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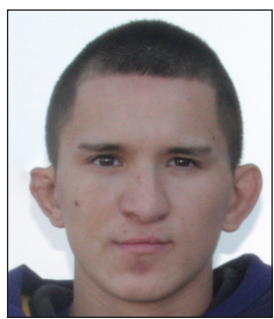
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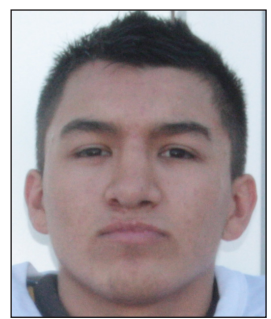
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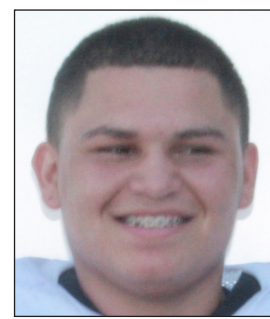
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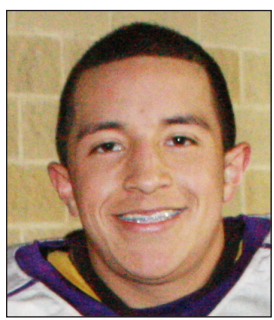
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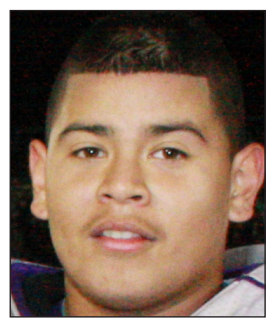
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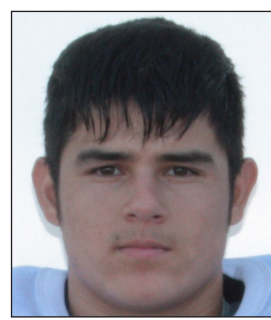
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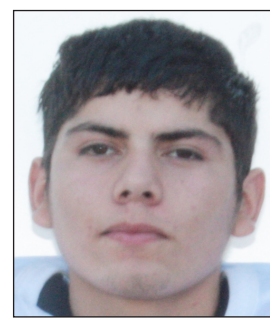
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Defensive Back



ROCKY VENEGAS
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Defensive Back

65th annual Crockett County Stock Show Saturday

The 65th annual Crockett County Stock Show will take place Saturday, Dec. 15 at the 4-H Barn.

The weigh-in is Friday, Dec. 14.

Check-in for all lambs, goats and swine in the 4-H Barn is 4 p.m. Friday.

Weigh-in of all lambs, goats and swine will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by the breaking of classes.

No animals can stay in the barn overnight until Thursday, Dec. 13.

The show will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, starting with the Fine Wool Lamb Show, followed by the Fine Wool Cross Lamb Show, Angora Mutton Show, Meat Goat Show and Swine Show.

The Buyers Barbecue Lunch and show awards will take place around noon at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

A concession stand will be available throughout the show.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For more information, call the Crockett County 4-H Office at 392-2721.

OZONA CHRISTMAS TOUR



SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR BRENDA NEWTON stands by the Christmas cottage built by her husband Royce Newton during Sunday's Christmas Tour of Homes sponsored by the Friends of the Library. The Senior Center was one of several places on the tour. More tour photos, see page 5.

OHS attendance becoming priority

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Missing school hurts more than just a student's ability to graduate.

One student being absent for one day affects the entire school district.

At Ozona High School, attendance has become such a problem that school adminis-

trators are searching for any way to get the word out to parents and students.

The district has sent letters, gone to court over students and held meetings, including one last week at the OHS Auditorium.

In the first six weeks, more than 100 OHS students had unexcused absences, said Ronny Clayton, OHS Dean of Students.

"Parents are not understanding and students are not understanding," Clayton said.

Out of an enrollment of around 200 students, OHS has an attendance rate of 95.3 percent, or around 48 students.

OHS Principal Josh Carty said the school is aiming for a 96.5 percent rate.

"It's worse than at this time last year," Carty said.

Around Oct. 31, the school slipped below 95 percent which means the Texas Education Agency could audit the district.

"It's like students not passing the TAKS or the STA-AR tests. We are dealing with the same 20 percent of kids," Carty said. "We tell the kids it's just like us coming to work."

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Burn ban reinstated, New Year's fireworks restricted

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County is once again under a burn ban.

As recommended by Fire Marshal Steve Kenley, the commissioners' court unanimously approved to reinstate the burn ban during Monday's regular meeting.

The commissioners lifted the burn ban in October.

The commissioners also approved an order restricting aerial fireworks, such as bottle rockets, "skyrockets with sticks" and "missile's with fins" for New Year's Eve.

The State of Texas order states that no person may sell, detonate, ignite or in any way use these types of fireworks. Violation of the order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Firework sales will be allowed this year with the restrictions. It does not prohibit common fireworks, small in size.

In the past, the commissioners have approved the sale of fireworks with these restrictions.

"I'm not in favor of

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ASU-SBDC offers free online business training

We are all busy. It seems like there is no avoiding it these days, especially during the holidays. In an effort to help, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) provides free online business training.

Through a partnership with the San Antonio Institute for Economic Development (IED), the ASU-SBDC is proud to provide valuable online training modules covering an assortment of business topics to help you start a new business or better manage your existing business. And did I mention they

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"Business Tips" was written by Jessica Lambert, Business Development Training Coordinator and Certified Training Coordinator of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at jessica.lambert@angelo.edu.

A mother's letter to Santa

Dear Santa, I've been a good mom all year. I've fed, cleaned and cuddled my children on demand, visited the doctor's office more than my doctor, sold 62 cases of candy bars to raise money to plant a shade tree on the school playground.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

I was hoping you could spread my list out over several Christmases, since I had to write this letter with my son's red crayon, on the back of a receipt in the laundry room between cycles, and who knows when I'll find anymore free time in the next 18 years.

Here are my Christmas wishes:

I'd like a pair of legs that don't ache (in any color, except purple, which I already have) and arms that don't hurt or flap in the breeze; but are strong enough to pull my screaming child out of the candy aisle in the grocery store.

I'd also like a waist, since I lost mine somewhere in the seventh month of my last pregnancy.

If you're hauling big ticket items this year I'd like fingerprint resistant windows and a radio that only plays adult music; a television that doesn't broadcast any programs containing talking animals; and a refrigerator with a secret compartment behind the crispener where I can hide to talk on the phone.

On the practical side, I could use a talking doll that says, "Yes, Mommy" to boost my parental confidence, along with two kids who don't fight and three pairs of jeans that will zip all the way up without the use of power tools.

I could also use a recording of Tibetan monks chanting "Don't eat in the living room" and "Take your hands off your sister," because

my voice seems to be just out of my children's hearing range and can only be heard by the dog. If it's too late to find any of these products, I'd settle for enough time to brush my teeth and comb my hair in the same morning, or the luxury of eating food warmer than room temperature without it being served in a Styrofoam container.

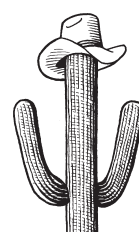
If you don't mind, I could also use a few Christmas miracles to brighten the holiday season. Would it be too much trouble to declare ketchup a vegetable? It will clear my conscience immensely. It would be helpful if you could coerce my children to help around the house without demanding payment as if they were the bosses of an organized crime family.

Well, Santa, the buzzer on the dryer is ringing and my son saw my feet under the laundry room door. I think he wants his crayon back. Have a safe trip and remember to leave your wet boots by the door and come in and dry off so you don't catch cold.

Help yourself to cookies on the table but don't eat too many or leave crumbs on the carpet. Yours Always, MOM...! P.S. One more thing... you can cancel all my requests if you can keep my children young enough to believe in Santa.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Check out our annual Santa Letters section next week, in the Dec. 19 edition.

Let's Be Honest



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I hate to quibble with the pontificators of ancient wisdom but I've found that a lot of the old bromides that we repeat as undeniable truths are flat out lies. Take this one: "Early to bed and early to rise makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

Haven't we all known a broken down old cowboy who got up before the sun, and went down when it did, who suffered from rheumatism, gout, boils, corns, con-niptions and consumption and then died prematurely, so broke that his buddies had to buy him a box to be buried in?

So much for being healthy, wealthy and wise!

Then there's this one: "An apple a day keeps the Doctor away." This one particularly galls me because I've eaten two cups of apple sauce every day for the last 20 years and I see more of my Doctor than his wife, kids and pill salesmen do.

Whoever first uttered the words, "Honesty is the best policy," must not have been married. You're telling me that if your pleasantly plump wife asks, "Does this dress make me look fat?", that you are going to look her in the eye and tell her the truth, knowing it will land you in the doghouse for at least a week?

Or wives, if your husband finally takes you on that vacation you've been begging for and at its conclusion asks you if you enjoyed the hog hunt, you're telling me that you're going to be honest and tell him that you hated every tick-infested minute, knowing that he'll never take you

anywhere ever again? (Except to a bull sale, maybe.)

It was on my first job after college that I began questioning conventional wisdom. I'd like to say that I was the manager of a purebred cattle operation but since honesty is supposedly the best policy I am forced to admit that I was a hired hand working for next-to-nothing.

The owner of the cattle didn't believe in frivolous spending so he raised his own herd bulls, married the cook/housecleaner so he didn't have to pay her, and paid me so little that I didn't have enough money to leave.

His cattle showed the lack of high priced genetics. His two year old bulls could limbo under a 4-wheel drive pickup with four flat tires and the grass was often taller than the cows, which made them hard to check. This was in the 1970's when everyone wanted their cattle tall and long. You could judge a cattle show with a tape measure and the cattle got so meatless that buying a steak was like playing Russian Roulette in that you had a one in six chance of having a pleasurable eating experience. It looked like we were raising cattle for bigger hides, not better steaks.

My boss sold some of his bulls at a college gain-test sale. The coward couldn't go to the sale, (I've often wondered if he just didn't want to suffer the humiliation), so he stayed home and sent me to be embarrassed. Before I left he handed me a couple \$20 bills and said, "Buy everyone who looks at our bulls lunch at the sale."

That night when I got back to the ranch the boss was eagerly waiting for a report on how his cattle sold that day. Having been taught that honesty is always the best policy, I handed him back the two twenty dollars bills he'd given me that morning and said, "No one looked at your bulls."

Okay, so maybe I was a bit blunt and should have sugarcoated it. Perhaps I should have just told him that I ran out of his money buying all the interested buyers lunch. I could have been more tactful and I didn't have to pick right then to hand him a fistful of invoices from the college for the feed and sale expense. Oh, and by the way, NONE of his bulls sold that day. But no, I had to be honest and in so doing I deeply wounded this prideful man, so much so that he dispersed his herd shortly thereafter and hardly spoke to me for years when we met at the Post Office.

In hindsight, I should have just done what any politician would have done and just pocketed the forty bucks.

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Lawmaker asks to use rainy day fund for drought needs

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Texas should spend some of its "rainy day fund" on water issues, state Sen. Bob Duell, R-Greenville, suggested in a letter to Gov. Rick Perry last week.

Duell pointed to U.S. Drought Monitor data that says 94 percent of Texas is classified as abnormally dry, adding that the state climatologist called the months of October and November the driest in Texas history.

In his Dec. 6 letter, Duell asked for the State Water Plan to be funded. He did not mention a dollar amount, but noted the existence of a "growing consensus that action needs to be taken now to ensure the future water needs of our state."

The state's economic stimulus fund — widely referred to as the rainy day fund — totals somewhere between \$8 billion and \$10 billion. The governor has called the rainy day fund "critical to our ability to respond to and recover from disasters and emergencies, whether they're

natural or man-made."

The State Water Plan, written by the Texas Water Development Board, is supposed to be a blueprint to secure Texas' water needs 50 years into the future. But to finance projects that conserve, capture, channel and move water supplies, it takes money that the Legislature has been reluctant to appropriate and spend and last session was averse to selling general obligation bonds as a way to fund the water plan.

Texas' water planning process is based on a bottom-up, consensus-driven approach that integrates the efforts of 16 Regional Water Planning Groups made up of members representing agriculture, industry, environment, public, municipalities, business, water districts, river authorities, water utilities, counties and power generation. As referenced above, excep-

tional drought continues to grip Texas.

Gov. Perry on Nov. 30 renewed the July 5, 2011, drought disaster proclamation for another 30 days for 180 of Texas' 254 counties.

The proclamation directs that all necessary measures, as expressed in state law, both public and private, be implemented to meet the threat prolonged drought poses to public health, property and the economy.

REGENTS SAY YES TO MED SCHOOL

State Rep. Eddie Lucio III, D-San Benito, on Dec. 6 announced the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System passed a measure that paves a path to create a medical school in the Rio Grande Valley.

While the board of regents passed the measure, the Texas Legislature, which convenes Jan.

8, must give approval for the progress to continue.

The idea is to merge UT Brownsville and UT Pan American in Edinburg into one new UT system that will house the new medical school. Regents also approved the \$100 million over the next 10 years needed to accelerate the transitioning of the

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CORRECTIONS

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any individual, firm or corporation will be corrected when called to the attention of the management by the next issue.

DARE Graduation



DARE GRADUATION was held last week for the OES Fifth Grade Class. Students were honored for completing the DARE program taught by Crockett County Sheriff's Deputy Tara Carey. Essay contest winners were: Mrs. Owens's class - Amber Fuentes; Mrs. Fox's class - Raellee Borrego; Mrs. Unterbrink's class - Humberto Torralba; Mrs. Allen's class - Wendy Mata and Grand Prize - Sebastian De La Cruz.

Community Christmas Musical Sunday

The Ozona Ministerial Alliance and the Ozona United Methodist Church will host a Christmas Music Festival at 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16, at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Everyone is invited to attend to hear the sounds of the Christmas season.

A refreshment "pot-luck" will follow. This will give everyone a taste of the community's Christmas treats.

Leigh Chandler
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JEREMY MUNOZ entertained customers and helped collect donations for Toys for Tots Saturday morning at the Ozona Dollar General.

Toys for Tots donations

Veterans of Crockett County are once again collecting new unwrapped toys and money donations this holiday season.

These donations will be used to provide a gift during Christmas for the children in Crockett County that might not be as fortunate as others.

The Toys for Tots campaign will last until Dec. 21, with the support of the Crockett County EMS and the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department will have applications for the people that need some assistance this holiday. Come by between the hours of 9 a.m.-noon each Saturday and to complete the application.

Crockett County Veterans will be asking everyone to join them in bringing a smile to a local child this holiday season.

Toy containers are located at Dollar General and Ozona Mercantile.

Crockett County Veterans and their helpers will be available at various locations throughout town every Saturday morning from 10 a.m.-noon.

The veterans are asking you to join them during the 2012 Toys for Tots Campaign. If you would like to drop off a toy or make a money donation come by when you see the volunteers collecting on Saturdays.

For more information, call Frank Tambunga 392-2827

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Deca. 12 - Randy Carter, Lillian Tijerina, Robert Barrera, Felicitia Ramirez and Aiden Nicks

Dec. 13 - Lyndon English, Cookie Worthington, Matias Gandar, Billy Reagor, Jose Luis Sarabia, Kramer Hall and Emily Vargas, Ray Galindo and Valysa Hartman

Dec. 14 - Kylan Burleson, Jeanie Thompson, Dusty Wilson, Harvey Fierro, Sara Estrada and Alexa Cervantez

Dec. 15 - Rick Hunnicutt and Trey Fierro

Dec. 16 - Anna Marie Fierro, Janina Savala, Manuel Gutierrez Sr., Markaus Galindo, Rianna N. DeLaRosa

Dec. 17 - Helen Owensby, Jolene Hernandez, Zachary Talamantez, Aiden Fierro and Jordan Martinez

Dec. 18 - Celia West, Serenity Kydance Vasquez and Hope Ellington

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 12

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Zumba, 7-8 p.m. at the OHS Little Basketball Gym.

Thursday, Dec. 13

- Holiday Hands Christmas Arts and Craft Fair, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Zumba, 7-8 p.m. at the OHS Little Basketball Gym.
- OHS and OMS Christmas Band Concert, 7 p.m. at the Crockett County Convention Center.

Friday, Dec. 14

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crafts, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- "A Different Kind of Christmas" study and lunch, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- OHS Lady Lions vs. Rocksprings, 5 p.m. at Rocksprings.
- OHS Lions vs. Rankin, 5 p.m. at the Davidson Gym.

Saturday, Dec. 15

- Crockett County Stock Show, 8 a.m. at the 4-H Barn.
- Toys for Tots donations, 10 a.m.-noon at the town square.

Sunday, Dec. 16

- Community Christmas Festival, 4 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Monday, Dec. 17

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crafts, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m. at Eldorado.

Tuesday, Dec. 18

- Balancing exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance lessons, 7-9 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Eldorado, 4 p.m. at Eldorado.

Wednesday, Dec. 19

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- ONB Open House, 9:30 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. at Ozona National Bank.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Retirement party for Shio Tambunga, 2-4 p.m. at county tax office.
- Children's Christmas Program, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

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Holiday Hands Arts and Craft Fair

The Holiday Hands Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair is seeking booths for their annual fair that will take place from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Civic Center.

Booth rentals are \$25 for a 10x10 indoor or outdoor space. Proceeds go to the Helping Hands of Ozona Meals on Wheels program.

For more information, or to register a booth, call (325) 226-4777.

Zumba December schedule

Get in shape for the holidays with Zumba.

Classes are taught by Nicole Preddy. Cost is \$5. Proceeds benefit the Crockett County Youth Center Scholarship Fund.

Schedule for December:
 - Dec. 12-13, 7-8 p.m. at the OHS Little Basketball Gym.
 - Dec. 19-20, 7-8 p.m. at the Civic Center.

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS



THE SENIOR CENTER QUILTERS made pillows for the Care Center residents. Last week, the ladies delivered the pillows the Care Center residents. The quilters are Judy Farris, Roberta Schoenhals, Audrey Glynn, Lorelei Sorrell, Estelle Williams, Elaine Williams, Colleen Everett (not pictured) and Senior Center Director Brenda Newton.

Lots of activities at the Senior Center

BY BRENDA NEWTON
 SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Well it is almost here, Jesus birthday. What a celebration. Thank you, God. Santa Claus is in full swing too. Shoppers are running around in circles or pulling hair at the computer.

It is the season to be happy and pass out the love. I do hope you all are enjoying these days. If you are not, and you have problems, I hope they are solved quickly and you can be happy.

We are having a lot of fun at the Senior Center. It is all decorated and festive and we

have already had a couple of parties here. I have been lucky enough to be involved in some of these and had a wonderful time. Thank you to the board member that helped with the tour of homes. It could not have been done without you. If you have not seen it, you should come on out.

We still have regular things going on here. Exercise is at 8 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Bridge is at 1:30 p.m. Mondays. Mexican Train is 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays. Balance exercises are 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Quilting is 9:30

a.m. Thursday. I'm still open at 10 a.m. Monday and Friday to teach you to tie bows. We will have some other great crafts after Christmas.

The prayer group will continue meeting here on Wednesdays after Christmas.

Levis and Lace had their Christmas party here on Saturday night. They will continue to have lessons on Tuesday nights from 7-9 p.m. They have such a fun time. You should join them. It is great exercising and exciting.

Come one out, the coffee is on.

DEATH NOTICES

Ray Valadez

Ray Valadez, 90, died Saturday, Dec. 8, 2012 in San Angelo. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 15, in the Johnson Street Church of Christ in San Angelo.

Survivors include three sons, Orlando Valadez, of San Angelo, Danny Valadez, of Fort Worth and Joe Robert Valadez, of Fort Worth, and two daughters, Maria Gonzalez, of San Angelo and Debbie Rodriguez, of Abilene.

Angel Tree program kicks off this week

The Ozona United Methodist Church Wesley Nurse Program is sponsoring this year's Angel Tree program.

This program's purpose is to ensure all Crockett County residents experience the blessings of the Holy day of Christmas.

It could not be successful without the help of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, Ozona Elementary School, Ozona Women's League, Ozona National Bank and Crockett National Bank.

Approximately 150 children and elderly residents in our community have been

contacted.

Their clothing needs have been placed on ornaments, which are decorating Christmas trees located at OLPH Catholic Church, Ozona United Methodist Church, Ozona National Bank and Crockett National Bank.

If you would like to participate, please go by one of these four locations and pick up the ornament of your choice, purchase the items listed and return your gift by Dec. 14 to any of the four locations.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals and accepting applications for cooks. Pick up applications at Helping Hands.

If you have a few minutes, call 392-5026 and help deliver meals.

DECEMBER 12

Chopped barbecue sandwich, potato salad, seasoned green beans, onion slice and lettuce leaf, peach slices and milk.

DECEMBER 13

Turkey casserole, turnip greens, wheat bread, pear crisp and milk

DECEMBER 14

Beef enchilada casse-

role, spicy pinto beans, toss salad, diet dressing, vanilla pudding and milk.

DECEMBER 17

Herb baked chicken, poultry gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli and cauliflower, wheat bread, lemon pudding and milk

DECEMBER 18

Beef tips with gravy, fluffy rice, zucchini with stew tomatoes, dinner roll, chunky fruit medley and milk

DECEMBER 19

Pork riblet, seasoned pinto beans, steamed cabbage, wheat bread, fruited gelatin salad and milk.

A Different Kind of Christmas lunch study Fridays

Are you looking for a "different kind of Christmas?"

One that puts Christ instead of material gifts in the center of the celebration?

If so, join others of us who are on that journey on Fridays at noon in the Fellowship Hall of Ozona United Methodist Church for a brief presentation and conversation over lunch.

The study will last one hour on the Fridays in December and continue to the first Friday in January.

The name of the study is "A Different Kind of Christmas: Living and Giving Like Jesus."

I think you will find it thought-provoking and challenging. It is based on a book titled Christmas is Not Your Birthday by the Rev. Mike Slaughter.

Each hour-long session will include prayer, scripture, a brief video, group discussion and suggestions for taking home the learning of the day.

A simple soup and sandwich lunch will be provided. I hope you will come and bring a friend from the community with you.

This study is about Jesus, not about the Methodist Church, but for any one who is seeking to celebrate Christmas as Jesus' birthday.

Card of Thanks

I (Praise the Lord) would like to thank each and everyone who had me in their prayers. Thanks to Marilee at Med-Way, Helping Hands, Blanca, Alice, Rosa and Lucrecia. A big thank you to my family for helping me in every way while I was sick. May God bless you richly

Anna Yruegas

Ozona United Methodist Church Holiday Events

"A Different Kind of Christmas"

Study & Lunch - Fellowship Hall - Fridays at Noon
 Dec. 14th, 21st, 28th & Jan. 4th

Angel Tree Presents Due Today - Dec. 14th

Community Christmas Festival

Dec. 16th • 4:00 p.m. • Sanctuary

Children's Christmas Program

Dec. 19th • 5:30 p.m. • Fellowship Hall

Longest Night Service

Dec. 21st • 5:00 p.m. • Chapel

Christmas Eve

Candle Light Service

Dec. 24th • 5:00 p.m.

Sanctuary

A FEW GRAINS OF RICE

Last week my wife cooked an oriental dish and a small pot of rice. I started to clean the rice pot after dinner and I noticed there was a small amount of rice stuck in the bottom of the pot. Looking at those few grains, a thought came to mind. I wonder how many places in the world would like to have those few grains of rice? Would it be a small starving child in Africa or a mother somewhere wishing she had a little more for her sick and undernourished children? Or could it be an elderly person with little or no income? Could it even be an abandoned mother with several children and very little or no support? Those few grains of rice reminded me of something in the Bible. How are we going to respond to the poor and needy? They have been here shortly after the beginning of mankind on the earth and they will always be poor and needy people, (Matthew 26:11). God does not like it when we oppress or ignore the them, (Psalm 109:16) and He likes it when we help or give to them, (Proverbs 14:31, Acts 11:29&30, 2 Corinthians 8:1-4). It is the time of year we celebrate the great gift God gave to us, His only Son, Jesus Christ, (John 3:16) so let us not forget those in need and how we can help them. See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<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 a.m., 6 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 Every Second 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 Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 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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CHRISTMAS TOUR

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The Friends of the Library Christmas Community Tour on Sunday afternoon was awesome. We toured three of Ozona's most beautiful churches decorated for Christmas, two organizations and three of Ozona's cutest shops. It really put us all in the Christmas Spirit. Everyone ended their tour at the Library Open House for refreshments and door prizes of poinsettias and Christmas figurines from Blanca's House of Flowers and handmade jewelry from Library Board member Mary Ortiz.

This year we had the First Baptist Church, the Ozona United Methodist Church and Templo Siloe join our tour. We also had the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and the Senior Center all dressed up for Christmas. Close To Our Hearts, the Ozona Mercantile and the Twisted Sisters Antiques completed our Community Tour. We thank them all for their participation in making our tour such a success.

All enjoyed the beautiful cakes, cookies, candy and punch at the Library Open House and then stayed for the door prize drawing. Rhonda Stuart, Marilyn Cox and Marolyn Bean all won beautiful poinsettias. Lynn Perner, Beth Hoover, and Nancy Hale won Christmas figurines all from Blanca's House of Flowers. Sydney Knaack and Cynthia Flores won handmade jewelry sets from Library Board member Mary Ortiz. Tirzah Huddleston's cake was voted most beautiful, but all the cakes were delicious. We thank all our volunteers for their support of the library.

Over 50 people were on the tour this year with 11 friends volunteers helping make the 2012 Community Tour one of the best ever. Thank you to everyone who played a part. It was a wonderful afternoon of Christmas cheer and friendship to benefit the Public Library. Merry Christmas.



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1 TXism: "will miss ___ you blink" (small town)
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8 in 1881, this govt. bldg. was destroyed by fire (2 wds.)
17 TX Brown who was Notre Dame Heisman winner
18 UT swimmer who won gold medals in '88 and '92
21 TXism: "sober as a judge ___ court"
22 Fort Bliss site: Lanoria ___
23 lacking vitality
24 TXism: "let the cat out of ___"
29 TXism: "in this ___ of the woods"
30 boot aroma
31 Gov. ___ Culberson (1894-98)
32 career choice of TX born Sam Donaldson
34 TXism: "right ___" (specific location)
35 Dallas Stars league
36 plowing machines
37 TX-sized electronics co.
38 chicken casa
39 TXism: "stands ___ feet"
41 dark fur
42 TX Larry McMurtry's "Lonesome ___"
43 TXism: "enjoyed about all this ___ stand"
44 TX ranch
45 TXism: "the bigger they ___ the harder they fall"
46 TXism: "hot as road ___ in July"
47 Lyndon ___ Johnson
48 crop gatherer
50 lubricates
51 TXism: "___ little horse trading" (dicker)
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1 probing type of journalism
2 TXism: "brave enough ___ a boomtown cafe"
3 in Kerr Co. on 27
4 Latin Rite: "___ of Corpus Christi"
9 pilot bail out
10 barrel or keg
11 Santa ___ CA
12 in college it's kinesiology (abbr.)
13 TXism: "call ___" (quit)
14 "... daddy sang bass, momma sang ___"
15 TXism: "just ___ yonder"
16 "Gone to Texas" meant "on the ___"
19 December visitor: St. ___
20 Cowboy & Texan tickets are ___ for more than value
22 "Don't ___ Texas!"
24 ___ Rusk took over TX Army after Houston
25 TXism: "sells like ___ cakes"
26 currency in the eurozone
15 TXism: "fast as small ___ gossip"
35 TXism: "he's all foam and ___" (superficial)
37 past event: "Walt Garrison All- ___"
38 chili con ___
40 collegiate sports organization (abbr.)
41 TXism: "full of ___ and vinegar"
44 back talk
47 ___ High School in El Paso
49 stringed instrument

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JAYTON RODRIGUEZ TAKES THE BALL DOWN THE COURT as varsity Lion teammate Tyler Galindo keeps up with the action.

Lions take second in Ozona Tourney

The Ozona Lions finished second in the Ozona Tournament this past weekend.

In their first game, the Lions defeated Comstock 57-12.

Scoring: Tyler Galindo 2; Alex Borrego 2; Saul Vargas 2; Noah Tambunga 3; Jayton Rodriguez 6; Glen Tinney 10; Blake Morrow 6; Brandon DeHoyos 6; Jerrod duBois 12; Tres Perez 6 and Joaquin Meza 2.

The Lions defeated Crane next, 58-45.

Scoring: Galindo 11; Borrego 5; Vargas 4; Tambunga 3; Rodriguez 6; Tinney 3; Morrow 2; DeHoyos 4; duBois

20. Also playing: Franco, Perez and Meza.

The Lions defeated Rocksprings 57-40 in their third game.

Scoring: Galindo 10; Borrego 10; Tambunga 6; Tinney 4; Morrow 1; duBois 20; Perez 6. Also playing: Vargas, Rodriguez, DeHoyos and Meza.

In the championship game, the Lions lost to Harper 52-46.

Scoring: Galindo 16; Borrego 6; Rodriguez 11; Tinney 3; duBois 9 and Perez 1. Also playing: Vargas, Tambunga, Franco, Morrow, DeHoyos and Meza.

JV Lions compete in Ozona Tourney

The JV Lions also competed in the Ozona Tournament.

Ozona lost to Eldorado 57-27 in their first game.

Scoring: Kalen Perez 2; Ricky Porras 3; Bryce Gutierrez 3; Ben Badillo 3; R. Sanchez 6; Ryan Porras 1; Daniel Lombrana 5; Jose Ojedo 2 and Michael Ybarra 2. Also playing: Juan Rodriguez and Omero Rodriguez.

The JV Lions lost to Harper 57-18 in their second game.

Scoring: Ri. Porras 2; Gutierrez 2; Ry. Porras 3; Lombrana 8; Ojedo 3. Also playing:

Perez, J. Rodriguez, Badillo, O. Rodriguez, Sanchez and Ybarra.

Ozona lost to Reagan County 40-13 in their third game.

Scoring: Ri. Porras 2; Sanchez 2; Ry. Porras 3; Lombrana 6. Also playing: Perez, J. Rodriguez, Badillo, O. Rodriguez, Ojedo and Ybarra.

In their final game, the JV Lions defeated Comstock 38-27.

Scoring: Ri. Porras 3; Gutierrez 2; Badillo 8; Rodriguez 3; Sanchez 0; Ry. Porras 7; Lombrana 6; Ojeda 2 and Ybarra 7.



JARED duBOIS was a top scorer in the Ozona Basketball Tournament held this past weekend in Ozona. The varsity Lions placed second.



ASHLEY TANDY racked up one point, five rebounds, three assists and three steals in the Lady Lions win over Comstock in the Ozona Tournament.

Lady Lions take third in Ozona Tourney

The Ozona Lady Lions placed third in the Ozona Tournament.

In their first game the Lady Lions lost to Rocksprings 41-39.

Scoring and stats: Brianna Cervantez 12 points 4 rebounds; Lexi Poindexter 10 points 9 rebounds 4 steals; Cynthia Garcia 6 points 5 steals; Kodi Glosson 4 points 4 rebounds 6 assists 4 steals; Amy Quiroz 2 points 4 rebounds and Ashley Tandy 1 point 5 rebounds.

In their second game, Ozona defeated Comstock 54-15.

Scoring and stats: Kodi Glosson 11 points 5 steals; Brianna Cervantez 10 points 7 rebounds; Bethany Mar-

tinez 9 points 3 rebounds 4 steals; Lexi Poindexter 8 points 4 rebounds 3 steals; Sierra Stokes 6 points 8 rebounds; Amy Quiroz 6 points 5 rebounds 3 assists; Kyann Hernandez 2 points 4 rebounds; Cynthia Garcia 1 point 6 rebounds 6 steals; Ashley Tandy 1 point 5 rebounds 3 assists 3 steals.

In their final game, Ozona lost to Reagan County 28-20.

Scoring and stats: Kodi Glosson 6 points 3 rebounds 3 steals; Cynthia Garcia 6 points 7 rebounds; Lexi Poindexter 4 points 2 rebounds 3 assists; Brianna Cervantez 2 points 5 rebounds; Vivian Medina 2 points. Lady Lions are now 3-10.



BRIANNA CERVANTEZ maneuvers to get a shot as Lady Lion teammates Sierra Stokes and Cynthia Garcia (r.) block for her in the Ozona Tournament.

JV Lady Lions compete in Sonora Tourney

The JV Lady Lions competed in the Sonora Tournament over the weekend.

Ozona lost to Grape Creek in their first game, 21-20.

Scoring: Elva Gallardo 10; Madison Childress 2; Daisy Guerra 2; McKenna Moses 2; Bri Sanchez 2; Megan Espinosa 2. Also playing: Estefania Torralba, Marissa Held, Alondra Rodriguez, Kim Borrego, Lauren Miles and Gabby Martinez.

In the second game, Ozona defeated Lake View 31-29.

Scoring: Sanchez 7; Moses 6; Held 5; Childress 3; Gallardo 3; Guerra 2; Maria Mejia 2; Martinez 2. Also playing: Espinosa, Rodriguez, Borrego and Miles.

Ozona lost to Harper 20-11 in their final game.

Scoring: Martinez 6; Gallardo 3; Childress 2. Also playing: Guerra, Moses, Espinosa, Sanchez, Torralba, Mejia, Rodriguez, Borrego and

Miles. JV Lady Lions are 7-6 overall.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

HIGH SCHOOL:

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

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

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

CLOSED SUNDAYS

OHS MEAL NIGHT:

Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

7TH AND 8TH GRADES MEAL NIGHTS:

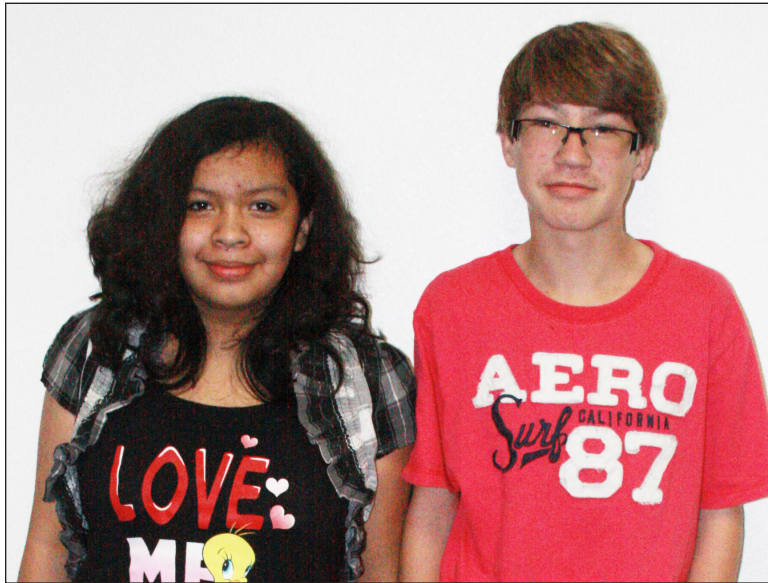
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OMS BAND STUDENTS Denise Rodriguez and Trystian Galindo were chosen for All Region Band last week during tryouts at Forsan. Trystian was named to the Honors Band as second chair flute and Denise made the Concert Band as a bass clarinet player. This is Trystian's second year to make All Region Band. OMS had 10 students tryout for the bands.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions struggle against Irion County, Eldorado

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions lost to Irion County, 56-7, on Dec. 3.
 Score by quarter: Ozona 2 0 3 2 - 7; IC - 18 14 20 4 - 56.
 Scoring: Zethany Cuevas 5; Cierra Sanchez 2.
 Also playing: Krystal Sheel, Makenna Fox, Sam Torralba, Toni Parker, Audrey Gander, Brenna Hale, Autumn Villarreal, Kassidy Gonzales, Alejandra Camarillo, Denise Rodriguez and Michel Guerrero.
 The Lady Lions lost to Eldorado 20-3 on Nov. 26.
 Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 0 3 0 - 3; Eldorado - 4 2 8 4 - 20.
 Scoring: Sheel 2 and Sanchez 1. Also playing: Fox, Torralba, Parker, Gandar, Hale, Villarreal, Gonzales, Camarillo, Cuevas, Rodriguez and Guerrero.

Seventh Grade Lions pounce Hornets

The Seventh Grade Lions defeated Irion County 33-16 on Dec. 3.
 Score by quarters: Ozona 8 13 8 4 - 33; IC - 8 0 4 4 - 16.
 Scoring: Hunter Smith 6; Kobe Rodriguez 6; Rigo Gonzalez 3; Mark Ybarra 8; Roman Esparza 6; Michael Garcia 2 and Jacob Schroder 2.
 "This was a good team victory. We played some great defense and did a better job of making free-throws. It was a tough first quarter and a couple of guys got into foul trouble, but we were able to settle down and make some plays in the second. Our defense continues to get better each week. We still have a lot of work to do, but I am proud of the effort and teamwork by our guys," said Coach John Esparza.



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Elementary, middle school students compete at UIL Academic Meet

Ozona Elementary and Middle School Students competed at the UIL Academic Meet last week in Mertzon.

Ozona placed fifth as team in the elementary division. Team totals - 1. Schleicher County; 2. Irion County; 3. Christoval; 4. Miles; 6. TLC Academy; 7. Winters.

In the middle school division, Ozona placed third. Team totals - 1. Miles; 2. Irion County; 4. Schleicher County; 5. Winters; 6. Christoval and 7. TLC Academy.

OES RESULTS:

Fifth Grade Number Sense - third place team; fourth place Manuel Torralba

Fifth Grade Dictionary - first place team; fourth Manuel Torralba and fifth Humberto Torralba

Fifth Grade Music Memory - first place team; first Humberto Torralba and second Manuel Torralba

Fourth Grade Oral Reading - first Grayson Glidewell; fourth Madison Castro

Fourth Grade Music Memory - third place team.

Fourth Grade Ready Writing - third Reagan Gonzalez

Third Grade Ready Writing - fifth Harley Hernandez

Third Grade Music Memory - first place team; second Madison Bullard; third Amber Moran and sixth Sydney Knaack

Second Grade Storytelling - second Charli Oglesby and sixth Max Duran

OMS RESULTS:

Sixth Grade Dictionary Skills - fifth Coulter McWilliams

Sixth Grade Oral Reading - second Isaura Lopez and fourth Coulter McWilliams

Sixth Grade Maps, Graphs and Charts - third Chantz Elliott

Sixth Grade Calculator Applications - third place team Xena Vargas, Coulter McWilliams, Isaura Lopez and Xena Vargas; fifth Xena Vargas.

Seventh Grade Oral Reading - first Brenna Hale and second Matthew Gunnels

Seventh Grade Number Sense - sixth Denise Rodriguez

Seventh Grade Modern Oratory - second Autumn Villarreal and fourth Jacob Schroeder

Seventh Grade Calculator Applications - first place team; first Samantha Torralba, second Kassidy Gonzales and fourth Kaelen Savala

Seventh Grade Impromptu Speaking - second Samantha Torralba and sixth Murray Logan

Seventh Grade Maps, Graphs and Charts - third place team Brenna Hale, Danny Posadas and Autumn Villarreal; second Brenna Hale and fifth Danny Posadas

Seventh Grade Science - first place team Brenna Hale, Makenna Fox and Matthew Gunnels; first Brenna Hale.

Eighth Grade Ready Writing - second Jasmine Carthy

Eighth Grade Editorial Writing - first Julie Marshall, fifth Sidney Perez and sixth Paige Lewis

Eighth Grade Oral Reading - first Julie Marshall and sixth Maiah Jurado

Eighth Grade Number Sense - sixth Thomas Cruz

Eighth Grade Calculator Applications - first place team; first Kamryn Lozano, third Rachel Mendoza and fourth Asia Lara

Eighth Grade Spelling - third place team Gage Glidewell, Edgar Damian and Asia Lara; third Gage Glidewell

Eighth Grade Dictionary Skills - third place team Asia Lara, Azaylea Tovar and Madison Galindo; sixth Asia Lara

Eighth Grade Science - first place team Gage Glidewell, Dacie Taylor and Julie Marshall; first Gage Glidewell and third Dacie Taylor

Eighth Grade Maps, Graphs and Charts - third place team Garry Held, Julie Marshall and Timothy Maldonado; fifth Garry Held



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RACHEL MENDOZA moves the ball down the court in the eighth grade Lady Lions game against Eldorado on Nov. 26

Ozona Bands Christmas Concert Thursday, Dec. 13

The Ozona Middle School and High School Christmas Band concert will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Crockett County Convention Center.

Students are to dress in their Sunday Best. The public is invited to attend. All OMS and the OHS Bands will perform. Ozona Band Boosters will have a cake auction as well.

OMS Lions fall to Irion County

The OMS Lions B Team lost to Irion County, 24-14, on Dec. 3.

Scoring: Zachary Docketal 2; Jaden Focha 2; Adrian Rodriguez 2; Danny Posadas 2; Juan Mendez 2; Oraldo Meza 2; Emmanuel Sarabia 1 and Raven Perez 1. Also playing: Luis Contreras, Thomas Cruz, Alberto Rodriguez, Greg Dehoyos, and Deven Bradley.

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Crockett County				
PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
12750	Petrohawk Oper	Double T- Ranch Op-69 #1 H	Patterson Uti #242	Rigging Up
5930	Highmount E&P Tx	University Unit #3012 H	Nabors Drilling #M28	Assigned
9000	Devon Energy	University 29-5 #1 H	Patterson Uti #49	Drig Ahead
9000	Approach Operating	Baker-B- #206 H	Nabors Drilling #714	Drig Ahead
9000	Devon Energy	University 52-10 #3 H	Cactus Drilling #138	Drig Ahead
6400	Eog Resources	University-40c-#1703 H	Cactus Drilling #102	Drig Ahead
9000	Approach Operating	Baker-B- #207 H	Nabors Drilling #415	Drig Ahead
7713	ConocoPhillips	University-8f-#6301 H	Helmerich & Payne #486	Drig Ahead
5612	Molopo Energy Texas	Baggett-Op5-#541 H	Precision Drig #523	Drig Ahead
7750	Petrohawk Oper	University-45-#2504 H	Patterson Uti #240	Drig Ahead
9000	Approach Operating	University 42-15 #7	Heart Land Drilling #8	W.O.D.
5843	Highmount E&P Tx	University Unit #3-10 H	Nabors Drilling #M28	Drig Ahead
Irion County				
PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
9000	Foreland Oper Llc	Captain Coll-15- #1 H	Patterson Uti #187	Moving On
12000	Endeavor Energy Res	University 5-20-21 #7 H	Big Dog Drilling #11	Assigned
6700	Exco Res	Suggs Farmer -9- #10	Heart Land Drilling #11	Assigned
10000	Three Rivers Op	Pflugger-M- #305	Ringo Drilling Llp #16	Assigned
6100	Eog Resources	Faudree #10 H	Union Drilling Texas #222	Moving On
7221	Apache Corp	Bennie-4342- #9 H	Patterson Uti #446	Drig Ahead
10000	Fiml Natural Res	Mallard #3040g	Robinson Drilling #12	Drig Ahead
12990	Ep Energy E&P	University 43-22 #6 H	Patterson Uti #206	Drig Ahead
6500	Eog Resources	Munson #1007 H	Patterson Uti #452	Drig Ahead
7050	Apache Corp	Suggs-2829- #MT H	Savanna Drilling #649	Drig Ahead
10000	Fiml Natural Res	Antelope Draw -A- #3a	Patterson Uti #721	Drig Ahead
Reagan County				
PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
7395	Enduring Resources	University 47-48 #1805 H	Ensign Us Drilling #150	Assigned
10000	Apache Corp	Sau 18-3 #3c	Capstar Drilling #127	Drig Ahead
10200	Fiml Natural Res	North Creek -I- #68c	Patterson Uti #495	Drig Ahead
10000	Fiml Natural Res	Divide Draw #148h	Patterson Uti #742	Drig Ahead
9000	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Lane Trust -D- #45p	Union Drilling Texas #206	Drig Ahead
12000	Parsley Energy	Jameson-50- #3	Mattlock Drilling #4	Drig Ahead
11500	Apache Corp	Srh-15- #1507	Patterson Uti #335	Drig Ahead
12000	Endeavor Energy Res	Pool-167- #7	Big Dog Drilling #5	Drig Ahead
7900	Eog Resources	University-9- #2808 H	Cactus Drilling #103	Drig Ahead
4500	Pioneer Natural	University 1-32 #9d	Patterson Uti #73	Drig Ahead
12000	Prime Operating	Turner Ranch #10	Patterson Uti #169	Drig Ahead
10500	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Srh-B- #60	Patterson Uti #39	Drig Ahead
9000	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Suggs-C- #271 Hu	Helmerich & Payne #312	Drig Ahead
8000	Pioneer Natural	Rockier-B-H- #73 H	Patterson Uti #217	Drig Ahead
8500	Pioneer Natural	University 10-10 #2 H	Nabors Drilling #M55	Drig Ahead
8300	Pioneer Natural	University 10-13 #6 H	Union Drilling Texas #224	L.D.D.P.

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fireworks being sold because it's dry. I have people throwing firecrackers in a lot and it causes a fire. That's my concern," said Commissioner Eligio Martinez. "I'm just trying to be cautious."

County Judge Fred Deaton said the commissioners can apply to the governor's office and have the county declared a major disaster if they want to ban firework sales altogether.

"It's hard to say no fireworks. People can buy them somewhere else and then it would be hard for the sheriff's office going to control all that," said Commissioner Frank Tambunga.

Kenley said the smaller fireworks are more troublesome than hazardous.

"We've had fire with them. Usually it's in a vacant lot. It's not like it's going to do any horrific damage. It's a pain. It's a nuisance," Kenley said. "If we can't control a fire on a vacant lot then we need to hang up our shields."

FIRE HAZARD LOTS

The commissioners approved five structures from Largo Street to Heracio Street, a structure at the corner of Besente and Blas streets, two structures on Willow Street, a structure on Perez Street, an abandoned trailer on Man O War and a structure at the corner of 13th Street and Avenue E are

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Regional Academic Health Center in Harlingen to a free-standing school of medicine.

"This is a very important issue, which is very dear to my community. ... The Rio Grande Valley, as well as the rest of the State, will greatly benefit from the creation of a new medical school in South Texas," Lucio commented. "Moving forward on this will be one of our top priorities this session."

RAILROAD COMMISSIONER RESIGNS

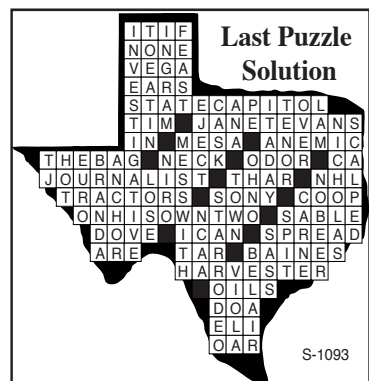
Buddy Garcia, one of three members of the Texas Railroad Commission, resigned effective Dec. 7.

A former member of the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Garcia was appointed to the commission - the state agency that regulates the oil and gas industries - by Gov. Perry on April 12, 2012.

Stepping into the spot vacated by Garcia is newly elected Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick.

DPS: PROGRAM IS EFFECTIVE

Interdiction for the Protection of Children, a program administered by the Texas Department of Public Safety is working, the agency reported



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listed as fire hazards as recommended by Kenley.

Kenley presented photos of several houses and lots in town that are considered to be a fire hazard.

Many of the houses are abandoned. Some of the lots have junk, old appliances or items around a structure.

Kenley said the next step is to work with County Attorney Jody Upham on contacting the property owners.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED:

- Disposal of surplus property of Care Center beds in the county auction.
- Deaton as Concho Valley Transit District board member.
- Designate the second Monday of each month, with the exception of Tuesday, Nov. 12, due to Veterans Day, for 2013 commissioners' court meetings.
- Bonds for elected officials.
- Pay final payment on courthouse annex vault addition to Decker Custom Homes.
- Signing employee years of service certificates.
- Animal Control job description.

For the Ozona Woman's Forum to take donations for lights and decorations for the courthouse.

The commissioners will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 20, at the courthouse annex to discuss end of year budget items and the Chandlerdale West access road project. The meeting is open to the public.

on Dec. 6.

The program trains state troopers and officers to "identify, recognize, intervene and remove endangered children without obvious signs of abuse being present."

As a result of this training, DPS said, officers have made 20 criminal arrests and recovered 62 missing or exploited children since 2010. Some 2,600 officers in Texas and approximately 1,900 officers nationally and internationally outside of Texas have received the training.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IS DOWN

Total nonfarm payroll employment nationwide increased by 146,000 jobs in November, the U.S. Department of Labor Statistics reported on Dec. 7. The increase in jobs nationally reduced the unemployment rate to 7.7 percent, the lowest in four years.

Texas Workforce Commission November employment statistics are expected to be released soon.

FORT HOOD HAS BIG IMPACT

Fort Hood, the U.S. Army post in the central Texas counties of Bell and Coryell, had an economic impact of \$25.3 billion in the state during fiscal 2011, according to a new analysis released last week by state Comptroller Susan Combs.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

DECEMBER 7
-3 p.m. - Public Service 800 block Avenue D, assisted water department at a sewer repair. A unit with two firefighters. Time in service 45 minutes.

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STATE LAW

Students who continually miss school run risk of not receiving enough credits to graduate, Clayton said.

According to the Texas Education Code, a student may not be given credit for a class unless the student is in attendance for at least 90 percent of the days the class is offered.

The first school semester has 81 days, which means by law a student can't miss more than eight days, Clayton said.

A student who is in attendance for at least 75 percent but less than 90 percent of the days a class is offered may be given credit for the class if the student completes a plan approved by the school's principal that provides for the student to meet the instructional requirements of the class, the code states.

Clayton said OHS offers opportunities for students to make up credits, including Saturday school.

"This is make up time not punishment. Many students are about to run out of time and are endanger of losing credit," Clayton said.

A new state law has posed a problem in not only absences, but also tardies.

OHS starts school at 7:50 a.m. Under the new law, if a student enters the classroom at 8 a.m. they are counted absent. If they enter between 7:51-7:59 a.m. they are counted tardy.

The period after lunch is also a problem, Clayton said.

"A lot of our students have first period absences because of that," Clayton said.

With tardies, Clayton said students serve detention for those.

He also said the school has created incentives for the grades that have the least amount of tardies and absences. Students are rewarded with a longer lunch period, watching movies or ice cream party.

"We're trying to make it not just so students are being penalized," said OHS Counselor Carol Stevens. "At least you know how the law requires us for attendance."

ABSENCE POLICY

Every time a student is absent, they must bring a note to school, Clayton said.

"If your child is not in school, we need a note. If you are picking them if they are sick, you can write the note right there," Clayton said.

When it comes to absences, OHS has several categories. If a student is at school for part of the day, and they turn in a doctor's note, then this is counted as a medical absence. There is no limit to these absences but students do have to be in school for part of the day.

Carty said they encourage parents to make out of town doctor's appointments in the afternoon if possible.

"We understand doctors can be persistent. If you have an appointment at 9 a.m. try to be back to school by that afternoon," Clayton said.

If a student was absent all day and turns in a parent note, this is an excused absence. Students are limited to only 10 of these per year.

If a student was absent all day and turns in a doctor's note, this is also excused. There are no limits with the doctor's note.

Both excused absences still fall under the 90 percent state law.

If a student is absent all day or part of the day without a note from anyone, then it is an unexcused absence. These are limited to three for all day or part of a day in a

four week period or 10 for all day or part of a day in a semester.

Students are subject to Saturday school, possible in-school suspension, a maximum court fine of \$500 and possible to be denied credit for any and all classes.

Students have five days from the day they were absent to bring a note.

"It's the student's responsibility to come to the office and bring us a note," Carty said.

Clayton said the school understands family funerals, family emergencies and family business. He also said students participating in school extra-curricular activities do not count toward absences.

Religious holidays, taking college entrance exams and using a college day are excused if proper documentation for the college day is turned into the office.

The state allows school officials to file in county court on students who have more than 10 absences in a semester.

Clayton said he has to take students to court this semester.

"We're not trying to be mean. We are trying to work with folks," Carty said.

When students hit four absences, their parents receive a warning letter.

Six absences, the parents receive a second warning letter by registered mail with a copy of the student's absences.

If the absences continue then the case is filed in court.

The Texas Education Code states that a student under the jurisdiction of a court in a criminal or juvenile justice proceeding may not receive credit under this subsection without the consent of the judge presiding over the student's case.

The judge can order students to attend Saturday school, send them to detention or fine the student and their parents up to \$500 each.

"We've got to do something to stop this," Clayton said. "These negative things we've got to get on top of."

STATE FUNDING

At the same time, the school district is losing state funding each day for each student not in attendance.

Texas school districts received state funding based on their attendance. The state also reduces funding each day a student is absent.

Under the district's current funding calculations, CCCSD is allocated just under \$12,189 per student in overall funding this year.

Divided by 187 instructional days funded per student, for each day a student that is absent it costs the district \$65.18 per student per day.

With an averaging 95-96 percent attendance rate, the district is missing about \$1,848 per day in funding eligibility.

"You get down to the nuts and bolts when students don't start coming," Carty said. "Funding is lost just because kids won't come to school. We are really trying to watch our budget."

Clayton said he wants to keep educating the public on attendance. He has asked parents to spread the word and is looking at having another meeting at a church or community building.

Carty said parents are welcome to call the OHS office and talk with any of the administrators, or come meet them in person.

"We want parents to know that their students need to be here in order to learn," Stevens said.

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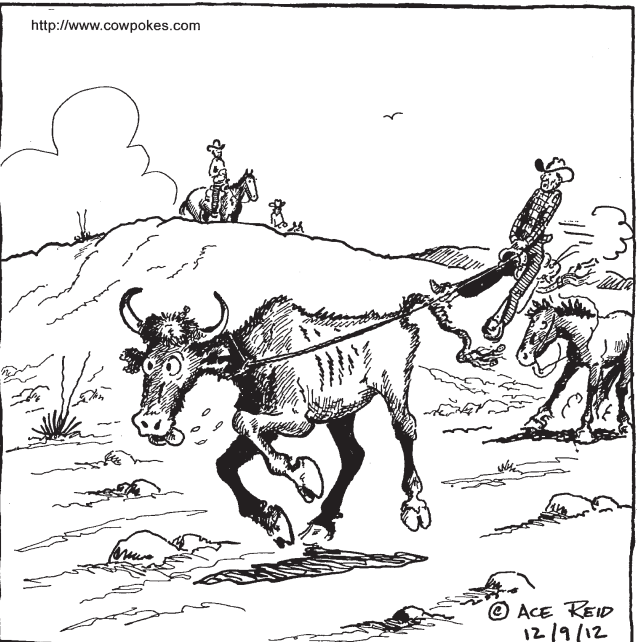
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 ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
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 Public Hearing for:
**School FIRST Report (Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas)
 School FIRST Annual Financial Management Report**
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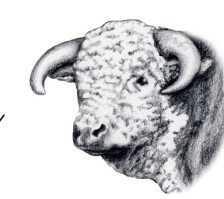
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**CROCKETT COUNTY
 PUBLIC
 NOTICE
 ORDER RESTRICTING
 OUTDOOR BURNING**

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

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

ADOPTED this the 10th day of December, 2012
 - Crockett County Commissioners' Court

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