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ANNUAL GORMAN LIVESTOCK SHOW DECEMBER 18T

Breakfast Cooked by Daryl and Cecilia Hirst!!

Ag Science TeacherShawn Boles
2010 Project Show Judge..... Jimmy Key, Joshua Ag Science Teacher

Schedule of Events

9:45 a.m..... Mr. Boles,
Quick Showmanship talk, intro of Judge

10:00.....Lamb Show

- Finewool
- Finewool/Cross
- Southdown
- Hair Sheep
- Medium Wool
- Showmanship Classes

11:00 (or immediately following Lamb Show) . . . Goat Show

- Goat Show
- Showmanship Classes

Break for Lunch

Bar B Q, Baked Potatoes, Frito Pie, Homemade Desserts, Drinks

12:30 Swine Show

- Berks
- Chesters
- Durocs
- Hamps
- Spots
- Yorks
- Crosses

Swine schedule is subject to change

Thank you for supporting our program. We sincerely appreciate you.
We would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas

JV BASKETBALL GAME WITH DUBLIN



The publisher of the Dublin Citizen sent me these photos of the game with Dublin and Gorman JV. Gorman won the game. Thanks MAC.

Santa Claus Visits Gorman. Light Parade Followed



1st Place float went to the Peanut Queens. Pictured is Santa, Pnt Queen Brittany Ramirez, Jr. Miss Kathryn Woodall, Princess Kaylee Grumbles, Little Miss Suellyn Hunter, and Petite Miss Rosri Boyd.



Baylor Seaton is shown on Santas lap during his visit on Saturday.



2nd Place float went to the Chamber of Commerce float. Pictured is Santa, Miss Gorman - Courtney Shirley and Little Miss Crystal Gonzales. Thank you to everyone who came out to watch.

The Best Christmas Present Ever - A Christmas Musical

Celebrating the Christmas season, First Fruits Christian Fellowship is pleased to present a children's Christmas drama, The Best Christmas Present Ever by Celeste Clydesdale. This energetic children's Christmas celebration is overflowing with colorful characters, choreographed dances, dynamic music and dazzling lights. The story in this musical is about a group of children who have only one week to invite people from all over town to a birthday party for Jesus. Each day, they share the responses of the people that were invited. The defining moment of the musical is when the skeptical news anchor Rod Stark encounters the true meaning of Christmas.

Join and support the Children of Gorman in their first musical drama. You are sure to be amazed as they present this simple, yet powerful message of Christmas. Adding this event to your holiday calendar is one your entire family will enjoy. To conclude the festivity, refreshments will be served to celebrate with others and the cast.

Due to our limited seating capacity, this musical drama will be presented two nights, December 17th and December 18th at 6:00 pm. Free tickets are available upon request at 734-3203. Upon your request, please specify the date you wish to attend. RSVP to your invitation to the greatest birthday bash ever!

December Term of Eastland County Grand Jury Returns 42 Indictments

After convening on December 9, 2010 in the Eastland County Courthouse, an Eastland County Grand Jury of twelve citizens returned 42 indictments. Two persons were indicted for Driving While Intoxicated - Third Offense or More, one person for Driving While Intoxicated with Child Passenger, one for sexual assault, two persons for tampering with evidence, seventeen for possession of controlled substances, five for felony possession of marijuana, one for aggravated assault with deadly weapon, one person for Forgery By Passing, one for Fraud, one for Interference With Child Custody, one for abandoning/jeopardizing a child, two persons for money laundering, one person for bail jumping, and two persons were indicted for three counts each of arson. The December Term of the Grand Jury covers the months of December 2010 and January 2011. It is expected that members of the December Term will meet again in January. Indictments are not made public until after an arrest or service of the indictment is made on the accused.

STRAWN

3RD SATURDAY JAMBOREE

Strawn 3rd Saturday Jamboree **WILL NOT** be held during the month of December, 2010.

You are invited to our Jamboree beginning January 15, 2011. Thanks for your support during the past years, and we will look forward to many more years of music and fun.

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Homestead
Nursing and Rehab
Would like to invite you to our
Christmas Party.
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December 16th at 2:30 p.m.

Santa will be visiting Homestead from
3 to 5 p.m. Any parents that want to
Bring their camera's to take pictures
Of their kids with Santas is
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ITEMS OF INTEREST

Oakland Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oakland Cemetery Association, P. O. Box 532, Gorman, Tx 76454 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

4-H - The Club is going to meet the first Wednesday of each month in the New Gym. All people interested in participating are encouraged to attend. The meeting will be at 3:45 -4:45. For more information Call Cindy Underwood 734-5085.

Gorman Masonic Lodge No. 716 A.F. & A. M. Regular stated meetings are 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Members are urged to attend. Visitors are always welcome. Cecil Funderburgh, Master - Kenneth Good, Secretary.

Gorman Oaklawn Cemetery Association is accepting donations for the Care of the Cemetery. Donations can be sent to Oaklawn Cemetery Association, 7726 CR 362, Desdemona, Tx 76445 or to American State Bank, Gorman, Texas 76454

The Order of the Eastern Star holds its regular stated meetings on the First Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

Food Bank
New Hours - 10 to 11 a.m.
Second Thursday


Boy Scouts
Meeting Weekly
Mondays - 6:00 p.m.
Methodist Church

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

GORMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL AND GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL ARE PLEASED TO REPORT THAT 100% OF THEIR STAFF ARE HIGHLY QUALIFIED AS REQUIRED BY THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND REGULATIONS!

Please be in prayer for Men's Walk #362!

The cancellation date is drawing near, Dec. 23. They stand at 14 pilgrims and need a minimum of 20. Walk #362 is Jan 20-23 at Lake Brownwood. Applications can be found at ctcemmas.org.
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20 ACRES, M/L, GORMAN - Good coastal & native grasses, 1 tank & partially fenced. Will be surveyed out of a larger tract. Could be very productive. A2

BETTER BELIEVE IT - There's plenty of room & privacy for the lover of country living on this 2 AC, m/FL. 3 BR, 2 bath brick-LR w/FP, DR & den. Outside is a deck w/ jacuzzi, a tank, 3 stg. bldgs. & lg. metal barn 2/2 heated & cooled rooms. Call today & enjoy the fresh air & Wide open spaces! HA2

11.917 ACRES, M/L - GORMAN - 1 tank, 1 old water well, mostly mesquite and some oak. Excellent place to build. A3

MOTIVATED SELLER - Brick Home on 3.7 ac. - REDUCED - 3 BR, 1 3/4 baths, LR, DR, office, DAG, stg. Bldg. & metal barn w/elec., outbuildings. Excellent location at the edge of Gorman. 03

"EDGE OF GORMAN - 1.3 AC, m/l. Maintenance free Brick 3 BR, 1 3/4 bath, open LR-DR, kitchen area w/bk. bar, Utility, CH/A fenced yard, SACP w/stg. & barn. 06

HUNTING & GRAZING - 257.53 AC. Mostly mesquite, food plots for deer, grazing or hay, tanks, good fences on 2 sides, Nash Creek, rolling terrain A18

CHARM, WARMTH, COMFORT - This 2 BR, 1 bath brick has all of this & more. Large inviting living room, kitchen/dining combo, CH/A, utility w/extras, DACP & cov. porch overlooking the oversized back yard with it's beautiful pecan trees. Call us to make your appointment today! 08

PRODUCTIVE - 160 AC, m/l, N. of Gorman. Coastal, good soil, 2 tanks, water well & frontage on 2 county roads. A13

STOP & TAKE A LOOK - 2005 DWMH - quiet neighborhood & large trees on half an acre. Comfortable living with spacious LR, 4 BR, 2 baths, a front deck & Nice stg. Bldg. OWNER AGENT 02

INVESTORS - INVESTORS - INVESTORS - Lots of possibilities - 2 story office building & old cafe. C19

All About The Economy

By Henry A. Buchanan

Ask The Right Questions You'll Get The Right Answers

The political controversy over 'Don't Ask Don't Tell' is based on the premise that ignorance is better than knowledge and prejudice is better than wisdom.

Both the Generals and the Congressmen are asking the wrong questions and they are getting the answers that fit their prejudices based on ignorance.

The Generals whose business is to kill and conquer seem ignorant about Alexander the Great who conquered the known world. He was homosexual.

The Lawmakers seem ignorant of the man who was the fountain of Western Philosophy. He was Socrates and his beloved Plato gave us in writing the wisdom underpinning our social order.

Our Religious Leaders steeped in Mosaic legalism and Pauline guilt reactions have lost sight of Jesus and his bosom companion John who gave us a way of life that rules out the necessity for a military as the foundation of government. The questions we need to ask: Does the man or woman volunteering to serve understand that service means respect for the life and dignity of every other man or woman who will be effected by the volunteer's service? And what skill do you have to offer to meet the world's need?

These questions can be answered without checking to determine which sex is preferred in bed.

Ask the question: Do you want to serve your country by making every other man respect America? And when you get an answer you will know whether the volunteer is fit for service in the military.

But ask the question being asked our young men and women what their sexual preference is and you will only know whether they qualify for stud service.

Henry A. Buchanan -- 12-12-10
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9+ Acres, n/w Gorman: Beautiful landscaping, remodeled 2-story ranch style 3 - 2 home, 1700 sf, metal roof, carport, 30x50 metal shop, several wells, lots of trees. Nice! \$149,500.00

S/E Gorman: 45 A, sandy land, few Pecan trees, 7 water wells, irrigation reservoir, close to pavement. \$2,500.00

Near Gorman, 60 A m/l, 2-1 frame farmhouse, new windows/front door, new metal roof, 2 ponds, fenced, some Coastal, partly wooded, small barn/corral, water well, 2 car carport/storage. \$215,000

S/E Gorman: 60 A, good sandy soil, some coastal, good fences, elec., nice pond site. \$2,800.00

100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/HA, fireplace, carpeted, 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.

179 A. south of Gorman: Part wooded, part old fields, deer & hogs, 2 nice ponds, sandy soil, elec., water well, metal building. \$2,350.00 acre.

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Preaching is one of the easiest things anyone could ever do... and we all do it! Ok, so not everyone has the public speaking ability to stand in front of an audience but to be sure, we all preach and we are all preached to. And rightfully so, Biblical preaching is good, Biblical preaching is, well, Biblical. Peter, Paul, Steven, and Phillip all preached; Jesus even preached on occasion. Preaching is easy because you can preach to thousands, to an audience of one, or even preach to yourself. We all preach to someone about something at some time.

But wouldn't it be nice if living was nearly as easy as preaching! I mean it's easy to preach to smokers about quitting but it's not nearly as easy to quit smoking as it is to preach. The same is true for alcoholics, over eaters, the proud, arrogant, or any vice that Christians shouldn't have.

I mean, not a single Christian reading this today would ever consider lying or stealing anything but will that be the case in just a few months when it's time to do our taxes? Will we remember our preaching and be honest about our finances to the government? Or will we try to justify our "white lies" with "well they tax too much anyways". Ok maybe it's not your taxes but what else can you think of where it's easier to preach than to do?

Forgiveness is one of those Biblical truths that's easier to preach than to practice. Forgiveness is so difficult because we have a hard time accepting the things we cannot change. In reality, life is full of aspects beyond our control. It might be the loss of a job, a loved one, a relationship, or even money. All things that we had taken for granted that we would always have... and somehow, they're gone. When we face these great losses we can choose to either pick ourselves up and move on or we can hold a grudge. Either way, we will have to choose.

The secret to living a healthy, satisfying life is not in power and possessions, but learning to let go of the things you cannot control and give them to the ONE who can.

Fight the good fight (1 Tim 6:12) - Jason Wilder
Gorman Church of Christ

Gorman Church of Christ Meeting Times

Sunday Morning Bible Class - 10:00
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45
Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00
Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00

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NEUGEBAUER STATEMENT ON LETTER TO FHFA DIRECTOR DEMARCO REGARDING PROPOSED LOAN MODIFICATIONS

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Randy Neugebauer (R-TX), House Financial Services Oversight Subcommittee Chairman, released the following statement today regarding his December 13, 2010 letter to FHFA Director DeMarco:

“Recent media reports indicate that Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are in talks with the Obama Administration regarding loan modifications in order to get underwater borrowers into lower rate FHA mortgages. These negotiations and discussions should be transparent, fair and accountable. To that end, my letter requests a full report detailing possible taxpayer losses and justification as to why Fannie and Freddie’s participation in the loan modification program would be in the best interest of the U.S. taxpayer.”

The full text of the letter follows and is attached in PDF form:

December 13, 2010

Edward DeMarco
Acting Director, Federal Housing Finance Agency
1700 G Street, NW – 4th Floor
Washington, DC 20552

Dear Mr. DeMarco:

We write to express serious concern regarding recent reports that the Obama Administration is pressuring Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac to begin writing down mortgage principal in order to qualify underwater borrowers for lower-rate Federal Housing Administration (FHA) mortgages. Fannie and Freddie’s participation in the FHA’s loan modification program would increase taxpayer losses – already approaching \$150 billion – and run counter to the statutory obligation of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA) to minimize taxpayer exposure from the GSEs’ conservatorships.

The FHA refinance program is designed to reach borrowers who might otherwise walk away from their responsibilities because they owe more on their mortgages than their homes are worth. In order to obtain a principal write-down, the borrower must be current on their mortgage, have a negative equity position and qualify for the new loan under standard FHA underwriting requirements. Since the program targets performing loans, it raises the question why it would be in the best interest of the U.S. taxpayer for Fannie and Freddie to write down principal on these types of loans.

Before a decision is made by Fannie and Freddie to participate in any loan modification program that involves principal write-downs, we request a full report detailing the costs associated with participating in such a program. The report should project taxpayer losses, including costs related to principal write downs as well as administrative expenses. Finally, the report should explain why Fannie and Freddie’s participation in the loan modification program would be in the best interest of the U.S. taxpayer, and how it is consistent with FHFA’s statutory mandate to minimize taxpayer losses.

It is the responsibility of Congress and FHFA to ensure that taxpayer dollars are being spent in the most prudent manner. It appears that writing down loan principal for homeowners who are current on their mortgages simply because they may walk away from their homes does not fulfill our obligation to protect U.S. taxpayers.

Proposed Tax Deal Could Benefit Ranchers and Farmers

A deal being hammered between the White House and Republican legislators could keep estate taxes from skyrocketing in 2011. Property and business owners had been dreading the estate tax reinstatement in 2011, which originally was to have reinstated a 55 percent levy on estates above the million dollar threshold. According to the latest proposals on the negotiated tax package, the tax threshold for estates will be raised to five million dollars, and the corresponding tax rate lowered to 35 percent for two years.

“Although this is not the desired repeal of the estate tax, this higher tax threshold and lower tax rate could protect the legacy of more family businesses, farms and ranches,” said Bill Hyman, executive director of the Independent Cattlemen’s Association of Texas (ICA). “The value of land, outbuildings, equipment and livestock has escalated, and many small family farms or ranches are now worth \$1 million or more. These operations, however, are not ‘cash cows.’ When families must pay inheritance taxes, it forces them to parcel and sell off property, or liquidate an entire operation, destroying a way of life.”

“The one-year reprieve from estate taxes (2010) came at the right time, but there has been great concern about the tax reinstatement in 2011. The proposed tax deal would raise the ‘starting line’ for estate taxes to \$5 million and keep the tax rate at a more sensible 35 percent for two years. The result: it could keep more business operations in the family,” said Hyman.

He said other aspects of the proposed tax deal include:
Extending jobless benefits for another 13 months for the long-term unemployed
Dropping the employees’ Social Security deduction from 6.2 percent to 4.2 percent for one year to help stimulate spending
Extending the Bush-era income tax cuts for two more years.

“We will be closely watching as the proposed tax package makes its way through the legislative process, as support of the entire Congress is needed to make this deal a reality,” said Hyman. “Our holiday wish is that this deal is ironed out before the ‘lame duck’ session expires January 1, 2011.”

The ICA represents more than 8,000 cow-calf ranchers and agricultural business leaders on economic, rural lifestyle and legislative issues. New members are welcomed. For more information, see the ICA website at <http://icatexas.com> or call the association headquarters in Lockhart at 512-620-0162.

Register Now for February ACT® Test

IOWA CITY, IOWA—Registration is now open for the February 12, 2011 ACT achievement test. Students who wish to take the college admission and placement exam must register before January 7, 2011. Please note that no test centers are scheduled in New York State for this date.

The ACT is a curriculum-based achievement exam. It tests what students have actually learned in school, not their aptitude for learning. The ACT also measures what students need to know to be ready for first year credit-bearing college courses based on ACT College Readiness Standards™. Every student’s results can be tied directly to these consistent standards.

The ACT has four sections—English, mathematics, reading and science—and takes about three hours to complete. Students who take the ACT Plus Writing complete an optional writing test that requires an additional 30 minutes. Unlike other exams, students are not penalized for guessing or answering all the questions on each test section. In fact, it is beneficial for test takers to answer all questions within the time allowed.

During registration, students may select up to four universities to receive their score reports. ACT scores are accepted by all four-year colleges and universities across the United States. ACT reports scores only when requested to do so by the student. Additional score reports are available for a small fee.

All students complete a detailed inventory of questions during ACT registration. Each test taker receives an ACT score report that includes a wide variety of information to assist with high school course selection, college readiness, career planning, and college admissions.

The cost for the ACT test without writing is \$33. When combined with the optional ACT Writing Test, the total cost is \$48. Students who qualify may apply for a fee waiver through their high school counselor.

The ACT website, www.actstudent.org, has helpful information, free sample items, and options to order inexpensive test prep materials to assist test takers get ready for the exam. However, the best preparation is to take rigorous core courses in school, study hard, and learn the academic skills needed in college.

Most students register online at www.actstudent.org. Students may also pick up registration forms from their high school counseling offices. Late registration is available from January 8, 2011 until January 21, 2011 for an extra \$21 fee.

Pig Tales From Hogtown

We still have lots to sell and will have lots of fresh baked goods this week on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Christmas Store will be open 8:00-5:00 each day. We have several items that are suitable for small gifts. Come and check us out.

We have never missed a month since we began ‘Breakfast at the DAC’ on the first Saturday of every month. However, we will not have a breakfast on January 1, 2011 since this will be New Year’s Day. The breakfasts will begin again on the first Saturday in February.

Everyone is invited to attend the New Year’s Eve dance on Friday, December 31 at the DAC. Johnny Johnson’s band will play for us and we will be serving a meal of brisket, ham, black-eyed peas, cornbread and desserts. The tickets are \$20 each or \$150 for a table of 8. For tickets, please call 254-758-2420 or 254-758-2346.

See you in Desdemona!
Carol Pell

Happenings At FBC!!

Profess! The Baptism of a young boy began our morning Worship Service; what a privilege it is to witness the Profession of Faith in this precious life. Glory to God!

Mark your calendars:

- Dec. 15th – 6:30pm** – Join us for the TeamKids & Mission Friends Christmas Program.
 - Dec. 18th** – “Parents Night Out” Youth Fund Raiser – Call Church Office for more info.
 - Dec. 19th – 6pm** – The Lord’s Supper Service.
 - Dec. 22nd – 6:30pm** – Candle Light Service.
 - Dec. 25th** – Christmas Day – Merry CHRISTmas!!!
 - Dec. 31st** – New Year’s Eve Singing at New Hope.
- WEDNESDAYS:** Come join us for fun learning about Jesus – TEAMKIDS at 6:00pm, MISSION FRIENDS at 6:00pm, and YOUTH at 6:30pm.

YOUTH LED SERVICE Hunter, Arlette, and Yulissa were at the doors to greet as we entered the Sanctuary.

Leading our Hymns of Praise were Rachel, Alaina, and Kinsey.

Welcome & Prayer were said by Rachel.

Announcements were said by Lauren.

Offertory Prayer was said by Brandon, and offering was gathered by Randall, Brandon, Hunter, BJ, Russell, and Tony.

Birthday & Anniversary songs were led by Cortney S. and Kourtney S.

Children’s Sermon: Kourtney S and Madi asked the children to help them unwrap a present, and they found another box inside. The free gift of Salvation is always there for each one of us. Everyone needs to hear about Jesus and His love. We tell others about Jesus in the way we act, speak, and the things we do. You never know when others are watching so always try to live like Jesus. Pray for the unsaved, and may they unwrap the free gift of Salvation.

FBC Puppets: (Lacy and James) Skit telling the story of baby Jesus born in the manger. Christmas is not just about the gifts we are given. CHRISTmas is about the greatest gift of all and that is the birth of Jesus. Happy Birthday, Jesus!!!

Special Music: “Silent Night” a cappella by James Thomas was brilliant and touching.

Bro. Barry’s Closing Message on “Youth Led Service” – Philippians 4:6-7 - Would you relive your childhood if you could? Did you pursue every opportunity afforded to you? All the Youth have done in this Worship Service points to the Baby born in Bethlehem. Jesus is all He said He would be; make your own decision.

Statistics demonstrate how differently young people spend their time today, greatly affected by electronic technology.

Youth face new and changing challenges every day.

I. Touched – Will your children remember the comfort of your embrace? Love them, hug them, and pray for them.

II. Taught – Education is vital. Share your experiences. Please don’t just tell and yell. Show them and lead them.

III. Take It – God has a plan for each life. Others may let you down, but God will not. Your life is worth living. God has many things for you, and among them are goodness, wonder, and joy. Reach up and take them!

Our young people are the future! Young people, do what hasn’t been done for you. Adults, you can raise the standard and encourage Youngsters to set goals in line with the Will of God.

If you are reading this and you have not accepted Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior please call Bro. Barry, ask Bro. Barry to talk with you about being saved or just ask him to pray with you, just call (254) 734-2420.

Our Worship Service begins at 11:00AM on Sunday mornings, please come and join us! 1X100
Remember: God loves you like no one else! Email us at fbgorman@hotmail.com

Be Red Cross Ready

Wild Fire Safety Checklist

More and more people are making their homes in woodland settings, rural areas or remote mountain sites. There, residents enjoy the beauty of the environment but face the very real danger of wild fires. Wild fires often begin unnoticed. They spread quickly, igniting brush, trees and homes. In a wild fire, every second counts!

Supplies to take with you if you need to evacuate:

- Water—one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply)
- Food—non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, deed/lease to home, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash
- Emergency blanket
- Map(s) of the area
- Other essential items that could not be replaced if they were destroyed

What should I do to prepare ahead of time?



- Learn about wild fire risks in your area.
- Talk with members of your household about wild fires—how to prevent them and what to do if one occurs.
- Post emergency phone numbers by every phone in your home.
- Make sure driveway entrances and your house number or address are clearly marked.
- Identify and maintain an adequate water source outside your home, such as a small pond, cistern, well or swimming pool.
- Set aside household items that can be used as fire tools: a rake, ax, hand saw or chain saw, bucket and shovel. You may need to fight small fires before emergency responders arrive.
- Select building materials and plants that resist fire.
- Regularly clean roofs and gutters.

Plan ahead and stay as safe as possible during a wild fire.

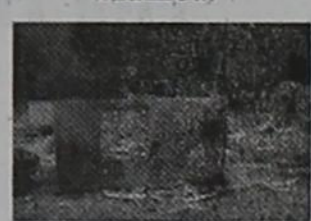
- Plan and practice two ways out of your neighborhood in case your primary route is blocked.
- Select a place for family members to meet outside your neighborhood in case you cannot get home or need to evacuate.
- Identify someone who is out of the area to contact if local phone lines are not working.

What should I do if there are reports of wild fires in my area?



- Be ready to leave at a moment’s notice.
 - Listen to local radio and television stations for updated emergency information.
 - Always back your car into the garage or park it in an open space facing the direction of an escape.
 - Confine pets to one room so that you can find them if you need to evacuate quickly.
 - Arrange for temporary housing at a friend or relative’s home outside the threatened area.
- Limit exposure to smoke and dust.**
- Listen and watch for air quality reports and health warnings about smoke.
 - Keep indoor air clean by closing windows and doors to prevent outside smoke from getting in.
 - Use the recycle or re-circulate mode on the air conditioner in your home or car. If you do not have air conditioning and it is too hot to stay inside with closed windows, seek shelter elsewhere.
 - When smoke levels are high, do not use anything that burns and adds to indoor air pollution, such as candles, fireplaces and gas stoves. Do not vacuum because it stirs up particles that are already inside your home.
 - If you have asthma or another lung disease, follow your health care provider’s advice and seek medical care if your symptoms worsen.

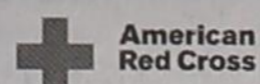
Returning home after a wild fire ...



- Do not enter your home until fire officials say it is safe.
 - Use caution when entering burned areas as hazards may still exist, including hot spots, which can flare up without warning.
 - Avoid damaged or fallen power lines, poles and downed wires.
 - Watch for ash pits and mark them for safety—warn family and neighbors to keep clear of the pits also.
 - Watch animals closely and keep them under your direct control. Hidden embers and hot spots could burn your pets’ paws or hooves.
 - Follow public health guidance on safe cleanup of fire ash and safe use of masks.
 - Wet debris down to minimize breathing dust particles.
 - Wear leather gloves and heavy soled shoes to protect hands and feet.
 - Cleaning products, paint, batteries and damaged fuel containers need to be disposed of properly to avoid risk.
- Ensure your food and water are safe.**
- Discard any food that has been exposed to heat, smoke or soot.
 - Do NOT ever use water that you think may be contaminated to wash dishes, brush teeth, prepare food, wash hands, make ice or make baby formula.

Let Your Family Know You’re Safe

If your community has experienced a wild fire, or any disaster, register on the American Red Cross Safe and Well Web site available through RedCross.org to let your family and friends know about your welfare. If you don’t have Internet access, call 1-866-GET-INFO to register yourself and your family.



For more information on disaster and emergency preparedness, visit RedCross.org.

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HOLIDAYS

Holidays Are a Great Time to Start a Family Cookbook

NewsUSA

(NU) - To most of us, the year-end holidays are a time of family, friends and a lot of food. While these times can be hectic with all of the running around that needs to be done, these are also the best times to start a family cookbook project says one expert.

"Many of the family holiday traditions start in the kitchen and center around the meals we serve our family and guests at this time of the year, says William Rice, founder and co-publisher of the Great Family Cookbook Project, winner of a 2009 WebAward from the Web Marketing Association. "What better way to celebrate our family food traditions than to preserve them for future generations in a family cookbook? There is no better time to start planning a family cookbook than over a wonderful meal during the holidays."

A successful family cookbook needs at least one dedicated individual to lead the project as editor. This person gets the project off the ground and invites family members to contribute recipes. Once a labor-intensive task, now families are using the Internet to simplify the project. "A Web site, such as www.FamilyCB.com, can provide step-by-step instructions and tools to help the family member serving as cookbook editor to contact others and encourage them to enter their favorite recipes directly into the online system," says Rice. "The editor then simply re-



Pass your famous cookie recipes onto the family so they may be used for generations to come.

views and edits the recipes, selects printing options, and sends the cookbook to be printed. The finished printed cookbooks are received in a few weeks time and can be enjoyed and preserved forever."

Start talking about the project over dinner. Enjoying the food and dishes we love while being asked to contribute recipes will make the value of the project more real and worthwhile. Also invite everyone to participate - don't just invite the family cooks. Everyone has at least one recipe that they can contribute to the cookbook.

For more information on how you can make a family cookbook, visit www.FamilyCB.com.

HOLIDAY

Charitable Gifts Bring Holiday Cheer to Children's Organization

NewsUSA

(NU) - The winter holidays are all about giving - giving thanks, giving gifts, giving to charity. In the past, you might have given your mother a bracelet and made a donation. Today, the line between purchasing a gift for a loved one and helping someone in need has merged.

Some people make donations to a favorite charity in a loved one's name. Others purchase gifts that donate part of their proceeds to a worthy organization. Now, the skin care company Kiehl's is collaborating with Jeff Koons to benefit The Koons Family Institute, an initiative of the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC).

The Koons Family Institute was created by Jeff Koons, an internationally recognized artist best known for iconic sculptures such as 1986's "Rabbit" and 1992's "Puppy." Koons is less well known as the father of an abducted child. Koons has fought for custody of his son on two continents without success. This experience had made him a fervent advocate for protecting children.

Koons has partnered with Kiehl's to raise awareness and funds for child protection through the sale of the Limited Edition Creme de Corps Holiday Collection, which contains four products. Each product in the collection features the artwork of "TULIPS," a Koons painting from his Celebration Series.

One hundred percent of Kiehl's Worldwide Net Profits up



photo by Luc Carlier - Venice 2009

Artist Jeff Koons (pictured) is teaming with Kiehl's to raise money for The Koons Family Institute, an initiative of ICMEC to help missing and exploited children.

to \$200,000 will benefit The Koons Family Institute and ICMEC. Gift recipients will enjoy the skin-softening products in the Creme de Corps Holiday Collection as well as knowing that their gift raised money to help children.

The Creme de Corps Holiday Collection features three sizes of Kiehl's Creme de Corps body moisturizer as well as a new product: Kiehl's Creme de Corps Soy Milk & Honey Whipped Body Butter. The rich, air-whipped butter delivers rich hydration for up to 24 hours with skin-soothing ingredients like shea butter, beta carotene, vitamin E and squalene - a highly refined moisturizing oil derived from the olive.

For more information, visit www.kiehls.com.

GIFTS

Steam: The New Hot Holiday Gift

NewsUSA

(NU) - No matter what gift you give a friend or loved one - a new set of golf clubs, a gold necklace, a teddy bear - it's going to need proper care and cleaning. So why not give them a way to care for their present?

Whether you give a stylish sweater or a new recliner, a steam cleaner or steam iron will clean, deodorize and disinfect without using harsh chemicals. Steam cleaners generally produce steam that is 220 degrees Fahrenheit or more at the tip. When the steam meets a surface, it penetrates its pores and breaks the bond between the surface and any dirt. Because the steam is so hot, it also kills mold spores, dust mites and bed bugs and bacteria.

Reliable Corporation (www.reliablecorporation.com) names some ways that steam cleaning can help you or your loved ones take care of your gifts:

- **Keep allergies under control.** Do you know someone getting a new pet? Steam cleaners can remove pet odors from furniture and sanitize litter boxes. They're especially useful if someone in the home has allergies as the steam removes allergens like pollen and dander, and kills others like mold spores and dust mites. The EnviroMate Tandem Steam/Vacuum from Reliable is unique in that it can be used to steam clean and vacuum, allowing users to clean, deodorize and sanitize even the most soiled areas and items.
- **Keep clothes looking their best.** A compact vapor generator iron will freshen fabrics without



Steam cleaners can be used in almost any part of the house - even windows.

chemical detergents, fabric softeners or wrinkle removers. One such iron is Reliable's Velocity V50. It uses patented technology to create continuous volumes of steam even at low temperatures to make quick work of wrinkle removal. It does double duty as a fabric steamer when turned vertically.

• **Keep kids healthy.** It's no secret that children spread germs throughout the house. Toys, especially, can pick up bacteria as children take them around the house and yard or share with playmates. With a steam cleaner, parents can quickly sanitize toys and carpets where a vacuum would simply remove surface dirt. Steam cleaners can also disinfect surfaces like kitchen counters without using any chemicals that could be harmful to children.

Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

Ladies Monthly Social was held on Monday morning at the Community Center. Several ladies attended this Christmas (covered dish) Luncheon. Plenty of food and good fellowship was enjoyed by everyone. Next Ladies Social will be held on Monday, January 10, 2011. Visitors are welcome.

During this "Holiday Season" remember the Sick and Shut-ins of our Community with your Cards and Prayers.

Sincere sympathy goes to the family of Bill Keith in the Highland Community. Burial was on Sunday.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had attendance of 38 for the morning service on Sunday. Bro. Charlie Johnson continues with his sermons to explain the reason we celebrate this wonderful Christmas Season. Music director leads with beautiful Christmas music. All the young children present have their "Special" time with the pastor each Sunday to begin the morning service. There was "Pot Luck" dinner at the Church Annex following the morning service. Plenty of good food and fellowship for everyone.

Have A Great Day, Vonnie.

Senior Citizens News

By Carol Ward

We were a small group of fourteen on this Wednesday the 8th of December. I like it when we all sit at one table together on these days, like a big family. Hope more will show up for our last meeting of the year on the fifteenth of December. We will enjoy a Christmas luncheon of finger food and desserts. Nothing too fancy, keep it simple. Bro. Frank Shinn gave the blessing for all at this get together on the 8th. Thanks for all your good words.

Our meal was country style pork ribs that were too dry. I wonder how you make them moist and tender. I baked in oven, then added BBQ sauce, tasted good. They didn't have enough fat for moist and juicy. Some people said boil first then stick in oven. I wondered about using a slow cooker. Might try that. Beth Shirley made a good Chicken, noodle and vegetable casserole. There were two types of Cole slaw, one with lots of carrots. Also peas and carrots, Spinach, fruit jello, chocolate fudge cake and cookies. Our usual cornbread and french garlic bread.

My daughter and I attended the Christmas Concert last Sunday the 12th in the school auditorium. The band gave a good performance, always enjoy. Sure is a shame more kids don't stay in band. We could have a great high school band. They had a choir this year, but need more in this to get out a good loud sound. Maybe Mr. Howard can build on this for the future. Missed the Spanish dancing or maybe they only perform in the spring concert.

Well there's not much to write about this week. I guess its best as my hand keeps going to sleep. Might have to give up and have that carpal tunnel surgery my Dr. wants to perform.

I talked to Martha Rainey the other day and she could hardly talk. Having a bad throat problem. We sure miss her at our dinners. Also talked to Ruthie Porter and Ellen Parker. Have missed seeing them and visiting. Ruthie and Ima Brown attended the Open House at the Skaggs home. I'm sure quite nice given by Bro. Barry and Sharlene Schahn. I've often wondered why they don't have this in their own home. I guess the size makes the difference. Their home is also very nice. Ellen just returned from a 3 day bus trip to New Mexico. They visited Rudosa and rode a boat on the Pecos river to view Christmas lights. I sure wanted to go on this one, but trips are over for me. Too many problems and Daisy and I have been on many boat rides. One of the best was on the Potomac and view Washington, D.C. at night. Quite beautiful.

Hope all is well and see you on the 15th. Carol

P.S. - We are all saddened to hear of Geraldene Wright's daughter Shirley's illness. I do hope and pray she can recover. Our prayers are with you. We have missed seeing Geraldene and her hugs for us. She has also had some health problems. Hope all can improve.

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