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68th annual Crockett County Stock Show

The 68th annual Crockett County Stock Show was held Dec. 18 at the 4-H Barn and Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

MARKET LAMB SHOW

Champion Novice Feeder
- Wyatt Bean

Champion Finewool Lamb - Brenna Hale

Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb - Timothy Maldonado

Champion Crossbred Lamb - Claire Bean

Reserve Champion Crossbred Lamb - Claire Bean

Gene Fowler Memorial Champion Senior Lamb Showman - Timothy Maldonado

Champion Intermediate Lamb Showman - Sydney Flores

Champion Novice Lamb Showman - Wyatt Bean

Novice Feeder Class - 1. Wyatt Bean; 2. Kelynn Bean

Finewool Class 1 - 1. Brenna Hale, 2. Sydney Flores, 3. Ethan Criswell, 4. Claire Bean, 5. Claire Bean, 6. Sydney Flores, 7. Taylor Babb and 8. Kurt Bean.

Finewool Class 2 - 1. Brenna Hale, 2. Timothy Maldonado, 3. Claire Bean, 4. Brenna Hale, 5. Sydney Flores, 6. Timothy Maldonado, 7. Taylor Babb and 8. Thomas Cruz.

Finewool Class 3 - 1. Timothy Maldonado, 2. Claire Bean, 3. Ethan Criswell, 4. Timothy Maldonado and 5. Kurt Bean.

Finewool Cross Class 1 -



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2015 Crockett County Stock Show Participants

MARKET GOAT SHOW

Champion Novice Feeder - Isaiah Porras

Champion Meat Goat - Audrey Upham

Reserve Champion Meat Goat - Jorge Garcia

Champion Angora - Julie Marshall

Reserve Champion Angora - Julie Marshall

Jim McCrohan Memorial Champion Senior Goat Showman - Roslynn Mendez

Champion Intermediate Goat Showman - Audrey Upham

Champion Novice Goat Showman - Grace Upham

Champion Angora Goat Showman - Lanna Stapper

Meat Goat Novice Feeder - 1. Isaiah Porras, 2. Grace Upham, 3. Kelynn Bean and 4. Ryan Lee Ramos.

Meat Goat Class 1 - 1. Kurt Bean, 2. Audrey Upham, 3. Kurt Bean, 4. Miken Chandler-Fierro, 5. Grace Upham,

1. Claire Bean, 2. Claire Bean, 3. Ethan Criswell, 4. Kurt Bean and 5. Claire Bean.

Finewool Cross Class 2 - 1. Timothy Maldonado, 2. Taylor Babb, 3. Ethan Criswell, 4. Timothy Maldonado, 5. Chance Criswell and 6. Thomas Cruz.

6. Makayleigh Martinez and 7. Makayleigh Martinez.

Meat Goat Class 2 - 1. Audrey Upham, 2. Jorge Garcia, 3. Kurt Bean, 4. Grant Childress, 5. Roslynn Mendez, 6. Miken Chandler-Fierro and 7. Mia Cruz.

Meat Goat Class 3 - 1. Jorge Garcia, 2. Audrey Upham, 3. Roslynn Mendez, 4. Georgina Garcia, 5. Georgina Garcia, 6. Miken Chandler-Fierro, 7. Claire Childress and 8. Claire Childress.

Meat Goat Class 4 - 1. Carson Childress, 2. Claire Childress, 3. Grant Childress, 4. Carson Childress, 5. Madison Childress, 6. Jacob Childress and 7. Seth Childress.

Angora Goat Class 1 - 1. Adalyne Nehus, 2. Levi Bishop, 3. Levi Bishop, 4. Mia

erro, 7. Claire Childress and 8. Claire Childress.

Meat Goat Class 4 - 1. Carson Childress, 2. Claire Childress, 3. Grant Childress, 4. Carson Childress, 5. Madison Childress, 6. Jacob Childress and 7. Seth Childress.

Angora Goat Class 1 - 1. Adalyne Nehus, 2. Levi Bishop, 3. Levi Bishop, 4. Mia

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Holiday closings

The Ozona Stockman office and Crockett County offices will be closed all day Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday. Deadline is noon Monday, Dec. 28, for the Dec. 30 edition.

Crockett County offices will close at noon today, Dec. 23, and be closed all day Thursday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25.

Ozona Bank and Crockett National Bank will close at noon Thursday, Dec. 24, and be closed all day Friday, Dec. 25.

The U.S. Post Office will be closed Friday, Dec. 25.

The Family Health Center of Ozona will be closed at noon Thursday, Dec. 24, and be closed all day Friday, Dec. 25. The urgent care area will also be open with a provider for medical emergencies.

Lowe's Grocery Store will close at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24, and be closed Friday, Dec. 25.

The General Store will be open from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24 and be closed Friday, Dec. 25.

Dollar General will be open until 8 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 24 and closed Friday, Dec. 25.

Sounds of the Season



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THE OMS SEVENTH GRADE TROMBONE SECTION performs at the Ozona Bands Christmas Concert on Dec. 17 at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

OHS, OMS cafeteria menu changes coming

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Changes to the OHS and OMS Cafeteria menus are coming.

During the CCCSD School Board's Dec. 16 regular meeting, Food Service Director Ludy Vargas presented the changes.

Vargas met with the OHS Student Council to discuss the food currently served in the cafeterias.

The following suggestions were made after the meeting:

- One week cycle sack lunch menu and will rotate each week.
- Offer lunch cycle menu while keeping the entrée salads each day.
- Sack lunch will be offered based on menu option.
- At the high school, add

celery sticks and Sun Chips.

One example of a sack lunch is a deli sandwich with mustard, homemade bean dip with chips, fruit and milk.

Another example is a peanut butter and jelly sandwich with string cheese, baby carrots, celery sticks, animal crackers, fruit and milk.

Students will grab a bag and go to the cashier. The cost should be comparable to current costs, Vargas said.

"If this is successful, we will continue and adjust accordingly," Vargas said. "It was a very good meeting."

In November, the cafeterias in all three campuses served 7,231 breakfast meals and 9,004 lunch meals compared to 6,010 breakfast meals and 9,387 lunch meals for 2014.

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Future of beef industry relies on international trade

In 1924, my great grandfather established a cattle operation north of Beeville, Texas. Over the years, the ranch has been passed down from generation to generation, and today I work alongside my wife, children and parents to keep the family ranching tradition going strong.

While my wife and I always encourage our children to follow their own paths, we work tirelessly to keep our ranch thriving so they can successfully run it, if they choose to do so, after we are gone.

In order for my children's generation to continue ranching, we must take full advantage of marketing our product to other countries. Finding new and innovative ways to boost the U.S. beef industry is important now and it will



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become even more crucial for generations to come.

Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) leaders and members readily recognize the importance of marketing our product internationally. A key component of foreign beef trade is included in the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) agreement that was announced by trade ministers on Oct. 5 in Atlanta, Georgia.

Beef exports currently add over \$350 per head of cattle sold in the U.S., however the TPP agreement will significant-

ly increase demand and growth. The TPP will reduce foreign taxes in the form of tariffs on U.S. beef and level the playing field across 11 other Pacific Rim nations. It will also expand demand for beef products among nearly 500 million consumers in TPP partner countries.

The countries, other than the U.S., included in this agreement are Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Singapore and Vietnam. These nations encompass nearly 40 percent of the global

economy.

Since the U.S. already has free trade agreements with Canada, Mexico, Australia, Peru, Chile and Singapore, the U.S. beef industry is expected to reap the most benefit from the TPP by accessing additional markets in Japan and Vietnam.

Japan is currently our top export market with \$1.6 billion in beef sales in 2014. The TPP agreement will secure tremendous access to Japan's beef market. According to the USDA, Japan will eliminate duties on 74 percent of its beef prod-

uct imports and reduce its tariffs on fresh, chilled and frozen beef cuts from the current rate of 38.5 percent to 9 percent within 16 years.

Most of the high-value U.S. beef is sold domestically. Low-value offal, such as tongues, livers, hearts, stomachs and kidneys are in higher demand in countries like Japan and Vietnam.

Through the TPP, the current 21.3 percent tariff on these beef parts would, in some cases, be cut in half immediately and will

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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.

Editorial 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 says, "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 child-like 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 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.

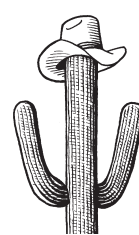
Spring High, Fall Low

I know what you're thinking. Was the big autumn drop in cattle prices the start of a precipitous downward trend in cattle prices, or was it just a chance for prices to catch a second wind before regaining air speed and altitude?

I'm the wrong guy to ask because I'm the world's most pessimistic person... and I'm never going to get any better. I have b-negative blood and I complain about the noise when opportunity comes knocking.

I have good reason to believe the world is always coming to an end because I started my cattle career in 1973. Now, to you newbies that may not mean much but to those of you who have splotches of white hair under your Stetson, just the mere mention of 1973 is enough make you break out in hives. The first 30 years of my cattle career coincided with the "Golden Age of Wrecks". If anyone went insane and wanted to get into the registered cattle business those of us who worked for cow magazines knew we'd get a good advertising budget for their first production sale, followed shortly thereafter by another good budget for their complete dispersal due to health reasons. They were sick of the cow business. I felt more like an ambulance chaser than I did an ad pimp.

I come from a hardy stock of pessimists and grew up hearing about the panics of 1819, 1837, 1873, and 1907 even though none of my immediate family were alive then to panic. Just as my grandparents



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

and steer calves were fetching 40 cents. Heck, even lambs were outselling calves back during what we called "The Wreck of '73". I was learning how to be a ring man back then and I remember showing up at an Angus bull sale where not one buyer showed up. NOT ONE! I can't remember a single sale in the '70's where we sold every animal on offer and I distinctly remember betting with my fellow ring men on how many bulls we'd sell before we ran out of buyers. At one bull sale I lost my shirt betting the over when it was set at five bulls. I lost because we only sold one. Now that was a wreck!"

I don't know if '86 was as bad as 1973-74 but it ranks right up there with the biggest cattle wrecks of all time. There were two factors in the crash. First was

and parents droned on about the "dirty thirties" so too will I bore young whippersnappers talking about the crashes 1973, 1986, 2000 and 2008. They'll get glassy eyed listening to me talk about the dairy buyout and the wreck created by a domestic mad cow.

I can hear me now. "Let me tell you just how bad it was. Fat steers were selling for 44 cents, yearlings brought 38 cents and

the dairy buyout in which our government was buying entire herds of dairy cows if the dairymen promised to get out of the dairy business and stay out for five years. I feel guilty telling you this but during this period I made the most money I ever did in the cow business. I sat on the seats every week at the nearest auction market and bought calves for as low as 22 cents per pound! I felt so guilty I couldn't sleep at nights and felt shadier than a pumpkin picker's Panama.

For the past five years I have tried to help a wonderful young couple gain a foothold in the cattle business and they have made more money during those five years than I ever did in 40. I try to tell them that selling replacement heifers for \$3,000 each, as they did, is not normal and they should be very careful because we've entered dangerous territory. I told them six months ago to sell every hoof they own so that they'll have the capital to buy when prices are cheaper, as they are now.

But they just think I'm a fuddy duddy and want to double down. I say "look out below" because what goes up must come down, while they believe that what goes up must go "upper".

Poor kids. In my life the only things that have done that are the cost of prescription drugs, salaries of seven foot NBA centers and politician's opinion of themselves.

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Governor takes action to stem illegal border crossings

AUSTIN — Quoting U.S.

Border Patrol data regarding illegal border crossings, Gov. Greg Abbott on Dec. 15 said the number of apprehensions through October and November "are on average two to three times higher than last year."

Abbott added that in the Big Bend sector, unaccompanied minor arrivals for that period has increased almost tenfold. In the Rio Grande sector, it doubled from 3,219 to 6,465.

"Texas will not sit idle in the face of this challenge," Abbott said. "We will not be victimized as a state by a federal government's apathetic response to border security."

To respond to the problem, Abbott said he plans to:

- Extend the deployment of National Guard troops at strategic locations on the border;
- Instruct the Texas Department of Public Safety to coordinate with the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department to increase the number of

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boats and tactical officers at strategic locations on the Rio Grande River;

- Instruct the DPS to increase aerial observation missions to aid interdiction efforts;
- Award grants to support the Border Prosecution Unit;
- Provide grants to Ellis and Rockwall counties to aid their efforts to respond to the unexpected relocation of unaccompanied minors to their counties.

Urge the U.S. Department of Homeland Security once again to increase border patrol agents in Texas.

NEW EDUCATION CHIEF IS NAMED

Gov. Abbott on Dec. 14 appointed Mike Morath to be state commissioner of education, overseeing all public school districts and charter schools.

Morath, who succeeds Michael Williams, was elected in 2011 to the Dallas Independent School District board of trustees and has served on the board of directors of the Texas Association of School Boards since July 2014.

Williams, education commissioner since August 2012, congratulated Morath on his appointment. "I hope he finds this job as exciting and rewarding as I have," said Williams, who announced earlier this fall that he was resigning, effective Jan. 1.

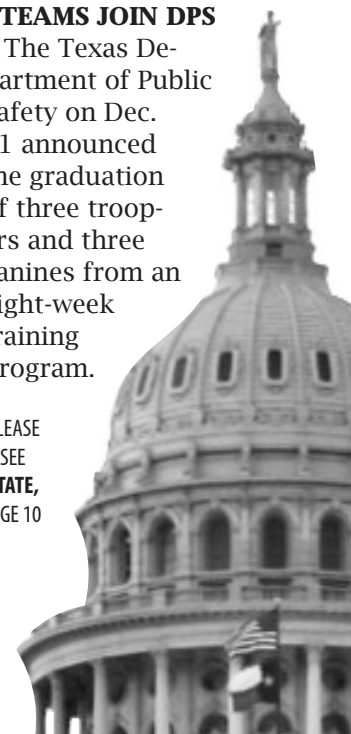
Morath serves as chairman of Morath Investments, managing a small portfolio of investments. Most recently, the Governor's Office said, Morath served as president and chief operating officer of Minute Menu Systems, a company that provided information systems to help manage

a \$2.5 billion federal child nutrition program.

NEW CANINE TEAMS JOIN DPS

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 11 announced the graduation of three troopers and three canines from an eight-week training program.

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Classified ads are \$6 for the first 25 words and \$30 for each additional word.

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Christmas Carols



COMMUNITY BELL CHOIR MEMBERS (left to right) Marolyn Bean, Jean Odom, Willa Perry and Rosalind Williams perform a Christmas tune at Ozona Bank on Dec. 16.



OES FIFTH-GRADERS perform Christmas Carols Dec. 16 at Ozona Bank.



OES FOURTH-GRADERS perform Christmas Carols Dec. 16 at Ozona Bank.



OES KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS perform Christmas Carols Dec. 17 at Crockett National Bank.



OES SECOND GRADE STUDENTS perform Christmas Carols Dec. 17 at Crockett National Bank.

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Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Levi English

Rachel Avra Freedman, daughter of Terri and Richard Freedman of Haverford, Pa., was married on Saturday, October 17, 2015, to Benjamin Levi English, son of Cathy and Ben English of Ozona. Chaplain Philip Carson, USN, officiated the waterfront wedding ceremony at Naval Station Newport in Newport, R.I.

Bridesmaids included the Maid of Honor and childhood friend, Antigone Smith, the bride's cousins Beth and Jody Whitfield and friend Rebecca Ress. Groomsmen were Ethan English, Best Man and brother of the groom, brother of the bride Dave Freedman and friends Mike Adams and Frank Svejda. Friends and family joined in celebration following the ceremony at the Newport Officers' Club.

Rachel and Levi met in 2011 while both attending college in Maryland. Rachel graduated from the Johns Hopkins University in 2011 with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics. She is currently completing her masters degree online in Health Informatics at Drexel University. Levi graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 2011 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering, and from Texas A&M University with a Masters in Aerospace Engineering. Levi is a 2007 graduate of Ozona High School.

The couple is living in Kingsville, Texas where Levi is completing Intermediate and Advanced Jet training for the United States Marine Corps, and Rachel is working remotely as a clinical data analyst for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL
 OZONA GARDEN CLUB

Sixteen members of Ozona Garden Club and one guest, Sandy Bebee, met at the home of Belinda Wilkins Dec. 14 for its annual Christmas auction. Hostesses Belinda Wilkins and Esther Williams served delicious fruit tarts.

President Vicki Stokes led the members in singing Christmas carols before the auction began. Auctioneers Carmen Sutton and Belinda Wilkins offered an array of beautiful items for auction,

which made over \$500 for the club.

Treasurer Esther Williams sold some of the National Garden Club calendars. All other business was postponed to the Jan. 11, 2016 meeting.

Members attending were Tina Bean, Vivian Childress, Arlene Clayton, Mary Anne Deaton, Charlotte Harrell, Jeannine Henderson, Louise Ledoux, Jean Odom, Willa Perry, Jean Reardon, Laura Skehan, Vicki Stokes, Carmen Sutton, Celia West, Belinda Wilkins, and Esther Williams.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 23

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- County offices closing at noon.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Delivery of Toys for Tots gifts.

Thursday, December 24

- Christmas Eve - County offices and The Ozona Stockman closed. Ozona Bank and Crockett National Bank closing at noon.
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 5 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- Children's Mass, 6 p.m., Christmas Eve Mass, 11 p.m. at OLPH Catholic Church.

Friday, December 25

- Christmas Day

Monday, December 28

- OHS Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Big Lake Tournament.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

Tuesday, December 29

- OHS Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Big Lake Tournament.
- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center

Wednesday, December 30

- OHS Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Big Lake Tournament.
- 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
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court special meeting, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 23 - Janet Smith, Gloria Fierro, Isabella Ranney-Perez, Ross Kelley, Ben Ross, Hilary Huffman and Juan Dominguez

Dec. 24 - Alan Landa, Anthony Hodges, Saul Vargas, Paige Lewis, John Lewis, Amber Lang, Sylvia D. Longoria, Mary V. Jenkins, Antonio Santiago, Sara Richie, Julia Holmes, Justine Fielding, Jonathan Flores, Alan Landa, Tesla Caperton, Belinda Wilkins and Ann Light

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

Dec. 26 - Ed Fierro,

Tammy Krug, 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 Dorough, Maria del Socorro Mata and Preston Tebbetts

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

Christmas Wishes Merry & Bright

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After 22 years with the Bexar County Sheriff's Department Rodney Najar has accepted a position as an Investigator for the District Attorney's Office.

Rodney,
 We are so very proud of you & we know that Mom is looking down at you from heaven with a big smile.
 With Love,
 Dad & Micha
 Haley & Chelsea
 Mylene & Jim
 Stan

Bexar Co. Sheriff Pamerleau & Rodney Najar

Come celebrate with us the birth of the one who changed the world.

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

Families welcome!
 Thursday, December 24
 5:00 p.m.

Ozona United Methodist Church
 12 11th Street
 Next to the Travelodge

Lunch Specials \$9.99 includes Drink and Dessert

Wednesday, Dec. 23 Hamburger Steak
 Thursday, Dec. 24 Chicken Spaghetti
 Friday, Dec. 25 **CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS**
 Saturday, Dec. 26... Cheeseburger Plate - \$8.99
 Sunday, Dec. 27 Chicken Fried Steak
 Monday, Dec. 28 Meatloaf
 Tuesday, Dec. 29 Grilled Chicken Breast
 Wednesday, Dec. 30 Cheese Enchiladas

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HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the elderly. If you have some time, or need some community service for school, come by or call (325) 392-5026.

DEC. 23

Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, cream gravy, vegetable medley, dinner roll, margarine, chunky fruit medley and milk.

DEC. 24

Country ham, whipped sweet potato, seasoned vegetables, wheat roll, margarine, ambrosia cup and milk.

DEC. 25

Closed - Merry Christmas

DEC. 28

Chicken pasta primavera, Italian green beans, fresh tossed salad, dressing, garlic bread, apple crisp and milk.

DEC. 29

Baked pork chop, navy beans, seasoned spinach, seasonal fresh fruit, wheat bread, pumpkin cake cookie and milk.



OZOLPH CATHOLIC CHURCH presented their annual Christmas Posada at the Crockett County Care Center on Dec. 16.

New Arrivals
ROCK ART
 Preserved Flower Arrangements
 •Scarves •Shirts •Ponchos
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 Next meeting
 1st Monday in
 November at 7:30 p.m.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Senior Center will close at 1 p.m. today, reopen Monday

BY BRENDA NEWTON
 SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

I hope all of you have a very Merry Christmas. Stay safe!

The Senior Center will close at 1 p.m. today, Dec. 23, and will reopen at 8 a.m. Monday, Dec. 28.

Don't forget the Thun-

derbird. They are available to help you get around. Just give them a call and leave a message. Be sure to say who you are and where you are. They will call you back. Call us at 392-9094 if you do not have their number.

Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
 Bridge - 1:30 p.m. Monday

Balance Exercise - 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday
 Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday
 Prayer Group - 3 p.m. Wednesday
 Quilting - 9:30 a.m. Thursday
 Bingo - 2 p.m. Thursday
 Come on out, the coffee is on.

How fasting can improve your life

Fasting is not a diet, but a way of eating (woe). It is making a conscious decision to skip certain meals. There are several types of fasting. Some for cultural or religious protocols and a popular fast like the "5:2," not eating for two days a week, but for the purposes of this article we will be discussing intermittent fasting.

Intermittent fasting is eating only during a specific window of the day. The most popular is fasting for 16 hours a day and eating only from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m. I fast for about 22 to 23 hours a day, only eating the dinner (supper) meal. I insure the food I consume contains beneficial nutrients and is sufficiently satiating to keep me from being hungry until I eat the following evening. Since my way of eating is ketogenic; 75-80 percent dietary fats, 15-20 percent protein and 5 percent carbohydrate, I find that I never get hungry and my blood glucose stays a desirable 85 mg/dl throughout the day. Since I'm not bombarding my body with glucose from sugar, flour or grains three or four times a day, my blood sugar does not peak and crash during the day. This is not a recommendation. Rather, my purpose is to illustrate how fasting can fit into a woe comfortably. Everyone is biologically individual and my woe may not work well for you. The reasons I elected it is discussed below and might be of interest, however.

I do enjoy a bulletproof cup of coffee (BPC) in the morning and if I drink anything else, it is water, or tea. My BPC consists of a tbsp. or two of butter and coconut oil each, a teaspoon of turmeric paste and a teaspoon of cinnamon. While I focus on nutrients and their amounts, I really don't concern myself with calories but the last time I counted them, they ran about 1,650-2,000 calories per day. Most encouraging is that my grocery expense has gone from \$350 to \$200 per month. Yay!

Intermittent fasting is how our Paleolithic ancestors evolved for 2.5 million years. We'd have surely not survived if our ancestors had to eat every three or four hours, every day. Do you think a caveman pulled his out Timex, or sun dial to see if it was time to eat another well-balanced meal?

He ate what he could, when he could and his body adapted to function for the rest of the day.

Since our bodies are still carbon copies of our ancestors' of 25,000 years ago, it makes sense that the nutrients available to them then would still function optimally for us now. Your body will consume all the high glycemic carbohydrates within an hour or two of your last meal. The reason is that your body processes glucose much more quickly than ketones from dietary fat.

With glucose readily available, it will store the fatty acids for later. If you keep putting sugars into your body three to six times



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

JIM FISH

ence at the National Institute on Aging;

"Why is it that the normal diet is three meals a day plus snacks? It isn't that it's the healthiest eating pattern, now that's my opinion but I think there is a lot of evidence to support that. There are a lot of pressures to have that eating pattern, there's a lot of money involved. The food industry — are they going to make money from skipping breakfast like I did today? No, they're going to lose money. If people fast, the food industry loses money. What about the pharmaceutical industries? What if people do some intermittent fasting, exercise periodically and are very healthy, is the pharmaceutical industry going to make any money on healthy people?"

A study published in June by researchers from the University of Southern California advises that cycles of prolonged fasting protect against immune system damage and induce immune system regeneration. Their conclusion is that fasting shifts stem-cells from a dormant state to a state of self-renewal and triggers stem-cell based regeneration of an organ or system.

Valter Longo, Ph.D., is the Edna Jones Professor in Gerontology and Professor of Biological Science and he contends, "We could not predict that prolonged fasting would have such a remarkable effect in promoting stem cell-based regeneration of the hematopoietic system [the bodily system of organs and tissues, primarily the bone marrow, spleen, tonsils, and lymph nodes, involved in the production of blood]. When you starve, the system tries to save energy, and one of the things it can do to save energy is to recycle a lot of the immune cells that are not needed, especially those that may be damaged. What we started noticing in both our human work and animal work is that the white blood cell count goes down with prolonged fasting. Then when you re-feed, the blood cells come back."

For fear of repeating myself in earlier articles, "given half a chance, the human body can heal itself," and fasting is a very good tool to consider in your woe.

Here's to your health.

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A SOCIAL NIGHT LONG AGO

I went to town to see an out door presentation about the birth of Christ. They had live camels, mules, and even some goats. It was so clear and the stars were so bright, it was such a beautiful night. As I watched the actors hurriedly trying get ready for their parts and trying to be in the right place and on time it reminded me of life. Many times life can be a fast, hurried, frantic pace and may seem like there is no end. There could be a hundred reasons like health, finances, or family problems. We do not have control over many of the things that happen to us in life but we are not without hope. I saw that demonstrated last night in the frantic moments before the presentation started when the actors formed a circle in front of a large beautiful wooden cross and had prayer. They asked God to be with them and they asked for God's help in putting on the play. They also wanted to tell the story of how God loved us so much and how he sent his son to live and die for us and that through him (Jesus) we can find forgiveness of sin, hope, and a new life. The presentation turned out wonderful. It reminded me of how life can be if we put our hope and faith in Jesus, we will not be disappointed, (1 Peter 2:6, John 3:14-17). But we must be willing to include him in our lives. See you in church on Sunday. Brother J--

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 1908 Santa Anna St.
Pastor Refugio Vega
 Sunday School: 3 p.m.
 Sunday Worship: 4 p.m.
 Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m.

Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia
 102 Man O'War St.
Pastor Maria C. Salcedo
 Lunes: 6 p.m.
 Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Martes: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help
 219 Martinez St.
Fr. Bernardito Getigan
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona
 Every Second Sunday of the Month:
 Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield
 Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church
 601 Ave. I
Interim Pastor Paul Ray
 Sunday School: 10 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m.
 Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida
 Corner of Secretariat & Man O'War
Pastor Juan Avila
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m.
 Wed. Service: 6 p.m.

Ozona Church of Christ
 1002 11th St.
Mr. Johnnie Perkins
 Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church
 802 1st St.
Pastor Tom Baden
 Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m.
 Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

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Ozona United Methodist Church
 12 - 11th St.
Pastor Jean Reardon
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

First Baptist Church
 901 Ave. D
Interim Pastor Lee Floyd
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Youth - 6:00 p.m. - Wednesdays
 Awana - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays
 Wednesday Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

Templo Bautista Jerusalem
 138 Blas St.
Rev. Esequiel Cervantez
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Iglesia de Cristo
 Hwy. 163 S. at Quail Run
Interim - Ray Valadez
 Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church
 2121 Santa Rosa St.
Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas
 Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.
 Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Family Service: 6:30 p.m.

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All pastors of Ozona churches are invited to submit columns.

Candlelight

Christmas Eve Services
Thursday, Dec. 24
6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church
901 Ave. D • Ozona, TX

Ballots set for 2016 March Primary Election

Filing for the March 1 Primary Election ended Dec. 14. The following is the candidates who will appear on the ballots.

Candidates that filed on the Democratic Primary ballot:

- Sheriff - Robert F. "Bob" Rodriguez, incumbent, Jose Gutierrez and Emilio Tambunga.

- Commissioner, Precinct 3 - Wesley Bean, Mike Preddy and Max Schroeder. Incumbent Randy Branch said he will not be seeking another term as commissioner.

- Treasurer - Karen Webb, incumbent, Shelly Childress, Marie Pierce and Annette C. DeHoyos. The treasurer's seat is up for election due to it being an unexpired term.

- Commissioner, Precinct 1 - Frank Tambunga, incumbent.
- Tax Assessor-Collector - Michelle Medley, incumbent.
- County Attorney - Jody Upham, incumbent.

- Constable - Raymond P. (Bear) Borrego, incumbent.
- State Senator, District 19 - Carlos I. Uresti, incumbent, and Helen Madla, of San Antonio.

- State Representative, District 53 - Stephanie Lochte Ertel, of Mountain Home, Texas.

- Texas Railroad Commission - Lon Burnam, Cody Garrett and Grady Yarbrough.
- Texas Supreme Court Justice, Place 3 - Mike Westergren.

- Texas Supreme Court Justice, Place 5 - Dori Contreras Garza.

- Texas Supreme Court Justice, Place 9 - Savannah Robinson

- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 2 - Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, incumbent.

- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 5 - Betsy Johnson

- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 6 - Robert Burns.

- State Board of Education District 1 - Joe Fierro Jr., Lynn Oliver and Georgina Perez.

- U.S. Representative, District 23 - Pete Gallego and Lee Keenen.

- U.S. President - Hillary Clinton, Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente, Calvis Hawes, Keith Judd, Star Locke, Martin J. O'Malley, Bernie Sanders and Willie L. Wilson.

Candidates that filed on the Republican Primary ballot:

- Sheriff - Paul Stroope.
- Commissioner, Precinct 3 - Weldon Nicks.

- 112th District Attorney - Laurie English, incumbent.

- State Senator, District 19 - Peter P. Flores, of Pleasanton.

- State Representative, District 53 - Andrew Murr, incumbent.

- Texas Railroad Commission - Lance N. Christian, Wayne Christian, Gary Gates, John Greytok, Ron Hale, Doug Jeffrey and Weston Martinez.

- Texas Supreme Court, Place 3 - Debra Lehrmann, incumbent and Michel Masengale.

- Texas Supreme Court, Place 5 - Paul Green, incumbent and Rick Green.

- Texas Supreme Court, Place 9 - Eva Guzman, incumbent and Joe Pool.

- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 2 - Mary Lou Keel, Chris Oldner and Ray Wheelless.

- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 5 - Sid Harle, Steve Smith, Scott Waker and Brent Webster.

- Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 6 - Michael E. Keasler, incumbent and Richard Davis.

- U.S. Representative, District 23 - Will Hurd, incumbent, William "Hart" Peterson, of Marfa.

- President - Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Elizabeth Gray, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, John Kasich, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum and Donald Trump.

Voters must choose to vote in either the Democratic Primary or the Republican Primary. Voters cannot vote in both party primaries.

The winner of the primary election will then be placed on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot.

Early voting for the primary election will be Feb. 16-26.

The last day to register to vote in the March Primary is Feb. 1. Crockett County Voters can register to vote at the county tax office in the courthouse annex.

For more information, visit www.votetexas.gov.

BOARD: County appraiser gives report

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TAX APPRAISAL REPORT

Crockett County Tax Appraiser Rhonda Shaw presented a report about the county's appraisal values.

Shaw said there was a 19 percent decrease in values for the 2014-2015 year. She also said 2016 will also see a drop, the first time there will be a drop in two consecutive years.

Ninety-four percent of Crockett County's taxes are paid by oil and gas, Shaw said.

Three school board members, Orlando DeHoyos, Amy Newton and Ryan Bean, along with County Judge Fred Deaton and County Commissioner Frank Tambunga, make up the county's appraisal board.

ENROLLMENT and ATTENDANCE

Superintendent Raul Chavarria said the district's overall enrollment is 822 students with a 97 percent attendance rate.

The district's attendance rate goal is 97.3 percent.

MAINTENANCE REPORT

In his monthly report, Maintenance Director Chuy Martinez had the following:

The Crockett County Road Department Employees assisted with demolition of a house adjacent to the OMS Gym and prepared the lot for parking. NATGAS will be relocating the gas meter by the OMS Gym. AEP will be removing the poles in that area and Shaw's Repair will be doing all the electrical reconnection to the OMS Gym.

Maintenance crew and a student worker have been cleaning the hotel vacant lot adjacent to the bus barn. This lot will be used as additional parking space. Lot owner, Mike Miller, has offered the property free of charge with the understanding that maintenance will upkeep the property.

Remodeling projects for school houses at 1306 and 1308 Houston Street are continuing.

Heating and air conditioning units in residential housing and campus buildings are being repaired, and

a new compressor unit for the Heritage Units will be installed by Texas Air System.

Maintenance worked on the elementary rooftop leak problem. They rerouted the gutter system to exit rain spouts until the engineer can solve the problem.

Continuous upkeep and repairs on all teacher housing, lawn and landscape maintenance on all grounds, repairing windscreens around fields and adjusting the baseball backstop and continuing requests on all campuses.

The maintenance department currently has one student worker under the work study program and they are planning on hiring two college students for one month during the winter break to help.

BOARD'S CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

The board reviewed their continuing education credits, which is required at the last regular meeting of the calendar year. Board members have 12 months to complete their requirements for the year.

New board members are required to obtain 16 years, plus a local district orientation update, during their first year of service.

Experienced board members are required to obtain 8 additional hours of continuing education plus update annually.

Board member and their credits: David McWilliams, 49.25 total hours; Orlando DeHoyos, 50.25; Grizz Medina, 105; Roland DeHoyos, 45.50; Ryan Bean, 21.5; Dwight Childress, 53; Amy Newton, 48.5.

SUPERINTENDENT APPRAISAL INSTRUMENT

The board also reviewed the Superintendent's Appraisal Instrument.

The board will review the document and discuss it further at next month's meeting.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Jan. 20 at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the public.

Thank You

to everyone who attended, gave gifts, helped or participated in any way with our wedding.

We really appreciate all your love and support and are grateful for the many blessings everyone has given us.

Michael and Jennifer Medina



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Thursday - (2) Tacos w/Beans & Rice	\$6.95
Friday - Combination Plate (2) Enchiladas & (2) Tacos ..	\$7.95

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Monday, December 28

Wednesday, December 30

Monday, January 4

Wednesday, January 6

Friday, January 8

Monday, January 11

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2016 DEERFEST ANNUAL MEETING

Crockett County DeerFest will be having their Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, Jan. 13, 2016**

Convention Center - 6:30 p.m.

We will be electing officers for 2016. Please attend if you are interested in running for office or being more involved with the Crockett County DeerFest. For more information please call Martin Childress at 325-277-9345




DeerFest 2016 Check Presentation

Wednesday, Jan. 6, 2016

Convention Center - 6:30 p.m.

Crockett County DeerFest Association Appreciation & Thankful Recognition



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The board members of the Crockett County DeerFest Association would like to extend our deepest appreciation to all who continue to show their support for DeerFest. As you may know, the donations and proceeds go directly back into Crockett County. So many folks from different organizations volunteer their time and labor to make each year a huge success. We would like to recognize our supporters and say THANK YOU for your continued support.

Eighth Grade Lions pounce Badgers

The Eighth Grade Lions defeated McCamey, 41-9, on Dec. 14.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 16 4 17 - 39; McCamey - 3 4 0 3 - 9.

Scoring: Humberto Torralba 8; Dalton Cloud 5; Mat-

thew Galindo 4; Abraham Rodriguez 4; Lazaro Rodriguez 4; Justin Yeager 4; Aiden Fuentez 4; Jacob Childress 3; Alec Lara 3; Manuel Torralba 2; Zachary Talamantez 2. Also playing: Sebastian Delacruz.

Seventh Grade Lions beat McCamey

The Seventh Grade Lions defeated McCamey, 39-24, on Dec. 14.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 12 4 17 - 39; McCamey - 6 7 8 3 - 24.

Scoring: Josh Mahannah 13; Richard Piedra 8; Joe Perez 6; Reece Mosqueda 4; Jesse Vega 3; Marco Rodriguez 2; Jose Dominguez 2; Michael Esparza 1. Also playing: Jose Munoz, Arlie Hernandez, Emmanuel Venegas and Coby Mendez.

"This was a tough ball game. We had a tough time finding the basket and not many shots were falling for us. This was a great challenge and one that we met head on. I really challenged the guys to step up their defense in the fourth quarter and they responded well. We still have some things to work on as we move to the second half of the season, but we are in a really good position going into the Christmas break."

JV Lady Lions fall to Christoval

The JV Lady Lions lost to Christoval, 42-8, on Dec. 15.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 2 4 2 - 8; Christoval - 9 10 12 9 - 42.

Scoring: Bobbie Jo Vargas 4; Cierra Sanchez 2; Xe-

na Vargas 2. Also playing: Mariana Garza, Paige Lewis, Samantha Torralba, Sidney Perez, Kameron Ortiz, Isaura Lopez, Julieta Hernandez, Aurora Collett and Emily Mata.

OHS and OMS Bands Christmas Concert



2015-16 Ozona High School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	Time	Teams
Dec. 28-30	Reagan County Tournament	Big Lake	TBA	VG/VB
Jan. 2	McCamey*	McCamey	2:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 5	Forsan*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 8	Irion County*	Mertzson	5:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 12	Eldorado*	Eldorado	5:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 15	Miles*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 19	Christoval*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 22	Iraan*	Iraan	5:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 26	McCamey*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Jan. 29	Forsan*	Forsan	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Feb. 2	Irion County*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Feb. 5	Eldorado*	Ozona	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Feb. 9	Miles*	Miles	4:00	JVG/JVB/VG/VB
Feb. 12	Christoval*	Christoval	5:00	JVB/VB
Feb. 16	Iraan*	Ozona	5:00	JVB/VB

*INDICATES DISTRICT GAMES

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE



2015-16 Ozona Middle School Basketball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Location	7th	8th
Jan. 7	Miles	Boys @ Miles	5:30	6:30
Jan. 7	Miles	Girls @ Ozona	5:30	6:30
Jan. 11	Irion County	OZONA	5:30	6:30
Jan. 16	Comstock Tournament	Comstock	B-Team	B-Team
Jan. 18	Eldorado	Eldorado	5:30	6:30
Jan. 25	Christoval	OZONA	5:30	6:30
Feb. 6	District 8 2-A Tournament	Boys @ Eldorado	TBA	TBA
Feb. 6	District 8 2-A Tournament	Girls @ Christoval	TBA	TBA

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OES PRE-K STUDENTS construct gingerbread houses with their families and teachers last week.



CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Photography, textiles in 2016

Look for photography and clothing and textiles announcements in January.

During Duds to Dazzle, teams of 3-5 receive textiles and each team has 60 minutes to create a new product using items from the supply closet.

The 4-H Fashion Storyboard is an industry-inspired method of displaying original designs. The best storyboards create vivid visual images that are interesting and appealing to viewers. The storyboard "tells a story" of a designer's idea.

4-H OFFICE

The Crockett County 4-H Office can be reached at (325) 392-2721 or crockettcounty@ag.tamu.edu.

Aaron Renfroe, CE-AG/NR, can be reached at (325) 226-0761 or arenfroe@ag.tamu.edu.

Kailey Roberts, CE-AFCS, can be reached at (210) 705-2887 or kailey.roberts@ag.tamu.edu.

Lydia Munoz, secretary, lydia.munoz@ag.tamu.edu. Crockett County 4-H also has a Facebook page at www.facebook.com/crockettextension.

TEXT REMINDERS

Text @cc4hclub to 81010 to receive text reminders on your phone.

Ozona Community Center holiday hours

Ozona Community Center will be closed Dec. 23-25 for Christmas.

They will close at noon Dec. 31 and be closed all day Jan. 1.

OES PTO Meeting Jan. 12

Ozona Elementary School PTO will have their next regular meeting Tuesday, Jan 12, at 6 p.m. in the Ozona Elementary School Library.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

For OES PTO updates, like their Facebook page.

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.

CLOSED SUNDAYS

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

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BRENNNA HALE - Grand Champion Finewool Lamb



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JULIE MARSHALL - Senior Community Service Award



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LANNA STAPPER - Senior Leadership Award



JENNA MARSHALL - Intermediate Leadership Award

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JULIE MARSHALL - Danforth I Dare You Award



LANNA STAPPER - Gold Star Award



LANNA STAPPER - Mother Davidson Award



LEVI BISHOP - Junior Community Service Award



NOVICE FEEDERS - (top row, left to right) Kurt Bean, Kelynn Bean, Wyatt Bean, Isaiah Porras, Ryan Lee Ramos and Grace Upham.



SUSIE BISHOP - Friend of 4-H Award



CLAIRE BEAN - Regina Everett Memorial Award



TIMOTHY MALDONADO - Gene Fowler Senior Lamb Showman



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AUDREY UPHAM - Intermediate Goat Showman



GRACE UPHAM - Novice Goat Showman



LANNA STAPPER - Angora Showman



JACOB SCHROEDER - Senior Swine Showman



MCKENNA LUCKIE - Intermediate Swine Showman



KELYNN BEAN - Novice Swine Showman

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Cruz, 5. Adalyne Nehus and 6. Thomas Cruz.
Angora Class 2 - 1. Julie Marshall, 2. Julie Marshall, 3. Lanna Stapper, 4. Jenna Marshall, 5. Jenna Marshall, 6. Matthew Gunnels and 7. Ty-

ler Gunnels.

MARKET SWINE SHOW
Champion Novice Feeder - Kelynn Bean
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Champion Intermediate Swine Showman - McKenna Luckie
Champion Novice Swine Showman - Kelynn Bean
Novice Feeder Class - 1. Kelynn Bean and 2. Ryan Ramos
Class 1 - 1. Thomas Cruz, 2. Tyler Gunnels, 3. Mia Cruz, 4. Matthew Gunnels and 5. Skylar Lacy

Class 2 - 1. Thomas Cruz, 2. McKenna Luckie, 3. Skylar Lacy and 4. Skylar Lacy
Class 3 - 1. McKenna Luckie, 2. Jacob Schroeder, 3. Thomas Cruz, 4. Noel Fierro, 5. Mia Cruz and 6. Jordan Martin.
MAJOR 4-H AWARDS
Friend of 4-H - Susie Bishop

Community Service - Levi Bishop and Julie Marshall
Leadership - Jenna Marshall and Lanna Stapper
Danforth "I Dare You" Award - Julie Marshall
Gold Star - Lanna Stapper
Mother Davidson Award - Lanna Stapper
Regina Everett Memorial Award - Claire Bean

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WINNERS
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Enrollment period begins for Conservation Reserve Program

BY KENT POLITSCH
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 2015 - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack today reminded farmers and ranchers that the next general enrollment period for the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) begins today, Dec. 1, 2015, and ends on Feb. 26, 2016. December 2015 also marks the 30th anniversary of CRP, a federally funded program that assists agricultural producers with the cost of restoring, enhancing and protecting certain grasses, shrubs and trees to improve water quality, prevent soil erosion and reduce loss of wildlife habitat.

As of September 2015, 24.2 million acres were enrolled in CRP. CRP also is protecting more than 170,000 stream miles with riparian forest and grass buffers, enough to go around the world 7 times. For an interactive tour of CRP success stories from across the U.S., visit www.fsa.usda.gov/CRPi30, or follow on Twitter at #CRPi30.

"Over the past 30 years, farmers, ranchers, conservationists, hunters, fishermen and other outdoor enthusiasts have made CRP one of the most successful conservation programs in the history of the country," said Vilsack. "Today, CRP continues to make major environmental improvements to water and air quality. This is another longstanding example of how agricultural production can work hand in hand with efforts to improve the environment and increase wildlife habitat."

Participants in CRP establish long-term, resource-conserving plant species, such as approved grasses or trees (known as "covers") to control soil erosion, improve water quality and develop wildlife habitat on marginally productive agricultural lands. In return, FSA provides participants with rental payments and cost-share assistance. At times when commodity prices are low, enrolling sensitive lands in CRP can be especially attractive to farmers and ranchers, as it softens the economic hardship for landowners at the same time that it provides

ecological benefits. Contract duration is between 10 and 15 years. The long-term goal of the program is to re-establish native plant species on marginal agricultural lands for the primary purpose of preventing soil erosion and improving water quality and related benefits of reducing loss of wildlife habitat.

Contracts on 1.64 million acres of CRP are set to expire on Sept. 30, 2016. Producers with expiring contracts or producers with environmentally sensitive land are encouraged to evaluate their options under CRP.

Since it was established on Dec. 23, 1985, CRP has:

- Prevented more than 9 billion tons of soil from eroding, enough soil to fill 600 million dump trucks;
- Reduced nitrogen and phosphorous runoff relative to annually tilled cropland by 95 and 85 percent respectively;
- Sequestered an annual average of 49 million tons of greenhouse gases, equal to taking 9 million cars off the road.

Since 1996, CRP has created nearly 2.7 million acres of restored wetlands. For more information FSA conservation programs, visit a local FSA office or www.fsa.usda.gov/conservation. To find your local FSA office, visit <http://offices.usda.gov>.

The Conservation Reserve Program was re-authorized by the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past six years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for taxpayers. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing, and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America. For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Crockett County Sheriff's Office reminds everyone to drive safe and responsibly over this and every holiday season. Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls	Count
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	2
911 medical/fire assistance	5
Civil complaints	3
Civil documents served	0
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	8
Juvenile/School	3
Motorist assist/locked vehicle	1
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	2
Minor/major traffic accidents	9
Alarms	4

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

- 12-14-15**
- Agents with the U.S. Marshall's Office, along with the Crockett County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety and U.S. Homeland Security, arrested John Wells McDaniel, of Ozona, on a fugitive warrant out of Comal County. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.
- 12-15-15**
- Sheriff's deputies made out a report on a burglarized vehicle at a residence on Houston Street.
- 12-16-15**
- Sheriff's deputies responded to a domestic disturbance call on Gavino Street.
 - Sheriff's deputies responded to a domestic disturbance on Monterey Street. Car-

los Rodriguez Jr., of Ozona, was arrested for assault family violence. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

12-17-15

- After a positive alert by the Crockett County K9 on a vehicle detained on a traffic stop, DPS Trooper arrested Ryan Austin Ehrig, of Durango, Texas, for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

12-18-15

- DPS Trooper Francisco Martinez III, of Fort Stockton, on a Midland County warrant. Subject was arraigned and transported to Upton County awaiting transfer to Midland County.

12-19-15

- DPS Trooper arrested David Acevedo, of Chino, Calif., on a warrant out of Tom Green County. Subject was arraigned and is awaiting pick up by Tom Green County.

12-20-15

- Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Nashua Street. The music was turned down.
- DPS Trooper arrested Taylor Lashay Radabough, of Prineville, Ore., on a Crockett County warrant. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

- COUNTY COURT**
- Closed Cases - November 2015**
- Romulo Yarra Lozano, driving while license invalid - enhanced, conviction - 6 days in jail.
 - Martin Hernandez Amarillas, failure to appear, conviction - fine \$238, court costs \$262; failure to appear, conviction - fine \$238, court costs \$262.
 - Sajjad Muhammad, failure to appear, conviction - fine \$238, court costs \$262.
 - Juan Javier Sanchez, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 2A less than two ounces, dismissed with district court case.
 - Juan Pablo Reyes Jr., theft by check, dismiss - paid restitution and court costs.
 - Jazmin Pena, sale of alcohol to minor,

- dismiss - does not wish to further prosecute.
- Camille Cervantes, sale of alcohol by minor, dismiss - does not wish to further prosecute.
- Alex Tobar Mitchell, assault bodily injury family violence, dismiss - insufficient evidence.
- Nora Perez Briones, driving while intoxicated - second, conviction - fine \$500, court costs \$437 and one year probation.
- Felipe Rodriguez III, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, conviction - fine \$500, court costs \$338.
- Juan Vasquez, failure to appear, conviction - fine \$238, court costs \$262.
- Ionut Lucaci, failure to appear, conviction - fine \$238, court costs \$262.

Tips to avoid holiday vehicle theft

- Texas DPS offers the following tips that Texans can follow to help protect against vehicle theft:
- Never leave your car running unattended, even for a quick visit to a business or store.
 - Never leave keys in the car or ignition, inside a locked garage, or in hide-a-key boxes.
 - Always roll up your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked at your home.
 - When possible, always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas.
 - Install an anti-theft device that locks the steering wheel, column or brakes, especially if your vehicle is considered to be at in-

- creased risk for theft.
- Never leave personal documents, vehicle ownership title or credit cards in your vehicle.
 - Always keep valuables or property hidden out of sight or locked in the trunk.
 - If your vehicle is stolen, report it to the police immediately. DPS also encourages individuals to keep a copy of their license plate and vehicle identification number on hand in case of theft, since police will need this information to take a report.
 - For more information about auto thefts and burglary, see <http://www.txdmv.gov/motorists/consumer-protection/auto-theft-prevention>.

Last Puzzle Solution

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be completely eliminated in 6-16 years. We need to take full advantage of exporting beef products that are less popular for Americans but considered a delicacy in other parts of the world.

The TPP will also create unprecedented trade opportunities in other Pacific Rim nations. In 2014, the U.S. exported \$22.1 million in beef products to Vietnam with tariffs as high as 34 percent. Through the TPP, these tariff's will be eliminated in 3-8 years, and tariffs on fresh and frozen beef muscle cuts will be eliminated in 3 years. In Malaysia, New Zealand and Brunei, tariffs on beef will also be abolished if TPP is signed into law.

While the TPP has been successfully negotiated between the U.S. and other Pacific Rim nations, our work isn't nearly finished. The agreement must be passed in Congress and signed into law by the president. TSCRA leaders and staff are working diligently to make federal elected officials aware of the many economic benefits the U.S. beef industry could achieve through the TPP agreement. We will also continue working with other stakeholders to urge Congress to act swiftly on final passage.

For years, the U.S. has been missing out on some tremendous opportunities to market beef products to other countries due to inaction on the TPP. It is time to pass this important trade agreement and give my children and future generations the tools needed to be successful cattle ranchers.

AUSTIN BROWN III has been the Chairman of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Marketing Committee since 2013.

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According to the DPS, these "canine teams" will join 41 other teams stationed throughout Texas, including six explosive-detection teams stationed in Austin. The newly trained dogs will be used for drug detection.

In 2014, the DPS reported, its canine teams assisted in the seizure of approximately 15,600 pounds of marijuana, 293 pounds of cocaine, 52 pounds of heroin, 441 pounds of methamphetamine, 21 pounds of hashish, 72 pounds of other drugs and \$5.4 million in cash.

TEXAS ADDS JOBS IN NOVEMBER

The Texas Workforce Commission on Dec. 18 announced employers expanded their payrolls in November. The workforce grew with the addition 16,300 seasonally adjusted non-farm jobs, marking the ninth month of job increases for Texas in 2015.

While Texas employers added 179,300 jobs over the past year, Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 4.6 percent in November, up from 4.4 percent in October, and remained below the national average of 5.0 percent.

The construction industry category accounted for more than half of November's net job gains with the addition of 9,000 jobs, marking that

industry's fourth straight month of growth. The professional and business service category also added jobs for the fourth month in a row, adding 5,500 positions in November.

GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AWARDS GRANTS

The Office of the Governor on Dec. 11 announced the awarding of nearly \$15 million from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant.

The program, the governor's office said, "assists defense communities which may be negatively impacted by a future federal Base Realignment and Closure round. The grant money will be invested in infrastructure projects and other initiatives to increase the military value of installations in Texas, thereby mitigating the potential negative effects of a BRAC round on our state's installations."

Grants were awarded to the Alamo Area Council of Governments, \$5 million; the City of Houston, \$3.10 million; Val Verde County, \$4.28 million; and the City of Wichita Falls, \$1.75 million.

"With these investments, Texas is ensuring that our bases will continue to serve a vital role in their communities and support the men and women in uniform who defend our freedoms every day," Abbott said.

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ACROSS

- TX Al Dexter hit: "Pistol Packin' "
- TXism: "he's bricks shy of a load"
- TX hall of fame outfielder, Speaker seat of Parker Co.
- TX country singer, Ketchum
- on the XIT Ranch: " las Casas Amarillas"
- TXism: "dab on"
- TXism: "boose" (jail)
- film by TX rancher Chuck Norris: " Silence" (1985)
- Baird: "Antique Capital TX"
- this Dunn impersonated TX Barbara Bush on SNL
- TXism: " a hand" (assist)
- TX Jim Reeves hit: "He'll Have to "
- Dan Patrick's title: Gov.
- TXism: "two in a pod" (alike)
- TX Dan Rather was anchorman on this network
- TX Shelley Duvall's series: "Tall Legends"
- Persia
- "fish or cut "
- UT tennis player who won NCAA singles title in 1979
- Alto, TX
- TX philanthropist, Bass forerunner of TX 7-Eleven's "Slurpees"
- peanut or Gomer's cousin
- TX Woody Harrelson 2013 film: "Now You Me"
- TX Heisman WR, Brown
- this TX English was half of Lawrence Welk duo
- "corps dancers
- Dallas' M-Line streetcar co.
- TXism: "two-nag"
- Greek 7th letter
- TXism: " like ants out of a burning stump"
- TX Ginger's dancing partner in film (init.)
- " Aggie, always an Aggie"
- Fort Worth great western wear store: "Lusky's/ "
- this Molly was in film "Harper Valley PTA" dir. from Andrews to Quannah
- canine crunch (2 wds.)
- Marcellus founded the Houston Chronicle in 1901
- unsportsmanlike
- in football
- "good " boy"
- LBJ was the 36th one (abbr.)
- TXism: "quick as you an eye"
- Dan Rather book about growing up in TX (2 wds.)
- singer Pat who attended UNT
- Astro pres., Ryan Bedford ISD
- gangster girlfriend
- TX guitarist
- Ray Vaughan
- TX singer, Griffith
- " and mean"
- Chinese surname

DOWN

- Ranger bullpen pitcher (1992-97)
- TXism: "exciting as the IRS office"
- in the middle
- TXism: "faster than Texas jackrabbit"
- TX-filmed "Places in the " (1984)
- TX "Babe": Mildred Didrikson
- big corp. that GE took over in 1985, and split up

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Crockett County Commissioners will receive competitive sealed proposals for the new, free-standing clinic located on Avenue H, Ozona, Texas 76943. The best value offer will be awarded the project.

Areas of work to be proposed include: Sitework, General Construction, HVAC, Electrical and Plumbing.

Sealed Proposals will be received until 2:00 P.M. local time on January 7, 2016, at the County Auditor's office, Crockett County Courthouse, 909 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas 76943, and will be opened immediately thereafter, and the names and monetary amounts read aloud.

Proposals received after 2:00 P.M., will not be accepted.

A pre-proposal meeting will be held at 2:00 P.M. on December 8, 2015 at the Commissioner's Court Chambers of the Courthouse.

Proposal packages including Instructions to Offerors and the Proposal Form, can be obtained from O'Connell Robertson, 811 Barton Springs Road, Suite 900. Austin TX 78704, phone number 512.478.7286. Attn: Sarah Bowers, sbowers@oconnellrobertson.com.

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