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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 traveling 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 won't 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 versus 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 APPLICATIONS 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

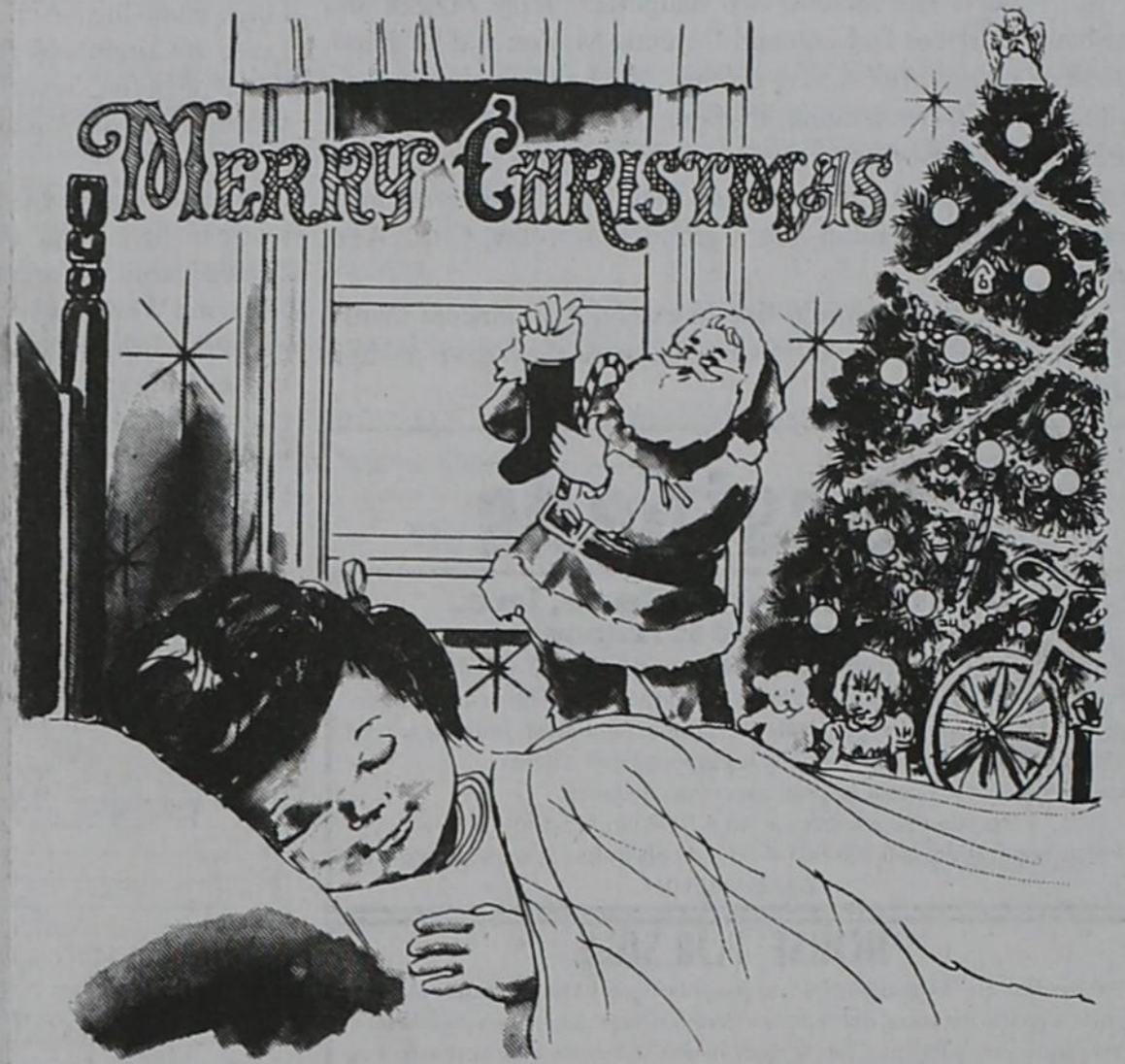
12 Held on Organized Crime Charges

State and local law enforcement agencies arrested 12 current and former Abilenians last week on felony charges of engaging in organized criminal activity as a result of indictments handed down by an Eastland County Grand Jury on December 10, 2009.

The Texas Department of Public Safety, Narcotics Division, along with the Abilene Police 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 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.

From

WE WILL BE CLOSING AT NOON ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

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 Hammon, 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. Shepherds 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 take it to 2010. The Spirit of Christ is hope not hate, love not lust, calm not overbearing, and peace not war.

II. It Awakens Our Memory. (vs. 6) – The past can be haunting, Jesus is all mighty and more 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 joy of eternal salvation.

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

My Letter to Santa!

December 11, 2009

Dear Santa
I Love you
I Love Santa
I want a Golden
Book and a Barbie
House.
Your friend
Autumn



My Letter to Santa!

December 11, 2009

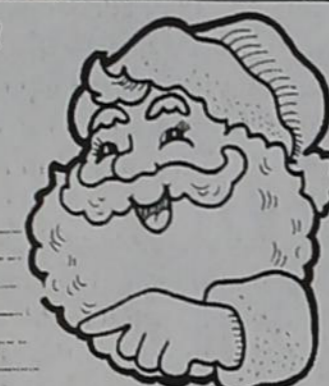
Dear Santa,
Hello! I
have been good
I like I want a
D.J. for Christmas
Your friend
Brandon



My Letter to Santa!

December 11, 2009

Hi Santa,
I want a
Barbie and a Golden
Book and a Christmas
star I have been
good
Love
Raegen



My Letter to Santa!

December 11, 2009

DEar Santa
I love you.
I want a Four
Wheeler and a xbox
Game.
From,
Mara



My Letter to Santa!

December 11, 2009

Dear Santa
I want a pony
horse and a guitar
I love you.
Love
Izabella



My Letter to Santa!

December 11, 2009

Hi Santa
I love
Santa Merry Christmas
I like Christmas and
I have been good.
Bring me a pony
Your friend
Cindy



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.

My Letter to Santa!

December 11, 2009

Dear Santa
I want a
hot air balloon
and a Barbie
car. I love you
Love
Belle



My Letter to Santa!

December 11, 2009

Dear Santa
I love Santa.
I want a baby
doll and a bottle.
Your friend,
Hailey



My Letter to Santa!

December 11, 2009

Dear Santa,
I like you
I want a PS2 and a
motorcycle
From
Alan



My Letter to Santa!

December 11, 2009

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I want a rocking
horse and a boy
Barbie dolls
From
Lilly



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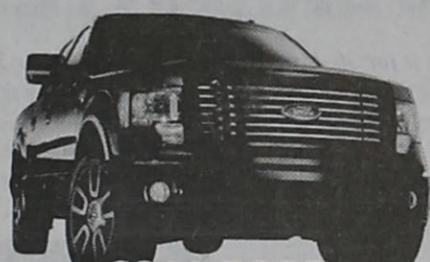


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