

# The Ozona Stockman

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## 66th annual Crockett County Stock Show

The 66th annual Crockett County Stock Show took place Saturday at the 4-H Barn and Fair Park Convention Center.

#### MARKET LAMB SHOW **Finewool Lambs:**

Champion - Timothy Maldonado; Reserve - Brenna Hale.

First Year Feeder - 1. Claire Bean, 2. Kurt Bean, 3. Levi Bishop, 4. Anthony Hester-Smith, 5. Skylar Lacy, 6. Chance Criswell and 7. Mia Cruz.

Light Weight - 1. Timothy Maldonado, 2. Kurt Bean, 3. Abby Newton and 4. Dylan Mendoza.

Medium Weight - 1. Timothy Maldonado, 2. Brenna Hale, 3. Brenna Hale, 4. Timothy Maldonado and 5. Abby Newton.

Heavy Weight - 1. Brenna Hale, 2. Ethan Criswell, 3. Timothy Maldonado, 4. Ethan Criswell and 5. Taylor Babb.

#### **Finewool Cross Lambs:** Champion - Brenna Hale;

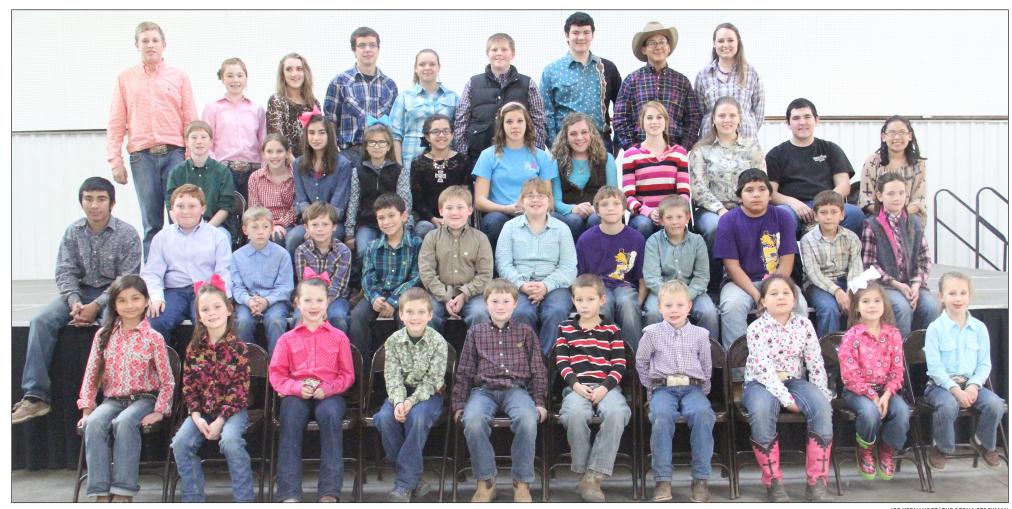
Reserve - Timothy Maldonado Light Weight - 1. Timothy Maldonado, 2. Timothy Maldonado, 3. Abby Newton, 4. Claire Bean and 5. Dylan Men-

Medium Weight - 1. Brenna Hale, 2. Thomas Cruz, 3. Taylor Babb, 4. Ethan Criswell and 5. Chance Criswell.

Heavy Weight - 1. Brenna Hale, 2. Levi Bishop, 3. Anthony Hester-Smith and 4. Skylar Lacy.

Novice Lamb Showman -Kurt Bean; Junior Lamb Showman - Ethan Criswell and Senior Lamb Showman (Gene Fowler Memorial) - Timothy Maldonado.

**GOAT SHOW Angora Goats:** 



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### **2013 Crockett County Stock Show Participants**

Champion - Lanna Stapper; Reserve - Lanna Stapper

Class 1 - 1. Lanna Stapper, 2. Jadie Marshall, 3. Lanna Stapper, 4. Julie Marshall, 5. Julie Marshall, 6. Roslynn Mendez and 7. Jenna Mar-

Class 2 - 1. Lanna Stapper, 2. Jadie Marshall, 3. Julie Marshall, 4. Roslynn Mendez, 5. Thomas Cruz and 6.

#### **Meat Goats:**

Champion and Reserve -Carson Childress

3. Miken Fierro, 4. Seth Childress, 5. Grant Childress, 6. Asa Forehand, 7. Skylar Lacy, 8. Makaliegh Martinez and 9. Tell Nowell.

Class 1 - 1. Audrey Upham, 2. Timothy Maldonado, 3. Sydney Flores, 4. Miken Fierro, 5. Taylor Babb and 6. Makaliegh Martinez.

Class 2 - 1. Sydney Flores, 2. Carson Childress, 3. Abby Newton, 4. Taylor Babb and

5. Jacob Childress. Class 3 - 1. Sydney

First Year Feeder - 1. Au- Flores, 2. Kurt Bean, 3. Mikdrey Upham, 2. Kurt Bean, en Fierro, 4. Abby Newton, 5. Roslynn Mendez and 6. Patrick Hensley.

Class 4 - 1. Carson Childress, 2. Carson Childress, 3. Madison Childress, 4. Roslynn Mendez and 5. Skylar

Novice Goat Showman -Audrey Upham; Junior Goat Showman - Sydney Flores; Senior Goat Showman (Jim Mc-Crohan Memorial) - Timothy Maldonado.

**SWINE SHOW:** Champion and Reserve -

Cruz and 2. McKenna Luckie. Light Weight - 1. Sydney Flores, 2. Lexi Poindexter, 3. Tyler Gunnels, 4. Dalton Gunnels, 5. Thomas Cruz and 6. Matthew Gunnels.

Medium Weight - 1. Jordan Martin, 2. Sydney Flores, 3. Haley Nowell, 4. Lexi Poindexter, 5. McKenna Luckie and 6. Krysten Webb.

Heavy Weight - 1. Jordan Martin, 2. Thomas Cruz, 3. Mia Cruz, 4. Noel Fierro, 5. Noel Fierro, 6. Jacob Schroed-

### **MEMORIAL AWARDS**

er and 7. Sarah Gunnels.

Regina Everett Memorial Award - Timothy Maldonado

**RAFFLE WINNERS** Browning 25-06 - Ethan

Weatherby Upland Semi-Automatic 20 gauge shotgun

- Wade Rinehart Holland Grill - Helen Bean 46-inch TV - Frankie

New Year deadlines

and closings

have an early deadline for the

Jan. 1 edition.

Friday, Dec. 27.

for New Year's Day.

Wednesday, Jan. 1.

emergencies.

The Ozona Stockman will

Deadline for Jan. 1 is noon

The Stockman office will

For more information, call

Crockett County offices

Ozona National Bank and

The U.S. Post Office will be

The Family Health Center

The General Store will be

be closed Wednesday, Jan. 1

The Ozona Stockman office at

392-2551, e-mail publisher@

ozonastockman.com or follow

will be close at noon Tuesday,

Dec. 31, and be closed all day

Crockett National Bank will be

closed all day Wednesday, Jan. 1.

of Ozona will be closed all day

Wednesday, Jan. 1. The urgent care area will remain open

with a provider for medical

closed Wednesday, Jan. 1.

Happy New Year!

closed Wednesday, Jan. 1.

us on Facebook and Twitter.

Yeti Cooler - Jim Bob Bailey Metal Art - Shirley Duron

## **Commissioners vote** to rebid animal control facility

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court rejected all bids to build the new animal control facility during a Dec. 19 special meeting.

Bids were received from D&L Construction, of Ballinger, for \$295,000; Frontera Construction, of Del Rio, for \$337,690 and Lopez Construction & Remodeling, of Ozona, for \$290,000.

All three bids exceeded the budgeted amount of \$210,000, said County Judge Fred Deaton.

Deaton also said the bid packets did not give a budgeted amount.

"That's just more than we wanted to spend. These contractors are going to have to figure a way to cut it down," said Commissioner Pleas Childress III.

County Auditor Janie Chandler said \$173,000 is what is left in the budget for the facility after paying SKG Engineering for survey costs.

Deaton said the commissioners will have to meet and decide what they want to scale back on the facility's plans.

'It slows us down is what it does," Deaton said.

#### **BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

The commissioners approved 2013 County Budget Line Item Changes.

The majority of the changes was moving funds

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## Sounds of the Season



THE SIXTH GRADE TUBA SECTION belts out merry tunes at the Ozona Bands Christmas Concert on Dec. 19 at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center. OMS and OHS Bands performed.

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OHS LIONS AND LADY LIONS VS JUNCTION MONDAY AT THE OHS DAVIDSON GYM

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# Christmas is the 'season of giving'

For Christians in Texas, as well as in the United States and the rest of the world, we prepare for the birth of Jesus today. In my family, nativity sets, midnight Mass, gifts and special foods are all part of the Christmas tradition.

The Christmas season is known as the "season of giving." No adult I know thinks it's the season of "getting." It's not about material things - it's about sharing special moments with our families. It's about

giving love, affection and thanks. It's about bringing people together.

The holiday season is a time to think about our larger family - the human family. The holidays always bring out the best



**GREETINGS FROM WASHINGTON** PETE **GALLEGO** 

in people. Perhaps it's time you meet your new neighbor and shake his or her hand, share some of your food with those less fortunate, forgive a friend, family member, or acquaintance that has somehow disappointed you in the past.

Even in Washington, Congress managed to work past the partisanship this month. Somehow, it recognized that God sees all - and God is not partisan. Our common faiths - both religious faith and faith in our

country - helped steer Congress to a higher place. However, why should these feelings of cooperation and friendship be reserved for the holiday season?

As Americans, our common goal should be opportunity for all. When one person succeeds, our nation succeeds. Each individual success contributes to our nation's overall success. The joy of this season must remind us - as our armed forces do - that we, too, must work together in unison and harmony.

Congress ended the most partisan session ever with a stunningly bipartisan compromise. Hopefully, this holiday cheer will extend on into next year. With the help of Americans who are tired of political bickering, we can keep the pressure on Congress; force Congress to work together towards solutions during the year - not just immediately before Christmas.

As I get ready to celebrate this holiday season with my family, I look beyond to the

New Mexico Stockman:

Obama: They must pay

\$95 per uninsured cow

Western Livestock Re-

porter: Will ranchers be

able to keep their own

year ahead. And, I pledge to return to Congress and continue to respectfully extend my hand to my Democratic and Republican colleagues with a smile, "we can work this out - just like we did at Christmas."

Happy Holidays to each and every one of you. And, may God continue to bless the United States of America.

CONGRESSMAN GALLEGO represents the 23rd District of Texas. Contact him at: http://gallego.house.gov

## Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus

Editor's Note: The Ozona Stockman takes pleasure in publishing one of the most famous editorials written in newspaper history, and probably the most famous Santa letter ever written. It was published in 1897 by the New York Sun on their editorial page. The answer was written by Francis P. Church. For more letters to Santa, see our special Santa Letters section.

ditorial Page, New York Sun, 1897 We take pleasure in answering thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of The Sun:

Dear Editor,

I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa savs. "If you see it in The Sun, it's so." Please tell me the truth. is there a Santa Claus?

Virginia O'Hanlon

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except what they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours. man is a mere insect. an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole of truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy.

Alas! How dreary would be the world if there

were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

We should have no enjoyment, except in sense and sight. The external light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if you did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove?

Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn?

Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived could tear apart.

Only faith, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God! He lives and lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

## **ObamaCow**

Dateline: A presidential press conference from the left wing of the White House.

President Obama: I am proud today to be joined by an unwed Holstein cow and an unemployed beef cow to announce the rollout of the Affordable Cow Act. After the Supreme Court ruled that the government can force people to buy things they don't want, and after ObamaCare was such a resounding success, I was shocked to find that there are thirty million beef cows and their children in this country who have no health insurance whatsoever! So today I take great pride in rolling out

Reporter from Cattle Today: Have you exempted any rancher from having to buy health insurance for his or her cows? Obama: Any Congressman who owns

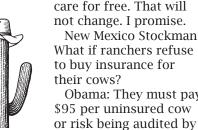
cattle will be exempt. Progressive Cattleman: Let me get this

right. So the people who voted for Obama-Cow excluded themselves from it?

Obama: That's right. Also, ranchers who own over 300 cows will be exempt for one year to give them time to come up with a permanent loophole. Ranchers with fewer than 20 part-time or open cows will also be exempt from the employer mandate.

Livestock Weekly: But won't that cause a glut of cows on the market from small operators selling off a few cows to get under the 20 head requirement?

Obama: That's ridiculous. I might add that Mexican steers coming across the border will continue to get their health



IT'S THE **PITTS** 

LEE PITTS

Obama: Of course (wink, wink), although based on our experience with ObamaCare, many veterinarians may choose to leave

the IRS.

vets?

their practice to become horseshoers and sheep shearers, and any vets who choose to stay in business will work only for cash and won't take any new cow patients that are over six years old.

Fence Post: ObamaCow covers cows but what about their offspring?

Obama: Calves will be able to stay on their mothers policy until they are 26. Tri State Livestock News: You do know

that cattle don't live that long? Where do ranchers go to sign up their cows without coverage? Obama: Go to our web site, ObamaCow.

worsethanacolonoscopy.com on which we spent 31 billion dollars and one hundred million man hours Wyoming Livestock Roundup: Mr. Presi-

dent, with all due respect, I just tried to go on your web site and after asking some very personal questions it crashed. Obama: That would be George Bush's

Livestock Market Digest: In 2009 you told ABC News that if Congress didn't pass ObamaCare our government would go bankrupt. Are you aware that we are 17 trillion dollars in debt? Aren't we technically already bankrupt and won't ObamaCow make it worse?

Obama: Who let you in here? I bet you are one of those Tea Party crackpots. Someone call security!

Gulf Coast Cattleman: What will ObamaCow cover and how much will it cost? Obama: It will cover pinkeye and lump jaw but not elective surgeries such as a Caesarean section. For other procedures, such as castration or removing porcupine quills from the nose of a cow, you'll have to seek approval from what we jokingly call around here the "Death Squad." There will also be a slight backup due to all the veterinarians leaving the field, so if you want to preg check your cows two years from now I'd call Charley from Roto Rooter right now as he's already booked up one year in advance. As for how much ObamaCow will cost, I'd like to quote my proctolo-

gist who once said to me, "Easy now, this

won't hurt one bit."

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## Berry to succeed Steen as secretary of state

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on Dec. 19 announced the appointment of Nandita Berry of Houston as the 109th Texas Secretary of State, effective Jan. 7, 2014. She succeeds John Steen, who was appointed by Perry in November

2012.

As secretary of state, Berry will serve as the state's chief elections officer, the governor's liaison on border and Mexican affairs and Texas' chief protocol officer for state and international matters. The Secretary of State's Office also serves as the formal repository for official and business records, publishes government rules and regulations, keeps the state seal and attests to the governor's signature on official documents.

Berry, the governor's office noted, is "the first Indian American to fill the post." She is a senior counsel at the law firm of Locke Lord LLP. She is a member of the State Bar of

Texas and Houston Bar Association. She is a past member of the University of Houston Board of Regents, and past board member of the Houston Zoo Inc., South Asian Chamber of Commerce, Houston Area Women's Center, and the Community Family Center of Houston. Berry received a bachelor's degree from Mt. Carmel College in Bangalore, India, a bachelor's degree from the University of Houston and a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center.

#### **REQUEST FOR AID IS MADE**

Gov. Perry on Dec. 13 issued a state disaster declaration for certain Central Texas counties following extensive flood damage related to storms that occurred from Oct. 30 to Nov. 16.

Counties named in the

declaration are: Bell, Caldwell, Freestone, Guadalupe, Hays, Travis and Williamson.

Perry also requested a presidential disaster declaration, which if granted would bring in millions of dollars of federal aid. In submitting the request, Perry said, "The severe flood damage in Central Texas has affected the lives of many people and left a devastating financial burden on our local communities. I urge President Obama to grant this assistance so Texans can continue their recovery and rebuild their homes, businesses and communities."

As of Dec. 20, the White House had not made a public response to Perry's request.

#### MONTHLY REVENUE **INCREASES**

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Dec. 11 reported that state sales tax revenue in November was \$2.41 billion, up 2.8 percent compared to November 2012.



## The Ozona Stockman

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The best place on Earth to call home" **Melissa Perner - Editor & Publisher** Paul C. Perner IV - Online and Technical Manager Susan Calloway - Advertising & Sales Director Joe Hernandez - Pressman & Photography Susan Williams - Bookkeeping & Office Assistant

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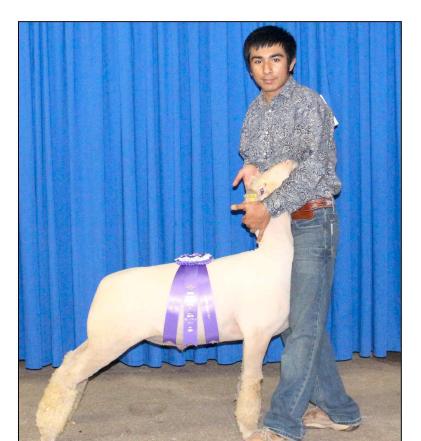
#### **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published. To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or e-mail us at publisher@ozonastockman.com. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail if available. ALL LETTERS MUST CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION OR WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED. Letters are subject to editing. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should not exceed 250 words.

#### CORRECTIONS

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

# 66th annual Junior Livestock Show



**TIMOTHY MALDONADO** - Grand Champion Finewool Lamb



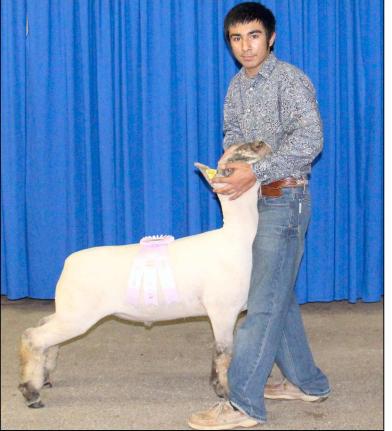
**BRENNA HALE** - Grand Champion Crossbred Lamb



**CARSON CHILDRESS** - Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Meat Goat



BRENNA HALE - Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb



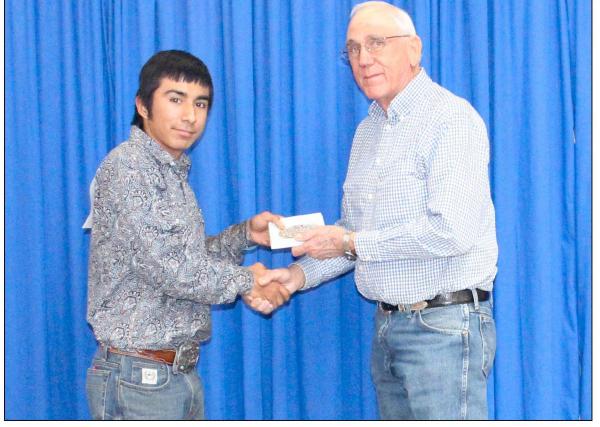
TIMOTHY MALDONADO - Reserve Champion Crossbred Lamb



JORDAN MARTIN - Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Swine



**LANNA STAPPER** - Grand Champion & Reserve Champion Angora Mutton



**TIMOTHY MALDONADO** - Regina Everett Memorial Award



2013 FIRST YEAR FEEDERS

#### **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 25** Closed

Merry Christmas **DECEMBER 26** 

·Spaghetti and meat sauce, Italian green beans, hot rosy pears, romaine salad, garlic bread, diet dressing and two percent milk.

#### **DECEMBER 27**

·Chicken enchilada bake, pinto beans, Spanish rice, corn tortilla, fresh fruit cup, salsa and two percent milk.

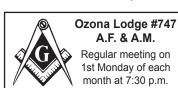
#### **DECEMBER 30**

Beef stew, seasoned zucchini, hot spiced apples, whole wheat bread, coleslaw, two percent milk.

#### **DECEMBER 31**

· Lemon baked chicken, rice pilaf, mustard greens, cornbread, banana pudding with vanilla wafers, two percent milk.

> **JANUARY 1** Closed New Year Day



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.

#### Looking for a **Church to Attend?**

We invite you to come fellowship with us at Temploe Siloe Assembly of God Church. We would love to have you! Every Sunday - 9:45 a.m. Transportation is available

Call Pastors Ruth & Gerson Posadas 915-329-8840 cell or 392-9238 hor





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OHS AVID STUDENTS rang the bell and collected funds for The Salvation Army last week. Pictured are: Nicole Higgins, Jayton Rodriquez, AVID Teacher Kim Maldonado and McKenna Moses.

## County employees honored with service awards

Crockett County Employees were honored for their years of service at the Dec. 18 Employee Appreciation Luncheon at the Civic Center.

5 Years - Joe Bradford, fire department; Ryan Dalton, fire department; Ron Hawthorne, fire department; Paula Hester, care center; John Hignight, road department; Nadine Johnson, EMS; Connie Marshall, care center: Diana Miller, EMS; Odilia Sanchez, care center and Karen Webb, EMS.

Longoria, library; Georgianna Morrow, EMS; Margarita Villarreal, care center.

15 Years - Elliott Barrera, road department; Catarino Cervantez Jr., road department; Roland De Hoyos, fire department; Evelyn Lozano, justice of the peace; Georgianna Morrow, fire department.

20 Years - Bailey Bishop, fire department; Thelma Lou Carson, county and district clerk; Bryan Morrow, fire de-

10 Years - Margarita partment; Burl Myers, treasurer; Estalfo Vargas, road department; Eddie Wall, fire department.

> 25 Years Vasquez, road department.

30 Years - Nasario San Miguel, road department and Doug Meador, fire department.

Retirees - Brenda Fish, 10 years care center; Nasario San Miguel, 30 years road department and Doug Meador, 30 years fire department.

## - Arturo

• Advent lunch, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. • OHS Lions and Lady Lions Basketball vs. Junction, 1 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym. • Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, Dec. 31

Wednesday, Dec. 25

Thursday, Dec. 26

• OHS Lions Basketball in the Mary Tatum Holiday Classic Tournament in Big Lake.

Friday, Dec. 27

• OHS Lions Basketball in the Mary Tatum Holiday Classic Tournament in Big Lake.

Saturday, Dec. 28

• OHS Lions Basketball in the Mary Tatum Holiday Classic Tournament in Big Lake.

Monday, Dec. 30

Wednesday, Jan. 1 New Year's Day

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** 

• Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

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

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

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Christmas Day

New Year's Eve

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Dec. 25 - Susan Kenley Cassaro, Sharon Bullard, Britney Ramos, Ted Spence, Malene Burk, Sonny Delgado and Justina Saunders

Dec. 26 - Ed Fierro, Latham Ducote, Lupe Elizondo, Marvin Holmes and Randy Sorrell

Dec. 27 - Trinity Izabella Mendoza, Kate Bunger, Kenzee Talamantez, Arleen Castillo, Timothy Maldonado, Monique Castro, Roger Martinez, Aron Aguilera and Robert B. Longoria

**Dec. 28** - Micahel Jovan Urias, Ben Flores, Juan Lugo,

Whitney Crawford, Sara Dorrough, Maria del Socorro Mata and Preston Tebbetts

Dec. 29 - Jared Shaffer, Meagan Castro, Desiree' Young, Leah DeLaRosa, Gabriella Flores, Ethan F. Gonzlaez, Emily Merrill, Jorge Luis Sarabia, Jean Read and Alicia Perez.

Dec. 30 - Bryan Lacy, Marco Sandate Jr., Artemio Hernandez Jr., Eva Tinney and Josh Gonzales

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

## Health and wellness center receives grant

Health and Wellness Center has received a \$5,000 grant from the Lee Wilson McMullan Fund of the San Angelo Area Foundation.

The Crockett County makes grants from funds established by individuals, families, businesses or other entities to support charitable causes.

> The Area Foundation

for scholarships and grants to educate youth, preserve the environment, protect animals, fund research and provide services that enhance the quality of life in our region.

For more information on the foundation, visit www.

#### manages nearly \$240 mil-The San Antonio Ar-Foundation, celebrating lion in assets and has distrib-COUPLES COUNSELING its 50th anniversary in 2014, uted more than \$220 million saafdn.org.

### **GIVING GIFTS**

I went to town to do my Christmas shopping and as I went from store to store I was trying to think was the best gift I could get for the ones that I loved so much. It was fun as I tried to think of each individual and what they could use the most. That event reminded me of something in the Bible. Just as I was trying to give the best gifts to the ones that I loved God was trying to give us the gift we needed the most. That gift arrived the night Christ was born, (Luke 2:4-7). Jesus was given to us that we might be forgiven of our sins and have a new relationship with God, be at peace, (Romans 5:1, John 14:21). Also included was the promise of spending eternity in heaven, (1 Peter 1:4). That gift had a great cost because 33 years later on a hill called Golgotha in Jerusalem, Jesus died for you us, (John 3:16-18, Romans 5:8). His last words were, "it is finished", (John 19:30). His gift to us was his perfect, innocent life and his shed blood, (1 Peter 1:3). This Christmas season let us remember and enjoy what God has done for us. Have we accepted God's gift or rejected it? We will spend eternity either rejoicing or regretting what we have done with God's most precious gift to us. See you in church next Sunday.

#### Ozona United **First Baptist Church Ozona Church of Christ** Methodist Church 1002 11th St. 12 - 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Pastor Jean Reardon Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. Templo Siloe Templo Bautista Jerusalem Faith Lutheran Church Assembly of God Church 138 Blas St. 802 1st St. 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez **Pastor Tom Baden** Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia **Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida 102 Man O' War St. 219 Martinez St. Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Fr. Nilo Nalugon Pastor Juan Avila Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield: 11 a.m. in Ozona Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. EverySecond Sunday of the Month: Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Wed. Service: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. Calvary Baptist Church Apostolic Church Attend the Pastor Dan E. Sledge Rev. Refugio Vega Sunday School: 10 a.m. Sunday School: 3 p.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Church of Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m. your choice **New Beginnings Church** Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run 701 9th Street this Sunday Interim - Ray Valadez **Pastor Carlos Cantu**

ALL PASTORS OF OZONA CHURCHES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT COLUMNS.

**Kerbow Funeral Home Ozona National Bank** Lowe's Market

Sunday Worship: 10 a.m

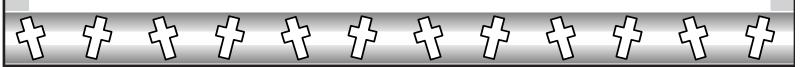
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Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.



#### **OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

## Christmas puzzles are at the Senior Center

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Well, it's here. Two more days until Christmas. I do hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas.

I hope your hearts will be lifted if you have had problems during this season and that you can find some comfort in the fact that others are thinking of you.

I have been so blessed with the love of a good man and great kids and grand-

I have lived in other town and have had great friends and memories but this little town has been the best. Thanks to my family and friends, my life could not be happier. We have received a wonderful gift here at the

You need to come out and see the beautiful St. Nicholas displayed on our stage. Belinda Wilkins donated this treasure to the center and he is a sight to see.

I had not thought too much about the origin of Santa Claus but have been doing a little research online since he appeared on premises. There are a lot of stories on St. Nicholas that are very interesting to read.

Look it up sometime. Come on out and see St. Nicholas in person, and I will show you a printout of some of these stories.

We have two Christmas

puzzles on the table that need to be finished. Come work on one. Come and entertain us on the Roland Keyboard. We have a pool table and dominos and books and a Wii system with games. We have a 60-inch TV you can watch and comfortable chairs for you to sit in.

If you want to be a lone, there is a TV in the East room that you can watch in the comfort of a lounger. I still would like to get a group to challenge each other bowl-

There are two computers online and VCR programs to teach you how to use them. The copy machine is here for your use so come and take advantage of it.

Don't forget the trade table. If you get a new item to replace an older one for Christmas, bring the older one out and someone else just might want it.

This table has been so much fun. We always welcome goodies to look through.

Exercise 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Bridge is on Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Balance exercise is on Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. Mexican Train is at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday.

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is on.





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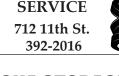
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## Texas A&M Forest Service issues winter outlook safety tips

COLLEGE STATION, Texas - Significant rain this year could be a potential threat during the winter wildfire season. Residents are urged to take precautions as the cold weather begins drying the increased vegetation.

Rains earlier this year helped suppress wildfire threats by improving moisture levels across majority of the state. However, this led to a rise in grassy areas, which can help spread fires if it becomes too dry.

Potential for fire is especially relevant in the western plains regions of the state. Including the grass dominated areas west of a Wichita Falls to Abilene to San Angelo line.

Strong persistent winds over this area could increase the chance of wildfires spreading. Care is highly recommended throughout the winter months and activities that could accidentally start a fire should be limited.

Several safety tips are advised for all Texans this holiday season:

·Check for and obey burn bans and fireworks restrictions.

· When and where outdoor burning is allowed, keep the fire small, never leave it unattended and remove leaves and other materials from the area surrounding the fire. Avoid lighting piles on windy days.

·Keep water nearby in case a fire starts. A spark or burning ember can ignite dry, fine-textured fuels like grass and weeds.

·Read and follow label instructions on how to properly discharge fireworks.

· Use fireworks with close adult supervision and only in areas clear of dry vegetation.

· Avoid using fireworks, particularly aerial varieties, around buildings. Wind can carry hot fireworks onto roofs where leaves or other flammable debris may have accumulated.

·Remove your natural Christmas tree soon after the holidays and consider community tree recycling projects. Christmas trees can be ground up for mulch or provide shelter for birds and other wildlife.

·Dispose of wrapping paper, boxes and other holiday waste by recycling, when practical. Burn paper and cardboard in a burn barrel or other fire-proof receptacle topped by a metal screen or grill, as winds can carry embers over long distances.

For more information about daily fire weather forecasts and an updated fire danger map visit the Texas Interagency Coordination Center web page at http:// ticc.tamu.edu/PredictiveServices/Preparedness.htm

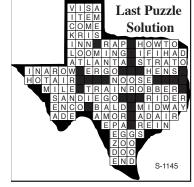
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within each department. Around \$40,000 will be taken out of the county's general fund to cover the deficit in the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department's budget.

#### STONEGARDEN GRANT

A resolution in support of Operation Stonegarden was approved by the commissioners. This program is in con-

junction with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the U.S. Border Patrol. Deputies from the Crockett County Sheriff's Office will be allowed to assist the border patrol and earn over time pay that will be funded through the federal grant.



#### The minimum number of hours deputies can work is four, and Sheriff Robert Rodriguez is in charge of scheduling. Deputies can't work more than

16 hours in a 24-hour period. Vacation days or personal time off days can't be used to work the stonegarden program either, Rodriguez said.

"If an emergency happens in town, they can be pulled off the stonegarden shift," Rodriguez said. "This just gives us more feet on the ground in the county and we get paid for it."

Val Verde, Sutton and Edwards counties have also joined the program.

#### **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS:**

The commissioners also approved the annual contract with West Texas Rehab, and appointed Deaton and Commissioner Frank Tambunga as Appraisal Board Members.

## **STATE:** from page 2

BY MELISSA PERNER

THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Board held their regular

amendments to the 2013-

additional band instruments

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instruments are for the high

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employee retention stipend

the board approved during

the Nov. 20 meeting. Each

employee in the district re-

ceived an additional \$500 in

their December paychecks.

The other was for the

The board approved two

One was for \$25,000 for

The CCCCSD

meeting on Dec. 18.

2014 official budget.

number of students.

**School board holds** 

regular meeting

School

and special purpose taxing districts will receive December local sales tax allocations totaling \$579.6 million, an amount up 5 percent compared to December 2012, Combs said.

#### STATE RECOMMENDS **VACCINATION**

With flu season on the upswing in the Lone Star State, the Texas Department of State Health Services in a Dec. 17 statement offered this tip: Everyone six months old

and older should get vaccinated; people should talk to their health care provider about the best type of flu vaccine for them; a nasal spray version is available for healthy people ages 2 to 49 who are not pregnant; and a high-dose vaccine is approved for people 65 and older.

Notably, the health department said, people should cover all coughs and sneezes, wash hands frequently with soap and water, or use hand sanitizer, and stay home if sick.

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#### **ON CALENDAR** Texas Department

**ROAD FORUM IS** 

The funds were reallocated

of the 2012-2013 CCCCSD

Financial Audit Report was

made. The district's estimated

Chavarria said the district is

local policy updates as sub-

mitted by the Texas Associa-

session for 90 minutes to dis-

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professional contracts and

deliberation regarding real

property. No action was tak-

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will be 6:30 p.m. Jan. 15 at

the Administration Building.

The next regular meeting

The board also approved

The board met in closed

fund balance is \$3.6 million.

Superintendent

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within the budget.

Transportation on Dec. 17 promoted the 9th annual Texas Transportation Forum, Jan. 6 through Jan. 8, 2014, in San Antonio.

TxDOT said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Anthony Foxx will join transportation experts, government leaders and others.

Among topics to be discussed:

- Responding to emergency events in the aftermath of disasters:

- How new transportation technologies are making our lives easier; and

- Increasing Texas tourism.

#### **DPS INCREASES ENFORCEMENT**

Texas Department of Public Safety announced an increase of patrols for a 21-day period that includes both the Christmas and New Year holidays.

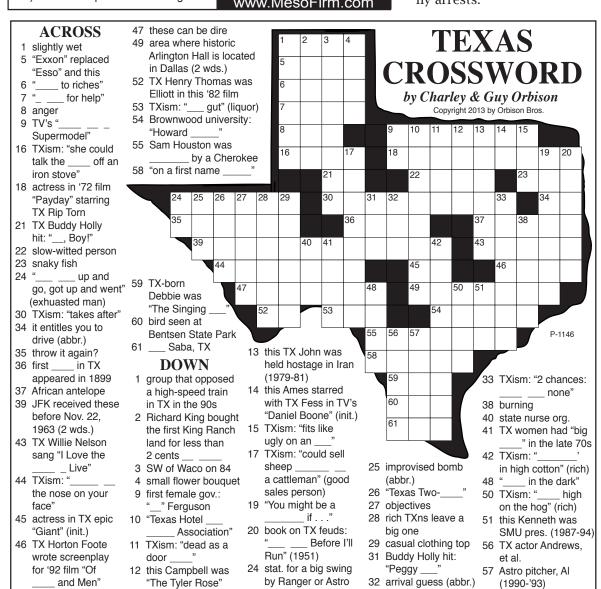
The increased enforcement period started Dec. 13 and will end Jan. 2. During that period, state troopers will focus on DWI patrols in highrisk locations at times when alcohol-related crashes are most frequent.

During the Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement effort last year, the agency said, state troopers made more than 1,200 DWI arrests and issued more than 17,600 speeding citations, more than 2,000 seat belt/child safety seat citations, and made 258 fugitive arrests and 211 felony arrests.

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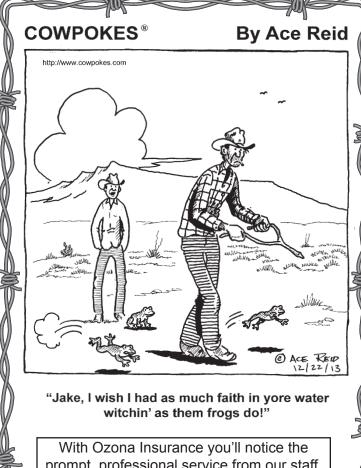
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