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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 at 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.

I 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.

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If you need a child safety seat or booster seat, please call us at 254-734-5989 as we still have some booster seats and regular car seats available. Please have a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### **Senior Citizens News**

By Carol Ward

Well, I goofed and forgot to put this article in the paper the week of the 23rd. With all the Christmas planning and bustle it just left my mind, so sorry. So here I am finally telling about our Wednesday the 16th gathering. We enjoyed our Christmas party with 22 in attendance. I was disappointed more didn't show up for our good meal. We also brought a gift for either sex at the cost of \$5 dollars. James Miears was good enough to give the blessing of the food and other nice words for all.

We enjoyed having Cliffa Vaughn dine with us, hope she continues to be here. Also Bill and Brenda Sandlin were here to enjoy. He prepared a good pecan pie, that man can cook! It was good to see Geraldene Wright, Adrianna Chamberlian, and Jimmy Stell. Many of our regulars were not here for various reasons.

Our Christmas dinner was delicious with ham and fried chicken. Also potato salad, mashed potatoes, fresh veggies with dip, relish tray of olives, pickles, small tomatoes, green onions, and stuffed celery with cream cheese. A good fruit salad prepared with pudding sprinkled over it. Made a good sauce. We enjoyed several pies of Lemon, pumpkin, and pecan. Also a pumpkin loaf and lots of good deviled eggs. For once we had plenty. Johnny and Ina Smith left us potato salad and fresh veggies from their reunion. Thanks a lot. We ended up cooking some of the veggies.

Didn't we ever have a beautiful white Christmas? In the past snow fell before or after, so this was a blessing. The kids at our gathering had a good time building a huge snowman, of course it kept some people home. We had our Christmas on Saturday, the 26th. My grandson and great grandson made it from Oklahoma. They really had a snowfall up there.

Daisy Slaton had a big crowd at her home. All the kids, grands and greats were there. They are all gone now, except her daughter, Bennie Gale from Alabama. Grandson Sterling visited briefly from Phoenix, AZ. She enjoyed seeing him, as he now lives so far away. He brought a fried to help drive.

My birthday is Christmas day. I'm now 75. I received two beautiful bouquets of cut flowers. I also bought myself a small poinsettia, marked down, HA! We also enjoyed cake and ice cream. It's just too much at Christmas time, but the small children enjoy helping me blow out the candles. In the future we may decide on another day to celebrate.

I do hope everyone enjoyed a great Christmas with family and friends. Now lets pray we have a much improved New Year. I'll see you on the 30th, since we did not meet the week of Christmas – Carol

## Obituary

### Standley Delna Clark

Standley Delna Clark, age 75 of Carbon, passed away Sunday, December 27, 2009 in an Abilene hospital.

Services were at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday at the Gorman Church of Christ with Bill Clark, Cory Clark and Bo Jessie Roberts officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Standley was born December 10, 1934 in Arlington, Texas to Carl Lee Clark and Etta Standley Clark. He married Dolores June Evilsizer on April 26, 1953 in Rockwall, Texas. He was a retired carpenter and a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Dolores Clark of Carbon; one son, Darren Clark and wife, Julie of Gorman; three daughters, Linda Lynch and husband, Kenneth of Carbon, Nancy Tatum of Carbon, and Donna Roberts and husband, David of Cleburne; two brothers, Odie Clark of Arlington and Billy Clark of Grand Prairie; one sister, Meredith King of Arlington; thirteen grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, Tommy, Buddy and Lonnie and one sister, Ruth.



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## Remembering Others This Christmas Season

By U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison

It is fitting that we celebrate this joyous holiday season as the calendar comes to a close. It gives us a chance to reflect on the many blessings we've enjoyed over the past year. The greatest gift nearly all of us experience is the comfort, support, and love of our families. Our moms and dads, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters, and especially our children, give us so much joy, and the holidays give us a glorious chance to share new memories with them that will last a lifetime.

2009 has been a year filled with many challenges. Nearly every Texan has someone in their family, their neighborhood, or their place of worship who has lost a job and is looking for work. And while the economy began to show some growth in the third quarter, it seems likely that high unemployment and economic uncertainty will continue through most of 2010. During times of hardship like these, we are reminded once again that "no man or woman is an island" and our lives are connected to one another.

We must also be willing to lend a helping hand to strangers. For those of us who have been given much, much is expected. The birth of Jesus over 2,000 years ago is a beacon to all of God's children to "love one another, even as I have loved you" and "by this, all men will know that you are My disciples." (John 13:34-35)

There are many excellent Texas charities worthy of a thoughtful donation, including the Houston-based Collaborative for Children, which is working to help local families rebuild from Hurricane Ike. The Boys & Girls Club, which has scores of branches across our state, is a first-class organization that is inspiring young men and women to achieve their full potential. The USO is also an indispensable organization that provides vital assistance to Texas' heroes and their families. Every day, almost 150 troops arrive at DFW Airport, and the USO is there to welcome them home. They are always looking for volunteers, especially during this time of year.

As we wake up on Christmas morning, unwrap the presents beneath our tree, and take pictures of the special moments that will last a lifetime, we should also pause to remember our brave men and women in uniform and their families. It is their sacrifice that keeps us safe and free. It is their patriotism that gives us the opportunity to enjoy the holiday season in peace. While we carry on our traditions, they stand vigilant thousands of miles away from their loved ones. And since they are serving in active war zones, fighting terrorists and jihadists, there is always the danger that at any moment they may be forced to make the greatest sacrifice of all.

As 2009 draws to a close, and a new year beckons before us, we should look forward to unexpected opportunities while also bracing for unique challenges. It is essential, however, that we approach the unknown with a spirit of optimism, hope, and resilience. As President Reagan once said, "No weapon in the arsenal of the world is so formidable as the will and moral courage of free men and women. It is a weapon our adversaries in today's world do not have." That was true in President Reagan's time, and it is just as true today.

I wish you and your family a wonderful Christmas, New Year, and holiday season. This is a time for people of all faiths in this great nation to come together as one. As long as God affords me the privilege, I pledge to keep working for Texas and America, advocating the ideas and principles that have made our state and country great for two centuries. And I will never forget: "God loved the world so much that he gave his one and only Son... not to judge the world, but to save the world through him" (John 3:16-17).

Kay Bailey Hutchison is the senior U.S. Senator from Texas and is the Ranking Member of the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

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# Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery



The Peanut Queens participated in the Brownwood Light Parade and represented Gorman very well despite the very frigid temperatures! Brittany Henderson - Peanut Queen, Jacquelynn Rainey - Jr Miss Peanut Queen, Kacye Dodd - Pre-Teen Peanut Queen and Markie Simmons - Petite Miss Peanut Queen.

## HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith

It is time to tell 2009 goodbye and as I write this it is snowing again. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who help make 2009 a great year for us here at Homestead.

Mr. John Howard came and brought his High School and the Jr. High Band.. Then one morning we had the 4/5 grade classes come and sing. Following their party at school Mrs. Casey brought us the extra snacks. What a wonderful treat.

The Youth from the Baptist Church came and held the annual Christmas store and all the resident got to go shopping for free. everyone really looks forward to this. The Dorcas Sunday School class from the Church of Christ fixed the cutest Santa's out of Folders Coffee containers. Then stuffed them with some really neat things.

We would like to thank each and everyone who picked a name from the tree at the bank. Thank you Amy and Lee Wood for doing this for us.

Dr. Dan and the Band Aids came and entertained us. I think Dr. Dan was jealous because of the attention his wife received the day she and Alison came and played for us.

We had a really great time at our Resident Christmas Party...Santa even showed up. I appreciate Lil Brudnak and Carolyn Little for their help.

There have been several different people/groups that have come up and brought gifts, but I have not been able to find out who they are. We appreciate each and everyone who has been so generous and caring for our Residents at Homestead.

Fran and I took Troy Scitern and Lula Schneider to look at Christmas lights before Christmas. We ended up in Stephenville where we greatly enjoyed the laser light show at someones house. Then we finished the night off with a "licker party" from the Sonic.

I apologize if I have left someone out, because we appreciate all that has been done for us. This week we are ending the year on a different note. Monday was hat day, Tuesday was wrong side day, Wed. Tacky Day, and Thursday relax day(wear your P.J.'s or warm ups and Friday is wear something new.

I apologize to if I have left anyone out. We do greatly appreciate everything and everybody. Have a happy and safe New Year. Ina

Pug and Vonnie Guthery hosted the Guthery Family Holiday Dinner on Sunday. Those attending were Frank and Ella (Guthery) Reeves of Irving; Richard and Glenda (Foreman) Garrett of Justin; Ricky and Ranell Foreman of Marbleton, Wyoming; Aaron and Riffany (Garrett) Shurts and daughter, Jillian Katie of Flower Mound; Margueta (Guthery) Barbham, Eula Beth (Guthery) Cassol and Jr. Guthery of Irving; Thomas and Vicki Seay, David and Martha Guthery, Deborah (Guthery) Jackson and daughter, Carlie all of Gorman; Belinda Guthery of Desdemona; Emerald (Guthery) Sandlin of Gorman; Shari Guthery of Granbury and Phyllis (Guthery) Autry of Stephenville.

Visitors during the Christmas Holidays with Robert and Ima Brown were their daughter, Fran (Brown) Senger and husband, David of Grove, Oklahoma and their son, Robert Alton Brown and wife, Jana and their children, Preston and Julie of Fort Worth.

Karen (Guthery) Fair and granddaughter, Lorin hosted Christmas Holiday Dinner. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery and daughter, Karsan, Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane, Gary and Jody Walston, Grant Walston, Todd and Mandi Strand and daughter, Matti Jane all of Desdemona.

Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane visited Friday afternoon in Cisco with his parents, Dean and Judy Powledge.

Visitors during Christmas Holidays with Humpy and Betty Duke were John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley and daughter, Lauren, Brandon and Daydra Ashley and son, Dylan all of Midlothian; Russell and Susan Duke and son, Bram of Houston; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Caden of Desdemona and Katie Duke of Early.

Friends of Desdemona sends sincere sympathy to the family of Lavona (Shipman) Sharp, 86, of Desdemona. Survivors include two daughters, Jerry Majors and husband, Larry of De Leon and Derenda Minton and husband, Steve of Briggs; brother, Nelson Shipman and wife, Billie of Desdemona. Preceded in death by her husband, R. L. Sharp; her parents, Mason and Cordie(Hogg) Shipman; three sisters, Maudine, Louise and Reba; three brothers, Granvell, Eldon and Lendon. Burial was in the Desdemona Cemetery. Lavona attended school in Desdemona.

In order to keep this Desdemona News article going -- This reporter needs help with your weekly news. Your help will be appreciated. Thanks.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In regard to an article written in the Gorman Progress on Dec. 24th, 2009 by Liz. Point No. 2. Quote "Mary who gave birth to God" This is not Baptist doctrine. Mary was the mother the man Jesus. Point No. 6. Quote "Three wise men who came bearing gifts to the King and would wonder if the baby would make it through the night." The wise men were not present at His birth and there is no indication that the baby had any problem concerning death at His birth. These are false statements to teach our young people. I believe that preaching ought to be done by men Pastors, not women. The Bible teaches that Godly fathers should teach their children about God. Deuteronomy 6:6-9 and Ephesians 6:1-4.

I Timothy 2:15 "But if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how thou oughtest behave thy self in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth."

Once a church breaks the truth of Gods word then other breaks come easy and unnoticed until it does not know truth. Nor can teach the truth.

(s) Frank Shirley

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20TH FROM 9 TIL NOON.

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VET Science 4-H Project - 4th Tuesday each Month. Technology Center / Gorman Community Center. Contact Lee or Amy Wood at 254-734-2973.

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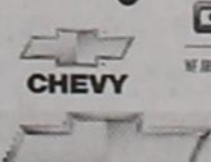
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