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OUT IN THE WEST, WHERE THE AIR IS PURE, THE CLIMATE AGREEABLE AND THE PEOPLE FRIENDLY—THE BEST PLACE ON EARTH TO CALL HOME

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January is School Board Recognition Month

AUSTIN - January is School Board Recognition Month, a time when districts across the state show their appreciation for the pivotal role elected boards of education play in their local schools and communities.

More than 7,200 locally elected school board members serve—without pay—in the 1,034 school districts located throughout the state.

"The people who make up these boards volunteer their time because they care about their communities and their schools. Each year, the Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) designates January as School Board Recognition Month to emphasize the importance of the service these dedicated men and women provide to the schools and students of Texas," said James B. Crow, TASB executive director.

School board members shoulder critical responsibilities as advocates for children.

They face difficult challenges and make hard decisions with the overall goal of promoting student achievement.

Working as a vital link between the community and classroom, the board is responsible for an annual budget of more than \$25 million, 771 students, 160 employees and three campuses at Crockett County CCSD.

They serve as the passionate voice for public



JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD RECOGNITION MONTH: Members of the Crockett County CCSD School Board are (back row, left to right) David McWilliams, Dwight Childress, Roland DeHoyos, Tom Anderson, (front row, left to right) Harvey Sanchez, secretary, Grizz Medina, vice president, and Ray Don Myers, president.

education and help ensure the future of the state and nation.

"Local school board members work tirelessly and devote hundreds of hours to lead our students to success. Their actions and decisions affect the present and future lives of our children. Setting aside time in January is one small way to celebrate their service to our community and say thanks for caring so much about the future of every child enrolled in our schools," said Chris duBois, superintendent at CCCSD.

The board members

serving CCCSD are: David McWilliams, At Large District, first year; Tom Anderson, District 6, 10th year; Dwight Childress, District 5, sixth year; Grizz Medina, District 2, third year; Harvey Sanchez, District 1, third year; Roland DeHoyos, District 3, second year and Ray Don Myers, District 4, second year.

"These community servants focus on ensuring the success of their local school district and serve as strong advocates for our kids. In a time of financial uncertainty, they are willing to step forward to meet the critical challenges

facing our public schools, working to balance the district budget while still providing excellent educational experiences for each child," Crow said. "We hope every community will express appreciation to our local board members for their dedicated commitment and offer support to the school board as it tackles the important task of governing. Local trustees work closely with parents and educators to develop sound education policies in their district and set high standards for student success. We applaud them for shouldering enormous

responsibilities and making the time to care about the future of Texas schoolchildren."

"We truly appreciate every board member for voluntarily tackling the enormous job of governing our local school districts," duBois added.

TASB is a nonprofit association established in 1949 to serve local Texas school districts. School board members are the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state. The districts they represent serve approximately 4.9 million public school students.

Postal rates increase Jan. 22

To combat an increasing deficit, the U.S. Postal Service is increasing the price of all mail services on Jan. 22.

The price increase is an overall average of 4.6 percent, with Priority Mail prices increasing an average of 3.1 percent and Express Mail increasing an average of 3.3 percent.

The Postal Service is also introducing a new Express Mail Flat Rate Box for overnight delivery. The box can be shipped anywhere in the country for a flat price of \$39.95 regardless of weight, up to 70 lbs. The box will be available on Jan. 22.

New pricing for popular postal services include:

- Regular First Class Mail - \$.45. This is the first increase in the price of a First-Class Mail stamp since May 2009.
 - Postcards - 3-cent increase to 32 cents
 - Letters to Canada or Mexico (1 oz.) - 5-cent increase to 85 cents
 - Express Mail Flat Rate Envelope - \$18.95
 - Small Flat Rate box - \$5.35
 - Medium Flat Rate box - \$11.35
 - Large Flat Rate box - \$15.45
 - Large APO/FPO/DPO box - \$13.45
 - Regular envelope - \$5.15
 - Legal-size and Padded envelope - \$5.30
 - A new 3-month pricing option will be available to rent PO Boxes.
- For more information, visit www.usps.gov.

Prisoner escapes from Sutton County Jail

A prisoner escaped from the Sutton County Jail Monday morning.



Jose Luis Trevino, 20, was still at large as of Tuesday's press deadline, according to Sutton County Sheriff's Officials.

The man escaped from the Sutton County Jail around 9:30 a.m. Monday.

Trevino is 5-11, 210 pounds, brown hair and eyes, wearing white jail uniform. He was last seen fleeing from jail.

He has known ties to San Angelo, Del Rio and Fort Stockton.

According to the Del

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What will 2012 hold for Texas politics, policy?

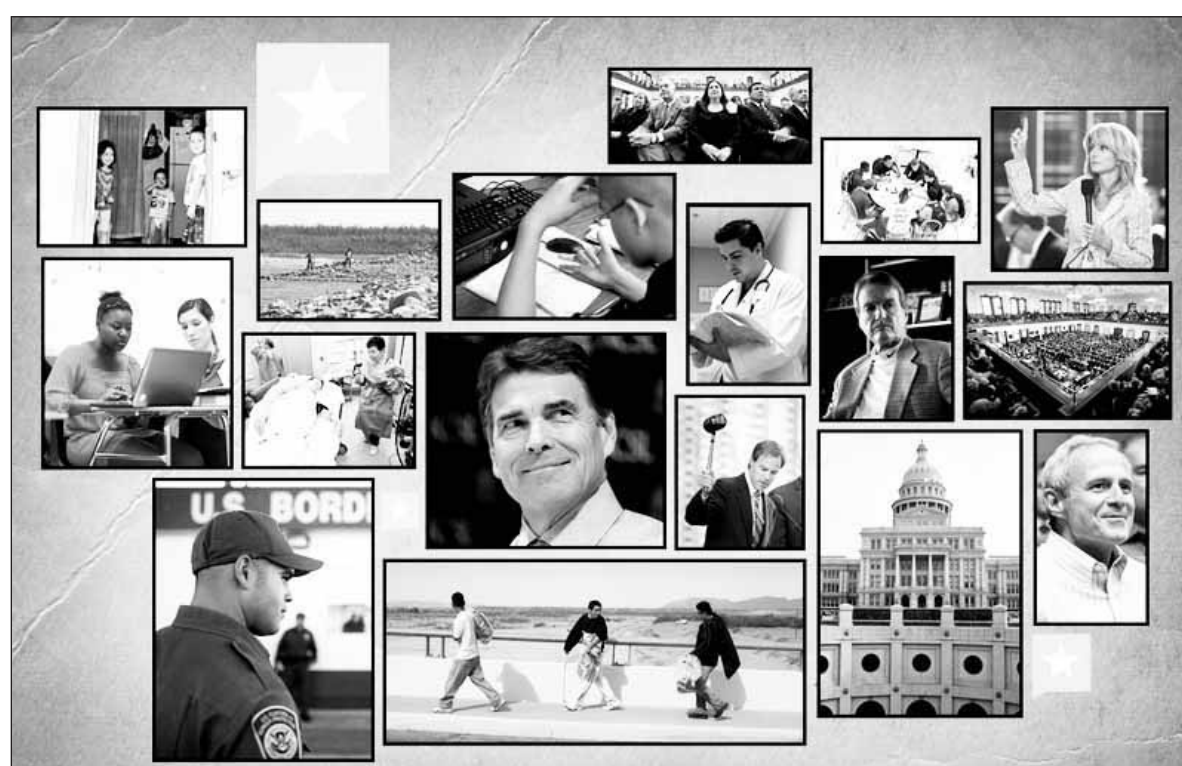
BY TRIBUNE STAFF
TEXAS TRIBUNE

Texans will close out 2011 with more questions than answers: How will Gov. Rick Perry's presidential bid play out? How will lawmakers' multibillion-dollar budget cuts affect education, Medicaid and health care? Will the courts ever decide on new state House, Senate and congressional districts so Texas can hold elections?

Here's hoping the next year brings some resolution. Texas Tribune reporters take a look at what to expect in 2012 — from the continuing Texas drought and debates over transparency in higher education to allegations of prosecutorial misconduct and a high-profile presidential election across Texas' southern border.

RICK PERRY

Perry was riding high when he stepped off his



TODD WISEMAN | TEXAS TRIBUNE

first presidential campaign bus, the one with the phrase "Get America working again" plastered on its side. It was

mid-August, during that first hopeful week of his run for the White House. The sky was the limit back then. Even

some liberal critics were predicting that he would waltz to the Republican presidential nomination.

Oops. It did not work out that way.

Now a new year beckons, and plenty of uncertainty looms for Perry.

Will he pull off one of the biggest comebacks in American political history? Or will reporters be using words like "flameout" and "flop" to sum up the presidential fortunes of Perry, the longest-serving governor in Texas history?

If he does come back, will people around the Texas Capitol fear him less? What kind of governor does a defeated presidential candidate make?

He may never make it to the White House. But he remains the governor of Texas, and that is still a pretty big deal.

STATE POLITICS

This most uncertain political year starts with something we know: Nearly

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FRIDAY AT THE OHS DAVIDSON GYM

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Some remarkable bright spots in a tough 2011

There is no denying that 2011 was a tough year for cattle raisers. Ranchers across the state are still facing an unprecedented drought and rebuilding from the crippling wildfires, but through all the dust and smoke, there were some definite bright sides of 2011. Because of the hard work of our members, TS-CRA chalked up major victories at the Texas and U.S. Capitols. A few of the highlights are listed below.

EMINENT DOMAIN REFORMED

After a decade of hard work

from legislators and landowner groups including TS-CRA, SB 18, the eminent domain bill was finally signed into law.

SB 18 secures stronger eminent domain laws that will pro-



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JOE PARKER JR.

text landowners. Highlights of the new law include requiring condemning entities to make a bona fide offer in writing and compensate landowners for loss of access to their property. SB 18 goes further to require condemning entities to take a public and record vote to initiate eminent domain proceedings, keeping them more accountable. All entities with eminent domain authority must also register with the Comptroller by December 2012 or they lose their authority. Additionally, SB 18 gives

landowners the right to repurchase their condemned land at the original price if it is not used within 10 years. SB 18 also puts in statute that eminent domain can be used only to acquire property for public use, and that use has to be put in writing before the condemnation process can begin.

GROUNDWATER OWNERSHIP SECURED

Groundwater ownership rights were also secured in 2011, putting to rest any question of who owns the ground-

water below the surface of a landowner's land.

SB 332 makes clear that landowners own the groundwater below their land as real property, and clarifies that it is subject to the same legal protections as other private property. SB 332 also recognizes that groundwater may continue to be produced and conserved while ensuring fair and impartial regulation of landowners' groundwater ownership rights.

EPA RURAL DUST REGULATION STOPPED

TSCRA and other agricultural groups successfully blocked the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from imposing regulations that would have allowed the federal government to regulate rural dust. This regulation would have had a devastating economic impact on ranchers at a time when our industry is battling an unprecedented drought and wildfires alongside a list of proposed burdensome and unnecessary government regulations.

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Community newspapers still going strong

We're not dead yet! That's right; community newspapers are still going strong, according to the latest annual survey by the National Newspaper Association and the research arm of the Reynolds Journalism Institute at the Missouri School of Journalism. The survey is in its sixth year.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

Google, and 25 percent for the website of a local TV station. 33 percent of those surveyed read local education (school) news very often in their newspaper, while 68 percent never read local education news online. 40 percent

read editorials or letters to the editor very often in their newspaper, while 64 percent never read editorials or letters to the editor online.

80 percent think government notices should be required to publish public notices in newspapers, with 23 percent reading public notices very often in their newspaper.

70 percent have Internet access in the home, but 80 percent never visit the Web site of their local chamber of commerce.

Of those with Internet access at home, 89 percent have broadband access.

The local community newspaper is the primary source of information about the local community for 51.8 percent of respondents compared to seeking information from friends and relatives (16 percent) and TV (13.2 percent). Readers are seven times more likely to get their news from their community newspaper than from the Internet (7.4 percent). Less than 6 percent say their primary local news source is radio.

Who says all newspapers are failing? Each week, The Ozona Stockman continues to publish a paper about the people and events of Crockett County and Ozona.

Not only is news published in paper form each week, but can also be found on our website at www.ozonastockman.com. Readers can also follow the Stockman on Facebook and Twitter.

Paul and I are entering our eighth year as owners of The Ozona Stockman. We can hardly believe it! So much has changed but as you can see, many aspects of our business remain the same. The most important one is you, our readers.

As technology continues to change, so will your community newspaper in how it brings the news to the people of Crockett County and beyond.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. We Believe in Newspapers!

Following consistent trends, the study shows that 74 percent of people in communities served by a newspaper with circulations fewer than 15,000 read a local newspaper each week. They prefer the printed copy to the online version, with 48 percent saying they never read the local news online. They prefer to receive advertising through the newspaper (51 percent) instead of on the Internet (11 percent). And only about a quarter of respondents said they had found local news through a mobile device in the past 30 days. Slightly more (38 percent) said they had received local shopping information by mobile device.

They also have a strong preference for government accountability through newspaper public notice, with 80 percent saying the government should be required to publish notices in the newspaper.

Since 2005, NNA has done research on how people read and what they think about their local newspaper. Results have been consistent over the years, even as sample and community sizes have been adjusted slightly.

The early data indicates that the positive findings in the earlier surveys are consistent for community newspapers:

74 percent of those surveyed read a local newspaper each week.

They spend about 38.95 minutes reading their local newspaper.

73 percent read most or all of their community newspaper.

43.8 percent keep their community newspaper six or more days (shelf life).

61 percent of readers read local news very often in their community newspaper, while 48 percent say they never read local news online (only 11 percent say they read local news very often online).

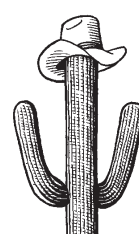
Of those going online for local news (167 respondents), 52 percent found it on the local newspaper's website, compared to 20 percent for sites such as Yahoo, MSN or

From Leeuary to Pittstober

Whenever I get the much-appreciated free calendars at the start of every year there are a few months I'd like to tear out right then and there and be done with them. Sadly, I have to go through the process of living through these much-dreaded months.

"January" sounds promising enough but then the month actually begins and many folks start the year with a hangover. If that's not a sign of what's to come I don't know what is! How good can a month be that starts out with a bunch of fu-fu flower parades on TV? I've always felt January needs a new name that more accurately reflects its personality, something like "Depress-u-ary." Christmas is over, everyone is grouchy because they're back at work, and my favorite football teams lose again. Every year I'm convinced that early Alzheimer's has kicked in because I can never remember to write the correct year on my checks.

February isn't much better. I've hated it ever since I was a kid because of Rejection Day, otherwise known as Valentine's Day. I spend the entire month in confusion, not knowing how many days are in the month, or when we celebrate the dead President's birthdays. I think we should change our calendar and make all months exactly four weeks long, and then create an all new month out of the days left over. This month would be work-free, tax free and free of all stupid holidays like National Sponge Cake Day. We'd call this new month Leeuary, Pittstober or Pittstember, in honor of its founder. And because there would be no more 29th, 30th or 31st of the month,



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

there's an added bonus: people born on those days would have no more birthdays! Adding Pittstober to the calendar would be a veritable Fountain of Youth for many.

March is one of my favorite months because Spring and daylight savings time start, no estimated taxes are due and March Madness basketball is on TV. Oh, and I almost forgot, (like I usually do) it also marks the anniversary of when I married my wonderful wife. But the good times don't last because March is followed by April when we are reminded that we're really just working for the IRS. The only holidays of note are Easter, when we don't get any presents, and Earth Day, when environmentalists wring their hands, whine, and act holier than thou.

After April the rest of the year is filled with months that only get better and better, building towards the crescendo known as December. In May we finally get to start keeping some of the money we make instead of sending it all to the crooks in Washington D.C. the cold weather is finally behind us, the lambs and yearlings are sold, fishing season opens and there are no expensive holidays like Valentines Day, Christmas, wedding anniversary or birthdays that I have to remember. How much

better can it get? Plenty, for summer is about to start.

I suppose it's a carryover from my childhood when school let out for the summer in June, but just the mere mention of the month brings a smile to my face. In July we celebrate the second best holiday by getting to legally light incendiary devices. What more could you ask for in a holiday? And then in August there is our county fair when everyone overindulges in carnival food, over-the-hill country music singers, pig races and PRCA rodeo.

September is the month when kids go back to school so we are now safe to walk down the sidewalk without being run over by some juvenile delinquent on a skateboard. Autumn and bull sales begin and the stores decorate for Christmas. Then in October we get to eat bags of chocolate candy that were left over from Halloween. And in November we celebrate our nation's heritage by pigging out on good food and watching the Dallas Cowboys play.

Finally December, my favorite month, rolls around when we celebrate two important birthdays, that of Jesus and followed 24 hours later by my own. Even though I always get combo Christmas/birthday presents you can't wash the smile off my face all month because people are in a festive mood and the NFR is on television for ten whole days. The only thing that could possibly make December any better is if, instead of being followed by the 31 day depression known as January, it was instead succeeded by Leeuary of Pittstember.

www.LeePittsbooks.com

Jan. 1 opening day for list of new laws

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN - One way to kick off the year 2012 is to look at all, or in this case just a few, of the bills that contain language taking effect as new state laws on Jan. 1.

Thanks to the website legis.state.tx.us, Internet-using citizens have easy access to a list of 21 such bills. Here are brief statements on a random handful of them:

- HB 843 by Geren/Davis, amends the Tax Code to require the assessor for a taxing unit to deliver a property tax bill by electronic means, if on or before Sept. 15 the individual or entity entitled to receive a tax bill and the assessor enter into an agreement to have it delivered that way.

- HB 1111 by Hartnett/Harris, amends the Property Code to require a justice court, if a tenant files a sworn pauper's affidavit, to provide to the tenant with a written notice containing certain information relating to the initial deposit of rent the tenant must pay. The new law also specifies that a tenant's failure to pay rent during an appeal of an eviction case for

nonpayment of rent when it becomes due is the failure to pay such rent under the rental agreement.

- HB 1127 by Gutierrez/Van de Putte, amends the Property Code to require the following notices to contain a prescribed statement regarding the rights or relief that may be available to a tenant, debtor, or owner, as applicable, who is serving on active military duty: a notice to a defendant in a citation for a suit filed by a landlord seeking to recover possession of the premises, a notice in regard to the sale of real property under a deed of trust or other contract lien served on a debtor in default under that trust or lien, and the notice required to be given to a property owner by a property owners' association before the association is authorized to take certain enforcement action against the owner.

- HB 1456 by Orr/Deuell, amends the Property Code to include a contractor or subcontractor of a property owner or property owner's agent

among the parties entitled to a mechanic's, contractor's, or materialman's lien on the property based on the contractor or subcontractor providing labor and supplies for the installation of landscaping for a house, building, or improvement under a written contract with the owner or owner's agent.

- HB 2510 by Lavender et al./Elftie, amends the Business & Commerce Code to specify that an incandescent light bulb that is manufactured in Texas and remains in Texas is not subject to federal law or federal regulation under the authority of the United States Congress to regulate interstate commerce. Among the bill's requirements is that an incandescent light bulb manufactured and sold in Texas must have the words "Made in Texas" clearly stamped on it.

- SB 14 by Fraser et al. and coauthored or cosponsored by all Senate and House Republicans, amends the Election Code relating to requirements to vote, including presenting

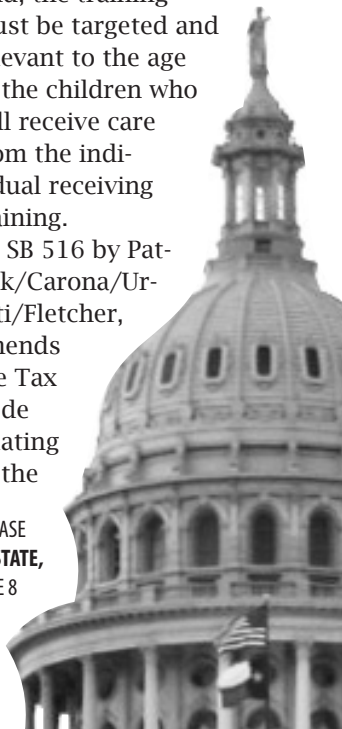
proof of identification and provides criminal penalties.

- SB 265 by Zaffirini/Carter, amends the Human Resources Code by requiring child-care employees and operators to receive the required training only from knowledgeable individuals with relevant expertise.

And, the training must be targeted and relevant to the age of the children who will receive care from the individual receiving training.

- SB 516 by Patrick/Carona/Uresti/Fletcher, amends the Tax Code relating to the

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Prescribed burn workshops February, March in Sonora

SONORA - The Academy for Ranch Management will conduct two prescribed burn workshops in 2012 at the Texas AgriLife Research Station near Sonora Feb. 16-18 and March 8-10.

A prescribed burn workshop participant is learning how to use a drip torch to burn in a black line. A prescribed burn during the workshop provides participants with practical experience, according to Ray Hinnant, a Texas AgriLife Research senior research associate in College Station and a workshop presenter. (Texas AgriLife Research photo)

The station is located on State Highway 55 between Sonora and Rocksprings.

The first workshop, "Prescribed Burning School," is a basic course providing information on fire, weather, planning a burn, fuels and fuel moisture, and equipment needed for a controlled burn, according to Ray Hinnant, a Texas AgriLife Research senior research associate in College Station and a workshop presenter.

The "Advanced Prescribed Burning School" builds on the previous school providing more information on fire behavior, fire effects and planning and coordinating a prescribed burn, Hinnant said.

Successful completion of both courses and a passing grade on a comprehensive exam will provide the educational component to begin application to become either a private or commercial certified prescribed burn manager, he said.

The fee for each workshop is \$395 and includes meals and on-site lodging. The basic course is a prerequisite for the advanced course.

The Academy for Ranch

Management is associated with the Center for Grazing and Ranch Management at the department of ecosystems science and management at Texas A&M University in College Station. The Sonora facilities provide a teaching laboratory for hands-on experience, Hinnant said.

The Academy's primary goal is training ranchers for effective rangeland management, and the focus now is on prescribed burning for rangelands, he said. Prescribed burning is a tool that can be used to manage rangeland vegetation for livestock and wildlife use, and also reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires by removing hazardous fuel loads.

"2011 was one of the worst wildfire seasons in our recent past," Hinnant said. "Nearly 4 million acres of rangeland and forest burned, and over 2,000 homes were lost. Prescribed burning has the potential to significantly reduce the catastrophic losses due to wildfires."

These courses offer hands-on experience for ranch owners, new landowners and for absentee owners who are several generations removed from the ranch, he said.

Hinnant and Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, superintendent of the research station at Sonora, are prescribed burning board lead instructors. Other speakers during the two courses include Dr. Mort Kothmann, department of ecosystems science and management professor, and Nick Garza, an AgriLife Research associate at Sonora.

For more information, or to register, call Hinnant at (979) 820-1778 or Cheryl Yeager at (979) 845-5582 or visit <http://www.ranchmanagement.org>.

Seahorn elected to county committee

BIG LAKE - Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Jed Hruska, announced that county committee elections are over, the ballots are counted and the results are in.

Pon Seahorn of Ozona was elected to represent LAA 2 and Dean McMullan will serve as the first alternate.

Elected county committee members serve a three-year term and are responsible for making decisions on FSA disaster, conservation, commodity, and price support programs, as well as other important federal farm program issues.

"County committee members are a valuable asset because they are local producers who participate in FSA programs themselves and have a direct connection to farmers and ranchers in the community," said Hruska. "All recently elected county committee members and alternates took office on Jan. 1, 2012, and join the existing committee," he said.

For more information about county committees and the election process, please contact the Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County FSA office at (325) 884-3753 ext. 2 or visit www.fsa.usda.gov.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 4 - Erica Thornhill, Douglas Bean, Erica Camp, Arretta Gandy, Joe S. Moran, Realee Capry Borrego, Vince Huffman, Kaylee Ramirez, Felipe Ramirez Jr., Hope S. Moran and Mark Deion Ybarra and Ramon Ybarra

Jan. 5 - John Baker, Z. Ray Hill, Frances Davis, Sharon Martin, Melinda Malone and Audrey Tijerina

Jan. 6 - Ivana Hernandez, Keshia Dean, Victor DeLaGarza, Genesis Venegas, Trista Bush, Avalon Trujillo, Kristofer Torres and David Perez

Jan. 7 - Rita DeLaRosa, Michael Savala, Virginia Lea, J.B. Pruitt and Johnny Tambunga Jr.

Jan. 8 - Susan Bilano, Kevin Villarreal, Peggy

Branyon, Tyson Vordick, Linda Talamantez, Jonathan Anderson, Penny Ramirez

Jan. 9 - Janette Lozano, Debbie Puckett and Barbara Fierro

Jan. 10 - Tiger Lewis, Zeke Gonzalez, Willie Payne Jr., Cipriano Perez, Cody Hunnicutt, Nereyda Vega, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Will Hoover, Ismael Villarreal and Nikolas Santiago

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 4

- Classes resume at Ozona Schools.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, Jan. 6

- Freshman, JV and Varsity Lions vs. Alpine, 4 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.
- JV and Varsity Lady Lions vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Monday, Jan. 9

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lady Lions vs. Ballinger, 4 p.m. at the OMS Gym.
- OMS Lions vs. Ballinger at Ballinger.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

- Freshmen, JV and Varsity Lady Lions vs. Ballinger, 4 p.m. at Ballinger.
- JV and Varsity Lions vs. McCamey, 5 p.m. at McCamey.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- West Texas Rehab Open House, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 908 1st Street.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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ACROSS

1 TXns can play in "Millions" lottery

5 gear part (2 wds.)

6 in "Monahans Sandhills State Park": sand _____

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19 George W. _____ Iraq in '03

21 TXism: "slippery as a _____ pig"

22 TX Ginger Rogers birth name

23 TX "Pro _____" produced the first NFL trading cards distort or twist

28 TXism: "feel like I _____ long drop on a short rope"

30 minor TX crime: class C misde _____

31 TXism for an oaf

35 camera lens for close up objects

36 "looks good enough to _____"

42 Ivanhoe (Fannin Co.) was named after _____ Scott novel

44 TX rancher Ellwood, "Barbed Wire King"

46 former Dallas pro soccer team

48 TX has an " _____ highway" program

DOWN

1 novel: "Far from the _____"

2 TX-based Braniff flew to this South American country

3 first skirmish of TX Revolution was in this town

4 this Tommie was to _____ Daryl Johnston's backup on '93 & '94 Super Bowl teams

9 Austin FM station

10 TXism: "quick as _____"

11 abbr. for a TX town school system

12 TX Perot started as salesman for _____

13 TX Dennis Quaid was this gunfighter in '94 film "Wyatt Earp"

14 1st female TX Sec. of State, Meharg

15 TXism: " _____ hombre" (mean man)

16 TXism: " _____ sleeping dog lie"

18 Live _____ TX

20 a Ranger who only bats (abbr.)

23 Shirley of TX-filmed "Terms of Endearment" (init.)

24 this Myers designed TX capitol (init.)

25 in '02 TAKS test replaced this test

26 cut into something

27 this Chuck was a TX Ranger in "Lone Wolf MQuade"

32 TXism: "bat _____ eyelash (blink)"

33 "ah _____!"

34 this Otto directed TX Gene Tierney in '44 film "Laura" (init.)

36 _____hart, TX

37 early TX sheriff wore _____ star

38 popular Mexico beer

39 TXism: "worthless _____ boot"

40 recorded the video

41 TXism: " _____ high on the hog" (rich)

43 Mr. Einstein (init.)

45 in 2011, pitcher C.J. Wilson left TX for this state (abbr.)

47 get more food

48 MASH actor Alan _____ Maples State Natural Area

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DEATH NOTICES

Dario H. Porras

Dario H. Porras, 83, died Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2011, in San Angelo. Service was Dec. 29 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his daughter, Elma Ybarra of Ozona; stepdaughter Lisa Tijerina of Midland; sons Guadalupe Porras of Abilene and Dario Porras Jr. and Emilio Porras, both of Ozona; stepson Bob Rodriguez of Ozona; sisters Connie Elizada of Cisco and Angelita Enriquez of Midland; and brothers Joe Porras of Sonora, Santos Porras of Cleburne, Isido Porras of Llano and Johnny Porras of Ozona.

OBITUARIES

Doris Lee Cooke Harrison

Doris Lee Cooke Harrison passed from this life to the loving arms of God on Jan. 1, 2012. She was born on Dec. 1, 1928 to Tom Greene and Annie Marie Hutcherson Cooke in Ozona. She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Stillman Dudley Harrison, a brother, Marshall Cooke, a brother-in-law, Jim Chappee, brother-in-law, Jimmy Harrison and son-in-law, Billy Golden. She is survived by a sister-in-law, Melva Cooke of Bulverde, Texas, a brother Bobby Cooke and wife, Judy of Englewood, Colo., two sisters, Betty Chappee of Friendswood, Texas and Peggie Hickerson and husband, Brooks, of Portland, Ore. Doris was raised in Sanderson and loved living there until her care warranted a move to the Care Center in Crockett County in March of 2011.

Doris grew up with her family in a local grocery business in Sanderson. She married Stillman Dudley Harrison after graduating from Texas Tech in 1950. She and Dudley built retail establishments in the Sanderson area. Doris was the bookkeeper and worked with Dudley in their endeavors. She tirelessly worked on the Keep Main Street Beautiful Project of the Chamber of Commerce and was an integral part of establishing the Memorial Park. She worked on committees for both the Bicentennial Park Pavilion and the Sanderson hill trails. She was a member and elder in the First Presbyterian Church. Doris also loved the Harrison Ranch. She would walk the pastures, pick up rocks, watch for birds, and celebrate the rain and the flowers. She will be greatly missed by her children including Robie Golden of Alpine, Texas, Damon Harrison of Santa Teresa, N.M., Amy Harrison and husband, Mac Schmidt of Austin and Maje Arthur and husband Tommy Arthur of Sanderson. Her grandchildren: Traci Adame and husband Alonso, Jeremy Harrison and wife, Miranda, Micah Harrison and wife Danielle, Hon Tom Lowrance and wife, Tanna, Lyndee Lowrance, Sara Schmidt and Clayton Schmidt. Her great-grandchildren including: Alec B. Adame, Gage and Hagen Harrison, Blythe and Sterling Harrison, Landry, Laycee and Layla Lowrance. Doris had many nephews and nieces who were very dear to her heart.

Funeral service will be at the First Presbyterian Church in Sanderson on Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012 at 2 p.m., with the Rev. Lewis Allen of the Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church of Sonora officiating. Interment will be at Cedar Grove Cemetery in Sanderson. Pallbearers will be her grandchildren. Honorary pallbearers are Doris' church family.

The family request memorials sent to First Presbyterian Church P.O. Box 629 Sanderson, Texas 79848 or Crockett County Care Center P.O. Box 640 Ozona, Texas 76943 in lieu of flowers.



LORELEI HANKINS, of Rocksprings, pictured with her horse Hankins Frenchman, is featured in this month's Western Horseman Magazine. The feature article looks at the Hankins family history, the family's connection to the famous horse King (one of the foundation sires of the American Quarter Horse Association), and how Hankins is carrying on the tradition of raising great Quarter Horses. It is in the January issue, which is on newsstands now. Hankins' daughter and son-in-law, Kay and Eddie Stewart, live in Ozona.

LIBRARY NEWS By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

Media Book Club featuring Jody Upham

CCPL is beginning a new program for 2012. The Media Book Club is a community outreach project for the PEARL Grant Program from the University of North Texas in Denton. The PEARL Project is funded by the Robert and Ruby Priddy Charitable Trust. The Priddy Charitable Trust has focused on liberal arts education, pre K-12 public education, community health care, and rural public libraries.

Upon completion of the project, CCPL will receive a \$1,000 grant.

Our Media Book Club will be a series of interviews and book reviews by influential people in our community in the newspaper, on the radio, for the Friends of the Library newsletter and on the CCPL Facebook page

and website. It will be very interesting to find out what our neighbors are reading and enjoy.

Listen to the radio and watch the paper for more info. What are you reading? You might be interviewed next.

This week's reader is Crockett County Attorney Jody Upham.

Upham said she generally prefers to read fiction. "My favorite genres involve mystery, thrillers, legal, and human interest novels," she said.

Some books she's read in the past year that she said she has enjoyed were "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett, "Water for Elephants" by Sara Gruen, "Hell's Corner" by David Baldacci, and all three of the Stieg Larsson books: "The Girl With The Dragon Tattoo," "The Girl Who Played With Fire," and "The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet's Nest."

"The Stieg Larsson books were so intense and exciting that I would stay up late every night reading. I had a hard time putting those books down. I love reading an exciting plot line that makes you want to find out what happens next. Of course the problem with those is that it is hard to find a stopping point," she said. "I also wish Mr. Larsson were still around to write more books. His writing is so sharp and clear, and his characters so intriguing that I want to read more about them."

Upham said she primarily reads for enjoyment, but her job also requires that she do a great deal of reading and research, so she reads everyday.

"I usually choose books that have been recommended by someone - either it has received rave reviews in

the press, it is a best-seller, or a friend or family member has read it and liked it. I also ask the librarian for recommendations when I'm there, and she usually finds books I like," she said. "Although I typically prefer to read print books, I received a Kindle Fire for Christmas and I love it. The flexibility of searching for and downloading books instantly is great, as is being able to adjust the text and background to fit my reading preferences."

Upham said she just started reading "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen.

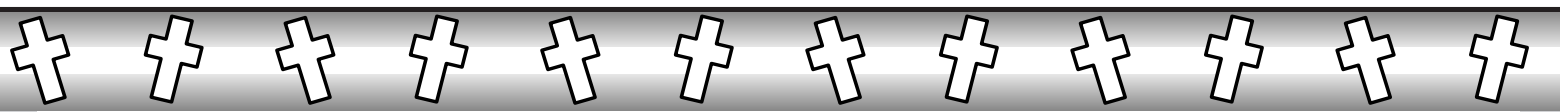
"It is one of the many classics I want to read," she said.

Also, in November she started reading the "Change Your Life Daily Bible" by Becky Tirabassi.

"It is the Bible arranged in 365 daily readings that include a reading from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs each day," she said. "Sometimes when I find an author I like, I read several of their books in succession. Some series books are good, but I don't purposefully choose them. Some authors are more prolific than others, so I have read more of their titles than others. When John Grisham first became a best-seller, I read several of his books. While I haven't read his books in a while, I think my next book will be one his newer ones."

Upham also said she generally reads books that have been made into movies.

"I see the movie advertised, but I don't always watch the movie. If I really enjoyed the book and the characters, I sometimes avoid the movie because its depiction of the book and the characters is different from mine," she said.



OFF AND RUNNING FOR 2012

It is interesting to see some of the goals, ideas or resolutions being advocated for 2012. Some are saying it is the year of losing weight, others exercise and others healthy eating just to mention a few. I used to hurriedly make a list of new years resolutions and really had no real intention of keeping them. But it is different now and I do not make many but I seriously consider the areas I need to improve in. One area I have been working on the past 6 months is trying to help my wife more in the kitchen and keeping more of my stuff put up or in place. We should not leave out our relationship to God. In that area my goal is to try and read the Bible through this year and especially reading it every day and that can be hard. I even have a little new testament in my pickup so if I get a few minutes I will read from it, (2 Timothy 3:16, Joshua 1:8). I need to pray more for myself, family and others, (John 15:7, Philippians 4:6&7). Faithfully attending worship services with my wife, (Hebrews 10:24&25). Very importantly, is trying to live in a way that brings honor to God, (1 Timothy 1:5). I might not do them all as well as I like but if I do one I am better off, (Philippians 3:1&4). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
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one in five members of the Texas House will not be coming back. Whether they are running for higher office (about half) or because they have had quite enough for now (the rest), almost 30 members of the 150-member House will not seek re-election. Couple that with the high number of freshmen elected in 2010, and you can bet that the next legislative session will have an abundance of inexperience.

What amounts to huge turnover in the state Senate is small by any other standard, with four of the 31 members saying they will not be back. The rest — and perhaps the new replacements — might see the most political fallout after the November elections. If Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst is elected to the U.S. Senate, the senators will elect his replacement from their own ranks in a process that is like a professional version of a race for student body president. Every candidate knows every voter, and everyone will know how everyone else voted.

In the uncertainty department, there is the primary election date. Will it be April 3, or will the federal courts take so long approving maps that the elections have to be pushed back again? Will Perry snatch victory from defeat, forcing that same state Senate to choose someone for the governor's office? Or will he come home, vanquished, to his current job?

And what if Dewhurst doesn't win his race? The promotions of any number of Texas politicians are built around an organization chart where one or both of those boxes is empty after November 2012.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

The consequences of lawmakers' roughly \$5.4 billion reduction in state financing to public education in 2011 will dominate 2012. The budget slashing has already galvanized more than half of the school districts in Texas into four different lawsuits against the state, which will wind up in court next fall.

In March, official numbers of how many and what types of employees were laid off by school districts will be released, just before the primaries — the first real indicator of the budget cuts' politi-

cal ramifications. Also in the spring, the state's approximately 350,000 ninth graders will be the first to take the end-of-course exams that are part of Texas' new standardized testing system.

Whether districts will be adequately prepared to meet the rigorous new standards — and whether that will affect graduation and dropout rates — could become a major driver of education policy in the 2013 legislative session.

HEALTH

The new year will determine how Texas proceeds with two contentious public health matters: family planning and the state's huge uninsured population.

The Obama administration has rejected Republican state lawmakers' efforts to block Planned Parenthood from participating in the Medicaid Women's Health Program, but has extended the program into March so the state can reconsider its options. Will the state simply end the program, which does not finance or perform abortions? Will the federal government back down? It's a game of who will blink first, with cancer screenings and birth control for some 130,000 low-income Texas women hanging in the balance.

How the U.S. Supreme Court rules on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act — the constitutionality of which Texas and 25 other states have challenged — will largely determine how the state tackles its more than 6 million uninsured residents. But whether Texas likes it or not, the path for reform may already be set, thanks to a five-year waiver the Obama administration just authorized for the state.

Now, starting in 2012, Texas will be able to move nearly a million more Medicaid patients into managed care without threatening billions of dollars in federal matching funds. In return, Texas will have to meet a bevy of federal requirements, including a demand that hospitals promote patient outcomes and partner with primary care providers in the community.

DROUGHT

From farmers to power plant operators to homeowners, everyone in Texas is wondering when the grueling 15-month drought will end. The answer, alas, is that no-

body knows.

Recent rain and snow have pushed state precipitation totals above the average for December, but this appears to be "a short-term aberration in an overall long-term dry pattern," Victor Murphy, a southern regional official with the National Weather Service, said in an email.

La Niña, the Pacific Ocean phenomenon blamed for the drought, has returned for a second consecutive winter and is currently showing weak to moderate strength, Murphy said. So federal forecasters are projecting below-normal rainfall through May. After that, it is anybody's guess, and Texans must hope that La Niña does not return for a third year.

The good news: As of Dec. 27, only 32 percent of the state is still in the worst drought stage, down from 88 percent in early October.

The bad: Just 0.01 percent of the state is not in any drought at all, in Northeast Texas near the Oklahoma border.

HIGHER EDUCATION

A year of upheaval in higher education raised many questions about the future of colleges and universities in Texas. Should professors at research universities readjust their priorities? Do current financing models create the wrong incentives for administrators? What is the role of regents?

The coming year will be a quest for answers.

Last spring, at the height of an intensely political debate over the productivity of Texas universities, the state Legislature established a new joint oversight committee on higher education. Three hearings have been held so far, and more are being planned for the months ahead.

Given the time and resources devoted to these high-profile discussions, expectations are high. Top-ranking university officials from around the state are asked to attend, even if they are not testifying.

The conclusions drawn by the committee, and any subsequent recommendations, will set the tone for higher education heading into the 2013 legislative session.

Do not expect the business community to sit by idly. After failing in 2011 to persuade legislators to switch the current university financing model, based entirely on the number of students enrolled, to one with more emphasis on the number of students who graduate, busi-

ness leaders have already begun mounting their campaign to make it happen in 2013.

IMMIGRATION

Relations along the Texas-Mexico border depend on the outcome of two elections, one at home and one abroad.

Some posit that if President Obama is re-elected, he may finally act on his 2008 campaign promise to fix the country's immigration system. He has called for this for years, but has simultaneously deported more illegal immigrants than any other president. Between Attorney General Eric Holder's recent visit to Texas and the U.S. Justice Department's crackdown on enforcement of Arizona's controversial immigration law — which Texas lawmakers continue to toy with — his administration appears to be working to counteract this reputation.

If a Republican wins the White House, will that president embrace more extreme measures on the border, including a more extensive fence, an infusion of American troops or intervention by the United States in the sovereign nation of Mexico?

Meanwhile, officials on both sides of the border think Mexico's fight against organized drug crime could hinge on that country's presidential election. President Felipe Calderón, of the PAN party, cannot run again in next summer's election, and his party has yet to determine who will vie for the seat.

The PRI, the opposition party that held power for 70 years, will most likely field the former governor of the state of Mexico, Enrique Peña Nieto, who has said he does not believe the military is the best tool to fight organized crime — there have been more than 42,000 murders nationwide in drug-related violence since late 2006.

The leftist PRD could run Andrés Manuel López Obrador, who lost to Calderón in 2006 in the country's closest presidential election in history.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE

In the wake of its latest high-profile exoneration, the Texas criminal justice community is grappling with the issue of prosecutorial misconduct.

Murder charges against Michael Morton have been officially dismissed, and he is now out of prison after 25 years, but the ramifications of his

case have just begun. His lawyers have asked a Texas court to launch an unprecedented inquiry into whether Ken Anderson, the prosecutor who secured Morton's conviction, ought to face criminal charges and professional discipline.

They allege that Anderson, who is now a state district judge, deliberately withheld evidence that could have resulted in Morton's acquittal in 1987. Instead, Morton was wrongfully convicted of his wife's murder and imprisoned until DNA results proved his innocence last summer.

Sid Harle, a Bexar County state district judge, has not decided whether to grant the hearing, and Anderson argues vigorously that he did nothing wrong during the Morton trial.

In addition to the courtroom action, the Innocence Project has asked lawmakers to conduct hearings to investigate whether Texas can adopt new laws to stiffen penalties for prosecutorial misconduct. State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, and chairman of the Innocence Project, said he is already working on recommendations for legislation that would help prevent wrongful convictions.

POVERTY

The "Texas Miracle," which Perry has credited with creating nearly half of the jobs in the national work force since mid-2009, may have dominated headlines in 2011, but heading into 2012 the state's job growth should look far more routine. Richard Fisher, president of the Dallas Federal Reserve, said Texas job growth was likely to remain at about 1.5 percent to 2 percent.

While the state gained 289,900 private-sector jobs in the last year, Texas' news is not all good. The state's unemployment rate hovered above 8 percent in 2011, while the rest of the nation improved, and the national unemployment rate dropped to 8.6 percent by November. According to the latest statistics from the Texas Workforce Commission, the state lost 63,900 public-sector jobs, largely as a result of lawmakers' budget cuts, and mostly in public education. Texas is only a few months into those cuts.

Poverty and food insecurity remain a problem. Four million Texans live below the federal poverty line, according to the U.S. Census. Medicaid enrollment is on the rise, too; more than 3.3 million Texans, including 2.5 million children, are enrolled.

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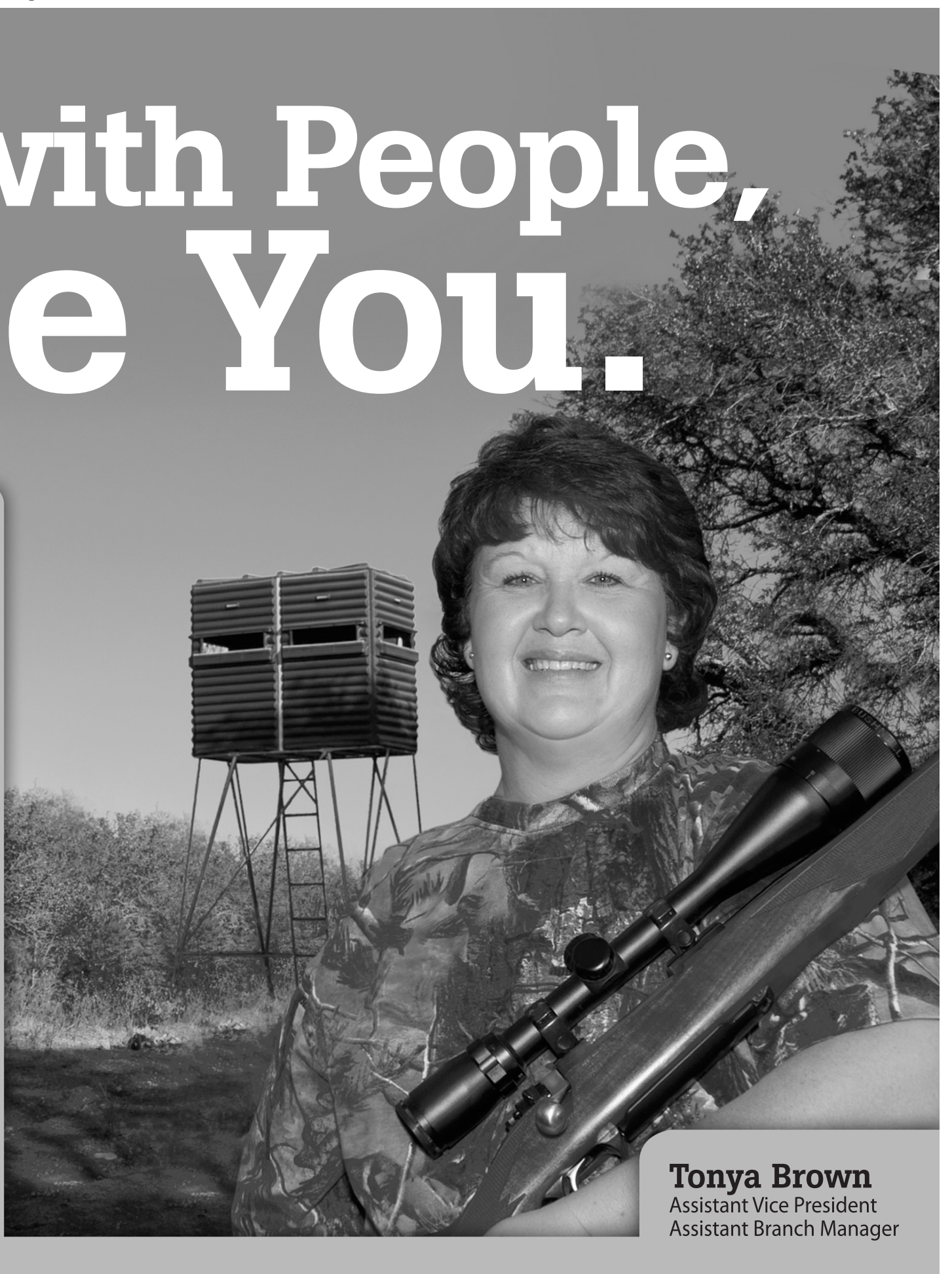


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Scoring: Ryan Mayfield 13; Jayton Rodriguez 7; Alejandro Mendez 2; Alex Borrego 3; Jerrod duBois 14 and Tres Perez 2.

The Lions won their second game, 52-51, over Reagan County.

Scoring: Mayfield 8; Rodriguez 3; Borrego 8; duBois 15; Noah Tambunga 2; Saul Vargas 2 and Glen Tinney 14.

The Lions lost 68-36 to Ballinger.

Scoring: Mayfield 11; Rodriguez 3; Kramer Hall 4; Borrego 3; duBois 5; Vargas 6 and Brandon DeHoyos 4.

Angelo State announces fall graduates

Angelo State University conferred degrees upon 438 students during the 2011 fall commencement exercises on Dec. 10 in San Angelo.

The 2011 fall graduates from Ozona are:

Briana L. Bollinger Clark received her bachelor of science degree, and Leanna K. Childress received her master of education degree.

Clark did her student teaching at Ozona Elementary School.

Childress is an eighth grade teacher at Ozona Middle School.



LAKIN AARON graduated from Tarleton State University with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics with a minor in animal science. Lakin is a graduate of Ozona High School.



OMS GIFTED AND TALENTED STUDENTS dressed as Greek Gods and Goddesses last month after studying Greek Mythology.

Another successful Toys for Tots

BY FRANK TAMBUNGA
CROCKETT COUNTY VETERANS

The Crockett County Veterans 9th annual Toys-for-Tots Campaign was a success.

We collected \$3,466.95 in donations and enough toys for each child on our list. All this was raised in less than six weeks. We spent a total of \$2,687.06 to purchase toys for all the applications received which were 38 families and 114 children ranging from 1 week to 18 years old.

Georgia Morrow and her helpers wrapped over 570 gifts. Then the great volunteers of the Ozona Fire Department, Crockett County EMS and Santa Claus delivered all these gifts Dec. 23. The fifth grade class donated canned goods which will go along with the Crockett County Veterans Toys for Tots \$500 donation to the Ozona Salvation Army so they can use to assist families in need with food.

Ozona and its citizens always come through for the Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army, and the Methodist Church Angel Tree Program. The care and support we receive for all these programs makes our community the best

place to live in. I give a Special Thanks to all of you and your support.

I would like to also say Thank You to the following people, organizations and business that helped in our 2011 Toys-for-Tots campaign.

Volunteers: Noah, and Irma Tambunga, Johnny Tambunga, Ruben, Christy, Thomas and Mia Cruz, Eddie Martin, Kevin Webb, Karen Webb, Lou Carson, Jordan DeLaRosa, Joe Bradford, Brian and Blake Morrow, Brooke Morrow, Grant Morrow, Ryan Mason, Paul Perner, Slate Williams and Georgia Morrow.

Organizations: Ozona Salvation Army, the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department. Mrs. duBois, and Mr. Ramon along with all the High School Students that helped at Dollar General, Ozona Elementary School Fifth Grade Teachers and Students.

Businesses and Individuals: OZONA STOCKMAN, KHOS/KYXX Radio-Dollar General and Employees of Ozona National Bank. All those individuals that made a money or toy donation.

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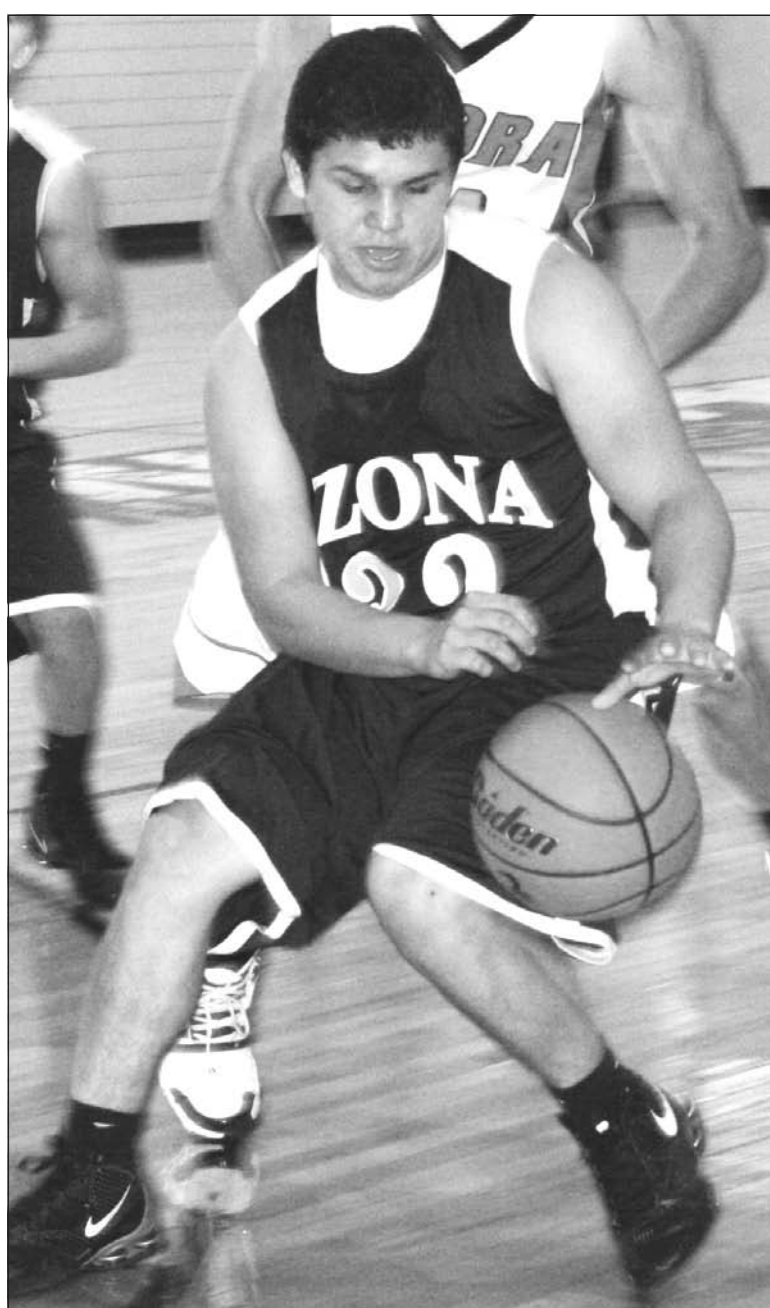
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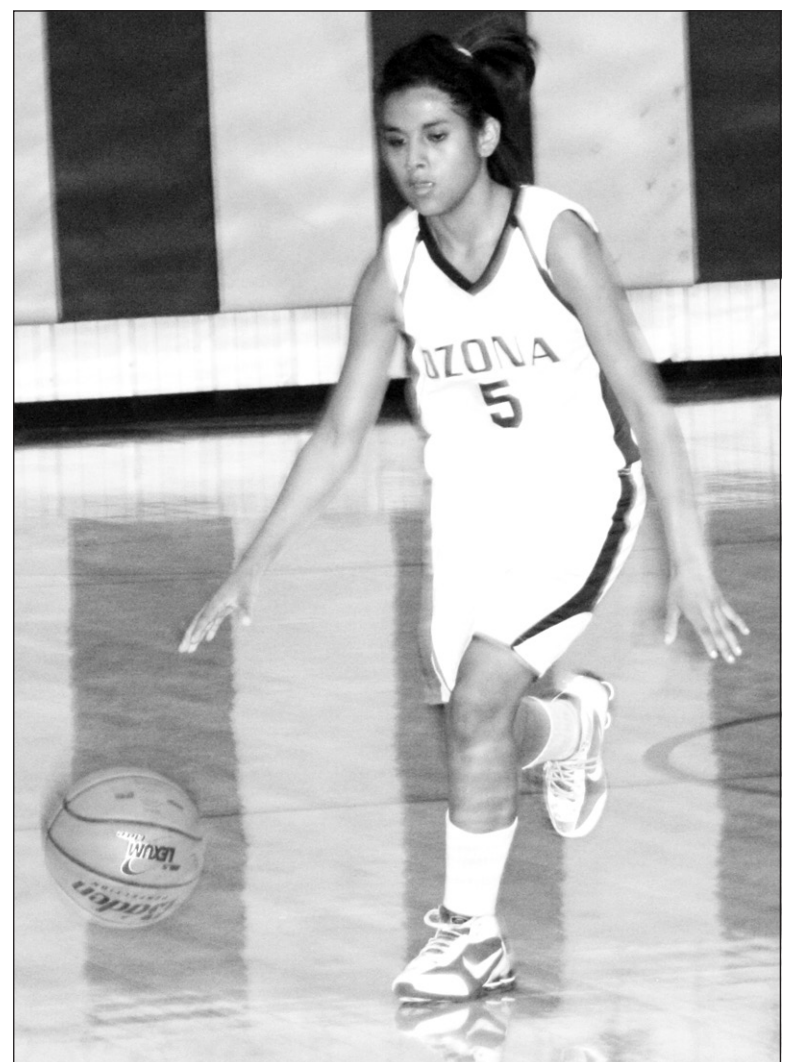
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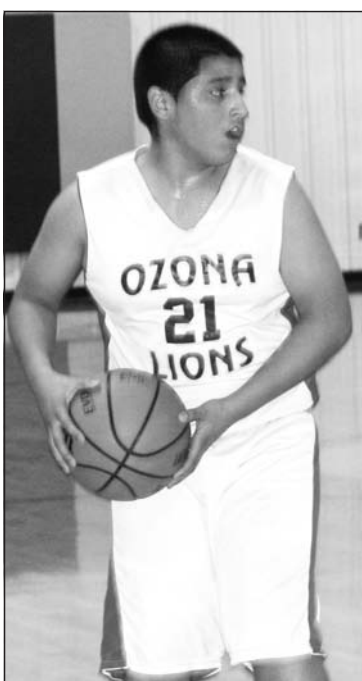
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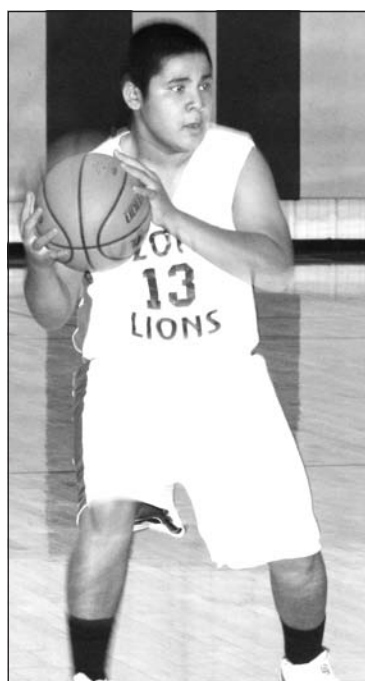
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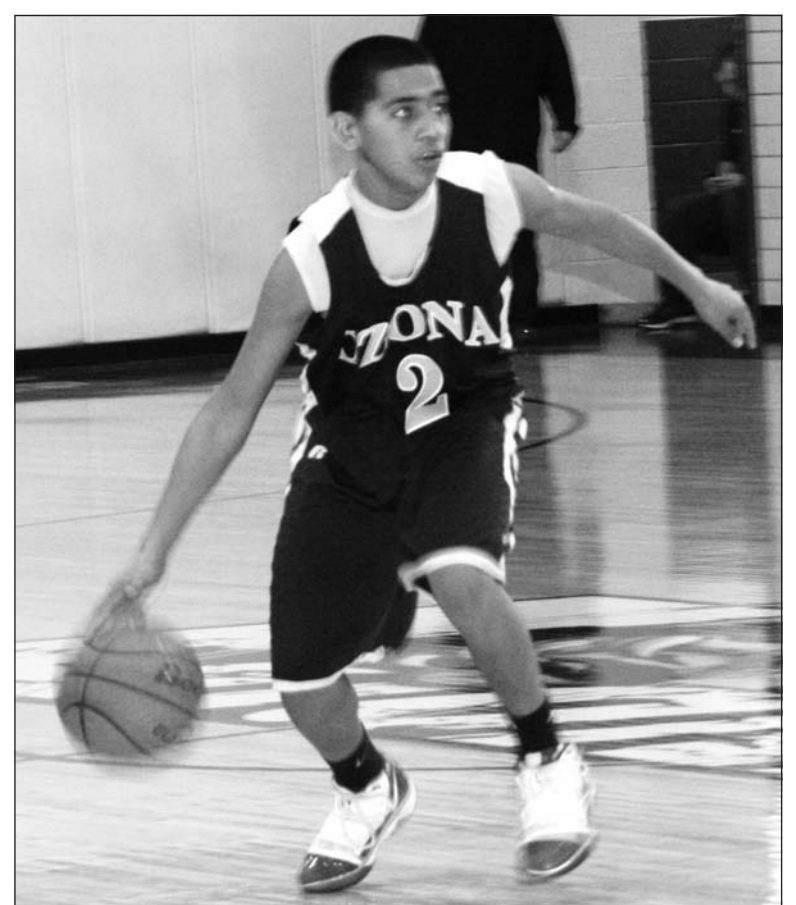
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As of December 30, 2011

PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
8500	Petrohawk Oper	University 45-6 #1 H	Patterson UtI #239	Assigned
5500	Fiml Natural Res	Maggie Moore #8k	Ringo Drilling I Lp #16	Drig Ahead
8100	Highmount E&P Tx	University 56-8 #2	Trinidad Drig #73	Run Casing
7200	Approach Operating	University 45c- #804 H	Nabors Drilling #714	Drig Ahead
7500	Page Oil & Gas Llc	Bouscaren-25- #1	Basic Energy Svc #40	Drig Ahead
9000	Approach Operating	University 42-14 #14	Ringo Drilling I Lp #17	Drig Ahead
9000	Enerveest Oper Llc	CT Harris #1 H	Nabors Drilling #M19	Drig Ahead

PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
14000	Apache Corp	Scott-Sugg-5051- #1 H	Union Drilling Texas #223	Rigging Up
6800	Eog Resources	University-43a- #806 H	Cactus Drilling #183	Drig Ahead
9500	Fiml Natural Res	Mallard-A- #3031 J	Felderhoff Bros #19	Drig Ahead
6600	Eog Resources	University-40- #1310 H	Cactus Drilling #102	Drig Ahead
6800	Strand Energy, Lc	Hamilton #10	Heart Land Drilling #4	Drig Ahead
7000	Three Rivers Op	Sugg-5e- #10	Ringo Drilling I Lp #9	Drig Ahead
9500	Fiml Natural Res	Antelope Draw-A- #107a	Patterson UtI #721	Drig Ahead
9500	Fiml Natural Res	Rocker-Ba- #187d	Felderhoff Bros #2	At LD.
8000	Exco Res	Sugg Farmar -9- #11	Heart Land Drilling #5	Drig Ahead
8500	Three Rivers Op	Pflugger -M- #301	Ringo Drilling I Lp #2	Circulate

PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
10500	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Sugg-A- #1571 H	Patterson UtI #118	Drig Ahead
10500	Laredo Petro-Dallas	E Jost Oil Unit -A- #15d	Union Drilling Texas #206	Drig Ahead
10100	Devon Energy	University 10-21 #1	Patterson UtI #49	Drig Ahead
11000	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Srh-B- #7f	Union Drilling Texas #215	Drig Ahead
10900	Pioneer Natural	Watkins -1294- #3	Patterson UtI #73	Drig Ahead
12900	El Paso E&P	Company University 9-1 #2 H	Precision Drilling #93	Drig Ahead
12000	Prime Operating	Watkins #7	Patterson UtI #169	Drig Ahead
10000	Kindee Oil & Gas Tx	Srh-D- #9e	Union Drilling Texas #226	Drig Ahead
12000	Endeavor Energy Res	Haby-C- #5	Big Dog Drilling #4	Drig Ahead
10700	Pioneer Natural	University 2-22 #5	Sendero Drilling Co #16	Drig Ahead
12000	Endeavor Energy Res	Ricker-B- Enron #3	Big Dog Drilling #5	Drig Ahead
12000	Parsley Energy	Jameson-50- #8	Mattlock Drilling #4	Drig Ahead
10100	Pioneer Natural	Hulet-104- #4	Lariat Services #28	As Direct
10900	Pioneer Natural	University 2-28 #6	Patterson UtI #151	Drig Ahead
12900	El Paso E&P Company	University 10-20 #4 H	Patterson UtI #19	Drig Ahead
10700	Mariner Energy	Srh-13- #1322	Oryan Drilling Llc #5	Logging
15500	Pioneer Natural	University 10-20 #4 H	Nabors Drilling #M55	Drig Ahead
7600	Conocophillips	University Cp-7- #1902 H	Nabors Drilling #M14	Drig Ahead

PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
10700	Highmount E&P Tx	Marigliano Unit #1401 H	Patterson UtI #161	Drig Ahead
9000	Approach Operating	University 56-6 #1	Nabors Drilling #709	Drig Ahead

PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
12330	Highmount E&P Tx	H E Glasscock Et Al #285 H	Nabors Drilling #M28	Drig Ahead

DSHS combats rabies with aerial vaccine drop

The Texas Department of State Health Services this week begins its annual airdrop of rabies vaccine baits over portions of southern and western Texas. Planes will take off from airports in Zapata and Alpine around dawn Wednesday, Jan. 4 and from Del Rio on Thursday, Jan. 12. They will drop about 1.8 million doses of rabies vaccine over the next month.

The vaccine dose is enclosed in a small packet dipped in fish oil and coated with fish meal crumbs. The baits don't pose any risk to humans, but people should avoid handling them since human contact makes it less likely a wild animal will eat the baits. DSHS urges everyone to have their pets vaccinated against rabies, as required by law.

ESCAPE: from page 1

Rio News Herald, Trevino had been arrested by Val Verde County Sheriff's Office deputies on Dec. 23 and transferred to Sutton County, where he was wanted for stealing a car, Val Verde County Sheriff Joe Frank Martinez said Monday afternoon. He is not considered

dangerous. Sutton County Sheriff Joe Fincher said that law enforcement officials are not activity pursuing Trevino at this time. Local and area law enforcement officials did conduct a manhunt Monday, but that has been called off. Anyone with any information, or if Trevino is seen, call 9-1-1 or the Sutton County's Sheriff Office at 387-2288.

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Had this regulation been implemented, ranchers could have been fined for working in dusty environments. Ranchers could have been subject to expensive and burdensome compliance costs such as having to implement dust suppression practices on their ranch. Fines for noncompliance were estimated to reach up to \$37,500 per day.

will not only add additional exports for Texas beef, but they will help speed up our industry's recovery from this unprecedented drought. When ranchers do see relief there will be a hungry market overseas eager for Texas beef.

FREE TRADE AGREEMENTS PASSED

TSCRA worked to ensure passage of the long-stalled free trade agreements (FTA) with Panama, Colombia and South Korea. Passage of these FTAs will increase U.S. beef exports by an estimated \$3 billion at a time when Texas beef producers need it most. According to the U.S. International Trade Commission, the implementation of these 3 FTAs will increase all U.S. exports by at least \$13 billion and add \$10 billion to the U.S. Gross Domestic Product. Additionally, exports of U.S. goods generate more than 8,000 U.S. jobs for every billion dollars shipped overseas. Passage of these agreements

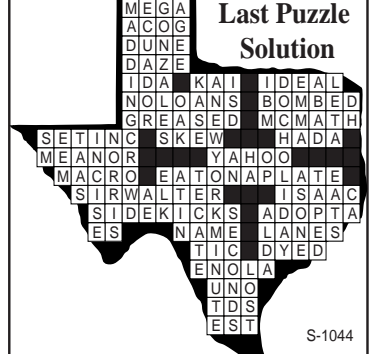
REMAINING TRANS-TEXAS CORRIDOR PROVISIONS REPEALED

TSCRA worked with the state house and senate to repeal all remaining provisions of the Trans-Texas Corridor, solidifying the end of the proposal.

BURDENSOME CDL REQUIREMENTS STOPPED

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) was considering a proposal that would have required tractors and loaded stock trailers weighing 26,000 pounds or more to obtain a commercial driver's license (CDL), but TSCRA was able to stop this from happening. This proposal had the potential to severely harm the Texas cattle industry, especially during times of natural disasters such as drought and wildfires. It was a good year on the legislative and regulatory front, but there is still work to be done in 2012. Thanks to each and every TSCRA member, ranchers and landowner who called their elected officials, wrote letters and emails, and made visits to the Capitol. Your contributions paid off tremendously

JOE PARKER JR. is a third generation rancher from Clay County, Texas. He is president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. He is also chairman of the board and president of the First National Bank of Byers.



FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

DEC. 28
•5:25 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident nine miles west of State Highway 137 on US Highway 190. One vehicle rollover, assist EMS and worked traffic. Met Airmed1 and set up landing zone. Four units, six firefighters, Iraan FD and EMS and four firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 17 minutes.

with two firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 6 minutes.
•8:27 p.m. - Truck/trailer fire, rear wheels and decking 10 miles east of State Highway 163 on US Highway 190. Four units, 10 firefighters, Barnhart two units and two firefighters, Eldorado unit with four firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 38 minutes

DEC. 29
•11:06 a.m. - Grass fire at I-10 mile-marker 380.5. One acre. Three units, seven firefighters, Sonora unit

JAN. 1
•12:42 a.m. - Illegal burn, Crockett Heights area. Three units, four firefighters. Time in service 16 minutes.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

12/19/2011
•911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center
•911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center
12/20/2011
•911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center

12/23/2011
•911 call - Transport and treatment Family Health Clinic
•911 call - No treatment, no transport
12/24/2011
•911 call - Transport and treatment San Angelo Community Med Ctr

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS
•Manuel Vargas Villarreal IV, Ozona, evading arrest/detention, felony, \$5,000 PR Bond.
•Joel Ortiz, Ozona, assault family violence, misdemeanor, \$5,000.
•Alex Ochoa, Killeen, driving while intoxicated, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

•Juan Chavez, Ozona, duty on striking fixture on highway landscape, misdemeanor, \$2,000; resisting arrest, misdemeanor, \$5,000; minor in consumption, misdemeanor, \$265.
•Nora Perez Briones, Ozona, assault Class C, misdemeanor, \$1,100.

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exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the appraised value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran. State Comptroller Susan Combs said the surviving spouses would have to apply for the tax exemption through their county appraisal district.

and Congressional redistricting maps are discriminatory and in violation of the Voting Rights Act. It was the latest in a series of legal briefs by interested parties in the redistricting case, Perry, et al. v. Perez, et al. On Jan. 9, the high court will hear arguments on merits from the plaintiffs and defendants.

REDISTRICTING LEGAL BRIEF POSTED

TREE DEATH COUNT IS ESTIMATED

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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, that outdoor burning is restricted in Crockett County for 30 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting or agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the and/or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times. In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

ADOPTED this the 12th day of December, 2011.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court

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