



THE CENTENNIAL BRIEFING



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Our mission is to achieve excellence in the provision of behavioral health services that lead to optimal health and well being

SAFETY TALK - CROSSWORD WINNER

SEASONAL DONATION TRACKER

Christmas Tree Safety



As you deck the halls this holiday season, be fire smart. A small fire that spreads to a Christmas tree can grow large very quickly.

- PICKING THE TREE**
 - Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.
- PLACING THE TREE**
 - Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.
 - Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
 - Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
 - Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.
- LIGHTING THE TREE**
 - Use lights that are listed by a qualified testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use.
 - Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
 - Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
 - Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

Get rid of the tree after Christmas or when it is dry. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

FACTS

- 1 One quarter of home Christmas tree fires are caused by electrical problems.
- 1 Although Christmas tree fires are not common, when they do occur, they are more likely to be serious.
- 1 A heat source too close to the tree causes roughly one in every four of the fires.

Congratulations to Susan Sandoval in our South Region for winning last week's Safety Talk Winter Weather safety crossword puzzle.



Centennial has actively been getting donations for Jeans for Joy 2018 and also Project Christmas Joy. The goal of our project is to raise \$6,000 in order to provide a happy holiday season for members in our behavioral health communities. Any funds raised beyond the \$6,000, may be set aside in order to be utilized at our discretion throughout the year. Our thermometer made a \$2,028 jump from the last Briefing to this week and we'd like recognize where our donations have come from.

A huge thank you to everyone so far!

Donations include:

Centennial Board Members - \$815, Businesses - \$1,075, Community Members - \$2,025, Jeans for Joy - \$995

New donations each week are highlighted in green to the left

STAFF GETS LICENSED



BRANDY CUTSHAW has obtained her LAC & LPCII!
CONGRATULATIONS Centennial and our clients are so lucky to have you!

DETAILED DONATIONS

Businesses: Pronghorn Country Ace Hardware, Chaney-Reager Funeral Home, Cargill, Rural Communities Resource Center, Kellogg Ewing Leavitt Insurance Agency, Pilkington Financial, **Tennant Funeral Home**

Community Members: Lidia Dunbar, Ellen Cecil, Nancy Mc Elwain, Liz Hickman, Bruce Heggen, **John Hickert**

Jeans for Joy all days: Bonnie Fisher, Kathi Boren, Linda Valle, Tara Minardi, Brandy Cutshaw, Abbi Garcia, Heather Glover, Karla Rosas, Emily Morris, Maranda Miller, Sherri Davidson, Tim Davidson, Sheila Couch, Tiffany Nichols, Lorie Hessler, Jennifer Spaulding.

More Jeans for Joy donations include: Lidia Lara, Jackie Vasquez, Ally Kvachkoff, Jamie Cantrell, Amanda Burns, Michelle Lynn, Sarah Whitman, Toni Warnick, Kassidy Clouse, Karen Lanckriet, Gina Dardanes, Shannon Parker, Jaci Yula, LeeAnn Schroeder, Renda Kelsch, Diane Van Der Wege, Alicia Lopez, **Melissa Satterly**

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

41 YEARS
Kathy Dalrymple

3 YEARS
Nikki Doty

1 YEAR
Andy Flander
Anne Hellstrom

22 YEARS
Sherri Davidson

2 YEARS
Tina Huss
Aida Marquez

Chelsee Chavez-Barreras
Miriam Andrade-Ramirez

5 YEARS
Jenn Ortiz

THANK YOU to everyone above for all your years of service and for continuing to move lives forward!