



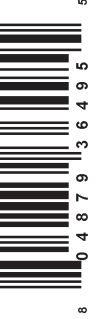
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Santa Letters due Friday

Santa's making a list and checking it twice, so The Ozona Stockman wants to help him by publishing letters from the children of Ozona.

All letters are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 5, at the Stockman office located at 1000 Avenue E.

These letters will then be published in the Dec. 24 edition.

Anyone interested in advertising in our Santa Letters Special Section can reserve their space as well.

For more information, call Melissa Perner, editor and publisher, at 392-2551 or e-mail publisher@ozonastockman.com.

For more information on advertising, call Susan Calloway, advertising director, at 392-2551 or susan@ozonastockman.com.

Singing on the square tonight

The Ozona Band Boosters will host Singing on the Square at 6 p.m. tonight (Dec. 3) at the town square gazebo.

Children from Ozona Head Start, Del's Little Schoolhouse and the OES Pre-K will perform, along with the OHS Band.

Hot chocolate will be sold. Santa Claus will also make an appearance.

The band boosters are also "selling" trees in the town square. The tree trunks will be wrapped with lights. Cost is \$50 per tree.

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Super Saturday in Ozona

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Super Saturday in Ozona will take place Saturday, Dec. 6, with three festive events.

The day begins with Ozona Woman's League presenting Breakfast with Santa from 10 a.m. to noon at the Civic Center.

Tickets are \$10 for children and \$5 adult. They are available from any league member, or at Ozona Mercantile.

The event includes breakfast with Santa, making an ornament for the Christmas tree and taking photos with Santa.

There will also be a collection box set up for Toys for Tots. Proceeds will benefit the League scholarship fund and other community organizations.

At 2 p.m., the Crockett County Museum will host their annual Wool and Mohair Style Show featuring Dolores' Unique Designs at the Crockett County Senior Center.

This year's Guest of Honor will be Miss Southwest Texas Megan Prather.

A stylish wool and mohair jacket will be given away at the event. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for 12. They are available at the museum.

Lots of other prizes will be given away during the show.

In 1990, Dolores Vernor founded Dolores' Unique Designs in Camp Wood, Texas after discovering mohair.

She has designed jackets for former First Lady and former U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, former U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, and former late Texas Governor Ann Richards.

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Schedule of Events for Dec. 6:



- 10 a.m.-Noon at the Crockett County Civic Center. Tickets: \$10 for children; \$5 for adults. Tickets available from any league member or at Ozona Mercantile.



WOOL & MOHAIR STYLE SHOW

- 2 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center. Tickets are \$1 each or \$10 for 12 tickets to win the stylish wool and mohair jackets by Dolores of Dolores' Unique Designs. Tickets available the Crockett County Museum. Lots of other prizes to be given. All proceeds benefit the museum.



27TH ANNUAL DEERFEST

- 5:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center. Prize tickets are \$1 each and available at Wool Growers, Triple C Hardware & Lumber and Ozona Chamber of Commerce. High Roller Tickets are available. General Admission \$10 (includes meal), 10 percent of admission proceeds will benefit the West Texas Rehab of Ozona. More than 80 guns, \$10,000 in Cabela's gift cards, a 2014 4x4 Jeep Wrangler, free kid drawing for BB guns, gun safe drawing and auction, Yeti Cooler sale and numerous other prizes.

For more information, visit www.deerfest.org or follow them on Facebook.

Seventeen Lions named All-District



DANIEL "BONO" LOMBRANA
District MVP



JAYTON RODRIGUEZ
First Team Quarterback



AIDEN FIERRO
First Team Wide Receiver



RICKY PORRAS
First Team Running Back
Second Team Inside Linebacker



RYAN PORRAS
First Team Running Back
Second Team Secondary



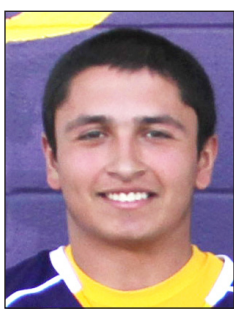
ZACK TAYLOR
First Team Offensive Line
Academic All-District



MICHAEL GRAHAM
First Team Offensive Line
Second Team Defensive Line



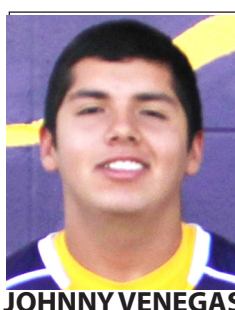
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First Team Tight End



JOHN JURADO
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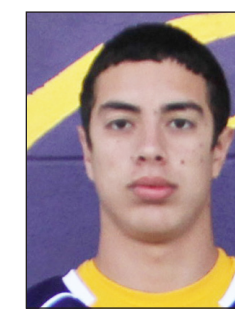
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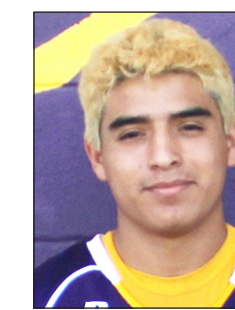
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First Team Defensive End/
Outside Linebacker
Second Team Offensive Line



KALEN PEREZ
First Team Inside Linebacker
Second Team Secondary



BRUCE GUTIERREZ
First Team Secondary
Academic All-District



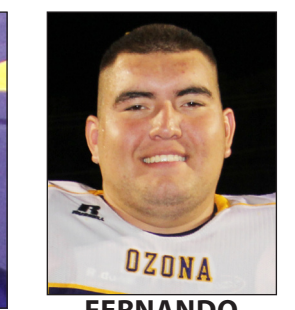
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Second Team Wide Receiver & Secondary



TOMMY FAY
Second Team Running Back



CHASE DEHOYOS
Second Team Offensive Line



FERNANDO SIFUENTES
Honorable Mention Defensive Line

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5 P.M. TUESDAY IN ROCKSPRINGS

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APHIS rule proposal could devastate American Cattle Herd

On August 29, 2014, the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), published a rule proposal in the federal register that would allow the importation of live cattle and fresh or frozen beef from Northern Argentina.

APHIS would accomplish this by adding the Patagonia areas of Argentina to the list of regions considered free of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD).

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TS-CRA) is deeply concerned with

this proposal. FMD is a severe and highly contagious viral disease of cows, pigs, sheep, goats, deer and other animals with divided hooves. It is considered to be one of the most economically devastating livestock diseases in the world and



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PETE BONDS

poses a significant risk to not only our country's cattle herd, but also our national food security. FMD could also cost our industry hundreds of millions of dollars.

I am extremely worried if FMD comes into the cattle herds, especially in Texas with the high population of feral hogs, we could see an unstoppable outbreak of the disease. Pigs are more susceptible to the disease than cattle, and with feral hogs being a problem in most of the state, the disease could spread throughout the country.

Also, if an FMD outbreak were

to occur in the U.S., I am afraid we wouldn't have the ability or amount of vaccine needed to control the disease.

APHIS conducted their risk analysis based on a series of site visits to Argentina to determine the FMD risk status. TS-CRA and other cattle industry groups requested written reports for these visits; however, APHIS informed us that written documentation wasn't required for their site reviews. The lack of documentation makes me question their transparency and ability to conduct an accurate and thorough review.

A third party scientific review team from the University of Minnesota (UMN), College of Veterinary Medicine, objectively reviewed the APHIS risk analysis. The review team acknowledged limited or lacking methodological approaches in performing the risk assessment and poorly defined scope regarding the specific animal types and products for the risk assessment. There was also a lack of sufficient detail for geographical landmarks outlining the Patagonia region in the risk analysis and maps lacking the necessary level of detail to be useful.

APHIS believes the export region in northern Argentina is FMD free because the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) recognizes the region as "FMD free with vaccination being practiced."

However, I disagree. In fact, the U.S. doesn't recognize northern Argentina as being FMD free, because vaccination against FMD is currently taking place in the export region.

Additionally, northern Argentina's extensive border exposure to multiple countries, such

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Just follow the bouncing ball

Time was, when urged to "follow the bouncing ball," we did so willingly. Hopping from syllable to syllable, the ball was helpful as we sang along - or maybe just hummed - during cartoons at Saturday movie matinees. And didn't we willingly "sing along with Mitch" (Miller) on his weekly TV show?

Lately, though, the general population has opted to say "phooey" to bouncing balls - essentially the same response as for many other rules, laws or requests.

Who among us has not ripped off the mattress labels warning us not to? Never mind they are meant to protect consumers.

There's little doubt but that a subtle change at Costco introduced recently is intended to make things more orderly, enhance the shopping experience and expedite service. They've painted yellow lines leading to the "place order" points in the food court. The lines outline a lane, like at airports, but without ropes. It has just one turn and is probably no more than 50 feet in length.

If we followed the lane "suggestion," all would be better served - far better, say, than joining the throng or even "taking a number."

Customers could more easily make their exit without becoming entangled with the food court crowd. But not! There mostly to eat and drink, we'll behave as we always have - lining up behind others to place orders - perpendicular to the recommended lane. I studied the scene for a full hour; invariably, patrons are missing the suggested route by, oh, 180 degrees. (Folks hungering or thirsting for something more tangible than righteousness don't simply "fall in line" just because lanes suggest it.)

During a recent visit, I was second in line. I asked the fellow in front of me why we weren't in the suggested lane. He was flabbergasted, sputtering that he had never noticed the lane. Then, he hopped right in it, as did I.

I correctly guessed him to be John Giordano, conductor of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra for almost three decades, an internationally-known musical icon recently retired from the faculty at Texas Christian University. He has a string of degrees and has appeared in numerous concert halls throughout the world as conductor, composer or saxophonist. For more than a half century, members of orchestras have fol-



IDLE AMERICAN

DON NEWBURY

lowed every move of his baton. They still do in Corpus Christi, where he is music director of the symphony orchestra. Seems to me they've followed his "direction" to a

"T"-readily obeying Giordano's magical baton.

"Now, the 'shoe's on the other foot," he laughed. "It's pretty evident that I can't even follow directions to order a hot dog."

At the recent Howard Payne University homecoming in Brownwood, Dr. and Mrs. Ray Ellis, alumni of Howard Payne where son Bill is president, were parade grand marshals. Oh, they didn't have to give directions. Drivers of parade vehicles knew they were to trail the lead car occupied by Ray and Nancy - husband and wife for 66 years. They'd be waving to onlookers on the parade route.

If directions had been needed, however, Mrs. Ellis would have given them. At the homecoming banquet, she mentioned the names of six members of the immediate family who have doctoral degrees.

Most of them are associated with Hardin-Simmons University, where Ray was a longtime faculty member and administrator. Mrs. Ellis - a reading specialist with a master's degree - said she's been asked numerous times about her not pursuing a doctorate. Her answer: "There has to be someone in the family who can find the car keys."

Before the session on "following directions" ends, perhaps an admission is due.

I solemnly promised to help Brenda prepare food-stuff for Thanksgiving. On the very first recipe, I asked, "How do I boil the water?"

Her directive was sharp. "I'll handle the kitchen," she said. "You go into the den, spread out newspapers on the floor, sit down and shell pecans. And when you're through, trash the papers and vacuum the area thoroughly." When she left the room, I hurriedly made some vacuum cleaner tracks - proof that I'd been there.

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Off, And Running

Cow racing started off innocently enough.

We were just a bit overstocked on the ranch so it was only natural that every time the cattle saw the hay truck they would run to greet it. And since man by nature is a gaming animal, it was only natural that my wife and I would bet on the outcome of these mad dashes by half starved bovine sprinters. It took some of the drudgery out of feeding.

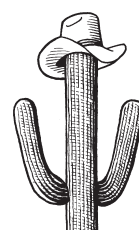
"I'll bet five dollars on Sore Foot to win, place or show up," I told my wife. Sore Foot was thin and emaciated like all good running Greyhounds.

My wife, the bookie, took the bet. She suggested another wager. "I'll bet you that our old Hereford cow will reach the truck first. If I win, I get to drive the truck and you have to feed."

"That's a bet," I eagerly agreed. After all, my wife's pick, the oldest cow in the herd, was racing with blinkers... two pinkeye patches.

My five dollar bet returned four dollars for Sore Foot's third place showing. It turned out that cow racing was just like the cow business. Spend five, win four. The old Hereford cow came in first going away and my wife really rubbed it in by driving too fast and then rapidly applying the break to see if I could stay on top of the hay.

At this point my wife became a cow



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LEE PITTS

20:1 and my wife called the race. "The cow's are at the gate. Here's the truck horn and they are off. Timeto Thinkrich is in the lead followed by Woman O'Ware in second. Go Girl Go is next followed closely by Secretary." (Needless to say, my wife names almost all our cows.) "Foolish Pleasure rounds out the field," she continued. Foolish Pleasure was Sore Foot's new name and for some strange reason, I bet on her again. In a photo finish my wife won the daily double. The old Hereford cow finished first and her newborn calf came in second. My wife stood proudly in the winner's circle.

It was at this point that I became a professional racing cow trainer. I had a good two year old running heifer in my stable

racing addict. All she wanted to do was feed cows. In the second race she again bet on the old Hereford cow who she now called Timeto Thinkrich. I bet my gloves she wouldn't win. I had inside information this time. The old cow had given birth to a calf the day before and I knew she wouldn't leave the new calf for a flake of hay.

The cow went off at the race. "I'll bet you that our old Hereford cow will reach the truck first. If I win, I get to drive the truck and you have to feed."

At this point my wife became a cow

that I called Buck Passer. I called her that because she was good at transferring property. I fed her extra feed to get her in better running shape but the racing steward, who was also my bookie and my wife, tried to disqualify her for having traces of LA 200 in her blood.

I trained Buck Passer with heel flies. Race day was cold and dreary and it would be a muddy track. I bet all my money and my good woolen shirt on Buck Passer to win. She went off at even money.

My wife again called the race. As the old Hereford cow crossed the finish line my wife looked through her opera glasses and informed me that Buck Passer was engaged in sexual activity with the neighbor's bull. She was not running. Buck Passer had taken me for a ride.

Love and racing simply do not mix. When my wife won she got all the money, but when she lost she still somehow ended up with all the money but in addition she got mad and wouldn't speak to me. So I'd say the overall results were both good and bad.

The only thing I'd learned from my cow racing experience was that when I bet on the races I lost everything I brought with me. If my wife keeps taking my money maybe I'll take her with me to the hog races next summer at the county fair.

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Suspected shooter dies in confrontation with police officer

AUSTIN — Police responded to reports of gunfire in the capital city's downtown area around 2 a.m. on Nov. 28.

An estimated 100 shots were fired in about 10 minutes, hitting buildings including the Mexican consulate, police headquarters and the federal court building. No pedestrians, motorists or building occupants were reported injured in the incident.

An armed suspect identified as Larry Steven McQuilliams, 49, of Austin, was shot and killed when he was confronted by an Austin police officer near police headquarters. Bomb squad officers searched McQuilliams' parked vehicle and found small propane tanks of a kind the suspect may have used in a failed attempt to set the consulate building afire.

PERRY EXTENDS PROCLAMATION

Gov. Rick Perry on Nov. 24 announced the renewal of the emergency disaster proclama-

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

tion he originally signed in July 2011, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas.

This month, the proclamation applies to 92 of the state's 254 counties. In contrast, the proclamation applied to 98 specified counties in the month of October. The drought proclamation directs that "all necessary measures, both public and private" as authorized by state law "be implemented to meet that threat" and "all rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster."

NOTED PUBLIC SERVANT DIES

Former state Sen. Ray Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, died Nov. 20 at his home in Austin. Farabee, 81, served as a

member of the Texas Senate from 1975 to 1988. He resigned from office in 1988 to accept a position as general counsel for the University of Texas System. His son David Farabee, D-Wichita Falls, served as a state representative from 1999 to 2011.

A Dec. 5 memorial is scheduled in the state Capitol Senate Chamber burial will be in the Texas State Cemetery on Dec. 6.

ILLEGAL FISHING IS TARGETED

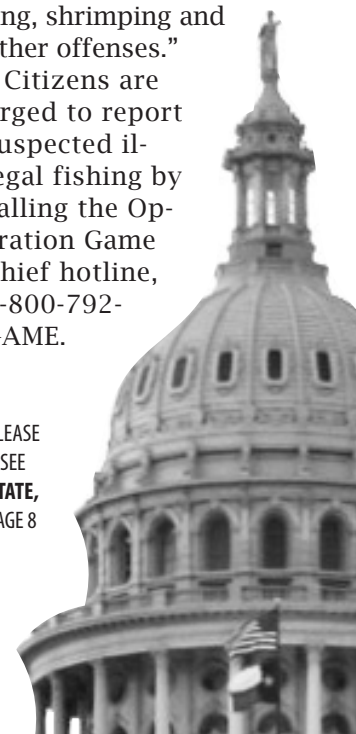
Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Nov. 21 announced its Law Enforcement Division and the U.S. Coast Guard are distributing a wanted poster seeking any information related to illegal fishing activities along the Texas-Mexico border.

According to the announcement, "both agencies are in-

vestigating multiple cases of Texas and federal conservation law violations, including illegal long lining, gill netting, crabbing, hoop netting, shrimping and other offenses."

Citizens are urged to report suspected illegal fishing by calling the Operation Game Thief hotline, 1-800-792-GAME.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Business of the Month: Ed Collett & Son Gun & Machine Shop

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Ed Collett & Son Gun & Machine Shop as our business of the month.

It all started with the first gun he built in fifth grade. "Well, my dad was trying to build a gun. So that I wouldn't be in his way, he had me build my own."

Will Collett is a 1971 graduate of Ozona High School. "After high school I played college basketball for a year for Ranger Junior College. I came home and worked out in the oilfield for awhile. It was then my dad and I had a sit down! I wanted to be jeweler. My dad was a home hobbyist who liked to build guns. He told me if I went to school to build guns, he would give me a gun shop."

Will completed a two year program at the Colorado School of Trades where he received his certification in professional Gunsmithing. "It is one of only two real gunsmith schools in the nation," said Will. "The program is still offered today, and gunsmiths are still in demand."

"My mom bought the building that used to house Small Fashions. Before that it was Paskal Drug Store. It was a two story building and the upstairs was vacant for a long time. I came back to Ozona after trade school, and I taught my dad how to be a gunsmith. We worked out of a shop at the house for two years. I was thinking when I came back from school that I would just walk in and be a gun shop owner! Instead, my dad took me up to the vacant portion of the building my mom had purchased, and said here you go! Before I knew it, I was co-signing on a note for \$3,900. I put the shop together and opened it in 1976 as Will's Gun Shop. After dad retired, he came over and worked in the shop for me. We decided to give the shop a more traditional name thinking it would bring more customers, and it did. We changed the name to Ed Collett & Son Gun & Machine Shop. Dad supported me in everything I did and worked with me for 20 years."

Ed Collett & Son Gun & Machine Shop buys, sells and trades guns that are legal. They also buy, sell and trade ammunition for obsolete weapons. Will builds all types of guns. "My favor-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

OWNER OF ED COLLETT & SON GUN & MACHINE SHOP, WILL COLLETT shows off the first gun (top) he built in fifth grade (single shot, bolt action, .22 rifle), and the gun he later built in Gunsmith School (single shot bolt action hand gun).

ite is a single shot revolver, and my specialty is "trickin out" the gun with a nice design. I don't engrave for the public anymore, but I enjoy it." The shop specializes in custom gun making. "The difference between buying a gun somewhere else and my shop is, if you have a problem with the gun, I can fix it here rather than sending it back to the manufacturer. If I am not voiding your warranty in any way, I'll fix it. You can also order a gun from out of state and have it delivered to the shop for pick-up"

Owner of Ed Collett & Son Gun & Machine Shop, Will Collett shows off the first gun (top) he built in fifth grade (single shot, bolt action, .22 rifle), and the gun he later built in Gunsmith School (single shot bolt action hand gun).

Also at the shop is a large inventory of knives, swords, helmets, guns and rifles. Theme helmets and accessories from Lord of the Rings, Spartan, Spartacus, weapons from Persia-Sands of Time, axes, hatchets, gift items in the form of lighters or lanterns, big bang cannons, targets for shooting

and more. "Anything related to hunting with the exception of clothing," said Will.

"I was told many years ago that a business like this would not survive in a town with a population of less than 100,000. I would say that fifty percent of my customers are local, most of which bring their guns in for repair. The other fifty percent are from out of town. I have repaired granddad's gun, his son's, and now I am seeing the grandkids. I really appreciate the local support and their doing business with me. I would just say, if you can afford it, try and buy local. We're losing the small mom and pop shops and that personal service."

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Ed Collett & Son Gun & Machine Shop for their continued effort to provide quality service and for being an asset to the local business community.

Ed Collett & Son Gun & Machine Shop is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information, call Will Collett at (325) 226-5188.

Flu Shots Thursday

The Texas Department of Health will give flu shots from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the Civic Center.

Eligibility criteria:
• children six months-18 years - Medicaid, American Indian or Alaskan Native, no insurance, or health insurance does not include vaccines.
• Adults 19 years and older - no insurance.

If you have insurance with vaccination coverage, and Medicare and Adult Medicaid patients see your primary care provider.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 3 - Diana Lewis, Randy Kennedy, Ianaa Hernandez, Chelsey Najar, Angelo Vitela, Kelli DeHoyos and Petra Hernandez

Dec. 4 - Jackie Rose Sanchez, Joe Sanchez, Samuel Maskill, Kayla Scott, Levi Bishop, Natalie Hernandez, Casey Mendoza and Rocky Munoz

Dec. 5 - Susan Williams, Amber Lewis, Roman Tambunga, Melissa Glosson and Megan McDaniel Higgins

Dec. 6 - Eddie Moore, Kyle Dean, Matt McGuire, Candace Gandar, Miguel Hernandez, Connie Arredondo, Vince Castro Jackie Sanchez, Joe Sanchez and Andrea Borrego

Dec. 7 - Danny Monzingo, Michael Little, Ricky Ortega, Kaleta Shepperson, Martin Childress, Laney Galindo, Lupe Cervantez, Rachel Mendoza, Ken Sessom, Jose Aguilar, Mike Little, Mikey Burleson and Erik Carrizales

Dec. 8 - Lissa Galindo Benson, Deyanira Hernandez, Fernando Garza, Ella Clegg, Joe Brandon Ortiz, Amanda Ramirez, Alma Longoria and Jimmy Tambunga

Dec. 9 - Mary Helen Albers, Artemio Hernandez Sr., Jeremiah Armando Ramirez, Sierra Stokes, Terry Adams, Cade Clark, Margaret Coates, Jeremiah Sanchez and Ida Perez

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 3

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group Arise study in Spanish, 5 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Band Boosters Singing in the Square, 6 p.m. at the town square.

Thursday, Dec. 4

- JV Lions and Lady Lions at the Grape Creek JV Tournament.
- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Flu Shots, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Movies, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Forsan, 4 p.m. at Forsan.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, Dec. 5

- JV Lions and Lady Lions at the Grape Creek JV Tournament.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Saturday, Dec. 6

- JV Lions and Lady Lions at the Grape Creek JV Tournament.
- Breakfast with Santa, 10 a.m.-noon at the Civic Center.
- Wool and Mohair Style Show, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County DeerFest, 5:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

Monday, Dec. 8

- OHS Band All-Region Tryouts at Midland Greenwood.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Iraan, 5 p.m. at the OHS and OMS Gyms.
- OHS One Act Play rehearsal, 7 p.m. at the high school.

Tuesday, Dec. 9

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Retirement reception for Debbie Puckett, 10 a.m. at the district courtroom.
- Advent Luncheon, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Crafts, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions and Lady Lions vs. Rocksprings, 5 p.m. at the Rocksprings.
- County Employee Appreciation Banquet, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Wednesday, Dec. 10

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group Arise study in Spanish, 5 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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Come Meet our Guest of Honor
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All proceeds will go to the Crockett County Museum.

RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE in the Crockett County Museum, at 408 11th Street in Ozona. for this Light Blue Wool & Mohair Bolero Jacket with Angora Fringed Collar designed by Dolores Vernor of Dolores' Unique Designs. Tickets may also be purchased from any Museum Board Member



Just in!
Santa is coming to Ozona!
Ozona Woman's League Presents...
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Santa's coming and he's bringing his wonderful elves!
Come have breakfast with Santa, see his Workshop, help the elves make an ornament for your tree, take a picture with Santa and send your Wish List straight to the North Pole! He promises to answer every one!

December 6, 2014 10 a.m. to noon
at Santa's Workshop
(Civic Center across from Lion Stadium)
Tickets: \$10/child & \$5/adult
(tickets are available from any league member, Ozona Mercantile or at the door)

Every child must be accompanied by an adult.

We are also collecting Toys for Tots Donations!

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the elderly.

If you have some time, or need some community service for school, come by or call (325) 392-5026.

For applications, call Wel-don Nicks at (325) 392-3600.

DECEMBER 3

· Chicken & broccoli stir fry, fluffy rice, spicy carrots, romaine salad, white/wheat bread, fruited cherry gelatin and milk

DECEMBER 4

· Meatloaf w/tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat bread, banana pudding w/wafers and milk

DECEMBER 5

· Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, spicy pinto beans, tossed salad, BBQ vinegar dressing, peaches and milk

DECEMBER 8

· Chicken enchilada bake, Spanish rice, tossed lettuce salad, saltine crackers, hot cinnamon pears and milk.

DECEMBER 9

· Beef steak fingers, creamy gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, capri vegetables, wheat roll, lemon pudding and milk.

DECEMBER 10

· Chicken salad sandwich, chunky fruit medley, lettuce, tomatoes, pickle and onions, mustard, mayo, chocolate chip cookie and milk.

DECEMBER 11

· Salmon pattie, buttered rice, lemon broccoli, white/wheat roll, fruit cup, oatmeal cookie and milk.

DECEMBER 12

· Barbecue beef on a bun, potato salad, romaine salad, Italian dressing, strawberries, peaches and milk.

DECEMBER 15

· Chicken parmesan, penne pasta, mixed vegetables, garden salad, Italian dressing, garlic bread, pineapple pudding and milk.



THE SENIOR CENTER QUILTING LADIES have made a quilt and pillows to be auction off at the ninth annual Helping Hands Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair on Dec. 11 at the Civic Center. Pictured are: (left photo, left to right) Elaine Williams, Mary Klepper, Coleen Everett and Kathy Taylor; (right photo, left to right) Roberta Schoenhals and Audrey Glynn.

Christmas arts and crafts event seeking vendors

The ninth annual Holiday Hands Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair will be held Dec. 11 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

If you have "holiday hands" for creating hand-made arts and crafts items, or home baked goodies, we invite you to reserve a booth.

Booths are 10x10 indoor. Space rental is \$25. Outdoor space is also available.

For more information, call Dianne at (325) 226-4777.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bridge Monday afternoons, movies every Thursday

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Oh my gosh, I think I gained at least 10 pounds in one day! We really had a great Thanksgiving and I hope all of you did also. It is so much fun to be with family, watch the parade, eat, play, games, eat and just relax for a day.

Each Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m. we show a movie here at the center.

The movies are donated by different ones and shown on the 62-inch TV here in the main room. The movie this week will be "Dinner with Friends" starring Dennis Quaid, Andie MacDowell, Greg Kinnear and Toni Collette. Come on out and join us. There will be popcorn and

Cokes. Come play bridge on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. They always need one or two more to make more tables.

If you know how to play, you will enjoy the challenge. If you do not know how to play, come on and learn.

We learned a new game called Manipulation. Grab you about three people and come on out and I will show you how it is done.

It is a fun, easy to learn game that will give you something to think about.

Ludy Vargas said she would come again if I had more that wanted to learn how to make those beautiful, fluffy scarfs.

Let me know and I will tell her when. It is not hard and

would make beautiful Christmas gifts. You only need one skein of sachet Yarn and #6 wooden or plastic needles.

Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. there is a hot game of Mexican Train going. The Prayer Group meets in the prayer room at 3 p.m.

Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Bridge - 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Balance Exercise - 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday

Prayer Group - 3 p.m. Wednesday

Quilting - 9:30 a.m. Thursday

Movies - 2 p.m. Thursday

Come on out, the coffee is on.

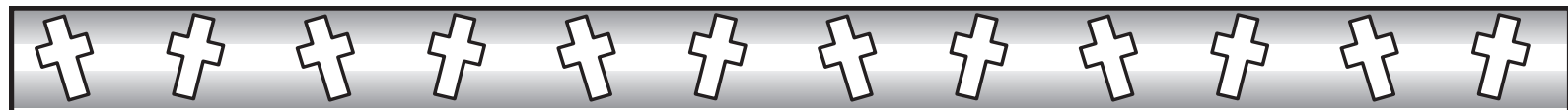
Stockman seeking Christmas, church events

The Ozona Stockman is compiling a list of Christmas and New Year's events, church services and activities, especially Christmas Eve services.

The Ozona Stockman would like to have copies of all churches newsletters or calendar of events, so that we may put your church

news in the paper. Information can be emailed to publisher@ozonastockman.com or stop by our office at 1000 Avenue E.

Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M.
Next meeting 1st Monday in February at 7:30 p.m.



MAPLE SYRUP

Last week while visiting another town I found myself going up and down the aisles in a large supermarket. I was looking for a few special items for my loved ones. I was looking for was a couple of avocados for my wife because she likes them very much. I was also looking for a little bottle of maple-flavored syrup for my grandchildren because when they come over to visit they always ask me to make pancakes for them. In trying to find those little gifts or surprises for the ones I love reminded me of a similar situation in heaven. God our Father in heaven wants to give us good things, (James 1:17). Of course, the greatest gift He gave to us was His Son Jesus who died for our sins, (John 3:16, 4:10, and 6:32-35). I do not try to go out or buy special gifts for everybody just for those that I have a special relationship with. God loves everybody, (Romans 5:8-11) but he has a special or different love and relationship with those that have asked forgiveness, (repented) for their sins and asked Christ Jesus to be their Lord and Savior, (Luke 13:3, Acts 3:19, John 1:12.). The Bible talks about that relationship or those that have obeyed and those that have not (Psalm 34:8-16, Ecclesiastes 2:26) Why not accept God's greatest gift to us and go on from there.

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor John Curry Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 10 a.m. Awana - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays Wednesday Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 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>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona EverySecond Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Pastor Dan E. Sledge Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday.</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Ozona "church...but different" 701 9th Street Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. www.newbeginningsozona.com</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>

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2015 Relay For Life Planning Meeting Dec. 15

The 2015 Relay For Life of Crockett County is holding a Planning Meeting at 6 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Civic Center.

The public is invited. It's time to start getting ready for next year's relay.

If you'd like to learn more about what Relay For Life is and how you can get involved to help fight back against cancer in your community, join us on Monday, Dec. 15.

We would also love to see those of you that have been on a Relay Team or if

you are a survivor or caregiver.

In 2014, Crockett County won an award for the awesome number of caregivers registered at our Relay; With your help, imagine what kind of a difference we can make in 2015!

Come and take the amazing opportunity to save lives and help us create a world with more birthdays.

For more information, call Shelly Childress, event chair, at (325) 277-5381 or Britni Rutledge, ACS Relay Specialist, at (325) 450-5822.

Methodist Church Advent Luncheons

The Ozona United Methodist Church is holding Tuesday Advent Luncheons all month at noon at the church.

The program is "It Was Not a Silent: Mary Looks Back to Bethlehem" by Adam Hamilton.

A light lunch will be

served.

Schedule of study: Dec. 9 - The Piercing of Mary's Soul; Dec. 16 - Amazed, Astounded and Astonished; Dec. 23 - Mary, Full of Grace and Dec. 30 - It Was Not a Silent Night.

For more information, call the church at 392-3060.

Care Center meeting Thursday

The Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, at the EMS Building.

Items on the agenda:

- Sign and approve the minutes of the Nov. 5 meeting.
- Ambulance and admin-

istrator's reports.

- Old Business
- New Business
- Public Comments
- Discussion of non-agenda items by members for the purpose of placing them on the next agenda
- Review and authorize to pay finances.
- Executive session if needed.

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Community Christmas Cantata

"A Song Unending"

Sunday, December 14
6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church

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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

CONGRESSMAN-ELECT WILL HURD stopped in Ozona Tuesday morning as part of a week-long tour of his district. He visited with local citizens at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

Hurd visits Ozona

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Newly elected congressman Will Hurd made his first visit to Ozona Tuesday morning. The visit was part of a week-long tour of his district before taking office in January.

Hurd, R-San Antonio, defeated incumbent Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, in the Nov. 4 General Election.

Hurd's district covers 29 counties from San Antonio to El Paso, including Crockett County.

"I'm only able to spend an hour in most places, but I want to try connect with as many people as I can," Hurd said. "I really want to hear from the people."

Some of the issues Ozona citizens talked to Hurd about were post office delivery and border security.

"Home delivery would be a great help to us," said County Judge Fred Deaton on the post office problem.

Deaton and other citizens explained to Hurd the

difficulty in getting mail delivered, especially packages where a street address is required.

"These are the kind of conversations I want to have, very specific issues," Hurd said.

Hurd said he has been assigned to the Homeland Security and Government Oversight and Reform Committees.

As a former CIA Agent, he said his background fits with both committees.

"We have pressing issues dealing with border security, immigration and cyber security," he said. "I was able to navigate the alleys of Pakistan, I think I can navigate Washington, D.C."

On dealing with the border, Hurd said I-10 has become the new Rio Grande as far as drug trafficking goes.

"We can be working with select partners in Mexico to cut off the head of the snake," Hurd said.

To contact Hurd, call (210) 892-4589 or e-mail will@hurdforcongress.com.

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She creates coats, dresses, scarves and socks, and feels a strong responsibility to educate people about the fabric created from the hair of an Angora goat.

As part of her educational effort, Vernor travels extensively for trunk shows.

"I never say 'no,'" she said of invitations to display her garments at the show.

She said she feels that these shows are her opportunity to tell people about mohair.

Her clothing has also been featured on the late Mary Kay Ash, as well as several beauty pageant winners.

A jacket she designed for Barbie was featured at the State Fair of Texas.

For more information on the show, call the museum at 392-2837.

For more information on Dolores' Unique Designs, call (830) 597-4152.

At 5:30 p.m., the doors will open at the Fair Park Convention Center for the 27th annual Crockett County DeerFest.

Prize tickets are \$1 each and can be found at Triple C Hardware & Lumber, Wool Growers and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. High Roller Tickets are also available.

General Admission is \$10, which includes the meal of chicken fried deer, turkey, axis deer and pork sausage, deer chili, deer tamales and brisket. Ten percent of the admission proceeds will go to the West Texas Rehab.

This year's DeerFest will give away more than 80 guns, \$10,000 in Cabela's gift cards, a 2014 4x4 Jeep Wrangler and numerous other prizes including the Yeti Cooler Sale

sponsored by Wool Growers.

There will also be a 48 capacity gun safe drawing with Remington Sendero Rifle scope package, 48 capacity gun safe auction with prizes inside and the Red Ryder BB gun raffle for the children.

The DeerFest came to life in 1988 as a fund-raiser to keep the Ozona Chamber of Commerce's doors open. Art Roane and the Double T Ranch provided all of the deer for the event. Without their generosity, feeding hundreds of people in attendance would not have been possible. Twelve guns and several other local prizes were given away the first year.

A few years later, the DeerFest had made enough money to keep the Chamber of Commerce open and then begin donating to other local projects. The Crockett County EMS building and the Fair Park Convention Center were built with funds raised at the Crockett County DeerFest.

As a result, DeerFest is now able to provide financial assistance to many local organizations including the Crockett County 4-H, Knights of Columbus, OLPH Youth Group, Ozona Chamber of Commerce, The Ozona Ministerial Alliance, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Crockett County EMS, Boy Scouts, Crockett County Youth Center, Ozona Community Center, American Cancer Society, Toys for Tots, Helping Hands, Ozona Little League, Project Graduation, Crockett County Public Library, and YMCA Youth Football.

The DeerFest also contributes annually to the West Texas Rehab Center, and they award academic scholarships to students from Ozona High School.

For more information, visit www.deerfest.org or follow them on Facebook.

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Proceeds benefit Ozona Band Boosters.

For more information, call Cheryl Galindo at (325) 226-5348, Travis Knaack at (325) 226-3280, Mark Galindo at (325) 226-5347 or Ana Knaack at (325) 226-4265.

The signs will bear the name of the business or family, or may also be given in memory of a loved one.

Lady Lions fall to Sonora

The Varsity Lady Lions lost to Sonora 51-20 on Nov. 25.

Score by quarters: Ozona 6 5 3 6 - 20; Sonora 15 9 11 16 - 51.

Scoring for the Lady Lions: Asia Lara 7; McKenna

Moses 5; Madison Galindo 4; Madison Childress 2 and Brianna Sanchez 2.

The Lady Lions will play Rocksprings at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 9, at Rocksprings.

The Lady Lions are 1-1.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions win 28-16

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions defeated McCamey 28-16 on Nov. 24.

Scoring for the Lady Lions: Xena Vargas 10; Ka-

meron Ortiz 2; Esperanza Ramirez 2; Sabrina Salas 6; Kassidy McCutcheon 2; Julietta Hernandez 2 and Marisol Medina 4.



WENDY MATA

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN



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Seventh Grade Lady Lions Basketball

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions defeated McCamey 12-10 on Nov. 24.

Scoring for the Lady Lions: Miranda Villarreal 2; Carlie Ramos 2; Wendy Mata 4 and Kayla Sarabia 4.

Seventh Grade Lions defeat McCamey 26-10

The Seventh Grade Lions defeated McCamey 26-10 on Nov. 24.

Score by quarters: Ozona 2 8 12 4 - 26; McCamey 4 0 2 4 - 10.

Scoring: Zachary Talamantez 10; Alec Lara 9; Lazaro Rodriguez 6; Matthew Galindo 4; Jacob Childress 4; Abraham Rodriguez 2; Sebastian De La Cruz 2; Justin Yeager 2 and Jadon Fay 2. Also playing: Dalton Cloud and Aiden Funes.

"This was a great team effort. We did a great job of moving the ball around and committed very few turnovers. We are still learning the offense and have got to be more selective on our shots. Overall, I was proud of the hustle and teamwork as we continue to get better each game," said Coach John Esparza.

McCamey overpowers Eighth Grade

The Eighth Grade Lions lost to McCamey 29-3 on Nov. 24.

Score by quarters: Ozona 1 0 0 2 - 3; McCamey 7 8 12 2 - 29.

Scoring: Donavon Hunt 2; Coulter McWilliams 1. Also playing: Riley Williams, Ryan Pena, Austin Hokit, Hiram Casteneda, David Landin, Irving Rodriguez and Jordan Martin.

Early dismissal for school holiday break

Ozona Schools will dismiss at noon Friday, Dec. 19, for the holiday break.

Ozona Schools will be closed Dec. 20 - Jan. 2 for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

OES Students of the Week

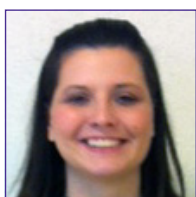


Bill Webb



Kimberly Moreno

OES Teacher of the Week



Mrs. Kimberly Harris



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

FRANK TAMBUNGA was on the Square last Saturday collecting toys and donations for the 2014 Toys for Tots campaign. Details on how to put a smile on a child are listed in the Toys for Tots article on page 7.

2014-15 Ozona Middle School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Teams
Dec. 8	Iraan	Ozona	5 p.m.	7/8 B, 7A, 8A
Dec. 15	McCamey	Ozona	5 p.m.	7/8 B, 7A, 8A
Jan. 8	Miles	Ozona	5 p.m.	7/8 B, 7A, 8A
Jan. 12	Mertzson	Mertzson	5:30 p.m.	7A, 8A (No 7A Girls)
Jan. 15-17	Ozona "A" Tourney	Ozona	TBA	7/8 B, 7A, 8A
Jan. 19	Eldorado	Ozona	5 p.m.	7/8 B, 7A, 8A
Jan. 26	Christoval	Christoval	5 p.m.	7/8 B, 7A, 8A
Feb. 7	District 8-1 "A" Tourney	Girls: Christoval Boys: Eldorado	Time - TBA	

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

2014-15 Ozona High School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Teams
Dec. 4-6	Grape Creek JV Tournament	Grape Creek	TBD	JVG/JVB
Dec. 9	Rocksprings	Rocksprings	5:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Dec. 11-13	Sonora JV/V Tournament	Sonora	TBD	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Dec. 16	Christoval*	Ozona	5:00	JVG/VG
Dec. 19	Iraan*	Iraan	5:00	JVG/VG
Dec. 29	Big Lake V Tournament	Big Lake	TBD	VG/VB
Jan. 3	McCamey*	Ozona	1:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 6	Forsan*	Forsan	5:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 9	Irion County*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 10	Christoval*	Christoval	10:00	FVG
Jan. 10	Comstock JV Tournament	Comstock	TBD	JVG
Jan. 13	Eldorado*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 16	Miles*	Miles	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 20	Christoval*	Christoval	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 23	Iraan*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 27	McCamey*	McCamey	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 30	Forsan*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Feb. 3	Irion*	Mertzson	5:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Feb. 6	Eldorado*	Eldorado	5:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Feb. 10	Miles*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Feb. 13	Christoval*	Ozona	5:00	JVB/VB
Feb. 17	Iraan*	Iraan	5:00	JVB/VB

* DENOTES DISTRICT GAMES

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Angel Tree gifts due Dec. 15

Angel Tree ornaments are available at Ozona National Bank, Crockett National Bank, OLPH Catholic Church, First Baptist Church, The General Store, Petals & Pearls, Ozona Mercantile, Crockett County Senior Center and the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Gifts are due back Monday, Dec. 15, at the tree where you picked up your

ornament. Gifts need to be wrapped.

Donations for Angel Tree Food Boxes will also be accepted at the Ozona United Methodist Church. Information can be found in the church's foyer and fellowship hall. Boxes will be for 25 families in Ozona.

For more information, call the Ozona United Methodist Church at 392-3060.

Toys for Tots campaign

The annual Toys for Tots campaign has kicked off.

Donation boxes are available at Ozona Mercantile, Dollar General, The General Store, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and Ozona National Bank. A money donation container is at Sonic, and an account has been set up at Ozona National Bank.

Volunteers will also be collecting toys and donations every Saturday from 10 a.m.-noon at the town square.

Applications for a toy for a child can be picked up at the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department from Georgia Morrow from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Monday-Friday. The deadline for the applications is Dec. 15. Toys will be delivered starting at 4 p.m. Dec. 21.

"This allows us time to make sure we have all children covered before the toys are delivered by Santa and the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department," said Frank Tambunga, coordinator.

Also, a donation box will be at the annual Breakfast With Santa event Saturday, Dec. 6.

"I hope everyone that is able to help me out together we can put a smile on a child's face for Christmas," Tambunga said.

Community Center Christmas Wish List

The Ozona Community Center is asking for donations.

Items they need include arts and crafts supplies, colored paper and white paper. Also, any art project

items are welcomed.

Any of these items may be taken directly to the Ozona Community Center or to the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Methodist Church Children's Pageant

The Ozona United Methodist Church will host their Children's Christmas Pageant at 5:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21,

in the fellowship hall.

Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

Band Christmas Concert Dec. 18

The OMS and OHS Bands will hold their annual Christmas Concert at 6 p.m. Dec. 18 at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

Everyone is invited to attend. OHS Band Director Chans Moellendorf said he is working on a surprise guest making an appearance.

OES Perfect Attendance Party Friday

The OES Perfect Attendance Party will be held Friday, Dec. 5, from 1:45-2:45 p.m.

This is for students who had perfect attendance in the Second Six Weeks (Oct. 6-Nov. 7). In order to qualify, students must have been present the entire day. No tardies or early outs.

The theme will be a "Disco Dance Party." There will also be special guests.

For more information, call OES at 392-5501 ext. 5800.

OHS Fall Semester exam schedule

OHS will have Fall Semester Exams Dec. 17-19.

SCHEDULE OF EXAMS:

Dec. 17: Periods - 2,3,4.

Dec. 18: Periods - 5,6,7

Dec. 19: Periods - 1,8

For more information, call OHS at 392-5501 ext. 5711.

YOUTH CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.;

Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.;

Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:

Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL:

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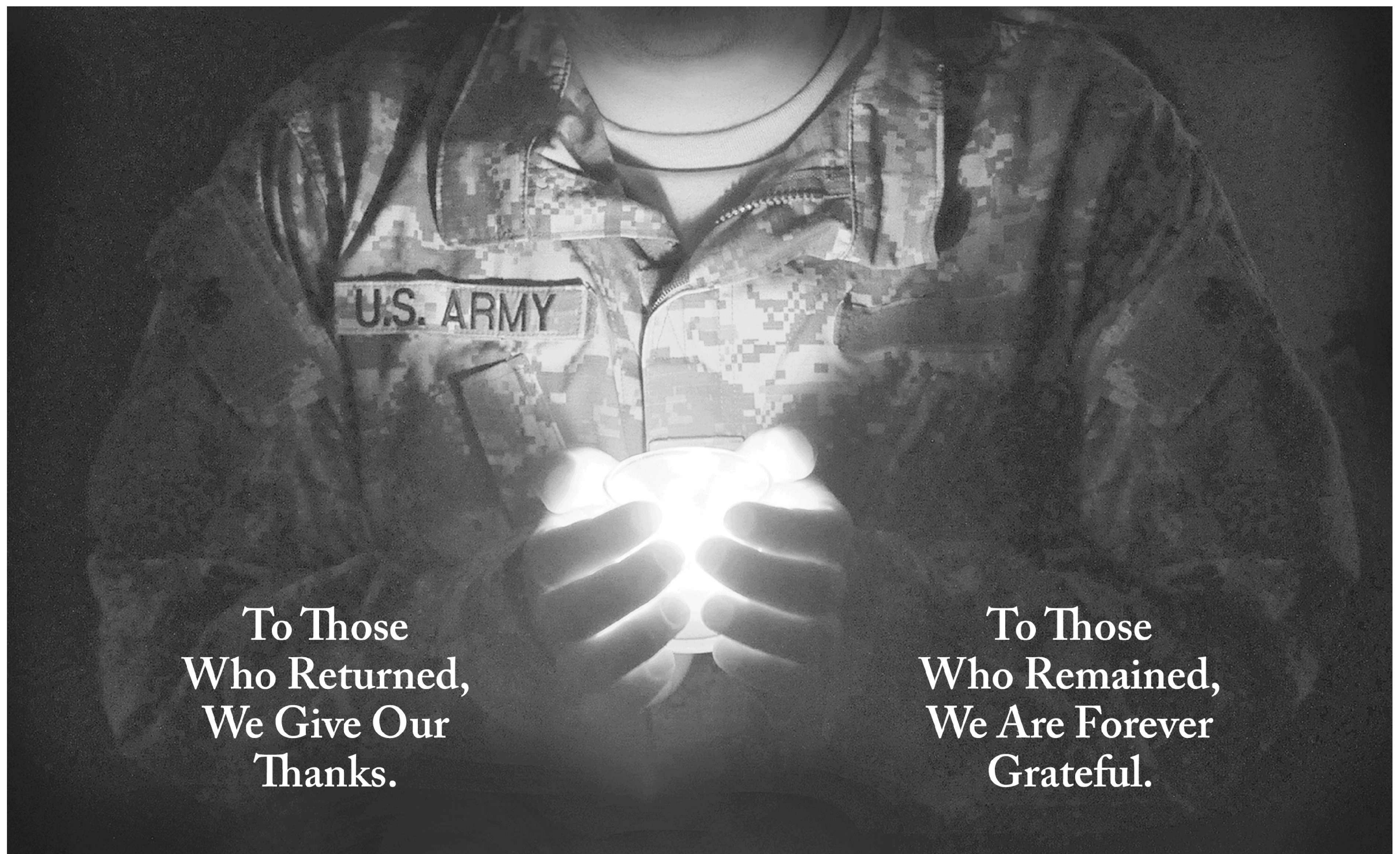
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LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

BY TRACYE SWINDLE
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE

Saturday afternoon, National Square Dance Day, Levis and Lace Square Dance Club danced a demonstration for the Crockett County Care Center residents.

Dancers performed right and left thru, circulates, trades and promenades to the calling instruction of Tracye Young, student caller.

Dancers attending were Mary Williamson, Karan Heffelfinger, Melvin Mejia, Sara Gunnels, Adam Hopper, Tina Jarvis, Joann Babbitt, Dale Bebee and Carol Adcock. Taylee Cross, grand daughter of Tracye Young and Carol Adcock. Taylee Cross sang a special song.

A two step and line dances were performed between caller tips. Visitors attending were Shawna Hopper, Brenda Newton, Ty Cross and Taylee Cross.

We appreciate the care center letting us come and dance for your residents

After dancing a demonstration for the residents, students lessons were done at the Crockett County Senior Citizen Center. Student dancers performed ferris wheel, zoom, scoot back, dive thru and pass the ocean to the calling instruction of Carol Adcock, student instructor.

Student dancers attend-



LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS Tracye Young, Carol Adcock, Tina Jarvis, Joann Babbitt, Dale Babbitt, Adam Hopper, Sara Gunnels, Melvin Mejia, Karan Heffelfinger, Mary Williamson and Ty and Taylee Cross, (Tracye Young grandkids and Carol Adcock great-grandkids).



LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS Adam Hopper, Sara Gunnels, Carol Adcock, Tina Jarvis, Karan Heffelfinger, Melvin Mejia, Mary Williamson and Joann Babbitt.

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Angel dancers attending were Tina Jarvis, Dale Bebee, Joann Babbitt, Adam Hopper and Tracye Young. Visitors attending were Shawna Hopper, Brenda Newton, Royce Newton, Ty Cross and Taylee Cross.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

GPS Puzzle Challenge: it pays to play

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce is always looking for ways to market the assets and activities of the community to both residents and travelers. Two new activities have recently been developed that will appeal to both.

A contest was held inviting residents to participate in a GPS Puzzle Challenge. The Chamber of Commerce congratulates Madison Castro who found out it pays to play! You are given a set of GPS coordinates that will lead you to a local attraction or historical marker. There you will find the answers to the puzzle questions. Residents who completed their puzzles and turned them in to the Chamber earned a chance to enter a drawing for \$100.

"Something that has become very popular with travelers is discovering your community through game playing. This is not limited to just one demographic. All age groups like to play," said Chamber Executive Director, Shanon Biggerstaff. "We wanted to launch the puzzle locally first to get some input. This is a great way to draw travelers into your community, who after finishing the game, often spend more time in your town shopping and eating. If you are new to the area, it is a way to learn about Ozona. If you have family coming in for the holidays, it is a fun way to share Ozona with those visiting. It would make a great field trip for students incorporating both fun and learning. We have shared this puzzle with local and surrounding school districts. We have also placed it in local motels to encourage guests to get out into the community."

The Chamber has also



MADISON CASTRO wins and is awarded \$100 Visa Certificate at the Chamber offices.

set up a Geocache in the Crockett County Interpretive Trail, located across the parking lot from the Chamber. Geocaching has become a worldwide phenomenon and offers another great opportunity to learn about attractions, historical markers, trails, and many other types of sites. It is a real world outdoor treasure hunting game to find hidden "treasures". The player uses a GPS device to navigate to specific coordinates to find a cache or container.

The Crockett County Interpretive Trail is now an official geocache site. Simply go to www.geocaching.com. Put in the city or zip code of

the area in which you seek to find a geocache. You will then be given a list of sites and coordinates to start your search.

"The name of our geocache is 'What's the Interpretation?'" said Biggerstaff. "We are hoping that both locals and travelers will take advantage of these activities."

Information about both the Geocache and the GPS Puzzle are located at www.ozona.com. The site is also mobile friendly.

Click on local attractions. Then click on games and activities.

You can also contact the Ozona Chamber of Commerce at (325) 392-3737.

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ETHAN CRISWELL killed a buck over the Thanksgiving Holiday in Mason County. He is the son of Lance and Dana Criswell, of Ozona.



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BARRETT BRANCH shot his first deer, an 11-point buck, at his family's Barben Ranch, south of Brady in McCullough, Mason and Menard counties.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

JEFF TROUT shot a 125-pound Mountain Lion on Nov. 28 on the Triple Draw Ranch in Crockett County.

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New 'Roadcents' app features vehicle maintenance tips

AUSTIN- As drivers take to the roads for holiday shopping and family visits, the Texas Department of Transportation offers its new "Roadcents" Web app to reduce air pollution and keep vehicles well-maintained.

"We talk a lot about air pollution caused by vehicles during the warm summer months, but it's also important for people to drive clean during the busy winter travel season," said Margo Richards, TxDOT Travel Information Division director. "Seemingly innocent habits, such as warming up a car by idling a few minutes or postponing vehicle maintenance, can have big impacts on winter air quality."

As part of its "Drive Clean Texas" campaign, TxDOT's "Roadcents" smartphone Web app helps drivers save money at the pump and keep their vehicles road-ready. "Roadcents" also gives drivers the tools to track vehicle maintenance and calculate how much they can save by changing their driving and vehicle maintenance habits. Drivers can receive e-mail alerts when their vehicles are scheduled for maintenance; find nearby auto repair facilities and gas stations; and get tips on what to do in case of a roadside breakdown or collision.

A vehicle in peak condition produces fewer emissions, reduces the chance of a roadside breakdown and improves gas mileage. That's important considering the American Automobile Association estimates 90 percent of holiday travel occurs by automobile.

Drivers can save as much as \$845 a year in gas by driving more sensibly and changing aggressive driving habits like speeding and rapid starts and stops. Also, regular oil and fuel filter changes can save motorists more than \$100 in annual gas spending.

This fall, TxDOT teamed up with the Dallas Cowboys to support the "Drive Clean Texas" campaign by giving one lucky Texan a donated 2015 Ford Fusion SE Hybrid as part of the "Drive Clean Texas Roadcents Sweepstakes." Texas drivers age 18 and older have until 11:59 p.m. on Dec. 9, 2014, to enter the hybrid car sweepstakes at roadcents.org. Three finalists will receive two tickets to the Dec. 21 football game between the Dallas Cowboys and Indianapolis Colts. The sweepstakes grand prize winner will be randomly selected on Dec. 21 before the game. To use "Roadcents," visit Roadcents.org, create an account and enter vehicle information.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls	11-26-14
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	3
911 medical/fire assistance	8
Civil complaints	8
Civil documents served	3
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	8
Juvenile/School	0
Motorist assist/ locked vehicle	19
Reckless driving/ speeding complaints	4
Minor/major traffic accidents	6
Alarms	3

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

11-25-14
 • Sheriff's deputies investigated a case of possible assault on a local resident.

11-26-14
 • Sheriff's deputies responded with EMS to the Sodexo man camp on a report of a death by natural causes. The male subject's family has been notified.

11-27-14
 • Sheriff's deputy arrested Roberto Hernandez of a charge of driving under the influence/minor. The subject posted bond and was released.

• Sheriff's deputies investigated a report of a verbal argument between spouses.

11-28-14
 • Sheriff's deputy investigated a report of assault. A warrant and charges are pending.

New tip reward program to target stash houses

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS), in conjunction with the Office of the Governor and Texas Crime Stoppers, today announced the implementation of the Texas Stash House Rewards Program.

The new program, funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division, is designed to encourage Texans to help combat transnational crime by anonymously reporting information on stash houses used to facilitate human trafficking, drug smuggling and smuggling of people.

"Crime Stoppers is an important part of our state's law enforcement efforts, empowering Texans to take a stand to ensure their communities aren't victimized by crime," Gov. Rick Perry said. "Texas has taken strong steps to fight transnational crimes associated with our porous border, and the Texas Stash House Rewards Program is another way for Texans to help stop crimes in their neighborhoods."

"Stash houses play a significant role in the ability of Mexican cartels and their criminal associates to successfully smuggle people and drugs across the Texas-Mexico border," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This new program will leverage the public's awareness to help law enforcement shut down these criminal safe havens and protect our communities."

Texas Crime Stoppers will pay rewards up to \$2,500 for information leading to the identification of stash houses used in transnational crimes.

"As Texans we need to do our part to assist our local, state and federal law enforce-

ment agencies in detecting and arresting individuals responsible for the trafficking of humans and drugs," said Texas Crime Stoppers Council Chair Jorge E. Gaytan. "Rewards to anonymous tipsters have proven to be a powerful tool in locating and arresting criminals, and recovering property and drugs."

For decades paying rewards to anonymous tipsters has been a proven method in the apprehension of criminals in Texas. The Texas Stash House Rewards Program builds on the success of the state's existing tipster reward programs: the Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives and Texas 10 Most Wanted Sex Offenders programs. Through those two programs - in 2014 alone - DPS and other agencies have already arrested 22 Texas 10 Most Wanted Fugitives and Sex Offenders, and \$48,000 in rewards has been paid for tips that resulted in arrests.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, anyone with information on stash houses can provide anonymous tips in four different ways:

- Call the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477).
 - Text the letters DPS - followed by your tip - to 274637 (CRIMES) from your cell phone.
 - Submit a web tip by clicking the following link: Submit a Tip - Texas Stash House Rewards Program.
 - Submit a Facebook tip at <http://www.facebook.com/texas10mostwanted> by clicking the "SUBMIT A TIP" link (under the "About" section).
- All tips are anonymous - regardless of how they are submitted.

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as Bolivia, Paraguay, Uruguay and Brazil, which are not recognized in the U.S. Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) as FMD free, poses a major risk for the reintroduction of FMD into the export region. The large border area is difficult to control, and Argentina has acknowledged that smuggling does occur at the borders.

TSCRA is also very concerned about Argentina's trend of compliance problems and deficiencies with routine USDA and European Commission food safety audits for Argentina.

While TSCRA supports open trade markets, we must always make certain the foreign countries we are importing beef from have proper animal health and food safety protocols in place. They must also have a proven history of be-

ing able to control foreign animal diseases, such as FMD. TSCRA believes these protocols should be substantiated by sound, scientific evidence.

Simply put, I don't believe Argentina can meet these critical standards to keep FMD out of the country.

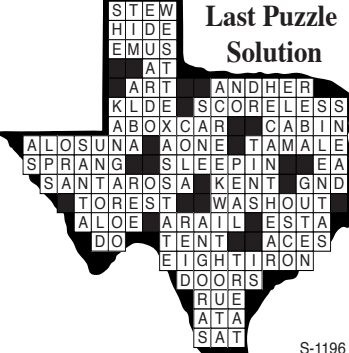
TSCRA will be submitting comments expressing concern with the rule, and you can do the same by visiting www.regulations.gov and typing into the search screen, APHIS-2014-0032-0131. The deadline for submitting comments is December 29, 2014.

It is important for you as cattle ranchers to voice your opposition to the APHIS rule proposal. If implemented, this rule could pose a major threat to your cattle herds and detrimentally affect your business.

Protecting the U.S. cattle industry from a catastrophic animal disease, such as FMD, is a major priority for TSCRA. We will closely watch this rule proposal and do everything possible to block implementation so we can continue producing a safe and healthy beef supply worldwide.

PETE BONDS has operated the Bonds Ranch in Saginaw, Texas, where he also lives. Bonds currently serves as the President of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

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- TXism: "___ in your own juice"
- TXism: "___ and watch" (observe)
- flightless birds on some TX farms
- TX group: "Asleep ___ the Wheel"
- ex-Astro mgr. Howe
- TX Neiman-Marcus has "His ___"
- X-mas gifts
- Eldorado FM radio
- TX Nolan Ryan held opponents to many ___ innings
- TXism: "packed like cows in ___"
- "Texas" became the term for a steamboat captain's ___
- ex-Astro pitcher (1990-93)
- TXism: "___-loop man" (good cowboy)
- Tex-Mex food
- jumped
- TXism: "does a bear ___ the woods?" (yes)
- this Ames was "Mingo" on TV (init.)
- in NW Cameron Co.
- between Garza & Stonewall Cos.
- this Gussie created the famous Kilgore Rangerettes (init.)
- TXism: "laid ___" (buried)
- TXism: "don't hang your dirty ___ on the line"
- Valley plant
- TXism: "skinny as ___"
- TXism: "como ___?" (How are you?)
- TXism: "that'll ___ nicely"
- TX soldier shelter
- King toppers in poker
- TX Kite short club (2 wds.)
- entrances
- regret
- TXism: "hard as dodging rice ___ wedding"
- bath night (abbr.)
- TX George Jones' "___ Thinks I Still Care"
- Notre Dame Heisman winner
- Mexican bobsledder
- Tames from Dallas
- former name of A&M's University in Canyon
- in Wood Co. on 69
- TXism: "up ___" (paddle)
- TXism: "leave ___ stone unturned"
- Pepper
- TXism: "so deaf ___ thunder"
- actor Jack of old TV series "The Texas Wheelers"
- singer McEntire
- leaping mammal
- mentally sound
- TXism: "___ a mummy's tomb" (quiet)
- this Sam won the '45 Dallas Open
- soft drink
- TXism: "happy ___ a dog with two tails"
- TX Willie "platters" on the Edge"
- TX Mickey Gilley's "A Headache Tomorrow ___ Heartache Tonight"
- San Jacinto loser: ___ Anna
- Bayless book (93): "The ___ Story of the Dallas Cowboys' Season on the Edge"
- TX fruit cake containers
- loud bell ring
- TX ABC news-woman: Lisa Mc
- "JFK" director Oliver (init.)
- UT's Harry Ransom Center has a rare ___burg Bible
- Jewel
- Nolan's son or TX artist Ace
- SW Texas mohair goats
- TXism: "___ it with kid gloves"
- TXism: "turn about ___ fair play"

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JOBLESS RATE DECREASES

Texas Workforce Commission on Nov. 21 reported the state's economy added 35,200 seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in October and over the year, Texas added 421,900 total nonfarm jobs, setting a record for jobs added in Texas for the third consecutive month.

Eight of 11 major industries added jobs in Texas over the month, led by Trade, Transportation, and Utilities with 17,500 jobs added in October.

According to the agency,

Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area had the lowest October unemployment rate in the state at 2.5 percent; Odessa MSA came in second at 3.0 percent; and Amarillo MSA ranked third at 3.5 percent.

TCEQ OPPOSES PROPOSAL

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Nov. 26 publicized its opposition to a proposal by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to lower the primary National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone air pollution from 75 parts per billion to a range of 65-70 parts per billion.

TCEQ Chair Bryan W. Shaw said the rule change would increase costs and yield "no significant health benefits."

Also, said TCEQ Commissioner Toby Baker said he found it "offensive for EPA to make this announcement the day before Thanksgiving without giving the TCEQ, one of the largest environmental regulatory agencies in the world, a courtesy call to alert us it was coming."

GROUP UNDERLINES RESOLVE

Texas Railroad Commission member Barry Smitherman on Nov. 19 reported the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners' adoption of a resolution "reiterating both its 2009 resolution supporting state regulation of hydraulic fracturing and recognizing and reiterating that states are well suited to effectively regulate their (own) natural resources."

Some two weeks earlier, local option, as a way to limit hydraulic fracturing activities, caught state and national attention in the Nov. 4 election, when city of Denton voters passed a ban on further hydraulic fracturing within city limits.

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CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FULL TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF: Applicant must be currently licensed or have successfully passed the State Peace Officers Test and meet the minimum standards for a Peace Officer License as required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. Starting annual salary is \$17.50 with pay raises, designated by the Sheriff, or County Commissioner's Court. County Health, Eye & Dental Insurance available. Uniforms, duty weapons, and patrol vehicle are furnished by the Sheriff's Office. Applicants must be a United States citizen, possess a Texas Driver's License, and successfully complete a background investigation, a physical examination, psychological evaluation and drug test. Applicant selected shall be required to live in Ozona, or within Crockett County. Applicant packets are available at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office at 903 Ave "D", Ozona, Texas. Call the Office Administrator 325-392-2661. Applications, resumes should be returned to: P.O. Box 1931, Ozona, Texas 76943. Position open until filled. Crockett County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. tfc46



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THE 112th DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS SEARCHING FOR AN INVESTIGATOR who will handle all aspects of felony investigations filed with the 112th District Attorney's Office from inception through trial. **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** Receives and reviews cases filed with the District Attorney's office, prepares case summaries and written requests for information needed to complete on cases and responds to requests for various documents and materials; assists various prosecutors with all aspects of trial, including juries, evidence, testimony, and progress of cases; conducts special investigations as required by the District Attorney; provides support to other agencies for investigations upon request by the agency and approval by the District Attorney; helps present cases for both grand jury and pre-trial hearings; issues subpoenas for witnesses and records; prepare and operate power point presentations for grand jury and trial. **EDUCATION AND/OR EXPERIENCE:** Requires an equivalent combination of education and experience which provides the required knowledge, skills and abilities with knowledge of Texas Criminal Law and procedures. **CERTIFICATIONS:** TCOLE (formerly TCLEOSE) certification required. **SALARY:** Depending on experience, plus county benefits. Usual working hours, 8:00 to 5:00, Monday through Friday; however, additional hours may be necessary as workload dictates. Applications may be obtained at the 112th District Attorney's Office, 400 S. Nelson (Judicial Building), Fort Stockton, Texas 79735, (432-336-6294) or the Ozona Office located in the Crockett County Courthouse, 907 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas 76943 (325-392-2025) EOE. **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATIONS:** December 12, 2014. 2c46

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If environmental concerns arise, please file a request for Environmental Review with the FCC. Please know that the FCC strongly encourages interested parties to request for environmental review either online, following instructions at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest or by mail: FCC Requests for Environmental Review Attn: Ramon Williams 445 12th Street SW Washington, D.C. 20554. 1p46

CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE TO BIDDERS FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION BANQUET

THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CROCKETT COUNTY, TEXAS will receive sealed bids, December 3, 2014, until 2:00 p.m. for catering the meal for the CROCKETT COUNTY EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION BANQUET. Bid criteria includes a menu of chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, rolls, cobbler and iced tea. Bid must contain price per plate. Estimated attendance is 250. Each bid envelope must be plainly marked (BANQUET). Any bid received after stated opening time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids shall be mailed or given to Janie Chandler, County Auditor, P.O. Box 989, Ozona, Texas 76943. Crockett County reserves the right to reject any or all bids that are received on the opening date and also reserves the right to accept either all or part of a bid. Crockett County reserves the right to not necessarily accept the lowest bid or to waive any technicalities in determining what best suits our needs.

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TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM
Crockett County will hold a public hearing at 5:00 PM on Monday, December 8, 2014, at Crockett County Courthouse at 907 Avenue D in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for a Texas Community Development Block Grant Program (TXCDBG) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TXCDBG funding available, all eligible TXCDBG activities, and the use of past TXCDBG funds. The County encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TXCDBG application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to the County Courthouse. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact the Courthouse to arrange for such assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact the Courthouse at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made. Los residentes que solicitan información adicional en español o que requieren de un intérprete, por favor póngase en contacto con el condado por lo menos 72 horas antes de la audiencia pública. For further information, contact Fred Deaton, County Judge, at 325-392-2965.

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