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Medicare Open Enrollment goes thru December 7

During Open Enrollment, people with Medicare have until Dec. 7th to review their health and drug plan options, and make the best decision based on financial and medical needs. Re-enrollment and plan changes will take effect on January 1, 2021. Medicare health and drug plan costs and covered benefits can change from year to year. That's why it is important for people with Medicare to review their health care plan during Open Enrollment to ensure they have the right coverage for their financial and medical needs. People with Medicare are encouraged to review and update their coverage choices before the closing date. Otherwise, they may have to wait another year to make changes.

If you're among the 1 in 3 people with Medicare who has diabetes, here's some good news: Starting in 2021, many participating drug plans will offer a 30-day supply of insulin for \$35 or less per month. If you take insulin and enroll in one of these plans, you could save an average of \$446 per year on your out-of-pocket costs for insulin next year.

During Open Enrollment you can:

Switch from one Medicare Part D (prescription drug) plan to another.

If you didn't enroll in a Medicare Part D plan when you were first eligible, you can do so during open enrollment, although a late enrollment penalty may apply.

KEEP IN MIND that this enrollment occurs once a year from October 15 through December 7.

Any changes you make during Fall Open Enrollment will take effect January 1.

Test results from the mobile PCR test unit for Greeley County for the past week.

Day	Total Collected	Total Resulted
11/23	18	
11/24	30	
11/25	14	
11/26	Closed	
11/27	6	
11/30	9	
	77	60

4-H Biscuit & Gravy Breakfast
Sunday, December 13th
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
4-H Building • Tribune, KS

•• Free Will Donation ••
 "Dine-In" Seating
 (Covid-19 Precautions)
 "To GO" orders also available!

Fundraiser for Greeley County
 4-H Shooting Sports Project

Thank you for your support of 4-H!

Gardening on the High Plains
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Identification And Care Of Holiday Cacti

If your "Christmas" cactus is blooming in November, you might have a Thanksgiving cactus. There is also an Easter cactus, and there are hybrids of holiday cacti.

The Christmas cactus is the long-lived plant we remember from our grandmothers. They are one of the best plants to share, since they root so easily. Simply pinch a Y-shaped piece, stick it in sterile soil or vermiculite, keep it moist, and it will root very quickly.

There are reports of holiday cacti being handed down through generations and being more than 100 years old.

The Thanksgiving cactus typically blooms between mid-November and late December, and sometimes through January. It is native to Brazil where it is pollinated by hummingbirds.

The Easter cactus, sometimes called Sunshine cactus, blooms in the spring and possibly again in the fall.

Most nurseries and stores prefer to sell the Thanksgiving cactus because it blooms earlier. It survives shipping better than the Christmas cactus with less breakage of stems.

Hybrids are usually crosses between Christmas and Thanksgiving cacti, and are available in a wide variety of exotic colors including orange, purple, yellow, red, pink, white and two-tones.

If you aren't sure which cactus you have, first look at the leaves.

The leaf segments of the Thanksgiving cactus are more square shaped with pointed hooks at one end and along the sides. These hooks have given the Thanksgiving cactus the nickname, "crab cactus."

The Thanksgiving cactus has 2- to 3-inch long satiny flowers that grow upwards at first, and then arch outward.

The Christmas cactus has leaf segments that are more scalloped, or tear drop shaped. Its flowers hang down.

The leaf segments of the Easter cactus have smooth,

rounded edges. Its flaring, trumpet-shaped flowers have pointy petals, usually in red or pink.

Holiday cacti are forest plants, not desert cacti. They are native to South America and often grow in decomposing leaf litter found in the forks and branches of tropical trees.

Even though conditions in our homes are nothing like their natural habitat, they usually thrive quite well in temperatures between 65 and 70 degrees, preferably with a nighttime temperature drop to 55 to 60 degrees.

They will need protection if temperatures drop below 40 degrees. They are not cold tolerant. If you put them outside in the summer, keep them under a shade tree, not in full sun.

They need well drained acidic soil. A cactus mix with perlite and/or vermiculite is ideal. They like sunlight, but not direct light. If leaves begin to turn yellow, they are probably getting too much sun.

Let the plants dry out between waterings. Over watering is the most common cause of their demise. If they sit in water, they will rot.

It's better to err on the side of neglect than to over water. Misting helps them maintain the humidity they would have in their native habitat.
















Fertilizing is not essential, but not harmful. If you decide to fertilize, use a weak mixture of an all purpose water soluble fertilizer. Feed twice a month. Do not fertilize while it's blooming.

Short days and cool nights are the keys to getting the cactus to bloom. They need 13 or more hours of darkness at 50 to 55 degrees for at least one to two months before they will set buds. The Easter cactus requires eight to twelve weeks of darkness.

They will bloom best if they are slightly root bound, so repot them only if they are very crowded. Do not repot during blooming.

Unlike some other holiday plants, they are not toxic to dogs and cats.

DECEMBER SALE on OVER the COUNTER (OTC) Pharmacy Medications

 GNP True Metrix Test Strips - 30 ct. Reg. \$6.99 Sale \$6.29	 Flintstones Multivitamin with Iron-60 tabs Reg. \$9.19 Sale \$7.19	 Nexium 24 mg 42 capsules Reg. \$31.19 Sale \$25.39	 Afrin Original Nasal Spray - 0.5 oz. Reg. \$8.89 Sale \$6.39
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