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Brewer High School's Top 10 Percent Honored During Academic **Letter Jacket Ceremony**

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top 10 percent ranking for the 2017-18 school year during the Academic Letter Jacket Ceremony on Dec. 10.

Seniors were: Lauren Allbright, Jacob Brackett, Adam Bradley, Alejandra Briones, Gabriella Castillion, Mimi Coffey, Sydney Crosby, Claudia Dressel, Adam Duncan, Scott Ellis, Veronica Evans, Mari Steff Ferrer, Jacob Gimlin, Josiah Harris, Dagan Herring, Carson Ingram, Sarah Labrecque, Charles Lelek, Alison Mancera, Makayla Maston, Jordan Matous, Lauren McDowell, Alycia Mills, Mollie Molinar, Norma Montelongo, David Ogidan, Janet Oosub, Anuj Patel, Derek Patton, Sajan Ramanibabu, Christian Ramirez, Madiha Rehman, Austin Riiss-Due, Katherine Robinson, Micah Sablan, Jared Salagado, Lesly Salazar, Joel Seawright, Cristina Shelton, Autumn Siegmund, Lautaro Soria-Pena, Casey

Brewer High School honored 10th through 12th graders who achieved a Spaulding, Callie Taylor, Alexi Tercero, Aaron Torres, Diana Velasquez and Michelle Wilson.

> Juniors were: Ziad Aboudail, Travis Allen, Emmanuel Amado, Kyrin Barnes, Paige Boland, Travis Bradley, Zoe Brown, Tommy Buth, Braxdon Cannon, Anahy Castillo, Lauryn Chan, Jackson Cox, Jade Davis, Joshua Dear, Guillermo Esparza, Landry Foy, Caden Gabbert, Ethan Gonzales, Katherine Griffitts, Gillian Johannesen, Jessica Johnson, Andrew Juarez, Rachel Kelly, Riley Kueck, Rebecca Lares, Casandra Lemus Reynoso, Marcus Martinez, Phoebe McCaffrey, Joshua Mora, Kalee Moran, Carson Morrill, Madison Munoz, Riley Nitschke, Mason Poyfair, Sasha Ramos, Ryan Reed, Maddelynne Rivera, Britany Scieneaux, T'ea Scott, Devon Soucy, Austin Sykes, Raileigh Trotter, Joshua Uranga and Jacie Vieck.

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Dear Friends,

We wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! May you and your loved ones have good health, success and joy in 2019. Thank you for letting us share your accomplishments, preserve your memories and promote your businesses in our newspapers. We truly could not do this without you and look forward to continuing our friendships in the new year.

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Sincerely,

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Obituary Holiday Closures **Across the Area**



Ralph E. Davison, Jr.

Ralph E. Davison, Jr. 69, entered into his eternal rest on Sunday, Dec. 9, 2018, in Leander, Texas

The memorial service is Saturday, Dec. 22, 2018 at 3 p.m. at First Baptist Church, 7801 White Settlement Rd., White Settlement, Texas 76108. Lunch following service at the church.

Ralph was born to Lillian and Ralph Davison, Sr. on November 18, 1949 Meridian, Mississippi. He married his wife Lilliane on May 17, 1989 Fort Worth, Texas. He graduated in Tripoli, Libya. Retired from Mrs. Braids Bakery after 32 years of service. He loved spending time with his family, going fishing, hunting and camping whenever possible.

Ralph is preceded in death by his mother and father, Lillian and Ralph Davison Sr.; his brother, Ricky Davison; and son Gregory Davison.

Those left behind to cherish his memory are his wife, Lilliane; son Michael Davison (Maria Ramos); stepdaughter, Marie Jackson (Harold); stepson Shawn Miller; daughter-in-law, Suzette Davison; brother Robert Davison (Cecilia); sister Mary Berry; grandchildren, Trenton Davison, Nathan Davison, Giavanna Ramos, Angel Morrell, Jacie Davison, Shelby Davison, Zane Davison, Romeo Ramos, Evan Ramos, Anabel Davison, Juliette Vasquez, Lily Davison, Aria Davison, and Finley Davison; one great-grandson, Dimitrius, and many other relatives and friends that loved and cared for him greatly.

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The following holiday closures have been announced.

Benbrook City Offices will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1. Trash service normally provided on Wednesday will shift to Thursday, Dec. 27 and trash service will shift to Thursday, Jan. 3.

White Settlement City Offices will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1. There will be no trash pick-up service on Dec. 25. Place your trash out on your next regularly scheduled day for pick-up.

River Oaks City Offices will be closed Dec. 24 and 25 and Jan. 1; they will close at noon on Dec. 31. There will be no residential garbage collection on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1.

Most state and national government facilities will be closed on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1, including post offices and banks. Many close early the preceding dates.

The White Settlement Museum will be closed on Monday, Dec. 24 through Wednesday, Dec. 26 for Christmas and on Monday, Dec. 31 and Tuesday, Jan. 1 for New Year's Eve and Day.

Suburban Newspapers will be closed from Friday, Dec. 21 at noon through Wednesday, Jan. 2 at 10 a.m.

Weekly Scoreboard

Basketball					
Date	Team		Vs.		
Dec. 11	BMHS Girls	67	Western Hills	20	
	BMHS Boys	55	Stephenville	62	
	Brewer Girls	36	Grapevine	35	
	Castleberry Girls	36	Kennedale	66	
	Castleberry Boys	52	Alvarado	54	
	WHHS Boys	52	Ponder	61	
Dec. 14	BMHS Girls	64	Lake Worth	42	
	Brewer Girls	46	Saginaw	42	
	Castleberry Girls	24	Alvarado	40	
	Castleberry Boys	55	FW Country Day	39	
	WHHS Girls	15	Kennedale	71	
	WHHS Boys	61	Northside	42	
Dec. 15	Brewer Boys	57	Southwest	34	

Scores are as available by press time.

One Minute Mind Opener

Dr. Mike's Coaching Corner by Michael Haro, Ph.D., CLC

"As the holiday season approaches, may your home and happiness. Anticipation of spending time with fambe filled with lots of love, laughter and yummy smells." (Jesse Joseph).

activities during this time of year. Putting up Christmas decorations, driving around communities at night to view decorations, shopping in stores with inspiring Christmas decorations, all contribute to feelings of joy

ily is the best present. Sharing thanksgiving prayer at dinner and feeling the joy of association together! Holiday preparation and anticipation are favorite Joyful celebration expands one's memory bank; past, present, and intensity of family love. Awareness of God's blessings cement new memories and refresh past memories. Enjoy the joy and happiness inspirations forever.

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Celtic Music and Holiday Potluck at Colonial Societies to Meet Jan. 12 the WSH Museum

The Rampant Porch Lizards Celtic Band will play a free, two-set of Old English, Scottish, Irish, Welsh and Early American Music at the White Settlement Museum from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Dec. 22. Bring a potluck dish of your choice and join them for a holiday meal and party following the Porch Lizards' performance.

The White Settlement Historical Museum is located at 8320 Hanon Dr., one block south of White Settlement Road between Mirike and Meadow Park Drives. Visit www.wsmuseum.com or call 817-246-9719 for more information.

Visit Santa Claus at Italiano's Restaurant Dec. 22 from Italiano's Restaurant

On Saturday, Dec. 22, Santa Claus will make an appearance at Italiano's to visit with children and take photos from 3 to 5 p.m. There is no cost to participate. Bring your camera and send your photos to us at suburbannews@sbcglobal.net by Friday, Dec. 28 at 4 p.m. for possible inclusion in the Jan. 3, 2019 newspapers.

Giovanni and his family moved from New Jersey in 1991, opened their first Italian restaurant on Sycamore School Rd. and has now moved to River Oaks to open an authentic family-owned Italian restaurant called Italiano's. See their ad in this publication for more information.



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The Governor Thomas Hinckley Chapter Colonial Dames of the XVII Century and Texas Society Daughters of Colonial Wars will meet jointly on Saturday, Jan. 12, at 11:30 a.m. at Ridglea Country Club, 3700 Bernie Anderson, Fort Worth. The program is "The Eagle and Crescent Moon: Barbary Pirates First Threat to our Naval Sovereignty" presented by Jeffrey Stone, PhD.

For information or luncheon reservations, call 817-292-9596.

NAS Fort Worth JRB Regional Coordination Committee Meets Jan.

The presentations from the Oct. 15, NAS Fort Worth JRB Regional Coordination Committee meeting have been posted online. The July meeting summary that was approved at the October meeting has also been posted. The presentations and the meeting summary can be found in the 2018 archives at https://www.nctcog.org/trans/about/committees/rcc.

The next meeting will be Jan. 28, 2019 at 1:30 p.m., at the Westworth Village Community Room, 311 Burton Hill Road, Westworth Village, TX 76114.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas Meeting

Frances Cooke Van Zandt Chapter Daughters of the Republic of Texas will meet Monday, Jan 21 at 1 p.m. at the Fort Worth Botanical Garden Center, 3200 Botanic Garden Blvd. in Fort Worth. Mark Lucas Kelly will be speaking about the Lucas Family Business 1860 to 2018.

Daughters of the Republic of Texas are descendants of men and women who lived in and/or fought for Texas independence from Mexico in the Republic period, 1835-1846.

For information please call Kelly Miller 817-366-2524.

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Benbrook Relay For Life 2019 "The Game of Life"

Relay For Life of Benbrook will be hosting our Team Kick Off, Thursday Jan. 10, 2019 at Benbrook United Methodist Church 1122 Bryant St, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. If you are interested in learning about Relay For Life, please join us. If you have signed up for our 2019 Event, please plan on brining your team members and decorating your table with props for this year's event theme "The Game of Life" based on board games.

Relay For Life of Benbrook takes place Friday, April 26, 2019 at Benbrook Middle High School, 201 Overcrest Drive, from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. The theme this year is "The Game of Life." Teams are encouraged to include game elements in their community fundraising activities and at their team campsites on the evening of the event. This Benbrook community fundraising event is a staple in our community; offering outdoor family-friendly fun and activities while tackling the difficult challenge of fighting cancer in our lives.

Relay For Life has been a mainstay fundraiser for the American Cancer Society since its inception in 1985. Dr. Gordy Klatt raised funds by walking and running for

24 consecutive hours to raise awareness around the struggle his cancer patients faced. The following year, he was joined by a colleague who took turns with Dr. Klatt, running and walking laps so each could occasionally take a break. That is where Relay For Life was born.

Since then, it has grown to a worldwide phenomenon in communities around the globe. Teams fundraise almost year-round and come together on the day of Relay to celebrate those who have defeated cancer, remember those lost, support caregivers, and pledge to fight back against a disease that has claimed far too many lives.

Proceeds donated to Relay For Life support research, treatment, education, and patient support in our communities.

For more information about the event, or if your business would like to be a sponsor, please contact Tammi Cauthen, Benbrook Event Lead, at 817-232-6645 or 817-988-1038. For more information, or register your team: www.relayforlife.org/benbrooktx and www.facebook.com/RFLBenbrook.

Plan While You Can - Find a Sober Ride This Holiday Season

from the Texas Department of Transportation



The Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign urges drivers to make a plan for a sober ride this holiday season.

"Planning for a sober ride to and from holiday festivities is not only smart and responsible, but it also could save your life and the lives of others," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "Let the holiday season be a time of celebration and fun, not regret. Nobody wants to remember the holidays as a time when they lost a loved one or killed an innocent person. These kinds of losses are totally preventable."

In 2017, there were 2,469 alcohol-related crashes in Texas during the holiday season. (Dec. 1, 2017 to Jan. 1, 2018)

Those crashes killed 96 people and seriously injured another 202.

Drivers under the influence of alcohol not only risk killing or seriously injuring themselves or others, but also face up to \$17,000 in fines and fees, jail time and loss of their driver's license. As always, TxDOT urges drivers to visit SoberRides.org to find alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

- Designating a sober driver.
- Contacting a cab or ride-share service.
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Live Christmas Tree Round-Up

In an effort to reduce landfill waste, the White Settlement Pride Commission and Keep Texas Beautiful will host a Christmas tree round-up and free landscaping mulch from 8 a.m. to noon on the residents at the Municipal Complex parking lot, following dates:

- Friday, Dec. 28
- Monday, Dec. 31
- Wednesday, Jan. 2
- Friday, Jan. 4
- Monday, Jan. 7

Note: this will be curbside pickup only; all decorations, lights, plastic, strands, etc. must be removed; flocked trees will be accepted (no bags).

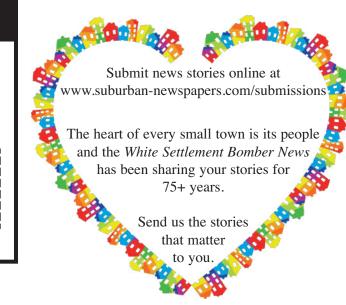


Artificial trees will not be accepted.

Christmas trees may also be dropped off by located on the corner of White Settlement Road and Meadow Park Drive in the designated drop off

For more information, contact the Recreation Language classes. Center at 817-246-5012.

The White Settlement Pride Commission suggests that residents may recycle Christmas decorating paper and boxes in the paper recycling bins located at 8212 Albert Street (at the corner of Albert and Meadow Park Dr.)



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Request for Proposal - ERate 2019-20 Category 2 Network Equipment. Form 470 # 190004654. White Settlement ISD (WSISD), a Pre-K through 12th grade Texas school district, is accepting ERate Proposals from Providers for Network Equipment for ten school sites and one administrative site.

The deadline for submission of proposals online is 11:59 P.M. CST Thursday, January 31, 2019

It is the responsibility of the submitting entity to ensure that the proposal is received in a timely manner. Proposals received after the deadline will NOT be considered for award, regardless of whether or not the delay was outside the control of the submitting firm.

Submit Questions online no later than 2:00 P.M. CST, Friday, December 28, 2018

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ESL Classes Starting at the White Settlement Public Library in January

Beginning in January, the White Settlement Public Library will offer free English as a Second

This is a beginners course and is limited to adult learners. Please keep in mind that the class is capped at 15 students.

If you sign up and then decide you won't be able to make the class, please let the library know so that they can give the spot to another student.

Visit the Library located at 8215 White Settlement Rd. to register. For questions, call the library at 817-367-0166.

Hunka's Christmas Light Show

Don't forget to drive by 5409 Tee Head Drive, 76135 to see 40,000 lights choreographed to music from a station on your car radio.

There will be a lighted sign at the edge of the yard that tells you what channel to tune your radio, so you can listen to the music without leaving your vehicle.

The show is free, and the public can come and go or stay as long as they want. It will run from 6 to 10 p.m. every night through New Year's Day.

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The Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2019 at 6:30 PM and the City of White Settlement City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, FEBRUARY 5, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the City Council Chambers located at 214 Meadow Park Drive, White Settlement, Texas 76108 to consider the following:

Hold a Public Hearing for a final plat described as HILL VIEW ADDN, Block 2, Lots 1-4, more commonly known as 805 EASLEY ST.

All interested citizens are invited to attend.

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White Settlement City Council Place 4 Runoff Election Results

Christina Grudzinski and Jason Smith were the candidates in the runoff election for White Settlement City Council Place 4 on Dec. 11.

Christina Grudzinki received 59 absentee votes, 73 early votes and 37 election day votes for a total of 169.

Jason Smith received 40 absentee votes, 39 early votes and 10 election day votes for a total of 89 votes.

The City Council will canvass the votes in the coming weeks and once the results are official, Grudzinski will be sworn in at the council meeting in January.

Christmas Storytime at the White Settlement Public Library





Excited children gathered at the White Settlement Public Library on Wednesday, Dec. 12 to participate in Ms. Amy's Christmas storytime.

Kids of varying ages listened to three Christmas stories, sang songs, used instruments and even made an elf craft to get into the holiday spirit.

Ms. Amy even handed out special prizes to every child.

West Elementary Fifth-Grader Competes in USATF National Junior Olympic Cross Country Meet



Mach 1 Track Club 9-10 girls, third place team members are: (l-r) **Giselle** Larsen, Mykel Murry, Micah Neal, Mayden Mitchell, Elizabeth Griffin and Emerita Strathmeyer.

Mach 1 Track Club of Weatherford had 11 runners compete in the USATF National Junior Olympic cross country meet in Reno, Nev. on Dec. 8.

The Mach 1 9 to 10-year-old girls placed third overall, out of 21 teams total in the 3K race, beating last year's first place team, Valley United. Mach 1 just missed second place by two points. The course started with a 400 meter incline in the snow and ice and runners competed in icy, muddy conditions with higher altitude than in Texas. Almost 300 girls competed in this national event.

The team included Madison (Giselle) Larson - fifth-grader at Vandagriff Elementary, Micah Neal - fourth-grader at Stuard Elementary, Elizabeth Griffin - fifth-grader at McCall Elementary, Mykel Murry - fifth-grader, Mayden Mitchell - fourth-grader at Walsh Elementary and Emerita Strathmeyer - fifth-grader at West Elementary.

"Emmy is really starting to come into her own as she continues to improve," said Mach 1, 12-under coach Matt Mitchell. "She has amazing endurance and is still working on her speed. She is fun to coach because she loves to run and always has fun!"



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BHS Top 10 Percent Letter Jacket Ceremony (continued from page 1)



Sophomores were: Hennessy Adair, Kobi Adair, Kaia Ahmed, Angelina Avila, Luke Bagg, Matthew Bradley, Ashley Brewer, Valerie Bui, Sydney Carithers, Peyton Chan, Adam Contreras, Landon Craig, Nicholas Deleon, Mandalyn Dumke, Mattie Duncan, Alyssa Frankis, Angelia Gray, Krysta Hawkins, Melanie Hernandez, Victoria Hernandez, Kamryn Herriott, Jiyah Holmes, William Intfen, Mariza Ivanic, E'lycia Larry-Lewis, Sandra Lemon, Lyene Lenartowicz, Cesar Lugo Camacho, Kaylee Mathews, Jacqueline Mendina, Erika Mendoza, Gable Mills, Kolby Nevins, Karla Olmos, Aaron Presslar, Ciara Quibol, Kayle Richey, Marlen Salcedo, Caysen Sanders, Brooklyn Schlegel, Aiden Senkyr, Trevon Stikeleather, Matthew Tatum, Caroline Thornburg, Fatima Ventura Contreras, Gabriella Vidana, Thomas Vieck and Timothy Worley.

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Kennedy Tate (center) made a \$20 donation to the City of White Settlement Animal Services on Thursday, Dec. 13 o help in the care for the animals. Alongside her dad, Kennedy was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her selfless act of love for the animals by the staff at the animal shelter.

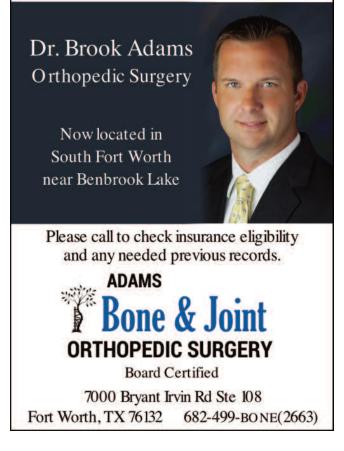
If you'd like to follow Kennedy's example and donate to the shelter, some of the items we are currently in need of are cat litter, dog and cat food, cat beds, cat toys, towels, small fleece-like blankets, dog toys, breakaway cat collars, and cat litter scoopers. The Animal Shelter is located at 8900 Raymond Avenue.

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Christmas Traditions by Dr. Ken Bridges



For generations, Christmas has been a time of magic and wonder for millions. In the rush of modern America, that is sometimes forgotten in the maddening swarms of crowds at stores, mistaken orders from online retailers, and even near-riots over special discounts. Christmas is celebrated around the globe, and each corner of the Earth has its own special traditions that go along with the season. In the United States, Christmas traditions have changed steadily over the years; and millions still hold faithful to the original purpose of veneration of the birth of Christ and celebrating the message of peace and harmony.

Many American Christmas traditions are a mix of different cultures thrown in with stories and songs that have grown in adoration over the years. Some of the most famous Christmas carols are centuries old. As more immigrated from Europe to the United States, the different Christmas traditions so adored by these new families began filtering through the nation.

Early Christians celebrated Easter more with the death and resurrection of Jesus as the embodiment of Christian ideals. However, by the fourth century, the birth of Jesus also began to be noted with special church observances also. The Christmas Eve mass or communion service is still an important Christmas tradition for many American families.

By the sixteenth century, Christmas slowly became more than a church service. In Germany especially, the day became a celebration noted for singing, parties, feasts, and drinking. The Puritans who arrived in New England in the early 1600s were appalled by such displays, which they considered sinful. As a result, Puritan leaders banned observances of Christmas well into the eighteenth century.

It was knowledge of the differences by which New Englanders and Germans typically observed the day that inspired George Washington to cross the Delaware River on Christmas Night 1776 to stage a surprise attack on the Hessian outpost at Trenton, New Jersey. After a brutal series of losses that summer and fall, Washington knew he had to turn the war around. He knew the German mercenaries the British had hired to pursue them would be too distracted by their own Christmas parties to suspect an attack during winter. At dawn on Dec. 26, he surprised and overwhelmed the exhausted and hungover Hessian revelers to change the course of history.

The tradition of the Christmas tree originated in Germany in the 1500s when candles were attached to evergreen trees. It was not until the late 1700s that Christmas trees were introduced to the United States by German

settlers.

But Christmas as a holiday emerged slowly. Louisiana was the first to declare Christmas a state holiday in 1837, and only a handful of states followed suit within the next few years. It did not become a federal holiday until 1870

Even the tradition of exchanging gifts did not emerge quickly. However, the gift-giving tradition expanded rapidly in the 1820s and 1830s, with merchants quickly looking to capitalize on the holiday.

Santa Claus went through many changes in the process. The original St. Nicholas was an early bishop from modern-day Turkey in the fourth century known for his generosity toward the poor and children. The Catholic feast day celebrating St. Nicholas always fell on Dec. 6, but Protestants merged the holiday with Christmas over the years. Santa Claus emerged from the St. Nicholas stories in Holland before becoming part of American lore in the late 1700s. Christmas trees began being sold in large numbers by the 1850s in the North, with decorations, almost all homemade, steadily becoming more elaborate. Though some families still used candles on trees, many opted not to do so for the obvious safety reasons of not exposing flame near a drying tree. The first electric lights were used on trees in 1882, not long after the invention of the light bulb. As electricity became more widely available in the early twentieth century, colored electric lights became popular and safer alternatives. Still, most American families did not have Christmas trees in the early 1900s. In fact, the National Christmas Tree at the White House did not become an annual tradition until 1923.

Rudolph was added to the sleigh team as part of a poem written in 1939, but country singer Gene Autry popularized his story with his rendition of "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" in 1949 and was followed by his equally-popular "Frosty the Snowman" in 1950.

Songs and stories surrounding Christmas became even more popular in the 1960s as new television specials introduced them to a new generation. A Charlie Brown Christmas became an instant classic in 1965 as Charlie Brown looked for the real meaning of Christmas, upset that Christmas had become way too commercialized, even in the mid-1960s. His dismissal of the aluminum trees popular at the time in favor of a real tree was connected with the collapse of the aluminum tree's popularity by the end of the decade.

Christmas is celebrated today even in non-Christian households as the spirit of giving and peace has transcended its original religious meaning for some. Far from the shopping crowds, Christmas still has a magical place in the hearts of young and old alike. In a quiet moment, many remember that Christmas is still a time of generosity for others. And Christmas is still a time of peace in our hearts and in the world, as we are reminded of the gift of one precious life, of brotherhood, and of the harmony for which the holiday was born.

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students will not attend classes
from <u>Dec. 24 to Jan. 8</u>.
Students will return to classes on
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times

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 - 5. Find a local contractor.
- 6. Don't always trust Google when searching for a local contractor. Contractors will find an address in your area to get on the first page. Drive by the address to verify they have an office.
- 7. Make sure they are insured for your protection. Make them provide a current copy.
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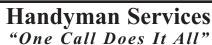
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