

Keep Safe and Warm This Winter

As the temperature outside drops, families take to the indoors to keep safe and warm. What they may not realize is that turning up the heat can increase the risk of home heating fires.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), nearly half of all home-heating fires occur during the winter months. The latest NFPA research shows that heating equipment was involved in 62,200 reported U.S. home structure fires in 2005, with associated losses of 670 civilian deaths, 1,550 civilian injuries, and \$909 million in direct property damage.

“While these numbers are frightening, nearly all of these fires are preventable; we can reduce the number of home heating fires in our community by taking some simple precautions and using heating equipment properly.”

NFPA recommends some simple home heating safety tips, so residents can help keep our community safe and warm this winter.

Space heaters need space. Keep all things that can burn, such as paper, bedding or furniture, at least 3 feet away from heating equipment.

Turn portable heaters off when you go to bed or leave the room.

Plug power cords only into outlets with sufficient capacity and never into an extension cord.

Inspect for cracked, frayed or broken plugs or loose connections. Replace before using.

Have your chimney inspected each year and cleaned if necessary.

Use a sturdy fireplace screen.

Allow ashes to cool before disposing. Dispose of ashes in a metal container.

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home. For the best protection interconnect all smoke alarms throughout the home — when one sounds, they all sound. Test smoke alarms at least once a month.

Install and maintain a carbon monoxide alarm in a central location outside each sleeping area.

Never use an oven to heat your home.

For fuel assistance, contact the National Fuel Funds Network at 1-202-824-0660.

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Nolen also asked that a comment in an earlier Tribune story be clarified. Greer was featured in a Tribune story on Sept. 17 as a business owner. In the story, he claimed to be the RVFD's chaplain.

“We don't have a position of chaplain in the department,” Nolen said. “We never have had.” At the time of his arrest, Greer was the chairman of the board for Marshall County Citizens for Property Rights, a group trying to get the home rule law in Marshall County appealed.



Firefighters R Hot!
WE FIGHT WHAT YOU FEAR

STATISTICS OF FIRE CALLS

FIRE CALLS:

EMS CALLS:

TOTAL CALLS:

Happy Anniversary!
23 Years
Andy Duhe
16 Years
C.J. Remondet
Rhett Aubert
Danny Aucoin
9 Years
P.J. Scioneaux



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Burning News

RESERVE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

JANUARY

Pipeline Group Meeting Jan 6th—Gonzales

Happy New Year!

Our gratitude and thank you to all of our past officers. Your service is appreciated.

To the new comers: Welcome to hard work!

It seems we have a bunch of “young-uns” and an “old timer” or two!

God bless you!

Only those Americans who are willing to die for their country are fit to live!

Douglas McArthur



“REKINDLES”

Effective in 2009 EMS/Fire Reports will become only one report!

Fire Chief and President requesting Email addresses for all. Information &

Inspirational Thoughts
Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous. If God is your co-pilot, swap seats immediately. The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us. The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.

Think About It...

Having lost every penny in a casino, a man walks out and decides to end his life in the Gulf.

As he nears the water's edge, he sees something flicker in the sand. The shiny object is a dime. A voice says to him, “Go back into the casino.”

Back in the casino, he puts

the dime in the slot machine. The jackpot is \$25. The voice says, “Go to the blackjack table.”

At the blackjack table, he plays for ten minutes and amasses \$50. The voice moves him on to the roulette wheel, then on to the dice table.

He is winning \$10,000 and is about to pocket it when the voice says, “Let it ride.” Dutifully he rolls the dice and again loses everything!

The voice says, “You can go back to the ocean now.”



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Three Alabama Firefighters Charged in String of Arsons

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ARAB, Ala. -- The arrest of three members of the Ruth Volunteer Fire Department and a juvenile on arson charges has shaken the department, but it hasn't broken it.

"It's been a terrible ordeal for the department," said Chief Nancy Nolen. "We are all taking it pretty hard, but we are still responding to calls, and we are still training, and we don't plan on stopping. We still want to serve our community and get our (insurance) ratings lowered." Brandon McQueen, 22, Derrick Greer, 29, Steven Christopher Owens, 24, and a juvenile are charged in a string of arsons. They are no longer associated with the fire department in any way, Nolen said.

Members of the RVFD initiated the investigation.

"The last two fires, there was just something about them that were very strange," Nolen said. "I can't quite put my finger on what it was, but something just wasn't right. So, we called the sheriff's office and began the investigation. The sheriff's office has been very good to work with," she continued. "Their response to it and their professionalism has been wonderful. And, they've been very supportive of the department. We are glad they solved the case, regardless of the outcome."

The hardest part, Nolen said, was

knowing that firefighters were involved.

"It's hard to imagine how they could do this, not only to the community but to the department," she said. "They stood shoulder to shoulder with us fighting the fires that they knew they started. It's just hard to understand the betrayal."

Part of that betrayal came from Nolen's son, Owens, who was a captain in the department. "I really can't discuss the individuals because the case hasn't been closed yet," she said. "They still have to go to court, so I can't really get into specifics." Support from the Ruth community has been overwhelming, Nolen said. "We have gotten cards, calls and e-mails, and they have been good," she said. "To know that they are standing beside us has been a tremendous help."

With only about 10 active members, losing three to arrests has hurt.

"We are looking for new members," Nolen said. "We need the help. Anyone who wants to volunteer is welcome. I would encourage the community to help us. Anyone in the community is welcome to join or attend our meetings."

The department meets at 7 p.m. each third Thursday of the month at the fire hall on Mat Morrow Road.

"If you don't want to fight fires, we have other things that need doing, from cleaning to fundraising," Nolen

said. "We'll find you something to do."

Nolen, who has been in the department for 10 years and chief for two years, said RVFD will do background checks on new members and possibly current members.

"We've talked about doing it in the past, but we never did," she said. "We will definitely be doing that, now. We'll be looking at driving records and criminal history." That's not a guarantee of rooting out would-be criminals, though. "I don't think background checks would have turned up anything on (the four charged)," she said.

Nolen said the department has been tested over the past few weeks. "But we aren't going to let it tear us down," she said. "We'll be here serving the community. We are planning our annual chili supper (Oct. 31), and we'll continue with our training." The same week the first arrest was made, the department began a drive to get money donated through residents' water bills.

"It was strange to have that begin the same week as the first arrest, but it had been planned," she said. "The water company tells us there has been a good response from the community, but we don't know exact numbers yet. We are really excited about this project."

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Cell Phone Versus The BIBLE:

Ever wonder what would happen if we treated our Bible like we treat our cell phone?

from the text?

What if we carried it around in our purses or pockets?

What if we treated it like we couldn't live without it?

What if we flipped through it several times a day?

What if we gave it to kids as gifts?

What if we turned back to go get it if we forgot it?

What if we used it when we traveled?

What if we used it in case of emergency?

What if we used it to receive messages

This is something to make you go....hmm...where is my Bible?

Oh, and one more thing.

Unlike our cell phone, we don't have to worry about our Bible being disconnected because Jesus already paid the bill.

Makes you stop and think 'where are my priorities?'

And no dropped calls!

Trust in the Lord and

ASAP: (Always Say A Prayer)

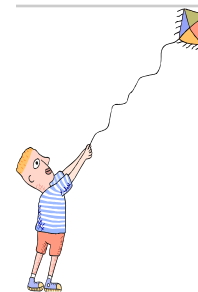
The Human Body is Full of Wonder.

This collection of human body facts will leave you wondering why in the heck we were designed the way we were.

1. Scientists say the higher your I.Q. The more you dream.
2. The largest cell in the human body is the female egg.
3. The smallest is the male sperm.
4. You use 200 muscles to take one step.
5. The average woman is 5 inches shorter than the average man.
6. Your big toes have two bones each while the rest have three.
7. A pair of human feet contains 250,000 sweat glands.
8. A full bladder is roughly the size of a soft ball.
9. The acid in your stomach is strong enough to dissolve razor blades.

10. The human brain cell can hold 5 times as much information as the Encyclopedia Britannica.
11. It takes the food seven seconds to get from your mouth to your stomach.
12. The average human dream lasts 2-3 seconds.
13. Men without hair on their chests are more likely to get cirrhosis of the liver than men with hair.
14. At the moment of conception, you spent about half an hour as a single cell.
15. There is about one trillion bacteria on each of your feet.
16. Your body gives off enough heat in 30 minutes to bring half a gallon of water to a boil.
17. The enamel in your teeth is the hardest substance in your body.

18. Your teeth start developing (in your gums) 6 months before you are born.
19. When you are looking at someone you love, your pupils dilate, they do the same when you are looking at someone you hate.
20. Blondes have more hair than dark-haired people.
21. Your thumb is the same length as your nose.
22. At this very moment I know full well you are putting this last fact to the test ... now remove your thumb from your nose. You did it -- I KNOW you did!!!!



Children's Corner



Say NO To Drugs

Stay away from tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs. They can destroy your health! If someone offers you drugs, say "No" and get away fast.

ACTIVITY
Above are several ways to refuse drugs. In each of the two empty 'talk bubbles,' write another way to say 'No.'

- TIPS:
- *Stay away from places where people use drugs.
 - *Get involved in healthy activities with people who don't use drugs.
 - *Remember that a real friend won't ask you to do something that's bad for you.