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OHS Homecoming Week

This year's Queen Nominees are Ashley Tandy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Tandy; Sierra Stokes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Stokes; Lazarae Rodriguez, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lazaro Rodriguez; Abby Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Newton and Vivian Medina, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Medina Sr.

The queen will be crowned at 7 p.m. Friday at Lion Stadium. Dress up days are: Wednesday - Nerd Day and Friday -Purple and Gold Spirit Day.

The bonfire will be at 8 p.m. Thursday behind the Senior Center.

Ozona Schools will dismiss at noon Friday.

Crockett National Bank will host a customer appreciation lunch from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. honoring the football team. Parade lineup will be at 2

p.m. at the Davidson Gym. The parade will start at 3 p.m. at

It's OHS Homecoming Week. day - Topsy Turvy Day; Thurs- the Davidson Gym and end at Lion Stadium for the Pep Rally.

Ozona Woman's League will hold their annual Homecoming Barbecue starting at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tickets are available from any woman's league member or at the door.

The Ozona Lions will face the Center Point Pirates at 7:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

A Fifth Quarter will be held after the game for all high school students at the Crockett County Youth Center.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OHS HOMECOMING QUEEN NOMINEES: (left to right) Ashley Tandy, Sierra Stokes, Lazarae Rodriguez, Abby Newton and Vivian Medina. The queen will be crowned at 7 p.m. Friday at Lion Stadium.

Boom boosts bi-annual oil and gas show

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The oil and gas industry was honored and got to show

South West Show last week. Filling the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center, businesses had booths with the latest products and technology.

off during the 4th Bi-Annual

"The oil and gas industry is the number one economic source in Crockett County. We wanted to show our appreciation for that base. We created this event that both impacts our community and draws in people that use these services every day," said Shanon Biggerstaff, executive director of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

Texas Railroad Commissioner Christi Craddick spoke to industry members, county officials and local citizens during the show's luncheon. Craddick spent last week visiting West Texas, making stops in Abilene and Sweetwater before coming to Ozona.

"This is a great industry that I grew up in," said Craddick, a Midland native. "It's creating growth and jobs in this state and country."

Craddick said in Texas 1.7 millions of oil barrels are being produced a day. She also

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OIL AND GAS VENDORS and businesses of all kinds invaded the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center last week for the 4th Bi-Annual South West Oil and Gas Show. People browsed through a variety of oil and gas industry equipment and services.

Voters will decide on water project funds

Editor's note: The following is the third of four-part series on the Nov. 5 State Constitutional Amendment Election. This week, the series looks at Proposition 6. Information provided by the League of Women Voters of Texas and The Texas Tribune.

AUSTIN - If Texas voters approve, Proposition 6 on the Nov. 5 ballot would establish two funds to finance local water projects prioritized by the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB).

The funds created would receive an initial transfer of \$2 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund to provide low-interest loans for water projects in the state water plan and provide a revolving cash flow as loans are repaid.

According to Senator Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands, the legislative author, the Texas of tomorrow needs "an additional 7.5 million acre-feet of water per year by 2050. Local officials have prioritized projects to meet this demand, but the high price tag can delay or prevent important investments. Proposition 6 will provide funding without raising taxes to keep the water flowing for growing cities, industry and farmers.'

Others believe the two new funds that would be estabThird in a four-part series

lished are unnecessary as there is already available funding for water development projects administered by TWDB. Taking money from the Rainy Day Fund could reduce the state's excellent credit rating and affect the state's ability to respond to a natural disaster or other emergency situations.

Gov. Rick Perry visited San Angelo last week pushing voters to cast ballots for the proposition.

"If Texas is to remain the best place to live, work, grow your business or raise your family, we must ensure adequate supplies for generations to come," Perry said, according to a Texas Tribune article.

Perry made the announcement at O.C. Fisher Reservoir, which is completely dry, according to San Angelo State Park Superintendent Kurt Kemp.

Several conservatives oppose the amendment, arguing that pulling money from the Rainy Day Fund would endanger Texas' economic health. They say that if water is the priority that proponents say it

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The wind energy ranching stories

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Focusing on the stories of the ranchers and landowners that properties are now home to wind energy turbines is the focus of Scott White's book "Viento - Wind, Turbines and Ranchland.'

White, who works at the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, was the guest speaker at Monday's Friends of the Library annual meeting and dinner at the Civic Center. "It's a very personal issue. For

some it was a new use of their land, but in some cases it was a loss to the use of the land," White said.

In his book, White reports oral histories of ranchers from Texas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Kansas who all have had land impacted by the wind en-



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ergy industry by giving up parts of their ranch for wind turbines.

wind energy industry, he said he main nrhc.ttu.edu.

focus of the book was "talking to people about how they felt" about the issue.

"These are personal feelings. A lot of people I talked to have been on their land for generations," he said.

White said some ranchers saw the wind turbines as a way to save their land. Others spoke out against the windmills saying they gave "the sense of a loss of privacy.

"The main concern people had was the care of the land. They all wanted to be good stewards of the land," White said. "This book was the opportunity to capture how land use is changing.'

White's book is available for pur-While White talked a little about the chase on the NRHC website at www.

Ozona man killed in two-vehicle accident

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

An Ozona man was killed Saturday afternoon in a two-vehicle accident north of Ozona.

Ezekiel R. "Tiny" Rivera, 61, was pronounced dead by Tom Green County Justice of the Peace Eddie Howard at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo, according to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

The collision occurred at the intersection of U.S. Highway 190 and State Highway 163 known as Midway Lane.

Rivera, driving a 1995 Mitsubishi pickup, heading south on State Highway 163 when the pickup struck a trailer being pulled by a 2005 Peterbilt Truck driven by Johnny Smith, of Antlers, Okla., the report stated.

Smith was heading east on U.S. Highway 190. The report stated Smith's vehicle came to a complete stop and was in the process of turning north on State Highway 163 when the two vehicles collided. Rivera was wearing a seatbelt.

The accident was investigated by DPS Troopers Castulo (Junior) Bilano, Scott Prater and Rito Renteria.

Crockett County EMS, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and Crockett County Sheriff's Office assisted.

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OZONA LIONS VS. CENTER POINT 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT LION STADIUM

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Lack of action could leave rural Texas in the dust

A recent announcement by the Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) to start converting asphalt roads to gravel has a lot of ranchers worried. I fear this proposal could leave us literally in the dust.

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It's easy to put all the blame on TXDOT for this predicament. We are all aware of the issues landowners have experienced with our state's transportation department over the years. But, I'll go out on a limb here and say they aren't solely to blame.

During the third and final special session of the 2013 Texas Legislature lawmakers finally passed legislation to help fund TXDOT.

What's bad is the legislation fell billions of dollars short of the funds needed to maintain the roads we have. What's more, it forced TXDOT to make \$100 million in cuts. The legislation also called for a constitu-



CATTLEMAN'S COLUMN

AUSTIN BROWN III

tional amendment to be passed by Texas voters to initiate much of the funding, but this election will not occur until 2014.

With a lack of necessary dollars, TXDOT has only three choices. They can do nothing to those rural roads that are in need of major repairs. They can fully pave and repair a select few roads and do nothing to the others. Or they can stretch their dollar as far as they can and temporarily turn those deteriorating paved roads into gravel roads.

At this point TXDOT has opted for the third choice. The roads they've initially proposed to convert to gravel are in four counties in South Texas and two counties in West Texas, totaling around 85 miles. These roads are in such bad shape because thousands of trucks travel them due to the oil and gas boom in these areas.

Maybe the oil and gas industry should share in the costs to help maintain these roads.

The oil and gas industry is important to the Texas economy, and we need to work with this economic engine to keep it thriving. That means taking care of the roads that allow them to produce and transport their product. Unfortunately, the oil and gas industry is its own worst enemy. They tear up roads without a plan to repair or fix them hoping TXDOT bails them out.

Cattle raisers have strongly urged the oil and gas industry to help fund the repair and maintenance of the rural roads. The legislature has tried to encourage them to do so, but those attempts have been stopped.

In fairness, the oil and gas industry does pay a lot of taxes to the State of Texas. Some companies are doing the right thing and offering additional financial assistance for road repair, but many are not. Some have mentioned that counties take over the repair and maintenance of these roads. That's simply not a viable option considering that most counties can barely take care of their own roads.

Tell your elected officials to make farm-to-market and rural-ranch road funding a priority before we start to see more of our rural roads turn to dust.

AUSTIN BROWN III is a fourth-generation rancher from Bee County. Brown chairs the TSCRA Marketing Committee, which presides over transportation issues that affect ranchers and landowners

Calling for the death of the 'Newspapers Are Dead' Rumor

know of newspapers that kept their communities informed about clean water and shelter during terrible storms and disasters.

I know of newspapers that exposed crooks, lost a lot of advertising from the crooks' buddies and still put out a paper every week.

I know of a newspaper that had an ironic sense of humor that even offended a few readers and stood its ground with a "come on people, have a brain" retort.

I know of publishers who took pay cuts during the recession rather than cut staff.

I know of publishers who lost everything in a lightning strike but had such a dedicated crew the readers got the paper next week - on time.

I know of editors who have been screamed at, vilified and afraid for their children's safety because they wrote the tough truth.

I know of reporters who risked life and limb in war zones and came back to tell the community of their troops' bravery.

All of this has happened in the past couple of years.

And people say newspapers are dead? Come on, people. Have a brain.

Newspapers are alive and lively. Our communities shrivel and die when there is no newspaper.

The fact is: the Internet is no enemy of a good community newspaper. The enemy of a good newspaper is indifference. A community that doesn't care about honesty and clean government, effective schools, invigorating community service or the connections that bind us into a functioning society is a community that doesn't need a newspaper. That community won't be around long.

Good communities make good newspapers and



ROBERT M. WILLIAMS JR. NNA **PRESIDENT**

sa. We have all faced a rough economy. We all are looking at how digital transformation affects every aspect of our lives. But as pres-

ident of

the National Newspaper Association, which represents nearly 2,200 community newspapers, as well as a publisher of thriving weekly newspapers in Georgia, I am now calling for the death of the "newspapers are dead" rumor. We can't afford it.

The fact is that while very large newspapers have faced big challenges to their businesses, America's thousands of community papers are as healthy as their communities.

NNA's research in partnership with the University of Missouri R J Reynolds Institute reports 83 percent of the people in towns with community newspapers say they rely on those newspapers as their principal source of news and information.

We print better looking pages than ever because of advanced technologies. We can shoot video for our websites with as up-to-the minute precision as TV crews. We put out tweets and posts and pin pictures to new social media sites. The Internet isn't going to kill us. It's giving us new tools to work better, faster and smarter.

People who say otherwise aren't reading their community newspapers. They are missing the real news.

ROBERT M. WILLIAMS, JR. is the President of the National Newspaper Association. Established in 1885, the National Newspaper Association (NNA) represents 2,200 owners, publishers and editors of America's community news-

> papers. Visit NNA at www.nnaweb.org. National Newspaper Week is Oct. 6-12.

An Offal Idea

What in the world was a truck hauling plastic shower stalls doing driving up the dirt road to a rich and eccentric neighbor of mine? Was my slovenly neighbor all of a sudden interested in good hygiene? I was curious so I followed the beautiful rig up the dirt road where I was promptly asked if I'd help unload a piece of art that my neighbor just purchased. Of course I would. I mean, how heavy could a frame or a bronze be?

Very heavy as it turned out. You see, my crazy neighbor didn't buy a Russell or a Van Gogh, although he's certainly rich enough to do so, but rather an art "installation" that looked like what might be the result if a yellow Edsel clobbered a purple Yugo head on and then a flock of sea birds with loose bowls bombed it from above.

It was explained to me that thanks to a Brit named Damien Hirst the big money in art is found in installations these days, an example being the dead calf that Hirst preserved in formaldehyde after having painted its horns and hooves with gold. He sold that installment for 20 million! And to think that I just buried such carcasses. Imagine all the money I could have made the year a terrible strain of scours about wiped me out. Not me, mind you, my calves. Since installations pay so much better I will no longer be writing a column, but you can look forward to my next installment!

My neighbor's art installation required four men, a full socket set and a tractor to



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install and when we were finished it was uglier than a wild hog after a mud bath. But that still didn't explain why the truck was one big mobile advertisement for shower stalls. The driver, who had his cute young son with him on one last road trip together before school started, explained to me that the ad was a diversion, a deterrent to thieves. You see, the man and his son occasionally

liked to stay in a motel so the boy could swim in the motel pool, but how long do you think a truck would last in a motel parking lot if it announced on its sides that it hauled expensive art? It would be gone quicker than a box of donuts at a cop's convention. So he sold advertisements on the sides of his truck, made a little money and didn't have to worry about crooks stealing his plastic shower enclosures. Wink, wink.

We do the same thing in the beef business. Have you ever stopped to wonder why you don't see many big rigs proudly proclaiming that they're hauling a load of beef? It would be stolen in the flash of an eye. An exception being Tyson who wraps their trucks with the name of their company, but most people equate Tyson with

chicken and no one in their right mind is going to steal a load of poultry. How would the crooks fence that? It's the same reason why you see signs on trucks that say, "Driver carries no cash." Or, in the case of one smart New Jersey driver who had painted on the side of his door, "Driver carries no cash... but has lots of ammunition."

I've wondered about such security issues as I passed rodeo cowboys on the road with their names emblazoned on their livein horse trailers. Great cowboys like Trevor Brazile, Tuff Cooper and Luke Branquinho have turned their rigs into mobile billboards. I suppose advertisements like this help build their brand but talk about an open invitation to crooks to steal \$100,00 worth of fine horse flesh, or a trophy saddle or two. I'm sure the cowboys have to be ever-vigilent.

Rodeo contestants might sleep better at night if they followed the example of the art delivery man. Instead of promoting themselves, they ought to wrap their rigs with ads that say Elmer's Glue, or BLM adoptees, to fool would-be crooks into thinking the horses inside are worthless. Or even better, how about Buzzard Bob's Hide and Tallow, or Fresno Fred's Offal? Who wants a horse headed for a Canadian glue factory? On the other hand, smart crooks might see right through the ruse. After all, how many offal truck drivers do you know who have living quarters in their tallow trucks? www.LeePittsbooks.com

Budget impasse results in shutdown

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — At midnight on Oct. 1, the federal government shut down for the first time in 17 years, when the U.S. House and U.S. Senate did not agree on an appropriations bill or continuing resolution to fund fiscal year 2014 at an estimated cost of \$3.8 trillion.

Before the shutdown, to prepare Texas, Gov. Rick Perry on Sept. 30 delivered a statement that included this sentence: "In anticipation of the federal government's looming shutdown, I directed state agencies that will be affected by the suspension of federal funding to develop contingency plans to prioritize essential functions and use existing budget transfer authority to allow these services to Texans to continue until Washington gridlock ends."

Now, "shutdown" suggests that whatever is federally funded would cease to function, but some federal agencies or personnel within certain agencies that are considered essential were ordered by the Obama administration to stay on the job Oct. 1, and in the days following, more were called back to work.

While the Republican Partycontrolled House did pass an appropriations bill containing language to defund the Affordable Care Act, the Democratic Party-controlled Senate stripped the defunding measure from the House bill. Further negotiations proved unsuccessful.

Before Oct. 1, President Obama promised to veto legislation to defund the health care law and urged the Congress to pass a budget that funds the government "with no partisan strings attached."

The standoff could end this week or go on indefinitely. The next big deadline facing

Congress is Oct. 17, the date when the federal government reaches its debt limit of \$16.8 trillion. If no deal to increase the debt limit is reached by then, the United States will default on its loans and its credit rating may be downgraded, making it harder and costlier to borrow from other nations. Two nations holding U.S. debt to the tune of over \$1 trillion each are China and Japan. Some in Congress say raising the debt limit is a do-or-die issue, while others don't seem moved by the prospect of a default.

DAVIS ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

Sen. Wendy Davis of Fort Worth on Oct. 3 publicly declared her candidacy to become the 48th governor of Texas.

Davis, 50, seeks the Texas



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Social media requires conversation between parents and teens

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Social media and internet safety is more than just setting a filter and parental controls on a computer.

In order to really achieve a child is being safe in the technological world, it takes parent interaction.

During the "Understanding Social Media for Parents" program held last week at the First Baptist Church.

"You can't be there all the time to be this guard for your kid. The key is to help them make these decisions for themselves," said speaker Lyle Huddlestun, First Baptist Church Youth Pastor.

Huddlestun took the parents and community members in attendance through the various popular social media sites, such as Facebook, Twitter, Google Plus, LinkedIn and Pinterest.

He also touched on video social media like You Tube, Facetime and Skype.

A couple of site unfamiliar to most in attendance were Tumblr, a site that is a constant feed or bulletin board of photos posted by users, and Snapchat, a site where users communicate with each other through photos or texts. Within 30 seconds, the photo or message disappears on the users Snapchat board.

Huddlestun said Snapchat is widely used right now with teens because users think the photo or message is gone after 30 years. In actuality, the image or text is still in the database.

"There's a false sense of security when using a page like this," Huddlestun said. "Teenagers will put things out there to see what's being accepted.'

Huddlestun said teens enjoy social media because it's something they can do in isolation, but they don't grasp the concept that they are posting images and information to an entire worid.

"It's hard to lead your children when you can't see where they are going. If you don't do anything, kids fall through the crack and you lose them," Huddlestun said. "Technology is a good resource but it's misused."

In his presentation, Huddlestun mentioned studies that state this is the first generation that doesn't need

Social Media/Internet Parent Tips:

• Consider setting up a media covenant or agreement with your child. (example can be found at www.digitalkidsinitiative.com

- Consider sitting with your child online and talking about what is going on in their feed. Don't judge, talk to them and allow them to "share"
- Consider talking with your child about media choices (example: songs downloaded on iTunes).
- Teach them wisdom, not walls. Don't be afraid to say "no." Teens need boundaries until they can set it themselves.

Helpful Parenting Websites:

often shaded in some color

like blue, grey or pink, are gen-

erally paid advertisements.

Look at the website address

before clicking and ask "is it

a reputable source and does it

make sense for what you are

words multiple times in the

description, it's probably not

Google to search the web

for family member's names

or business names at www.

when teaching children about

online usage, overreacting,

cutting off all online access

and depending on internet fil-

has boundaries, know when to

cut it off. Focus on technology

that truly connects us to our

"Technology no longer

If a site repeats the search

Alerts can be set through

Huddlestun also said

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google.com/alert.

ters don't work.

kids will emulate."

to-face talking.

ing online," he said.

- Digital Kids Initiative www.digitalkidsinitiative.com
- Smart Phone Safety Nets www.jonathanmckeewrites.com
- Google Alerts www.google.com/alerts
- Cyber Bullying www.cyberbully411.org
- Connecting Safely www.connectsafely.org

adults to get information, they broadcast all of their emotions and they have external stimuli at their fingertips 24-hours a day with Smartphones, tablets and computers.

He also said teens may have two to three different accounts on social media sites to be used for different purposes. One for their parents and adults to see, where all seems okay, and others where the teen or child may be posting things the parents would find acceptable.

He also said females are far more likely than males to post personal photos or videos of themselves online. Females are also more social on social media than males.

"We're talking about the identity factor. They are trying to identify who they are. They are trying out different identities to see how they are accepted. If it's accepted it can become a part of who they are. They are in isolation, so it's comfortable but they are showing it to the world," Huddlestun said.

When searching for things online, Huddlestun said it is important to use reputable search engines, like Bing or Google, and be very specific.

Use quotation marks around the search words, the current year and use exactly the words that need to be identified.

"The more specific you are said is important to teach about what information you want, the better your search will be," Huddlestun said. "Remember, not everything online is true."

He also said first results,

You should be on every social network your kid is on. However, if you start embarrassing them they will separate from you," he said. with include:

Facebook it's there forever.

Some tips that he ended

· Turning off the GPS locations on the phone.

·Double checking and using the privacy settings.

·Only adding friends the person knows in real life.

·Use a nickname that doesn't identify location, gender or age.

·Don't post plans or whereabouts.

·Never post sexually provocative photos they can be considered child pornogra-

·Have the child's passwords and, as the parent, tell the child their pages will be checked.

·Use strong passwords.

·Don't click on links or apps on Facebook that are not familiar.

Tell children and teens not to download any "free" stuff unless they ask for permission.

"Have an open dialogue. Create a conversation with your children. Have fun with it, but don't be so forceful. Don't judge. Talk to them and allow them to share with you. Sometimes they will show shocking videos or photos to see how you react. Don't put shocked," he said. "Teach them wisdom, not walls.'

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 9

- OHS Band at Ratliff Stadium in Ozona.
- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. • Area Agency on Aging, 10-11 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. • Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7:15 p.m. concession area at OHS Davidson Gym.

Thursday, Oct. 10

- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center • OMS Lions vs. Center Point, 5 p.m. at Center Point.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.
- Homecoming Bonfire, 8 p.m. behind the Senior Center.

Friday, Oct. 11

- CCCCSD end of the first six weeks. • Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett National Bank Customer Appreciation Lunch, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Crockett National Bank.
- 42, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center. • Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally, 3 p.m. starting at the OHS Davidson Gym and ending at Lion
- Ozona Woman's League Barbecue Dinner, 5 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Homecoming Queen Crowning, 7 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- Lions vs. Center Point, 7:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- High School Fifth Quarter, after football game at Youth Center. Saturday, Oct. 12

• OHS Varsity Cross-Country Teams at Lamesa.

- OHS Band at the Santa Rita Marching Festival in Big Lake.
- Bingo fund-raiser, 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Sunday, Oct. 13

• Bingo, 3 p.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall. Monday, Oct. 14

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. • Fire Prevention Program, 2:30 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.
- Tuesday, Oct. 15
- OMS Cross-Country in the District Meet at Ozona Country Club.
- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Fire Prevention Program, 2:30 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.

• OHS Band practice, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall. Wednesday, Oct. 16

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 9 - Sarah Ann Rodriquez, Jessica Lynn Rodriquez, Agueda Sanchez, Denise Moran, Janet Rodriguez, Kassidy McCutcheon, Jose Martinez Sr. and John M. Lopez IV

Oct. 10 - Katie, Ross, Serenity Rene, Delia Galvan, Jared Bird, Paul C. Perner III, Holly Rylander and Les Hale

Oct. 11 - Bobbie Bird, Jason Grannis, Colton Childress, Kialynn Sanchez, Joshua Tomlinson and Shannon Hunnicutt

Oct. 12 - Alyssa Ray Valadez and Joey Wilson

Oct. 13 - Michelle Young, Michell Mendoza, Rosa Bella Ramos, Angelic Gutierrez, Laura De Hoyos, Cristina Gutierrez, Raul De La Rosa Jr. and Irene Gonzales

in Vegas stays on Facebook."

Oct. 14 - Della Kirkland Oct. 15 - Tina Jarvis, Andy Coates, Colbey Bunger, Amanda Hignight, Kim Galan, Betsy Nanny, Kimberly Dominguez, Dariela Camarillo, Wade Allen

and Jayce Logan







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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 Weldon Nicks at (325) 392-3600.

OCTOBER 9

Pork Riblet with Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Green Peas with Pimento, Wheat Roll, Fruit Cup with Oranges, 2 percent Milk

OCTOBER 10

·Salisbury Steak, Blackeyed Peas, Okra and Tomatoes, Parker House Roll, Seasonal Fresh Fruit, 2 percent Milk

OCTOBER 11

Chicken Parmesan, Herb Pasta with Broccoli, Seasoned Carrots, Garlic Bread, RC Peach Cobbler, 2 percent Milk

OCTOBER 14

Chicken Patty on a Bun, Baked Beans, Lettuce, Tomato, Onion, Mustard, Fresh Fruit, 2 percent Milk

OCTOBER 15

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CROCKETT COUNTY DEERFEST donated six automated external defibrillators (AED) to the Crockett County Sheriff's Department last week. The devices are used to help restart a person's heart in emergency situations.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Lots of activities at the Senior Center

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The count is down at the center. I thought when school started that we would have more visitors, but everybody seems to be so busy they do not have time to come by and exercise. I have really missed having them here. We have a lot of entertaining things here for seniors to enjoy. I have a list of things that are available listings of things planned for

along with a calendar with the future. Stop by and I will Lauren Knight bride-elect of Jake Stewart Mrs. Cody Weishun Adrienne Bendele have made selections at

be happy to supply you with one. I am always open to new ideas if you have something you would like to happen.

Can you believe it, homecoming is Friday. We all need to go to the pep rally and parade and then to the game to support the Ozona Lions as they attack Center Point.

If you haven't tried the Helping Hands meals at noon each day, you should. It is a well balanced meal and you will not find a better place to eat for less.

The Concho Valley Community Action Agency will not be coming to Ozona in October, November or December. However, they said they might help with the utility bills for these months if you call them at (325) 653-1680.

Remember, if you need legal assistance from Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, Inc. give me a call and I will give you their numbers. They are the ones that provide free legal services for eligible lowincome persons.

I have ordered new Therabands and Theraballs for the balance exercise. Come on out on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. and try them out.

The trade table continues to be a good thing. There are puzzles that need putting together. We are all decorated up for homecoming. Come get in the spirit for the kids.

Exercise 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Bridge Monday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. Balance exercise Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. Mexican Train 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Prayer Group Wednesday at 3 p.m. Quilting Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. '42' dominos Friday at 3 p.m. Come on out, the coffee is on.



OLPH Youth Ministry will be selling drinks, sweets and food!

DEATH NOTICES

Ezekiel R. 'Tiny' Rivera

Ezekiel R. "Tiny" Rivera, 60, of Ozona died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013 in San Angelo. Funeral services will be today, Oct. 9, at 3 p.m. in the Spanish Church of Christ in Ozona. Burial will follow in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Survivors include sons Frank Ramirez Rivera of Big Lake, Ezekiel Rivera Jr. of Ozona, daughter Celia Gotcher of San Angelo, brothers Dan Rivera and Samuel Rivera Jr. both of Ozona and sisters Belia Darling of Ozona and Sally Gonzales of Midland.

OBITUARIES

Georgia May Powell

Georgia May Powell, 75, of Ozona, passed away Saturday, September 28, at Shannon Hospital.

She was born November 20, 1937 in Winnsboro, La., to Frank and Eva Baird. Georgia married Kenneth Ewell Powell, October 31, 1962, in Carlsbad, N.M. She worked in Odessa for many years in the movie theater and hotel business. She was also very well known in Ozona by her daily lunch visits to the Circle Bar Truck Stop, where she made many dear friends. She was also known to be seen on the back of "the yellow banana" trike a time or two.

She was preceded in death by her husband, mother, father, brother and daughter.

She is survived by sons, Kenneth Lee Powell and Robert Rico, of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; sisters, Francis Smith and husband Gentry, of Hobbs, N.M. and Pauline Owens, also of Hobbs, N.M.; grandchildren, Huggie Carson and wife Donna, of Ozona, Texas and Misty Carson, of Big Spring, Texas; great-grandchildren, Natasha LaBlue, Dillon Barnes, Tyler Carson, Britny Barnes, Elijah Carson and Shanna Gibson; five great-great grandchildren, Zamarian, Cadence, Nathan, Ayden and Kiley and eight very loved great-grand puppies, Chubwurckers, Rusty, Tater Tot, Taffy Tot, Templeton, Fern, Chance and Maggie May.

Services were held October 2, 2013 in Odessa.

Mark Riley Baggett

Mark Riley Baggett, 70, died Friday, Oct. 4, 2013 in San Angelo. He was born Aug. 9, 1943 in San Angelo.

Services were held Sunday, Oct. 6, at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona with Andy Vanderwier, of Sheffield, officiating.

Mark worked as an oil and gas accountant for major oil companies and as an independent consultant for many years. He retired and moved back to the family ranch where he became an active volunteer in ministry at the Texas Youth Commission Boot Camp in Sheffield.

He was a 1961 graduate of Ozona High School and received his bachelor of business administration from Texas A&M University. Mark was also a member of the Ozona United Methodist Church and Mother Holmes Memorial Baptist Church in Sheffield.

Preceding him in death was his parents W.R. (Bill) Baggett Jr. and Jewell Demere Baggett.

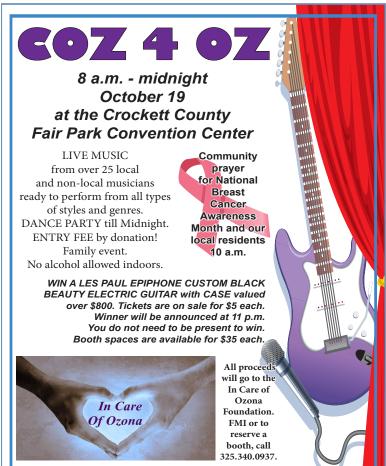
He is survived by his son David Kyle Baggett and wife Lori of Cullman, Ala.; daughter Andrea Paige Baggett of Savannah, Ga.; grandchildren Alexandra Baggett, Blakely Baggett and Grayson Baggett, all of Cullman, Ala.; brother Penn Baggett and wife Lara Sue, of Ozona.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Hospice of San Angelo, Make-A-Wish Foundation or the charity of your choice.



PAUL C. PERNER IV | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

JUDY REAGOR gets ready to receive her flu shot at last week's drive-thru flu shot clinic at the EMS Building. The Family Health Center of Ozona administered 500 flu shots during the kickoff event. Flu shots are still available at the center from 6-7 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on weekends through the back door.



SHOWING HONOR

Years ago my wife and I went on a mission trip to the Ukraine where we went from the very northern part of the country down to the Black Sea. We loved it, the country was so beautiful and also the people not to mention the food. One of my translators was a young 16 years old girl, a granddaughter of a pastor. We were giving out Bibles and material on how someone might accept Jesus Christ. I have never had a translator that worked so well with me. I told her stay right by my side and translate what I said. One day I asked her to go to an older person and tell them something. She said she could not do that because in her country it is improper for a younger person to go up to an older person and start a conversation. How neat. That event reminds me of something now and in the Bible. This month is Pastors appreciation month. The Bible talks a lot about honor and to whom it is due. Christians are to honor everyone like Judges, political leaders, rulers and others. We are especially to honor those who are in leadership in the local churches, (Hebrews 13:7&17, 1 Thessalonians 5:12&13). Those who preach and teach and those who lead, (Ephesians 4:11-13, Titus 1:5-9, Acts 20:27&28). They are a special gift from God to us, (John 5:23, 12:26). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

First Baptist Church

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

New Beginnings Church

701 9th Street

Pastor Carlos Cantu

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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.

Faith Lutheran Church

802 1st St.

Pastor Tom Baden

Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m.

Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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.

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

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Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St.

Rev. Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m

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.

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said while natural gas prices have dropped, she sees future potential for the industry.

Craddick said the agency is "way behind" on technology issues. The agency has a backlog of 12,000 well completion reports. But as of Aug. 1, the commission has signed a contract with an IT company, and should have significant updates to its Web site in the next two years, making it more efficient and transparent. That's thanks to a victory in the Legislature, which saw the agency gain permission to use more funds. The commission has also gotten more resources to hire more inspectors.

"There are only six people in the state legislature actively involved in the oil and gas industry. They don't understand what we do. We know we've got some growing pains and challenges for the next few years," Craddick said. "The legislature gets the financial piece."

Craddick said the agency's staff has been cut from 1,500 to 700. The agency is also struggling to retain talent that may be otherwise drawn to high-paying private-sector jobs.

With \$3 million from the state legislature, Craddick said they are hoping to hire



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

TEXAS RAILROAD COMMISSIONER CHRISTI CRADDICK (left) talks with Ozona Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Shanon Biggerstaff (center) and Paul Stephens of Southwest Treating Products during the 4th Bi-Annual South West Oil and Gas Show last week.

additional people and give some cost-of-living raises to those living in high cost areas, like Midland and Odessa.

"People can't afford to live where they are working. It's important the agency have good people," Craddick said.

Craddick spoke out in favor of Proposition 6, the State Constitutional Amendment that will transfer of \$2 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund to provide low-interest loans for water projects in the state water plan and provide a revolving cash flow as loans are repaid. Voters will get to cast their ballots Nov. 5 on the amend-

The majority of the funding for the Rainy Day Fund comes from oil and gas.

"As an industry we realized that we need to start contributing. The couldn't have paid for these if this industry wasn't as vibrate," Craddick said.

She said that the drought in some ways has been a good thing for the industry because it has prompted the industry to focus more on water-saving technology and recycling systems.

"Companies are trying to do the right thing. We do understand West Texas," she said. On dealing with the feder-

al government, Craddick said 'they don't get oil and gas." The Environmental Protection Agency keeps trying

to "put rules on top of ours," she said. Craddick said "we do try to work with the EPA," and that

Texas likes to have fact-based rules. But the EPA, she says, likes to "study it to death."

"They do it backwards. We do it right," she said. "I'd rather do business within our state.

McCamey deputy killed in shooting

Editor's note: Information for the following article was compiled from reports by the Odessa American and the Associated Press.

Upton County Deputy Billy "Bubba" Kennedy, 37, was killed Oct. 2 during a in a shootout with a man at the McCamey Stripes Convenience Store.

Gary David Green, 50, has been charged with capital murder in connection with the shooting, and was in fair condition at Medical Center Hospital after being shot himself. Green is being held on a \$1 million bond through Upton County.

The memorial service for Deputy Billy 'Bubba' Kennedy was held Tuesday, Oct. 8, at the Rankin Park Building with burial following at the Rankin Cemetery.

Kennedy grew up in Iraan. He was employed as a deputy sheriff for 14 years in Pecos, Brown, and Upton Counties. Kennedy met his wife Jodie, while in college. The couple has two sons, Lane McClay, 15, and Blake Dawson, 10.

The day after the shooting, the town of McCamey went on lockdown when county officials received telephone threats

The identity of the person who made the treats was unknown, but officials said it was a person related to Green.

CBS 7, in Odessa, was reported as saying the suspect



KENNEDY

of Green and was arrested. Several people who have second-

who made

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hand knowledge of the incident said Green arrived at the Stripes Convenience Store trying to buy gas, food and drinks.

The man then told the clerk he could not pay, and started to become agitated, saying, "I don't want anybody to get hurt."

Although other details are limited and sometimes conflicting, the sources all agreed that a fight began between the man and two deputies; one of them was Kennedy and the other was Deputy Thomas Stiles, who has been with the department for eight months and was not injured.

Green, whose last known address was in Godley, recently spent time in prison.

U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, whose district includes Upton County, recognized and remembered Kennedy on the house floor last week.

Friends and family members of Billy "Bubba" Kennedy have set up a memorial fund at the Tejas Bank locations in Monahans and Iraan. The account number is 248282.

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is, then funding for the state plan should come out of the state's general revenue budget, according to the Texas Tribune article.

"Only Texans who vote will have a voice in whether Proposition 6 and other ballot propositions become part of the Texas Constitution," says Linda Krefting, Chair of the League of Women Voters of Texas Education Fund.

PHOTO ID REQUIRED TO **VOTE IN PERSON**

Texas now requires one of seven photo identifications at the polls:

Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) issued driver's license, personal identification card, concealed handgun license or election identification certificate (EIC).

U.S. government issued military identification card with photograph, citizenship or naturalization certificate with photograph or passport.

The photo ID needs to be current or have expired no more than 60 days before voting (citizenship and naturalization certificates have no expiration date).



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The name on the ID should match the voter registration card. If names don't match, a voter may be accepted if names are "substantially similar." Addresses need not match.

Voters with a documented disability can apply for a voter registration certificate exempting them from the photo ID requirement.

Voters without acceptable ID can obtain an Election Identification Certificate (EIC) from Texas DPS at no cost by providing proof of citizenship and identity and regis-tering to vote at DPS or showing a voter registration card.

Voters who do not show an acceptable ID at the polls can vote a provisional ballot and have 6 days to show the required photo ID.

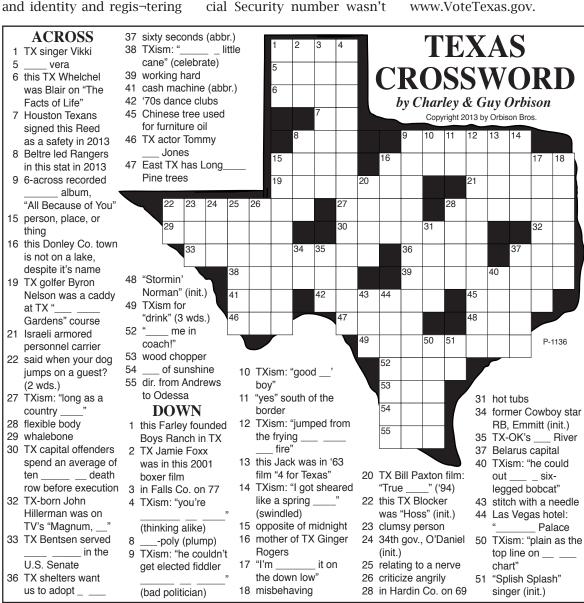
Photo ID is not required to vote by mail. Voters may apply for a mail ballot if 65 or older, ill or disabled, or absent from their county during early voting and on elec¬tion day. Photo ID will be required of first time voters whether they vote by mail or in person if a driver's license or Soincluded with the voter registration application.

Only the seven photo IDs above can be accepted at the polls. Other photo IDs including student IDs and employer IDs cannot be accepted.

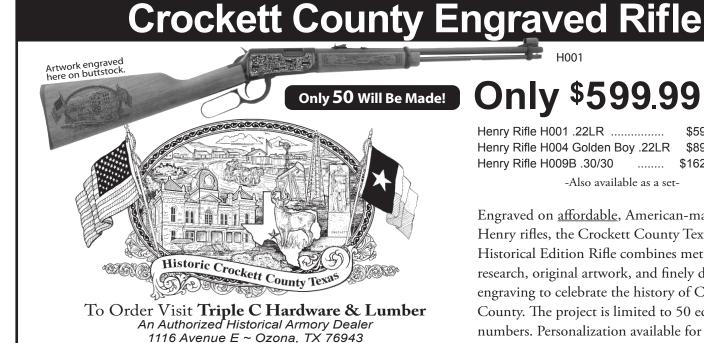
Early voting is from Oct. 21- Nov. 1. Crockett County Voters can cast ballots from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the courthouse annex.

Election Day is Nov. 5 with polls open from 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

For more information, visit www.lwvtexas.org or



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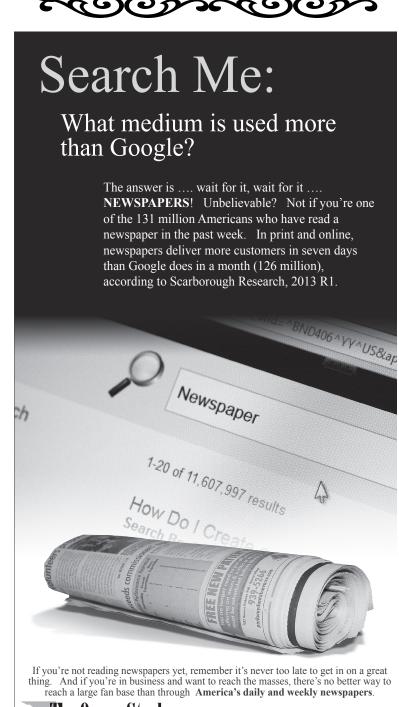
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OHS Cross-Country solid at McNeil meet

of over 400 runners is quite

Lions competed in the Mc-Neil Invitational Saturday at Round Rock.

The Lions placed ninth out of 49 schools, and were the top 1A school at the race. The race included ranked teams such as, Port Aransas, Valley View and Cumby Miller Grove.

"Not only are each of those teams ranked in the top ten of the state but they also all finished in the top ten of the state last season, making each of those victories significant. We also knocked off quality teams like Harper and Poolville that qualified for last year's state meet and have a chance to do so again this year," said Coach Erik Thormaehlen.

Omero Rodriguez finished ninth at 17 minutes, 5 seconds. Also running for the Lions: 51. Josiah Jurado, 18:21; 115. Noe Medina, 19:17; 118. Alex Hopper, 19:19; 148. Adrian Rodriguez, 19:32; 275. Alan Landa, 21:18; 285. Saul Vargas,

"It's hard to put into words what a tremendous race Omero Rodriguez ran but to finish in the top 10 out

OHS Student

of the Week

Lexi Poindexter

an achievement. Omero ran the first mile in about 5:35 and then averaged 5:29 over the next two miles, picking off about 40 runners in the second mile of his race. Josiah Jurado had a great race placing as high as he did in this deep field, but the real story of the day was the job done by Medina, Hopper and Rodriguez, which solidified the team score for the boys," Thormaehlen said. "Last week, after a difficult practice, our head boys track coach Matt Gutierrez took Noe aside and inspired him with a pep talk that helped elevate Noe's performance, no doubt about it." The Lady Lions finished

29th as a team and were the fourth best 1A school. The girls had an average time of 14:09 and finished right behind Zephyr High School, a team that finished seventh in Class 1A last season. The other two 1A schools ahead of Ozona were San Saba and Harper.

Madison Childress was the top finisher at 95th with a time of 13:35. Also running for the Lady Lions: 129. Lexi Poindexter, 13:53; 141. McK-

OMS Students of the Week





OES Students of the Week

Tuesday, Oct. 15 **Ozona Middle School District Meet Ozona Country Club**

Saturday, Oct. 12 **Ozona High School** Lamesa







Jacquline Venegas

OMS LIONS Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10 vs. Center Point - There - 5:00 p.m. VARSITY LIONS Friday, Oct. 11 vs. Center Point - Lion Stadium - 7:30 p.m. **CROSS COUNTRY**

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	Brady	51
	Early	14
	Bronte	26
	Irion Co	24
	Christoval	30
	Eldorado	0
	Iraan	54
	Van Horn	2
	Wall	79
	Grape Creek	6
	Wink	42
	McCamey	18
	Rocksprings	28
	La Pryor	20
	Junction	51
	Leakey	0
	TLCA	40
	Menard	2

enna Moses, 14:02; 212. Estefania Torralba, 14:36 and 215. Gabby Treto, 14:38.

"The girls did great considering we were missing our top runner, Daisy Guerra. Madison Childress ran the best two mile of her career. We've got to be optimistic heading toward district competition that the girls can win a district championship. Poindexter and Moses both did a good job of running respectable times on a tough course. These three girls are the heart of this team. Estefania Torralba continued to be a solid contributor. Estefania continues to get stronger, as does Gabby," Thormaehlen said. "The boys and girls varsity teams have not won cross country district championship in the same season since 1995. We are hoping that with another two weeks of training that we can end that streak and bring home two titles to Ozona."

The OHS Teams will run Saturday, Oct. 12, in Lamesa.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

5TH QUARTER:

Friday after Homecoming Football Game for all high school students! Sponsored by the Youth Center!

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

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

Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

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 and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

> **OHS MEAL NIGHT:** Mondays - 7-10 p.m. 7TH AND 8TH

CLOSED SUNDAYS

MEAL NIGHTS:

SCORES !

	446
Brady	51
Early	14
Larry	
Bronte	26
Irion Co	24
Christoval	30
Eldorado	0
Iraan	54
Van Horn	2
Wall	79
Grape Creek	6
Wink	42
McCamey	18
Rocksprings	28
La Pryor	20
Junction	51
Leakey	0
TLCA	40
Menard	2
Goldthwaite	33
Winters	7



THE OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL BOYS AND GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS WERE VICTORIOUS IN THE Junction

Cross Country meet held on Saturday, Oct. 5.

OMS Cross-Country teams 'smoking hot'

The OMS Cross-Country Teams were the top finishers at the Junction Meet Saturday.

"The girls and boys flew above of the eagles as they smoked the course. Both teams won the middle school divisions and returned home champions, and all of them sporting a medal," said Coach Butch Gonzalez.

The top five runners for the Lions were Ryan Pena, Roman Esparza, Danny Posada, Marcus Perez and Chantz

For the Lady Lions it was Itzel Esmerado, Jacky Guerra, Xena Vargas, Ebony Ramirez and Lucy Rodrigez.

"Congratulations to all runners. It was a great team effort," Gonzalez said.



BAND DIRECTOR CHANS MOELLENDORF leads the Ozona High School Marching Band onto the field at the San Angelo Marching Festival held Saturday, Oct. 5. They earned a Division II rating at the festival.



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THE OHS DRUM LINE ROLLS OUT ON THE FIELD at the San Angelo Marching Festival on Saturday, Oct. 5.



THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL BAND IN ACTION at the San Angelo Marching Festival held Saturday, Oct. 5.

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YMCA Football action in Big Lake



JOSE MUNOZ (r.) KICKS OFF FOR THE OZONA LION HEAVYWEIGHT TEAM in their win over Sonora on Saturday, Oct. 5 in Big Lake. Also pictured are (I. to r.) #24 Jesse Vega, #83 Jose Dominguez and #55 Emmanuel Venegas.



THE OZONA PEEWEE TEAM RUNS ON THE FIELD before their victory over





#3 ALEX LARA (I.) ENCOURAGES TEAMMATE ABRAHAM RODRIGUEZ to "Move it, Move it" down the field in the Heavyweight Lions Oct. 5 win.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN PEE WEE LION CARLOS CANTU

Bingo fund-raiser Oct. 12 at KC Hall

The family of future Marine Maria LaVon Villareal is holding bingo fund-raiser on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 3:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. There will be bingo prizes and they will be selling hamburgers, snacks and sodas.

The event is to raise money for travel expenses to attend Villarreal's graduation ceremony on Nov. 14 and 15 in Paris Island, SC.



OZONA HEAD START | SUBMITTED PHOTO

OZONA HEAD START STUDENTS participated in Jumpstart's "Read for the Record" on Oct. 3.

Ozona Head Start celebrates Jumpstart's 'Read for the Record'

Jumpstart's "Read for the Record," presented in partnership with the Pearson Foundation, took place at Ozona Head Start on Oct. 3.

Jumpstart's "Read for the Record" is an annual reading celebration that highlights the need for quality early education in America by mobilizing adults and children to set a record for the largest shared reading experience.

Since the campaign's inception in 2006, more than nine million people have joined local Jumpstart's "Read for the Record" reading celebrations. Jumpstart has also raised more than \$8 million to support its yearround work in preschools

The book read this year was "Otis" by Loren Long. It is about an old tractor named "Otis" who becomes friends with a calf on the farm.

Later a new big yellow tractor replaces Otis and Otis is parked outside the barn. One day the calf gets stuck in the mud pond and nobody or anything can get the calf out except for "Otis."

Jumpstart is a national early education organization working toward the day every child in America enters kindergarten prepared to succeed.

Jumpstart delivers a research-based and cost-effective program by training college students and community volunteers to serve preschool-age children.

Through a proven curriculum, these children develop the language and literacy skills they need to be ready for school, setting them on a path for lifelong success. Jumpstart is a proud member of the AmeriCorps

national service network. Learn more at www.jstart.org. Learn more about Jump-

start's "Read for the Record" at www.jstart.org/readfortherecord.



Tickets can be purchased at the door

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League member



2013-2014 OHS STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS: (left to right) Historian Carissa Perez, President Chris Cantu, Vice President Meagan Espinosa and Secretary Estefania Torralba.

National Teen Driver Safety Week

Motor vehicle crashes continue to be the leading cause of death for teens. Statistics show that teens are most likely to have a crash during the first six months after getting their license, which is primarily due to their inex-

A new study by the Texas A&M Transportation Institute (TTI) reports that drivers ages15 to 17 years old are not only at a disadvantage due to their lack of experience but also due to the incomplete development of the prefrontal cortex of the brain - the part of the brain that helps weigh the consequences of risky behavior. According to the study's author, Russell Henk, this is the last part of the brain to develop. TTI also reports that teens

are eight times more likely to be in a fatal crash when they are carrying two or more teen passengers. The Texas Graduated Driver's License (GDL) law is designed to limit the number of teen passengers that can legally ride with a novice driver. The GDL provides parents with the controls to help keep their teen drivers safe. However, many parents are not aware of the provisions of this law, which are divided into two phases. During phase one, the teen driver must always be accompanied by a person at least 21 years of age. During phase two, teens cannot operate a motor vehicle with more than one passenger who is younger than 21 unless the additional passengers are also family members. Driving is prohibited between midnight and 5 a.m., unless the teen is driving to attend work or a school-related activity, or responding to an emergency situation. Cell phone use is also prohibited during this second phase. Making sure your teen follows the GDL law can help get a teen safely through the most

perience can lead to crashes.

This year's campaign puts the emphasis on both teens and parents working together to make safe new drivers. Research shows that parents play an important role in increasing their teen's driving skills, as they have the greatest influence over their teen's behavior. In fact, leading experts believe parents play a key role in preventing teen car crashes and deaths. Teens with parents who set rules, monitor their driving, and are supportive are half as likely to crash and twice as likely to use seat belts as teens with less involved parents. Parents can help by talking with their teens about safe driving practices. Spending as much time driving with your teen in many different driving situations can significantly impact your teen's future driving practices.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service agent Whitney Walston reminds parents to take advantage of the National Teen Driver Safety Week to talk to their teens about staying safe on the road. Follow

these tips to keep teens driving safely:

 Practice driving with your teen as often as possible.

· Discuss your rules of the road, and create a Parent-Teen Driving Agreement.

· Model good driving behavior for your teen by always using seat belts and never using a cell phone while driving. · Share your rules with

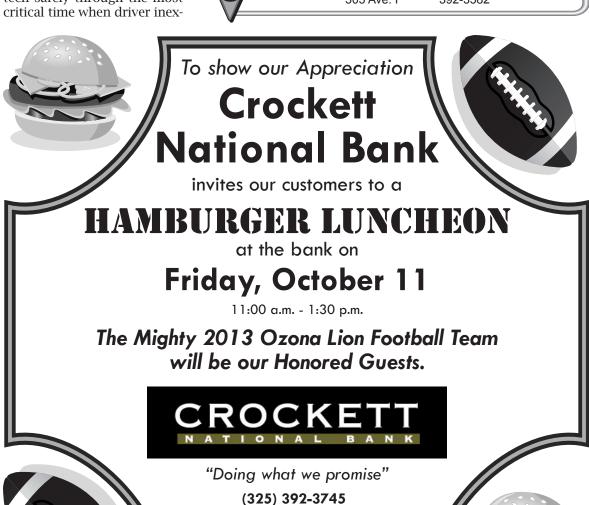
other parents and teens. For more information on National Teen Driver Safe-

ty Week, go to the following websites: TeenDriverSource at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia http://www.teendriversource.org/more_pages/ page/get_behind_national_

teen_driver_safety_week_ntdsw_/teen, · Centers for Disease Control and Prevention http:// www.cdc.gov/ParentsAreTheK-

ey/parents/index.html, and · State Farm Insurance to download A Handbook for Parents http://teendriving. statefarm.com/system/article_downloads/State_Farm_ Teen_Driving_A_Handbook_ for_Parents_engl.pdf.











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Anyone interested, or for more information, call Eddie Martin at (325) 392-3404 or (325) 226-4808.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

9/30/2013

• 12 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency) 10/1/2013

• 1:38 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic 911 Response (Emer-

• 2:25 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

• 7:17 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency) 10/2/2013

• 4:40 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren

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• 7:16 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic 911 Response (Emergency) 10/4/2013 • 9:39 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren

Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency) 10/5/2013

• 7:59 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)

• 4:28 p.m. - Transported Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

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and the new governor will take office in January 2015. Party primaries are on the calendar for March 4, 2014.

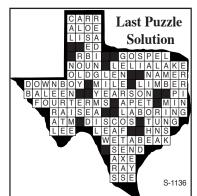
Davis, from the campaign trail, said she would like to see a bi-partisan solution to the Congressional stalemate over the federal health care law. Abbott, last week, reportedly spoke out in support of efforts to prevent further funding of "Obamacare."

GUV STUMPS FOR WATER MEASURE

Gov. Perry, in San Angelo on Oct. 2, encouraged Texans to vote yes on Proposition 6 on the Nov. 5 election ballot.

Prop. 6 would authorize a one-time \$2 billion transfer from the State of Texas' Economic Stimulus ("rainy day") Fund to create a State Water Implementation Fund that Perry said would "leverage funding up to \$30 billion in water projects over five decades."

The constitutional amendment, if passed, would require regional and statewide prioriti-



zation of water projects in the State Water Plan and enable local communities to access cost-effective interest rates to invest in water needs, he said.

BONDS GET HIGHEST RATING

State Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 30 announced that bond-rating agency Standard & Poor's raised its rating for Texas' general obligation bonds from AA+ to AAA, the highest rating.

Fitch Ratings and Moody's Investors Service already rate Texas bonds AAA, she said, adding, "This is the first time Texas has received the top general obligation bond ratings from all three ratings agencies."

Strong bond ratings can help lower borrowing costs, she said, and they reflect Wall Street's confidence in the Texas economy, the state's revenue growth, disciplined cash management and budgeting.

MERGER SETTLEMENT REACHED

Attorney General Abbott on Oct. 1 announced the State of Texas reached a settlement agreement concerning the proposed merger of American Airlines and US Airways.

American Airlines agreed that if the airlines do indeed merge, to maintain daily service to 22 airports across the state, to keep Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport as a hub and to keep the merged company's headquarters in the Dallas-Fort Worth metropolitan area.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report

Notice: When approaching a parked school bus with red flashing lights, vehicles traveling in both directions must come to complete stop until the bus resumes its route. When approaching a pedestrian on a crosswalk, vehicles traveling in both directions must come to a complete stop until the pedestrian leaves the crosswalk.

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Incident Reports: Oct. 1-8 10-1-13

• Sheriff's office filed a resisting arrest/ transportation and abusive 911 calls following a family disturbance call at Crockett Heights residence, one person arrested at scene.

• A disorderly conduct report was filed by sheriff's office following family disturbance at the 100 block of Avenue J, one person was arrested at scene. 10-6-13

A retaliation charge and criminal mis-

chief report was filed by sheriff's office following a disturbance at 100 block of Avenue J, one person was arrested.

Arrest Report: Oct. 1-8

10-1-13

· Caden Taylor Rutherford, of Ozona, was arrested by sheriff's deputy for making abusive 9-1-1 calls and resisting arrest and transportation. He posted bail and was released. 10-4-13

• Carl Edward Connell, of Shelby, Ala., was transferred from Kimble County by sheriff's deputy. Subject is pending criminal charges of burglary of a habitation. He was transferred to Upton County. 10-5-13

• Raymundo Borrell Villarreal, of Ozona, was arrested by sheriff's deputy for disorderly conduct. He pled guilty in Justice of the Peace Court, paid fine and was released. 10-6-13

· Cynthia Castillo Villarreal, of Ozona, was arrested by sheriff's deputy for retaliation on public servant and criminal mischief. She posted bail and was released.

• Ida Galindo Villarreal, of Ozona, was arrested by sheriff's deputy for disorderly conduct. She pled guilty in Justice of the Peace court, paid her fine and was released.

Local Fire Prevention Week set for 0ct. 14-18

Due to next week's Home- er Contest will also take coming events, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department will be conducting their Fire Prevention Programs from Oct. 14-18. National Fire Prevention Week is set for Oct. 7-11.

The OVFD will be conducting programs starting at 2:30 p.m. Oct. 14 with pre-k through second grade at Ozona Elementary School.

On Oct. 15, the OVFD will conduct the third, fourth and fifth grade program at 2:30 p.m. with a live burn demon-

The Fire Prevention Post-

place throughout the week.

Poster judging will be Friday, Oct. 18, morning and awards presentation on Friday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. for all grades.

Surprise fire alarm drills will also be conducted during the week at the elementary, middle and high school cam-

For more information, call Fire Chief Brian Morrow at 226-0012, Georgia Morrow at 226-9266 or the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department at 392-2626.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

OCTOBER 5

• 4:28 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident at State Highway 163 and U.S. Highway 190. Truck-trailer and a pickup. Worked traffic and assisted EMS. Four units, seven firefighters and Barnhart FD. Time in service 4 hours 27 minutes.

OCTOBER 6

• 8:50 p.m. - Unknown type fire 25 miles south on State Highway 163. Unable to locate. Six units, 13 firefighters. Time in service 1 hour and 54 minutes.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Abundio Ray Valadez, Jr., Deceased, were issued on September 25, 2013, in Cause No. 1214, pending in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, to: Danny Munoz Valadez. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Jody K. Upham, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 4127, 1014 Avenue E, Ozona, Texas 76943. DATED September 23, 2013. Jody K. Upham, attorney for Danny Munoz Valadez.

PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)

To the registered voters of the County of Crockett, Texas:

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., November 5, 2013 for voting in a special election "to adopt or reject the proposed Constitutional Amendments as submitted by the 83rd Legislature, Regular Session, of the State of Texas." (Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hast alas 7:00 p.m. el 5 de Noviembre de 2013, para voter en la Eleccion Especial "para adoptar o rechazar las enmiendas constitucionales propuestas asi como fueron sometidas por la 83a Legislatura, Sesion Regular, del estado de Texas.")

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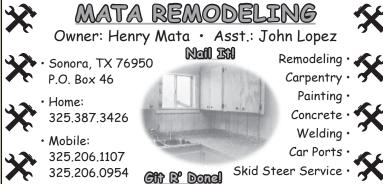
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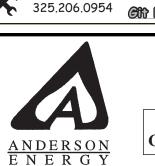


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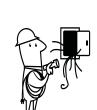
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The dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. General admission (includes meal) is \$10 per person. Attendees are fed a meal of chicken-fried deer, turkey, axis, deer and pork sausage, deer chili, deer tamales and brisket.

You must have proper identification to claim firearm prizes. A physical address must be on your driver's license or ID. If a physical address is not on your ID, then you must present your voter registration card or your hunting license with a 911 address along with your driver's license.

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ated 25 years ago as a community wide appreciation banquet for hunters. Typically 1,000 to 1,500 people attend the event and approximately \$40,000 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.

Again this year 10% of the admission will be donated to the West Texas Rehabilitation Center of Ozona. After the 2012 event we donated \$2,000 to the WT Rehab

The DeerFest Association has purchased A/V equipment and put a roof on the community day care center. The association helped finance the construction of the Crockett County EMS building. In 2012 Cancer Society, Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Crockett County Care Center, Crockett County EMS, Helping Hands, Crockett County Youth Civic, 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 Dept, Ozona Women's Forum, Ozona Women's League, Perceptor Mu Chi

The Crockett County DeerFest was cre- 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 recipients of the 2012 Crockett County DeerFest Scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each were Cuatro Jones and Cris Taylor and in the amount of \$1,000 was Lisa Dorrough. All monies are raised from the sale of door prize tickets, admission fees and our donors' generous contributions. Among prizes given away in 2012 were 80+ guns, numerous gift certificates, any number of wonderful miscellaneous items, 4-wheelers and a 2012 Jeep Wrangler. This year we will be giving away over 80 guns, \$10,000 in gift cards, a Jeep and numerous other prizes.

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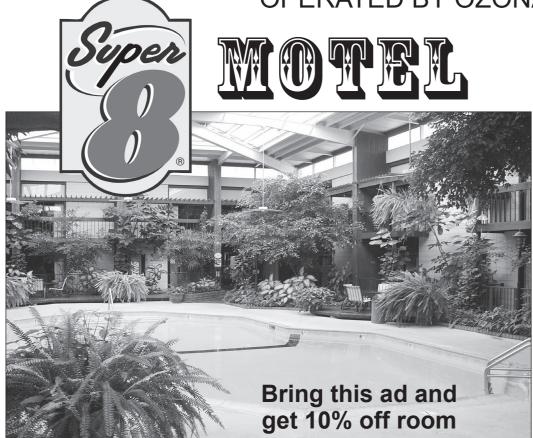


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How to make the best tasting venison sausage ever

By Marty Prokop

Many members of the Free-Deer-Hunting-Tips. com community have asked me for recipes and directions to make sausage from their deer.

I have made over 991, 990 pounds — yes, that's nearly a million pounds — of sausage, smoked meats and jerky.

You can make great tasting venison sausage right in your own kitchen. In this www.Free-Deer-Hunting-Tips.com article I will reveal to you the secrets.

Today we will discuss two types of venison sausage, Italian sausage and bulk breakfast sausage. During my years of processing deer, these were two of the most popular venison sausages deer hunters requested.

The Equipment

To make great tasting venison sausage from home, you will need a few pieces of equipment.

1.) A meat grinder. This

can be electric or a manually operated, hand-crank meat grinder. If you do not have access to a meat grinder, you can still make great tasting sausage from home. You can use a sharp knife to cut your meat into pieces as coarse or fine as you desire.

- 2.) 2-Large mixing bowls. One bowl for mixing your seasonings. The other bowl for catching the venison as it is ground.
 - 3.) Sharp knife
 - 4.) Measuring spoons
 - 5.) Measuring cup
 - 6.) Rubber gloves

Making Bulk Sausage

Bulk sausage is one of the most versatile types of sausage you can make. You use bulk sausage much like you use ground venison or ground beef. Bulk sausage is sausage not stuffed into casings.

Cooking with bulk venison sausages offer near endless possibilities. Bulk sausages can be used as burgers, as meatloaves, in meat sauces and in casseroles or hot dishes. Any

place you use ground meat, you can substitute bulk venison sausage.

Bulk Breakfast Sausage

This recipe will make ten pounds of venison sausage. You will be using 6 pounds of venison and 4 pounds of beef or pork. The beef or pork you add to your venison sausage should be no more that 70 percent lean.

- 1.) Place meat into the freezer while you mix your seasonings and set up your grinder. Placing the meat into the freezer before you grind will make it easier to grind.
- 2.) Mix spices:
- 5 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon ground white pepper
- 2 tablespoons rubbed sage (if you do not like the taste of sage replace with garlic powder or minced garlic)
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 tablespoon ground nutmeg
- 1 tablespoon ground thyme
- 1 tablespoon crushed red

pepper (optional)

Mix spices and 1 pint ice water in large bowl. Make sure all the salt has dissolved.

- 3) Set up grinder. Use a grinder plate with 3/16 inch holes.
- 4) Remove meat from freezer. Put on rubber gloves.
- 5) Grind meat through the 3/16 inch grinder plate into the empty mixing bowl. During grinding, alternate venison and beef or pork. To every three or four pieces of venison, grind one to two pieces of beef or pork. This will help distribute the beef or pork more evenly. If you like sausage with a finer texture, grind the meat a second time.
- 6) Pour the seasoning mixture over the ground meat. With your glove covered hands, mix the seasonings into the meat. Make sure all meat and seasons are thoroughly and evenly mixed.
- 7) When you think you have mixed the meat enough, mix the meat again. Mixing a ten to fifteen pound batch of meat by hand will



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take at least 5 to 7 minutes. Thorough and even mixing is important. If the meat and seasonings are not thoroughly and evenly mixed, your venison sausage will have bites that taste great and bites with no flavor.

8) When you are sure meat and seasonings are mixed well, wrap the venison sausage in butcher paper and place in freezer. You can also vacuum seal your venison sausage.

Bulk Italian Sausage

This recipe will make 10 pounds of venison Italian sausage. You will be using 6 pounds of venison and 4 pounds of beef or pork. The beef or pork you add to your venison sausage should be no more than 70 percent lean.

- 1) Place meat into the freezer while you mix your seasonings and set up your grinder. Placing the meat into the freezer before you grind will make it easier to grind.
 - 2) Mix spices:
- 5 tablespoons salt
- 1 tablespoon cracked or ground fennel seed
- 2 teaspoons coarse

ground black pepper

- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 3 teaspoons crushed hot pepper
- 1 teaspoon caraway seeds
- 1 tablespoon ground coriander

Mix spices and 1 pint ice water in large bowl. Make sure all the salt has dissolved.

- 3) Set up grinder. Use a grinder plate with 1/4 inch or 3/8 inch holes.
- 4) Remove meat from freezer. Put on rubber gloves.
- 5) Grind meat through 1/4 inch or 3/8 inch grinder plate and into the empty mixing bowl. When grinding, alternate venison and beef or pork. To every three or four pieces of venison, grind one or two pieces of beef or pork. This will help distribute the beef or pork more evenly. If you like a finer textured sausage, grind the meat a second time.
- 6) Pour the seasoning mixture over the ground meat. With your glove covered hands, mix the seasonings into the meat. Make sure all meat and

seasons are thoroughly and evenly mixed.

- 7) When you think you have mixed the meat enough, mix the meat again. Mixing a ten to fifteen pound batch of meat by hand will take at least 5 to 7 minutes. Thorough and even mixing is important. If the meat and seasonings are not thoroughly and evenly mixed, your venison sausage will have bites that taste great and bites with no flavor.
- 8) When you are sure meat and seasonings are mixed well, wrap the venison sausage in butcher paper and place in freezer. You can also vacuum seal your venison sausage.

Six Steps to Perfect Sausage Patties

If you like sausage patties, try these simple tips for making perfect patties every time.

- 1.) Take the lid off a wide-mouthed jar, such as a mayonnaise jar. Wash and dry the lid well.
- 2.) Spray the inside of lid with nonstick cooking spray.
 - 3.) Place small amount

of sausage mixture into lid (enough to fill the lid to the top edge).

- 4.) Press and pack the sausage mixture so it is flush with the top of the lid.
- 5.) Turn lid upside down onto butcher paper for wrapping. If you plan on stacking and freezing two or more layers of patties, place two sheets of waxed paper between each layer of patties.
- 6.) Wrap your sausage patties in butcher paper and place into the freezer.

 Special Tip:

If you plan on vacuum sealing your venison sausage patties, place the sausage patties onto a cookie sheet covered with waxed paper. Place the cookie sheet in freezer for 20 minutes. Remove from freezer and vacuum seal your venison sausage patties. Partially freezing the sausage patties before you vacuum seal them will prevent them from smashing.

Good Luck and Great Hunting.

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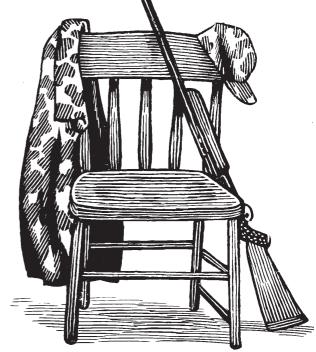
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If you were born on or after September 2, 1971 and you are:

- · under 9 years of age, you must be <u>accompanied</u> (*see definition).
- · age 9 through 16, you must successfully complete a hunter education course, or you must be accompanied* while hunting.
- · age 17 and over, you must successfully complete a hunter education course; or purchase a "Hunter Education Deferral," and you must be accompanied.

What does "accompanied" mean?

*Accompanied means: By a person (resident or non- resident) who is at least 17, who is licensed to hunt in Texas, who has passed hunter education or is exempt (born before Sept. 2, 1971), and you must be within normal voice control. Proof of certification or deferral is required to be on your person while hunting.

Do I qualify for a Hunter Education Deferral?

Any person 17 years of age or older who has not completed a hunter education program may defer completion for up to one year A deferral may only be obtained once and is only valid until the end of the current license year. You must be accompanied while hunting if you have a deferral. A person who has been convicted or has received deferred adjudication for violation of the mandatory hunter education requirement is prohibited from applying for a deferral. Take the course (cost: \$10) by August 31 of the current license year and receive a \$5 discount.

Important Facts about your certification

- · Certification is good for life.
- · Texas certification is honored by other states and provinces requiring hunter education.
 - · You must carry proof of certification or deferral on your person while hunting.
 - · The card is NOT required to purchase a license.

I lost my card. How do I get a replacement?

A duplicate certification card may be ordered online at: https://www.tpwd.state. tx.us/outdoor-learning/hunter-education/duplicate-request-form. Failure to carry proof of certification or deferral while hunting is a Class C, Parks and Wildlife Code Misdemeanor which is punishable by a fine no less than \$25 nor more than \$500.

I took Hunter Education in another state. Do I still need to take the Texas course?

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Marty's deer butchering secret

By Marty Proko

The most important end result of learning how to butcher a deer is great tasting venison for your table.

When you consider how to process a deer, for the best tasting venison, make sure you process a deer boneless. This means the person going through the steps of how to butcher a deer does not use a meat saw.

A meat cutter or deer hunter who takes pride in butchering a deer will send home cuts of venison resembling boneless cuts of beef and pork you would buy from the meat counter.

Trimming all external fat from your boneless cuts of venison will remove much of the wild or gamey taste when the package is open and the venison is cooked. Removing all venison fat is an important aspect of how to butcher a deer.

When it comes to talking about how to process a deer, I lean on my years of professional experience. I processed 7,805 deer when I was a professional meat cutter.

The first time I learned how to process a deer, the deer was mine. I cut it on a meat saw. I could not stand the taste of the venison meat. The remaining 7,804 deer were all cut boneless.

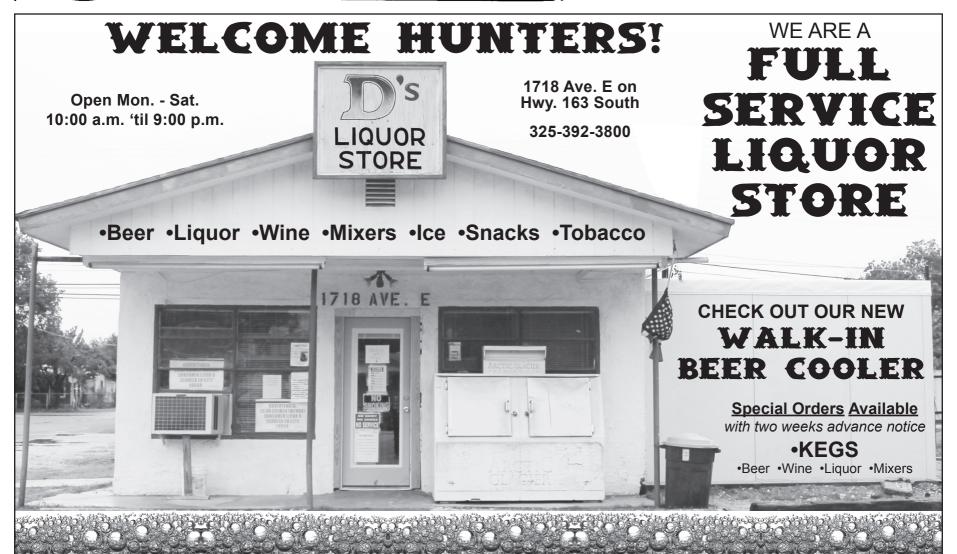
I had many, many deer hunting customers who quickly learned how great venison does taste when butchering a deer boneless. And their wives actually loved to use and cook the venison because it looked like familiar cuts of meat.

The venison had no "wild" odor because we went through the steps of butchering a deer boneless instead of cutting through the wild tasting bone marrow on a meat saw. Deer hunters even said finicky children cleaned venison off their plates.

The real reward was when the hunters would come in saying, "Marty Prokop, my wife told me to keep hunting because the boneless venison meat was so good."

Marty Prokop

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Four new positives found in Trans Pecos CWD surveillance

-Disease not discovered outside Containment Zone

AUSTIN - Nearly 300 tissue samples were collected from hunter harvested mule deer from the Trans Pecos ecoregion of far West Texas during the 2012-13 season for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) testing. Texas A&M Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory and National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) have confirmed CWD in four of those samples. All CWD-positive deer were harvested within the CWD Containment Zone.

Of 298 deer sampled during hunting season, 107 were harvested in the Containment Zone. 93 were harvested in the adjacent High Risk Zone, 25 were harvested in the Buffer Zone, and 73 deer were harvested outside of the CWD zones. Nineteen of the samples collected from the Containment Zone were from deer harvested in the Hueco Mountains.

"The good news is that CWD has not been detected in Texas outside of the Hueco Mountains of northern El Paso and Hudspeth counties," said Mitch Lockwood, Big Game Program Director with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

Including the two positives reported from TPWD's strategic sampling effort last summer, and the three positives reported by New Mexico Game and Fish last year, CWD has been detected in 9 of 31 deer sampled in the Hueco Mountains.

CWD is a member of the group of diseases called transmissible spongiform encephalopathies (TSEs). Other diseases in this group include scrapie in sheep, bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE or mad cow disease) in cattle, and Cruetzfeldt-Jakob disease in humans. CWD among cervids is a progressive, fatal disease that commonly results in altered behavior as a result of microscopic changes made to the brain of affected animals. An animal may carry the disease for years without outward indication, but in the latter stages, signs may include listlessness, lowering of the head, weight loss, repetitive walking in set patterns, and a lack of responsiveness. CWD is not known to affect humans.

There is no vaccine or cure for CWD, but steps have been taken to minimize the risk of the disease spreading from beyond the area where it currently exists. The Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission and Texas Animal Health Commission adopted rules restricting movement of deer, elk, and other susceptible species within or from the CWD Zones, and enhancing surveillance efforts.



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1 cup fresh green peas

Salt and pepper to taste

Cut bacon into 1" cubes and saute in large saucepan until lightly browned. Remove and set aside. Cut venison into $1\ 1/2$ or 2" pieces and brown over high heat in 4 tbsp. bacon drippings. Stir in flour. Lower heat and let brown 2-3 minutes, stirring several times. Add liquid and let it simmer 1 hour or more until venison begins to get tender, add more liquid as necessary. Add all the other ingredients, except peas, and continue to simmer to make a thick stew. Simmer peas in a separate pan until done. Strain and spoon over or around stew when served. Great accompanied by buttered corn muffins and a salad.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN SHISH KABOB

- 2-3 lbs. venison round steak
- 2-3 medium onions, quartered
- 3-4 green bell peppers, quartered
- 1/2 pineapple peeled
- 3-4 tomatoes
- 4-5 potatoes, boiled but not cooked completely
- 1 bottle teriyaki sauce

Marinate venison chunks in teriyaki sauce for 2 to 3 hours. Drain marinade; salt and pepper venison lightly. Cut pineapple, tomatoes and potatoes into chunks, and skewer venison with any combination of fruit and vegetables desired. Refrigerate until applewood coals are ready. (Applewood enhances the flavor of the meat and other ingredients.) Roast slowly, turning often until meat is thoroughly cooked. Serves 5 to 6.

VENISON STEAKS WITH WINE SAUCE

4 venison T-bone or loin steaks, cut about 1/2 in. thick (about 1 1/2 lb.) 3 tbsp. butter or margarine

Salt and pepper

1/2 cup dry red wine

1 tbsp. chopped parsley

1 tbsp. chopped chives

1 tbsp. quince or currant jelly

1/8 tsp. nutmeg

Trim any excess fat from steaks. In 10inch skillet over medium heat, in hot butter, fry steaks 3 or 4 minutes on each side until medium or well done; sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper; place on warm platter. In drippings, heat remaining ingredients; spoon over steaks. Makes 4 servings.

CANNED VENISON SLOPPY JOE MIX

- 4 lbs. lean venison (80% lean)
- 2 cups tomato catsup
- 2 1/2 cups water
- 3 cup chopped onion
- 1 (6 oz.) can tomato paste
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 1 1/2 cups chopped green pepper
- 1 tbsp. sugar
- 3/4 tsp. pepper

Cook venison and onions until all pink is gone from meat. Pour off excess fat. Add all other ingredients; bring to a boil and simmer 5 minutes. Pack into clean, hot Mason pint jars, leaving 1" head space. Adjust lids. Process at 15 pounds pressure for 75 minutes, or 10 pounds. pressure for 110 minutes. Makes 8 pints.

Serving Suggestions:

- 1. Sloppy Joes on a Bun: For 6 sandwiches, heat 1 pint Sloppy Joe Mix (above) to boiling and simmer 10 minutes. Spoon mixture onto hot hamburger buns and serve.
- 2. Chili-Con-Carne: In a pan, mix 1 can or 2 cups cooked kidney beans, 1 pint Sloppy Joe Mix (above), and chili powder to taste. Heat to boiling and simmer 20 minutes. Serve with crackers or cornbread. Makes 4-6 servings.
- 3. Hamburger-Rice Casserole (Venison): - Place equal amounts of cooked rice and Sloppy Joe Mix (above) in a greased baking dish in layers, starting and ending with rice. Top with sliced or grated cheese. Bake at 375 degrees for 30-40 minutes or until bubbly.
- 4. Venison Delight: Cook 1 cup macaroni according to package directions. Drain and combine with 1 pint Sloppy Joe Mix (above), 1 cup canned whole kernel corn, 1/4 cup grated cheese. Pour into creased casserole. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until bubbly.
- 5. Ground Venison in Cabbage Leaves: - Place 8 large cabbage leaves in boiling water. Boil 2 minutes or until just limp. Mix 1 pint Sloppy Joe Mix (above) and 2 cups cooked rice. Place mixture on each cabbage leaf; roll leaves and hold with toothpick. Place them close together in a buttered dish. Dot each roll with margarine. Bake rolls, covered, at 350 degrees for 50-60 minutes or until cabbage leaves are very tender.

MUSHROOM MEATLOAF

- 1 lb. ground venison
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 sleeve of Ritz crackers (crushed)
- 2 small onions, chopped
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. pepper
- 2 eggs (beaten)
- 1 can roasted garlic cream of mushroom

Mix together in large bowl. Bake at 350 for roughly 1 hour.

hours

HEARTY VENISON VEGGIE BAKE

- 2 cups prepared instant mashed potatoes
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, melted
- 1 pound deer burger or other big game burger
- ½ cup chopped onion
- 2 teaspoons worcestershire sauce
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup small curd cottage cheese
- 2 medium tomatoes, sliced or stewed sliced tomatoes
- 1 cup shredded Cheddar cheese

Heat oven to 350 degrees. In medium mixing bowl, combine potatoes and butter; mix well. Set aside ½ cup of the potato mixture. Spread remaining potato mixture in ungreased 9 inch baking dish; set aside. In medium skillet, cook meat and onion over medium heat, stirring occasionally, until meat is no longer pink and onion is tender. Drain, if necessary. Stir in Worcester shire sauce, salt, and pepper. Spoon onto potato mixture in baking dish. In small mixing bowl, blend eggs and cottage cheese; pour over meat mixture. Top with tomato slices. Sprinkle with Cheddar cheese. Spread with reserved potato mixture. Bake uncovered until set, about 20 minutes.

DOVES WITH PIQUANT SAUCE

10 dove breast fillets 1/4 cup flour 1/2 tsp. garlic salt 1/4 tsp. paprika 1/8 tsp. pepper 2 tbsp. shortening

Place flour, garlic salt, paprika, and pepper in a plastic or paper bag; add dove breasts and shake until meat is well coated. Heat shortening in medium skillet and brown breasts on both sides. Remove meat to platter and keep warm while preparing sauce. (recipe below)

PIQUANT SAUCE:

1 med. onion, sliced 1 tbsp. shortening 2/3 cup water 2 tsp. cornstarch 2 tsp. soy sauce

Cook and stir onion until crisptender in same skillet used for doves. Blend water, cornstarch and soy sauce and pour into skillet. Cook and stir constantly until sauce thickens and boils. Continue stirring and allow to boil for one minute. Add doves to sauce, heat through, and serve on bed of cooked rice.

GROUND JERKY

- 3 lbs. ground venison
- 2 tsp. Tender Quick
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 1 tsp. onion powder
- 1 tsp. garlic powder
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
- 1/4 cup honey (optional)
- 2 tsp. liquid smoke (optional)
- 2 tbsp. red pepper flakes

Grind meat until it is coarser than hamburger. Add all ingredients and mix well. Place on freezer paper and cover with another paper and roll flat. Cut into strips and place on a screen that will fit in the oven. Set at lowest setting and dry as desired.

RABBIT ALMONDINE

1 dressed rabbit cut in pieces

1/3 cup flour

- 1/4 cup oil 1 1/2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1 cup chicken stock
- 1/2 tsp. rosemary
- 1 tsp. lemon rind
- 1 med. onion, cut into rings
- 1/4 cup water
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- Water
- 1/4 cup toasted slivered almonds

Coat rabbit pieces with flour (reserve remaining flour). Brown in heavy hot skillet, sprinkle with salt and pepper. Pour chicken stock with rosemary, lemon rind, and onion over rabbit. Simmer 45 minutes. Remove rabbit pieces to warmed platter. Combine reserved flour with water and stir into broth until sauce is thick. Stir in sour cream and almonds; pour over rabbit.

CHUCKWAGON VENISON

- 1 lb. ground venison
- 1 16 oz. can whole tomatoes
- 1 green pepper -- seeded, chopped fine
- 1 onion -- finely chopped 1/2 cup raw long-grain converted rice
- 1 tsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. leaf basil
- 1 dash freshly-ground black pepper
- 4 slices American cheese -cut into triangles

Place all ingredients except cheese in slow cooker. Stir thoroughly to mix ground venison with other ingredients. Place 4 cheese triangles on top. Cover and cook on LOW for 7 to 10

Before serving, top with remaining 4 cheese triangles. This recipe yields 4 servings

(about 2 quarts).

BEST EVER QUAIL

6 quail, cleaned and cut into serving pieces

- 1/4 cup peanut oil
- 1 sm. onion, chopped
- 2 whole cloves
- 1 tsp. peppercorns
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 bay leaf
- 2 cups white wine

Salt

Pepper

- 1/8 tsp. cayenne
- 1 tsp.. chives, chopped 2 cups evaporated milk

Fry quail in peanut oil in pan with lid. Remove from pan. Add onion, cloves, peppercorns, garlic, and bay leaf; cook several minutes. Add quail and brown. Add wine, salt, pepper, cayenne, and chives. Simmer 60-90 minutes until tender or bake covered in oven 1 hour at 325 degrees F. Remove quail and add evaporated milk for sauce and heat. Serve sauce over quail.

COUNTRY-STYLE VENISON

- 2 lb. venison chuck roast, boneless; 1 1/2 inch cubes
- 2 tbsp. vegetable oil
- 2 cups water
- 1/2 cup dry red wine
- 1 scallions, minced
- 1 tbsp. salt
- 1/2 tsp. black pepper, freshly ground
- 6 sm. white onions
- 6 sm. whole carrots
- 3 med. potatoes, pared & cubed
- 4 stalks celery, 2-inch long strips
- 1 lb. mushrooms, whole, fresh Hot cooked rice Fresh parsley

Brown venison cubes on all sides in hot oil in large, heavy skillet. Add water, wine, scallion, salt & pepper; bring to boil. Reduce heat; cover & simmer 1 1/2 hours. Add vegetables; cover & simmer 20 minutes, or until tender. Serve over hot cooked rice. Garnish with parsley.

JAVELINA STROGANOFF

1 1/2 lbs. cubed Javelina

1/2 c. onion, chopped

1/2 c. celery, chopped

1/4 c. butter

1 garlic clove, minced

- 2 tbsp. flour
- 2 tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. pepper
- 1/4 tsp. paprika
- 1 lb. fresh mushrooms
- 1 can undiluted cream of chicken soup
- 1 c. sour cream

Pinch of parsley, chives, and dill

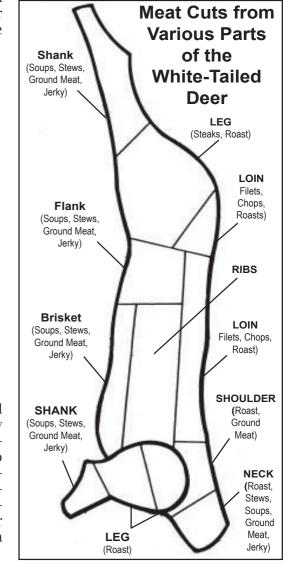
Sauté onion and celery in melted butter or margarine until soft but not brown. Stir in ground Javelina, garlic, flour, salt, pepper, paprika, and mushrooms. Sauté mixture for 5 minutes. Add soup. Simmer uncovered for 20 minutes. Thin with water as desired. Cover and simmer about 20 minutes longer. Stir in sour cream and sprinkle with parsley, chives, or dill. Serve on rice, noodles, toast, or potatoes. Serves 4.

MARINATED ROAST VENISON

- 1 haunch of venison
- 1 bottle port wine
- 1 large jar crabapple jelly

Coarse ground black pepper Salt, to taste

Season with salt and pepper. Cook as for rare roast beef. Baste while cooking with sauce made of wine and melted jelly. Serve with wine sauce over venison.



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How well can deer see?

By Marty Prokop

There has been much debate as to how far the whitetail deer can see. Are deer eyes better than human eyes?

The answer may surprise you. Here it is...

Yes and No.

Low Light Vision

In low light conditions deer can see better than humans.

Deer eyes have more rods, which are the light

receptors. Human eves contain more cones, which are used for gathering more color.

Rods are much more capable in gathering light than cones.

Night Vision

Deer also have a layer of reflective pigment in their eyes called tapetum, which increases the ability of deer to see better at

Here is how tapetum works in a deer's eye. If light passes through the

rods of a deer's eve without stimulating the rods sufficiently, the tapetum bounces the light back to the rods. This allows the light receptors in the eye of the deer to respond again.

Deer have night vision superior to humans.

Colors and Distance

It is believed, however, a deer cannot perceive colors as well as humans, nor can deer see as well at longer distances.

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Deer prep at hunting camp to bring home more meat

By Marty Prokop

Here is a great Free Deer Hunting Tip on how to take home more meat for your family.

Did you know that hanging your deer head up could increase meat loss? It is true.

In my 24-plus years processing thousands of deer I have seen large meat losses due to spoilage. Why? One of the main reasons is because the deer wasn't hung properly during the cooling process.

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Once back at deer hunting camp, always hang your deer from the hind legs. Nature has provided us with the perfect natural "deer hooks" to do this.

Here's how.

Deer Hunting Tip #1

Look at one of the deer's hind legs. Follow up the skinny leg bone from the hoof area to where the leg takes the first bend. You will notice the leg starts to widen. You will feel the

bone on one side and a rubbery-like tendon on the other side. You will be able to feel there is a "hole" between the two covered with the hide.

While making sure to keep the tendon in one piece, cut the hide between the tendon and the large leg bone. This will create a hole which you can then use to hang your deer.

Do the same for the other leg.

Deer Hunting Tip #2

If you are not going to use the deer's cape for a head mount, split the chest cavity up through the ribcage. Place a stick between the ribcage to help hold the cavity open to allow better air circulation. You can do this before or after hanging the deer. Just make sure once your deer is hanging that the chest cavity is open.

I make sure the windpipe is removed from the deer before I hang it, as well. Using your knife or belly zipper cut from the brisket up to just under the deer's chin. Remove the wind pipe and discard.

Deer Hunting Tip #3

Next use a gambrel (leg spreader) and place one end of the gambrel through each of the holes in the back legs. There are many gambrels being sold

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Deer Hunting Tip #4

Tie a rope or place the hook of a chain hoist to the top end of the gambrel. Raise the deer up onto the camp meat pole or sturdy branch. If using a rope, tie the other end of the rope to a stake or to a tree to insure the deer stays up off the ground.

Remember to hang your deer from the hind legs. This will help the deer cool more efficiently, insure your deer meat tastes better and, quite possibly, bring you home more meat.

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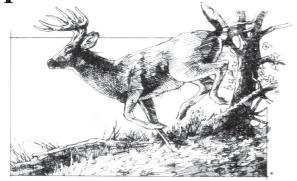
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The Ozona Chamber of reception area for travelers, 24-hour rest rooms, offices of the Chamber operations, internet access and a Conference Center for meetings, trainings or receptions.

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Crockett County 2013 - 2014 seasons

WHITETAIL DEER- Archery Season: Sept. 28 - Nov. 1, 2013; General Season: Nov. 2, 2013 - Jan. 5, 2014; Special Late General Season: Jan. 6 - 19, 2014 (antlerless and spike bucks only). Bag limit: five deer (no more than two bucks, all seasons combined).

Special Youth-Only Season: Early open season: October 26-27, 2013. Late open season: January 6-19, 2014. Licensed hunters 16 years of age or younger may hunt deer by any lawful means during this season.

MULE DEER - Archery Season: Sept. 29 - Nov. 2, 2012. Bag limit - one buck during archery season. General Season: Nov. 23 - Dec. 9, 2012. Bag limit: two deer; no more than one buck, all seasons combined. Antlerless deer may be taken only by Antlerless Mule Deer or MLD permit.

JAVELINA- No closed season. Bag limit: two per license year.

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QUAIL: Statewide: Open season: Oct. 26, 2013 -Feb. 23, 2014. Daily bag limit: 15 Possession limit: 45 DOVE- Sept. 1 - Oct. 23, 2013 and Dec. 20, 2013 - Jan. 5, 2014. Daily Bag Limit: 15* Possession Limit: 45 *In all zones, the daily bag limit can include no more than two white-tipped (white-fronted doves). The possession limit on white-tipped doves is three times the daily bag limit.

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A Tale of Teeth

by Rodney G. Marburger

Age of a deer is not determined by tooth replacement as it is in sheep and goats, but by wear on the jaw teeth. As a deer grows older, certain portions of its teeth are worn enough to show definite differences from the teeth of other age classes.

The following explanations are made only as an attempt to inform hunters of possibilities of determining approximate age categories of deer killed. The criteria for determining ages are simplified to be easily used by hunters in the field. Since there are so many other factors not covered here, for determining age classes, this text should not be used for technical purposes.

Deer are aged in fractions because they are born around July and are killed during the hunting season.



A deer has only six jaw teeth, although they appear to have many more. The teeth are broken into two distinct categories: the premolars, which are numbered 1, 2, and 3, and the molars, which are numbered 4, 5, and 6.



1½ year old: (long yearling): The long yearling deer is the most easily recognized of all age classes. The first three jaw teeth are milk teeth, which will be replaced around two years of age. These are worn smooth as a long yearling, while the last three teeth remain sharp. The number 3 tooth has three cusps in the milk tooth stage, but only two cusps appear on the replaced tooth. Fawns in their first season will show little evidence of wear on their milk teeth.



2½ year old: The first three jaw teeth have been replaced by permanent teeth and all molars are sharp. The dentine of the first molar (tooth 4) is as wide as the enamel which surrounds it.



3½ year old: The dentine in the first & second molar (tooth 4 & 5) is now as wide or wider than the enamel which surrounds it, and this is not true of the third molar or tooth 6.

Excerpted from Texas Game and Fish Magazine



4 ½ year old: The dentine of the first and second molars (teeth 4 and 5) is as wide or wider on both teeth, but the third molar only shows this in the first cusp.



5½ year old: The dentine of all molars (teeth 4, 5, and 6) is now as wide or wider than the enamel surrounding it.



6½ year old: The first molar (tooth 4) is worn smooth, but teeth 5 and 6 are not smooth.



7½ year old: The first and second molars (teeth 4 and 5) are worn smooth, or tooth 5 may still have a small ridge left.



81/2 year old: All teeth worn smooth

Older than 8½ years: Unable to determine, because characteristic formations have been worn smooth.

Trying to adapt this method to deer in the field probably will bring some surprises. Deer that seem young will be old, and deer that seem old will be young. At any rate, using such aging method will make for a better understanding of some of the problems of deer. For example, if all hunters and landowners were to age each deer killed on their ranches, they would find that the "good" bucks killed some years are approximately the same age as the "bad" bucks killed in other

Deer hunters have to be persistent, and lucky, to tag a monster buck

By Marty Prokop

Scouting your deer hunting land and knowing deer movement are important. You increase your chances of harvesting a monster buck if you know when and where it has been observed. By actually patterning a monster buck on your deer hunting land, you at least know the buck exists and therefore you have a possibility of harvesting it. While it is always awesome to tag a monster buck, for the most dedicated deer hunters, knowing that a monster buck exists on the land being hunted is ample satisfaction excitement. Remember, you don't have to tag a monster to have the experience of deer hunting.

When a monster buck presents himself, that doesn't mean the deer hunter is ready. Remember, the definition of success is opportunity meeting preparation.

Make sure shooting a monster buck is not your only goal. Instead, each deer hunt and from deer season to deer season, compete against yourself raising your standards for all elements of successful deer hunting each time you are out. Your goals could include learning more about deer scouting and applying your knowledge better in the field. Learning more about deer signs and reading them more accurately. This is how you work your way to a monster buck.

The deer hunter whose goal is to take only monster bucks will have much space between successes. Learn when to pass on deer and when the deer in front of you is as good as it is going to get. The challenge of the hunt is more important than the size of the rack or gender of the deer.

For many deer hunters the chance to harvest a monster buck may never happen. But keep the thought in your mind and prepare for the time when it does happen. It's the possibilities of what might show up in the field that inspires serious deer hunters to increase their deer hunting knowledge and prepare so they can be successful if and when that monster buck does appear.

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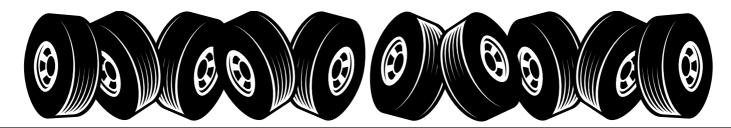
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When you're in the field deer hunting, don't drink

By Marty Prokop

Sounds pretty basic, but each year some deer hunters choose to be drunk while out deer hunting. Think about it.

When a person is out deer hunting you would think he or she would want to have all abilities and

senses at their height, not dulled by the buzz of booze.

I once deer hunted with a guy who carried a fifth of whatever he had, as well as a twelve pack of beer in his pockets and fanny

Notice I said ONCE.

I didn't know this guy wanted

to drink while in the field deer hunting. Had I known or thought to ask prior, I would have chosen not to deer hunt with

We went our separate directions, although we were hunting the same land. I went the opposite direction, but in his stupor he ended up hunting the same

While out in field, I ran into this guy, who by 10 am was totally wasted.

He couldn't tell if the noise he heard was a deer or what.

When I was walking through the undergrowth wearing bright orange hunting clothing and happened to come upon him, I saw him pointing the rifle in my direction saying to me, "I thought you were

a deer coming at me."

I hoofed it back to my truck and waited for him to come in. We packed it up the next morning. I never hunted with him again.

What if through his drunkenness, he had decided that I was a deer? I hate to think of what could have happened.

If you do decide to have a drink after deer hunting hours, drink responsibly. Don't over do it.

Remember, your actions are important and matter. You are setting an example for the younger generation and represent our sport to others.

Good Luck and Great Hunting.

Marty Prokop **Deer Hunting Expert at** www.free-deer-hunting-tips.com

Sunrise/Sunset Chart

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIMES ENDS

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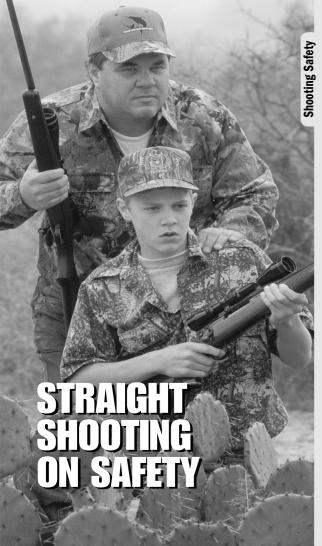
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Here are the "ten commandments" of shooting safety:

- Treat every firearm or bow with the loaded gun or nocked an
- Be sure of your target.

- Know your safe zone-of-fire and

- before or while handling firearms





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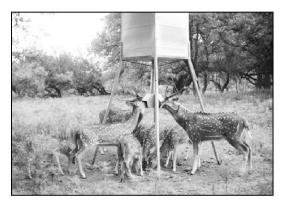
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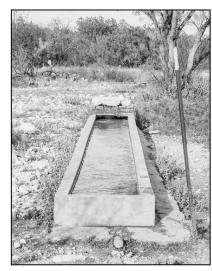


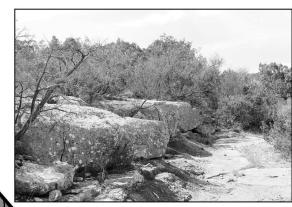
















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Use a trail camera to pattern big bucks

By Marty Proko

Trail cameras are one of the newest and more technical pieces of deer hunting equipment. Trail cameras help you discover deer movement, which enhances your chances of being in the right place at the right time.

Make sure when you are checking them, you do so at a time when the deer are most likely not in the area. At first, you will have to take your best guess. As you begin to see the pictures, which contain date and time, you will be able to better pattern deer movement.

The night-vision infrared cameras do not flash during dark hours. This better conceals your outdoor photo studio from the watchful eyes of wildlife.

By using trail cameras you may discover that a mature buck has changed his pattern from early morning feeding -- when more hunters are usually in the field -- to midday feeding, actually following the hunters out of the field to the food plot.

During the pressure of deer season, deer may conserve energy and try to avoid hunters by feeding midday. This may require you to be in the woods during workdays. So con-

sider planning a few vacation days or reworking your daily schedule to be out in the field.

Marty's Easy Scent Trick

By Marty Prokop

One way to help cover human odor is to make a scent drag. It is very simple to make.

- 1.) Buy a package of scent wicks from your local sporting goods store and a bottle of deer scent. If deer are in the rutting phase, use doe estrous scent. If they are not in a rut phase, use plain buck urine.
- 2.) Get a shoestring approximately 24 inches long. Tie one end to a scent wick.
- 3.) Soak the scent wick with your chosen scent.
- 4.) Then tie the other end of the shoelace around your ankle leaving enough extra string hanging to allow the wick to drag on the ground. Make sure you can walk safely without tripping on the scent drag.

Use this method every time you walk out to your stand. As you walk, you are leaving a scent trail. You can have bucks follow right to your stand with their head down sniffing the trail you have just left behind you.

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