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Santa Coming To Gorman

December 11th at 4 p.m.



Santa will be arriving in town on December 11, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. He will be at the Community Center. Pictures with Santa will be available for \$2.00 each. Santa will be there until time for the parade.

Maxfield Elementary 2nd Six Weeks Honor Roll

A HONOR ROLL

1st Grade
SUELLYN HUNTER
NATALIE TORRES
BRIANNA CABALLERO-SATCHER

ALAN OLIVARES

B HONOR ROLL

ARYANN COOK
ANTHONY MONTELONGO
MARCOS RAMIREZ
ISABELLA SEGURA
KAYLAN SWINT
BRANDON WALTON
HAILEY ABBOTT
JACOB HARRIS
IZABELLA AGUIRRE
CLARISA COX
KARLIE LANDES
ANNESTY RAINEY
JASEY RICE
BREANNA SHIRLEY
TRINITY TORRES

2nd Grade

GARRETT GILDER
GUSTAVO GUTIERREZ
BRAEDEN McDONALD

ROSE AGUIRRE
MYA CAMPBELL
STEVEN FENLEY
STACY GONZALEZ
RAMIRO GUZMAN
HALLIE HAGAN
HAYDEN HAMPTON
BRYSON HERRERA
BRAYLAN LAMINACK
KAITLYN MORTON
JESSICA RICE
JONATHAN RODRIGUEZ
HANNAH UNDERWOOD
JORDAN WILLIAMS

3rd Grade

KELSIE GUTHERY
SYDNEE LOCKE
CHRIS SANCHEZ
KARSYN SCITERN
JUSTIN WHEELER
RACHEL SNIDER
MICHELLE HERNANDEZ

CAITLYN CLARK
KACEN ERVIN
KAYLEE GRUMBLES
ASAEAL MALDONADO
KEATON MOORE
ALEXIS ESTRADA
DESTINY FLANARY
YULIANA HERNANDEZ
GENARO MADERA
ANGEL RAMIREZ
LARISSA HAMPTON

4th Grade

LAUREN UNDERWOOD

REES BYRD
BRANDON HOGAN
REECE SCITERN
JENNIFER CRUZ
ELLA SEGURA

5th Grade

JACOB ERVIN
DANETTE LARA
JESSICA RAMIREZ
KADE SPARGER

ALLIE GRUMBLES
CONNOR KEHL
COLIN SIMMONS
STRATTON THOMPSON
NEYDA HERRERA
RAFAEL ORTIZ
TRENT FENLEY
ISAAC SEGURA
SARA WOODALL

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!

2010 19A All District



Seventeen Panthers were named to the 2010 19A All District Team. Cameron Clark was named Defensive MVP. Brandon Velasquez was named Co-Newcomer of the Year. Josh Ryon - Quarterback, B. J. Ramirez - Running Back, Jon Fenley - Offensive Lineman, Matt Keith - Offensive Lineman were all named to First Team Offense.

Randy Woodall - Defensive Tackle, Matt Keith - Defensive End, James Thomas - Outside Linebacker, B. J. Ramirez - Defensive Back and Bryce Campbell - Punter were all named to First Team Defense.

Cade Cole - Tight End, Sergio Hipolito - Wide Receiver, Randy Woodall - Offensive Lineman were all named to Second Team Offense. Jon Fenley - Defensive Tackle, Brandon Velasquez - Defensive End, Matt Fox - Outside Linebacker and Dakota Pacheco - Defensive Back were all named to Second Team Defense.

Luis Limon and Bryce Campbell were named to the Pride Award. Luis Limon and Zack Carlton were named to the Academic All-District.

Luis Limon, Zack Carlton, Sergio Hipolito, Josh Ryon, Cade Cole and Drew Flanary were all named to the Honorable Mention Team. Congratulations to these fine Panthers.

FBC-GORMAN -- Bro. Barry's Message Sunday - "Facing the Impossible" -- 10:45 A.M.

Statement from Agriculture Secretary Vilsack on Congressional Action on Pigford Settlement

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack issued the following statement on Pigford settlement agreement funding today approved by the U.S. Senate:
"President Obama and I pledged not only to treat all farmers fairly and equally, but to right the wrongs of the past for farmers who faced discrimination. Today, the Senate took a bold step and provided the funding to give relief to black farmers who have suffered from discrimination that is well-documented and has been affirmed by the courts. I want to commend Senator Reid, Senator Grassley, and the bipartisan coalition of Senators for their leadership in working to right these wrongs."

"This announcement marks a major milestone in USDA's efforts to turn the page on a sad chapter in our history. Civil rights is a top priority of mine, and since coming to USDA, I have implemented a comprehensive program to correct past errors, learn from mistakes, and take definitive action to ensure that all of our customers are treated fairly. This announcement is yet another step to help move us forward into a new era as a model employer and premier service provider."

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A Letter To The Editor

As a citizen of Gorman I am growing increasingly concerned over the lack of attention pet owners are paying to their animals. At least 5-6 days a week I am out exercising by walking around Gorman. More and more I see dogs and cats just roaming around loose, some even seen lost and some are aggressive. I live on Highway 8 which is a busy road. Just a week ago a little dog was run over just up the street from our house. We have dogs and cats that come on our property every day. I can look out my front windows and see dogs running up and down the highway. My heart goes out to them because they don't know any better. We do have pets, but if they go outside, they are supervised by us. My message to pet owners is that if you cannot be a responsible pet owner, then please do not have pets.

Linda Welch

A CONFEDERATE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS

Second Texas Frontier District, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Camp #1904 along with Cactus Rose, Chapter #23, Order of Confederate Rose warmly welcomes you to celebrate with us A Confederate County Christmas on Saturday, December 11th at 6 o'clock in the evening at Hwy. 6 Cafe (Banquet Room) located on Hwy. 6 in De Leon.

Come and celebrate a good 'ole Country Christmas, with a hearty Southern Meal, Southern Music, and a Southern Speaker, Compatriot R. D. Ross, Survivor of the USS Indianapolis.

Ticket cost is \$14.00 (includes meal) - Confederate Money will be given as Door Prizes as well as for the Best Period Dress and Uniform.

For more information, contact Thomas Harrison at 254-734-5058 or rebeltom@cctc.net. You may also order tickets by mailing a check with ticket request to: P. O. Box 41, Gorman, Texas 76454.

FRANK AND BETH SHIRLEY CELEBRATE 50TH ANNIVERSARY



Frank and Beth Shirley celebrated their 59th Wedding Anniversary on October 20, 2010 at their home in Gorman.

Added to this union was 4 sons, Gary, Stephen, David and Timothy and their spouses, Shirley, Laurelle, Kathryn and Christi. Eleven grandchildren, fourteen great grandchildren.

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.

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

SANDRA CAGLE WILL BE IN GORMAN AT THE CITY OFFICE TO RENEW AUTO LICENSE PLATES. HER NEXT VISIT IS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15th FROM 9 TIL NOON.

Gorman Senior Citizens meet every Wednesday at 11:30 in the Gorman Senior Center. Bring Covered Dish or \$3.00 Per Plate.

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

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

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

Obituaries

Melba Lois Frasier

Melba Lois Frasier, age 74 of Gorman, passed away Wednesday, November 24, 2010 at the Eastland Memorial Hospital.

Services were 2:00 P.M. Saturday at the Higginbotham Funeral Home Chapel with George Frasier and Denver Rainey officiating. Burial was in Oaklawn Cemetery.

Melba was born January 7, 1936 in Strawn, Texas to Charley Ivy Kitchens and Mary Gilbert Jackson Kitchens. She married Lonnie C. Frasier on July 29, 1950 in Palo Pinto County. He preceded her in death on July 14, 1999. She was a homemaker and a member of the Congregational Methodist Church.

She is survived by one son, Dennis Frasier and wife, Betty of Eastland; one granddaughter, Christi Wallace and husband, Ryan of Montgomery, Texas; one great granddaughter, Brady Michelle Wallace also of Montgomery; four step grandchildren, Roger Chick, Mike Chick, Glen Earl Chick and Cheryl Chick and six step great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, two sisters and two brothers.

David Hunt

David Hunt passed away at his home on Sunday, November 28th in Weatherford, Texas at age 63 with his family by his side. David Albert Hunt was born October 17, 1947, to Jessie and Lura Belle Hunt in Gorman, TX.



David grew up in Gorman and graduated from Gorman High School in 1965. He moved to Fort Worth shortly after graduation. David received a computer science degree from Fort Worth College in 1966. In 1983 he moved to Jackson, MS to work for Haynes Brinkley Insurance. David moved back to Texas in 1990 to care for his elderly mother. In 2005 David became a truck driver for CRST and later US Xpress.

David was preceded in death by his parents and his daughter Debra Hunt Winters. He is survived by his brother Robert Hunt of Ennis, TX, his daughter Laura Hunt of Granbury, TX, his three granddaughters Jessica, Carrie and Holly Winters and his great granddaughter Kylie Sparkman all of Granbury, TX as well as many beloved nieces, nephews and friends.

A memorial will be held in his honor to celebrate David's life at the Dos Equis Ranch in Jacksboro, TX on Sunday December 12th beginning at noon. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org or The Kidney Cancer Association at www.kidneycancer.org

For information regarding the memorial email: txyowie@yahoo.com

Pig Tales From Hogtown

Hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving! We were blessed to have our children and grandchildren with us.

Y'all come to the annual Christmas Store at the DAC in downtown Desdemona. The store will be open from 8:00 to 5:00 each day on December 2nd, 3rd and 4th and then again on December 9th, 10th and 11th. We have lots of Christmas items, small gifts and lots of baked goods. This is a great place to begin your Christmas shopping!

The Tuesday night domino folks are moving to Monday nights for the winter. Sports activities are interfering on Tuesday evenings. Each Monday evening they will begin at 5:00 PM - come early or come later if you have something else early.

Important Announcement: There will be no breakfast on the first Saturday of January since this will be New Year's Day. We will begin again in February.

Make plans now to come to the New Year's Eve dance on December 31st. Tickets are \$20.00 for the dance and meal. Johnny Johnson and the Memory-Makers will play for us and we will be serving brisket, ham, black-eyed peas, cornbread and desserts. For tickets, please call 254-758-2420 or 254-758-2346.

See you in Desdemona!

Carol Pell

SCHOOL MENU Week of Dec. 6 thru Dec. 10

BREAKFAST

MONDAY - Cereal, Toast, Juice and Milk.
TUESDAY - Breakfast Pizza, fruit, juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pancakes, Sausage, Juice and Milk.
THURSDAY - Cinnamon Rolls, fruit, Juice and Milk.
FRIDAY - Bacon, Eggs, Biscuit, Juice and Milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY - Chicken Fried Steak or Chicken Rings, cream potatoes, green beans, oranges, biscuit and milk.
TUESDAY - Sub. Sandwiches, Tuna sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle salad, chips, fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Ground Beef/Macroni, Steak fingers, potato smiles, English peas, Strawberries and Bananas, roll and milk.
THURSDAY - Honey Lemon chicken, smoke sausage, broccoli and rice, carrot coins, roll, peanut butter cookie and milk.
FRIDAY - Tacos, Meat and cheese Nachos, Tossed Salad, Spanish rice, refried beans, crackers, sherbet and milk.

City of Eastland Surplus Auction

Set For December 14

The City of Eastland will be auctioning off numerous surplus items at 10 a.m. on Saturday, December 4, 2010. The auction will be held at the City Maintenance Yard, 400 South Halbryan, Eastland. In the event of inclement weather, the auction will be postponed until a later date.

Items are being added daily to this auction and the current list includes:

1999 Dodge Pickup 1/2 ton V-6 s/n 1B7HC16XXX5103753; 1996 Chevy Pickup 1/2 ton V-6 s/n 6EC14W3TZ198252; 3 Truck Tool Boxes; 1 Bed Cover for 2006 Chevy 1/2 ton - short bed; 1 Bed Cover for 2002 Chevy 1/2 ton - short bed; 1 Bed Cover for 2002 Chevy 1/2 ton - roll up; Diesel engine 4 cylinder - cont s/n 96040 (old SWR motor); 1 Air Compressor SAS engine 30 gal; 1 Transmission Service Machine Dayton; 1 Titan Diesel Generator; 3 Craftsman Tool Boxes; 1 Electric Winch 12 volt 2000 LPB; 1 Hose Reel & Jacks; 1 Winch Bed (2 1/2 ton Truck) min bid \$550.00; 1 Loader for Tractor (Wood Dué 215) min bid \$1,000.00; 1 Wisconsin Trailer (Tilt Type) big yellow trailer min bid \$500.00; 1 SWR Loader new engine, bad transmission min bid \$1,000.00; 1 2004 Model Vac-Tec Vacuum Trailer with bad pump; 997 9/10 hrs Kubota engine min bid \$5,000.00; 5 Computer CPU; 11 Computer Monitors; 4 Printers; Computer Keyboard; 1 Duplexer for HP-5 Printer (new in box); Panasonic KX - E400 Typewriter; Misc. Electronic/Computer Components; Misc. Telephone Equipment and Telephones; 2 Vacuum Cleaners; 3 Office Chairs; 3 Wooden Doors; 1 Glass/Metal Door w/ Frame; 2 - 4 Bulb Fluorescent Fixtures; 18 Bicycles; 1 Razor Mini-Motorcycle; 1 Mini-Motor Bike; Misc. Motorcycle Parts; Minolta Model 2050 Copier; Chain Link Fence - several hundred feet of 6 ft. fence, some top rail

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3 + Acre, 3 - 2 3/4 - 2 brick, central A/C, 2375 sf, den + lg game room, nice carpet, metal roof, water well, 20 x 40 shop, secluded, lots of Post Oaks! \$119,500.
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 Acre.
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 Acre.
100 A west De Leon FM587, 3 - 1 1/2 - 2 brick, 1444 sq. ft., C/H/A, 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.
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"On The Wilder Side"

I have been told that if you put a frog into a pot of boiling water he would quickly jump out. But if you put the frog into a pot of lukewarm water and slowly increase the heat until it boiled, the frog wouldn't recognize the difference in temperature change and allow itself to be boiled to death... all the time unaware of his demise.

This type of experience all too often happens to the church and Christians. You see, if a Christian is placed in a situation that is obviously wrong then he or she will do whatever it takes to get out of that situation. But if you take that same Christian and slowly change their environment... They may not notice that something is wrong.

This scenario could also be applied in a larger congregational setting. Let's say that five years ago congregation X had a zeal to reach the community and had several thriving ministries that reached out to every facet of the community. The congregation was experiencing exceptional numerical growth by bringing in many young families and even had a great youth program. Everyone had a ministry in the congregation and everyone felt loved. Eventually, the congregation gets used to being known as a healthy thriving congregation. Within time many become complacent... comfortable because they know that they are healthy church and there is no reason to rock the boat.

The problem with this, though is that in their comfort, they lose the zeal, servant hearts, and desire to work that got them where they were.

I'm afraid that, like that frog, many of our nation's churches are becoming complacent and heading to our demise without even knowing it. What about you? What are you tolerating today that you wouldn't have 10, 20, 30 years ago? What will you put up with tomorrow, that you wouldn't stand for today?

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
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Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00
Wednesday Evening Class - 7:00



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A Letter To The Editor

By Henry A. Buchanan

We're having trouble with Korea again, and we want the Chinese to help us out. Another way of saying it is that our baby is aging and we want to hand it over to Big Mama to make it quit crying.

We created this problem more than a half century ago because the Koreans were threatening to go communist and somebody put forth the domino Theory: If one Asian nation went communist it would fall over onto another one, and then another one until they all came tumbling over like dominoes. So we went to war in Korea to stop the dominoes falling. But we were too late. The Big One, china had already gone, and Korea was already falling, and we almost got into war with China because General MacArthur thought he could whip China. President Truman fired the fearless General, and we escaped alive by drawing a line at the 38th Parallel and we wound up responsible for the southern end, the Baby, but the Northern end was the one with the mouth — and the gun. Now the mouth is waving the gun which has gone nuclear, and we wish China would do something to pacify, or maybe even suffocate the crying mouth.

South Korea is our baby though and we will have to nurse it, or abandon it, or tell it to go somewhere, maybe home to its brother. Anyway, the dominoes fell, and North Korea is making trouble. Or we've got ourselves a Baby we will have to nurse.

(s) Henry A. Buchanan
1131 N. Kent St. --
Gorman, TX 76454
254-734-4569 --
November 28, 2010

Angel Tree Christmas Pageant

It is time again for the benefit pageant for the Angel Tree sponsored by the Diamond Miss Pageant system. The date is set for December 4th and Lamar Elementary School in Mineral Wells. The deadline to enter is Wednesday, December 1st.

Ages include newborns to 19 years. Boys may enter up to the age of 4. The boys will only compete against boys. There a 3 baby age divisions and 6 divisions for the 3-19 year olds.

Competition includes modeling a party dress, dress outfit for boys, and a sportswear outfit. The 3-19 year olds may compete in talent also. Optional areas are the Christmas event, anything related to the holiday such as a costume, pajamas, dress Christmas outfit, etc. Portfolio and photogenic are also optional.

There will be a baby overall winner — to be eligible the baby must compete in the modeling and Christmas event. For the overall in the 3-19 year olds the contestant must compete in modeling and talent. There will be a winner in each listed area of competition. Modeling and talent will have runner up spots. Talent time is limited to 2 minutes and 50 seconds, but may be shorter.

The pageant starts at 9 a.m. -- the doors will open by 8:30. Please be ready to start on time.

All monies made over expenses will be donated to the Angel Tree. Raffle tickets will be sold prior to and during the pageant for a large grill. The drawing will take place at the pageant. This money will also go to the Angel Tree.

For information about the pageant or to get an entry form call 940-325-4937, 940-452-1204 or 940-659-8546. Entry forms will be available at Dancin Etc., The Chamber of Commerce in Mineral Wells and West Side Laundromat.

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Mark your calendars:

Dec. 5th - 2:30pm - Nursing Home Service.

Dec. 9th - Food Pantry - volunteers to help are appreciated.

Dec. 11th - 8:00am - Brotherhood Breakfast - Fellowship, fun, & food; Come join us!

Dec. 11th - 2pm to 4pm - Bro. Barry & Sharlene's Open House at the Skaggs' Home.

WEDNESDAYS: Come join us for fun learning about Jesus - TEAMKIDS at 6:00pm, MISSION FRIENDS at 6:00pm, and YOUTH at 6:30pm.

Children's Sermon: God gave us our family, and we are thankful to Him for them. Some families see each other on the holidays, while others can't because they live too far from each other or may even be serving in our military. God gave us more than the family we were born to, He gave us our Church Family. Our Church Family cheers for our children at ball games, teach us in Sunday School, help us when we are sick, comfort us in sorrow, hug us, love us, and lift us up in prayer. Thank God for all of our families!

Bro. Barry's Message: "Thanks; I Think" - Psalm 100:1-5 - To be truly thankful demands that you think! The Lord's gates are everywhere; work, school, with friends, with your boss, etc. Everything you are and everything you do belongs to the Lord. Give thanks to Him everyday in all you do. Take notice, you are not in a foxhole, nor are you dodging a bullet; be sincerely thankful for our troops, the battle they fight, and their service to our Country. **FIVE "THANKS" COMMANDS"**

1) Shout for Joy. - May your enthusiasm for the Lord be so great that you can't help sharing it! Static electricity automatically transfers from one person to another, likewise may you be unable to contain your joy.

2) Serve the Lord with Gladness. - Pull a Paul and Silas, sing songs of praise in the midst of your most difficult times. Tell your face to show your gladness!

3) Sing Joyful Songs. - The sound doesn't matter, God says sing! Praise God in song. Smile with a heart full of gladness.

4) Know that the Lord is God. - God made us, He keeps us, and He makes the difference in our life that matters most. President George Washington made the Proclamation that we are one Nation under our almighty God. May we honor the wisdom of our forefathers.

5) Enter His Gates With Thanksgiving. - We are where we are because God put us here. We serve a great and wonderful God. Sing Praises to the lovely name of Jesus! We need each other, so let's obey the Lord's commandment to love one another.

Let us not take our blessings for granted, choose to think and be thankful to God. Amen!

One young boy came forward to accept Jesus as his Savior and will follow Christ in baptism. Glory to 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 fbcgorman@hotmail.com

FOOD

Enjoy a Fun, Kid-Friendly Recipe

NewsUSA

(NU) - Cooking with kids can be a challenge, but there's no need to tackle hollandaise or souffles. When looking for a kid-friendly recipe, choose something that's simple and hands-on.

For example, the following recipe for Texas Reds in a Blanket involves spreading cream cheese, folding refrigerated crescent roll dough and sprinkling cinnamon sugar, giving junior pastry chefs plenty to do. The accompanying sauce only requires the use of a microwave, though you should handle any hot bowls and cookie sheets yourself.

Use Texas Rio Star Grapefruit, which is sweeter than other varieties of grapefruit. The grapefruit season runs from October to May. When buying grapefruit, look for fruits that feel heavy for their size, as that indicates a juicy fruit.

Texas Reds in a Blanket

Makes four servings

Ingredients:

- 2 Texas Rio Star Grapefruit
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 3 tablespoons cream cheese
- 1 (8 ounce) roll refrigerated reduced fat crescent dinner rolls
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 tablespoon granulated sugar
- 3 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1/4 cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon maple syrup

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit.
2. Remove grapefruit segments;



Texas Reds in a Blanket is an easy recipe to make with kids.

place on paper towels to remove excess moisture. Set aside.

3. In a small bowl, combine 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon and cream cheese spread.

4. Separate crescent dough into triangles, and lay on wax paper. Spread each with cream cheese.

5. Place three grapefruit segments on wide end of each triangle; roll each triangle into crescent shape enclosing grapefruit segments.

6. Combine 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon and 1 tablespoon sugar or waxed paper; roll grapefruit crescent in cinnamon sugar; Place on a parchment-lined cookie sheet.

7. Bake for 25 minutes or until golden brown.

8. Finely chop remaining grapefruit segments; place in small bowl with three tablespoons sugar, sour cream and maple syrup. Cook in microwave on high for about one to two minutes, or until it starts to boil.

9. Drizzle sauce over crescents or serve as a dipping sauce.

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Desdemona News

By Vonnie Guthery

"County and Western Musical" Desdemona Monthly Musical was held on Saturday night at the Community Center. Several musical groups attended. We appreciate each one that attends each month and we appreciate the ladies that donate food each month for the Concession Stand. This musical will be canceled for December due to the busy "Holiday Season" but will return in January and continue each month thru 2011. This is a "SMOKE FREE" environment and the admission is "FREE".

Karen Fair and granddaughter, Lorin hosted Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday for all the family and some friends. Those attending were Pug and Vonnie Guthery, Belinda Guthery, Holly Guthery and daughter, Jade, Roy and Angela Powledge and children, Colin, Kaley and Lane, Lee and Sonja Hornback and son, Justin, Kandice Cogburn and children, Dylan and Taiah, Mandi Strand and daughter, Matti-Jane all of Desdemona.

Robert Alton and Jana Brown and daughter, Julie; Preston Brown and friend, Valerie all of Fort Worth visited Thanksgiving Day with Robert and Ima Brown.

Thanksgiving Holiday weekend visitors with Humpy and Betty Duke were Rodney and Debra Duke of Pantego; John and Ronda (Duke) James and daughter, Emily of Whitney; Scott and Risa (Duke) Ashley, Brandon and Daydra Ashley and son, Dylan, Lauren Ashley and friend, Austin all of Midlothian; Russell and Susan Duke and son, Bram of Houston; Elise and Katie Duke of Early; Rusty and Samantha Duke and daughter, Cadence of Desdemona.

Albert Holdman visited recently with his son, Davis Holdman and wife in Sundown and in Tomball, Texas with his daughter, Ann Varderman and family.

First Baptist Church of Desdemona had good attendance on Sunday. To begin each Sunday Morning Service Bro. Charlie has a "SPECIAL" time with all the children that are present. They sit on the steps up front by the pulpit and later the children go to their Class for more Bible study. Visitors are welcome to attend Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for Sunday School and 11:00 a.m. for the Morning Service.

Bro. Charlie and Jana Johnson enjoyed their visit with relatives in Kentucky for the Thanksgiving Holidays.

Thanksgiving Holiday visitors with Bernard and Ann Keith were De and Vicki Robinett and granddaughter, Lexie of De Leon; Bill and Tami Sanders and daughter, Robyn of Converse.

Take time out from your busy daily schedule to remember the sick and shut-ins of our Community with your cards and prayers thru this "Holiday Season".
Have A Great Day, Vonnie Rue.

HOMESTEAD HAPPENING

By Ina Smith



WOW that is all I can say about our trip to Eastland to the Sr. Olympic game in Eastland on Nov. 15. We only had two residents who wanted to participate and that was Melvin Daniels and Robin Taylor. Melvin brought home a silver medal in the wheel chair race and Robing brought home 2 bronze medals, one in the wheel chair race and the other in golf. Way to go Robin and Melvin. We look forward to next years events and expect more residents to participate. This event was held at the Eastland First Baptist Church hosted by the Eastland Rotary Club.

On Nov. 18 we hosted our annual Family and Friends Thanksgiving Luncheon. We had a great turn out and the food was delicious. We would like to thank everyone who came and joined us.

We would like to welcome Melissa Hathcock. Melissa is our new Director of Nurses. Welcome Melissa.

Visiting with Edgar Reynolds were Jan Pruitt and her husband of Blum, Charles Harrison of Whitney and Faye Faulk. Charlene Daniels of Ft. Worth, Cecilia Hirst and Billy Self visited Christine Self. Faye Huff and Frank Crews visited Christine Crews. Gary Hattox of Stephenville and Maxine Huddleston of Lake Leon visited Frankie Stacy. Frances and Billy Earl Simpson, Tacy and Maddy Warren visited Sunny Kellogg. Anna Lee Roberts visited Joan Butler, Mickey Carr of Dallas and Laverne Carr of Whitney visited Troy Scitern. Mickey played Troy's favorite song, Last Date for us at the Family meal.

Lenora Speer and Lisa Eaves of Ranger visited Jud Thompson. Alvis and Bonnie Scitern visited Troy Scitern, Melvin Daniels and Christine Self. Parilee Sessum of Mineral Wells visited Anna Louise Spence. Nita Cardinal and Juanita Spence of Little Elm visited Dorothy Beaty and Anna Louise Spence. Margery Churchville of Ft. Worth visted Edgar Reynolds, The Guterrez family of Houston visited Elias Guterrez. Chris, Mary Ann and Caroline Cox of Indianapolis visted Kay Henry. Hal and Linda Lasater of Waxahachie visited Mayvis Lasater.

Everyone enjoyed the youth from the First Baptist Church coming and bring craft items they had made.

Kevin, Amber, Jordan and Weldon Scitern from Roswell N.M. came and visited everyone and helped play bingo.

Now it is time to get ready for Christmas. We will host our annual Christmas Party/Open House on Dec. 16 starting at 2:30. So mark your calendars and make plans to join us.

Have a good week

Early Thanksgiving Dinner For Doris Martin

Grandma Martin as she is known to so many was treated to a early Thanksgiving Dinner on Saturday which was hosted by granddaughters' Frances and Emily with a little help from Shirley.

Those attending to help make it a special day were: Grandma Martin of course; H.L. and Billie Martin of Aledo; Connie Martin of Desdemona, Melvin Lewis of Desdemona; Eddie Martin of Millsap, Darcy Radford of Millsap, and Noel Masterson of Millsap; Ruby Cottle of Lufkin; Patsy Walker of Olden; Tim Martin of Santo; Shirley Lewis of Gorman, France Lewis of Gorman, Bella Duske of Gorman, Emily Lewis of Gorman and Silver Perez of Gorman; Jessica Martin of Euless; Brian Berube of Fort Worth; Rosie Morganstean, Chaz and Caiden of De Leon.

We all enjoyed lunch which was prepared by Frances and Emily, with a little supervision by Shirley. The meal was great and the visitation was wonderful. Cannot wait to do it again. Only in Texas can you order beautiful sunny weather for a get-together outside in the month of November and actually get it. Mom, you are great and we love you with all our hearts!!!



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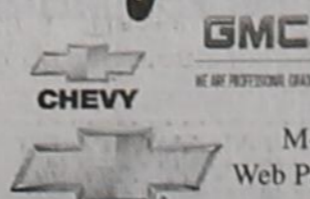
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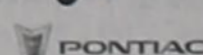
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HUMAN INTEREST

Safe Water Program Aims to Save Lives

NewsUSA

(NU) - A growing crisis is threatening families every day as contaminated drinking water spreads contagions and diseases to households worldwide. But contaminated water is not only making people sick, it is also leading to early mortality.

"Mothers lose 1.8 million children every year from diarrheal diseases caused by contaminated water - more than HIV/AIDS and malaria combined," says Dr. Greg Allgood, director of P&G Children's Safe Drinking Water Program (CSDW), a non-profit organization focused on the critical, global need for clean, safe drinking water.

Some organizations and companies, however, are stepping in to help. Pantene, the world's leading hair care brand, has announced a charitable partnership with CSDW. Pantene launched Healthy Hair for Healthy Water (HHHW), a global program that supports CSDW in helping women, children and their communities access safe drinking water. The program hopes to prevent 20 million person-days of illness and save an estimated 2,500 lives by providing half a billion liters of clean drinking water every year by 2020.

The Pantene HHHW initiative is part of Pantene's ongoing commitment to making meaningful improvements in sustainability through its products, operations and social responsibility programs.



Access to safe drinking water saves lives.

Pantene is working toward creating innovative, beautiful products that are better for the environment, without trade-offs for consumers in performance, aesthetics or price. They expect to launch the HHHW program in several regions around the world over the next five years and are currently working toward the next introductions in Brazil and Indonesia.

Consumers can participate by purchasing Pantene products from the P&G eStore at www.pge-store.com/Pantene/pantene.default.sc.html. For each bottle purchased from the eStore through February 28, 2011, Pantene will donate 10 cents to CSDW. Ten cents is enough to buy one PUR packet, which transforms contaminated water into clean water. Just one PUR packet can turn 10 liters of contaminated water into safe drinking water.