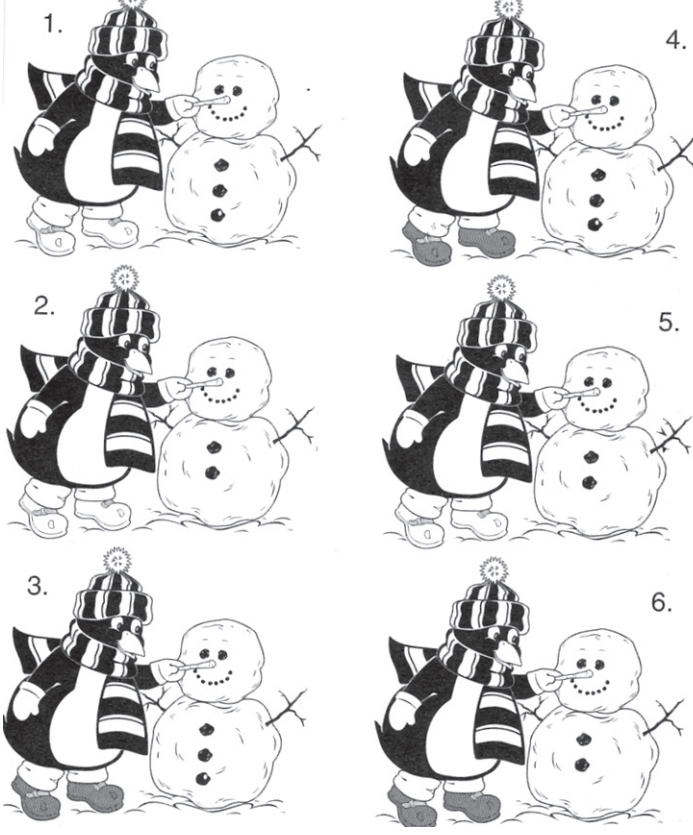
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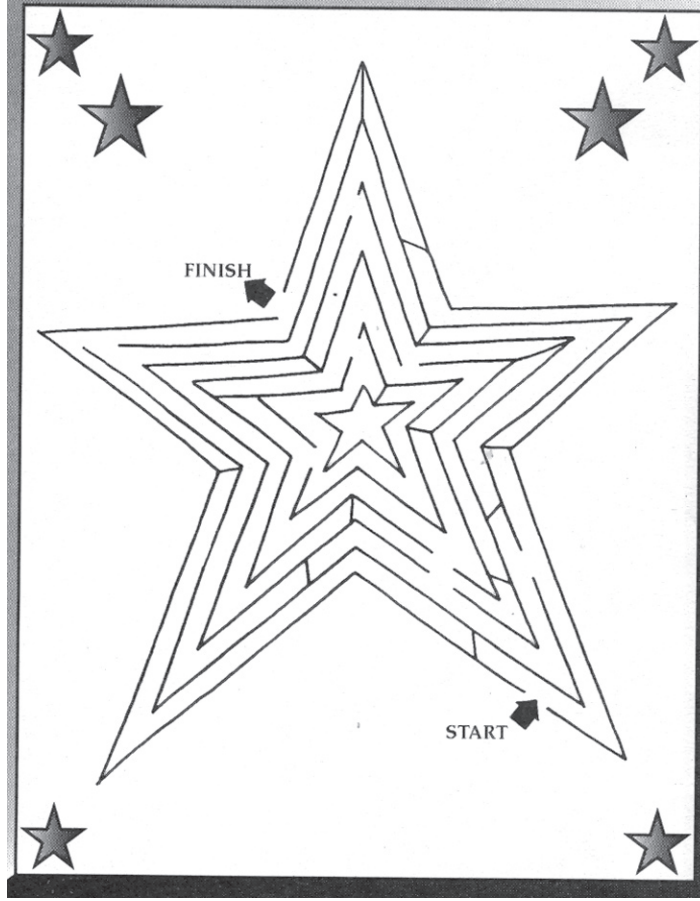
Find the two matching pictures.



WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to find out what we found under the Christmas tree:

1. BYBA GYUGB
2. ORABD AMEG
3. KABETABLSL
4. YILCBCE
5. WASERTE
6. OIDVE



WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to find the winter words:

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|-------------|--------------|
| 1. ARKPA | 6. GOTBONAG |
| 2. SNITEMT | 7. TEELS |
| 3. LIZARDBZ | 8. BEHTNAEIR |
| 4. WAMONSN | 9. WILLDHICN |
| 5. LCIECI | |



A MIRACLE IN DISGUISE

By Daris Howard

Andrew lay in the hospital bed trying to remember what had happened. Gradually it started to come back to him. His unit had come under heavy German bombardment as they fought their way east of Paris. Everyone had rushed for cover. The American forces had responded with a bombardment of their own.

The Germans had started to fall back, but were still putting up stiff resistance. Then Andrew remembered hearing the whistling of incoming shells. He threw himself to the ground, and he could remember no more.

As he looked around himself, Andrew could tell he was in an army hospital. Suddenly he became aware of a tremendous pain in his right arm. He looked toward it, and the shock he felt was instant and intense. Where his arm was supposed to be, the sheet lay limp against the bed.

As he lay there gasping at the shock of not having his arm, someone spoke to him.

"It is about time you awoke. How are you feeling?" All Andrew could say was, "My arm!"

The man, obviously a doctor, nodded. "There was nothing much we could do. There was basically nothing left of it when you arrived. It was all we could do to save your life."

Another voice joined the doctor's, that of a woman. "You are fortunate, young man. Dr. Jacobson is the best. If you had ended up at a different medical unit, you likely would not be alive."

"Thanks for the compliment, Mary," Dr. Jacobson said, "but there are many capable doctors."

Andrew, still suffering from the shock of losing his arm, wished to be left alone, and Dr. Jacobson seemed to know it. He excused himself, and the nurse followed his cue.

Andrew lay there alone, lost in his thoughts. Back in Kansas, before he was drafted, his life had revolved around music. He had won many piano competitions and had planned to make that his career. Now that dream was gone.

His father had been so proud of Andrew's piano ability. Andrew's father had lost his left arm during World War I and said he enjoyed watching Andrew do something he himself couldn't do.

Andrew watched his father struggle to do the simple things others took for granted. But his father never complained, working hard to provide for his family.

After a while, Dr. Jacobson returned. "How are you feeling?" he asked.

"Okay," Andrew said. "I have the strangest, deja vu feeling when I look at you," Dr. Jacobson said.

"Why's that?" Andrew asked. "Many years ago I fought in World War I. I was wounded, and was dying, when my good friend came to my rescue. He saved my life, but was wounded himself. It was because of him that I decided to become a doctor. The crazy thing is, you look just like him, and he lost his arm, too."

Andrew felt a strange feeling come over him. "What was his name?" he asked.

"John Fredrickson," the doctor answered.

Andrew gasped hearing his father's name. "Where was he from?"

"Kansas," Dr. Jacobson said.

And Andrew learned that the doctor who saved his life had had his own life saved by Andrew's father. That was when Andrew remembered something his father always said.

"A coincidence is nothing but a miracle in disguise."

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ANSWERS:
Find the Twins - 3 & 4
Word Scramble - Under the tree - 1. baby buggy; 2. board game; 3. basketball; 4. bicycle; 5. sweater; 6. video
Word Scramble - winter - 1. parka; 2. mittens; 3. blizzard; 4. snowman; 5. icicle; 6. toboggan; 7. sleet; 8. hibernate; 9. windchill

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Dear Santa,
I hope my elf Heart and you are doing good and I hope i've been nice. Can I please have a beautiful elf and Santa shirt for Christmas? And I would like some sweatpants and warm pants. I hope you are safe coming to my house on Christmas Eve!
Your friend,
Emma

Dear Santa,
I hope I get presents this year. So that's why I'm being good this year. I like cloud pet. This is what I want also. I want a cloud pet. Love,
Baylie

Dear Santa,
Are you and your elves having fun at the North Pole? I think I have been good this year.
Santa, I want an iPad, fuzzy boots, and cowgirl boots.
Love,
Shelbie Lei Holbauer

Dear Santa,
I hope you are doing good. I want an xbox 360 and a PS3 and a PS4. An xbox 360 is fun because I get to play minecraft. And a PS3 is fun because I get to play Madden 13. And a PS4 is fun because I get to play Star Wars.
Love,
Preston

Dear Santa,
Elfie came last night. Thank you for bringing him.
Can I please have Minecraft, a Nerf Gun and Brown NFL Jr. Football. Have a safe flight.
Love,
Garrett Hess

Dear Santa,
I hope you and your elves have a great Christmas. This is what I want for Christmas - A Icu football helmet, some knee pads, and some Icu football cleats.
Love,
Casen

Dear Santa,
I was being good this year. I want Snakbeez for Christmas so when I go camping I don't have to hold 2 things. I also want a Hover ball so I don't have to play soccer outside.
Last but not least I want a Nerf arrow bow blaster so I can play with a bow and arrow. Fly safely with your reindeer.
Love,
Anna Kay Herzig

Dear Santa Claus,
I hope you had a good year. Just so you know I want a four wheeled My own kit of tools and a tv for my room. I hope you have a good flight.
Love,
Donald Wade Schrad

Dear Santa,
I want an I-pad, a giant lego set, Electronic train. We will also leave some food again. Have a great year!
Love,
Aeden

Dear Santa,
I hope I've been good this year. I want an xbox 360, I want a chicken, the golden one with white spots, I also want a turtle and a rabbit. I want two puppies, a boy and a girl. You'll have a care full flight.
Love,
Jake

Dear Santa,
I hope you and your elves have had a good time making toys. I mostly want the toy Meccano. The other things are Bunch ems, xbox or playstation, Elf on the shelf, Chocolate pen, Orbeez spa and a wipe out helmet.
Love,
Lillian Wimmer

Dear Santa,
I want an iphon for Christmas. I want an ipdd too. Thank you how are your reindeer? Your friend,
Ellie Hacker



Dear Santa,
I hope you stay safe. I want a paint ball gun. I want a ip stick. I want a rocket boots.
Love,
Jackson

Dear Santa,
I hope you are good, can I please have a hoverboard? It would be fun to ride.
Love,
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Quick, easy ways to pet-proof your home for the holidays

To truly pet-proof your home, start by getting down on the floor to see the world the way your pet sees it. This allows you to spot potential hazards that you might not notice from your vantage point.

Treat your pet like you would a child: active puppies and kittens can easily get into dangerous situations. Use safety gates in areas where dangerous holiday items are to prevent your pet from getting into trouble.

Take caution with wires: pets can easily injure themselves with electrical wires, and outlets. Use caution when hanging up holiday lights on trees and around the house. Secure all electrical cords and outlets and keep your pets in areas of your home where cords cannot be accessed.

Avoid holiday plants: plants can be poisonous for pets, so be cautious when placing holiday wreaths, flowers and plants around the house where your cat or



dog can easily access them. **Candles:** lit candles pose a serious threat to both your pets and your home. Keep your animals away from candles because they can easily be knocked down creating a fire hazard.

Hide the trash can: a hyper puppy can easily knock over a trash can and spread garbage and bacteria throughout your home. In addition, dogs can choke on hazardous items so be sure to properly

dispose of all holiday wrapping and keep it out of your dog's reach.

Be careful with fruit and candy baskets: holiday treats will inevitably be present during this season, but grapes (and raisins), chocolate, and other holiday treats are actually deadly for dogs. Candy wrappers can also be a threat to your cat and dog, so be sure to throw away all wrappers in a place where they can't get to them.

Factors to consider before adopting a pet

What breed are you looking to adopt? Different breeds have different characteristics and you will want to understand the types of behaviors that may be displayed by your new family member. You need to understand the energy of your household, the size of dog that you can handle, how much exercise you are able to provide and more. If your family tends to be very low key, you do not want to choose a high energy dog that needs tons of energy. If you live in a small space, a very large dog may not be the best for your family. Think about all of these variables before choosing your new pup.

Who will care for the new pet? Be sure your new pet correlates with the ages of those in the household. A good rule of thumb: the new pet should fit the current physical capabilities of the caretakers with a perspective for what the next 10-15 years will bring.

If you have children in your household, enrolling your new pup and family members into an obedience class should be high on your priority list. Children need to learn how to safely interact with the dogs so that accidents don't happen. An experienced trainer will help the whole family understand how to safely interact with your new family member.

If there are elderly members in a household, a strong vigorous adolescent pet is not advised. Large breeds also demand more physical upkeep, something that an older person may have trouble performing.

Does your family have an opinion on their newest member of the family? Although it is exciting to surprise the family with a new pet, do some research and poll each family member to find out what they are looking for in a new pet so that the pet you choose aligns with the household. Once your family has chosen a breed that suits the family's requirements, the best approach is to bring the whole family to meet the potential new

family member and gauge how they all interact.

Are you financially ready for this responsibility? A new pet can go for "free-to-a-good-home" to several thousand dollars. A budget must be set not only for the up front cost of taking the pet home, but also for immediate follow-up costs like veterinary check-ups, a training crate and pet obedience classes. Also keep in mind that your pet will need to be fed and groomed and will also need chew toys and additional supplies like food bowls, a dog bed, brushes, leashes, etc. Also keep in mind the necessary chunk of money needed for veterinary emergencies. You might also think about getting pet insurance for your new family member to help keep the cost of veterinary bills more affordable.



Tips on keeping your dog safe this winter

Never let your dog off the leash in snow or ice. Although it may seem like a fun option to let your pup frolic in the snow, it can prove to be extremely dangerous. Dogs tend to lose their sense of smell in extremely cold weather and become lost. Believe it or not, winter has the highest rates for lost dogs!

Thoroughly wipe down your dog when he comes back into the house after being in the snow. It is common for dogs to ingest salts for melting ice as well as antifreeze, which can prove to be very toxic.

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ice melt whenever de-icing outdoors.

Never leave your pet in the car, a car can act almost like a freezer in the winter, trapping heat outside and causing your pet to freeze to death. Likewise, a shelter is always a necessity! Whether always an outdoor dog or just outside to play, make sure to have a shelter for them from the wind and snow.

Fresh water is a must at all times, as your dog may be more likely to lick ice and eat snow if he/she is thirsty from lack of water. It is common for dogs to ingest snow-melting-salts and antifreeze.



Tips for traveling with pets

Flying with your pet: If you are going to take your pet on an airplane, it is important to determine whether your pet will need a crate or a carrier. Larger dogs will fly in a crate in the cargo, and smaller dogs that fit into a carrier can fly in the plane. Make sure you find out the requirements for your dog prior to booking your flight. Familiarize your pet with

its crate or carrier: Pets like familiarity. If you plan on keeping your pet inside a carrier or crate while traveling, make purchases at least a month before travel to allow your pet ample time to get comfortable with the new environment. Place him or her in the carrier and provide some treats. Gradually lengthen the time your pet is in the crate or carrier until your pet seems at ease in its new space.

Car Safety: It is important that we always think about the dog's safety while in your car. If you want it to sit on the seat, get your pup a dog seatbelt. It allows your dog to move around, but provides restraint in the case of an accident. If you have an SUV, you can

buy a gate that keeps it from jumping from the back to the front.

Feed your pet no less than five or six hours before traveling: It is very easy for your dog or cat to become sick during travel. Providing time for food to digest lessens the chances of your pet becoming ill.

Find a pet-friendly hotel: And if you've got plans during the day, since most pet-friendly hotels will not allow pets to be left in the room alone, consider taking your dog to a nearby Camp Bow Wow® doggie day care facility or hire a Home Buddies by Camp Bow Wow® pet sitter to keep Fido company. Camp is open early in the morning until late in the evening, so your pup can play all day.

Make your pet feel at home: Use familiar dishes, blankets, toys and other items from your home to create a sense of comfort for your pet.



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