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Filing ends for March Primary Election

Filing for the March 1 Primary Election ended Monday night and Crockett County has several local contested elections.

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 Predy 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 Badillo 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.

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

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Holiday shopping



HOLIDAY SHOPPERS made their way around local businesses, including Ozona Mercantile (top photo) and Santa and Mrs. Claus, with Ezekiel Moran, at Ozona Tire and Lube, (bottom left) during the Ozona Chamber of Commerce's annual Evening on the Town on Dec. 10. The Holiday Hands Arts and Crafts Fair (bottom right) was also held that day at the Civic Center. The fair benefitted the Helping Hands program.

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Commissioners approve tax notes for new clinic

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners approved tax notes Monday for the new Ozona health clinic.

During their regular meeting, the commissioners approved a bid of 1.97 percent interest rate from Signature Public Funding for \$2 million in tax notes to build the new facility. Two bids were received on the notes. The other bid was from First Financial Bank for 2.6 percent interest rate.

The county is looking to build the \$3 million clinic across from Lion Stadium. Shannon Medical Center will provide \$275,000 worth of new equipment.

Instead of a bond election, a tax note can be issued by the county for projects to be financed for seven years or less. The county can also pay off the note early without penalty.

Vince Viaille, managing director of Specialized Public Finance, presented the information. He said the county will receive the funds by Dec. 23.

The additional \$1.1 million was approved by the commissioners to be moved from the county's money market account to the construction fund.

The tax rate impact of the notes will be .0174 per \$100 valuation.

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School board meeting tonight

The Crockett County CCSD School Board will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Dec. 16) in the Administration Office Board Room at 797 Avenue D.

The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:

- Open forum/public comments.
- District spotlight.
- Rhonda Shaw - Tax Appraisal Office Report.
- Reports - Transportation, Maintenance, Principals, Athletic Director, Technology, Band, Cafeteria/Food Service, Special and Federal Program, Superintendent and Financial - bills, board report and monthly investment report.

- Consent Agenda - Approve minutes from Nov. 18 meeting.

- Review Superintendent's Appraisal Instrument.
- Executive/Closed Session - Personnel Matters and Real Property.

- Possible action from executive/closed session.
- Announcing board's continuing education credits.
- Future business - January 2016 regular board meeting, suggested date Jan. 20.

San Antonio Steel, Triple C Hardware give donations to Crockett County 4-H

BY CHARLIE RUGH
SAN ANTONIO STEEL

San Antonio Steel Company (SASCO) commemorated 50 years in business by awarding Triple C Hardware and Lumber in Ozona, Texas, with a \$10,000 cash prize, and a \$5,000 donation to the Crockett County Youth Show Association.

SASCO is the nation's largest wholesale distributor of agricultural fencing products. Triple C Hardware and Lumber has been a loyal customer of SASCO since 2007, carrying a wide variety of SASCO's fencing products, including StaTite50-The 50Year Fence (50yearfence.com) and Texas

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SAN ANTONIO STEEL donated \$5,000 to the Crockett County Youth Show Association and Triple C Hardware & Lumber donated \$5,000 to the Crockett County 4-H. Pictured are: (back row, left to right) Cole Crenwelge, owner Triple C Hardware, Gary Craig, of San Antonio Steel, Russell Crenwelge, owner of Triple C Hardware, Timothy Maldonado, Crockett County 4-H, Aaron Renfro, County Extension Agent; (front row, left to right) Audrey Upham, Claire Bean, Emma Crenwelge, McKenna Luckie and Levi Bishop, all Crockett County 4-H.

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Developing a good marketing plan is key to success

A critical element to any successful small business is developing a marketing plan. The key for smaller businesses is to figure out how to get the best bang for their marketing buck.

Linda and Mike Boyd own a small business in Colorado. They say the key in coming up with a good strategy is not to be intimidated by the marketing process. Mike says, "For many years we let what we didn't know about that discipline stop us from doing anything. Once we stopped trying to figure out marketing and instead

did things that would make us more visible to the people who wanted to be our customers, stuff started to happen."

Here are a few points the Boyd's have focused on when creating an effective marketing plan.



BUSINESS TIPS

PAUL HOWARD

Don't waste time doing things you aren't good at. For example, the Boyd's are not sales people. So while outside sales are a fixture in their industry, it isn't something they are good at, so they don't include it in their marketing plan.

Use promotions to make customers feel special. One way the Boyd's let customers know they are valued is with their business card program. Every time they get a card, whether it is a current customer or not, they go back to their store, take down all the information and

then turn it into a luggage tag and send it back to the person. "It is a little self-serving, but at the same time it gives them a gift," Mike said.

Be a business leader. The Boyd's also work at acquiring new customers by becoming active in local networking organizations such as their Chamber of Commerce. "We knew sitting within our four walls of our shop waiting for customers to find us wasn't a good plan. You need to become a business leader in your community," says Linda.

Say "Thank you." Since the Boyd's have been in business, since 2004, they have sent thank you notes to every single customer after each purchase. Not only does it leave customers with a good impression, but it also serves as a reminder to them that there may be something else they want to purchase.

Change what doesn't work. Besides focusing on what they do best, the Boyd's and other small business owners shouldn't be afraid to alter their plan when some aspects

are not working. As an example, Mike and Linda originally participated in a business Welcome Wagon program that introduced them to all the new businesses in their community. While it helped them meet a lot of new people, it never turned into actual sales. So instead of spending their money on that, they used funds in other avenues that proved successful.

"BUSINESS TIPS" was written by Paul Howard, Certified Business Advisor IV, of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact him at paul.howard@angelo.edu.

A mother's letter to Santa

Dear Santa, I've been a good mom all year.

I've fed, cleaned and cuddled my children on demand, visited the doctor's office more than my doctor, sold 62 cases of candy bars to raise money to plant a shade tree on the school playground.

I was hoping you could spread my list out over several Christmases, since I had to write this letter with my son's red crayon, on the back of a receipt in the laundry room between cycles, and who knows when I'll find anymore free time in the next 18 years.

Here are my Christmas wishes:

I'd like a pair of legs that don't ache (in any color, except purple, which I already have) and arms that don't hurt or flap in the breeze; but are strong enough to pull my screaming child out of the candy aisle in the grocery store.

I'd also like a waist, since I lost mine somewhere in the seventh month of my last pregnancy.

If you're hauling big ticket items this year I'd like fingerprint resistant windows and a radio that only plays adult music; a television that doesn't broadcast any programs containing talking animals; and a refrigerator with a secret compartment behind the crisper where I can hide to talk on the phone.

On the practical side, I could use a talking doll that says, "Yes, Mommy" to boost my parental confidence, along with two kids who don't fight and three pairs of jeans that will zip all the way up without the use of power tools.

I could also use a recording of Tibetan monks chanting "Don't eat in the living room"



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

and "Take your hands off your sister," because my voice seems to be just out of my children's hearing range and can only be heard by the dog.

If it's too late to find any of these

products, I'd settle for enough time to brush my teeth and comb my hair in the same morning, or the luxury of eating food warmer than room temperature without it being served in a Styrofoam container.

If you don't mind, I could also use a few Christmas miracles to brighten the holiday season. Would it be too much trouble to declare ketchup a vegetable? It will clear my conscience immensely.

It would be helpful if you could coerce my children to help around the house without demanding payment as if they were the bosses of an organized crime family.

Well, Santa, the buzzer on the dryer is ringing and my son saw my feet under the laundry room door.

I think he wants his crayon back.

Have a safe trip and remember to leave your wet boots by the door and come in and dry off so you don't catch cold.

Help yourself to cookies on the table but don't eat too many or leave crumbs on the carpet.

Yours Always, MOM...! P.S. One more thing... you can cancel all my requests if you can keep my children young enough to believe in Santa.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Check out our annual Santa Letters section next week, in the Dec. 23 edition.

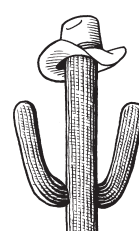
The Self-Returning Horse

I recently read a news clip in which some scientists said humans and dolphins are the only species that have sex for pleasure. Now how could they possibly know that? Clearly those scientists have never seen my neighbor's disgusting Airedale in action. He sure looks like he's having fun to me!

I've read such rubbish before in which writers insist humans are superior to other animals because we can reason and animals can't. Poppycock. I ask you, who is the intelligent one, a wild pig that escapes a trap and never makes the dangerous mistake again, or my friend ReRide who has been married four times and yet has learned nothing from his hazardous behavior because he continues to make the same mistake over and over expecting a different outcome every time?

I've heard professors say animals aren't as smart as people because they don't know how to use tools. Anyone who says animals don't know how to use tools has never seen a sea otter bust open a shell with a rock, or horses standing head to tail as they use their tails to swat flies off each other. Such drivel usually comes from the mouths of city folk who wouldn't know Vise Grips from a ball peen hammer. Many a wife can vouch for the fact that their human husband doesn't know how to use tools either, like the dishwasher, oven and the vacuum cleaner.

Anyone who thinks man is reasonable and animals aren't never had a close rela-



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

but that's nothing compared to the self-returning horse that came on the scene over a hundred years ago.

The most valuable horse in the Tejon Ranch remuda was a valuable dark horse that had his own special stall and was fed only the best grain and hay. When a Tejon Ranch cowboy was ready for some R & R in town, which was 20 miles away, the cowboy would race into town on the dark horse, pick up all the mail for the Tejon and any special orders at the general store, and before the cowboy would head to the nearest saloon, he'd slap the horse on the rear and the horse wouldn't stop running until he had delivered the mail back home. Neither bandits nor bad weather could stop him. The self-returning horse, what a concept! If man is so superior find me a self-driving

relationship with a horse, a species which is as close to perfect as a species can get. Take my horse Gentleman for example. I'm not ashamed to admit that he was far more intelligent than the rider. As the Spanish say, "Al caballo nomad le falta hablar." Roughly translated, the only thing a horse lacks is a voice.

Lately humans are real proud of themselves for creating self-driving cars

rental car from Hertz, Enterprise or Avis that can do all that without a drop charge!

My horse Gentleman, a candidate for equine MENSA if there ever was one, also was a self-returning horse. Many a time I'd load some staples in my saddlebags and ride a long ways from headquarters to fix fence. I'd dismount and start pounding staples only to turn around minutes later to find that Gentleman had vanished without a peep. And he'd taken all the fence staples, and my lunch, with him. And just to show how considerate Gentleman was, he'd bring the saddle back home with him so I didn't have to carry it on the long walk back. And he wouldn't roll in a juicy cow pie until after I arrived several hours later and removed the saddle. It's little niceties and considerations like that that got Gentleman his name.

Humans can be so cocky. We insist that we are the reasonable ones and yet it is humans who produced the atomic bomb, tofu, Congress, Facebook, Twitter and Justin Bieber. Need I say more. So next time you're feeling so smug and superior have a friend drop you and your horse off in strange neighborhood far from home and try to find your way back to your home without the use of a GPS, or by asking directions, which men don't do anyway. When you are lost and scared in a dark and dangerous neighborhood, trust me, do what I do, let your horse do all the thinking.

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Abbott backs Cruz's filing of legislation addressing refugees

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott was in Washington, D.C., on Dec. 8 to participate in a news conference with U.S. Senator and presidential candidate Ted Cruz, R-Texas, who rolled out his proposed State Refugee Security Act.

Abbott said in a Dec. 9 news release that Cruz's bill "gives states and governors the tools to reject the resettlement of a refugee in that state unless there is adequate assurance that the refugee does not present a security risk."

"America is a charitable nation, but we cannot allow charity for some to compromise security for all," Abbott said. "Congress intended to give states a substantial role in the refugee resettlement process. The federal government and resettlement agencies have sidestepped that role. My top priority as governor is to keep Texas citizens safe and this legislation helps me do that," he added.

Cruz's bill, S. 2363, directs

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the federal Office of Refugee Resettlement to notify the state agency responsible for coordinating the placement or resettlement of an alien refugee not later than 21 days before the alien's arrival in the state. The bill states that no alien refugee shall be placed or resettled in a state if the governor certifies to the Office of Refugee Resettlement that it has failed, in the sole determination of the governor, to provide adequate assurance that such person does not present a security risk to the state.

On Nov. 25, the Texas Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of Texas' Catholic bishops, published a statement, saying, "We firmly believe that it is possible to maintain security at home while also welcoming refugees."

TEA CHIEF NOTES

PASSAGE OF ACT
Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams issued a statement on Dec. 9, following Congress' final passage of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, legislation that succeeds the No Child Left Behind Act. Williams said the act "represents a significant shift in education authority away from the federal government and a return of greater control to the state and local level. For Texas, this legislation brings an end to the ongoing requests for federal waivers made necessary by requirements few if any states could ever meet."

SALES TAX REVENUE DECREASES

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Dec. 9 announced

sales tax revenue for the state in November was \$2.58 billion, down 3.3 percent compared to November 2014.

"Sales tax revenue declined again due to reduced spending in oil and gas-related sectors," Hegar said. "Remittances from other sectors, including construction, restaurants

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BEN H. ENGLISH (right) stands at attention beside **Captain Mark McKinley**, Detachment Commander, MTM Company, during the presentation of the colors for the 240th Marine Corps Birthday Ball. English was invited as guest of honor and featured speaker for the event. English served for seven years of active duty in the Marine Corps, including as Chief Scout-Sniper Third Battalion/Second Marines as well as a Counterintelligence Specialist in 4th CIT, Second Marine Division. He spoke on the current world situation and the Marine Corps' role for what may come, as well as the history and traditions of the Marine Corps which has always made it "First to Fight".

Toys for Tots drive

The annual Toys for Tots campaign has begun. Donation boxes can be found at Ozona Mercantile, The General Store and Dollar General. Anyone wanting to donate a toy can do so at these locations, the Ozona Vol-

unteer Fire Department or monetary donations can be made at Ozona Bank. Volunteers will also be taking toys and monetary donations every Saturday, until Dec. 19, from 10 a.m.-noon on street corners.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 16 - Felice Gutierrez, Tripp Farris, Anna Marie Fierro, Janina Savala, Manuel Gutierrez Sr., Markaus Galindo, Scianna N. DeLaRosa, Kayla Scacchi
 Dec. 17 - Jolene Lara, Kyle Sewell, Zachary Talamantez, Aiden Fierro and Jordan Martinez
 Dec. 18 - Ross Crawford, Dio Gutierrez, Ellen Jo Allsup, Ross Crawford, Celia West, Serenity Kydance Vasquez and Hope Ellington
 Dec. 19 - Sally Oglesby, Jacque Medina, Vonda Flanagan, Aiden Cruz Sanchez, Tommy Gray, Nanette Verner, 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 Cyndie Worley

POET'S CORNER

Editor's note: The following poem was recently published in the book "Where the Mind Dwells: Meditation" by Eber & Wein Publishing. The authors asked her to also provide a few words about her life.

God Made Your Cathedral

Yes, God made your cathedral,
 So magnificent, and tall,
 That you can behold all nature,
 In winter, summer, spring or fall.

You can hear the cry of a newborn babe,
 And thank the one on high -
 For the sweetness and joy a new life
 Can bring, not even riches can buy.

When you walk into the garden, you see
 God's presence there - the rose so red, so pink,
 So white, as if fashioned of velvet, with jewels
 Or dewdrops sprinkled there.

Autumns, tranquility of old,
 A frosty dawn, a country church,
 Strewn with a blanket -
 Of yellow, red and gold.

Yes, God made your cathedral,
 So magnificent, and tall -
 To show the beauty of His love,
 All His wonders to recall.

Your hand reached out to touch the
 Magnificence of its art, but your
 Cathedral wasn't really there at all - for
 Your loving Savior had built it in your heart!

- Kaleta Shepperson
 Ozona, Texas

Exciting, eventful, but not really, however; I had a calm and happy childhood. My brother and I, there were only two of us. He went to Texas University. I had to stay home. I worked in the Post Office a long time. My brother played baseball and played some time with St. Louis Browns. He left, came home, and went into the ranch business. We had good parents. Mom was a calm lady. We were never afraid of her; but by Daddy's tone of voice we knew he meant business. He would say, "Don't you lie to me, I'll clean your plow." However, I never remember either of us getting our plow cleaned. Daddy only had to raise his voice. Just dance while you can.

All Angel Tree gift donations are due today

Angel Tree ornaments can be found at Ozona Bank, Crockett National Bank, OLPH Catholic Church, First Baptist Church, The General Store, Petals & Pearls, Ozona Mercantile, the Crockett County Senior Center and the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Gifts need to be wrapped. Donations for Angel Tree Food Boxes will also be accepted at the Ozona United Methodist Church. Information can be found in the church's foyer and fellowship hall. Boxes will be for 25 families in Ozona. For more information, call the Ozona United Methodist Church at 392-3060.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 16

- Deadline for all Angel Tree gifts.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Christmas Caroling Third Grade 9:30-10:15 a.m., Fifth Grade, 10:15-11 a.m., Fourth Grade, 11-11:45 a.m. at Ozona Bank.
- Pre-K, First, Third and Fifth Grade Pride Lunch at OES Cafeteria.
- Pre-K Gingerbread House Project, 1 p.m. at OES.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- CCCCS School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Thursday, December 17

- Christmas Caroling at Crockett National Bank and the Crockett County Care Center, Pre-K 8:45-9:30 a.m., Kindergarten 9:30-10:15 a.m., Second Grade 10:15-11 a.m. and First Grade 11-11:45 a.m.
- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Ozona Bands Christmas Concert, 6 p.m. at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

Friday, December 18

- Ozona Schools Early Release at noon. OES dismissal times Pre-K noon, Kindergarten and First Grade 12:15 p.m. and Second-Fifth Grade 12:30 p.m.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OHS JV and Varsity Lady Lions vs. Iraan, 5 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.
- Crockett County Stock Show, 5 p.m. arrival of lambs, goats and swine, 5:30 p.m. weigh in of all animals at the 4-H Barn.

Saturday, December 19

- Crockett County Stock Show, 8 a.m. at the 4-H Barn; Dinner and Awards, 5:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

Sunday, December 20

- Christmas Cookie Decorating, 10 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Monday, December 21, to Friday, January 1

- Ozona Schools holiday break.

Monday, December 21

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Wrapping and delivery of Angel Tree Gifts, 10 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Advent Study/Lunch, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Longest Night Service, 5 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church

Tuesday, December 22

- Delivery of Angel Tree Gifts at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center

Wednesday, December 23

- 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
- Delivery of Toys for Tots gifts.

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 Thursday, Dec. 17..... Chicken Strips
 Friday, Dec. 18..... Fried Fish
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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. 16

· Scalloped ham and potatoes, turnip greens, apricots, dinner roll, gelatin parfait and milk.

DEC. 17

· Chili with beans, tossed salad, dressing, cornbread, fruit cup and milk.

DEC. 18

· Grilled moroccan chicken, rice pilaf, roasted carrots, whole wheat bread, streusal pound cake and milk.

DEC. 21

· Lemon pepper chicken, green beans with pimento, tangy beats, white/wheat bread, chocolate cream pie and milk.

DEC. 22

· Beef and pasta casserole, zucchini, tossed salad, dressing, garlic bread, seasonal fresh fruit and milk.



CHILDREN AND ADULTS performed Sunday night in "The Greatest Story of All" during the Community Christmas Program at the First Baptist Church of Ozona.

OBITUARIES

Myra Lois Sampier Jones Nester

Myra Lois Sampier Jones Nester died Dec. 9, 2015. Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 12 at Kerbow Funeral Home. Graveside services will follow at 3 p.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery officiated by Johnnie Perkins.

She was born in Uvalde, Texas on Dec. 31, 1928 to Jairrett Houston Sampier and Lizette Emma Bettie Helbig-Sampier, of Knippa, Texas.

She graduated from Knippa High School in Knippa and from Howard College in Big Spring as a certified LVN.

She was employed at the Crockett County Nursing Home in Ozona. She also worked for Montgomery Ward and Superior Rug Company, of San Angelo, and was self-employed at M&M Fabric Store in Ozona where she did sewing for the public, custom draperies and upholstery in her home.

Her hobbies included sewing, embroidery, quilting, crochet, bowling, softball, square dancing, traveling, camping, fishing, gardening and canning vegetables.

Attending and hosting the Sampier Reunion was the highlight of every year.

She is preceded in death by her husbands, Jack Donald Jones, of Uvalde, and Otis Nester; daughters Barbara Ann Jones Hohon, of D'Hains, Texas; Jacquelyn Lois Jones Weddle Pauley, of Ozona and Wanda Jean Jones and sisters, Betty Joy Weynand, Alice Irene Smith and Mary La Nell McGraw.

She is survived by her daughter, Irene Yvonne Jones Harrell Wilkey Simpson, of Corpus Christi, Texas; sisters, Emma Jean Weynard, of D'Hains, Texas and Ollie Mae Gerbert, of Austin; 13 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren and eight great-great-grandchildren.

Chronic inflammation is not your friend

Chronic inflammation, not cholesterol, is the major player in heart disease and in many other diseases. Dr. Ron Rosdale explains, "The fixation on cholesterol as a major cause of heart disease defies the last 15 years of science and deflects from real causes such as the damage (via glycation) that sugars such as glucose and fructose inflict on tissues, including the lining of arteries, causing chronic inflammation and resultant plaque."

There are numerous causes of chronic inflammation that damage arteries, of which oxidized serum cholesterol is but one. Many beneficial fatty acids are oxidized by way of the sugars we consume, like glucose and fructose. This does not mean we should avoid omega-3 fatty acids, but such is the logic of our health care authorities when it applies to serum cholesterol.

In the article, "Heart Surgeon Speaks Out on What Really Causes Heart Disease," Dr. Dwight Lundell, a heart surgeon with 25 years of experience, having performed over 5,000 open-heart surgeries, informs us via the "PreventDisease" website:

"The only accepted therapy was prescribing medications to lower cholesterol and a diet that severely restricted fat intake. The latter of course we insisted would lower cholesterol and heart disease. Deviations from these recommendations were considered heresy and could quite possibly result in malpractice."

"It Is Not Working!" "These recommendations are no longer scientifically or morally defensible. The discovery a few years ago that inflammation in the artery wall is the real cause of heart disease is slowly leading to a paradigm shift in how heart disease and other chronic ailments will be treated."

Processed sugar and flour, and high-fructose corn syrup (hfcs) are at the top of the list of inflammatory foods causing not only chronic inflammation but numerous other diseases in the body. Sugars activate the release of inflammatory messengers called cytokines, according to the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition. Any word ending in "ose", such as fructose, dextrose, lactose, maltose or sucrose are sugar, and goes by many other names in most of the processed foods we eat every day.

Sucrose is the most common type of sugar,



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called "table sugar," it is a naturally occurring simple carbohydrate found in most fruits and plants. Usually extracted from sugar cane or sugar beets, it consists

of 50 percent glucose and 50 percent fructose. Sucrose is found in ice cream, candy, pastries, cookies, soda, fruit juices, canned fruit, processed meat, breakfast cereals, ketchup, cooked starchy foods like potatoes, and that's just to name a few.

High-fructose corn syrup is the most widely used, inexpensive sweetener in the US. It is industrially produced from corn starch and consists of both fructose and glucose in varying amounts, but the most common type is 55 percent fructose and 45 percent glucose. In 1970, the average consumption per person was a pound per year before it replaced sugar as an industrial sweetener. In 2010, the average person consumed 60 pounds of HFCS per year; add sucrose consumption and it is 175 pounds of sweetener per person/per year, in 2014.

Inflammation is not complex, it is the body's natural defense to malicious bacteria, toxins and viruses. It is a perfectly evolved, biological process that protects us from these microscopic aggressors. Nevertheless, when we continually expose the body to injury by the malnutrients in our foods and toxins our body did not evolve to process, chronic inflammation occurs and is just as harmful as acute inflammation is beneficial.

Without inflammation being present in the body, cholesterol would not accumulate on the wall of the blood vessels or cause heart disease and strokes. It would simply function as the vital serum it is and move about the body creating hormones, maintaining brain health and all the purposes it was designed to assure our good health and wellness.

Here's to your health.

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo every Thursday, Angel Tree ornaments available

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Again our town joined in to present a great day in a small town. The craft show at the civic center put on by the Helping Hands was a complete success. I got a really good start on my Christmas shopping. Then the shopping around town was just as fun. More shopping and seeing friends and getting really good deals. What more could you ask for? Well maybe a beautiful display of lights and decorations to look at and a lot of wonderful people waiting on you. And that was taken care of at the park and at each store. Great job Ozona.

We still have an Angel

Tree at the front door. If you have not participated in this, come take an ornament from the tree that lists names and sizes for a family you can help during this season. Giving makes us all feel so good. I had a great time shopping for mine.

There will not be a bingo social for December due to Christmas activities. Too much going on.

We will be having afternoon bingo at 2 p.m. Thursday. Bring change. You can buy how many cards you want to play at five cents a card and the money will be put in a bowl in the middle of the table. A bingo will win money in that bowl. We had a really good time this last Thursday. Come on out and

try your luck.

Don't forget the Thunderbird. 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
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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.

GIVING GIFTS

This time of year, I try to spend some time in the evenings thinking about my loved ones. What a joy comes to my heart when I think about each one and how much I love them. When we give gifts from the heart, we are motivated by love. As I think about giving a gift to my loved ones, I try to find a balance between what they want and what they need. What warmth comes to my heart when I have given a gift that they really need and enjoy. In my trying to decide what gifts to give reminds me of a dilemma God may have faced many years ago. He loved us very much (1 John 4:8) and was facing the problem of giving us what we needed the most or the things we wanted. He knew that mankind was going to disobey Him and forever be separated from Him. He wanted to make a way that fellowship could be restored with Him (1John 4:9,10). He did this by sending His own son to die for us (Romans 5:8) so a new relationship could be established with Him (Ephesians 2:4-10, John 3:16). Let us make sure we have received and accepted that special gift and are experiencing the love of God. Then we can experience, enjoy, and understand the true meaning of Christmas, (His Son, John 1:12).

See you in Church on Sunday.

Brother J

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

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Pastor Maria C. Salcedo
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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
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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.
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Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.
Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

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Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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

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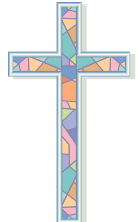
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B.Y.D.



JOSE FLORES received his 25-year service award from Commissioner Pleas Childress at the Crockett County Employee Appreciation Banquet on Dec. 8 at the Civic Center.



RUBEN MENDEZ received his 30-year service award at the Crockett County Employee Appreciation Banquet on Dec. 8 at the Civic Center.



LOUISE LEDOUX received her 30-year service award at the Crockett County Employee Appreciation Banquet on Dec. 8 at the Civic Center.



LUCRECIA RAMIREZ received her retirement plaque for 20 years of service at the Crockett County Employee Appreciation Banquet on Dec. 8 at the Civic Center.

County honors employees at annual banquet

Crockett County held its annual Employee Appreciation Banquet on Dec. 8 at the Civic Center.

2015 SERVICE AWARDS
5 years - Linda Borrego, Care Center; Lorenzo F. Her-

andez, Civic Center; Lupe Martinez, Senior Center; Alva Allsup, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

10 years - Randy Branch, County Commissioner; Adrienne L. DeHoyos, Care Cen-

ter; Angelica D. Galindo, Care Center; Beatrice Garcia, Care Center; Michelle M. Medley, Tax Assessor-Collector Office; Allen Williams, Civic Center; Paul C. Perner IV, Ozona Volunteer Fire De-

partment.
15 years - Jennifer L. Burton, Care Center; Jesse V. Castro, Road Department; Karen Komechak, Care Center; Sylvia Longoria, Library; Rita Rios,

Crockett County EMS.
20 years - Frances Davis, Care Center.
25 years - Jose Flores, Road Department; Steve Kenley, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

30 years - Louise Ledoux, Library; Ruben Mendez, Road Department.
Retirees - Lucrecia Ramirez, 20 years; Catarino Cervantez, 17 years; Paula Hester, 7 years.



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OHS BAND STUDENTS tried out for ATSSB All-Region Band on Saturday, Dec. 12, in Midland. Pictured are: (left to right) Assistant Director Lyndsey Gold, Jeremy Munoz, Denise Rodriguez, Gavin Mejia, Autumn Villarreal, Sara Gunnels and Director Vincent Del Vecchio; (front) Trystian Galindo.



OHS BAND STUDENTS TRYSTIAN GALINDO AND DENISE RODRIGUEZ made the ATSSB All-Region Band this past Saturday in Midland. Pictured are: (left to right) Assistant Director Lyndsey Gold, Denise Rodriguez, who made second chair Symphonic Band, Director Vincent Del Vecchio and Trystian Galindo who was selected first chair Honors Band. Trystian is advancing to area competition on Jan. 9 in Idalou.

OHS Lions defeat Angoras

The OHS Lions defeated Rocksprings, 42-36, on Dec. 8. Score by quarters: Ozona - 13 7 14 8 - 42; Rocksprings - 5 15 8 8 - 36. Scoring: Ben Badillo 3, a three-pointer; Jadon Perez 2; Kobe Rodriguez 6, including one three-pointer; Kalen Perez 3, a three-pointer; Jose Ojeda 3; Tommy Fay 2; Jackson Abbey 5, including one three-pointer; Juan Venegas 6; Jacob Schroeder 12. The Lions competed in the Sonora Tournament over the weekend. In their first game, Ozona lost to Brackett 41-28. Scoring: Rodriguez 4; K. Perez 3, a three-pointer; Fe-

lipe Irlas 5, including a three-pointer; Abbey 7, including one three-pointer; Venegas 7; Schroeder 2. In their second game, Ozona defeated Iraan 41-39. Scoring: Badillo 6, including two three-pointers; Rodriguez 6; K. Perez 5; Ojeda 8; Abbey 5, including a three-pointer; Venegas 1; Schroeder 4. In their third game, Ozona lost to Reagan County 54-31. Scoring: Rodriguez 7, including a three-pointer; K. Perez 3, a three-pointer; Ojeda 6; Fay 3, a three-pointer; Abbey 2; Venegas 2; Schroeder 8.



JOSE OJEDA BUMPS THE DEFENSE IN MID-AIR as he goes up for a shot in the Varsity Lions 42-36 win over Rocksprings on Dec. 8.

Lady Lions win consolation at Sonora Tourney

The OHS Lady Lions defeated Rocksprings 61-23 on Dec. 8. Score by quarters: Ozona - 12 14 11 24 - 61; Rocksprings - 8 6 6 3 - 23. Scoring: Madison Galindo 11, Madison Childress 10, Asia Lara 10, Zephan Cuevas 8, McKenna Moses 6, Estefania Torralba and Priscila Rodriguez 4. The Lady Lions then competed in the Sonora Tournament from Dec. 10-11, winning the consolation championship. The Lady Lions lost to Sonora in their first game, 50-32. Score by quarters: Ozona - 3 16 3 13 -32; Sonora - 21 11 7 11 - 50. Scoring: Karmyn Lozano 13, Moses 4, Torralba 4, Zephan Cuevas 4, Lara 3 and Childress 3. The Lady Lions then defeated Brackett, 46-34, in their second game. Score by quarters: Ozona - 20 10 12 4 - 46; Brackett - 7 6 12 9 - 34. Scoring: Lara 20, Childress 11, Moses 6, Torralba 6 and Lozano 3. The Lady Lions defeated Reagan County, 63-43, for the consolation championship. Score by quarters: Ozona - 16 15 9 23 - 63; Reagan County - 7 14 12 10 - 43. Scoring: Lara 21, Sewell 8, Torralba 6, Childress 6, Moses 6, Zephan Cuevas 5 and Julie Marshall 4. The Lady Lions are 9-3 overall.



VARSITY LADY LION JULIE MARSHALL goes up for a lay-up while under heavy defensive pressure from a Rocksprings Lady Angora in the Ladies 61-23 victory on Dec. 8 in Davidson Gym. #11 Kelly Sewell is also pictured on the left in the background.

JV Lady Lions compete in Sonora Tourney

The JV Lady Lions competed in the Sonora Tournament last week. In their first game, Ozona lost to Lake View Freshmen, 33-32. Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 15 5 5 - 32; Lake View - 4 15 8 6 - 33. Scoring: Brianna Piedra 20; Cierra Sanchez 6; Paige Lewis 2; Samantha Torralba 2; Julieta Hernandez 2. Also playing: Cassidy McCutcheon, Toni Parker, Lucy Rodriguez, Mariana Garza, Esperanza Ramirez, Kameron Ortiz and Sidney Perez. In their second game, Ozona defeated Brackett JV, 38-30. Score by quarters: Ozona - 14 5 10 9 - 38; Brackett - 9 8 5 8 - 30. Scoring: Piedra 16; Perez 2; Sanchez 10; Parker 1; McCutcheon 3; Lewis 3; Isaura Lopez 2; Garza 2. Also playing: Torralba, Rodriguez, Gandar, Ortiz and Marisol Medina. In their final game, Ozona lost to Nueces Canyon, 36-14. Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 2 5 2 - 14; Nueces Canyon - 8 13 4 11 - 36. Scoring: Piedra 12; Torralba 1; Garza 1. Also playing: Sanchez, McCutcheon, Parker, Rodriguez, Lewis, Gandar, Ortiz, Lopez, Perez and Medina.



LUCY RODRIGUEZ takes a running shot in the LV Lady Lions 37-17 win against Irion County in Davidson Gym on Dec. 8.

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Eighth Grade Lions second in OMS Tourney

The Eighth Grade Lions pulled out a tough win, 33-31, against Iraan on Dec. 7.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 9 10 8 - 33; Iraan - 12 4 9 6 - 31.

Scoring Alec Lara 13; Justin Yeager 11; Zachary Talamantez 3; Lazaro Rodriguez 2; Matthew Galindo 1 and Jacob Childress 3. Also playing: Sebastian Delacruz, Manuel Torralba and Humberto Torralba.

"This was a great team win. We struggled early but stayed with it. The kids over-

came many obstacles in the game but kept fighting and never gave up. We still have plenty to work on especially free-throws, but we showed great resolve and won with class," said Coach John Esparza.

The Eighth Grade Lions placed second in the OMS Tournament on Saturday.

In their first game, Ozona defeated Reagan County 41-9.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 9 17 11 4 - 41; Reagan County - 2 3 0 4 - 9.

Scoring: Lara 13; Aiden

Fuentez 5; Galindo 4; Delacruz 4; M. Torralba 4; H. Torralba 4; Childress 2; Abraham Rodriguez 2; Yeager 2; L. Rodriguez 2; Talamantez 1. Also playing: Dalton Cloud.

In their second game, Ozona lost to Sonora 28-26.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 5 9 5 7 - 26; Sonora - 8 5 7 8 - 28.

Scoring: Lara 7; Talamantez 6; Childress 3; Yeager 3; M. Torralba 2; Fuentez 2; Galindo 2. Also playing: Cloud, A. Rodriguez, Delacruz, H. Torralba, and L. Rodriguez.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE EIGHTH GRADE LIONS PLACED SECOND IN THE OMS TOURNAMENT held this past Saturday in Ozona.

Seventh Grade Lions win Ozona Tournament

The Seventh Grade Lions won the OMS Tournament Saturday.

In their first game, they defeated Sonora 41-16.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 6 13 16 - 41; Sonora - 3 8 0 5 - 16.

Scoring: Richard Piedra 16; Josh Mahannah 9; Emmanuel Venegas 6; Michael Esparza 2; Reece Mosqueda 2; Marco Rodriguez 2; Arlie Hernandez 2; Jose Dominguez 2; Jesse Vega 2. Also playing: Jose Munoz and Coby Mendez

"This was a great team win. Any time we play Sonora it's going to be a good game because neither team wants

to give bragging rights to the other. We struggled early in the game making a basket. We forced some shots and missed way too many layups. We settled down in the second half and our defense really stepped up holding them scoreless in the third quarter. It was a great tournament and we would like to say thank you from the whole community and the teaching staff for all the support," said Coach John Esparza.

The Lions won their second game, 37-15, over Reagan County.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 13 13 9 4 - 37; Reagan

County - 2 6 2 5 - 15.

Scoring: Piedra 15; Mahannah 11; Hernandez 2; Mendez 2; Mosqueda 2; Rodriguez 2. Also playing: Esparza, Dominguez, Munoz, Venegas and Vega.

"This was a great team game. We did a great job of moving the ball and took really good shots. Our defense continues to improve and allows us to get some fast break opportunities. We still have a bunch of little things we can get better at, but overall we continue to improve with each game and do a great job of feeding off each other," Esparza said.



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THE SEVENTH GRADE LIONS WON THE OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL TOURNAMENT on Saturday, Dec. 12.

OZONA ELEMENTARY PTO

Honor roll party Jan. 15

BY RACHEL BEAN
OZONA ELEMENTARY PTO

Ozona Elementary PTO had their meeting on Dec. 8 at the OES Library.

PRINCIPALS' REPORT

Ozona Elementary Assistant Principal, Vicki Munoz welcomed the group and briefly discussed the new tutoring program. There are currently 53 students in the tutoring program. If you would like to be a part of the tutoring program, please contact Mrs. Munoz Vicky or Mrs. McWilliams.

Mrs. Munoz also mentioned they are recruiting people to serve on the OES Campus Site Base Committee. Committee members will help develop a campus improvement plan for Ozona Elementary School. The committee will meet one or two times a year. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Mrs. Munoz at VickyMunoz@Ozonaschools.net.

Mrs. Munoz informed the group, in January OES will begin benchmark and mock tests at Ozona Elementary School.

FUNDRAISING

Helena Scherr, fundraising co-chairman, thanked PTO members for their with the basket fundraiser.

Many students and teachers throughout the school participated in this fundraiser by bringing goods according to their theme. The baskets were a hit at Breakfast with Santa.

We will not have any fundraising projects in January and fundraising will more than likely slow down in the spring.

Please contact Helena at helena_williams@sbcglobal.net if you have any questions about fundraising.

LION'S DEN

Kimber Childress reminded the group of the upcoming Lion's Den party held Friday, Dec. 11. The Lion's Den will be during the student's lunch periods. We welcome anyone with a vol-

unteer badge to help out at the Lion's Den. During this time, PTO members visit with the students during their lunch period, help out with crafts, and play games with the students.

For more information about the Lion's Den, please contact Kimber at kimberchildress@gmail.com or either of the Lion's Den co-chairmen Chelsea at chelseacollett@yahoo.com or Sheena at Daughterjudy21@gmail.com.

TEACHER APPRECIATION

Colbey Bunger, teacher appreciation co-chair, reminded the group of the upcoming Teacher Appreciation breakfast held Friday, Dec. 11.

STUDENT INCENTIVE COMMITTEE

Nicole Hamilton informed the group the next A/B honor roll party will be Jan. 15 at 2 p.m. The Nature Center in San Angelo will be presenting a program on various animals in our region. There will be animals for the children to view and one gentle animal to pet. Contact Nicole Hamilton at Nicolehamilton00@gmail.com if you have any questions or need more information.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be 6 p.m. Jan. 12 in the OES Library.

Ozona Bands Christmas Concert Thursday

Ozona Bands will have their annual Christmas Concert at 6 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 17, at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

The concert will feature performances by the Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and OHS Bands.

Early dismissal for school holiday break

Ozona Schools will dismiss at noon Friday, Dec. 18, for the holiday break.

OES dismissal times will be: Pre-K at noon, Kindergarten and First Grade 12:15 p.m., Second-Fifth Grades 12:30 p.m.

Ozona Schools will be closed Dec. 21 - Jan. 1 for Christmas and New Year's holidays.

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

County stock show Saturday

The Crockett County Stock Show and Awards Banquet will be Dec. 18-19 at the 4-H Barn and Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

Arrival of lambs, goats and swine will be at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, with weigh in of all animals at 5:30 p.m.

The stock show will begin at 8 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 19, with the Finewool Lamb Show followed by the Finewool Cross Lamb Show, Meat Goat Show, Angora Mutton Show and Swine Show.

At 5:30 p.m. there will be a dinner awards ceremony and presentation.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Crockett County 4-H Youth Show Association Raffle Tickets are here. Tickets are \$10 each and the drawing will be Saturday, Dec. 19. First prize: Guided Axis Deer Hunt; Second prize: 20 Gauge Shotgun; Third prize: Remington 22-250 Rifle; Fourth prize: Holland Grill and Fifth prize: 45 quart Yeti Cooler.

Remember, all participants are required to sell at least 10 tickets and there is a prize for the top seller.

LOOKING AHEAD

Look for photography and clothing and textiles announcements in January. During Duds to Dazzle,

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 December events

DECEMBER 16
· Christmas Caroling at Ozona Bank - Third Grade 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Fifth Grade 10:15-11 a.m.; Fourth Grade 11-11:45 a.m.

· Ms. Young's class field trip to the Christmas Tree Farm.

· Pre-K, First, Third and Fifth Grades Pride Lunch.
· Pre-K Gingerbread House Project, 1 p.m. Parents are invited.

DECEMBER 17
· Christmas Caroling at Crockett National Bank - Pre-K 8:45-9:30 a.m.; Kindergarten 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Second Grade 10:15-11 a.m.; First Grade 11-11:45 a.m.

DECEMBER 18
· Early Release Day - Pre-K at noon; Kindergarten and First Grade at 12:15 p.m. and Second-Fifth Grades at 12:30 p.m.

OHS Fall Semester exam schedule

OHS will have Fall Semester Exams on Dec. 16-18.

SCHEDULE OF EXAMS:

Wednesday, Dec. 16:
Periods:
2nd - 8-9:30 a.m.; 3rd - 10-11:30 a.m.; 4th - 1-2:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 17:
Periods:
5th - 8-9:30 a.m.; 6th - 10-11:30 a.m.; 7th - 1-2:30 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 18:
Periods:
8th - 8-9:30 a.m. Make-up - 9:30 a.m.

For more information, call OHS at 325-392-5501 ext. 5711.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

HIGH SCHOOL:
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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 MEAL NIGHTS:
Every other Tuesday - 7-10 p.m.

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SETH CHILDRESS (left photo) killed a turkey and Jacob and Seth Childress killed a buck at the Childress Turkey Roost Ranch in Crockett County.



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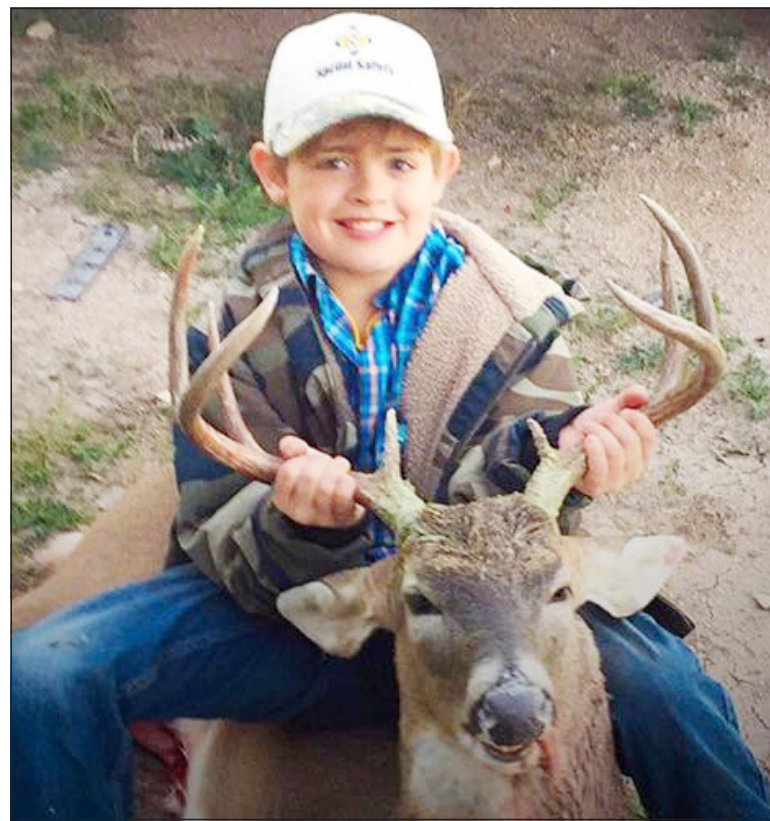


TYLER GUILLORY, 8, of Groves, Texas, shot his first deer while hunting in Crockett County.



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WYATT BEAN killed his first buck on his grandfather's (Fred Chandler) ranch in Crockett County.



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BRYCE HOKIT with his buck killed on his family's ranch eight miles north of Ozona in Crockett County.



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ASHLYN MELANCON, 12, of Groves, Texas, shot this deer while hunting with her Paw Paw and cousin Tyler Guillory in Crockett County.

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AUSTIN HOKIT with his buck killed on his family's ranch eight miles north of Ozona in Crockett County.



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BENNETT BRANCH of Midland, bagged his first deer during the Thanksgiving holiday. He was at his family's ranch south of Brady in the corner of McCullough, Menard and Mason Counties. Proud parents are Charlie and Heather Branch. Proud grandparents are Randy and Lisa Branch of Ozona and Terry and Betty Sweat of Wolforth.

Abbott names next education commissioner

BY KIAH COLLIER
TEXAS TRIBUNE

Gov. Greg Abbott on Monday appointed Dallas Independent School District Trustee Mike Morath as the state's next education commissioner, describing him as "a proven education reformer."

Morath, chairman of Morath Investments, has served on the Dallas school board since 2011. A vocal school-choice proponent, he pushed for a controversial — and, for now, scrapped — "home rule" policy that would have allowed the Dallas school district to escape state control.

He will succeed Michael Williams as head of the Texas Education Agency, which oversees the state's more than 1,200 school districts, including charters. Williams, appointed by then-Gov. Rick Perry in 2012, is stepping down Jan. 1.

It is the second leadership post to which Abbott has appointed Morath in recent weeks, although the latest will trump the first.

Last month, Abbott picked the apparently avid mountain climber to head a new legislative commission that will recommend changes to the state's method of stu-

dent assessment and school accountability. Abbott will have to appoint someone else to head the 15-member Commission on Next Generation Assessments and Accountability, which must make recommendations by Sept. 1.

"The State of Texas is exceptional, and our education system must be too," Abbott said in a statement Monday. "A proven education reformer, Mike Morath will not accept the status quo in our schools. He is committed to innovative solutions that will empower Texas principals, teachers, and students to strive for the highest in education excellence. Mike Morath has led climbs up Mount Rainier and climbed the 20,305-foot Island Peak near Mount Everest. Now he will help Texas education reach new heights."

Abbott's statement called Morath "a change-agent at DISD who led reforms that helped propel Dallas public schools to achieve greater student and operational outcomes."



MIKE MORATH

Among them: a merit pay system for teachers, higher graduation rates and standardized test scores and better financials — including two bond rating upgrades.

Morath said in his own statement that he intends to bring "a focus on improving student outcomes" and to support teachers.

"I realize that no school system's students can outperform their teachers, and supporting our teachers to improve teaching quality are essential in our public education system," he said. "I look forward to advancing that quality, as well as student outcomes, to ensure Texas becomes the number one school system in the nation."

Teacher groups were not as enthusiastic about Morath's appointment.

It "sends another signal that Abbott is very interested in the agenda of the education reform and pro-privatization crowd," the Association of Texas Professional Educators said Monday, citing Abbott's recent appointment of another reformer to the Pension Review Board, which teachers groups decried.

"We hope that Morath will be the type of commissioner

who is receptive to educators' voices in matters of policy and will support local control," the association's executive director, Gary Godsey, said in a statement.

But Morath won bipartisan praise from some elected officials Monday. Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings, a Democrat who backed the controversial home-rule initiative, and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a tea party Republican, both cheered Abbott's choice.

"I worked closely with Mike over the years to develop education reforms that have improved our schools and expanded school choice," Patrick said, referencing his time chairing, and vice chairing, the Senate Education Committee when he was a state senator. "I look forward to continuing our work to make Texas schools the envy of the nation."

Before becoming a full-time investor, Morath owned a software company, Minute Menu Systems, that assisted child care providers in administering a federal food program for low-income children, according to his biography on the Dallas school district website.

Morath is a graduate of Garland High School and George Washington University.

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"It is an honor to be recognized by San Antonio Steel Company for our commitment to their products. Our customers expect the best, which is why we partner with SASCO to promote products like The 50-Year Fence and Texas Classic," said Russell Crenwelge, owner of Triple C Hardware and Lumber.

Triple C's award is part of a larger initiative. At the beginning of the year, SASCO dealers were encouraged

to participate in the 50th anniversary program by promoting and selling The 50-Year Fence and Texas Classic products. Triple C was one of 10 dealers in the state to receive this award. SASCO has awarded a total of \$150,000 to their dealers and respective youth livestock shows across Texas.

On top of SASCO's generous \$5,000 contribution to the Crockett County Youth Show Association, Cole and Russell Crenwelge of Triple C Hardware and Lumber have committed to donate half of their \$10,000 prize to the Crockett County 4-H.

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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.
- U.S. Representative, District 23 - Will Hurd, incumbent.

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.

COURT: from page 1

"We are on a tight time frame on this tax note issue because we wanted to get it into this calendar year due to the low interest rates for the county," Viaille said.

The county will make two interest payments in February and August, and a principal payment in February each year on the notes. Final payment on the notes is scheduled for 2022.

The commissioners will meet at noon Tuesday, Dec. 22, at the courthouse annex to open bids on the new clinic.

Once bids are approved, construction on the project could start at the first of next year.

The clinic is around 10,000 square-feet.

The new clinic will have 11 exam rooms that will be used by local physicians and specialists from San Angelo.

WELLNESS CENTER

Shirley Kirby presented the deed from the Crockett County Health and Wellness Center and the J. Cleo Thompson Family for the property for the site of the new wellness center. The site is located across from the Family Health Center of Ozona and the Crockett County Care Center.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the deed would be filed in the clerk's office, and then he would take the deed to County Attorney Jody Upham who will work on transferring the deed to the county.

Deaton said the commissioners will look at accepting the deed at their Jan. 11 regular meeting.

The commissioners also approved a contract with O'Connell Robertson to provide architectural and engineering services for the wellness center.

Crockett County Voters approved a \$4 million bond last month to build a new wellness center. The county will look at selling the bonds in February.

JAIL

The commissioners approved to amend the contract with DRG Architects to complete the architectural design for the new jail project.

Crockett County Voters approved a \$6 million bond last month to build a new county jail. The county will look at selling the bonds in February.

Deaton said DRG Architects wants to go ahead and finish the plans for the new jail before the bonds are sold.

VEHICLE MAINTENANCE BUILDING

The commissioners accepted a settlement of \$965,087.44 with Trident Insurance on the new road department vehicle maintenance facility. The previous facility was destroyed in a 2014 fire.

The commissioners also approved final payment of \$90,400 to Lopez Construction on the facility. Lopez Construction built the facility and purchased materials from local businesses, including Triple C Hardware & Lumber.

"It was a pleasure to have somebody locally build it. You don't get a lot of that in small towns. Eighty percent of that building stayed in this town," said Jeffrey Stuart, road department superintendent.

"We tried to keep it local as much as we can," added Oscar Lopez, with Lopez Construction.

Stuart said they will start moving into the building and look at having a public open house next month.

ANIMAL CONTROL FENCE

The commissioners rejected all bids for a new animal control fence due to the cost.

The county received a bid from Jesse Venegas for \$21,295 and two bids from JP Construction for \$22,900 for all metal and \$22,250 for metal and wood.

"I just have a problem spending that much money on this deal. As far as I'm concerned we don't need to accept any of the bids, and we need to look at this project a little more and see our exact needs here," said Commissioner Pleas Childress III.

At the Nov. 9 meeting, Animal Control Officer Joe Jurado proposed building the fence.

Jurado said the fence will allow shelter employees to

work with some of the more dangerous animals without fear of them escaping. It will also allow employees to keep dangerous dogs away from the public eye and give dogs a place to run and exercise.

Childress presented a drawing for a smaller fence area that would allow for privacy.

Jurado said Childress' idea would be great.

"I appreciate you guys looking at this and taking the bids. It is something we can live without. We'll continue doing what we're doing. If it's something you're not comfortable with, I understand," Jurado said.

THE COURT ALSO

APPROVED:

- Appointing Ashlee Ramos as a new member to the Crockett County Civic and Youth Center Board.
- A \$14,732.32 bid from New Quest IT Solutions to replace projector and add monitor screen to commissioners' courtroom. Money will be taken from the county's courthouse security fund.
- Increasing funding up to \$50,000 for the scope of services on the TxDOT Ramp Grant for the Ozona Airport.
- 2016 Holidays - New Year's Day Jan. 1; President's Day Feb. 15; Good Friday March 25; Memorial Day May 30; Independence Day July 4; Labor Day Sept. 5; Veterans Day Nov. 11; Thanksgiving Nov. 24-25; Christmas Dec. 23 and Dec. 26.
- The second Monday of each month as regular day for commissioners' court meetings.
- Deaton and Commissioner Frank Tambunga as members of the Appraisal District Board.
- An engagement letter from Eckert & Co. to conduct the county audit for 2015.
- Including the courthouse and annex on a map produced by T&M Graphics. Cost is \$400.
- Banning aerial fireworks

for the New Year's holiday.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The commissioners will hold a special meeting at noon on Dec. 22 to open new clinic bids and another special meeting at 6 p.m. Dec. 30 for 2015 and 2016 budget amendments.

The next regular meeting will be 9 a.m. Jan. 11.

All meetings will be at the courthouse annex and are open to the public.

Commissioner Eligio Martinez was absent from the meeting.

Devotion of St. Jude

Thank you St. Jude for your intercession and prayers answered. Thank you for our jobs, our health, our freedom, especially for answering my urgent petitions. In gratitude I promise to make your name known, so that others can invoke your heavenly assistance to the Glory of God and for the good of our souls. AMEN.

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Saturday, Dec. 19

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Game Warden Field Notes

COMPILED FROM TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS.

WORKING ON OUR WAY HOME

As two Bowie County game wardens were on their way home just after midnight, they saw a man staggering down the street. The wardens watched the man walk up to a church door and try to open it, then sit down on the church's front steps and begin to smoke what smelled like marijuana.

When the man noticed the wardens walking toward him, he stood up and tried to throw away a bag of marijuana. He also tried to run, but was too intoxicated and didn't get far before the wardens took him into custody without incident. They arrested him for public intoxication, possession of marijuana under two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia.

HOW HAWKWARD

As a Van Zandt County game warden and a Fannin County game warden checked bow hunters in Van Zandt County, they got a call for assistance from the Sheriff's Office.

Upon arriving at the scene, the wardens found sheriff's deputies had detained a man on warrants out of Van Zandt County. They also saw something interesting hidden in the man's vehicle: a sharp shinned hawk in a bucket covered with blankets.

When the wardens questioned the man about the hawk, he admitted to shooting it that morning with a 12 gauge shotgun. The man said he was on his way to dump the bird when he was pulled over.

The wardens booked the man into the county jail on his outstanding warrants, with an additional charge of possessing a raptor.

THAT'S A LOT OF ILLEGAL STUFF FOR ONE BACKPACK

As several game wardens worked the Brushy Creek area of Hunt County, they noticed a suspicious vehicle moving slowly through a field. They followed it before initiating a traffic stop.

The driver exited and appeared to toss something back into the vehicle.

After detaining the driver, the wardens searched the vehicle and found a backpack with a handgun, jewelry, narcotics distribution supplies, drug paraphernalia, counterfeit money and about 10 grams of what appeared to be crystal meth inside.

The wardens arrested the driver, and the case is pending.

WIDESPREAD STEALER

A Fannin County game warden received information from a landowner about the theft of several ATVs and other equipment from a nearby hunting lodge.

The warden found the suspect and obtained a search warrant for his home, where he and other law enforcement officers found over \$350,000 in stolen equipment, including trailers, tools, guns, a tractor and a semi-truck.

The man living at the house gave investigators a full confession that cleared numerous theft cases from all over Northeast Texas.

During this investigation, the warden gathered valuable information that will help him recover additional stolen property.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Monthly Status Report - November 2015	12-7-15
Total Placed in Jail	23
Total Released	17
Currently Incarcerated - Ozona	1
Currently housed outside county	15
Housing Cost - Mitchell Co.	\$684
Housing Cost - Upton Co.	\$17,437.50
Housing Cost - Sutton Co.	\$0
Housing Cost - Schleicher Co.	\$0
Housing Cost - Pecos Co.	\$0
Total Housing Cost	\$18,121.50
Total Civil Papers	9
Civil Papers Served (state and out of county)	7
Total Unserved	2
Total Fines Collected	\$657
Total Civil Fines Collected	\$0
Cash Bonds Collected	\$500
Bonding Fees Collected	\$105
Traffic Citations Issued	40
Illegal Aliens Held Overnight for Ins (BP)	0
Inmates Transported	2
Total Dispatch Calls	216
911 Landline	19
911 Wireless	116
Unavailable (abandoned or ghost calls)	238
Actual 911 Calls	238

Type of Calls

Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	1
911 medical/fire assistance	3
Civil complaints	4
Civil documents served	1
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	12
Juvenile/School	0
Motorist assist/locked vehicle	7
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	4
Minor/major traffic accidents	6
Alarms	2

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

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and retail trade, continued to grow. The net decrease in sales tax receipts is in line with the October Certification Revenue Estimate."

Furthermore, Hegar said, he will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$626.3 million in local sales tax allocations for December, 3 percent less than in December 2014. These allocations are based on sales made in October by businesses that report tax monthly.

your windows and lock the car, even if it is parked at your home. When possible, always park in high-traffic, well-lighted areas."

Also: "Install an anti-theft device that locks the steering wheel, column or brakes, especially if your vehicle is considered to be at increased 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" and more.

TXDOT CALLS FOR SOBER RIDES

Texas Department of Transportation's "Plan While You Can" campaign, launched Dec. 7, urges partygoers to plan for a sober ride now through Jan. 1.

The campaign, which runs in tandem with an increase in Texas DPS patrols and enforcement, includes a state-wide tour featuring an interactive dodge ball game that uses custom gaming technology to replicate the effects of alcohol on a person's reflexes.

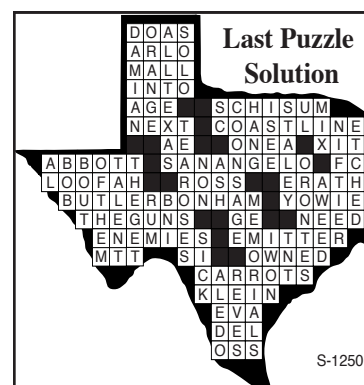
For more information, visit SoberRides.org.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

NOVEMBER 2015

Animal related contacts	119	Animal Bite investigations	0
Impounded dogs	23	Owner surrenders	1
		Number of animals surrendered	1
		Impounded cats	63
		Destroyed animals	51
		Livestock calls	1
		Animal disposal	8
		Animal traps set	74
		Wildlife caught	7
		Dangerous animal reports	1 (snake)
		Written warning citations	6
		Written citations	9
		Welfare checks	10

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ACROSS

- TXism: "got as much to ___ a hibernating bear"
- this Guthrie was in several of TX Willie's Farm Aids
- teen hangout
- TXism: "he'll kick you ___ a funeral home" (mean horse)
- get older
- TX cattle baron: John ___
- TX Freddy Fender hit: "Before the Teardrop Falls"
- it's an arc from Bay City to South Padre Island
- first 2 vowels
- class for all TX 6-man football teams once a big TX Panhandle ranch
- 48th TX gov., Greg Tom Green Co. seat
- this Couples won 1987 Byron Nelson Classic in TX (init.)
- cucumber-like fruit
- this Sterling was 31st gov. of TX
- Dublin's county
- Alamo hero: James
- Australian bigfoot
- TX Audie Murphy film: "___ of Fort Petticoat"
- Rice won the 1966 ___ College Bowl
- in Fort Bend Co.: ___ ville, TX
- Giants, Redskins, & Eagles to the Cowboys
- one who gives off something
- essay for cell metabolic activity
- "yes" south of the border
- Cowboys team is ___ by Jerry Jones
- Bugs Bunny treats
- Lyle Lovett's hometown
- ___dale in Jasper Co.
- actress Joan of 1966 film "Gunpoint" with TX Audie Murphy
- safety certification co.
- actor Tom of 1932 film "The Texas Bad Man"
- showy & aromatic flowers (2 wds.)
- more skillful
- "___ in stone"
- league for Astros & Rangers (abbr.)
- famous TX western swing singer, Wills
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- NYSE symbol for TX Burlington Northern Santa Fe
- TX monuments
- TXism: "green around the gills"
- shout of victory (2 wds.)
- Turner Broadcasting cable channel
- in Parker Co. on FM 1187
- this Wendy was a TX philanthropist

DOWN

- Fray ___ Massanet established 1st Spanish mission in East TX
- easternmost city in TX, on Sabine
- truly TX: "___ all the time"
- TX Stephen Stills was in bands and also a ___ artist
- TX B-western star, Carson (init.)
- TXism for "long time"
- TXism: "got the ___ of it"
- TX Tanya's "Can ___ You Tonight"
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It is contemplated that Interim Bank will continue to operate under the title of "Crockett National Bank" from its existing home office location after the merger. The former main office and branch locations of the Bank will become branch locations of the Interim Bank upon consummation of the merger.

This notice is published pursuant to 12 U.S.C. 1828(c) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act and Part 5 of the regulations of the Comptroller of the Currency.

Any person desiring to comment on this application may do so by submitting written comments on this application by January 8, 2016 to: Director for District Licensing, Comptroller of the Currency, Southern District Office, 500 North Akard Street, Suite 1600, Dallas, Texas 75201. Comments may also be submitted by email to So.Licensing@occ.treas.gov. The public file is available for inspection at that office during regular business hours. Written requests for a copy of the public file on the application should be sent to the Director for District Licensing.

PUBLICATION DATES:

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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 December 22, 2015, 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.

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