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Dear Neighbors,

Last week I mentioned that I had a big announcement for this week. Well, I was upstaged by Amazon's new Tablet and Reduced Price Kindle Ereaders, but nonetheless, my news is big too.

For several months now I've been working on a way to expand OF LOCAL INTEREST via a web presence. Many of you are on Facebook daily and this will just be an extension to the weekly print edition. It will offer more content and a way I can share timely local news and updates as I feel the need. It's also a way I can share links to money saving advice, coupons and other things that will help enhance the quality of my readers lives.

In addition, AREA LAND AND HOMES, will also have a magazine arm of my Real Estate Website. You'll find Feature Homes, Local Real Estate News, National Real Estate News, Commentary and articles and information for your own home. There will be recipes

and home decor and improvement articles.

I hope that you will take the time to visit each of the sites and FOLLOW them or Bookmark them so that you'll never miss an exciting article.

In addition, OF LOCAL INTEREST will also be offering a pdf version of OUR weekly print section. This will be great for those who don't want to keep the whole paper, but would love to be able to go back to one of our recipes or articles from a previous week. This feature starts with this weeks paper edition.

You have always been such loyal readers. Thank you! I hope that these additional offerings will further enhance your experience.

I love that you'll be able to comment on each of the articles and communicate with me. It will be easy to let me know if you'd like to see more pet articles or food features. The lines of communication are open and I am so excited.

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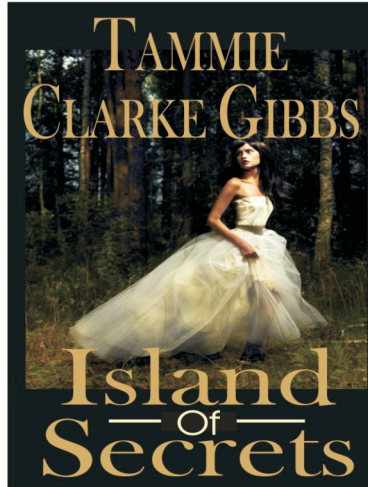
love to meet with you and explain how I can help you with the process. This goes way beyond just showing you houses. You owe it to yourself to take advantage of this free consultation. It can save you money and make your home-buying experience a more pleasant one.

Do you know of someone looking to buy or sell their home? We are seeing some great deals on homes, and the interest rate is great right now. If you know someone who is looking, I'd appreciate it if you'd send them my way.

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Visit www.arealandandhomes.com to search all available real estate offered by any real estate company in our area and then call me to show it to you! Remember, I am affiliated with Lovins Realty in Vidalia.

Until Next Time, God Bless!
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By Tammie Clarke Gibbs

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"What if you received a note of warning dated hundreds of years before you were born? what if it were addressed to you?"

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Vets Get Free Canes

(NAPSI)—Every year, in an effort to honor U.S. Military Veterans, a national program gives free folding canes to Veterans who need them.

What They Receive

The cane is sturdy, functional and stylish. It has an ergonomic soft-grip handle, adjusts for people 5' to 6'3", supports up to 250 pounds and automatically unfolds and locks into position for use.

Why They Receive It

The program's aim is to help Veterans stay connected to family, friends and the community.

Where To Get It

The AMG Medical Inc. canes are available, while supplies last, November 9, 10 and 11, 2011, at all 600 Sam's Clubs locations nationwide. Club membership is not required, though proof of U.S. military service may be.

How To Learn More

For additional information about the Hugo Salutes Our Veterans program, visit www.HugoSalutes.com.



For God So Loved The World, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. John 3:16



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Cooking Corner

Fun activities to enjoy in the cool fall months

(ARA) - The fall brings beautiful new scents and sounds with crisp air, vibrant colors of leaves gently falling to the ground, crackling wood popping on campfires and the sweet smell of apples hovering in the kitchen.

To get the most enjoyment out of the fall months this year, venture out with your family and friends to enjoy some of these scents and sounds:

- * Apple and pumpkin picking. Apple trees are heavily laden with crisp and delicious apples this time of year. Head out to an orchard to pluck the perfectly grown fruits off trees bearing your favorite variety of apples. Or take your children on a ride to a pumpkin farm. Let them run through the patch, inspecting every pumpkin for the perfect carving medium. Tall and skinny for a witch's face or round and plump for more of a clown face.

- * Celebrate your favorite sport, family activity or just tailgate at any outdoor setting with finger foods that are quick cooking and easy-to-pack. Save on the utensils and use Old London Melba Snacks as the key ingredient to add any topper or perfect scoop for dip.

- * Participate in a good cause. Fall is an excellent time to direct your energies and donations toward nonprofit organizations and charities. For example, October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and you can participate in a fundraiser for any breast cancer organization or donate funds during this special month. Old London is helping to find a cure by donating \$0.75 to Breast Cancer research for each proof of purchase from any Old London product received through Feb. 6, 2012. Enter the UPC at oldlondonfoods.com.

- * Get lost in a corn maze. Fall is the perfect time for long walks because temperatures aren't overbearingly hot and the humidity levels are much more tolerable. Dress appropriately for the cooler weather and see what fun you can have getting lost in a corn maze, or while taking an autumn nature hike.

- * Feed the autumnal appetite. All of fall's exciting activities will leave members of your family feeling voracious. Satisfy their hunger - and create a delicious smell in your house - with a fall favorite of Apple Pan Strudel with Dried Cherry Puree, which brings together classic fall flavors and spices in one delicious dessert.

Apple Pan Strudel with Dried Cherry Puree

Ingredients:

For cherry puree
1 cup dried cherries
1 1/2 cups water
2 tablespoons kirsch (clear cherry brandy)



For pan strudel

3 cups 100 percent apple juice
1 box of Old London Melba Toast Salt Free Whole Grain
2 pounds various apple varieties (such as Braeburn, Granny Smith and Fuji), peeled, cored, sliced thin in a food processor
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
1 cup sugar
2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon ground ginger
1/4 teaspoon allspice
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg

Directions:

For cherry puree

Combine cherries and water in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, and then simmer two minutes. Stir in kirsch (clear cherry brandy). Cool to lukewarm and puree in a blender.

For pan Strudel

In a small bowl, mix sugar and spices, set aside. Mix apple and lemon juice in medium bowl. Add sugar spice mixture and toss to coat. Lay the Melba Toast in a single layer on a cookie sheet, and pour two cups of apple juice over each toast, allowing toasts to soak up the juice. In a separate 8x8 pan, cover the pan with a thin layer of apples. Using a spatula, lift the toast from the cookie sheet and place a single layer over the apples in the 8x8 pan. Repeat until layering process until done. Finish by spreading cherry puree over apples. Cover with one cup of apple juice poured evenly over finished pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Garnish with light whipped cream if desired.

The fall months are a perfect time to enjoy spending time with family and getting outside to enjoy the final warm days of the year. For additional recipes, visit Old London on Facebook at www.facebook.com/OldLondonFoods.

All Around The House

Play Dress Up With Your Bathroom

(NAPSI)—When it comes to the bathroom, there are simple, stylish and budget-friendly ways to creatively dress it up. From the shower curtain to hooks or even your toilet paper, paying special attention to these seemingly ordinary, everyday objects is an easy way to make any bathroom an oasis.

Lifestyle and interior decoration pro Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan of Apartment Therapy has teamed up with the Cottonelle brand to share creative tips on how people can make the most of their bathroom. After all, Maxwell is devoted to helping people make their homes beautiful, organized and healthy—including the bathroom.

For some fresh ideas, see Maxwell's favorite tips below.

- **Long Is Luxurious.** Make your bathroom look more elegant by making your shower curtain taller. Move your shower curtain bar up—right below the ceiling—and install an extra-long shower curtain (or make your own). By closing the gap between shower curtain top and ceiling, you'll eliminate an unsightly view and give the feeling of luxury and more space with taller walls.

- **Swap Your Hooks.** Towel hooks are easy to find and replace, but they are usually boring. Go shopping for some cheap, vintage hooks of different shapes and sizes, paint them all the same color and then hang them in a nice straight line. The detail and “collection” quality will make a big impact—even if they're covered with towels.

- **Flowers Always Impress.** Fresh flowers in the bathroom OR even just ONE flower in a small vase on the bathroom sink or back of the toilet will make the room fresh and festive.

- **Roll Covers.** Even small necessities, like your toilet paper, deserve storage in a modern roll cover. Just like how people care for their cotton swabs by storing them in a stylish container, people can care for their Cottonelle Clean Care toilet paper like never before with a modernized roll cover.

- **Go with Color.** Shower curtains and towels were made to carry colors and you can change your bathroom in minutes by coordinating and changing the colors here. Maxwell's favorite lately? Deep brown towels and hand towels with a linen shower curtain.

The Cottonelle brand has introduced new designer roll covers, featuring three fashion-forward designs inspired by the latest trends. To see more of Maxwell Gillingham-Ryan's tips to transform your home, visit www.RespectTheRoll.com and learn how to get a Cottonelle brand designer roll cover.



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Common Car Seat Mistakes Parents Should Avoid

(NAPSI)—Parents of young children need to be better educated in order to avoid making potentially dangerous safety mistakes when they are on the go.

The Problem

Automobile crashes remain a leading cause of death for children and it's important that parents consistently and correctly use the appropriate car seat to keep their child passengers safe. Many parents may be unknowingly endangering their children as three out of four car seats are not used correctly, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

Some Answers

Busy parents and caregivers may be tempted by safety shortcuts when transporting children. AAA offers simple reminders to protect parents' most precious cargo.

Shortcut: "I'm only driving a mile from home, so my son doesn't need to be

secured in his car seat since it's a short trip."

Reminder: You should buckle up properly on every trip—no matter the distance—especially since most crashes occur close to home.

Shortcut: "I'm picking up several kids after soccer practice and I'm going to put my 8-year-old daughter in the front seat so all the children can fit into the car."

Reminder: All children under age 13 are safest when riding in the backseat and properly restrained in a car seat, booster seat or seat belt.

Shortcut: "We will be driving more people in our car than we have seat belts. Since it's a short trip, it's not a big deal for someone to ride on another person's lap."

Reminder: It's never safe to ride on another person's lap. Each passenger should be properly restrained on every trip.

Shortcut: "My son is 10 years old and 4'6" tall. He's big enough to use a seat belt now."

Reminder: The American Academy of Pediatrics now recommends children

continue to use belt-positioning booster seats until they are 4'9" and the seat belt fits properly.

Help For Parents

Fortunately, AAA experts are available to help parents with car seat installation.

Visit an AAA club, go to www.seatcheck.org or call (866) SEATCHECK [(866) 732-8243].

Learn More

For additional information on AAA's child passenger safety resources for parents and caregivers, visit www.AAA.com/carseat.



Don't forget about me... end up lost, injured or killed. The best way to avoid this tragic scenario is to have a well-thought-out disaster plan that includes Fido, so you know where to go and what to take.

"Many public shelters that are set up for disaster victims don't accept pets so you need to find out in advance which shelters or hotels along your evacuation route will accept animals," says Lyman Munson, vice president of risk services for Fireman's Fund Insurance Company. "It is tragic, but people have actually died because they were ordered to evacuate a disaster area but stayed because they did not want to leave their pets."

With so many different potential disasters, advance planning is the best way for everyone to survive a catastrophe and get their lives back to normal as soon as possible.

Fireman's Fund offers the following tips to protect your pets in the event of a disaster:

1. Have a disaster plan

Put together a list of boarding facilities and veterinarians along your evacuation route and outside your area that might be able to shelter your

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pets in an emergency.

Talk to your vet, the local humane society or the local emergency management agency for information regarding community evacuation plans that include pets.

Make advance arrangements to have a friend or neighbor pick up your pets in the event you are not at home when a disaster strikes. And, plan where you will meet or how you will reach each other.

2. Make a grab-and-go disaster kit for your pets

Just as you should have a disaster kit for your family, containing important papers and other key items, you should prepare a similar kit for your pets. It should contain the following:

- * Medication and medical records (including proof of rabies vaccination) in a waterproof container.
- * Leashes, harnesses, crates and carriers for transporting your pet.
- * A muzzle, if your pet requires one.
- * Food and water for at least three days.
- * Cat litter and litter box.
- * Comfort toys.
- * Recent photo of your pet in case you become separated.
- * Name and phone number of your veterinarian.

3. If you must evacuate, take your pets

Be prepared to leave early; do not wait for an official evacuation as you might be ordered to leave your pets behind.

Make sure your pet is wearing up-to-date identification. Include the phone number of a friend or relative outside your area in case your pet gets lost and you cannot be reached. And mark the crate or carrier with similar information.

Birds should be transported in a secure travel cage or carrier.

4. After the disaster

Once you return to your home, do not allow your pets to roam loose right away. While you assess the damage, keep dogs on a leash and other animals in their carriers.

Familiar landmarks and smells might be gone, and your pet may become disoriented. Pets can easily get lost in such situations, so give them some time to get used to their "new" surroundings. Be patient. Try to get your pets back into their normal routines as soon as possible, and be on the lookout for stress-related behavioral problems; if these persist, talk to your veterinarian.

"Planning for your pets ahead of time will relieve stress and help you and your family to focus on safety during and after a disaster," says Munson. "Safety should be your primary consideration."





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