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

OZONA, TEXAS Santa Letters due Dec. 13

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

All letters are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 13, at the Stockman office located at 1000 Avenue E. These letters will then

be published in the Dec. 25 edition.

Anyone interested in advertising in our Santa Letters Special Section can reserve their space as well. Deadline for advertising is also Friday, Dec. 13.

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Primary election filing ends Monday

Monday, Dec. 9, is the last day to file for candidates seeking office in the March 4 Primary Election.

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Super Saturday in Ozona

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Super Saturday in Ozona will take place Saturday, Dec. 7, with three festive events.

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

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

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

There will also be a collection box set up for Toys for Tots and an Angel Tree.

Proceeds will benefit the League scholarship fund and other community organizations

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

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

Schedule of Events for Dec. 7:



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



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

26TH ANNUAL DEERFEST



- 5:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center. Prize tickets are \$1 each and available at Wool Growers, Triple C Hardware & Lumber, The Ozona

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Local candidates that have filed so far include: Pedro "Pete" Gomez Jr., incumbent, for 112th Judicial District Judge; Fred Deaton, incumbent, for county judge; Burl J. Myers, incumbent, for county

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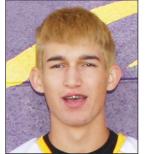
given away during the show. In 1990, Dolores Vernor founded Dolores' Unique Designs in Camp Wood, Texas after discovering mohair.

She has designed jackets for former First Lady and former U.S. Secretary of State Hilary Clinton, former U.S. Senator Kay Bailey Hutchinson, R-Texas, and former Texas

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Stockman and Ozona Chamber of Commerce. High **Roller Tickets are available. General Admission \$10** (includes meal), 10 percent of admission proceeds will benefit the West Texas Rehab of Ozona. More than 80 guns, \$10,000 in Cabela's gift cards, a 2013 Jeep Wrangler, free kid drawing for a 4-wheeler and BB guns and numerous other prizes including Yeti Coolers Sale. For more information, visit www. deerfest.org or follow them on Facebook.

Sixteen Lions named All-District



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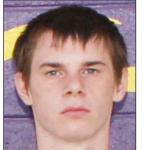
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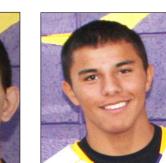
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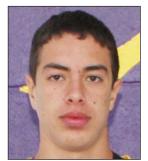
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Holiday traditions

he one thing I love about the holidays is the traditions. The food, the decorations, the music

and the memories that are made all combined together to make this time of year special.

Some year's, though, traditions sometimes change or new ones are made due to different circumstances.

One of my friends on Facebook was complaining about how she couldn't be with her entire family for Thanksgiving.

Yes, it is tough when a tradition is changed.

I couldn't blame her for feeling bummed. I miss the Thanksgivings at my grandparents house where we all ate too much, watched a lot of football and ended up playing Monopoly together.

The hardest Thanksgiving I ever had was one where I had to work. Yep, newspaper reporters have



Christmas Day on a

Wednesday this year,

not seeing family and

on to our traditions, it

might be time to start

some new ones.

friends.

ship hall.

many people have to alter

their traditions. It is hard

While we all try to hold

Start this week with the

Ozona United Methodist

mas event at 6 p.m. Fri-

day night at the fellow-

Church's simulcast Christ-

Super Saturday is also

this week in Ozona. Ozo-

old and new, take on a life of their own. They are sometimes changed, but they are always

ble.

With

"Good fences make good neighbors." **Robert Frost**

I've read countless articles on ways to make your feed last when drouth has you in a death grip but not one of them mentions the cheapest, easiest and most prevalent way to stretch your grass. That is, simply cutting a hole in your fence and letting your cows graze on your neighbor's place. If you run a cow-calf operation there is an additional bonus: your cows will probably get bred to a higher quality set of bulls.

A man we called One Thumb ran 200 grazed dryland acres. He did so by spilling them on to four neighboring ranches. One tact is horse gear. But, I admit, I never had This is not the kind of character you want often cooked and delivered delicious berry cobbler to the neighbors.

The neighbors came up with some novel ways to deal with the involuntary pastur-

Dust To Dust

ing of One Thumb's cattle. One Christmas neighbor #1 wrapped up a set of brand new fence pliers along with a box of staples, put a bow on top and mailed it to One Thumb anonymously, along with a set of instructions on how to use them.

At least neighbor #2 had the courage to deliver his present in person. He gave One Thumb a brand new

pup out of his great working Australian Shepherd bitch with hopes that when the dog got older it would make it easier for One Thumb to separate and gather his cattle and take them back home. But the pup hated life at One Thumb's place and kept running back to her birthplace, so now neighbor #2 had to feed One Thumb's cows and his dog.

Neighbor #3 got up the gumption to send One Thumb an invoice for 12 months of grazing for 200 cows but this worked as well the fence pliers and the pup.

Neighbor #4 posted "quarantine" signs, faked a letter from his veterinarian and sent a trichomoniasis testing kit for One Thumb to test his cattle for the abortion disease. But One Thumb didn't care, his cows had been infected with Trich for years. In fact, he figured he was the source of the new out-

break on neighbor #4's place.

No one wanted a range war and they all wanted a peaceful settlement. Neighbor #2 even volunteered to sell his place to a bison breeder and run off with One Thumb's wife in retaliation, and they all mulled over the possibility of just slapping their brand on all of One Thumb's calves that were grazing on their places at branding time. But these folks weren't crooks or rustlers, they just wanted their ranches back.

The problem was solved when One Thumb put to rest the old bromide that only the good die young, when he keeled over from a heart attack while pushing some cows onto #3's place. This came as quite a shock to all who knew him because no one had even considered the remote possibility that One Thumb had a heart.

To make sure he was really dead the neighbors all attended One Thumb's funeral and listened to the glowing praise the preacher heaped on the miserable man, proving yet again that the biggest metamorphosis a person undergoes is between the time they die and when their eulogy is delivered. The neighbors managed to stifle their guffaws when the preacher listed all of One Thumb's noble traits, but when he came to the part about One Thumb being such a good neighbor, #3 asked neighbor #1 in a voice the entire congregation could hear, "Are we at the right funeral?

cows with just a homeplace of 600 over-Thumb's ranch looked like the second coming of the dust bowl and he didn't have to prod his cattle to look for feed elsewhere, they stampeded on to neighboring range. The neighbors were very discreet in dealing with One Thumb. Now myself, I don't believe in being discreet; I don't mince words or vegetables. To me, a neighbor like One Thumb. The neighbors were so careful because One Thumb was a huge, mean man who supposedly lost his thumb in a knife fight years ago. to irritate. He also had a lovely wife who

to work on Thanksgiving occasionally.

It turned out to be a good day. My parents came to San Angelo and we ate lunch at a local restaurant. At the office, the staff all put together a Thanksgiving feast that evening and, for some reason, everyone ended up at my house that night.

Christmas was always spent at the other grandparents' house. Christmas Eve we would unwrap presents, my cousins were loud and, inevitably, my aunt always ended up in a crisis. Sometimes that crisis would lead to an emergency room visit, but what great memories.

After my grandmother died, my mother started a new Christmas tradition called we're going on a cruise. I highly recommend this one if you can afford it.

Every year, until I was a senior in high school, my family spent Christmas on a cruise ship. They are great memories and it was great fun.

Other holiday traditions include seeing "The Nutcracker" ballet every year and going to San Angelo to see the Christmas

na Woman's League presents Breakfast with Santa, the Crockett County Museum's Wool and Mohair Style Show and the annual DeerFest are great local traditions.

Dec. 12 is the second Evening On the Town. Get ready to do some local Christmas shopping.

Camp out in front of your Christmas tree one night. Keep the tree lights on, read holiday stories and snack on holiday treats.

Volunteer to help with Toys For Tots or Angel Tree deliveries. Deliver cookies and treats to your local fire station, sheriff's department, EMS and even the staff at the care center and clinic. After all, they'll be working through the holiday.

If your extended family is large, make a deal among the adults to buy gifts for only the kids of the family.

Make it a priority to attend a Christmas Eve church service this year. Whatever the tradition is, make it special and make it memorable.

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Candidates line up for party primaries

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Texas' primary election is set for March 4, 2014, and the list of candidates for statewide office is largely settled, with Dec. 9 as the filing deadline.

Most recently gaining notice was state Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, who announced her candidacy for lieutenant governor on Nov. 23. Van de Putte has 22 years of experience as a state lawmaker — eight years as a state representative and 14 years as a senator. She serves as chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran Affairs and Military Installations. Van de Putte and her colleague Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, who is seeking the Texas Democratic Party's nomination for governor, form the nucleus of an effort to end a 20-year Republican sweep in statewide elections. Also seeking the Texas Democratic Party's nomination for lieutenant governor is Seadrift

Municipal Court Judge Reynaldo "Ray" Madrigal. State Attorney General

Greg Abbott, a Republican, is campaigning to succeed Rick Perry as governor. Last summer, Perry chose not to seek another term in the office he has occupied since 2001 and speculation about his mounting a second run for the presidency continues. Also running for the Republican Party of Texas' gubernatorial nomination are former Univision personality Miriam Martinez of the Rio Grande Valley, author and former radio show host Lisa Fritsch of Austin and secessionist Larry S. Kilgore of Arlington.

4 REPUBLICANS TO VIE

While incumbent Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has presided over the Senate since January 2003, he appears unready to

change his job description. Dewhurst, who explored and passed on a possible run for governor, faces a field of three of his fellow Republicans in the GOP primary: Texas Land Commissioner and former state lawmaker Jerry Patterson, Agriculture Commissioner and former state senator Todd Staples, and state Sen. Dan Patrick of Houston, chair of the Senate Education Committee.

4 SEEK TO BE NEXT AG

In the race to succeed Greg Abbott as state attorney general is Houston attorney Sam Houston, a Democrat, the lone candidate seeking his party's nomination. Seeking the Republican Party's nomination are Texas Railroad Commission Chairman Barry Smitherman of Austin, state Rep. Dan Branch of Dallas, chairman

of the House Higher Education Committee; and freshman state Sen. Ken Paxton of McKinney, vice chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and former House member (2003-2012).

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Seeking the Texas GOP nomination for comptroller of PLEASE SEE STATE, PAGE 10



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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Sonic named Business of the Month

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce recognizes Sonic as our Business of the Month, and met with the new Manager Robert Crain who had the following to share with the community.

WHO IS ROBERT CRAIN?

I was born in Ruidoso, N.M. I grew up in Peaster, Texas just outside of Weatherford. My first official job was at a nearby Sonic Drive-in, in Hudson Oaks. Once I graduated, I took on a sales job and traveled much of the greater West Texas area for three years teaching about fire safety and selling fire safety products for a company called Advanced Detection. I was reintroduced to Sonic again, taking on the general manager job in Snyder and Big Spring, Texas, and met my current partner, Mike Abusaab and supervisor Keith Fontana.

My proudest moment was the birth of my son, Eli Crain, three years ago on Nov. 4. My life, much like everyone elses, has consisted of hardships and triumphs. I've learned the power of setting goals and working hard from so many of my mentors. I've attended motivational seminars, read countless books on the subject and if you look on my Facebook page, I post "Secrets to Success" like it is going out of style. Looking forward, I would love to embrace this community in the same way that it has embraced me. I keep thinking of all of the people that have been such a tremendous help in the three short months that I've been in town. I wouldn't have been able to accomplish anything at the restaurant if it had not been for this "unincorporated township," which I've never been a part of before, embracing me with open arms. I cannot think of how to repay evervone for the things that they have done for me. My hope is to make sure that I provide a safe environment with consistently good service and food man here with 100 percent of for the nurnle and gold to enjoy. I think that's the only place that I have to start. From there, we'll just have to see where this town takes me.



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SONIC has been chosen as the Business of the Month by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. Pictured is manager Robert Crain.

We know Ozona is a maior pit stop for anyone traveling on I-10 going either direction. With the unreserved help of the staff at the museum, Emily in particular, we've added photos from the town in the 1920s era to the wall to give travelers a small peek in to our town and its history. In addition, the museum and Sonic share our brochures with one another in an effort to cross promote ourselves to the traveler that wants to take a break from the road.

This is the first Sonic Dine-In restaurant that I have ever operated. My whole way of thinking and operating a typical Sonic has been pushed and tested to the limits. After an overwhelming first week on the job, I had to take a breath, a step back and step on the other side of the counter and ask myself, "What would I want to experience if I walked in to a Sonic Dine-In?" So once I was able to do that, the ideas started and haven't stopped yet. I believe that we have such an amazing opportunity to become something great in this town. We have Douwe-Egberts coffee system in as our red-button roast coffee of choice. So I asked, why aren't we selling newspapers here for people to come and enjoy a morning break? So, we started selling The Ozona Stockthe profits from what we sell put aside to benefit local charities or athletic programs. Melissa Perner has proven to be a true professional and has one of the hardest working staff's that I've come across. It's a pleasure to be able to partner up and sell the Stockman here. I've realized that we can host events, feed dance teams, track teams, football and basketball teams and every hunter that comes our way. We had a great night when Lyle from First Baptist set up his scavenger hunt to end at our restaurant on Halloween eve. We must have had 40 kids in here, and we all ate corn dogs! That was a real crowning achievement to be able to fill the place up with local kids who were excited to be there. Maybe not just to be at Sonic, but hey, I'll take what I can get! After a very early meeting with Mr. Raul Chavarria, when he allowed me to go over some of my ideas to incorporate Sonic into the school through helping with fund-raising, hosting events

or sponsorships, he patiently sat there through my nervous speech and offered not only support but some great advice on business and life.

I rent a house from, and would like to thank Bob Childress for being so helpful with my trying to set up residence in town. When I'm not busy working at the store fixing broken equipment, changing light bulbs or coming up with a school spirit drink called the Lionade, you can find me hanging out with Eligio Martinez and Pastor JC Cantu at the station or in the radio booth at Lion Stadium. If I'm not there, it's because I'm going to visit my son in Big Spring for the weekend.

Oh, how could I forget? We painted. As you know, we sponsor the player of the game during football season (shout out to Jayton, Mr. De-Hoyos, Hazael). Hats off to all of the hard work and commitment the team and coaches have put forth this season. Well, the first time I walked in to the gymnasium, I realized first of all that this gym is a great place to be loud.

I have also come to realize that in this town of Ozona, Texas, we have the most loyal, dedicated and flat out die-hard fans and supporters that I have ever been a part of. Well, after seeing that I knew I wanted to paint the store's dining area Painting is one of the surest ways to set a mode of change. So we set out to find the perfect sonic color shades of blue and reds and a couple of colors that we may have wasted time on. With the help of the crew at Triple C, we found something we could use, and after many afternoons of painting little by little, we changed the look and hopefully the feel of the store. We want you to know that we didn't use primer though, because underneath the blue and the red... will always be Purple and Gold. Sonic is open Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. -11 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 6 a.m.-midnight, and Sunday from 8 a.m. - 11 p.m. For more information, call Robert at (432) 816-8237 or Sonic at (325) 392-9501. Also check them out on www.facebook.com/ozonasonic The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Sonic for their efforts to provide quality service in addition to being an added asset to the local business community.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

Dec. 10 - John Strother, Elizabeth Clark, Angel Garcia and Laura Stapper

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 4

 OHS English II Writing EOC test. • Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. • Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, Dec. 5

• OHS English II Reading EOC test.

• OHS Basketball Teams in the Ozona Tournament at the OHS Davidson Gym. • Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

 Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, Dec. 6

• OHS Basketball Teams in the Ozona Tournament at the OHS Davidson Gym. • Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• Women of Faith Christmas event, 6 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Saturday, Dec. 7

 OHS Basketball Teams in the Ozona Tournament at the OHS Davidson Gym. • Breakfast With Santa, 10 a.m. - noon at the Crockett County Civic Center. • Wool and Mohair Style Show, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. • Crockett County DeerFest, 5:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.

Monday, Dec. 9

• OHS All Region Band tryouts in Monahans.

• Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.

• Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.

• Advent lunch, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. • Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

• OMS Lady Lions and Lions Basketball vs. TLC Academy, 5 p.m. at San Angelo. Tuesday, Dec. 10

• Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

• OHS Basketball Teams vs. Irion County, 5 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym. Wednesday, Dec. 11

• Angel Tree gifts are due.

• Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. • Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.





WHAT CHANGES HAVE **BEEN MADE TO THE STORE?**

Oh, my gosh! What changes haven't been made? Just kidding, we have a long way to go. But off of the top of my head, I can say that an attitude adjustment has been made by not only the employees but also the local patrons. I don't mean this in a negative kind of way. We really have seen an attitude shift. No longer are we the black sheep of restaurants in town. Not to say that we are doing anything really great, but I believe the people of Ozona are looking at us in a different light and realizing that we are pushing, very hard to become better. To be that place where people like to come and hang out or meet up for a quick drink. That one simple turn from the town gives us, the crew, more confidence to keep pushing forward and become something the town can be proud of.

for a limited time **3 Texas T-Brand Tacos**, drink & a DQ° Sundae

Art and **Crafts Fair Dec.** 12

The eighth annual Holiday Hands Arts & Crafts Fair will be from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Dec. 12 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Arts and crafts and food booths will be set up. Booth rentals are \$25 for a 10-by-10 indoor or outdoor space.

Proceeds will go to the Helping Hands of Ozona Meals on Wheels program. For more information call 325-226-4777.



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Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013

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.

DECEMBER 4

·Ham and pinto beans, turnip greens, escalloped apples, dill cucumber and tomato slices, cornbread and two percent milk.

DECEMBER 5

·Swiss steak with tomato, macaroni and cheese, sweet green peas, whole wheat bread, melon and two percent milk.

DECEMBER 6

 Pork tips in gravy, cornbread dressing, seasoned broccoli, raisin bread pudding and two percent milk.

DECEMBER 9

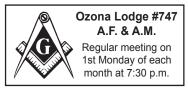
·Smothered steak, scalloped potatoes, green beans, whole wheat bread, fresh fruit and two percent milk.

DECEMBER 10

·Pork chop, fiesta corn, seasoned broccoli, whole wheat bread, peaches and two percent milk.

DECEMBER 11

·Beef tips with gravy, baked potato, peas and carrots, white roll, mandarin fruit fluff and two percent milk.



If you want someone to agree with you in prayer, send your prayer requests to: The Prayer Box P.O. Box 733 Ozona, TX 76943.

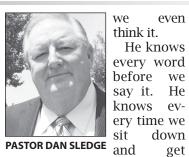
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God is omniscient (all knowing).

According to Psalm 139 He knows every thought before



up and He knows every time we lie down and rise up. He knows every blade of grass that moves on this earth and every speck of dust that moves on a planet millons of light years from

is a big, big God!

God is omnipotent (all powerful). God is sovereign over ALL! He has authority over everything that exists and there is none greater. He has the power to manage, control and direct our lives so that what happens is for His honor and glory and for our good. That is a big, big God! Remember, DON'T TELL

GOD HOW BIG YOUR STORMS ARE BUT TELL YOUR STORMS HOW BIG YOUR GOD IS!! Blessings, Pastor Dan

> DAN SLEDGE is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Ozona, Texas.

Jody Eugene Naron

OBITUARIES

Lt. Colonel (Ret.) Jody Eugene Naron, 51, of Purmela, joined his Father in glory on November 21, 2013. Memorial services were held Tuesday, November 26 at the Barn Church 7 miles east of Hamilton on Hwy 35. Burial followed in Live Oak Cemetery in Hamilton.

Jody was born in Santa Anna, Texas, on May 16, 1962 to John Thomas Naron, Sr. and Era Juanita (Cupps) Naron. He graduated from Ozona High School in 1980 and earned his Bachelor's Degree in Agriculture Education from Tarleton State University. He was a member of the Army ROTC at Tarleton and was commissioned as an officer by the United States Army.

He graduated from Army Aviation school at Ft. Rucker, Alabama. During his military career, his commands included HHC USAG (Ft. Polk), Ft. Hunter Liggett, Fort Hood Regional Flight Center, Naval Station in Ft. Worth, and Ft. Benning and completed an overseas tour in Saudi Arabia. He was a proud patriot and a valiant soldier, continuing to serve as an officer from 2003 to 2013 in the United States Army Reserves, most recently on an overseas tour in Saudi Arabia.

A fun-loving jokester who loved people, he was a devoted follower of Christ who served others and preferred to take no credit for it.

Survivors include the loves of his life: wife Tonya Naron; daughters Chrysta Naron of New York City, Karla Gallimore and husband Ian of Houston and Valerie Northern and husband Mark of New Jersey; sons Joseph Elisha Laraby Naron (Eli) of Austin and Jason Hull of Georgetown; and his mother, Era Juanita (Cupps) Naron of Merkel. He was a devoted Granddad to Sam and Will Gallimore and Colbie and Ty Northern. He will be greatly missed by the brother and sisters who loved him unconditionally: J. T. Naron, Jr. of Merkel and wife Kelli; Janera Naron of Abilene; and Jennifer Naron Pugh and husband James of Live Oak. He was a mentor and an aggravator of nieces and nephews whose lives were greatly impacted by his wisdom, his humor and his love.

The family requests memorial contributions to Cal Farley Boy's Ranch in Amarillo or to the charity of their choice.

Angel Tree gifts due Dec. 11

Angel Tree ornaments are available at Ozona National Bank, Crockett National Bank, OLPH Catholic Church, First Baptist Church, The General Store and the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Gifts are due Dec. 11. Gifts need to be wrapped and brought back to the tree where the ornament was taken.

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

Toys For Tots taking donations

available at The General Store, Dollar General and Sonic.

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

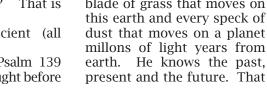
Saturday, Dec. 7, Crockett County 4-H students will

Toys For Tots bins are Grocery Store carrying grocery bags to vehicles and asking for a donation to the Toys For Tots. They will also start at 10 a.m.

If weather is bad, they will do this Dec. 14.

New unwrapped toys can be donated or monetary donations are also accepted.

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I can't believe I ate the whole thing! What a wonderful Thanksgiving we had. We ate turkey and dressing and the trimmings for lunch that Helpings Hands had prepared on Wednesday. It was so good I almost licked my plate. Then we ate the Thanksgiving dinner Thursday and I ate like a pig again. I am going to have to quit eating like this or I will get so big I can't walk. We all have to do a lot of exercising to get those pounds off. Come on out and join us. The exercises help to make you feel better.

Jody Upham did such a good job explaining what we need to have in place legally at our age. She is so very smart and educated. I sat there with my mouth opened just listening to her speak

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taken from the Angel Tree other bowling. There are two here. I can't wait to have computers online and VCR the gifts brought in and put program to teach you how to use them. under the tree. It will be so much fun to see them here. I The copy machine is here thank all of you that partici-

for your use so come take advantage of it. A puzzle is always on the table so if that is what you like, come and work on one.

entertain us. We have a pool

table and dominoes and book

and a Wii System with games.

a group to challenge each

I still would like to get

Exercise at 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Bridge is played Monday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. Balance exercise is Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m.

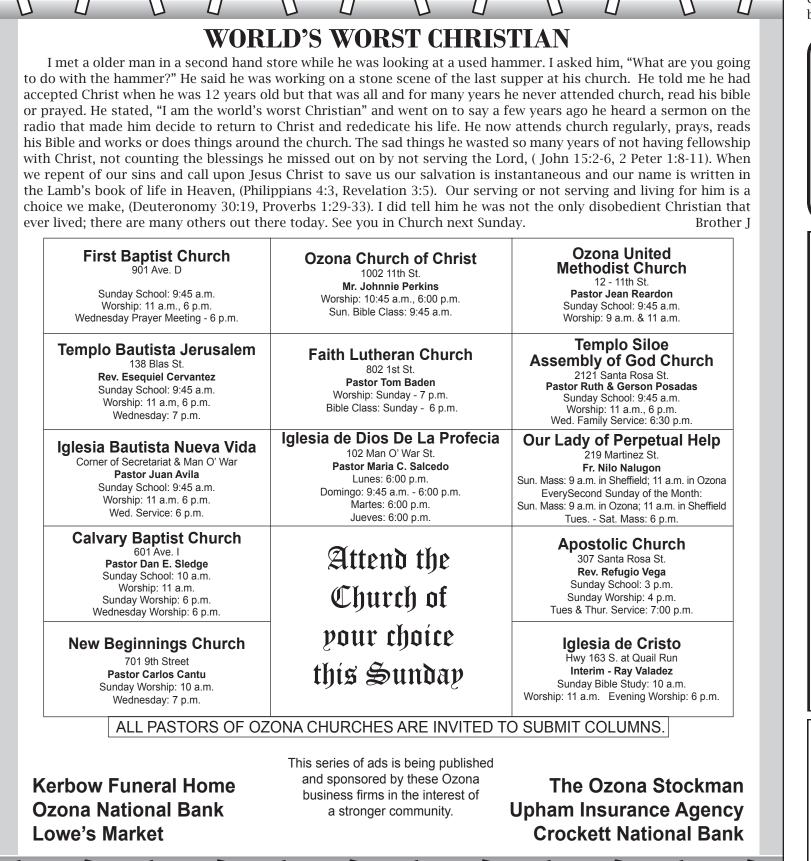
Mexican Train is on Wednesday at 1:30 p.m. Prayer Group is Wednesday at 3 p.m. Quilting is Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Come on out – the coffee is on.

Tamale fund-raiser Thursday at Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida

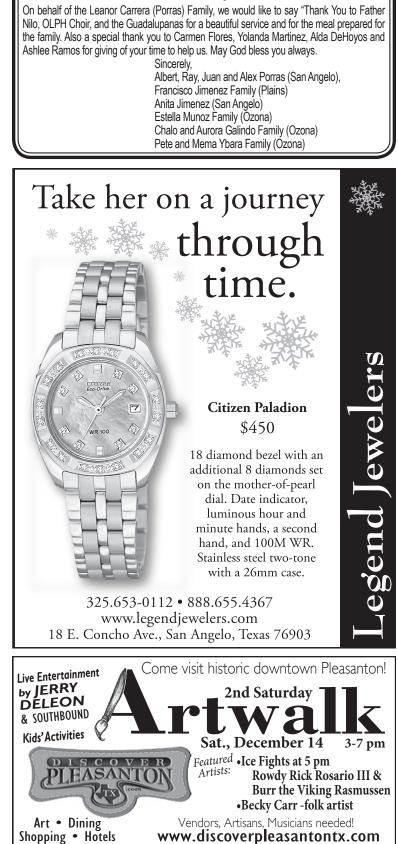
Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vi- O War streets. da will hold a tamale fundraiser Thursday, Dec. 5, at the males. Proceeds benefit forcorner of Secretariat and Man

Cost is \$9 for a dozen ta-



be volunteering at Lowe's remain in Ozona.

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GRANDMA'S GARDEN By Marvine B. Potts

We would drive over a hundred miles before we reach grandma house. She and grandpa lived right down the road from the football stadium. Where we were told, not to climb the stands, but we did. That was our playground, when we were at grandma house.

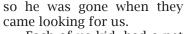
When we were at grandma house we played with the dog, name Elvis or a goat, Billie Joe.

Also they had a sheep name Santa, he was mean, if you did not watch him he would butt you off of your feet. We always watch out for him. The bad thing was she had a outhouse, in the cow pen. I hated to go out there at night. The old cow wanted to be petted, so if you went in the pen, you have to hurry, getting in before she saw you or she would meet you at the door. You could not get in or maybe not get out. She would rub against the side of the outhouse, sometime making the latch close, locking you in. No fun at all for the one inside. Night was the worse,

Oh I get the goose bump just thinking about it.

But she had a good, big garden with all kind of good thing to eat in it. You name it and it was there, I would think. What I like was the tomatoes, humm humm good. When we got there after getting all the hugs I could, and they begin to talk I would go outside. To the garden, over to the tomatoes row, I would pick me some to eat em right there, but I didn't stop at one. I sat eating my fill of then. The best part was when grandpa came out there. He would come looking for me, knowing where I was. He had the salt shaker in hand, what fun we had setting there eating tomatoes. But then we had to quit and take some in the house for supper.

Then we, my brother and sister and I, would play with the goat or climb the pecan trees by the back porch. My brother would get on the back porch roof, I never got that brave. He could hear what was said in the house,



Each of us kid, had a pet we liked the best. Buddy's was the dog, my sister was in the house with her dolls. Mine was the goat, I just love the feel of her wool.

Close to dinner or supper time I would wait until Grandma was making biscuits. I would get right beside her and every once in a while I got a piece of dough. When she though I had enough

I was told to run play, swiping one more piece, off I went. Her biscuits were so good, I miss them.

We always had a crowd when we were there, with 9 kids, in mother family. So all mother brothers and sisters would be there, what a crowd it was for the meals. Sometime just finding a place to sat was the biggest problem.

Oh the good old days. I would go back if I could, just for a day. Ha

MARVINE B. POTTS is a writer of short stories and pens her tales at the Crockett County Care Center.



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You altedy know what i want i ask for him every day. Tommy



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KELLY SEWELL DRIVES THE BALL DOWN THE COURT in the JV Lady Lions Nov. 26 game against Sonora.





ASHLEY TANDY LEANS DOWN TO RETRIEVE A LOOSE BALL in the Varsity Lady Lions Nov. 26 game against Sonora.



VARSITY LADY LION BRII SANCHEZ PASSES THE BALL as #24 Elva Gallardo and #12 Daisy Guerra wait to be checked into the game against Sonora.

UIL releases conference cutoff numbers

For the next two school years, CCCCD will remain in the same classification, just with a different name.

The University Interscholastic League released its conference cutoff numbers on Monday, something it has never done in the past, in order to give schools a glimpse of where they might be placed for the 2014-2016 realignment.

The UIL also created a Class 6A conference and renamed six-man Class 1A, meaning most schools will advance in classification just on name alone even though their enrollment may not have drastically changed, including Ozona.

Conference alignment is based on enrollment numbers submitted on one day in October. Only the conference cutoff numbers were announced.

Districts will be announced during the normal realignment announcement in early February.

The new conference cutoff numbers are as follows:

 \cdot 6A: 2,100 and above

•5A: 1,060 to 2,099 •4A: 465 to 1,059 (Division I, 686-1,059; Division II, 465-685)

·3A: 220 to 464 (Division I, 315-464; Division II,

220-314)

•2A: 105-219 (Division I, 158-219; Division II, 105-157) •1A (formerly six-man): 104.9 and below (Division I, 55-104.9; Division II, 54 and below)

OHS turned in an enrollment of 215 students meaning it will be in Conference 2A Division I.

Other schools that will compete in Ozona's conference and division are: Canadian 211; Abernathy 212; Wellington 160; Anthony 209; Forsan 196; Christoval 167; McCamey 163; Harper 205; Mason 205; San Saba 200; Junction 204; Center Point 165; Flatonia 178 and Brackett 212.

"It is important to note that we do not know which district we will be in next year, just the conference," said Superintendent Raul Chavarria.

Other area teams: Conference 3A Division I: Denver City 430; Kermit 353; Wall 330; Brady 361 and Comfort 320.

Conference 3A Division II: Sonora 285; Crane 290; Coahoma 247; Post 222; Stanton 222; Grape Creek 294; Alpine 278; Reagan County 254; Ballinger 302.

For more information, visit the UIL website at www. uiltexas.org or www.texasfootball.com

Lady Lions fall to Sonora

The OHS Lady Lions lost to Sonora 73-25 on Nov. 26. Score by quarters: Sonora 23 20 12 20 - 73; Ozona 4 7 8 3 - 25

Scoring: Madison Childress 8, Lexi Poindexter 2, Daisy Guerra 1, Brii Sanchez 1, Elva Gallardo 2, Amy



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN JV LADY LION RACHEL MENDOZA ZIPS PAST A SONORA PLAYER in the Ladies Nov. 26. game in Davidson Gymnasium. Quiroz 2, Vivian Medina 6. The JV Lady Lions lost 32-16.



7TH AND 8TH MEAL NIGHTS: Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

2013 Ozona Varsity Basketball Tourney

<u>Thursday, December 5</u>

2:00 p.m.	Rocksprings vs. Veribest	(girls)
3:30 p.m.	Rocksprings vs. Veribest	(boys)
5:00 p.m.	Ozona vs. Comstock	(girls)
6:30 p.m.	Ozona vs. Comstock	(boys)

Friday, December 6

2:00 p.m.	Comstock vs. Veribest	(girls)
3:30 p.m.	Comstock vs. Veribest	(boys)
5:00 p.m.	Ozona vs. Rocksprings	(girls)
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Saturday, December 7

11	:00 a.m.	Rocksprings vs. Comstock	(girls)
12	2:30 p.m.	Rocksprings vs. Comstock	(boys)
2:	00 p.m.	Veribest vs. Ozona	(girls)
3:	30 p.m.	Veribest vs. Ozona	(boys)

1st Team listed will be home and wear white

THE OHS ROBOTICS TEAMS competed at the Angelo State University TCEA Robotics contest on Nov. 4 in San Angelo.

OHS Robotics Teams compete in San Angelo

The OHS Robotics teams had a great day of competition at the Angelo State University TCEA Robotics contest on Monday, Nov. 4.

OHS fielded five teams of three and four students each. The highest placing team of Jaeden Focha, Devan Ga-

mez, and Alexis Rodriguez brought home a second place trophy.

The team of Dalton Gunnels, Richard Gomez, Evan Raymond and Erick Rodriguez tied for fourth place.

There were 32 teams that

competed in the challenge designed by the Texas Computer Educators Association of Texas.

This year's challenge for the competition revolved around a chemical spill cleanup.

Each group has to program a robot of their own design to move game pieces that represent contaminated rubble, needed food and medical supplies as well as structural support in a factory that has had major damage. The teams all developed their robots from LEGO NXT parts and attacked the problem from many directions.

Judges from around the San Angelo area also worked with all the teams to help them find other ways to try to solve the problems.

Also competing for OHS were Narda Aguilar, Katherine Bricken, Megan Bullard, Michelle Delgado, Meagan Espinosa, Jeremy Hernandez, Bryce Martin, Abby Newton, Jose Ojeda, Joshua Porras, and Weston Seahorn.

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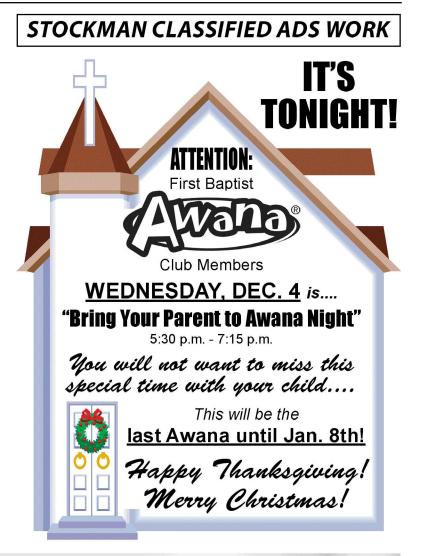
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Devils River could feel impact of hunt for water

BY NEENA SATIJA TEXAS TRIBUNE

DOLAN FALLS PRESERVE – Along U.S. Highway 277 headed north from Del Rio, not far from the Mexican border, canyons flecked with green tower over the desert landscape.

The rugged country is

some of the most breathtaking, and untouched, in all of Texas. Those who have studied the area say that hundreds of generations of indigenous tribespeople lived on this land, drawn to the caves that provided shelter from storms and enemies, the abundant plants and wildlife, the flint deposits in the

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rock that could be used for tools and weapons, and the sparkling Devils River, which snakes through the terrain.

But the peace and quiet here shouldn't fool any thrill-seeker looking to navigate the waters of the river, whose headwaters begin in Sutton County. The navigable section begins in Val Verde

County and flow 60 miles south to Lake Amistad, where it joins the Rio Grande.

"It has no mercy for anybody or anything once the water flows down these canyons," said Doug Meyer, a former high school teacher who moved to the area about a year ago to serve as the Devils River project manager

for the Nature Conservancy.

In part because of work done by organizations like Meyer's, which have purchased tens of thousands of acres along the river to keep developers away, and the sheer remoteness of the region, the Devils River is seen by many as one of the state's last pristine rivers. Yet even this river may now be threatened, as faraway urban parts of Texas seek new water supplies amid drought and population explosion.

"What's happening with water is really causing us to rethink whether there's been a big victory out there," Laura Huffman, the Nature Conservancy's director of Texas programs, said of the nonprofit's efforts to preserve the land, which also include selling some of the purchased land with strict contract requirements for conservation.

More than 20 years ago, when some of those preservation efforts began in earnest, the goal was to protect the river's renowned water quality, in large part by protecting the surrounding landscape.

That has been a resounding success. The area's wildlife, including white-tailed deer, a variety of songbirds, mountain lions and the only known population of Mexican White Oaks in the U.S., is thriving. Even black bears are making a comeback.

It's water quantity that is now the concern. A project in the works by the Beevillebased Val Verde Water Company seeks to pump water from the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer in Val Verde County, where Del Rio and much of the Devils River is located. The company's president, John Littlejohn, has shopped a proposal to pipe billions of gallons of the water each year to various cities across the state, saying that the aquifer has plenty of resources and that his plan would not drain nearby water supplies.

posal say the Devils River is a perfect example of how groundwater and surface water are interconnected and that pumping underground could affect the river's levels.

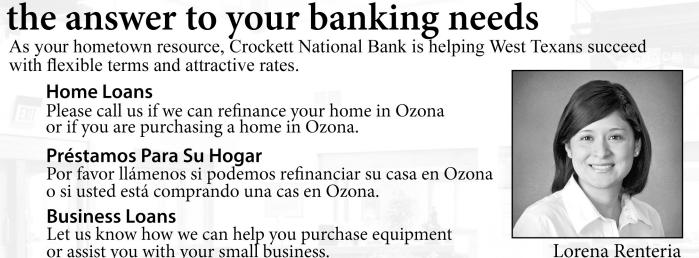
"Groundwater and surface water are essentially the same water," Huffman said. "You've got springs coming up to feed the inflows into these streams, and then they dip underground."

Littlejohn's project could take close to 50 billion gallons of water from the river's basin alone, opponents of the plan say, and there may not be enough rainfall to replace it. And unlike much of Texas, there's no entity in Val Verde County that regulates groundwater pumping, so many fear the project could be devastating for water resources in the area.

"The quantities being proposed far exceed what is available, and the result of such transport would cause severe damage to the Devils River and the underlying aquifer," David Honeycutt, founder of the Devils River Conservancy, wrote in a letter to San Antonio Water System, which is considering the project as an option to shore up the city's water supply in the coming decades.

A large group recently traveled to San Antonio to address the proposal, and the mayor of Del Rio vowed to fight the company with all the town's resources. San Antonio expects to make a decision early next year — but even if the city does not take up the offer, there are potential customers elsewhere. San Angelo is also eyeing the project.

Huffman sees the fight as a microcosm of what is happening across Texas. Cities and industries are finding themselves so strapped that they are looking to some of the most remote parts of the state for new water supplies - something no one in this country had ever dreamed of. "I can tell you, there is a high level of concern about this issue," said Dell Dickinson, who raises sheep on a 7,000acre ranch along the banks of the Devils River that his family has owned since 1942. For Dickinson, it's not just the river that is at stake. "It's the country itself," he said. "To me, it's still wild country, not that different than the way it was 100, 150 years ago." "I think everybody is entitled to water. We all need that to live," Dickinson said. "But I think a lot more study needs to be done." "Why drain us to feed somebody else?" This story has been clarified to reflect that the Devils River headwaters begin in Sutton County.



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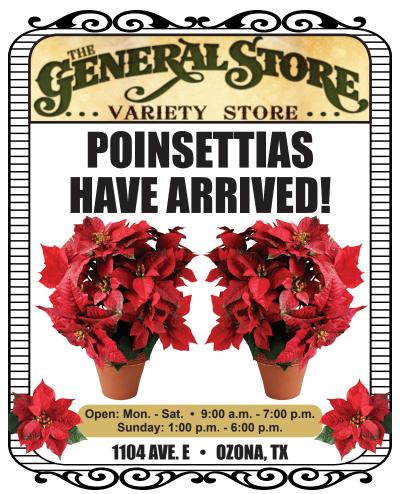
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Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

A warden received a call from Bell County dispatch from a witness who saw someone in a vehicle shoot a deer in a new subdivision in Temple, load it up and leave the scene.

As soon as the operator said the street names, the warden recognized the location as his neighborhood. In fact, he jogs there at night. When he responded, the warden met with the person who made the complaint and was given a license plate number for a vehicle registered in Williamson County.

The plates also matched with a hunting license held by someone living around the corner from where the deer was shot. The warden went to the house, located the subject and found a doe in a shed in his yard. The man confessed that he and his uncle had shot the deer.

During the interview, the man said, "Yeah, I hope we didn't get you out of bed! I knew you lived around the corner and me and my uncle had the conversation before we left that it might not be a good idea because the game warden lives right around the corner!" Several deer and weapons seized, and multiple citations issued.

A Gillespie County game warden received a call from a landowner who had a photo of two unknown hunters standing over a dead deer under his game feeder.

The warden found drag marks and blood evidence leading through two other properties. After spending the day knocking on doors and meeting with other landowners, the warden found the subject's residence, or former residence.

The warden spoke to the suspect's mother and found out that the suspects had moved back to Alabama two days after the deer was shot.

The warden then contacted the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for assistance. Alabama wardens interviewed the suspects and secured the evidence.

The meat will be donated to a needy family in Baldwin County, Ala. Cases pending.

RUGER'S NOSE, KNOWS

Two game wardens received a call in southern Travis County regarding possible hunting without landowner consent. When the wardens arrived, they found a truck pulled off the road near a construction site and decided to wait until the owner returned.

Hours later, the subject had someone drop him off at his vehicle. When confronted, he admitted digging for

subject had numerous prior drug charges and seemed to be very nervous during the interview. One of the wardens ran police dog Ruger around the truck and he alerted outside the driver's door. Ruger then searched inside the vehicle and reacted to the sunglass compartment where less than two ounces of marijuana was found. Numerous citations issued. Cases pending.

THERAPEUTIC RAMPAGE

Three Sabine County game wardens were dispatched to FM 330, where they met with U.S. Forest Service officers who had detained a man for various violations. The subject shot three white-tailed does, all untagged. The wardens seized the deer, and numerous charges are pending. The man said he was not happy with the way his archery season went and he took his frustrations out on anything he saw that morning.

SEE YOU LATER, ALLIGATOR

While patrolling Hidalgo County, two game wardens received information about an alligator that was being kept in a tub as a pet. The wardens went to the residence and the homeowners admitted to having the alligator in the backyard. The alligator was seized and later released. The homeowners were educated on the risk

SATURDAY: from page 1

Governor Ann Richards.

"I cannot believe that this exists," was her reaction to the fiber she proclaims to be a hidden treasure.

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

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

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

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

After people discovered mohair, which 90 percent of them have never heard of, they realize what a unique fabric it is, Vernor said.

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

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

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

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

At 5:30 p.m., the doors will open at the Fair Park Convention Center for the 26th annual Crockett County DeerFest.

Prize tickets are \$1 each and can be found at Triple C Hardware & Lumber, Wool

Growers, The Ozona Stockman and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center. High Roller Tickets are also available.

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

This year's DeerFest will give away more than 80 guns, \$10,000 in Cabela's gift cards, a 2013 Jeep Wrangler, a \$5,000 American Express Gift Card donated by Steve Anderson and numerous other prizes including the Yeti Cooler Sale.

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

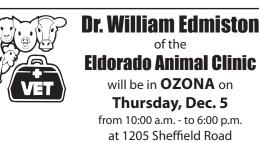
A few years later, the DeerFest had made enough money to keep the Chamber of Commerce open and then begin donating to other local projects.

The Crockett County EMS building and the Fair Park Convention Center were built with funds raised at the Crockett County DeerFest.

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

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

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



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Texas Supreme Court Chief

Justice Nathan Hecht, a Re-

publican, has filed for candi-

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sition. Hecht, who has been

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since 1988, was appointed

chief justice on Sept. 10 and

was sworn in on Oct. 1. He

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Wallace Jefferson. As of Dec.

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public accounts, to succeed Susan Combs as the state's chief financial officer, are Republicans Harvey Hilderbran of Kerrville, chair of the House Committee on Ways and Means; Sen. Glenn Hegar of Katy, chair of the Senate Committee on Nominations; and Debra Medina of Wharton, a registered nurse, tea party activist and GOP primary candidate for governor in 2010. Accounting executive and energy company chief financial officer Mike Collier of Kingwood is running for comptroller on the Democratic ticket.

5 AFTER AG DEPT. ROLE

Now in primary races for the top spot at the Texas Department of Agriculture are Republicans J. Allen Carnes of Uvalde, former state Rep. Tommy Merritt of Longview, Karnes City rancher and attorney Eric Opiela, former state Rep. Sid Miller of Stephenville. Democrat Jim Hogan of Cleburne is seeking his party's nomination for agriculture commissioner. Whoever wins election in November will succeed Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples, who is running for lieutenant governor.

INCUMBENT CHIEF JUSTICE FILES



CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report

Motorist that need to see law enforcement vehicles, before obeying traffic laws, especially in school zones, are only cheating the safety of our school children. Please obey school zone speeds, and report any reckless driving within our school zones.

Type of Calls

Abandoned or Impounded Vehicles Livestock/wild /domestic animal complaints 8 911 medical/fire assistance 9 Civil (non-criminal) Complaints 2 Civil Documents service 0 Courtesy Transports/Welfare checks 5 Criminal Complaints/Disturbance/Loud Noise 14 Assist DPS, immigration, other agencies 1 Juvenile/School Complaints 2 Motorist Assist., Lock Vehicle etc 17 Reckless Driving/Speeding complaints 4 Security Alarms 3 Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity 6 Minor/Major Traffic Accidents 7 Utility Service (Gas, Water, Electricity) 2 **Traffic Contacts**

Inmate Housing for November \$18,037.50

Incident Reports: Nov. 26-Dec. 3 12-2-13

• A report of theft of property was filed by oil rig supervisor, unknown person(s) removed rig company items.

• A burglary of a building report was filed by business owner on 11th Street, unknown person(s) entered the establishment

and stole undisclosed amount of money. ANYBODY WHO SAW PERSON(S) AT DOWN-TOWN BUSINESS ON SUNDAY ARE ASKED TO CALL SHERIFF'S OFFICE (325) 392-2661.

Arrest Report: Nov. 26-Dec. 3 11-27-13

• Anthony Luna Gutierrez, of Springs Texas, arrested by DPS Trooper with an outstanding felony warrant from Harris County. He was transferred to Upton County to await transfer.

11-30-13

• Agustin Jerar Dominguez, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for minor in consumption of alcohol. He posted bond and was released.

• Alonzo Juarez Quiroz Jr., of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for purchase/furnish alcohol to minor. He posted bond and was released. 12-3-13

• Aaron Dale Shipley, of Holly Ranch, Texas, arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia. He remains in custody pending arraignment.

FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

COUNTY COURT CLOSED CASES NOVEMBER 2013 Dolores Arturo Escovedo, failure to appear,

conviction - \$152 fine and \$313 court costs. • Juan Rivera Perez, failure to appear,

conviction - \$185 fine and \$313 court costs. • Martin Cortez Ybarra, failure to appear, conviction - \$185 fine and \$313 court costs.

• Eduardo Gutarra-Velez, dismissed case

· Samuel Ramos Rosales, failure to appear,

 Clarence Aahteri Maxwell, interfere with emergency call, dismissed – case sent to district court.

marijuana less than two ounces, dismissed pled to a lesser charge.

• Nicholas David Gusa, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, conviction -\$400 fine and \$373 court costs.

• Will Harrison Snyder, failure to appear, conviction - \$185 fine and \$313 court costs.

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\$373 court costs. · Manuel Santos Penner, failure to identify, dismissed – case sent to district court.

· Samuel Solis Quiroz, assault bodily injury, dismissed – victim withdrew as cooperating witness.

• Wendi Eileen Quiroz, assault bodily injury, dismissed - one year deferred adjudication, \$500 fine and \$318 court costs.

• Rianne Leigh Martinez, delivery of marijuana in a drug-free zone, dismissed – pled in district court.

 Saul Ezequiel Aviles, driving while license invalid-enhanced, dismissed - completed obligations to county attorney.

• Olga Ortiz Borrego, driving while license invalid-enhanced, dismissed - completed obligations to county attorney.

· Romulo Arturo Lozano, criminal trespass, conviction – 87 days in jail.

· Cody Bryan Howard, driving while intoxicated-first/open container, one year pretrial diversion.

 Marianne Borrego Maskill, theft more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, one year pretrial diversion.

· Rogelio Avila, driving while intoxicated-first, one year pre-trial diversion.

• Aaron Lee Borden, criminal mischief more than \$500 and less than \$1,500, one year deferred adjudication, \$500 fine and \$318 court costs.

The Texas Department of Transportation on Nov. 26 announced a resolution to manage the maintenance of roads heavily used by energy companies in La Salle County, where cheap patches on damaged stretches were proposed to the Texas Leg-

islature last summer, due to budget tightening. TxDOT leaders said they have agreed with La Salle County to share responsibility in repairing roads in need and maintaining them over time and agreements with other affected counties in the region are being worked on. Counties will purchase the

materials while TxDOT will perform repairs and provide labor. "Once fixed, the county will take over maintenance of the roads and be responsible for them for five years or until traffic in those energy areas

drops off," according to Tx-DOT's statement.

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• Juan Fuentes, failure to appear, conviction

- \$185 fine and \$313 court costs; failure to appear,

• Victor Ramon Romero, failure to appear,

conviction - \$185 fine and \$313 court costs.

remanded to the Justice of the Peace.

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• Paul Maxwell Dulski, possession of

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• David Ybarra Gutierrez, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 2-A, conviction – one year probation, \$400 fine and \$373 court costs.

DISTRICT COURT

 Clarence Aahteri Maxwell, 34, of Ozona, pled guilty to assault of a family member, thirddegree felony, sentenced to five years community supervision, \$1,000 fine, 160 hours of community service and \$443 court costs.

• Nino Castillo Tambunga, 47, of Ozona, pled guilty to driving while intoxicated with child passenger enhanced, sentenced to 10 years community supervision, \$2,000 fine, 120 hours of community service and \$503 court costs.

• Marissa Ann Cordova, 40, of Ozona, pled guilty to evading arrest/detention with a vehicle, third-degree felony, sentenced to two year deferred adjudication, \$1,000 fine, 160 hours of community service, \$343 court costs.

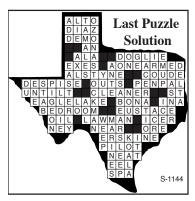
• Penny Ramirez, 38, of Las Vegas, Nev., pled guilty to tampering with a government record, class A misdemeanor, sentenced to \$250 fine, \$5,664.89 restitution and \$318 court costs with restitution to be paid up front at time of the plea.

• Eric Augustine Williams, 25, of Ozona, pled guilty to assault of a family member, second-degree felony, sentenced to four years in prison and \$443 court costs.

• Manuel Santos Penner, 24, of Bronte, pled guilty to unlawful possession of a firearm, second-degree felony, sentenced to five years and six month in prison and \$343 court costs.

• Joann Marie Payne, 50, of Ozona, pled guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, third-degree felony, sentenced to four years community supervision, \$1,000 fine, 160 hours of community service, 10 days in the county jail and \$418 court costs.

 Tyir Donte Cartwright, 23, of San Angelo, amended community supervision and deferred adjudication probation.





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