



CONNECTIONS

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SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS
CHRISTMAS PARADE
SATURDAY
DECEMBER 10TH
DOWNTOWN
COWETA
STARTS AT NOON

HOLIDAY SHOP
COWETA PROGRAM

Through
December
14th

'TIS THE SEASON!!!
SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP!!!

GET YOUR TICKETS FOR A CHANCE TO WIN
ONE OF TEN VISA DEBIT CARDS

It's getting cold out side...
Be extra careful during extreme cold weather.

Some tips from the Coweta Fire Department:

- **Wear layered clothing outdoors for better protection from the cold. Wear a cap to prevent rapid heat loss from an uncovered head. Cover exposed skin to prevent frostbite.**
- **While indoors, try to keep at least one room heated to 70 degrees. This is especially important to prevent hypothermia in the elderly and small children .**
- **Sleep warm with extra blankets, a warm cap, socks, and layered clothing.**
- **Avoid fatigue and exhaustion during cold weather. Overexertion, such as shoveling snow or pushing a car, can strain your heart.**
- **Avoid traveling alone.**
- **Check daily on elderly friends, relatives and neighbors who live alone.**
- **The elderly and very young should stay indoors as much as possible. Offer to shop for elderly friends and relatives.**
- **Avoid walking on ice. A short trip to the mailbox or to retrieve the paper could result in a longer trip to the hospital if you slip and fall. In Oklahoma, the ice is often nearly invisible (black ice) so caution should be taken after precipitation.**



FROM THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

BE SAFE OUT THERE!

Winter weather is coming, be prepared. Check your wipers and fluids in your vehicle. Check tire tread depth and pressure. Keep a blanket, flashlight, ice scraper and batteries in your car. Make sure your cell phone is charged and you have plenty of fuel. Check your car battery. Don't follow too close behind the next vehicle in front of you. Leaves can be slippery too! Drive defensively!

SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

The City of Coweta has recently received grant funding to create a Safe Routes to School (SRTS) program for our community. City and school officials are working together preparing a strategic plan and sidewalk master plan, focusing on sidewalks and educational programs to get kids safely to school. Congress created the Federal-Aid Safe Routes to school Program through comprehensive transportation legislation. The SRTS program uses a variety of education, engineering, enforcement, encouragement, and evaluation strategies to encourage more children to walk and bike to school safely.

Parents are encouraged to submit suggestions, ideas, and recommendations for the plan to Kathleen Easley at 918-279-7213 by January 1, 2012.

COWETA RECYCLES

The Coweta Recycling Center takes phone books, batteries, glass, plastic, aluminum, oil and paper (office and newspaper).

Visit the Coweta Recycling Center located at 121st and Highway 51.

PUBLIC WORKS

Streets – The City has just completed its 2011 Street Improvement Project. The City contracted with Dunham Asphalt and overlaid over 13,750 linear feet of streets this year.

Wastewater – The City has received and opened bids for the upgrades to the wastewater collection system in the Old Main/ West Oak/ Division area of the City. We hope to award the bid and move forward with this project soon.

Water Plant – The City is in the final review process with the DEQ on the Phase II Water Treatment Facility Improvements.

City Hall will be closed

December 23rd and 26th, 2011

for the Christmas holiday

**There will be no trash service
on those days**

Coweta Transit

\$1.00 per trip.

Handicap accessible.

(918) 486-1783

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The major cigarette companies, alone, spend about \$12.5 billion per year (or more than \$34.2 million everyday) to promote their products; and many of their marketing efforts directly reach kids