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December Anniversaries

Rusty & Sheryl Bumgardner	12-31-1991
Jerry & Terry Myers	12-21-1970
Judy & Mark Campbell	12-11-1970
Matt & Lisa Cilny	12-12-1987
Andrey & Alexandria Mikhaylou	12-31-2000
Harry & Elva Drennan	12-13-1952
James & Pat Strolger	12-18
Brent & Dawn Stafford	12-20-1997
Fred & Cheri White	12-02
Jimmy & Debbie Gonzales	12-05-1990
Marcus & Nancy Gonzales	12-08-2002

HERE COMES SANTA CLAUS

Saturday, December 18th

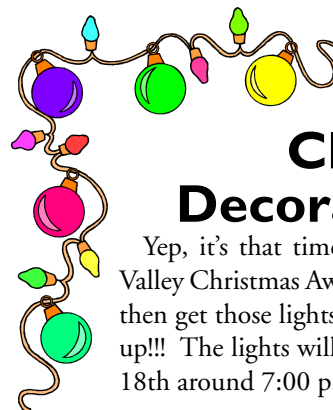
7 - 8 pm



The Enchanted Valley Marlin Swim Team is happy to once again host Santa on his annual visit to Enchanted Valley.

Come and enjoy hayrides and caroling around the neighborhood and enjoy hot chocolate and cookies too!

Santa will be at the pool from 7-8pm on Saturday December 18th. Hayrides (weather permitting) will run from 6-8pm. This is a free event for young and old come on out and let Santa know what is on your Christmas wish list this year!



Christmas Decoration Awards

Yep, it's that time again for our annual Enchanted Valley Christmas Awards. If you haven't already started, then get those lights and decorations down and get'em up!!! The lights will be judged on Saturday, December 18th around 7:00 p.m. Good luck!!!

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December

- 2 Hanukkah
- 7 Pearl Harbor Day (1941)
- 17 Elementary Christmas Parties
- 20-Jan 4 School Holiday
- 21 Winter Begins (Hopefully that includes Texas too)
- 25 Merry Christmas
- 31 Happy New Year

A Night in Bethlehem

Messiah Lutheran Church is going back in time Saturday and Sunday, December 4 & 5, with A Night in Bethlehem, from 5-8 pm each evening. This free event is an educational reenactment of what Bethlehem was like at the time of Jesus' birth. Families are invited to learn how to make candles, sew sacks and make bread as people did two millennia ago. Children can participate in activities at each station along the road in Bethlehem, visit with some barnyard animals, hear the storyteller recount tales of old, and listen to the melodic harmony of three wise kings. Come and enjoy a Night in Bethlehem with us and create something special to take home as a souvenir.

Messiah Lutheran Church is a grace place, a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA). Messiah is located at 11522 Telge Road, 1/2 mile north of Highway 290. Regular worship times are at 8 and 10:30 AM on Sundays. The Education Hour is 9:15-10:15 AM on Sundays. For more information, 281-890-3013 or www.messiahlc.org. All people are welcome at Messiah.

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Speak! Potty Training Your Adult Dog

Almost all undesirable potty habits in adult dogs can be eliminated. It is much harder to retrain a dog's potty habits than to potty train a puppy in the first place. You dog is going to be resistant and you must be consistent and persistent... don't forget how long you have put up with these bad habits. I had one client that wanted her dog potty trained after two years because she was getting new carpet.

If you do not have a crate or kennel for your dog, get one. A crate helps a dog learn to hold it in. And, you know where your dog is... he's not sneaking around going potty behind furniture. Puppies over 6 months and adult dogs can learn to hold it in all day while you're at work. My dogs are loose in the house whenever I'm gone and they behave perfectly. But before I leave, I give them the chance to go outside and potty and I tell them how long I'll be gone (but that's another column).

The best prices for quality crates and kennels in the area is Arne's Warehouse off Studemont at I-10. Arne's carries Midwest Life Stages wire crates. There is a wire panel that can fit inside the crate to make it a smaller size. The panel is one of the tools you may need to potty train a stubborn dog.

Someday I'm going to write a book called "It's All About the

Food". A dog should NEVER have a bowl of food available anytime he wants to eat (that's called free-feeding). What happens is that the dog doesn't need you for food... it's always there in his bowl. When a dog free-feeds, there is no way to predict when he has to potty, which makes it harder to train. All dogs should be fed twice a day. It does not have to be at exact times; it's better if it fits into your schedule. My dogs get fed in the morning between 9 and 11 and when I get home for the night. German Shepherds are prone to bloat and I want to be home after my dogs eat. This is what it should look like. You put the food in a clean bowl, then you go to where you feed your dog. Ask him to SIT and STAY. You put the bowl on the floor or a feeding stand. When you release your dog (I use the word OK), he can eat. If he gets up before you say OK, lift the bowl up and start all over again. Your dog should have to "work" for everything but water. That's part of respecting you, too. Remember to pick up the bowl after he's done or after 20 minutes (in the beginning) to 10 or 15 minutes when he knows the routine. If your dog is used to having the bowl down all day, he may be surprised at first when you pick it up. Next time, when he is hungry, he might eat when you put the

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bowl down.

Dogs are very visual. When your dog sees that you control the food, he's less likely to challenge everything you say. If a dog is free-fed, then the behavior problems start. He may potty whenever and wherever he wants because he has no routine and no reason to respect you. I had a client with a male dog that lifted his leg on the walls in the house. He no longer does that.

Most dogs will not potty in their crate. If it happens once, maybe he didn't feel good. If it's consistent, it has to be fixed. First, try feeding him in his crate. Dogs usually will not potty where they eat. If that doesn't work, take out the bedding so that if he potties in his crate it's right there, not absorbed or hidden by bedding. If that doesn't work, take the wire divider and make the floor of his crate smaller, so that he can't potty far away.

Follow the guidelines about taking your dog outside that I wrote last month for potty training puppies.

Speak! is a column related to dog behavior and training. Carol is an experienced trainer and will be answering any dog-related questions each month. If you have questions please send them to DogTrainerCarol@aol.com or to Carol Pitlock, PO Box 2066, Cypress, TX 77410.

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3. REPORT the amount of your collection to the Souper Bowl of Caring so it can be added to the national tally.
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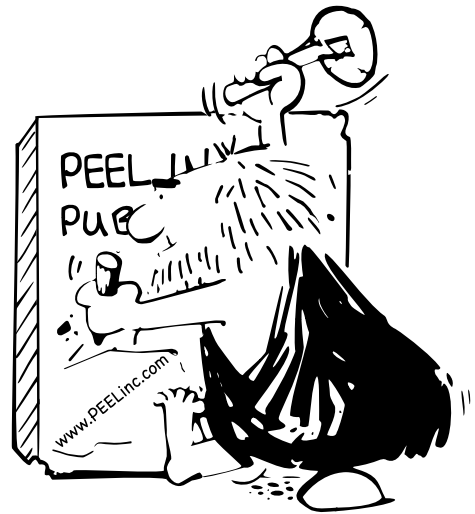
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