

72nd annual Crockett County Stock Show

The 72nd annual Crockett County Stock Show was held Dec. 15 at the 4-H Barn and Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

MARKET LAMB SHOW
 Champion Finewool Lamb - Claire Bean
 Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb - Wyatt Bean
 Champion Crossbred Lamb - Jaycee Maldonado
 Reserve Champion Crossbred Lamb - McKenna Luckie
 Gene Fowler Memorial Champion Senior Lamb Showman - Matthew Garza
 Champion Intermediate Lamb Showman - Jaycee Maldonado
 Champion Junior Lamb Showman - Kate Bunger
 Finewool Class 1 - 1. Matthew Garza, 2. Kate Bunger, 3. Jaycee Maldonado, 4. Lillian Dominguez and 5. Lillian Dominguez.
 Finewool Class 2 - 1. Wyatt Bean, 2. Claire Bean, 3. McKenna Luckie, 4. Jaycee Maldonado and 5. Chance Criswell.
 Finewool Class 3 - 1. Claire Bean, 2. Taylor Babb, 3. Taylor Babb, 4. Matthew Garza and 5. Alondra Garza.
 Finewool Cross Class 1 - 1. Jaycee Maldonado, 2. McKenna Luckie, 3. Jaycee Maldonado and 4. Ethan Criswell.
 Finewool Cross Class 2 - 1. McKenna Luckie, 2. Lillian Bunger, 3. Taylor Babb, 4. Alondra Garza and 5. Matthew Garza.

MARKET GOAT SHOW
 Champion Meat Goat - Grace Upham
 Reserve Champion Meat Goat - Miken Chandler-Fierro
 Jim McCrohan Memorial



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2018 Crockett County Stock Show Participants

Champion Senior Goat Showman - Jorge Garcia
 Champion Intermediate Goat Showman - Audrey Upham
 Meat Goat Class 1 - 1. Seth Childress, 2. Kurt Bean, 3. Claire Childress, 4. Jacob Childress, 5. Seth Childress and 6. Alison Cassaro.
 Meat Goat Class 2 - 1. Miken Chandler-Fierro, 2. Audrey Upham, 3. Grace Upham, 4. Georgina Garcia, 5. Jorge Garcia, 6. Georgina Garcia,

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

ANGORA GOAT SHOW
 Champion Angora - Jenna Marshall

Reserve Champion Angora - Jenna Marshall
 Champion Angora Showman - Levi Bishop
 Angora Goat Class 1 - 1. Levi Bishop, 2. Kailyn Preddy, 3. Claire Childress, 4. Michael Preddy, 5. Claire Childress and 6. Adalyne Nehus.
 Angora Goat Class 2 - 1. Jenna Marshall, 2. Jenna Marshall, 3. Levi Bishop, 4. Jenna Marshall, 5. Claire Childress and 6. Kailyn Preddy.

MARKET SWINE SHOW
 Champion Market Swine - Kelynn Bean
 Reserve Champion Market Swine - McKenna Luckie
 Novice Feeder - Mason Luckie
 Champion Senior Swine Showman - Skylar Lacy
 Champion Intermediate Swine Showman - McKenna Luckie
 Champion Junior Swine Showman - Stockton Bean
 First-Year Feeder - 1. Mia Cruz.

Class 1 - 1. Kelynn Bean, 2. Stockton Bean and 3. Mia Cruz.
 Class 2 - 1. Mia Cruz, 2. Mia Cruz, 3. Skylar Lacy and 4. Mia Cruz.
 Class 3 - 1. Kelynn Bean, 2. McKenna Luckie and 3. Stockton Bean.
REGINA EVERETT MEMORIAL AWARD (Highest Placing at Major Shows in 2018) - Wyatt Bean.

Christmas closings, Stockman off next week

The Ozona Stockman will close a noon Friday, Dec. 21, and be closed Monday, Dec. 24, through Friday, Dec. 28, for the Christmas holiday. No paper will be published on Dec. 26. Our next edition will be Jan. 2, 2019. Deadline is noon Monday, Dec. 31, for the Jan. 2 edition. Crockett County CCSD will release at noon Thursday, Dec. 20, for the holidays. Classes resume Monday, Jan. 7. The Crockett County Extension Office will close at noon Friday, Dec. 21, and be closed Dec. 24-28. Crockett County Offices, Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District #1, the Crockett County Public Library, Senior Center and Civic Center will close at noon Friday, Dec. 21 and be closed Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25. Ozona Bank, Crockett National Bank, the U.S. Post Office, Dollar General, Dairy Queen and Sonic will be closed Tuesday, Dec. 25. Ozona Bank will close at noon Monday, Dec. 24. The Family Health Center of Ozona will also be closed Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25. The urgent care area will be open with a provider for medical emergencies. They will reopen Tuesday, Dec. 26. Lowe's Grocery Store will close at 6 p.m. Monday, Dec. 24, and be closed all day Tuesday, Dec. 25.

Never too old for Santa



ASHLEE RAMOS | ADR PHOTOGRAPHY VIDEOGRAPHY

CROCKETT COUNTY CONSTABLE BEAR BORREGO visits Santa Claus Saturday at the town square gazebo. Pictures with Santa was held as a fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus, Toys for Tots and Helping Hands.

Sheriff's office traffic stops, lead to drug arrests

SUBMITTED BY THE CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Over the past five months Crockett County Sheriff's Deputies have conducted several traffic stops resulting in arrests, seized narcotics and seized firearms. On Aug. 28, Jonathan Daniel Borrego, of Ozona, was arrested at Santa Anna and Del Rio Streets by Deputy A. Chuey for having 17 small bags with crystal rocks, weighing 27.006 grams, in his vehicle. He was charged with manufacturing and delivery of a controlled substance in a drug-free zone. On Sept. 13, Dustin Paul Mahannah was arrested by Deputies C. McGee and T. Carey, assisted by DPS Troopers, for possession of marijuana for six plants (leaves and crowning buds) weighing 3.25 pounds. Mahannah's arrested was the result of an executed search warrant at 1205 Hereford St. On Nov. 17, Brandon



SUBMITTED PHOTOS | CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
 THE ABOVE PHOTOS show money and drugs obtained during recent arrests made by sheriff's deputies.

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The spirit of the season: kindness, civility and cooperation for the New Year

There is a spirit of joy and giving in the air this time of year that goes unmatched, no matter the occasion celebrated. From getting together with family and loved ones to giving back to those in need, the holidays bring out the best in each of us and our nation as a whole. As this season continues, I encourage everyone to take time to reflect on this spirit of the season and carry a perspective of kindness, civility and cooperation into the New Year. We live in a nation more

divided than ever. And although bringing up politics is typically frowned upon at a family gathering, my fear is that we are unable to put our labels of Democrat or Republican aside and work for the common good of our communities. One of the founding



HURD ON THE HILL
WILL HURD

principles of our nation is the freedom of speech, or put alternatively, the ability to disagree. Through civil discourse and competition of ideas, we have created a democracy that has allowed Americans to prosper. We must come together as a nation and show the world our ability to disagree civilly, and that more unites us than divides us. For this 'experiment called America' to continue to thrive, we must be able to disagree with one another, without being disagreeable.

One of the things I consistently hear when I'm back home crisscrossing South and West Texas is that folks fear our country is on the wrong track. I understand why you all feel this way - I often feel the same after seeing pointless partisan bickering in Congress. However, what I have seen during my time in Congress is that bipartisanship is a real thing, and it is the only way to ensure that everyone's voices are heard. For example, last week alone, Congress saw three

major bipartisan wins that deliver real results back home, from saving your hard-earned taxpayer dollars and keeping you safe to providing certainty for TX-23's more than 9,000 working farms and ranches. On Wednesday, I held my final hearing as Chair of the IT Subcommittee in the House, which oversees how our federal government is storing and protecting your information online. Due to bipartisan technology policies that my committee members and I have advocated for, the

federal government saved over \$714 million in taxpayer dollars this year alone to streamline their IT systems and keep your data safe from hackers. Although my time as Chair has come to an end, I assure you that I will continue to work with my friends on both sides of the political aisle to make sure our government is more efficient and transparent for the American people.

My bipartisan DHS Data

PLEASE SEE HURD, PAGE 10

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 childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence.

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

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

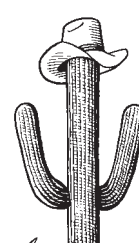
Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world.

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

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

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

Bear Huggers



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I've always assumed the term "tree huggers" originated in the 1960's when strung-out hippies wrapped their needle-ridden arms around trees so that big, bad foresters or condo builders wouldn't cut trees down. You can imagine my surprise when I learned the term "tree hugger" dates all the way back to 1730 when 294 men and 69 women belonging to the Bishnois branch of Hinduism hugged all the trees in their village so they wouldn't be cut down to build a big, bad dictator's palace. Alas, the trees and the villagers were all cut down to size.

I suppose you could say that the original tree hugger's actions were effective because their protest did lead to a royal decree prohibiting the cutting down of any more trees in the depopulated Bishnois village. And it also gave birth to the Chipko movement that started when native women all over India began clinging to trees in an attempt to save them from being turned into sawdust and wood chips. And, of course, we saw many instances in the United States in the 1960's where ditz college girls would wrap themselves around trees and hug them. Although I attribute this less to their desire to save trees and more to the fact that hippie gals of the 60's found the trees to be warmer, stronger, sexier, smarter and more trustworthy than hippie men of the same era. Plus there was a shortage of American men to hug because they were either in Vietnam or Canada.

I think this tree-hugging idea is an excellent form of political protest and it could be just as effective for animal rightists if they'd try it. Although instead of hugging trees I think they ought to hug wolves and grizzly bears in wolf and bear sanctuary states like Wyoming and Montana. It would be an excellent non-violent way to save the wolves and bears. (At least it would be non-violent on the human's part.) By attaching themselves to wolves and bears the protesters would get to answer the call of the wild, go on adventurous raiding parties and see for themselves if bears and wolves do indeed dine on the occasional lamb or calf. I foresee only a couple problems with my idea. First, easterners are going to have to come west to link up with endangered wild animals because last time I checked there were only 39 endangered species in the entire north-east portion of the U.S. while there were 543 endangered species in just five far western states. Secondly, with the shortage of sheep and cattle on public lands these days the wolves and bears might turn on the huggers clinging to their backs and eat them for breakfast.

I've heard a lot of bunk on how to

survive a bear attack by running, climbing a tree or playing dead. As for the latter, by laying perfectly still and playing dead all this does is allow the wolf or bear you're hugging to get up close and personal with the food they eat, a popular trend lately.

Climbing a tree shouldn't be an option either because bears love to play a game they call bear piñata in which they stand on their haunches and swipe at humans in trees. They take turns knocking off arms and legs until the winner manages to knock the entire piñata to the ground, so to speak. Then they bust the piñata open and share all the good stuff inside. Another reason climbing a tree to get away from a bear is a bad idea is that bears can also climb trees.

Wolves and bears aren't all that clingy to begin with and there may come a point when human huggers should detach themselves. Since both wolves and bears can run faster than humans, I'd suggest that wolf and bear huggers purchase those dog leashes that are so popular these days so that if their chosen bear or wolf was in a foul mood they could give said animal a very long leash. Say two miles. This would also help the Department of Fish and Game know how many wolf and bear huggers were "lost" when a bear or wolf came to camp dragging an empty leash.

And it would all be very green because the leashes are reusable!

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Texas' top lawyer cheers court ruling against Obamacare

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton applauded a Dec. 14 Fort Worth federal district court decision declaring unconstitutional the U.S. Affordable Care Act, widely known as "Obamacare."

Ten months ago, Paxton and Wisconsin Attorney General Brad Schimel led a 20-state coalition lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the 2010 health care law, arguing that Congress rendered all of Obamacare unconstitutional by doing away with the tax penalty in Obamacare's individual mandate when it enacted President Donald Trump's tax overhaul.

"Today's ruling halts an unconstitutional exertion of federal power over the American healthcare system," Attorney General Paxton said. "Our lawsuit seeks to effectively repeal Obamacare, which will give President Trump and Congress the opportunity to replace the failed social experiment with a plan that en-

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sures Texans and all Americans will again have greater choice about what health coverage they need and who will be their doctor."

Supporters of the health care law said the federal district court's ruling would be appealed.

TEA RELEASES RATINGS

The Texas Education Agency on Dec. 12 released its final 2018 state academic accountability ratings for 1,200 school districts and charters and more than 8,700 campuses.

Preliminary state accountability ratings were announced by TEA in August. The final ratings include results of an appeals process that provides districts and charters an opportunity to contest preliminary ratings.

The Texas Education Agency received 172 school

district and campus-level appeals in 2018, compared to 66 in 2017.

The ratings are available at www.tea.texas.gov.

REVENUE IS DISTRIBUTED

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Dec. 12 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts some \$761 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of December.

The amount is 9.5 percent more than the amount reported by the Office of the Comptroller in December 2017. Allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly. Abbott, Chamber chat

Gov. Greg Abbott on Dec. 10 participated in a "fireside chat" at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce's Association Committee of 100 meeting in

Austin.

The Committee of 100, or C100, is comprised of association executives from across the country that represent industries from energy to health care. Twice a year, C100 members meet to address issues facing the business community. Abbott and C100 Chair Matt Shay

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Cards of Thanks are \$10 to \$15, depending on length.

Classified Ads are \$6 for the first 20 words and .30c for each additional word.

Classified Ads and Cards of Thanks are payable in advance unless customer carries a regular account.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published. To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943-0370 or e-mail us at publisher@ozonastockman.com. Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail if available. ALL LETTERS MUST CONTAIN THIS INFORMATION OR WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED. Letters are subject to editing. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should not exceed 250 words.

CORRECTIONS

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



Stapper-Freeman to wed December 29

Carlon and Ann Stapper are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lanna Joy, to Wesley Chase Freeman of Wichita Falls. Chase is the son of Wesley and Melissa Freeman of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, recently of Round Rock, Texas. Lanna is a junior majoring in Rangeland Ecology and Management at Texas A&M University in College Station. Chase graduated from Texas A&M in May of 2018 with a degree in Natural Resources. They will be wed at the Ozona Church of Christ at 4 p.m. on December 29, 2018.

Commissioners honored



MELISSA PERNER AND ALLEN WILLIAMS | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
COMMISSIONERS PLEAS CHILDRESS III (top photo) and Eligio Martinez were honored at retirement parties this past week for their years of service. Childress has served 20 years as Commissioner of Precinct 2 and Martinez has served eight years as Commissioner of Precinct 4.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 19

- OHS Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Period Exams
- OES Classroom Christmas Parties
- OES Caroling at Crockett County Care Center, 9 a.m. Kindergarten and First Grades, 9:30 a.m. Special Ensemble, 10 a.m. Second and Third Grades and 10:30 a.m. Fourth and Fifth Grades
- OES Caroling at Crockett National Bank, 9:30 a.m. Kindergarten, 9:45 a.m. First Grade, 10:30 a.m. Second Grade and 10:45 a.m. Third Grade
- Advent Study, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
- CCCCSD School Board Meeting, noon at the Administration Building
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- 4-H Photography Trip to San Angelo Trail of Lights, 3-9 p.m.

Thursday, December 20

- CCCCSD Early Release Day at noon for all campuses
- End of the Third Six Weeks at Ozona Schools
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center
- OHS JV and Varsity Lady Lions vs TLCA, 1:30 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym

Friday, December 21 - Friday, January 4

- CCCCSD Closed for Holiday Break

Friday, December 21

- First Day of Winter
- Jewelry Repair, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- County Offices, Senior Center, Public Library, Senior Center, Water Office, Civic Center and The Ozona Stockman will close at noon.
- OHS Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs Jayton, 12:30 p.m. at the AT&T Center in San Antonio

Monday, December 24 - Friday, December 28

- The Ozona Stockman and Crockett County Extension Office Closed for the holidays

Monday, December 24

- Christmas Eve - Family Health Center, County Offices, County Offices, Senior Center, Public Library, Senior Center, Water Office and Civic Center Closed; Ozona Bank closing at noon; Lowe's Grocery Store closing at 6 p.m.
- Christmas Eve Candlelight Service, "Service of Lessons and Carols and Communion," 5 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church
- Candlelight Christmas Eve Service, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church

Tuesday, December 25

- Christmas Day - Family Health Center, County Offices, County Offices, Senior Center, Public Library, Senior Center, Water Office, Civic Center, local banks, U.S. Post Office and Lowe's Grocery Store closed.

Wednesday, December 26

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

Thursday, December 27

- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center

Friday, December 28

- OHS Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Reagan County Tournament in Big Lake
- Jewelry Repair, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center

Saturday, December 29

- OHS Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Reagan County Tournament in Big Lake

Sunday, December 30

- Service, 10 a.m., with brunch following at 11 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church

Monday, December 31

- New Year's Eve - County Offices, Senior Center and Public Library closing at noon

Tuesday, January 1

- New Year's Day - The Ozona Stockman Family Health Center, County Offices, County Offices, Senior Center, Public Library, Senior Center, Water Office, Civic Center, local banks and U.S. Post Office closed.

Wednesday, January 2

- County Officials Swearing In, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

OES Christmas Caroling Schedule



- 10-10:20 a.m. - Second and Third Grades
- 10:30-10:40 a.m. - Fourth and Fifth Grades

- CROCKETT NATIONAL BANK**
- 9:30-9:40 a.m. - Kindergarten
 - 9:45-9:55 a.m. - First Grade
 - 10:30-10:40 a.m. - Second Grade
 - 10:45-10:55 a.m. - Third Grade

- TODAY, DEC. 19 CROCKETT COUNTY CARE CENTER**
- 9-9:20 a.m. - Kindergarten and First Grades
 - 9:30-9:50 a.m. - Special Ensemble

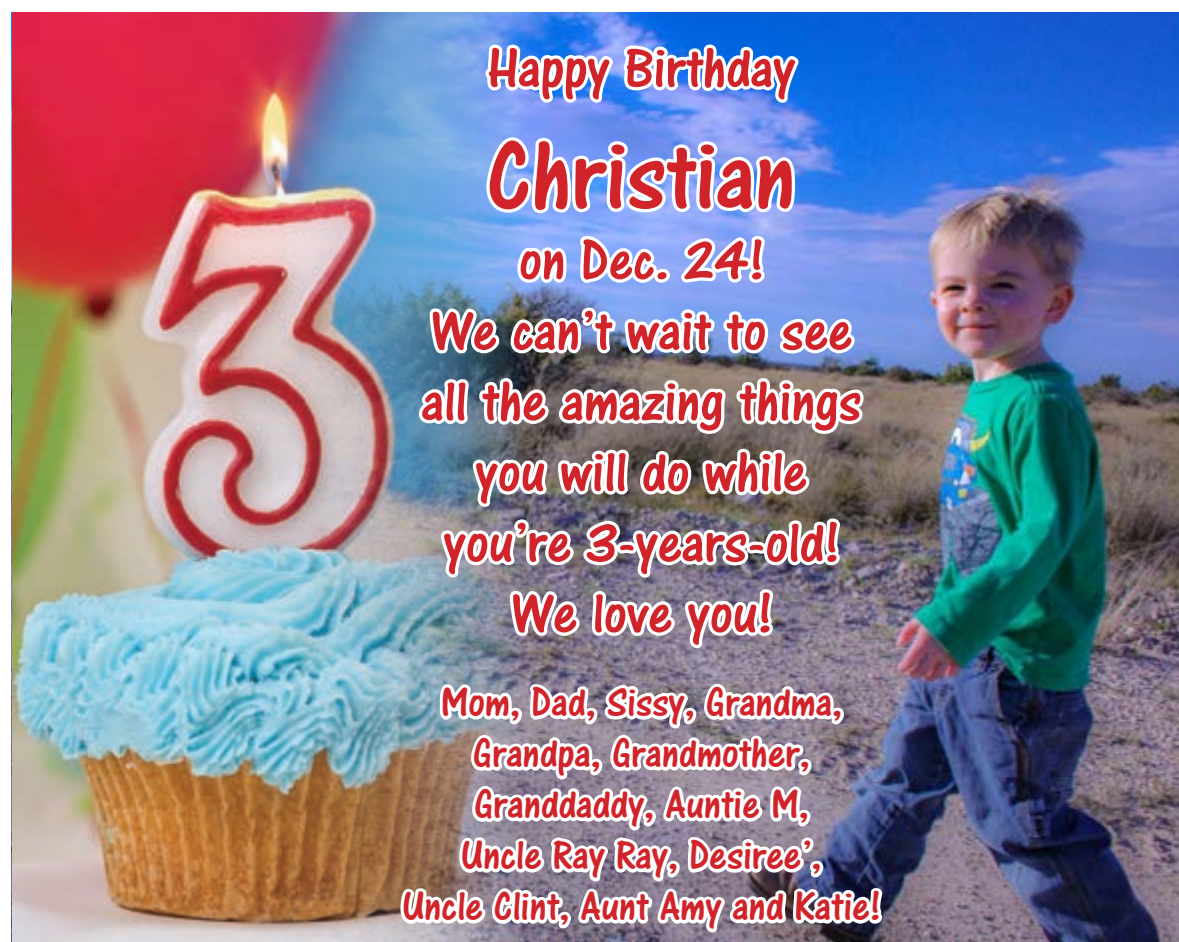
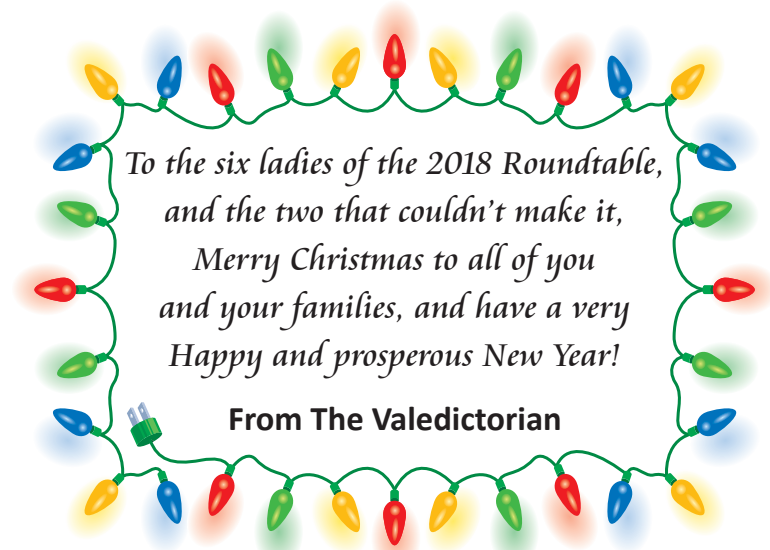
HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 19 - Sally Oglesby, Jacque Medina, Aiden Cruz Sanchez, Tommy Gray, Jodie Baggett, Mandy Martinez, Sean Austin Fuentes, Terri Crawford and Thomas Talamantez
 Dec. 20 - Jane Richardson, Jordana Perez, Rebecca Lugo, Kenny Wadsworth, Rebecca Flores, Christine Lindsey, Lesly Rodriguez, Blanca Garza, Arleen Castillo, Brylee Gutierrez, Jessica Galan, Stormi Lee Sessom Oglesby and Jacinda Villarreal
 Dec. 21 - Bree Pittman, Mia Davidson, Annette De La Garza, Mia Davidson, Ashley Vargas, Hiram Carrizales, Rhonda Borrego, Cody Bush, Nene Ramos, Yvonne Fay, Tommie Pena-Alfaro, Sabrina Salas, Whitney Wilson and Robin Campbell
 Dec. 22 - Yolanda Martinez, Brock Jones, Pam Crenwelge, Sylvia Mejia, Bree Pittman, Shelly Conner, Marvin Clark and Cydnie Worley
 Dec. 23 - Lavenda Stuart, Janet Smith, Gloria Fierro, Isabella Ranney-Perez, Ross Kelley, Ben Ross, Hilary Huffman and Juan Dominguez
 Dec. 24 - Christian Perner, Chris Martinez, 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 Du-

cote, 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 - Daniel Fullingim, Micahel Jovan Urias, Ben Flores, Juan Lugo, Whitney Crawford, Sara Dorough, Maria del Socorro Mata and Preston Tebbetts
 Dec. 29 - Jared Shaffer, Meagan Castro, Desiree'

Young, Leah DeLaRosa, Gabriella Flores, Ethan F. Gonzalez, Emily Merrill, Jorge Luis Sarabia and Alicia Perez.
 Dec. 30 - Bryan Lacy, Marco Sandate Jr., Artemio Hernandez Jr., Eva Tinney and Josh Gonzales
 Dec. 31 - Nicholas Fullingim, Vicki Cooper, Joe Mendoza Jr., Mindy Seahorn, Cole Wadsworth and Caden Rutherford
 Jan. 1 - Misty D. Moore, Eddie Alva Allsup, Jamie Moore, Tracye Peek Young and Lisa Tijerina Parker



Merry Christmas & HAPPY NEW YEAR!

FROM ALL OF US AT

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America's Drive-In.

To allow our employees time off for the holidays we will close at 8:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and will be closed on Christmas Day. We will reopen at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 26.

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CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS!

HOLIDAY HOURS

Closing at noon Friday, Dec. 21, and All Day Dec. 24-25; Closing at noon Monday, Dec. 31, and All Day Tuesday, Jan. 1.

The library offers fax, copying, and laminating services!

Check out our website! crockett.ploud.net

HOURS

Monday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Tuesday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.
 Wednesday & Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.
 Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

New York Times Best-Sellers Available at the Library!

Fiction

- "The Reckoning" by John Grisham
- "Of Blood and Bone" by Nora Roberts
- "Fire and Blood" by George R.R. Martin
- "Every Breath" by Nicholas Sparks
- "Target: Alex Cross" by James Patterson
- "Past Tense" by Lee Child
- "Long Road to Mercy" by David Baldacci
- "Nine Perfect Strangers" by Liane Moriarty
- "Where the Crawdads Sing" by Delia Owens
- "Look Alive Twenty-Five" by Janet Evanovich
- "Elevation" by Stephen King
- "Tom Clancy: Oath of Office" by Marc Cameron

Non-Fiction

- "Becoming" by Michelle Obama
- "Killing the SS" by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard
- "Leadership" by Doris Kearns Goodwin
- "Astrophysics For People In a Hurry" by Neil deGrasse Tyson

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.

DECEMBER 19

Scalloped ham and potatoes, turnip greens, spicy carrots, dinner roll, geletin parfait and milk.

DECEMBER 20

Chili w/beans, tossed salad, dressing, cornbread, fruit cup and milk.

DECEMBER 21

Salmon patty, rice pilaf, Antigua vegetables, whole wheat bread, streusel pound cake and milk.

DECEMBER 24

Turkey, cornbread dressing, gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce, mandarin orange fluff and milk.

DECEMBER 25

CLOSED - MERRY CHRISTMAS!

DECEMBER 26

Hamburger on bun, baked steak fries, lettuce, tomato, pudding parfait and milk.

DECEMBER 27

Sloppy Joe on bun, baked beans, corn, barbecue sauce, orange and milk.

DECEMBER 28

Chicken Fajitas, salsa, tortilla, rice, charro beans, onion, lettuce, tomato, applesauce and milk

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Threatened By A Baby?

"And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." Luke 2:10-12

What do you think about when you think about God? Is it painful? Do you think about His wrath? Do you think about the fact that God cannot be in the presence of sin? Do you think about the judgment? Do you think about hell? Do you feel condemned? Do you think about a God who is more than willing to kick this sinful world



FROM THE PULPIT

TOM SLOAN

to a baby. Yes, a baby who was to be the only hope for vile, weak, foolish, despised, serial sinners.

Are you afraid of God? Are you afraid that He will not accept or bless you unless you are pure, faithful, wise and strong? There is a reason why

to pieces?

Well, think again. Think - baby.

After 400 years of silence, the first words to come from God were - Fear Not.

And these words were the introduction to a baby. Yes, a baby who was to be the only hope for vile, weak, foolish, despised, serial sinners.

Emmanuel was first manifested as a helpless, cute little baby. God sent His only begotten Son as a baby because He came not to condemn sinners, but that sinners through Him might be saved. In this baby, all threats of condemnation disappeared.

On this day, the shepherds saw the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ, wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. How threatened did they feel? Did they feel condemned? Did they feel judged or fearful? Did they feel hopeless? Did they feel lost?

When was the last time you felt threatened in the presence of a baby?

TOM SLOAN is the pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Ozona, Texas.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Center will be closed Monday and Tuesday for Christmas

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The Crockett County Senior Center will close at noon Friday, Dec. 21, and be closed Monday, Dec. 24, and Tuesday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas!

There will be no bingo social during December due to the face so much is going on. The next bingo will be Jan. 14.

The bridge games have been a lot of fun. Come on out on Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. and join in the fun. This is not a private club. If

you would like to learn to play bridge, don't be shy, come on out and learn.

Come on out at 9:30 a.m. Friday and work on your jewelry. They have a good time. You should come try to fix some jewelry. If you have broken jewelry or something that you don't like anymore, bring it with you and make a new piece or fix an old piece. We have some tools to work with. You can have a new piece of jewelry to wear. come try it out, it's fun.

I love my quilting ladies. They come at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. I am always amazed at

the fun they have creating the beautiful quilts and deciding who should be the recipient of their creations.

We will have afternoon bingo each Thursday. Bring your nickels and play as many cards as you can handle at a nickel a card per game.

The center will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m.

Bridge 1:30 p.m. Monday Exercise with Niki 10:30 a.m. Tuesday

Mexican Train at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday

Prayer Group at 3 p.m. on Wednesday Quilting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Bingo from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Jewelry repair 9:30 a.m. Friday.

Come on out, the coffee is on.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank each and everyone who called, texted, came by to see us, sent food and flowers during the loss of our Caleb. We are so very grateful to all of our family and friends for all of their love and support.

God Bless you all,
Hernandez and Villarreal Families

TINY LITTLE HANDS AT CHRISTMAS?

I recently received a picture of a little newborn baby. In the center of the picture was a tiny little hand holding on to its mother's finger. That picture reminded me of the night that Jesus was born in a manger in Bethlehem many years ago. Mary would look at and hold, as most young mothers do, those tiny little fingers and hands. Was she fully aware that it was God with us, (Matthew 1:23) and in that little child was the fullness of God, (John 14:10&11, Colossians 1:15)? Years later those young hands would work in a carpenter shop and later take a few small loaves of bread and miraculously feed over five thousand. They would also take dirt and spittle and give sight to the blind. They also made the lame to walk. Those hands when outstretched could calm the most violent storm and yet tenderly hold a young child that wanted to be near. Yes, those hands were brutally beaten and then spikes driven through them and they stayed nailed to a cross on a hill in Jerusalem over two thousand years ago until there was no life left in them. It was then and there, that a way was made for our sins to be forgiven, (John 3:16, Colossians 1:14). It will also be those hands that will be waiting to greet us and take us into heaven and eternity, (John 14:3&6).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

Apostolic Church

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Pastor Refugio Vega
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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.

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Rev. Hilary Ithedioha
Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona
Every Second Sunday of the Month:
Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield
Tuesday - Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.

Friendship Baptist Church

611 Ave. I
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.
Sunday 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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12 - 11th St.;
Pastor Leigh Lloyd
9 a.m. Informal Worship, Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages
11 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

First Baptist Church

901 Ave. D
Pastor Mark Fricke
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.
Youth - 6:00 p.m. - Wednesdays
K.I.D.S. - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

Templo Bautista Jerusalem

138 Blas St.
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.
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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.

OBITUARIES

Tommy Lee Seaton

Tommy Lee Seaton, commonly known as Texas-T, died early Tuesday morning, December 11, 2018, at his residence in Lubbock, Texas.

He was born February 19, 1939 to Fred W. Seaton and Hazel Hollis in Fort Russell-Marfa, Texas.

As a young man, Tommy was a share-cropper in Kansas. Tommy served 6 years in the U.S. Army, spending time in South Korea from 1956 until 1958. Upon leaving the service he completed the rank Private First Class.

Tommy and his wife, Joyce, were married 22 years, making Kansas their home, before he returned to Texas.

Tom was a dependable employee who was willing to help others with maintenance, and as a hobby, he made spinning wheels out of recycled bicycle wheels. He freely gave the to his friends, who displayed them proudly in their yards. He was a generous person.

When he decided to quit driving, he sold his car and donated the money to the Ozona Church of Christ. Tom was known to ride his motorized scooter all over town, which gave quite a fright to many because of the traffic. Being a determined individual wanting to remain active, Tom would be seen pushing his own personal grocery cart from the grocery store to his home after shopping.

Tom enjoyed many strong friendships over the years, including the Turlands and Lewis families, who made sure that he felt welcome in their homes during Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Benny Logan was not only Tom's employer, but was a great friend who shared many wonderful times in church, at the river, watching football, sharing meals, and was a trusted confidant in all his matters until his death this week.

He is preceded in death by his brother, Joe, and his sister, Janet.

He is survived by three nieces, Rhonda Stewart, Valerie Stewart, and Sonya Whiddon; a brother-in-law; and family in Kansas.

Graveside services were Sunday, December 16, 2018 at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona, Texas, officiated by Johnnie Perkins of the Ozona Church of Christ. Arrangements provided by Kerbow Funeral Home.

JR (Junior) McCartney

JR (Junior) McCartney, 89, of Abilene, passed away on Thursday, December 13, 2018 in Abilene.

Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at the Granbury First United Methodist Church in Granbury, Texas with Scott Goodfellow, officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of The Hamil Family Funeral Home, 6449 Buffalo Gap Road.

JR was born on December 7, 1929 in San Saba, Texas to the late William and Ida (Fisher) McCartney. He graduated from Rochelle High School. He and Anna Louise Price were married on May 29, 1955 in Rochelle. She preceded him in death on January 27, 2018. JR worked as a Senior Production Operator for Shell Oil. He was a member of the Granbury First United Methodist Church, the Masonic Lodge #392 in Granbury and he served in the US Navy. JR previously resided in Odessa, McCamey, Quanah, and Ozona before moving to Granbury, Texas.

JR was preceded in death by four sisters and four brothers. Survivors include, two sons, Kenneth Ross McCartney of Amarillo, Texas and Gregory Lee McCartney and wife Starla of Red Oak, Texas; one daughter, Danita Bounds and husband Mike of Abilene; twin brother and sister, Bobby McCartney of Anna, Texas and Betty Phelps of Athens, Texas; eight grandchildren, Regina Baukol, Jennifer Payton, Kendra McCartney, Shayna McCartney, Katherine Brooke Bounds Wright, Chris Bounds, Brady Bounds, and Jaxon Bounds; and six great grandchildren.

Family suggests memorials may be made to the Granbury First United Methodist Church, 301 Loop 567, Granbury, Texas 76048.

Memories may be shared, and condolences submitted online at www.hamilfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Caleb Andrew Villa

Caleb Andrew Villa passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2018 in San Angelo. He was 22 years old.

Caleb was born on October 22, 1996 in San Angelo. He was a 2016 graduate of Ozona High School and was attending Howard College.

Caleb is survived by his parents Roxanna and Jimmy Villarreal, grandparents Juan S. and Delia Hernandez, sisters Alondra and Harley Hernandez and Delaney McGee, all of Ozona. Uncle Juan Jr., cousins Cobran, Javan, Keathan and Quinton Hernandez



of Andrews, Texas and cousin Bladen Hernandez of Leveland, Texas



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GARDEN OF THE MONTH



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THE DECEMBER GARDEN OF THE MONTH belongs to the Albers Family on Coates Street. They bring joy to the community with their festive tributes all year long. The Ozona Garden Club celebrates their commitment.

Sleep, more complicated than we think?

The first sleep-research lab opened in 1925 at the University of Chicago. Yet until recently, scientists focused more on describing the phenomenon — its stages, aberrations and basic physiology — than on understanding its purpose.

No one could really say what sleep was for, or even whether it was necessary.

About a third of our lives is spent asleep, yet; very little is known about this state of rest, other than it is a time of inactivity while the body recharges and rejuvenates. Wikipedia explains, "Mammalian sleep occurs in repeating periods, in which the body alternates between two highly distinct modes known as non-REM and REM sleep. REM stands for "rapid eye movement" but involves many other aspects including virtual paralysis of the body."

Sleep may be more complicated than any of the experts believe, or we may just be lying there, unconsciously dreaming, and doing nothing.

Regardless, our brains are still actively functioning at the subconscious and unconscious levels and making many more different connections than our conscious mind can.

Most adults require 7 - 8 hours of sleep in order to feel rested and refreshed but this will vary from person to person. Infants require about 16 hours a day and teenagers generally need an average of about 9 hours of sleep per 24-hour period.

Sleep deprivation, too little sleep creates a liability that must be regained within the next few days for judgment, reaction time, and other neural functions to be regained.

"Micro-sleeps" also occur with sleep deprivation and are similar to blackouts where the individual is not aware they are occurring. They fall asleep regardless of the activity in which they are engaged.

Drivers fall asleep while driving and are believed to cause some 60,000 (+/-) traffic accidents, and about 1,500 highway deaths annually in the U.S.

Sleep deprivation is about as misunderstood as the sleep cycle itself.

Aside from the above, prolonged deprivation can cause hallucinations, psychosis, and long-term memory



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

JIM FISH

impairment, hypertension, diabetes, bipolar disorder, psychosis and has profound effects on the immune system.

Our bodies function by an internal clock that causes us to be sleepy at night and alert during the day. This natural sleep-wake rhythm is known as the circadian rhythm.

Disrupting this rhythm can be considered a "circadian rhythm sleep disorder" and can cause symptoms that range from daytime sleepiness and depression, to micro-sleeps.

People with circadian rhythm sleep disorders have difficulty going to sleep, difficulty staying asleep and don't feel rested after sleeping.

Those with circadian rhythm sleep disorders and suffer from sleep deprivation can benefit from making their bedrooms more conducive to rest and relaxation by performing quiet activities, like reading before going to sleep.

They may also avoid bright lights at night, making their sleeping space quiet and comfortable.

Avoiding stimulants such as caffeine, nicotine, and strenuous physical activity before bedtime also affords great benefit.

Last, but by no means least, charge your tablets and smart phone somewhere other than in the room where you sleep. The electronic notifications and lights interfere with your submission to levels of deep sleep.

Arianna Huffington of the Huffington Post wrote on her blog on Dec. 16, 2015; "Sleep. That's right, sleep! How much and how well we sleep in the coming year -- and the years to follow -- will determine, in no small measure, our ability to address and solve the problems we're facing as individuals and as a society."

More and more of us are waking up to the importance of sleep is more than simply avoiding irritability and scientists are learning more about the mechanics and purposes of sleep.

If you think the long hours put in during the week are the cause of your anxiety or impatience, think again.

Sleep cannot necessarily be made up during the week-end. If you sleep more on the weekends, you simply aren't sleeping enough in the week, it's all about finding a balance.

Although theories remain unproven, there is a growing understanding of the necessity of a good night's sleep for physical and mental health, productivity, cognitive function, psychological well-being and longevity.

Science has made tremendous strides in discovering what happens during sleep and what mechanisms in the body control the cycles of sleep and wakefulness that help define our lives.

While this research does not directly answer the question, "Why do we sleep?" it does present the question in a new light and is generating knowledge daily about this essential part of our lives.

Here's to your health.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Business of the Month: I-10 & 163 The Corner Store/Valero

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce recognizes the I-10 & 163 The Corner Store/Valero as our Business of the Month.

The Little Store was operated by the Maness Family, local Ozona residents, for many years before the Richardson Family bought the store in 2011.

The store was remodeled in 2012 and opened later that year.

"Because we opened the latter part of 2012 we were not candidates for the Valero commitment to excellence. However, we did receive the silver level for 2013 and 2014 and we received the gold level award in 2015, 2016, and 2017. This is based on scores by a mystery shopper authorized by Valero to take pictures of our location in addition to answering multiple questions about our facility. The mystery shopper checks the cleanliness of the store, inside and out, evaluates our customer service, and makes sure shelves are stocked," said Amanda Quiroz, Store Manager.

"There are six of us that work very hard focusing on customer service for both the residents of Ozona and the many travelers we greet each day. We pride ourselves on having a clean facility, including the restrooms," said Amanda.

Employees include Amanda Quiroz-Manager, Amy Quiroz-Assistant Manager, Mary Held, Kendra Martinez, Monic Castro and Justice Adkins.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

I-10 & 163 THE CORNER STORE/VALERO STAFF (left to right) Amanda Quiroz-Manager, Amy Quiroz-Assistant Manager, Kendra Martinez, Mary Held, Monic Castro and Justice Adkins.

cluding the restrooms," said Amanda.

Employees include Amanda Quiroz-Manager, Amy Quiroz-Assistant Manager, Mary Held, Kendra Martinez, Monic Castro and Justice Adkins.

"We carry a variety of beer, imported beer and wines. In addition we have a large selection of candy, chips, snacks, energy drinks, sodas, and sports drinks. We also carry phone accessories like chargers, cords and ear buds. Locals love our coffee so much they call us the local Starbucks. Of course the store also offers regular, unleaded and diesel at our filling station."

The I-10 & 163 The Corner Store/Valero is looking forward to many more decades

of serving the community of Ozona and we thank the residents for their continued support.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the I-10 & 163 The Corner Store/Valero for their commitment to provide the best possible service to our local residents and visitors to our community.

The I-10 & 163 The Corner Store/Valero is located at 504 14th Street, and at the intersection of I-10 and State Highway 163 north.

The filling station is open 24/7. Store hours are 6 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, and open 6 a.m. - midnight Friday and Saturday.

For more information, call Amanda Quiroz at (325) 392-2830.

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'A-caroling we go'



OES FOURTH AND FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS perform Christmas Carols at Ozona Bank's Open House on Dec. 12. MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

'O Christmas Tree'



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
OZONA COMMUNITY CENTER STUDENTS decorated "Christmas Trees" last week with icing and candy.

Pre-K Gingerbread House decorating



OES PRE-K STUDENTS decorated gingerbread houses with their parents on Dec. 13 at the OES Cafeteria. MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

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CLAIRE BEAN - Grand Champion Finewool Lamb



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THE OLPH CONFIRMATION CLASS performed the Posada on Dec. 12 at the Crockett County Care Center.

SYLVIA DEHOYOS-LONGORIA | SUBMITTED PHOTO

Christmas Events

Wednesdays - Advent Study
Join us at noon in the OUMC Fellowship Hall for our Advent Study on Wednesday, Dec. 19.

Longest Night Service of Healing & Hope
Thursday, Dec. 20 at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

Regular Worship Schedule
Sunday, December 23
9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Sunday School, 10:00 a.m. in one classroom

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
"Service of Lessons and Carols and Communion"
Monday, Dec. 24 at 5:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
Come worship as a family before you gather for other festivities.

Sunday, December 30th
One service at 10:00 a.m. in the OUMC Fellowship Hall
Brunch to follow at 11:00 a.m.
ALL ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!!!

Ozona United Methodist Church
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We would like to invite you and your family to spend time with us as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth with a message of hope and restoration.

The Candlelight Christmas Eve Service and the Lord's Supper will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, December 24.

Please come join us. If you have any questions call the church office @ 392-5555.

CCCCSD School Board meeting today

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District School Board will hold their regular meeting in noon today (Dec. 19) in the Administration Office Board Room, 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:
1. Call to order by the President

A. Establish a quorum - Members present/Members absent

B. Employees/Guests present

2. Invocation/Pledges
3. Approval of Agenda for the December 19, 2018 Regular Meeting of the CCCCSD Board of Trustees

4. Open Forum/Public Comments

5. Acknowledgement of Individual Trustees of the Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Board of Trustees Conflict of Interest Policy in connection with the following matters:

A. Application for Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes from High Lonesome Wind Power, LLC, Comptroller Application #1239.

B. Application for Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes from White Mesa Wind, LLC, Comptroller Application #1284.

6. Close public hearing and take action upon the following matters:

A. Adopt Findings pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code in connection with the Application for Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes from High Lonesome Wind Power, LLC, Comptroller Application #1239 and ratify the action of the Superintendent of Schools on Sept. 20, 2018 extending the time to act on the Application.

B. Approve an Agree-

ment under the Texas Economic Development Act for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes with High Lonesome Wind Power, LLC, Comptroller Application #1239.

C. Adopt Findings pursuant to Chapter 313 of the Texas Property Tax Code in connection with the Application for Agreement for Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes from White Mesa Wind, LLC, Comptroller Application #1284.

D. Approve an Agreement under the Texas Economic Development Act for a Limitation on Appraised Value of Property for School District Maintenance and Operations Taxes with White Mesa Wind, LLC, Comptroller Application #1284.

7. Reports
A. Transportation
B. Maintenance
C. Principals
1. OES
2. OMS
3. OHS
D. Athletic Director
E. Technology Report
F. Band Report
G. Cafeteria/Food Service

H. Special and Federal Programs

I. Superintendent Report

J. Financial & Bills

1. Bills
2. Board Report
3. Monthly Investment Report

4. Student Activity Funds

8. Consent Agenda

A. Approve minutes from the Nov. 14 Regular Meeting.

9. Executive/Closed Session - Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074 Personnel Matters and 551.072 Real Property

10. Possible action from Executive/Closed Session

11. Future Business - Jan. 16, 2019 Regular Board Meeting.

12. Adjournment

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	7TH & 8TH GRADE: Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.; Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.; Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

The Youth Center will close at noon Friday, Dec. 21, and all day Dec. 24-25 for the Christmas Holiday!

THE OZONA STOCKMAN WILL BE CLOSED DEC. 24-28 FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY! DEADLINE FOR THE JAN. 2 EDITION IS NOON MONDAY, DEC. 31!

Hurd supports District 23 Farmers and Ranchers through voting in favor of Farm Bill

BY RACHEL HOLLAND
U.S. REP. WILL HURD'S OFFICE

U.S. Representative Will Hurd, R-Helotes, proudly voted Dec. 12 in support of the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 Conference Report (commonly known as the Farm Bill), which provides our nation's farmers and ranchers with certainty and stability to continue feeding America.

"Food security is national security and depends on strong agricultural policy that provides certainty and stability for the 3.75 million Texans employed by the agriculture sector," said Hurd, who represents over 9,000 working farms and ranches across South and West Texas. "I am proud to support the Farm Bill and will continue to fight for the hardworking men and women who put clothes on our backs and food on our tables."

"Texas Farm Bureau strongly supports the 2018 Farm Bill and appreciates Congressman Hurd for his support of hardworking farmers and ranchers," said Texas Farm Bureau president Russell Boening. "Congressman Hurd has listened to the constituents of the 23rd Congressional District about the issues facing agriculture. His support of the farm bill demonstrates that he cares about the farm and ranch families in Texas and the U.S."

"It's clear Congressman Hurd has listened to discussion of the issues facing farmers and ranchers in his district," said former Texas Farm Bureau State Director Ronnie Muennink of Hondo. "I am one of several Medina County Farm Bureau leaders who have met with the Congressman about issues important to our grassroots members."

Congressman Hurd has listened. We thank him for his attention to the issues affecting farmers and ranchers across the nation. Texas Farm Bureau members appreciate his support of the 2018 Farm Bill."

Among other benefits, the Agriculture and Nutrition Act of 2018 Conference Report supports South and West Texas farmers and ranchers by:

- Cutting red tape and reforming burdensome regulations for farm production;
- Providing a \$45 million annual increase to food banks, of which nearly half annually is devoted to the creation and maintenance of Farm-to-Food Bank programs, commonly known as ag surplus programs;
- Investing in quality rural broadband;
- Establishing a scholarship program to assist the next generation of farmers and ranchers;
- Promoting the conservation of America's working lands;
- Strengthening the farm safety net by reauthorizing Agriculture Risk Coverage and Price Loss; Coverage options for the next five years;
- Protecting crop insurance; and,
- Maintaining the existing SNAP funding authorization.

HOMELAND SECURITY BILL

Hurd's bipartisan bill, the "DHS Data Framework Act," is officially on its way to the President's desk to be signed into law after the House unanimously concurred with the

Senate version of the bill on Dec. 12.

This is Hurd's 13th piece of legislation to be signed into law since 2015. Following the House voice vote, Hurd released the following statement:

"We live in an increasingly connected world and must be able to get the right information to the right people at the right time in order to keep terrorists on the run and off our shores," said Hurd, a former CIA undercover officer who serves on the House Homeland Security and Intelligence Committees in Congress. "The DHS Data Framework Act does just that by allowing DHS to quickly and safely share sensitive information among law enforcement agencies without compromising our nation's secrets. I applaud Senator Maggie Hassan for introducing this bipartisan bill in the Senate and my House and Senate colleagues for getting this initiative to keep Americans safe across the finish line."

The DHS Data Framework Act codifies an effort at the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to develop a data framework to incorporate all DHS component agency data related to homeland security, terrorist information, weapons of mass destruction and national intelligence into one system, thereby alleviating the current costly, cumbersome process of searching and vetting information against multiple databases with different log-ins, passwords, and legal restrictions.

The data framework codified by the bill will also be replicated on a classified network to allow for more efficient classified analysis and vetting of law enforcement data against intelligence information.



WILL HURD

Perner honored for 25 years

BY DIANE WOMACK
CROCKETT COUNTY SWCD

Paul Perner III of Ozona was recently recognized with a 25-year service recognition award at the 78th Annual State Meeting of Soil & Water Conservation District Directors. This was held in Fort Worth and was attended by more than 600 members.

Perner is the current Chairman of the Crockett County Soil & Water Conservation District #235 (SWCD). He has held this position for many years.

Perner is a native of Crockett County and has always been tied to the land. He takes an active interest conserving our natural resources.

The SWCD was formed to help preserve our natural resources and to promote good stewardship of the land.

The SWCD works in cooperation with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in developing conservation plans to assist landowners in finding the best management practices to address their resource concerns.

Through these efforts, the land can be managed to be the best it can be for our area and climate.

The SWCD also works closely with the NRCS and Crockett County to maintain the water retention structures which help manage floodwaters.

Perner is steadfast in these goals and has been an asset to the Crockett County SWCD. His willingness to serve on the board has been both appreciated and valued.

The directors are happy he has been recognized for his many years of diligent service in promoting good conservation and stewardship for our unique area of Texas and would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation of his service to our community.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

PAUL C. PERNER III (right) was recently honored for 25 years of service on the Crockett County SWCD Board of Directors. Presenting Perner the award is Kendria Ray, Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board District Representative.

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Crockett County SWCD 2018 Annual Newsletter

I'm sure everyone's year went as quickly as ours did! We had a good year and it's always good to reminisce a bit to see what worked and how we can improve going forward.

I like to start by identifying who we are and what we do. Although many already know, there are those that don't so a bit of introduction is necessary. The SWCD stands for Soil & Water Conservation District so you can discern by the name what we're all about. Back in the 1930's there was a huge disaster that came to be known as the Dust Bowl. A perfect storm you might say but one that lasted for most of the thirties. This was marked by severe dust storms and much of the top soil was lost. A combination of drought & poor land use created an environmental disaster. The ripple effect was devastating and thousands lost their homes & way of life. Some estimate as many as 2 million became homeless during this period of time. History can be a great teacher and in this case it was. Many of the methods of farming that people brought with them from other areas just weren't suitable. The over-farming, livestock over-grazing & the drought created disastrous conditions. Health concerns also surfaced due to the high amount of dust in the air. So much dust accumulated on house roofs that some would collapse. The Soil & Water Conservation was born from this. Today, agricultural practices are geared for the specific terrains, soil types and weather found in their areas and the land is healthier because of it.

As time moves forward, the SWCD works to help provide awareness to the younger generation. It's so important for them, as the adults of tomorrow, to learn and develop an interest in our natural resources. Conservation is paramount not only for today, but going forward.

We started off 2018 with the 6th Grade Conservation Poster contest which we sponsor along with Ozona Bank. This gives the students an opportunity to take a theme and translate that into an informative poster. The SWCD directors judge and choose the top three which Ozona Bank then displays in their lobby for a week. This year, an honorable mention award was given for the first time. First place went to Raelynn Barrera, second place went to Mia Venegas, third place went to Robert Barrera with honorable mention going to Lauren Albers.

The 7-Oaks Ranch was selected as Wildlife Conservationist of the Year and the award was presented at the Annual Chamber of Commerce Banquet. They advanced and got second at the Area Level which was held in May in Wall, Texas. They have faced the challenge of transitioning from traditional methods of ranching to new ones in order to maximize land use without causing harm. They have improved fencing, reseeded native grasses and have seen improvements in water retention. This has resulted in better quality of deer and increased turkey population. There is an increase in non-game species also such as the scaled and bobwhite quails, horned lizards, elf owls, screech owls and a variety of reptiles. Wildflowers are abundant and full of busy pollinators.

The 32nd Annual 6th Grade Field Day was held in April at Jack & Jodi Baggett's ranch south of town. This all day event was interactive with the students learning more about erosion, soil identification, sheep shearing, GPS use, beekeeping, benefits of wildlife management, aquifers, a living barn showing how animals and by-products are used in items we consume each day, quail habitats, weather & hydrology. The SWCD directors cooked hamburgers for everyone & it was a great, fun day for all.

The SWCD supported Stewardship Week which was April 29-May 6. We also sponsored Leland Wellman to attend the week-long Youth Range Workshop at the Texas Tech campus in Junction in June. They had hands-on training which included a controlled burn.

We also supported Earth Day and extend a heartfelt Thank-You to Lowe's for donating and participating in distributing reusable shopping bags. To reuse and recycle when we can is a good way everyone, young and old, can help support conservation of our natural resources.

This year saw a change in our Board of Directors. They are are Paul Perner, III, Chairman; Jack Baggett, Vice-Chairman; Pleas Childress, Secretary; Ira Childress and Ty Allen. We said good-bye to James Owens this year. We'll miss him after his many years but welcome Ty Allen aboard. Pleas Childress received a 30-year service award and Paul Perner received a 25-year service award. The NRCS District Conservationist, Tori Dutton, is retiring and her last day is December 31, 2018. We'll miss her, appreciate all the hard work she's done and wish her all the best.

Of course, many landowners took advantage of conservation programs throughout the year so they can be the best stewards of the land that they can be. Thanks to everyone that helped us with their generous donations throughout the year! Time to get used to writing and thinking in terms of 2019! See you then!



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