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Early morning fire destroys house

BY MELISSA PERNER
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An Ozona family has lost their house, but all are safe and sound after an early morning fire.

A trailer house on Secretariat Street caught fire around 6 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 4.

When the fire was first reported, the residents believed a 17-year-old boy was inside, said Fire Marshal Steve Kenley.

Lety Lozano Sanchez, the resident of the house, and neighbors broke out windows in attempt to reach Sanchez's son they thought was inside, Kenley said. Fortunately, Sanchez's son, Erbey Blanco, was not inside during the time of the fire. No injuries were reported.

Sanchez told Kenley that a gas stove had been left on in the house that was used to heat the residence.

When Sanchez tried to enter the front door to look for her son, the fire was on her left in the kitchen, Kenley said.

"Even though the trailer was gutted, the general patterns agree with a fire starting in the kitchen area. The gas stove would be the most likely source for ignition," Kenley said.

Kenley also said there was no insurance on the structure.

Donations are being accepted for Sanchez and her family. Clothes and other goods can be dropped off at KYXX FM Radio Station with Eligio Martinez, across from Mi Taco.

Sanchez said Erbey's sizes are 12 shoes; 36 pants and x-large shirts. Her daughter Jessica wears size 3 shoes, 10 pants and 10 shirts.

A bank account under the name "Lety L. Quiroz" has been set up at Ozona National Bank for monetary donations.

"I thank everyone for their prayers and help. I really appreciate it," she said.

Ozona Firefighters responded with 16 firefighters and seven units. The Crockett County CERT group, three deputies from the Crockett County Sheriff's Office and Crockett County EMS also responded.

Several individuals also donated bottles of water and food.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

AN EARLY MORNING FIRE destroyed a house Sunday on Secretariat Street. No one was inside or injured during the fire. Ozona Firefighters, Crockett County EMS, Crockett County CERT and the Crockett County Sheriff's Office all responded.

New laws take effect in 2015

A handful of new state laws went into effect on Jan. 1.

Here's a look at the measures taking effect, according to the Texas Legislature Online.

- House Bill 62 bars a Texas judge from having a significant interest in a business that might own, operate or manage a private correctional or rehabilitation facility — a measure meant to prevent conflicts of interest.

- House Bill 500 amends the Tax Code to expand the definition of "retail trade," for purposes of the franchise tax, to include automotive repair shop services; rental-purchase agreements; and the renting or leasing of tools, party and event supplies, furniture, and heavy construction equipment.

- House Bill 3153, among other things, creates some new state district courts and switches some courts from one county to another. The only parts of the law that take effect Jan. 1 are the creation of the 442nd Judicial District in Denton County and provisions relating to juries in the Harrison County Court-at-Law.

- House Bill 3838 requires a motorcycle that is designed to carry more than one person to have footrests and handholds for the passenger's use.

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County officials take oath



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

NINFA PREDDY was sworn in as Crockett County District and County Clerk on Friday, Jan. 2. More county officials sworn in, page 3.

An icy new year's

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

It was an icy end to 2014 and icy start to 2015.

Instead of celebrations, many in Crockett County were busy helping people involved in vehicle accidents, setting up beds for stranded travelers or working on their holiday to improve roads.

A winter weather system moved into the region early Dec. 30 bringing ice and freezing temperatures. By New Year's Eve morning vehicles were reduced to crawling or stand still.

Two hours before 2015 began; the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department had estimated 22-23 vehicle accidents and



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OZONA FIREFIGHTERS assist with one of numerous vehicle accidents on Interstate-10 that occurred over the new year's holiday due to icy weather conditions.

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Making a year end business checklist

As one year ends and a new one begins, it is a time to visit with some key people that influence your business decisions. Someone has said that success is a journey and not a destination, and I believe that to be true. Every day that you are able to open your doors is a success.

To help insure success, it is important to visit certain individuals on a routine basis.

The first person I would suggest you visit at year-end or at the start of the New Year is

your tax accountant. Obviously, this conversation will cover the current/prior or year tax issues, but it should also include any issues related to the New Year. One of the major topics for discussion should be the



BUSINESS TIPS

JAMES LEAVELLE

impact of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) on your business not just for 2015 but for 2016 also. There are several points in the ACA that may be of concern to you, and your tax accountant can assist you with them.

Another person to visit is your business attorney. He or she can review with you any concerns that may be left over from the outgoing year and anything new on the upcoming year. This may involve changes in your legal structure, updating operating agreements,

reviewing contracts and employment forms. Depending on your industry, there may be something in the upcoming legislative year that could affect how you do business. Your attorney can help you sort through that.

Don't forget to go by and visit your banker! It is always good to keep the banker apprised of what is going on with your business and in your industry. Even if you don't currently have a business loan, it is good to discuss business with them. They

can learn from you about your business and industry, and you can learn from them about the state of lending for them.

Finally, don't forget to check in with your Small Business Development Center advisor! They may have new ideas for marketing or growing your business. There may be new training available that could help you improve some of your processes. It is probably a good time to review your business plan, and they can assist you with that.

Making these annual visits is similar to the individual going to the doctor (or doctors) for annual checkups! We do those to make sure all is well and there isn't something new we need to deal with in our health. Our business needs health checkups also! So schedule yours now to insure a profitable New Year!

"BUSINESS TIPS" was written by James Leavelle, Certified Business Advisor, of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact him at james.leavelle@angelo.edu.

New officeholders, and a possible power shift

It sounds a little crazy, but the governor is not usually the real power player in state government in Texas. Or wasn't, before Rick Perry.

The lieutenant governor usually gets that "most powerful" tag.

Texas is a weak-governor state, without a cabinet that gives the governor control over the executive branch. In fact, most of the people who would be in a cabinet are elected on their own. The governor and lieutenant governor do not run as a single ticket. Several of the big statewide offices — the attorney general, the comptroller and the land, agriculture and railroad commissioners — are filled by the voters and not the state's chief executive.

Other big executive agencies are run by boards and commissions appointed by the governor, but it takes six years to run through a full cycle of appointments, and a governor's term is only four years.

This setup is designed to drain the power of the occupant of the Governor's Mansion, which in turn empowers the leaders of the Legislature.

The people who deal with state government used to take this as one of the laws of their peculiar universe, embodied by lieutenant governors like Bill Hobby and Bob Bullock and, for a couple of years, Perry and Bill Ratliff.

It has eroded considerably, mainly because Perry has now been governor for so long, and because he understood better than most how to consolidate the ordinarily anemic powers given to him.

Perry has vetoed 301 bills. Aside from pushing that legislative work into the trash bin, his vetoes had the effect of letting everyone know that he was willing to kill things he did not like. His first session as governor was, in this sense, the bloodiest: He ended that one with 83 vetoes.

Lawmakers squawked, but they responded. For Perry, a power that once flared momentarily at the end of each legislative session now colors the whole process, as lawmakers check in with the governor to make sure he does not threaten their darlings.

Perry has been through more than two cycles of appointments. His 14-year tenure was probably beyond the imaginations of the authors of the state Constitution. The odds were



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against any one governor filling all of the appointed positions even once. Governors still cannot fire appointees they do not like (they can ask the Senate to recall them, but that is a rare event),

but Perry got the chance to replace every one of them at least once.

That increased his influence over the executive branch, as did the appointees' steady hiring of people beholden to the governor who appointed them. It will be years before that dye comes out of the fabric of state government.

It helped Perry that the Senate was on board. The governor's appointees have to be approved there, and most of Perry's have been. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst has gone along with the governor on policy for the most part.

With a whole new slate of state officials in 2015, however, the system is being reset. Maybe nothing will change. Perhaps the stronger chief executive has become a habit. Legislative efforts to create a cabinet government over the past few decades have always fallen short; giving power away does not come naturally to elected officials.

Gov.-elect Greg Abbott has some advantages over his predecessor, but legislative experience is not one of them. Perry knows, from his time in the House and as lieutenant governor, how lawmakers think — and what he could get away with as governor.

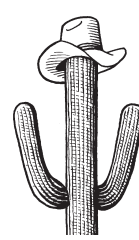
At the beginning of February, the six-year cycle of expiring appointees' terms will begin, and Abbott will begin the slow process of taking over the executive branch.

The Senate will get a new leader, too, and Lt. Gov.-elect Dan Patrick seems to be a much more political animal than Dewhurst.

Perry slowly leached away the potency of the most powerful office in Texas government. With him moving on, Patrick might leach it back.

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Pet Scans



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

Our health care system really has gone to the dogs. The latest on ObamaCare is that hospitals and insurance companies are looking to cut costs by using dogs to diagnose patients and detect diseases. I am not kidding!

We already use dogs to sniff for bombs, drugs, missing persons and incoming suitcases for foreign bugs so why not use dogs to sniff out diseases too?

I'm all for handing off medicine to a bunch of mutts, after all, they can't be any worse than the surgeon who gave a patient two parallel scars because he had the x-ray upside down. And dogs will no doubt be cheaper, are far more personable and have better bedside manner than most doctors I've known.

Ever since 1989 we have known that dogs have a nose for detecting diseases in the human body. In 2003 all five dogs in a study were able to detect cancer with a 98% accuracy rate, which is a lot better than my doctor ever did. The reason dogs are able to do this is because they have between 125 and 300 million scent glands in their nose compared to humans with a paltry five million. They can smell 10,000 times better than your average human. To put it another way, if you put one drop of blood into a body of water the size of 20 olympic swimming pools the dog could smell the blood in the water. And if young children were swimming in the pool the dogs can also detect that many of the kids should

have used the restroom before diving in.

In double blind tests dogs have proven beyond a shadow of a doubt that they can detect the smell of cancer in a human body, and in many cases the cancer was in Stage 0, even before the tumors had begun forming. It makes you wonder, what's next, CAT scans using real cats?

This is all possible because everything we do produces chemical changes in the body and these changes produce unique smells. Think chili beans, for instance. But I'm not referring to those smells, I'm talking about the smells produced by diseases.

Cancer definitely has its own unique smell and highly trained dogs, just by smelling a person's breath, have detected lung, breast, bladder and even one of the worst, ovarian cancer. Dogs have also been trained to let diabetics know when their blood sugar gets too low. I'm sure all diabetics would agree, having a dog bark at you is much better than continually jabbing a sharp needle into your finger tips. There is also some scientific thought that dogs can smell when a person is getting ready to have a heart attack! Who says dogs aren't man's (and woman's) best friend?

Researchers say that they can train dogs to do all these wonderful things if there is something in it for the dog: a treat, in other words. Which means they are just like doctors, only in dog's case, we're talking about a Milk Bone instead of a Ferrari. If the dogs detect the presence of a disease they are taught to make some sort of signal such as sitting down, wagging their tail or barking.

The problem is that we don't know when they are signaling us, or if they are just tired, happy, or like to bark. After all, we don't want someone going through radiation or prostate surgery just because a German Shorthair dog "pointed" at their tailpipe.

All this does raise a few questions. In the future will a nurse practitioner introduce you to Dr. Shih, or Dr. X Ray, and will the dog then sniff you from head to tail? Will Dr. Dog smell your breath and diagnose you with gum disease or vegetarianism instead of lung cancer? Would Dr. Dog's diagnosis be thrown off if you ate an entire onion or clove of garlic before blowing in the the dog's face? And if one dog suspects something does he then refer you to a pack of specialists at the Ham and Mayo Clinic? The big problem is not enough dogs can be trained for every doctor's office in America. What will probably happen is you'll give a urine or breath sample and it will be sent off to a Lab. And I do mean Lab.

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New mix of lawmakers, officials heading for Austin

AUSTIN — When the 84th Texas Legislature convenes on Jan. 13 and oaths of office are administered, the political party split will be 21 Republicans to 10 Democrats in the 31-member Senate, and 98 Republicans to 52 Democrats in the 150-member House.

The composition and leadership of committees, the flow of legislation through those committees and control of floor debate will be according to the wishes of new Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick of Houston and House Speaker Joe Straus of San Antonio. Straus is subject to reelection by his peers. He is expected to retain the rostrum and gavel for a fourth consecutive term, even if challenged by a subgroup within the Republican party.

Fort Worth attorney George P. Bush was sworn in as Texas land commissioner on Jan. 2. He succeeds Jerry Patterson at the post. Son of former Florida governor and possible 2016 presidential candidate

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Jeb Bush, nephew of former president and Texas governor George W. Bush and grandson of former president George H.W. Bush, George P. Bush is 38 years old and enters an elected office for the first time.

Texans' attention now refocuses on Austin as new leadership in state government takes shape in the coming days and weeks. To review, general election voters in November picked a broad slate of Republicans to replace Republicans, ostensibly to keep the philosophy about the same at the Capitol. At the top, 12-year attorney general Greg Abbott of Houston succeeds 14-year governor Rick Perry as the state's chief executive. Abbott's successor as attorney general will be former state Sen. Ken Paxton of McKinney.

After 11 years as lieutenant governor, David Dewhurst, a

former Texas land commissioner, CIA member and Air Force officer — and continuing businessman and cutting horse rider — will be succeeded by Dan Patrick, a state senator since 2007 and a radio talk show host.

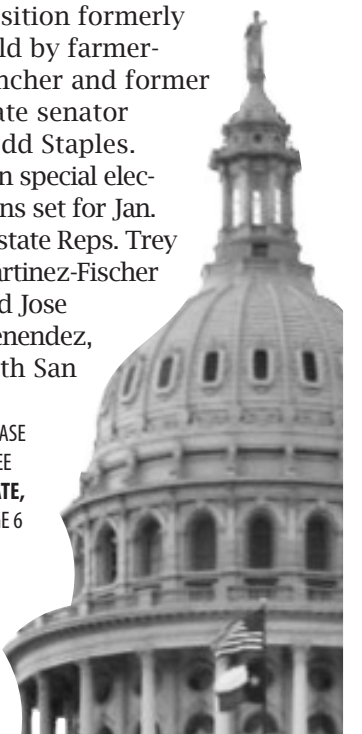
Rice farmer and former state senator Glenn Hegar of Katy succeeds rancher-author-former state representative Susan Combs as state comptroller. Hegar took the oath on office in a Jan. 2 Senate Chamber ceremony.

Ryan Sitton of Pasadena was elected to the three-seat state agency that regulates the oil and gas industry, the Texas Railroad Commission. Commissioner-elect Sitton last week stepped down as president and chief executive officer of his own oil and gas company, he said, to make sure citizens "are confident as I go to work for them."

Farmer-rancher and former state representative Sid Miller of Stephenville takes up the post of agriculture commissioner, assuming the position formerly held by farmer-rancher and former state senator Todd Staples.

In special elections set for Jan. 6, state Reps. Trey Martinez-Fischer and Jose Menendez, both San

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County Officials take oath of office



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one fire in the last 24 hours in Crockett County. A total of 47 accidents and one fire were reported from Dec. 31-Jan. 3.

The one fire was a compressor fire north of Ozona at State Highway 163 and U.S. Highway 190. One person was taken by ambulance to San Angelo to be treated for burns.

The icy weather temporarily closed parts of I-10 in both Crockett and Kimble counties on Dec. 31, said Leon Choate, communications operator for the Department of Public Safety in San Angelo.

Witness reports from Kimble County, west of Kerrville and east of Junction, indicated that some motorists turned around to head back to San Antonio and others resorted to leaving their vehicles to walk to a service station after traffic backed up for miles.

In Crockett, I-10 eastbound was closed at the 340 mile marker and at the 350 mile marker on the westbound side, due to "congestion and multiple crashes due to ice" on Dec. 31. Tractor trailer trucks are "just everywhere," Choate said, adding sand trucks were en route to try to move some of the disabled big rigs off the road.

I-10 in both directions was closed at mile marker 459 in Kimble, Choate said, because of two crashes and congestion. No fatalities were reported in any of the accidents in Crockett County.

At 11 a.m. on Dec. 31, the San Angelo TxDOT district reported there were 209 icy conditions showing in the 15 county district.



TRETOW'S TOWING (above) grabs two vehicles at once on Dec. 31 on Interstate-10. RIGHT: An Ozona Fire Truck makes its way through the icy roads headed to another emergency. The icy weather resulted in 47 vehicle accidents, including multiple crashes that closed part of the interstate. No fatalities or major injuries were reported.



State Highway 163 south was also closed for most of Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 due to icy roads.

DPS Trooper Shawn Baxter said 15 mph was probably the maximum safe speed for driving in the prevailing conditions, but a number of crashes on Dec. 30 and Dec. 31 involved vehicles driven at 50 mph or more.

"The drivers were complaining about being ticketed for driving at unsafe speed, but regardless of the posted speed limit, unsafe is unsafe," he said.

New Year's Day also brought more accidents as more freezing rain fell and ice refroze overnight.

Around 2:17 p.m. Jan. 1, the Reagan County Sheriff's Office sent out a request the people do not try to leave Big Lake or come to Big Lake from any direction due to icy road conditions.

TxDOT crews worked 12-hour shifts through the holiday trying to sand bridges and roadways.

Crockett County Road Department Crews also worked New Year's Day sanding roads in Ozona.

"These people work extremely hard and never complain. We as a community are extremely blessed by these hard working people. I am so proud of this group of employees," said Road Department Supervisor Jeffrey Stuart.

STRANDED TRAVELERS

Along with sanding roads, road department employees and the county's Certified Emergency Response Team turned the civic center into a place for stranded travelers.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said around 94 people started 2015 inside the civic and 65 more the next night.

Local businesses and individuals brought food and supplies for the travelers. Some local citizens even opened up their homes to those who needed a place to stay.

"I want to thank every-

one that assisted in some way. When such events take place Ozona comes together. All travelers expressed their gratitude for the assistance and friendly hospitality. So many helped out and I am thankful for their help," Tambunga said.

ANIMAL CONTROL RESCUE

Ozona Animal Control was also on duty rescuing two puppies that got lost coming to Ozona from Big Lake in a vehicle accident on Jan. 1.

They were found 13 miles out of town safe and sound, and the owner, Maggie Garcia of Del Rio, was contacted.

GAS SHORTAGE

With Fort Stockton running out of fuel, and the icy weather clearing up, vehicles formed massive and long lines at Ozona gas pumps during the weekend.

- The San Angelo Standard-Times, the Big Lake Wildcat and the San Antonio Express-News contributed to this article.

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The bill is known as "Malorie's Law," named for Malorie Bullock, a 19-year-old college student from Sherman, who died in April 2010 after an accident in which she was a motorcycle passenger.

Senate Bill 492 makes it a class B misdemeanor to

establish or operate a prescribed pediatric extended-care center without the appropriate license and specifies that each day a violation continues constitutes a separate offense.

Senate Bill 1806 gives the Harrison County Court-at-Law (typically a misdemeanor court) concurrent jurisdiction with the 71st Ju-

dicial District for family law matters and civil cases, due to a case backlog.

The last piece of one other law will take effect Jan. 15. SB426 amends a law on home visits to let specialists deliver services such as parenting classes in the homes of certain at-risk families. The overall law took effect Sept. 1, 2013, except for

the provision requiring the Health and Human Services Commission to submit a report on state-funded home visit programs to the House and Senate health committees no later than Dec. 1 of even-numbered years.

- This article was compiled from reports by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram and the Houston Chronicle.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 7

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, Jan. 8

- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lion Lunch Pals orientation, noon at the OES Library.
- Movies, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors Meeting, 7 p.m. at EMS Building.

Friday, Jan. 9

- No school for students, teacher workday.
- OHS UIL Academic Meet at the high school.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Irion County, 4 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.

Saturday, Jan. 10

- OHS Freshmen Lady Lions vs. Christoval, 10 a.m. at Christoval.
- OHS JV Lady Lions in the Comstock Tournament.

Monday, Jan. 12

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bingo, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, Jan. 13

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

Wednesday, Jan. 14

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 7 - Rita DeLaRosa, Michael Savala, Virginia Lea, J.B. Pruitt and Johnny Tambunga Jr.

Jan. 8 - H.O. Hoover, Alvin Ball, Susan Bilano, Kevin Villarreal, Peggy Branyon, Tyson Vordick, Linda Talamantez, Jonathan Anderson, Penny Ramirez

Jan. 9 - Aurora Collett, Janette Lozano, Debbie Puckett and Barbaree Fierro

Jan. 10 - Tiger Lewis, Zeke Gonzalez, Willie Payne Jr.,

Cipriano Perez, Cody Hunnicutt, Nereyda Vega, Gabrielle Gutierrez, Will Hoover, Ismael Villarreal and Nikolas Santiago

Jan. 11 - Shane Albers, Sean Davis, Melissa Oviedo Samarripa, Michael Esparza, Penny Stewart, Lydia Fierro and Alicia Lopez

Jan. 12 - Kevin Webb, Mario F. Mendoza, Maria Antonia Quiroz, Heidi Williams and Alan Bloebaum

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HUNTER SMITH DROPPED IN THREE BASKETS in the second quarter to keep the momentum going last night in the JV Lions in their 27-21 win over McCamey.

JV Lions pounce Badgers

The JV Lions defeated McCamey 27-21 Monday night.
Scoring: Garry Held 2; Roman Esparza 5; Kobe Rodriguez 8; Hunter Smith 6; Luis Contreras 2 and Orlando Meza 2. Also play-

ing: Zack Dockal, William Loflin, Andy Hernandez, Eloy Soto, Francisco Rivera, Michael Garcia and Jacob Schroeder.
The Lions will take on Irion County 4 p.m. Friday at the OHS Davidson Gym.

JV Ladies rip McCamey

The JV Lady Lions defeated McCamey 45-14 Monday night.
Scoring: Zephen Cuevas, 13; Bobbie Jo Vargas 9; Dacie Taylor 15; Zethany Cuevas 2; Julie Marshall 2; Aurora Collett 2. Also play-

ing: Makenna Fox, Maiah Jurado, Cierra Sanchez, Kim Borrego, Sidney Perez, Paige Lewis and Sara Gunnels.
The Lady Lions will play Irion County at 4 p.m. Friday at the OHS Davidson Gym.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

ZETHANY CUEVAS DRIVES TOWARD THE BASKET TO ADD TWO POINTS to the JV Lady Lions score in their Jan. 5 victory over McCamey.



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KIM BORREGO BATTLES FOR THE BALL in the JV Lady Lions 45-14 win over McCamey on Jan. 5.

Varsity Lions fall to Badgers



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

JOSE OJEDA IS SURROUNDED BY BEARCATS during the Varsity Lions game against McCamey on Jan. 5.

The Varsity Lions lost to McCamey 35-22 Monday night.
Scoring: Jadon Perez 1; Tommy Fay 2; Kalen Perez 4; Bryce Gutierrez 5; Jose Ojeda 5; Ryan Porras 5. Also playing: Rick Porras, Juan Rodriguez, Felipe Irlas, Omero Rodriguez, Jackson Abbey, Josh Porras, Johnny Venegas and Ben Badillo.
The Lions played in the Mary Tatum Classic in Big Lake last week.
Ozona lost to Reagan County 60-18.
High point: Gutierrez 9.
Ozona then lost to Sonora 45-22.

High scorer: Perez 6.
The rest of the tournament was canceled due to weather.
The Lions will face Irion County at 8 p.m. Friday in the OHS Davidson Gym.



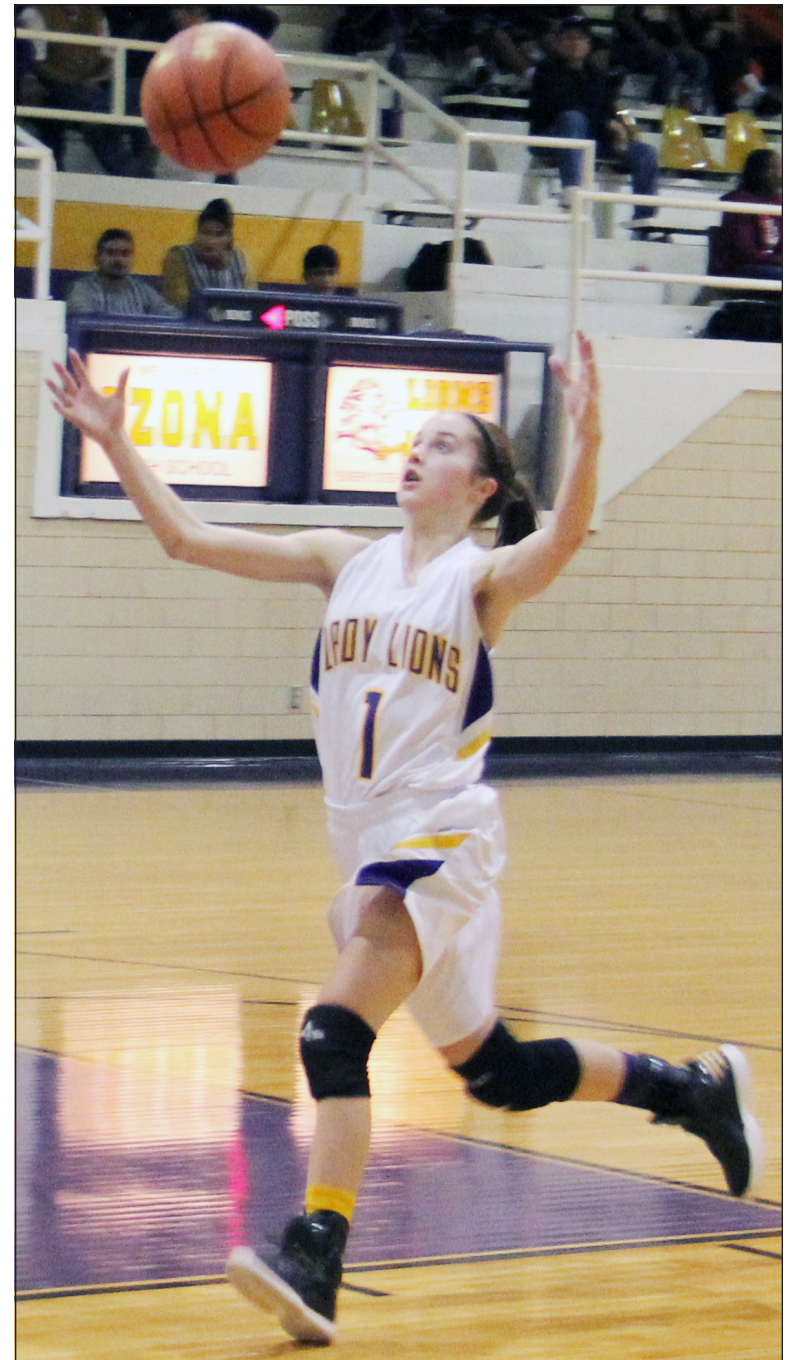
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VARSITY LION BEN BADILLO

Lady Lions fall to McCamey

The Varsity Lady Lions lost to McCamey 51-30 Monday night.
Scoring: Rachel Mendoza 4; Madison Childress 10; Kelly Sewell 3; McKenna Moses 2; Asia 2; Kamryn Lozano 6. Also playing: Madison Galindo, Bethany Martinez, Meagan Espinosa and Maria Mejia.
The Lady Lions also played in the Mary Tatum Classic in Big Lake last week.
They won their first

game over Presidio, 34-27.
High point: Galindo, Lozano 8.
The Lady Lions defeated Reagan County 36-23 in their second game.
High point: Mendoza 12.
Ozona lost to McCamey 68-16 in their third game.
The rest of the tournament was canceled due to weather.
The Lady Lions face Irion County at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the OHS Davidson Gym.



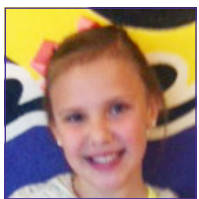
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MADISON CHILDRESS was the high scorer for the Lady Lions in their battle with McCamey on Jan. 5.

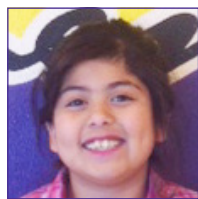
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Emma Crenwelge



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Youth Center Calendar of Events

HIGH SCHOOL:

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

OHS MEAL NIGHT:

Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

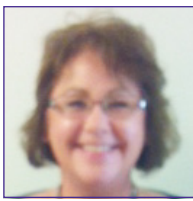
Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.;
Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.;
Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:

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ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT



PUBLIC NOTICE
Crockett County Animal Control will now enforce the animal restraint law at the cemetery. Historically people have gone to the cemetery to let their dogs run, but after many complaints of damage and dogs using the restroom on graves, the Commissioners and Animal Control have decided on the rule change. Joggers are still welcome to bring their pets as long as they are leashed. Signs have been put up at the cemetery.
- Ozona Animal Control

Commissioners hold short special meeting

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN
The Crockett County Commissioners' Court held a special called meeting on Dec. 30.
The commissioners approved the annual rental agreement for West Texas Rehabilitation Center, a change on a pipeline crossing and to be part of the comptroller's office purchasing program.
They also discussed change order for the county road barn. No action was taken due to the engineer needing to do more work.
The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. Monday, Jan. 12, at the courthouse annex. The meeting is open to the public.

STATE: from page 2

Antonio Democrats, face off for the Senate District 26 seat vacated by Leticia Van de Putte, who ran against Patrick for lieutenant governor and is now running for mayor of San Antonio. Six candidates are vying for San Antonio's House District 123 seat long held by Rep. Mike Villarreal, who also is running for mayor of San Antonio. And, there is a five-way race for the central Texas House District 17 seat vacated by Tim Kleinschmidt, who resigned from office in November to become general counsel for the Texas Department of Agriculture.

SCHOOLS CERTIFY COMPLIANCE
Texas Education Agency on Dec. 18 announced that a majority of the state's school districts and charters certified compliance with a state law requiring fingerprinting and criminal background checks.

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WARDENS GET HELICOPTER
Texas Game Wardens, a division of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department with more than 500 employees, on Dec. 23 announced the acquisition of a new Airbus AS350 B3e helicopter.

The aircraft, according to the announcement, is outfitted with the latest law enforcement technology and emergency response equipment including a rescue hoist, thermal imager, searchlight, public address system, satellite communication and night vision. Some \$5 million in funding for the helicopter came through an appropriation made during the 83rd Texas Legislative session in 2013.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls	Count
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	2
911 medical/fire assistance	8
Civil complaints	16
Civil documents served	0
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	11
Juvenile/School	1
Motorist assist/ locked vehicle	17
Reckless driving/ speeding complaints	9
Minor/major traffic accidents	47
Alarms	3

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:
1-1-15
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal dispute behind the Catholic Church.
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a call of a verbal dispute at Crockett Apartments.
1-3-15
• Sheriff's deputy and DPS responded to a call of a verbal dispute between spouses on the side of Interstate-10 at the 332 mile-marker eastbound. Dispute was resolved and couple continued on their way.
• DPS Trooper arrested Christopher Paul Ross of San Antonio, Texas on an out of state warrant. Subject has been arraigned and transported to Upton County Jail while awaiting transfer.
1-4-15
• DPS Trooper arrested Joe Richard Garza of Odessa, Texas on a Reagan County warrant. Subject has been arraigned and is being released on bond.
• Crockett County emergency responders consisting of EMS, fire department and Crockett County Sheriff's Office responded to an early morning mobile home fire located on Secretariat Street. No one in the home was injured but the structure was a total loss.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

12-30-14
• 12:58 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)
• 10:28 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 10:44 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
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• 11:55 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
12-31-14
• 12:20 a.m. - No Patient Found 911 Response (Emergency)
• 1:09 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
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• 9:08 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)
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• 9:31 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 9:54 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic 911 Response (Emergency)
• 10:53 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 10:53 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic 911 Response (Emergency)
• 12:36 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 12:59 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 1:44 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 2:29 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic 911 Response (Emergency)
• 2:47 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 3 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
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1-1-15
• 7:46 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 10:20 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 12:06 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 12:06 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 11:31 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 11:31 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
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• 11:49 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
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1-2-15
• 1:48 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
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• 3:06 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic 911 Response (Emergency)
• 3:06 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 9:14 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)
1-3-15
• 7:42 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
1-4-15
• 5:46 a.m. - No Patient Found Standby
• 11:01 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)

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ACROSS
1 Andrews is in TX
5 large exhibition
6 early Mineral Wells attractions
7 TXism: "smart as a full of owls"
8 TXism: "dog lie"
17 TX cosmetics queen, Mary Kay
18 UT has ever had strikeout letters for TX Nolan Ryan
22 TXism: "burn some leather" (run)
23 in Shelby Co. on 84 heavy rain
29 this Wilson was in TV "Pinocchio" with TX Sandy Duncan
30 TXism: "suits me to a fare-well"
31 College Station university letters
32 compulsive shopper
34 Rodriguez who played SS for the Rangers (2000-03) award won by 34-across in 2003
36 chili accompaniment
37 TXism: "camps out in the corner" (religious)
38 TX King Vidor directed "in the Sun"
39 Herald was shut down in 1991
41 moisten meat
42 TX Kenny sang "I Can Make It on My Own"
43 TX Tanya sang "Some Love"
44 TX-based "Lay"
45 Navy junior CO (abbr.)
46 "Sea State Park"
47 TXism: "his feelings on his sleeve" (sensitive)
48 "Rodeo Historical"
50 TX Clay Allison was a gun
51 TX Henley co-wrote "The Long"
52 lyric poem
53 TXism: "a piece" (distant)
DOWN
1 wealthy western suburb of Austin
2 newspaper in Pleasanton, TX
3 TX bestselling author Judith McNaught
4 TX Brent Spiner was in 1997 comedy "Out"
9 Coach Tom Landry on the sideline?
10 rope circle
11 ambulance technician (abbr.)
12 "Gig Aggies!"
13 a snake skin for costly cowboy boots
14 TXism: "that like an armadillo needs an interstate"
15 TX Tommy Sands' 1969 war film: "but the Brave"
16 this Adams discovered dinosaur tracks near Glen Rose (init.)
19 TX Pride's "All Offer You"
20 specimen
22 TXism: "end" (handle)
24 this Darrin got 2 rings with Cowboys (init.)
25 home of the Eden Bulldogs (abbr.)
26 TXism: "take a off" (sit)
27 awake at midnight?(2 wds.)
28 this TX Larry started country goup with brothers
29 "sins of the"
30 TX ZZ Top album: "Hombres"
33 TXism: "throw some leather" horse"
34 in Liberty Co. on 90
35 molds, decays
37 Margaret Hunt Hill book: "H.L. Hunt -- My Father"
38 milk products
40 these immigrants played a large part in early TX history
41 rotten kid
44 TXism: "chicken" (little money)
47 hot dog
49 unprocessed oil

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There are still statewide laws drivers must adhere to when it comes to cell phone use:
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C.N.A. SCHOOL TO BEGIN: Crockett County Care Center is starting a two-week C.N.A. school starting on Jan. 16, 2015. Applications can be picked up at CCCC, 103 N. Ave. H, Ozona, Texas. Interviews will begin Jan. 5, 2015, top ten applicants will be chosen to participate in the school. Applicants chosen will undergo drug screen, physical, and Worksteps. CCCC is an EOE. 4c49



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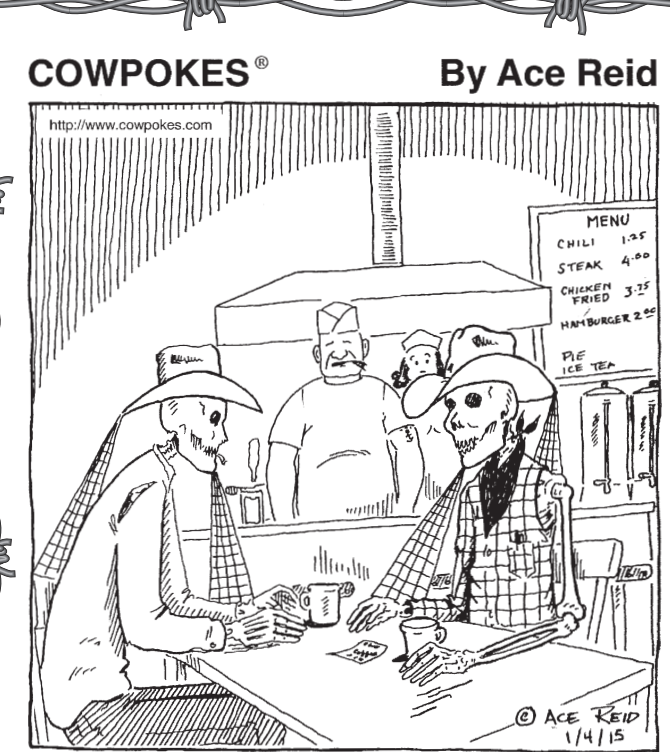
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