

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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# Toys For Tots a success

BY FRANK TAMBUNGA  
CROCKETT COUNTY VETERANS

The Crockett County Veterans 12th Annual Toys-for-Tots Campaign was short but sweet.

We collected \$4,711.64 in donations and over 200 unwrapped toys within four weeks. We spent a total of \$3,568.80 to purchase toys for all the applications received, which were 35 families with 138 children.

Most of the toys were purchased locally. We also had enough to provide some food baskets and give something to the children that came up to Santa during the delivery of the toys.

The volunteers of the Ozona Fire Department, EMS, Santa Claus and his Elves delivered all these gifts.

I would like to say thank you to the following people, organizations and business that helped in our 2014 Toys For Tots campaign. It would not have been possible without the support of these individuals, organizations and businesses.

**Volunteers:** Jordan DeLaRosa, Cody Gotcher, Brian Morrow, Joe Bradford, Sara Whitaker, Chris Martinez, Jackie Martinez, Paula Ogle, Tracy Fisher, Justin Davis, Weston Seahorn, Georgia Morrow, Brian Morrow, Jeremy Munoz, Tyler Gunnels, Tristian Galindo, Noah, Jonathan, Emilio and Mary Tambunga

**Organizations:** The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, The Crockett County Sheriff's Office, The Crockett County DeerFest Association, The Crockett County EMS, The Ozona Woman's League and The Crockett County 4-H Youth Group

**Businesses and Individuals:** The Ozona Stockman, KHOS/KYXX Radio, Dollar General, Ozona Mercantile, The General Store, Sonic, employees of DCP Midstream, employees at the Holiday Inn Express and Pike's Peak Energy Services LLC.

Thank you to every individual that made a money or toy donation.

I apologize if I failed to mention anyone or any business it was not intentional. But, I do appreciate your support.

God Bless all of you!



FELIX TRUJILLIO GREET'S SANTA WITH A BIG HUG AND A JOYFUL GLEAM IN HIS EYE. Little Felix spotted Santa when he and his faithful elves were making Toys for Tots deliveries in Ozona neighborhoods on Sunday, Dec. 21.

## Holiday closings and events

The Ozona Stockman office will close at noon today (Dec. 31) and be closed all day Thursday, Jan. 1, and Friday, Jan. 2, for the New Year's holiday.

Crockett County Offices will also close at noon today (Dec. 31) and be closed Thursday, Jan. 1.

Ozona National Bank, Crockett National Bank and the U.S. Post Office will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1.

The Family Health Center of Ozona will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1. The urgent care area will also be open with a provider for medical emergencies.

The General Store will also be closed Thursday, Jan. 1.

New Beginnings Church will host a New Year's Eve Party at 6 p.m. tonight (Dec. 31) in their new building at 354 Highway 163 South.

Everyone is welcome to attend. The event is BYOB (bring your own Bible).

For more information, call (325) 226-3060.

New Year's Masses will take place Thursday, Jan. 1.

At 9 a.m. at Good Shepherd Mission Church in Sheffield, Bishop Michael Sis will be leading the service.

At 11 a.m. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona will hold services.

## FORT LANCASTER NEWS

# Where the frontier met the west

BY WILSON WHITE  
FORT LANCASTER

Crockett County is blessed with a rich history of American ranching, early settlers and westward development. Traveling to the western border of Crockett County on Texas Highway 290, one will come across the ruins of an old fort known as Fort Lancaster. For the most part this historic site sits isolated, home to no major city and weathered by time. Despite its isolation and abandonment, the soldiers of Fort Lancaster did see their fair share of action and upheld their duty to the best of their abilities, witnessing historical events and contributing to the safety of early American settlers. Fort Lancaster's story in shaping the American West is one worth noting.

The end of the Mexican American War in 1848, along

with the discovery of gold in California drew Americans out west. The wagon trains heading west from Texas into the frontier traveled along the Old Government Road (San Antonio-El Paso Road), having a northern and a southern route. West Texas, during the time of the 1850s to 1870s still had American Indians living amongst the plains. Thus, it was along the southern route of the government road Fort Lancaster was established in 1855. Along with a series of other forts along the route, the fort's duty was to protect the settlers moving west, supply lines and the stagecoach that would operate along the road. One might think of the old government road as the precursor to Interstate 10. It was undoubtedly an important post.

"At this place (Ft. Lancaster) travelers can rest and re-



A CHIMNEY still stands among the ruins of Company K enlisted men's barracks at Fort Lancaster.

cruit their animals and repair their wagons with safety. It undoubtedly has and will save many valuable lives," said Col. J.K.F. Mansfield Inspector General, 1856

Despite Fort Lancaster's

isolation, the site was chosen for strategic purposes. Located in the Pecos River valley, the fort laid in the trail of predominate American Indian tribes and was stationed near the critical water cross-

ing of the Pecos River. It was the last stop travelers had before a long stretch of the Chihuahuan Desert and situated along Live Oak Creek that provided a clean water source to anyone in the area.

The Army worked to provide a much needed military presence along the southern route, finding it more cost effective to maintain infantry rather than cavalry in the field. During Fort Lancaster's main years of occupancy and operation, 1855 - 1861, the fort housed companies H & K of the U.S. First Infantry Regiment. The soldiers had the task of constructing the fort and gathering materials. The site had all the standard buildings, made of stone and adobe bricks, but isolation made it difficult to gather and purchase supplies. Young soldiers, expecting adventure across the west, found themselves stuck in isolation and working hard labor. It was a difficult task for some.

Despite being an infantry regiment (foot soldiers) with

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Thank you for supporting In Care of Ozona Foundation and Coz 4 Oz

Dear Editor,

I would like to thank everyone who has either participated or donated to my local foundation In Care of Ozona, better known as Coz 4 Oz (Cause for Ozona). While my non-profit foundation is only a year in existence, Coz 4 Oz has been helping local Ozona residents who are suffering from severe medical conditions with either fuel costs or hotel expenses.

Recently, the people whom we've been able to help have requested from myself, that I thank our supporters publicly. I would like to do this through your Letter to the Editor.

The people who have come out in support of Coz 4 Oz have shown their big hearts and deep pockets. It's because of those people who have donated to the In Care Of Ozona foundation that we have been able to maintain an average of

a \$4000.00 bank account at Ozona Bank in 2 years. I want to take the time to let them know exactly how their donations have been used.

First, from the people and families of Ozona- a big Thank You to the sponsors, volunteers, families and friends who have taken the time to support Coz 4 Oz! Secondly, this is how you have been helping since 2013: Nov. 2013 1 Pacemaker failure- Fuel costs;

March 2014- 1 Cancer patient- Fuel costs; April 2014- 1 Cancer patient - 2 day hotel costs; April 2014- 1 Cancer patient- Fuel costs; May 2014- 1 Cancer patient - 2 day hotel costs; May 2014- 1 Severe Medical conditions- Fuel costs; Aug. 2014- 1 Child Major medical procedure- 5 days hotel costs; Sept. 2014- 1 Cancer patient- 2 day hotel costs; October 2014- 1 Kidney Failure patient- Fuel costs; Nov. 2014- 1 Child me-

dial procedure- Fuel costs; Nov. 2014- 1 Kidney Failure patient- fuel costs.

Please note that I do not give anyone cash money nor do I misuse the fund for anything other than what it is intended for. I personally speak with social workers from hospitals. I personally set up hotel stays and I personally purchase the fuel cards and hand them to those who qualify for our help. This money stays in Ozona

and is for the people who live in Ozona. For more information please call me at 325-340-0937 and pick up one of our brochures. You can send your donations to In Care of Ozona- Coz 4 Oz P.O. Box 1027 Ozona, Texas 76943. Also, please visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com/InCareofOzona

Thank you to everyone!

Eligio M. Martinez  
Ozona, Texas

## A special rocking chair

At any given moment, folks are clearing attics and basements and marking garage sale items. They cling to the idiom that one man's (or woman's) trash is another one's treasure. Such has been the case for decades. Sure enough, buyers show up, sometimes paying dimes on dollars for items that may need new paint, renovation or repairs to be made usable or attractive for re-sale. Prices often are negotiated, and friendly "haggling" is not uncommon. (Both sellers and buyers believe they're making "real killings.")

That's the background for this account. Abigail Criner is a resident of Bellville, Texas, where husband Michael has been a church pastor for two years. Early on, with daughters Adele and Ruth—now 4 and 3, respectively—she visited a garage sale, spotting a rocking chair she believed had "real potential." Abby paid \$15 for it, feeling she'd find time to sand, varnish and reupholster to restore its original splendor.

In short, the project was placed on her "to do" list. Instead of moving up, though, it moved to a "one-of-these-days list," iffy at best. Before long, she was pregnant with her third child, Talitha, now 11 months old. Suddenly, her lists seemed longer than the longest of bucket lists. While she loved the thought of rocking three youngsters, "must do" duties pushed her lesser "to do's" to the side.

Back in October, Abby decided to have a garage sale. Sadly, almost tearfully, she included the rocker in it, pricing it at \$5. Sure enough, a woman—also a new Bellville resident—paid the five bucks, confident she could restore the rocker to its original condition.

Telling her story to the purchaser she knew only as "Annie," Abby asked if she could see it when the project was completed.

Soon, the rocker was both out of sight and almost out of mind.

The Criners saw Annie again recently during the community's annual Small Town Christmas. It featured parades, giveaways at local businesses, caroling and even "Breakfast with Santa." This time, she was dressed as "Mrs. Claus," handing out candy to the children as she proudly represented the local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

To Michael, Abby and the girls, though, she was "Mrs. Claus"—not the woman who



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DON NEWBURY

had purchased the old rocking chair.

A few days before Christmas, the Criners' doorbell rang. Abby answered it. There was Annie, standing beside a beautifully restored

rocking chair.

"Merry Christmas," she said. Then, Annie returned to her car and drove away.

Abby was stunned. The rocking chair now is one of her most cherished Christmas gifts of all time—not so much for its value, but because it is the centerpiece of a wonderful Christian gesture—the likes of which we tend to believe happened only in the long ago. And talk about a gift that keeps on giving.

Maybe it wasn't too long after the invention of the wheel that someone discovered that half a wheel can be fashioned to provide rocking motion for cradles and chairs.

I'm guessing that such locomotion may be technologically enhanced as future decades unroll. I doubt, though, that mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers, aunts, sisters and others will be interested in the "improved" versions.

They'll stick with their old-fashioned rocking chairs, putting up with their creaks, peeling paint and crayon marks. After all, they're grand for holding children close—singing and reading to them, praying for them and helping them get to sleep. And it is a "Christmas-kind of warmth" to know there still are people like Annie "out there" who gift others simply because they feel led to do so.

United Way many years ago in a little town capitalized on this slogan: "Don't give 'til it hurts; give 'til it feels good!" Some learn this truism early on; some never do.

As we face the clean slate of a new year, let's look for ways to assist others—yes, even people whose names and stories we don't know. To "pass it on" is nothing new. The Holy Bible instructs us to look after each other.

As others are blessed, so are we. Happy New Year!

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## Pass The Plate Please

Someone once told me that it was considered a major sin to write about religion in a humor column. So here goes...

I first became acquainted with the self ordained ministers of The Church of Thou Shalt Not through their work in new-trition. I made the acquaintance of one convert who had found the religion after suffering a heart attack from worrying about food additives.

Basically the golden rule of The Church of Thou Shalt Not is that you shouldn't eat anything that tastes good or do anything that's fun. Or that you like. If you do you could end up in someplace they perceive as bad, like Elko or El Paso.

Followers of the Thou Shalt Not religion don't wear turbans, come knocking at your door, or hang out in airports selling books, but they are just as easily recognizable. And they pester you more.

True believers in the faith believe that hamburgers are evil so when they eat out at a restaurant they order a diet plate with a side order of buns. Then they put the hamburger patty that came on the diet plate between the two pieces of whole wheat bread and eat it. Kind of like a hamburger.

If you have ever seen a person at a Wendy's salad bar scoop three spoons of ham chunks on a single leaf of lettuce



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and sprinkle it with bacon bits that person probably is a follower of The Church of Thou Shalt Not. Thou shalt gather at the salad bar.

The consumer gods preach to their followers that it is a sin to eat ice cream unless it has a foreign name like Haagen Daas or Frud-

gen Gladje. Only gluten free things shall touch thy lips.

They have made a religion out of bottled water. More and more people are getting the religion it seems. The bibles of The Church of Thou Shalt Not are the Best Sellers that tell the disciples how to eat, how to dress, and how to live. On the side of cereal boxes now are the minimum daily requirements for success.

The preachers of the new religion are fading rock stars who've lost their voice, get-rich-quick scam artists, over-the-hill athletes, the Kardashians, and liberal talk show hosts. They pontificate about what's hot and what's not and

often times it is just an excuse for buying something. Pass the collection plate please.

The Church of Thou Shalt Not has their own set of commandments which are engraved in chunks of tofu. Certified 100 percent organic, naturally. These commandments are...

Thou "shalt not wear clothes that are out of fashion.

Thou shalt spend more time on the job than with your kids.

Thou shalt read only books approved by Oprah.

Thou shalt not eat a hot fudge sundae. If thou eatest a hot fudge sundae thou shalt feel guilty about it.

Thou shalt love your money more than you love your wife.

Thou shalt not eat sugar or shortening. Pardon me for saying so but their sermons could use a little shortening.

I don't believe there was anything in the Sermon on the Mount about high fiber diets, aerobics or colonic cleansings. I don't think God reads People Magazine, watches The View, has an office on Madison Avenue or considers lacto-ovo vegetarians any better than the folks who like to chow down on a steak every now and then.

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## Texas notches big year for job creation

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — 2014 has been a banner year for job creation in Texas, according to government assessments.

Drawing on figures calculated by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Texas Workforce Commission on Dec. 19 reported employers added 34,800 seasonally adjusted total non-farm jobs in November, for a total of 441,200 jobs added since last year.

"This broke the state's previous record set in October, as the state's annual job growth expanded to a new high for a fourth month in a row," according to an agency news release, which also said, "even more Texans were employed in November as the seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.9 percent from 5.1 percent in October, and down from 6.1 percent a year ago."

"The Texas economy continued its record-breaking expansion, providing job opportunities across a wide range of industries," said

Texas Workforce Commission Chair Andres Alcantar. "Texas employers set another record by adding 441,200 jobs over the year and we must continue to focus our efforts on expanding our state's skilled workforce to meet employer needs in high-demand industries."

Also as reported, seven of 11 major industries added jobs over the month, including 13,500 more jobs in Professional and Business Services, 7,200 jobs in Education and Health Services and 6,000 jobs in Leisure and Hospitality.

Notably, the Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area had the lowest November unemployment rate in the state at 2.3 percent; the Odessa MSA had the second-lowest at 2.8 percent; and the Amarillo MSA placed third-lowest at 3.3 percent.

### PERRY RENEWS PROCLAMATION

Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 22 announced the renewal of the emergency disaster proclamation he originally signed in July 2011, certifying that exceptional drought conditions posed a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas.

Even with more than welcome rains in many regions this month, the proclamation applies to 94 of the state's 254 counties. In contrast, the proclamation applied to 92 specified counties in the month of November. 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."

### 'CRAMMING' PACT REACHED

The Office of the Texas Attorney General on Dec. 19 announced the State of Texas, 49 states and the District of Columbia resolved an investigation into wireless carrier

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS**



**Business of the Month:  
Crockett County DeerFest**

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF  
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the Crockett County DeerFest Association as our Business of the Month.

The Crockett County DeerFest was created 27 years ago as a community wide appreciation banquet for hunters. Typically 1,000 to 1,500 people attend the event and approximately \$80,000 in prizes are raffled. Over the years, the Deerfest Association has raised enough money to build the Crockett County Convention Center in which the event is now housed. After construction, the building was donated to the county.

"The Crockett County DeerFest would not be what it is today without the foresight of the founding members, or the continued support of the residents and organizations in the community that come together to make this event happen," said President, Greg Hopper. "Without the help, none of this would be possible. It is the people of Ozona, and the Crockett County hunters who have made DeerFest what it is."

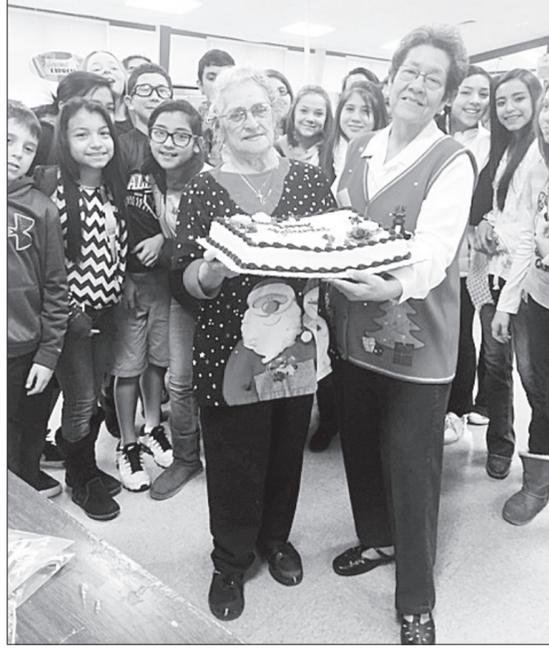
Again this year 10 percent of the admission will be donated to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center of Ozona.

In previous years, the Deerfest Association has purchased A/V equipment, put a roof on Ozona Community Center Day Care and helped finance the construction of the Crockett County EMS building. In 2013 the DeerFest contributed to the American Cancer Society, Blessings in a Backpack, Boy Scouts, CO-Z4OZ, Cub Scouts, Crockett County Care Center, Crockett County EMS, Helping Hands, Crockett County Civic & Youth Center, Crockett County 4-H, FFA, Knights of Columbus, Ozona Little League Baseball, OLPH Youth, Ozona Chamber of Commerce, Ozona Community Center, Ministerial Alliance, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Ozona Women's Forum, Ozona Women's League, Perceptor Mu Chi Chapter, Project Graduation, Relay for Life, Toys for Tots, West Texas Rehab, YMCA Youth Football, Crockett County Library, DARE, Salvation Army, Texas Challenge Academy, The Ozona Wellness Center and The Wounded Warrior Project.

The 2014 recipients of Crockett County Deerfest Scholarships for \$2,000 each were Sierra Stokes and Abby Newton, in the amount of \$1,000 each were Vivian Medina and Saul Vargas. All monies are raised from the sale of door prize tickets, admission fees and our donors' generous contributions. Among prizes given away in 2014 were 80+ guns, \$10,000 in gift cards, any number of wonderful miscellaneous items, 4-wheelers and a 2014 Jeep Wrangler and other prizes.

The newly elected officers are, President-Greg Hopper, 1st Vice President-Jimmy Nowell, 2nd Vice President-Michael Mitchell, Treasurer-Sharon Martin, Secretary-Kelsey Kubala. Board Members are Eli DeLaCruz, Gary Yeager, Kody Kubala and Nathan DeHoyos.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the Crockett County DeerFest Association for their long-time service and for being an asset to the community.



ESMI BARRERA AND RAFELA PEREZ were honored at a retirement party at OMS on Dec. 19. Esmi has worked for 29 years and Rafela for 45 years.



DAKOTA AND CIERA LEE (with whitetail bucks shot Dec 21, 2014 on Wilborn Ranch. Dakota shot 10 point with In-Line Muzzleloader and Ciera shot 7 pt with 308 rifle. They are the son and daughter of Donnie and Becky Lee of Ozona.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, Dec. 31**

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- New Year's Eve - The Ozona Stockman and county offices closing at noon.
- New Year's Eve Party, 6 p.m. at the New Beginnings Church on 354 Highway 163 South.

**Thursday, Jan. 1**

- New Year's Day
- New Year's Day Mass - 9 a.m. with Bishop Michael Sis at Good Shepherd Mission Church in Sheffield and 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

**Friday, Jan. 2**

- The Ozona Stockman office closed.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- County officials swearing in ceremony, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.

**Saturday, Jan. 3**

- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. McCamey, 1 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

**Monday, Jan. 5**

- Second Semester starts at Ozona Schools.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Tuesday, Jan. 6**

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Forsan, 5 p.m. at Forsan.

**Wednesday, Jan. 7**

- 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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Dec. 31** - Vicki Cooper, Joe Mendoza Jr., Mindy Seahorn, Cole Wadsworth and Caden Rutherford

**Jan. 1** - Eddie Alva Allsup, Jamie Moore, Tracy Peek Young and Lisa Tijerina

**Jan. 2** - Holly Sheppard, Johnny Tambunga, Cuatro Jones, Patsy White, Gloria Wilson, Butch Gonzales, Erik Bachman, Regina Garcia and Victor Villarreal Jr.

**Jan. 3** - James Caldera, Ruben Cruz, Goyo DeHoyos, Michael Ybarra Sr., Matthew Galindo, Wesley Crawford

and Chago Ybarra Jr.

**Jan. 4** - 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

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

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

**Chance to win a photo session at Jan. 26 Relay For Life meeting**

Crockett County Relay For Life will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Civic Center.

There will be a drawing for a free mini-photo session by Britni Rutledge of Eighth and Auburn Photography.

Bring a friend and you both will be entered twice. Only those who come to the meeting will be entered into the drawing.

The 2015 Crockett County Relay For Life is set for April 10-11.

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, Jan. 26.

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.

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**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 31**

· Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, gravy, green peas, wheat roll, angel food cake and fruit and milk.

**JANUARY 1**

· Closed - Happy New Year

**JANUARY 2**

· Pulled pork on a bun, baked steak fries, pineapple coleslaw, fruit crisp and milk.

**JANUARY 5**

· Santa Fe pork cutlet, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, dinner roll, escalloped apples and milk.

**JANUARY 6**

· Teriyaki glazed chicken, brown rice pilaf, oriental vegetables, wheat roll, peachy gelatin and milk.

**JANUARY 7**

· Beef tips and gravy, egg noodles, seasoned spinach, dinner roll, chunky fruit medley and milk.

**JANUARY 8**

· Beef lasagna, yellow squash, cucumber, tomato and onion salad, garlic Texas toast, lemon cake and milk.

**JANUARY 9**

· Catfish fillet, potato wedges, spicy buttered carrots, red and green coleslaw, chocolate brownie and milk.

**JANUARY 12**

· Smothered pork chop, fluffy rice, mixed vegetables, white and wheat roll, fruited cherry gelatin and milk.



**MARTHA VICKERS** was honored with a retirement party on Dec. 19 at the Family Health Center of Ozona. She had been with the Health Center for 18 years. Martha began her nursing career in 1970, and came to Crockett County Hospital in 1990 as a staff RN. That role changed soon thereafter, and she then became the Director of Nurses for the hospital. Martha worked in that capacity until July 1996, when Crockett County Hospital closed its doors and immediately reopened as a 24 hour clinic/urgent care under the leadership of Shannon Medical Center. At that time, Martha opted to work for Shannon in the after hour's part of the clinic, working in the emergency care setting. In 2000, Martha and her husband "Buster" moved to Ingram, Texas, and then on to Fredericksburg, Texas. During that time Martha kept her full time job here in Ozona, and faithfully drove the 274-mile plus round trip each week to and from Ozona until the day of her retirement. Martha was a wonderful nurse and friend to all, and she is greatly missed by the staff of Family Health Center of Ozona.

**2015 Deciding Between Good and Best for the year ahead**

BY GLENN MOLLETTE

2015 will be over almost quicker than you can say Happy New Year! Just look how fast 2014 sped by us all. Time rarely feels as if it's standing still unless we are waiting on something to happen. Time only drags when we need something to happen like a cure for a disease, a job to open or a relative to come home from the Middle East. When time drags we make the mistake of wishing it away.

We only have a little bit of time. We all have the same in a day, a week or a year. Every year that we live we are extended the same number of days and minutes. We do all kinds of things with time. We waste time, kill time, try to make up time, lose track of time or don't pay attention to time. Regardless of how we treat time it's only doing one thing moving swiftly through the hourglass one grain or second at a time.

I'm thankful for time. I'm grateful for time with my wife

and each family member. I'm grateful for this moment to sit here and peck a few words out on my keyboard. I suppose one of my problems is how do I fit all I want to do into my time. I guess I enjoy doing too much. If I only enjoyed doing one or two things then my time spent might be a little easier. Each day and moment I would simply devote my full attention to one particular aspect of life. Actually, that might not be a bad idea. But could I really do it? Could I devote 24 hours a day to my family? I could, but they really don't want me in their hair 24/7. I could devote 24 hours a day to prayer and reading the Bible or reading other good books. But then, I don't want to be an isolated religious person who never enjoys this incredible world or people. I could devote 24 hours a day to the school I serve and do a lot of the work that many others do. However, institutions are stronger and better when the work is spread around to oth-

ers. I could spend more time simply writing books, visiting family and friends and pursuing other hobbies I enjoy.

Some how we have to determine what is best. I heard about this farmer who hired a man to sort potatoes. The man's job was to put the bad potatoes in one pile, the good potatoes in another pile and the best potatoes in another pile. The man agreed to the job. At the end of the day the farmer came to see how his new employee was doing and he had not done anything. He was simply standing looking back and forth at two potatoes. The farmer bewildered asked? "Why haven't you done what I asked you to do?" The hired man responded, "I just can't decide between the good and the best potatoes."

Our dilemma in 2015 may not be in deciding between good and bad but between good and best. There are a lot of good things we can do with our time in 2015. Using our time to do the best things may be our toughest decision.

**Rehab Telethon Jan. 17**

BY JUSTIN M. DELOACH  
WEST TEXAS REHAB

Crockett County and surrounding community residents have an opportunity between now and midnight on Jan. 17 to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center by making a gift to Rehab 2015, the Center's 45th annual Telethon.

Volunteers from the Ozona Women's League are spearheading local solicitation efforts in Ozona and are conducting an advanced mail campaign as well as working the phones asking businesses and individuals to make donations to the Rehab Center.

"We hope our families and friends will ring the phones during the Telethon," said Colbey Bunker, "because Rehab makes a difference in the lives of many area residents and this is a way we can all do our part."

Contributions may be given by returning gifts to your local Phone Coordinator, dropping them by the Rehab Center or by calling the Rehab Center at (325) 223-6414.

The telethon will be carried by 10 state-wide television stations, including KJST in San Angelo and KTAB in Abilene. The show also will be streaming live at www.WestTexasRehab.org.

Popular country star Neal McCoy will be joined on stage at the Abilene Civic Center by host Charlie Chase of the Nashville network as well as Texas legend Red Steagall and the Boys in the Bunkhouse, Bill and Susan Hayes,

Brad Maule and Twyla Foreman.

Suddenlink Communications is the official sponsor of the five-hour telecast and Edward Jones/Gary and Connie Decker is on board as the new toteboard sponsor. NTS Communications provides support for the auction of merchandise and services and Hilton Garden Inn is the host hotel.

In addition to entertainment, the live production showcases the services of the Rehab Center which annually provides care daily to more than 500 children and adults with disabilities and communication disorders at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

Also, Rehab 2015's auction will include approximately 350 items donated by businesses and individuals ranging from agricultural products and home improvement items to collectibles and sports/travel packages.

Interested persons may bid online at www.WestTexasRehab.org beginning right after Christmas or by phone on Jan. 17.

"The telethon is a critical fund-raiser for the Rehab Center because we count on it to launch the New Year in a good position to meet the needs of those we'll serve in the next 12 months," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "That's why we're so grateful to local volunteers staffing phone banks ... why every advance gift and every pledge called in during the show are so deeply appreciated."

**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

**Senior Center closed Thursday and Friday**

BY BRENDA NEWTON  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

What a Christmas we had! I am surely spoiled rotten. We got to be with all our family and had such a good time. We ate good and played good. I hope all of you did the same. Here I am back at work and trying to catch up after the days off. This will be another short week and there is a lot that has to get done. Hopefully it will all get done. In not, I bet it will wait for me.

The Senior Center will be closed starting at noon on Wednesday, Dec. 31 and on Thursday, Jan. 1, and Friday, Jan. 2 for us to celebrate the New Year. It is so much fun to have the celebrations going on, but please do not forget those that are not having such a great time. Spread the love! I know that I said this same thing last week, but I think it is worth saying again. It will start to be back

to normal (whatever that is) next week. We will have Bingo on Monday, Jan. 12. We will serve tamales, red beans, corn bread and cookies for dessert. Hope to see you all there.

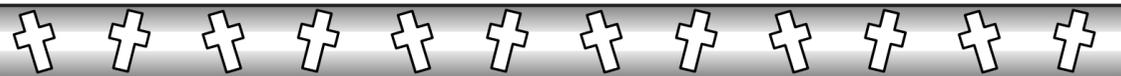
Remember that you can come to the center at night if you let me know when you want to.

Check below and see if you might like to join us at the usual activities that go on here at the center. Sure would like to see you here.

- 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.

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**THE NEW YEAR**

Usually this time of year people make all kinds of New Year's resolutions. I do something a little different and it is more of an annual spiritual review (Ephesians 5:15-21) and I use the Christmas Season (Celebration of Christ Jesus birthday) and the beginning of a new year as a review time. I usually try to look back over the year and see my victories and failures. My plan of action (Psalms 37:5) always centers on my relationship to God. Giving thanks and praise to God for His love and mercy toward me, (Psalm 118:29). In regard to the failures, after reviewing the past year I may end up in sorrow for some of my failures and I ask God for forgiveness (1 John 1:9) and ask Him for help in those areas. I also review my Church-worship attendance, tithing- giving record, prayer and then service in my local Church (Hebrews 12:21, 28). One area that I think that is a lot more important or that should come first is my personal relationship to Christ Jesus. Do I really know, love and spend time with Him in personal quiet time and Bible study? I find that when I do spend time with Him I have a lot more joy and peace in my life (Galatians 5:22-26). One of my goals for 2015 is to read the Bible all the way through, (Psalm 119:11, Proverbs 13:13). See you in Church next Sunday.  
Brother J

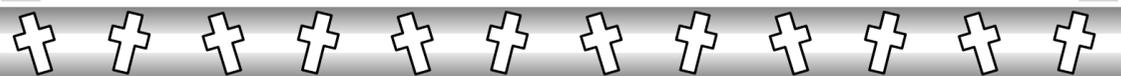
<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D Pastor John Curry Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 10 a.m. Awana - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays Wednesday Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Templo Bautista Jerusalem</b> 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><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church</b> 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth &amp; 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><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat &amp; 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><b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b> 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><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 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><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 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><b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday.</b></p>	
<p><b>New Beginnings Ozona "church...but different"</b> 354 Highway 163 South Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. (325) 228-3060 www.newbeginningsozona.com</p>	<p><b>Apostolic Church</b> 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tues &amp; Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> 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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# Seventh Grade Lions

The OMS Seventh Grade Lions defeated McCamey 29-12 on Dec. 15.

Score by quarters: Ozona 11 7 6 5 - 29; McCamey 4 4 5 1 - 12.

Scoring: Alec Lara 10; Zachary Talamantez 6; Matthew Galindo 5; Justin Yeager 4; Lazaro Rodriguez 2; Jacob Childress 2. Also playing: Sebastian Dela Cruz, Jadon Fay, and Humberto Torralba.

"This was a good team win, with everyone contributing to the victory, with points, rebounds, steals, or assists. We have done a better job of running our offenses and moving without the ball. However,

we have got to get better from the free throw line. I was very pleased with the effort and hustle that was shown by everyone," said Coach John Esparza.

The Seventh Grade Lions B Team played each other on Dec. 15.

The Purple team defeated the White team 28-22.

Purple team: Marcus Perez 18; Joseph Vitela 4; Christian Dominguez 2; Emilio Porras 2; Adrian Whitby 2. Also playing: Humberto Torralba.

White team: Joseph Moran 6; Dalton Cloud 5; Dylan Mendoza 4; Emilio Dela Rosa 4; Austin Damian 3. Also playing: Braden Gutierrez.



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SEVENTH GRADE LION LAZARO RODRIGUEZ



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SEVENTH GRADE LADY LION RAELEE BORREGO



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN  
EIGHTH GRADE LION CALEB WEBB

## Eighth Grade Lions battle McCamey Bearcats

The OMS Eighth Grade Lions lost to McCamey 42-4 on Dec. 15.

Score by quarters: Ozona 2 0 2 0 - 4; McCamey 16 5 5 14 - 42.

Scoring: Donovan Hunt 4. Also playing: Riley Williams, Caleb Webb, Coulter McWilliams, David Landin, Irving Rodriguez, Austin Hokit and Edgar Gujardo.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN  
EIGHTH GRADE LIONS #5 RILEY WILLIAMS AND COULTER McWILLIAMS

## Lady Lions defeat Iraan

The OHS Lady Lions defeated Iraan 32-30 on Dec. 19.

Score by quarters: Ozona 9 6 6 11 - 32; Iraan 11 6 5 8 - 30.

Scoring: Rachel Mendoza 6; Asia Lara 5; Madison Galindo 5; Madison Childress 5; Brianna Sanchez 4; McKenna Moses 4; Kamryn Lozano 3.

"This was a very tough road victory versus Iraan. The Lady Lions came together as a team to defeat a tough ath-

letic team from Iraan who were playoff participants from 2014. The Lady Lions had a rough shooting night, but came through in crunch time," said Coach Lee Abbey.

Ozona is 10-4 overall and 1-1 in district play. They are tied for third in district behind undefeated Christoval and Miles.

The Lady Lions will face McCamey at 1 p.m. Saturday at the OHS Davidson Gym.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN  
VARSITY LADY LION RACHAEL MENDOZA



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SEVENTH GRADE LADY LION MIRANDA VILLARREAL



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EIGHTH GRADE LADY LIONS MARIANNA GARZA AND PAIGE VILLARREAL (RIGHT)

### Youth Center Calendar of Events

The Youth Center will be

**CLOSED on Dec. 31, Jan. 1, 2 and 3.**

**HIGH SCHOOL:**

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Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.;  
Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.;  
Thursday: 2-10 p.m.;  
Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight  
and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

**OHS MEAL NIGHT:**

Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

**7TH & 8TH GRADE:**

Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.;  
Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.;  
Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

**7TH & 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:**

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To make an appointment or for more information call  
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## FORT: from page 1

difficult duties, the soldiers performed to the best of their abilities. Mules were broken and used as mounts for the soldiers in place of horses. Soldiers would patrol and provide escorts for travelers and occasionally engaged in skirmishes with Indians. For the most part, only a few shots were fired and no more than thirty were involved on either side.

One bit of history that distinguishes Fort Lancaster was the arrival of the Camel Corps in 1857. It is interesting to note, the American military was experimenting and attempting to use camels in the west. It was believed the desert conditions would be ideal for camels to be used as means of transporting supplies and personnel across the American West. An expedition was planned and camels were imported to Texas by ship. From the port of Indianola, the Camel Corps traveled inland, passing through what would become Crockett County, stopping at Fort Lancaster in July 1857. Around 25 camels along with other military wagons and expedition forces entered the fort grounds. It was quite a site for the soldiers stationed at Fort Lancaster and definitely caused excitement and curiosity for all who crossed the camel's path.

"Our camels attracted much attention, the whole garrison turning out to see them," said May Stacey (camel expedition).

The Camel Corps would eventually make their way to California, subsisting on little water and desert vegetation. Despite the successes, the camel project was abandoned as the Army faced more pressing issues with the outbreak of the American Civil War.

The Civil War opened a whole new chapter in Fort Lancaster's history. In the anxious days preceding the outbreak of hostilities, all federal troops from Texas, including Fort Lancaster, were evacuated, leaving the frontier and government road open to Indian raids. Texas responded quickly, organizing mounted regiments to replace the infantry and inhabit the frontier posts. By November of 1861 Company F of the 2nd Regiment, Texas Mounted Rifles, also known

as the 'W. P. Lane Rangers,' took over Fort Lancaster, conducting the same operation the federal troops had, guarding the road and frontier from Indian raids. The Texas Confederates, despite the isolation made the most of their experience, some even found the site beautiful.

"We arrive at Fort Lancaster and find a beautiful place, it is situated on Live Oak Creek, half mile above it's Junction with the Pecos River," said W.W. Heartsill (Confederate soldier stationed at Ft. Lancaster 1861).

One unique occasion occurring during the Confederate stay was the expedition of General Sibley. Sibley passed through Fort Lancaster with a brigade of Confederate forces including several small cannons. His mission was to invade and hold parts of the New Mexico Territory for the Confederacy. His expedition stopped at Fort Lancaster and was said to have brought a 'moral boost' to the soldiers there. Indeed the Confederate period added some diversity to Fort Lancaster and Crockett County history. However, their stay was short lived as a revised defense plan recalled the 'Texas Mounted Rifles' in 1862, leaving Fort Lancaster abandoned for the remainder of the war.

With the ending of the Civil War, Fort Lancaster again accommodated federal troops with the same mission, to guard and protect travelers from Indian raids. These troops were the Buffalo Soldiers (African American soldiers) of the 9th Cavalry, gaining the name 'Buffalo Soldiers' from the American Indians. During their stay they encountered the same situations of isolation and guard duty as soldiers before them, except in one instance.

It was the day after Christmas 1867, when a large band of Kickapoo Indians approached the fort. An attack ensued with the Kickapoo acting quickly to seize the Fort's supply of horses that had been driven to water along the creek. The battle quickly spread to include a direct attack on the Fort. The Buffalo Soldiers quickly formed a skirmish line, firing their rifles, volley after volley. Along with a stampede of the fort's horses that halted the Indians advance, the soldiers were able to repel the attack. To the commanders surprise he exclaimed,

"Had this stampede not occurred, it is doubtful if the defenses against such overwhelming odds could have been successful," said Capt. William Frohock.

Large-scale Indian raids on military posts were rare, leaving Fort Lancaster as the only Texas fort to be directly attacked by American Indians. The attack by the Indians was motivated by the low garrison numbers stationed at Fort Lancaster at the time, along with a large number of Indians which eyed the fort's horses and mules as easy taking. Fort Lancaster would continue serving the area for the next couple of years. However, as the Indian threat diminished so did the Fort's need. Eventually in the 1870s Fort Lancaster was abandoned leaving it weathered by time as today, only ruins remain.

Indeed Fort Lancaster played an unsung role in the development of the American West. The story of Fort Lancaster, the various events, people, and soldiers should always be remembered. Fort Lancaster is a place where the frontier met the west and represents the rich history of Crockett County.

Today the site is preserved by the Texas Historical Commission and is open to the public daily for visitation. Currently, renovation of the visitor's center is underway adding extended exhibits and a museum complex. Visitors can come and observe the ruins of history.

Learn more at [www.visitfortlancastr.com](http://www.visitfortlancastr.com).



TEN YEAR-OLD DAVID MASTROVICH and his Dad, John, teamed up to take down "Hogzilla" on the family ranch in Crockett County.



TY PEÑA, age 16, traveled from Southaven, Mississippi, to hunt his first deer at the family ranch south of Ozona. Ty is the grandson of Jackie and George Crone of Southaven, Mississippi, and the great-grandson of Lee and Joycelyn Graves, late of Ozona.

## STATE: from page 2

T-Mobile USA Inc. for its role in the practice of unlawful cell phone "cramming" - the unlawful practice of placing unauthorized third-party charges on mobile phone accounts.

T-Mobile agreed to settle states' claims for a total nationwide monetary value of at least \$90 million. "As part of this legal action," the Texas AG's Office said, "T-Mobile has agreed to no longer bill for third-party Premium Short Message Services (PSMS) - which led to the unlawful cramming - and will be isolating other third-party billing charges on customer bills."

Cramming, as explained in the announcement, "occurs when third-party content providers enroll and bill mobile phone customers for their services - such as ringtones and recurring text messages containing trivia or horoscopes - without the customers' knowledge or consent."

### AIR READINGS IMPROVE

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality on Dec. 18 announced ozone levels in 2014 were "either equal to or lower than the best levels ever measured in most areas of the state."

In making the announcement, the agency pointed out:

- The year 2011 had high ozone readings in many areas of the state because extreme drought, wildfires in Texas and elsewhere in the United States, few cloudy or rainy days and unusually quiet winds combined to form "conditions favorable for ozone formation."
- "Better air quality has been achieved through targeted emission reduction strategies. In Houston, industry has cut NOx (ozone components nitric oxide and nitrogen dioxide) production over 80 percent in the last 10 years. Tougher rules on compressor emissions in North and East Texas have helped, as well as tougher emissions rules on electricity generating plants. Fleet turnover of both passenger cars and heavy-duty trucks also played a substantial role."
- "Lower emissions from newer trucks and cars and new diesel fuel standards also reduce ozone precursor emissions."
- Gas production has expanded rapidly near the San Antonio and Dallas-Fort Worth areas, but TCEQ scientific studies "have not to date seen significant impacts of oil and gas activities on ozone in those metropolitan areas."



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**ACROSS**

- 1 stolen money
- 5 TXism: "it's all water \_\_\_ duck's back" (unconcerned)
- 6 ram or pack firmly
- 7 lyric poems
- 8 network where TX Kelly Clarkson won first Idol competition
- 9 TX Buck Owens' TV show: "Hee \_\_\_"
- 12 TXism: "between a rock and a hard \_\_\_"
- 17 home to ACU, MU, and HSU
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- 23 TX Katherine Helmond (2 wds.)
- 28 Crowell h.s. class in Concho Co. on hwy. 83 & 87
- 30 halogens group
- 31 coin toss call
- 35 colorful, long-tailed parrot
- 36 fruit drink order at old TX bar? (2 wds.)
- 42 hiking path near Mt. Enterprise, TX: "Griff \_\_\_"
- 44 Alain of "Texas Across the River"
- 46 slide downhill with a partner? (2 wds.)
- 48 rollerblade skate
- 49 TXism: "bat \_\_\_ eyelash"
- 50 TXism: "darn tootin'"
- 51 pews
- 52 part of "Fiesta San Antonio": River \_\_\_ Show
- 53 TX "Dr Pepper Snapple Group" is "DPS" on this narcotics criminal
- 54 TX Audie was a hero in World \_\_\_ II
- 57 lemon \_\_\_ (drink)
- 58 ship movement
- 14 TXism: "mad as \_\_\_-eyed cow"
- 15 what motorcyclists call a car college subject (abbr.)
- 16 this Tinkle wrote Alamo book "13 Days to Glory"
- 20 actress in TX-based "Giant" (init.)
- 23 great ex-Cowboy RB, Dorsett (init.)
- 24 "\_\_\_ and vigor"
- 25 wrinkled dog: \_\_\_ Pei
- 26 Tex-Mex snacks
- 27 TX Horton '60 hit: "North to \_\_\_"
- 32 "\_\_\_ Siecke State Forest"
- 33 TXism: "big enough to shade \_\_\_ elephant"
- 34 a couple of TX Bushes have lived here
- 36 no seats left (abbr.)
- 37 amateur sports org.
- 38 North African
- 39 Rio Grande early on: "Rio \_\_\_ Palmas"
- 40 TX is \_\_\_ among the states
- 41 TX Ely & Regan
- 43 Cowboy or Texan score (abbr.)
- 45 dir. from Mineola to Texarkana
- 47 Erik of TV film "Honeyboy" with TX Morgan Fairchild
- 48 "that \_\_\_ excuse" ship's complement

**DOWN**

- 1 TXism: "he's got a \_\_\_ his quiver" (capable)
- 2 "Battle \_\_\_ Walls" (panhandle)
- 3 "Gulf \_\_\_"
- 4 bugle sound at military funerals
- 9 TXism: "skeeedaddle out of \_\_\_"
- 10 TXism: "just two whoops \_\_\_"
- 11 this Studi was in TV series "Into the West" with TX Gary Busey (2005)
- 12 UH BB team in '83: "\_\_\_ Slama Jama"
- 13 1982 NBC sitcom based on TX Oliver Hailey's teleplay, "Sidney Shorr"

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