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Holiday events

KIWANIS HOLIDAY HOME TOUR

December 3 - 5
Five homes will be filled with holiday spirit as part of the Kiwanis Club of Sun City's 20th annual Holiday Home Tour December 3-5. A map of the Holiday Home tour will be provided with purchased tickets. Homes will be open December 3, 4-6 p.m.; December 4, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; December 5, noon-4 p.m. Proceeds benefit Kiwanis projects.

DONKEY PHOTOS

December 4
The Friends of Berry Springs Park and Preserve will be hosting the third annual "Donkey Photo" event at Berry Springs Park and Preserve from 9-11 a.m. This is a free event complete with donkeys and decorations. Just bring your camera and take a holiday picture with Pedro and Lil' Bob. Historians with the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, John Berry Chapter, will be on hand to talk about life in Williamson County prior to 1900.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

December 11
The Rotary Club of Georgetown invites the community to say hello to Santa on December 11, from 9-11 a.m. Santa will be outside at the Georgetown Community Center, 445 East Maroon Street, for a drive through waves and greetings. Rotary Club members will be handing out oopie bags to the first 500 kids that attend. The event is free to attend. Donations at the event support Georgetown ISD and youth programs.

SATURDAY WITH SANTA

December 11
St. John's United Methodist Church will hold a shopping event for kids on December 11. Starting at 9 a.m., kids will be able to browse through donated gifts to select items for their family members, free of charge. Santa will also be attending for photos, and the church will have crafts, snacks and games available. They are located at 311 East University Avenue.

Theater

ELF THE MUSICAL

Through December 30
The Palace Theatre will have a holiday musical production of Elf now through December. They will have evening shows at 7:30 p.m. and matinees at 2 p.m. on performance days, which can be found on the Palace website. Based on the film by David Berenbaum, the story follows a young orphan, who mistakenly crawls into Santa's bag of gifts and is transported to the North Pole to be raised by elves. As he gets older, Buddy embarks on a journey to New York City to find his birth father and discover his true identity. Studdy the Elf can be found on the Springer Stage.

DICKENS' CHRISTMAS CAROL

Through December 30
Learn the true meaning of Christmas at the Palace Playhouse with a twist on the beloved classic, A Christmas Carol, playing December 3-30. The author of the popular Faith County and An Evening of Culture Faith County has revamped the story for a modern audience. Tickets for this comedy are available at the Palace website, www.georgetownpalace.com

A JOLLY HOLIDAY

December 10-12
The EVHS Choir will perform their annual A Jolly Holiday at the East View High School Theater. Tickets are available at www.east-

viewchoir.com. The dates are December 10 at 7 p.m.; December 11 at 3 p.m.; December 11 at 7 p.m.; and December 12 at 3 p.m.

CRICKET ON THE HEART

December 10-19
Way Off Broadway Community Players presents this year's Christmas show, the classic story, The Cricket on the Hearth by Charles Dickens. Dickens' heartwarming Christmas tribute brings a genial spirit into the festivities as Mr. Tackleton, much like Ebenezer Scrooge, is changed through the course of the story into a better person. Published in 1845, this story of love at Christmastime has long been a popular "sequel" to Dickens' holiday favorite, "A Christmas Carol," originally published in 1843. Performances will be December 10, 11 and 17, 18 at 8 p.m., and two Sunday shows, December 12 and 19 at 5:30 p.m. They will be outdoors at Smooth Village, 203 West Broade Street in Old Towne Leander.

NOT SO NUTCRACKER

December 18, 3 p.m.
Dance Empower will be putting on a holiday dance production based on the classic Nutcracker, but with a 21st-century twist. The show will be held at the Alma Thomas Theater on the Southwestern University Campus and promises a magical journey through a land of dreams and sweets. Masks are required for all spectators. Tickets are available for purchase at buy.tufutix.com/danceempower

All-bluegrass band Brand New Key will perform on Saturday, December 19, at 2 p.m. as part of the Live Music at the Library Series.



Holiday activities for all ages

Temperatures soared close to 90 degrees in the summer of 1946 in Culver City, California. A little perspiration on the forehead of George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart, is the only indication of the heat wave occurring in the otherwise snowy Bedford Falls.

We hope that temperatures will be a bit more comfortable and cooperative at the Georgetown Public Library's outdoor screening of "It's a Wonderful Life" on Friday, December 10 at 6 p.m. People of all ages are invited to join us on Post Street between the Library and Historic Light and Waterworks Building to watch the holiday classic. Bring chairs, blankets and snacks and the library will provide the movie and hot cocoa.

As we move into the winter season, the film screening is just a first in a variety of offerings for all at the library.

On Saturday, December 11, children and families can join us for Winter Wonderland. This indoor event is come and go from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Penguins, snowflakes and more will feature hands-on crafts and activities. This fun event is sure to provide plenty of adorable fridge art and photos ops.

If the kids in your life are a little bit older, there are events the following weekend for tweens and teens on December 18. At 1 p.m., those aged 9-12 can compete in a holiday edition of Nailed It! by creating wonderful-

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ly terrible cupcakes. There will be two rounds during which teens can show off their artistic cupcake decorating skills. One round will focus on the theme of winter and the other theme will be the decorator's choice of holiday. At 3 p.m., teens aged 12-18 can participate in a holiday sing along edition of Elf! Pizza and snacks will be provided. Both events are indoors and limited attendance. Tickets will be available for pickup from the kids desk one hour before the start of the event.

In addition to holiday themed events, the library is adding story times beginning in December. Baby and me storytime will continue to be held on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Family storytimes will now have two offerings on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. Families can visit either session. On Fridays, family storytime will be at 9:30 a.m. while the later slot will rotate between family, STEM or sensory storytimes.

On December 19 our Live Music at the Library Series will close out the year with Brand New Key. Founded in 2012, Brand New Key plays a rich collection of Americana originals and cover songs with roots in bluegrass, country and folk. We hope to see you at the library this last month of 2021.

Ann Evans is the Adult Services Librarian at the Georgetown Public Library

THIS WEEKEND



Santa Claus rides with the Georgetown Beard Club near the conclusion of the parade during the 39th Annual Christmas Stroll held in downtown Georgetown 2019.

CHRISTMAS STROLL

December 3-4
The Downtown Georgetown Association brings Christmas to the Square December 3-4. The event will feature more than 150 vendors with food and gifts for the family, so you can get all your present shopping done in one go. The Stroll will feature live music and entertainment, and Bethlehem Village will be displaying their live-action manger. This event is free and open to the public.

Music

LIVE JAZZ

December 11, 12 p.m.
Vision Historic Preservation Foundation is proud to present the Lone Star Jazz Party at The 1895 on Burleson Street in historic downtown Rockdale. This event will feature three renowned jazz bands from Austin, Waco and San Antonio, and will be highlighted by guided tours sharing the vision for The 1895 City Hall restoration and redevelopment project in Rockdale. Shop local at the holiday market, enjoy food by local vendors & food trucks, and imbibe with Central Texas wineries.

HOLIDAY MUSIC PROGRAM

December 12, 4 p.m.
The Central Texas Philharmonic returns with its holiday program, featuring works from Tchaikovsky's, The Nutcracker, and other holiday classics. Dancers from Capital City Ballet will also perform. The group performs live in Georgetown at the Klett Center for the Performing Arts, 2211 North Austin Avenue. Tickets are available at www.CentralTexasPhilharmonic.org

Happening

COCOA AND COWBOYS

December 4
Stop by the Williamson Museum on December 4 between 6-8 p.m. for hot chocolate and cookies while visiting with your favorite cowboy characters. Live music from Evelyn Billington will be performed as well. The museum is located on the Square at 716 South Austin Avenue.

CZECH SOCIETY MEETING

December 8, 1:30 p.m.
Travis-Williamson Counties Czech Heritage Society will meet at Folk-E-Joe's BBQ, 2121 West Parmer Lane, Austin, for their Christmas Party and meeting. Attendees will gather together in the Party Room

to dine and enjoy fellowship. Membership dues for 2022 will be accepted at the party or mailed to the new volunteer Treasurer Julia Johnson, 804 Monterrey Place, Austin, Texas, 78753. Everyone is invited to attend.

FARM AND RANCH SEMINAR

December 9, 7:30 a.m.
Texas A&M AgriLife Extension is presenting a day-long program to fulfill CEUs. Topics include IDA laws and regulations on herbicides and pesticides, management strategies for drift, pests, feral hogs, disease and insect control, turf grass, and more. Cost to attend is \$50 (lunch is provided). Class will be held at 100 Wilco Way, Room 108. Register at williamsun.agrilife.org/program-registration

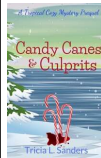
PECAN AND FOOD SHOW

December 17, 10 a.m.
The Williamson-Call County Pecan Show is an opportunity for any county resident with a pecan tree to learn more about pecans and compete for "braggin' rights" for the best pecans in the county. Pecans must be from the 2021 crop and grown in Williamson County. Pecan Food Show has junior and adult divisions with seven categories, including pies, bread rolls, candy, cakes, cookies, bars, and fancy nuts. The cost is \$5 per entry. Drop pecans off by 5 p.m. on December 15 at the Extension Office, 100 Wilco Way, Ste. AG201. Drop Food Show entries off at the Extension Office between 8 a.m.-noon on December 17. For more information contact Kate Whitney at kwhitney@ag.tamu.edu or the Extension Office at 512-943-2300.

BOOK BRIEFS

The latest from local authors

Candy Canes and Culprits: A Cozy Christmas Novella by Tricia L. Sanders

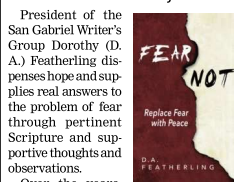


Shelby's mother.

When her mother vacates her post behind the bar, Shelby goes in search of her. Instead of finding her, Shelby finds the father of the bride dead — stabbed to death with a party favor.

Can Shelby zoom in and expose the killer or will her mother go to jail for murder? Ms. Sanders writes cozy mysteries and women's fiction, and is a former instructional designer and corporate trainer. Her first book, *Murder is a Dirty Business*, was a 2018 finalist for Killer Nashville's coveted Silver Falchion Award. Her books are available on Amazon.

Fear Not: Replace Fear with Peace by D.A. Featherling



President of the San Gabriel Writer's Group Dorothy (D.A.) Featherling dispenses hope and supplies real answers to the problem of fear through pertinent Scripture and supportive thoughts and observations.

Over the years, Ms. Featherling has observed that fear underlies our current culture in almost every aspect of our lives. She concluded we might need to find a way to overcome both the subtle and the more

obvious fears in life. After consulting with a few trusted advisors, she determined there was a real need right now for such a book.

"I looked to the Bible for answers. Building on the equation faith plus trust equals peace, this book offers scriptural solutions and a narrative of hope," said Ms. Featherling.

She has written more than 30 books, both fiction and nonfiction, and is the recipient of the Daphne du Maurier Mystery and Suspense Award for her book *It Adds Up to Murder*.

Fear Not: Replace Fear with Peace is available on Amazon, or can be ordered by your favorite bookstore in either soft cover or Kindle versions. For more information, go to www.dafeatherling.com

La Clave by Marjorie Anderson

In this Spanish translation of her award-winning book, *The Key: Wise Money Choices for Teens*, Marjorie Anderson shares her financial knowledge and experience to help teens get a head start in life. The book presents readers with basic financial knowledge and life changing know-how tips on how to manage money in order to make the most of their income and build a successful future. Ms. Anderson does not stop there; she also teaches young people how to invest in their communities by buying local products and donating to help others.

Ms. Anderson is a native Virgin islander; retired bank executive, co-founder and former executive director of the Greater Philadelphia Minority Business Strategic Alliance. She currently lives in Liberty Hill.

Her book *The Key* is a Reader Views Litaner Awards Winner. *La Clave* is its Spanish translation and is available for preorder now on Amazon.com and available to order through local and online bookstores.