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Holiday Travels and Child Passenger Safety

With Christmas just around the corner, this means that we will be traveling to visit friends and family. You may only be going a few miles or a few hundred miles, either way you need to make sure that your children are riding safe for the trip. Motor vehicle crashes are the #1 killer of children! Why? Either the child is not properly secured in their child safety seats or seat belt, sometimes it's neither.

One needs to remember, that in the event of a crash everything in the vehicle is moving the same speed as the vehicle is traveling. So, if you are holding a 10 lb child in a vehicle that is travling at 30 MPH, the child will feel like a 300 lb object being ripped from your arms, or from the seat if they are older and not secured in any way. Unrestrained children or adults for that matter can be ejected from a vehicle during a crash, most of the time through a side window, or even the windshield or rear window. No one wants to spend their Christmas or New Years in the hospital or making funeral arrangements because someone was not secured in a seat belt or child safety seat.

Under the new Texas child restraint law, children under 8yrs old and 4 foot 9 inches MUST ride in a booster seat. This new law went into effect September 1, 2009, but there is a grace period in there, so tickets want be issued until June 1, 2010. However, police can still issue and will issue you a ticket for having an unrestrained child, which can carry a fine of \$150 or up verses' a free child safety seat. Also, as of September 1, 2009, everyone in the car must wear a seat belt, whether in the front or back seat.

Also, as apart of this new law, 15 passenger vans are now covered under this law, prior to this they were not. This includes those used by day care centers, and they are also required to attend a 1-2 hr training on the proper use of child safety seats and booster seats in these vans. So, if your child is transported in one of these type vans, make sure that the center personnel has received the required training.

would also like to point out this current car seat recalls that you may have seen on TV. There have been at least three injuries to babies in the United States, including bumps, bruises and a head injury, but there have been no complaints or injuries reported in Canada.

Dorel Juvenile Group Inc., has received reports that the child restraint handle is fully or partially coming off the products.

The U.S.-based company is offering a free repair kit to fix the loose handle.

The recall involves Safety 1st, Cosco, Eddie Bauer and Disney branded infant car seat carriers with certain model numbers.

The seat was manufactured from January 2008 to April 2009.

"Lessons and Carols" At Gorman United Methodist Church Dec. 24th

Gorman United Methodist Church invites the community to an evening of "Lessons and Carols" on December 24th @ 6PM. Following the Scripture Lessons, we will partake in Holy Communion and finish with "Silent Night" and candlelighting. It is a time to worship and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please join us! Gorman United Methodist Church invites the community to an evening of "Lessons and Carols" on December 24th @ 6PM. Following the Scripture Lessons, we will partake in Holy Communion and finish with "Silent Night" and candlelighting. It is a time to worship and celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please join us!



" Jacquelyn Rainey - Jr. Miss Peanut Queen participated in the Christmas Parade at Ballinger, Texas and won 1st place for her division."

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT SEEKING APPLICATIO FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOUSING LOANS

BROWNWOOD, TEXAS, December 10, 2009 - USDA Rural Development has announced their allocation for direct single family loans for Fiscal Year 2010. Due to an increased level of funding as a result of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, USDA Rural Development in Texas has more than \$130 million in direct funding available to help families achieve the dream of home ownership.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to assist rural Texans in meeting their housing needs, which is critical to the long term sustainability of our communities," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development State Director.

USDA Rural Development's direct program provides low-interest, no-down-payment loans to help eligible families living in rural communities and rural areas to purchase their own homes. The Direct Rural Housing Program is geared toward low to very low-income families. No down payment is required for the program and closing costs may be included in the loan. Under this program an applicant may be eligible for payment assistance, which would subsidize the interest portion of the house payment down to as low as 1%, lowering the overall monthly payment amount. In many cases, the total monthly house payment, including taxes and insurance, may actually be less than a family is paying for rent.

Homes must be located in a community of 10,000 persons or less and locations not closely associated with urban areas. Under certain circumstances loans can be made in towns and cities between 10,000 and 25,000 in population. Never assume an area is not eligible.

If you would like to find out more about one of our housing programs, please contact our Brownwood office at (325) 643-1585, extension 4 or visit our website at www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx.

Eastland County District Attorney News

12 Held on Organized Crime Charges

week on felony charges of engaging in organized criminal activity as a result of indictments handed not war. down by an Eastland County Grand Jury on December 10, 2009.

Department and Taylor County Sheriff's Office made the arrests.

Six defendants, Robert Mesa Jr., Angeline Robb, Todd Robb, Ricardo Estrada, Chris Glasgow and Raymond Carmona were arrested in Abilene. Jose Chavez and Penny Ayala are being joy of eternal salvation. held in the Callahan County Jail. Josue Williams is in the Taylor County Jail. Adrianna Flores was arrested in Pflugerville. Sterling Lujan and Stephanie Davis were arrested in Texarkana.

The investigation resulted from a February 2008 traffic stop by the Ranger Police Department. The Eastland County Criminal District Attorney's Office worked closely with Narcotics Agents from the Texas Department of Public Safety in Abilene in developing the case. This is the third major narcotics investigation this year stemming from an Eastland County arrest that involved multiple statewide arrests and defendants.



May the anticipation of Santa Claus renew our sense of wonder and joy, this happy season. Magical wishes and thanks for your patronage.

WE WILL BE CLOSING AT NOON ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

From Lonnie - Joe Bennett & Correspondents



Pictured L-R: Linda Simmons, Ann Maxfield, Joy Rogers, Francis Simpson, Ruthie Rogers, Gail Clayton, Monda Oldham, Carol Pell, Patty Dold, Nell Moore, Virginia Griffith, Charlotte Johnson, Ellen Parker, Betty Region, Floydene Gilbert and Aline Garrett. Not pictured are Becky Bussey, Kay Cozart, Jo Duran, Tresa Gilbert, Betty Welch, Mary Hallmark, Christine Hammontree, Suzan Lipson, Debbie Martin, Wanda Martin, Bobbie McKillip, Bonita Moorman, Marie Patty, Donnie Rodgers, Louise Smart, Jerry Underwood and Carolyn Gilbert.

DORCAS CLASS BUSY WITH CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The Dorcas Class is shown enjoying holiday refreshments before wrapping presents for the community on Tuesday. Each Christmas season the group works to spread Christmas best wishes to friends and neighbors in Gorman, Desdemona and the surrounding area. Class will begin again on January 5 at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall of the Gorman Church of Christ. All ladies are cordially invited to attend. Course study is "What Everyone Should Know About the Bible", a survey course of Old and New Testaments.

Happenings At FBC!!

Go! Tell others of the greatest gift given, salvation through Jesus, the Son of God. Place your faith in Jesus. Receive through Jesus forgiveness of sin, victory over defeat, and a purpose for your eternity. Share the Good News of Jesus!

Mark your calendars:

Dec. 23rd - 6:30pm - Candlelight Service and Lord's Supper.

Dec. 31st - 8pm - New Year's Eve Singing at New Hope Baptist Church. Jan. 1st – Happy New Year 2010!

Children's Sermon: All the children are ready and excited for Christmas! Liz told the special story of Christmas by opening little gifts to assemble the Nativity Scene: 1. Angel Gabriel who told Mary she was anointed, 2. Mary whom gave birth to God in the flesh by immaculate conception, 3. Joseph to be the kind and loving husband to Mary and the father to Jesus, 4. Baby Jesus to be born in the manger, 5. Shepards to watch on the hill, 6. Three Wise Men who came bearing gifts to the King and would wonder if the baby would make it through the night, 7. What does God want for Christmas? Inside this gift is a mirror – God wants YOU!

Bro. Barry's Message: "Sleepless In Gorman, a Christmas Story" - Psalm 77:4&5 -Imagine your favorite Christmas, and imagine your favorite Christmas gift. These are priceless memories. The statistics surrounding depression and suicide during the holidays are at their height. Why?

Sleepless Depression:

We can't sleep, we can't find words, and we long for good days passed.

I. Overwhelms Our Spirit. (vs. 3) - All that has happened throughout the year comes to a close and we fail to see the star. Thinking of things wrong misses what's right. You can't go back, don't State and local law enforcement agencies arrested 12 current and former Abilenians last take it to 2010. The Spirit of Christ is hope not hate, love not lust, calm not overbearing, and peace

II. It Awakens Our Memory. (vs. 6) - The past can be haunting, Jesus is all mighty and more The Texas Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Division, along with the Abilene Police powerful than whatever you may face. Let good songs and sights fill your memory.

III. It Robs Us of Sleep. (vs. 4) - Today being sleep deprived is a spiritual problem. Jesus can fix it. Jesus gives you what man cannot give you. You may receive freely through Jesus the peace and

IV. It Seals Our Lips. (vs. 4) - We cannot find words and we are robbed of our joy. Instead we should celebrate Jesus and our families all year. Share the Good News of Jesus, and may the wonder

of Christmas make a difference in your life and the lives of those around you. Our loved ones in heaven are spending a glorious Christmas with Jesus face to face. The purpose of Jesus makes your life better if you let it. Be excited and be blessed! Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings - please come and join us! Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbcgorman@hotmail.com

Obituary

Letha Lavona Sharp

Letha Lavona Sharp, age 86 of Desdemona passed away Sunday, December 20, 2009 at the DeLeon Nursing Home.

Services was at 2:00 P.M. Tuesday, at the First Baptist Church in Gorman with Bro. Barry Schahn officiating. Burial followed in the Desdemona Cemetery.

Mrs. Sharp was born April 17, 1923 in Dawson County, Texas to Mason Shipman and Cordie Hogg Shipman. She married R. L. Sharp on June 13, 1944 in Eastland. He preceded her in death on December 8, 2003. Mrs. Sharp was a homemaker and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters; Jerry Majors and husband, Larry of DeLeon and Derenda Minton and husband, Steve of Briggs, Texas; one brother, Neldon Shipman and his wife, Billie of Desdemona; five granddaughters and six great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters, Maudine, Louise and Reba and three brothers, Granvell, Eldon and Lendon and a grand son-in-law, Chad Wessels.

The family would like to extend their sincere thanks to Solaris Hospice for the wonderful care they gave to their Maw Maw.

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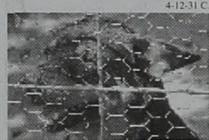
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GRAND JURY RETURNS 48 INDICTMENTS FOR DECEMBER 2009 TERM

The Criminal District Attorney's Office of Eastland County presented cases to the Grand Jury of the 91st Judicial District during the August Term on December 10, 2009 and fortysix indictments were returned. Although by law, the names of criminal defendants are withheld until served with the indictment; the following types of cases were presented and returned with an indictment:

3 cases involving Burglaries/Organized Crime

4 cases involving Theft

5 cases involving Theft/Organized Crime

12 cases involving Organized Crime - Narcotics

2 cases of Possession of Chemicals with Intent to Manufacture Controlled Substance

1 case involving Arson

1 case of Criminal Negligent Homicide

1 case involving Sexual Assault

4 cases involving Assault Causing Bodily Injury – Family

1 case involving Forgery of a Financial Instrument - By Making 1 case involving Aggravated Robbery

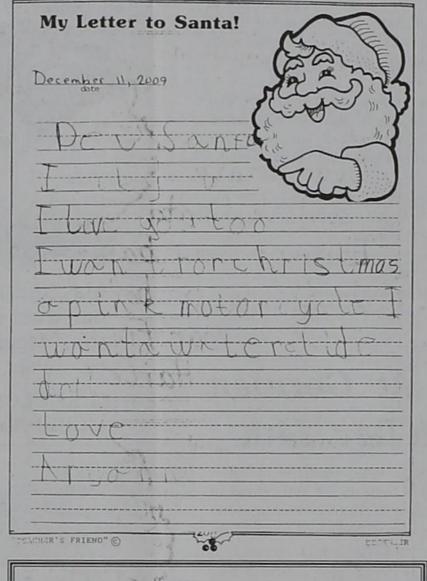
2 cases involving Aggravated Assault with Deadly Weapon

5 Driving While Intoxicated - Third Offense or More - Enhanced with Prior Felony

1 case of Injury to a Disabled Individual

I case of Placement of a Serial #, Intent to Change ID

1 case involving Possession of Child Pornography 1 case involving Prohibited Substance in a Correctional Facility



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REDUCED 81 A Pecan orchard, 900± trees, possible owner finance [REM01] \$405,000 \$300,000 SOLD 80 A, with 6 water wells, seasonal creek, stock tanks, hunting [GB03] \$180,000 69 A, water well, 3 stock tanks, oak & pecan trees, corrals, costal, hunting [JO01] \$221,900 45 A, close to town, stock tank, oak trees, costal, rural water available [SH03] \$149,500 45 A, 7 irrig.wells & pit, buried mainline w/risers, minerals available [NF01] \$2,500/acre

SOLD 30 A, 3-21/2 Custom Home, garage, porch, shop, barn [DB01] \$450,000 4 A, new water well and septic system, coastal, and hunting [HS01] \$75,000

19±A, rolling terrain, Live Oaks, hunting, near Proctor Lk, will divide [LR03] \$2,750/acre 7-4 Brick Home, 2.31 A, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, tile floors, office, Jacuzzi [FN02] \$220,000 REDUCED 4-2 Brick Home, 2 fireplaces, CH&A, 2 car garage [JH01] \$159,900 \$89,000 4+A, 4-3 Remodeled Brick Home, additional recreational room, water well [RH02] \$149,900 5 A, 4-2 Brick Home, metal roof, carport, pecan trees, wells & tank, fenced [WK01] \$90,000 3-2 Brick Home, attached garage, large shaded lot, fenced, patio, CH&A [FW03] \$69,500 3-1 Frame Home, 1 car carport, shaded lot, storage building [DS02] \$39,500

2-2 Brick home, 2 car garage, 2.99 A, CH&A, fireplace, 20x30 side bldg [DDM01] \$195,000 REDUCED 2-11/2 Frame Home, attached garage, storage building [ST01] \$75,000 \$69,000 REDUCED 2-1 Frame Home, 2.3 A, screened porch, water well [GB02] \$55,000 \$45,000 Commercial Bldg, on Hwy.36, 6,480 sf, 3 separate units & entrances, CH&A [BN01] \$82,500

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RESULTS FOR THE 2009 COUNTY COMMITTEE ELECTIONS

On December 10 the Farm Service Agency County Committee counted the election ballots. Thank you for the great response.

The results of the election are as follows: Danny Snider of Gorman was elected as member. Johnny Gann of Ranger will be the first alternate. Thanks to both of them for their willingness to run and serve the farmers and ranchers of Eastland County.

The FSA County Committee will be as follows for 2010: Danny Snider, LAA1, Ralph Berry, LAA2, Brandon Geye, LAA3, and Wynelle Brown, Advisor.

These are your representatives. They serve as a link between farmers and ranchers and the USDA. If you are unsure of the LAA (area) that you are in or who your representative is, come by or call the office.

2009 Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP)

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) comsates eligible livestock producers who suffer grazing losses for covered livestock due to drought conditions.

In order to qualify for program benefits, the applicant must have purchased 2009 coverage through FSA's Noninsured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) or through the Pasture, Rangeland and Forage Insurance (PRF-RI) program offered through the Risk Management Agency (RMA).

For 2009 and subsequent years, applications must be filed no later than 30 calendar days after the end of the calendar year in which the grazing losses occurred. The deadline to file for 2009 is January 29, 2009.

Land must be owned or cash-leased. If cash-leased land is used, proof of the lease must be provided to the office.

Please call the local FSA office for more information or to make an appointment.

Notes From Dr. Dan

So888888uuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuuu7oyvfxzghjkqa..... my cat wrote that... I think its secret code. Sometimes he makes me want to get a cat-a-pult! When they hunt birds I worry about them getting a canarial disease... you know, chirpies.

Cats can be fun but there are things to be very careful about with cats. Toxoplasmosis is a disease that is usually asyptomatic in people with healthy immune systems, but in fetuses where the mother was exposed to cat litter, congential eye defects can occur. Therefore PREGNANT WOMEN DO NOT GO NEAR LITTER BOXES!!!!! Also there is the matter of Cat Scratch Fever or Acure Necrotizing Granulomatous Lymphandenitis. It is an infection from a bartonella species of bacteria in cat saliva and is usually transmitted by kittens. Your lymph glands will swell and you can feel pretty miserable. The infection is usually mild but sometimes you need antibiotics. By the way, the cats have gotten a bad rap on this one because cases have been reported of getting cat scratch disease from dog scratches or even splinters. The good news is that there has never been a reported case of chirpies transmitted from cats to humans.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

I would like to take this opportunity to give a huge 'thanks' to everyone who has supported the DAC this year the ones who come to take part in our activities and the ones who do all the work to make our activities happen! We have great folks here in Desdemona and we do have fun when we get together!

And speaking of getting together, we will have a game night on New Year's Eve again this year. If you don't like to go out on that evening, Desdemona is not far away. Bring your favorite game and a snack food if you would like and come and join us. There is no charge for the fun and games! Bring your instruments and we will jam also. The doors will open at 7:00 and we will ring in the New Year!

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S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site.

38 A M/L south Gorman: Fronts FM 679, about 10 A. large Pecan Trees, nice location for pond, good felics, sand, land, 52,200 here - Seller Financing 100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, car-

peted, some remodeling, 3 ponds, 30a crop land, 35a coastal, some native, fenced, 2 steel corrals, 2 wells, shop building. Nice setup. Mineral Rights. \$2,950.00 A. 130 A, West Carbon, approximately 40a cult., 35a coastal, pond, elec., county water.

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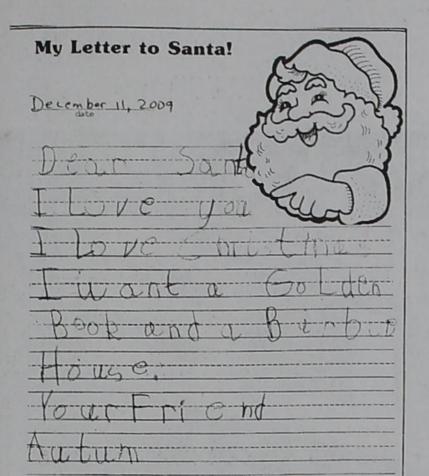
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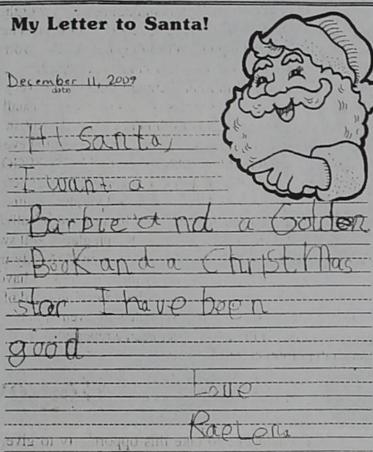
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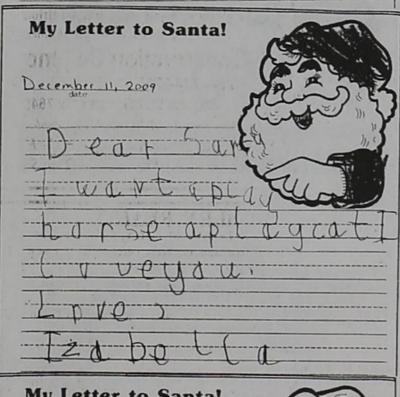


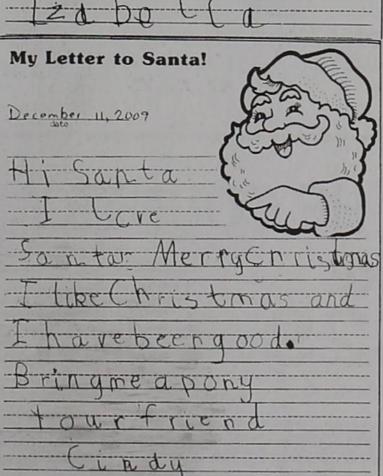












Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Desdemona Monthly Musical will be canceled for December due to the busy "Holiday Season". This monthly musical will start back on Saturday, January 23, 2010 and will continue on the 4th Saturday of each month. All area musicians, singers and visitors are invited to attend. This is a "Smoke Free" environment and the admission is "FREE".

Recent visitors with Humpy and Betty Duke were John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Rodney and Debbie Duke of Pantego; and Katie and Elise Duke of Early.

Get Well wishes to Betty Duke from Desdemona friends. She has been on the sick list for over a week.

Karen Fair hosted a birthday party on Tuesday, December 22nd for her granddaughter, Lorin. Several family members and friends attended to enjoy a good meal followed by a birthday cake to help Lorin celebrate her 16th birthday.

Ladies Monthly Social was a covered dish Christmas Luncheon at the Community Center last Monday. Several ladies attended to enjoy the good food and fellowship. Next Ladies Social will be held on Monday, January 11th at the same location. Visitors are welcome.

Issac Diez of Desdemona is #11 in the world of Saddle Bronc Riding. He rode in the National Rodeo Finals in Las Vegas recently. Only the top fifteen bronc riders gets to ride in the National Finals. Congratulations to Issac Diez.

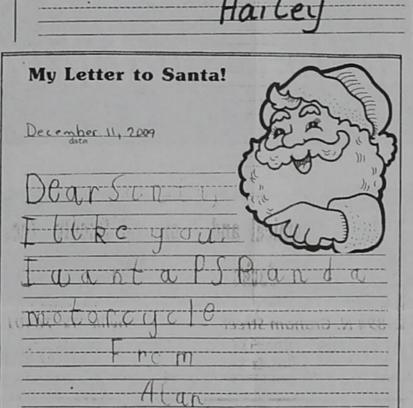
HELLO to our friends, Pete and Alla Rae (Friday) Kelley in Sealy and to Rex and Billy Tilly in Gatesville. Alla Rae and Rex were classmates with this reporter in the Class of 1951 of Desdemona.

Take time out from your busy daily schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers. Holidays are a lonely time of the year for our shut-ins.

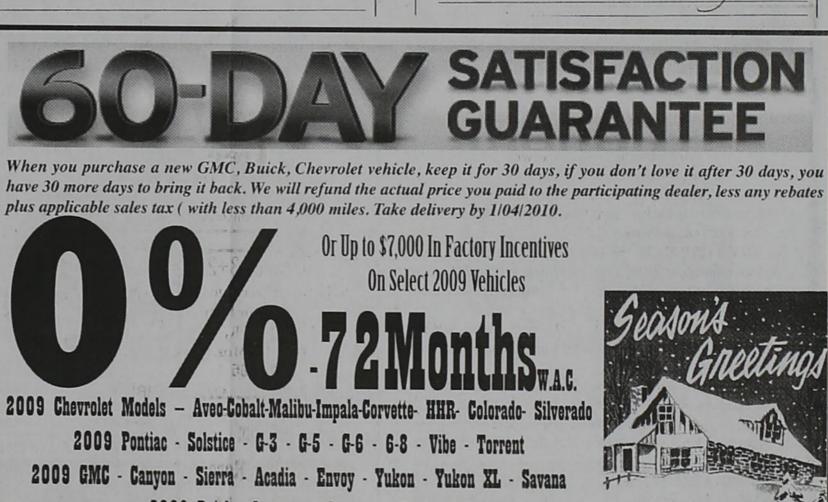
Sorry to miss writing last week's news -- This reporter was on the sick list or maybe you could say the "Lazy" list. In order to keep this Desdemona News article going -- You need to contact this reporter with your weekly news. Thank you.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OF OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS from Pug and Vonnie Guthery.











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