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We meet the 4th Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M. (unless we decide to skip a month or change the meeting day). We take turns hosting the meeting and sometimes change the date or book, so please contact celeste.fritz@gmail.com to get the details for each meeting. Our group has lively discussion (not totally about the books) and we challenge ourselves to read out of our comfort zones.

NO MEETING IN NOVEMBER!

December 10 – Christmas party at the clubhouse. Book – One Man's Christmas by Leon Hale, retired columnist for the Houston Chronicle. Originally published in 1984, One Man's Christmas highlights the warmth and humor for which this legendary writer is so beloved. Whether Hale is scrambling to put together a new toy for his children on Christmas Eve, racing around to buy last minute, often misguided gifts, or reliving his family's fraught holiday on a hardscrabble sheep farm during the Great Depression, the unique sensibility that has endeared him to generations of readers shines through every word.

As usual, we will have our gift exchange – any item. Also, there will be a pot luck hors d'oeuvres and dessert table.

So many books, so little time!.....

LOEN Ladies Club

Hello Ladies!

November is upon us! Cool weather and the holidays. Get out your aprons and call up a neighbor and experiment with a new recipe. With so many cultures in the LOEN neighborhood and Ladies Club there has got to be some recipes that would be fun to make and fun to serve during this holiday season. Try something new.

Join us: members of the LOEN Ladies Club and nonmembers for our next General Meeting on November 13th at the LOEN Clubhouse at 6:30 for dinner and 7:30 for the meeting. Everything is always Better Together and we would love to see you.

The Ladies Club has been involved with The Mission of Yaweh for many years and just recently toured the facility of the Houston Area Women's Center. Take a minute to look on the websites of these two organizations and consider donating or volunteering at either one. These organizations do not take vacations during the holiday season.

Have a great month!

Deborah Eades



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Pumpkin Pie Spice Dip

INGREDIENTS

- 1 15 oz can Pumpkin
- 1 Container Cool Whip
- 1 1/2 tsp Pumpkin pie spice
- 1 4 oz pkg vanilla instant pudding
- 1 regular or Cinnamon sugar Graham crackers

DIRECTIONS

- Mix all ingredients together in a medium size bowl and serve.
- To add cuteness serve in a carved out small pumpkin.



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Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club

www.nwhcaggiemoms.org

Calling all Aggie moms!!! Whether you are a mom of a past, current, or new Aggie, come check out the Northwest Harris County Aggie Mom's Club!! We meet the second Tuesday of every month (Aug-May), at the Houston Distributing Company, 7100 High Life Drive, Houston, Texas. Socializing and dinner starts at 6:30 pm, and the meeting starts at 7:00 pm. Each month, we have interesting speakers, and a chance to win a door prize, and a chance to enter the book award drawing! We have a lot of fun in our quest to support our Aggie students, and in awarding a number of student scholarships each year. The scholarship applications are due by early Feb. and are awarded in April.

We hope you will join us!! Please refer to the website for details on upcoming events. Gig 'Em and God Bless!

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Thanksgiving Trivia

Did you know.....

- Americans eat approximately 46 million turkeys each Thanksgiving.
- The heaviest turkey on record, according to the Guinness Book of Records, weighs 86 pounds.
- The average turkey served for Thanksgiving weighs 16 pounds.
- Campbell's Soup created green bean casserole for an annual cookbook over 50 years ago. Now, Campbell's sells about \$20 million worth of cream of mushroom soup, most likely purchased by folks making what has become a thanksgiving tradition- green bean casserole.
- Historians say turkey was not served at the first Thanksgiving dinner, a three-day meal shared between the pilgrims and Wampanoag tribe in 1621. Instead, venison and seafood are most likely what was eaten.
- The first Thanksgiving dinner was eaten with spoons and knives — but no forks! Forks weren't a popular utensil until the 18th century.
- President Lincoln declared Thanksgiving a national holiday

in 1863, to be celebrated each year on the last Thursday of November.

- Benjamin Franklin said in a letter to his daughter in 1784 that he believed a turkey would be “a much more respectable Bird” for the young United States than the bald eagle. He said the turkey is “a true original native of America” and “a bird of courage.” Franklin’s take on the national bird was not popular enough to displace the bald eagle.
- In 1953, Swanson had so much extra turkey (260 tons) that a salesman told them they should package it onto aluminum trays with other sides like sweet potatoes — and thus the first TV dinner was born.
- Each year, the president of the United States pardons a turkey and spares it from being eaten for Thanksgiving dinner. The first turkey pardon ceremony started with President Truman in 1947.
- The Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade began in 1924 with 400 employees marching from Convent Ave to 145th street in New York City. During this time the parade was accompanied not with oversized balloons of our favorite cartoon characters, but with live animals borrowed from the Central Park Zoo.

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3 Tips for Keeping Your Family Safe From a Home Fire this Winter

By MarLee Berry, texashillcountry.com/lifestyle

Parts of [Texas] are soon expected to experience their first real bout of cooler weather. While a cool front will eventually move on, the promise of colder temperatures might have you prepping your home for the winter months. However, an important aspect of winterizing your home that is often overlooked is being aware of the hazards that might lead to structure fires during this time of year.

The United States Fire Administration estimates 905 people are killed each year by winter home fires. Additionally, property losses of over \$2 million have been recorded due to homes burning during the colder months. Below are three tips from the administration that can help you keep your family safe this winter and for many winters to come.

1. BE AWARE OF PROPER PLACEMENT OF HEATERS AND FIRE SCREENS

One of the most basic ways to prevent house fires is to be aware of the objects nearest to your heating source. A few specific tips regarding space heaters and fireplaces are:

- Keep all flammable items at least three feet away from your source of heat.
- It is hazardous to use extension cords to plug-in space heaters, always plug electric heaters directly into the wall.
- For added safety, only utilize heaters with automatic shut-offs, just in case yours accidentally tips over.
- When using a fireplace, always make sure there is a screen covering the opening. This ensures embers cannot land on flooring or furniture, thus leading to a structural blaze.

Sources of heat in the home are the second leading cause of family dwelling fires. In fact, 45,900 house fires were caused by a heat-related source between 2013 and 2015. Following the above steps will ensure your family stays warm, and safe, this winter.

2. USE CAUTION WHEN DECORATING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Whether it be a spooky jack-o'-lantern glowing in the dark or a beautiful pine tree with lights entwined around its branches, holiday decorations can be a great way to celebrate this time of year, but there are a few things to keep in mind as you gather your decor.

- Battery operated light sources are always preferable to candles if you want to illuminate a spooky pumpkin face.
- Extension cords should be replaced if they are showing any wear

and tear such as cracks or exposed wires.

- If you do choose to use candles, keep them at least a foot away from flammable objects.
- When using a live Christmas tree, be sure to water it daily.

3. CHECK YOUR SMOKE ALARMS

A final step in protecting your family and home this winter involves something very simple; checking your smoke alarms to ensure they are in proper working condition. This elementary process can literally be the difference between life or death in the event of a house fire. The following information provides specific guidelines for smoke alarm use:

- Every floor of your home, from the basement to the attic, should have a smoke alarm.
- Alarms should be tested once a month to ensure they are functioning properly.
- If the alarms in your home are over 10 years old, they should be replaced with newer models.
- For the utmost safety, place alarms inside each sleeping area as well as the outer areas such as the living room and kitchen.

The use of smoke alarms has been shown to reduce your chances of dying in a house fire by 50 percent. When winterizing your home, do not forget this simple, but critical step.



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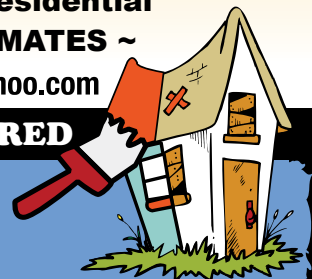
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