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Toys for Tots a success

BY FRANK TAMBUNGA
CROCKETT COUNTY VETERANS

The Crockett County Veterans 14th Annual Toys for Tots Campaign collected \$1,166.48 in donations and over 150 unwrapped toys in a short amount of time. We had a limited time to do our usual collections because of the bad weather we had during the weekends. We spent a total of \$4,484.10 to purchase toys for all the applications received from 52 families with 186 children.

Most of the toys were purchased locally. As always, the volunteers of the Ozona Fire Department, EMS, Santa Claus and his elves delivered all the gifts. They even had enough to provide some small gifts to children that came up to Santa, as they delivered.

Toys for Tots began back in 2004, since then we have served 527 families, and 1,660 children. Toys for Tots has brought smiles to so many children in Ozona during the holidays it has given them a reason to believe during this special season. It is because of the big heart Ozona citizens have during the season of Christmas. This is one of the reasons why Ozona is known as the "Biggest Little Town in the World." This is something Ozona Citizens should be proud of.

I would like to say thank you to the following people, organizations and business that helped in our 2016 Toys-for-Tots campaign. It would not have been possible without the support of these individuals, organizations and businesses.

Volunteers: Emilio, Mary, Elisa and Emilia Tambunga;



SANTA CLAUS and his elves (Eli De La Cruz and Elie Cassaro) visited the house of Whitney Tambunga and her daughters Kaidence and Keilyn during the annual Toys for Tots delivery on Dec. 18. Toys were distributed to 52 local families with 186 children this year.

Melinda Valdes and her granddaughter, Gregg and Corba Jones and their grandson, Steve, our Santa.

Organizations: the Ozona

Volunteer Fire Department, Georgia Morrow and her gift wrappers, Crockett County DeerFest Association, Crockett County EMS and Ozona

Women's League.

Businesses: Dollar General, The General Store, Ozona Mercantile and DCP Midstream employees.

I apologize if I failed to mention anyone or any business it was not intentional. But, I do appreciate your support. God Bless all of you!

Commissioners seeking proposals for new jail

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court approved to authorize solicitation of competitive sealed proposals for the new Crockett County Jail during a Dec. 20 special called meeting.

The motion also included to make the best value determination on the jail project. This will be the second time the county has solicited the project.

During the first round, the county chose to work with Lott Brothers Construction, out of Austin, as a construction manager at risk for the project. Those bids came in \$1.18 million over the \$6 million budget.

The county then terminated their agreement with Lott Brothers on Nov. 14 and are now seeking competitive sealed proposals, which will allow the county to negotiate when they select a company.

If the company selected does not meet the proposed budget, the county can then select another company from the proposals, said Wayne Gondeck, architect with DRG Architects.

At the Dec. 20 meeting, Gondeck told the

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New Year's closings

The Ozona Stockman office will be closed Monday, Jan. 2, for the New Year's Holiday.

Deadline is 4 p.m. Friday, Dec. 30, for the Jan. 4 edition. Crockett County Offices will close at noon Friday, Dec. 30, and be closed Monday, Jan. 2.

Ozona Bank, Crockett National Bank and the U.S. Post Office will be closed Monday, Jan. 2.

CCCCSD will resume classes Wednesday, Jan. 4.

The Family Health Center of Ozona will close at noon Friday, Dec. 30. The urgent care area will be open with a provider for medical emergencies. They will resume regular hours Monday, Jan. 2.

FORT LANCASTER NEWS

The skirmish on Live Oak Creek

BY WILSON WHITE AND JEFFERSON R. SPILMAN
FORT LANCASTER

Two months after the establishment of Camp Lancaster in August of 1855, the soldiers of companies H and K, First U.S. Infantry Regiment, were still adapting to their new home. Not long after their arrival they fought their first skirmish with the Apache. It was a fierce encounter and a wake up call for the soldiers stationed on the Texas frontier.

Camp Lancaster consisted of tents and portable structures near Live Oak Creek. It was the soldier's task to construct the permanent buildings, protect travelers along the San Antonio to El Paso Road, and scout the area. Within a year the camp was upgraded to Fort Lancaster.

On Oct. 12, 1855, Captain Stephen Carpenter, Company H Commander, was eager to explore the head of Live Oak Creek and search for trees for flag pole. The creek supplied Camp Lancaster with fresh water. A small party was organized consisting of Captain Carpenter, Dr. Jacob Still-



LIVE OAK CREEK on Camp Lancaster was the sight of a skirmish with the Apache.

man, Privates Beardall, Dennen, and McCulloch, and a civilian teamster (wagon driver). Also included was a mule pulled wagon and Captain Carpenter's dogs, Cola and Quail.

The group traveled upstream observing the lush vegetation, wild grape vines and live oaks. After traveling for some time, they came upon a grove of hackberry and gum-trees. The trees had straight trunks, ide-

al for a flag pole. The teamster and several members remained there to cut trees to be taken back to camp. Captain Carpenter, Dr. Stillman and the dogs continued upstream.

Wild turkeys were plentiful in the area and Captain Carpenter could not pass up the opportunity of an easy hunt. After crossing paths with a turkey, he fired his gun, wounding the bird. Captain Carpenter and his

dogs followed after the turkey making their way over a nearby ridge. Expecting to find an injured bird, instead he stumbled upon a group of Apache mounted with bows, arrows, lances and a few guns. He estimated nineteen warriors and they appeared to be ready for battle.

Had he been seen? The Captain, after making a quick observation made his way back down the ridge. Perhaps he had not been spotted as all was still calm. Captain Carpenter, Dr. Stillman and the dogs quickly returned to the thicket where the rest of the party was working. After informing everyone about the situation, all haste was made to load the wagon so the party could return together.

Several of the soldiers, including Captain Carpenter, proceeded to a point of defense in front of the wagon team and to keep watch on the trail. As the soldiers suspected, it was not long before the Apache were spotted. Gunfire erupted as the Apache opened fire on the soldiers.

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Important factors to consider when hiring the right employee

Hiring the right employee can be challenging because interviews can bring out the best in candidates but once hired their actual performance can be much different. The process is not easy, and it is important to keep in mind that it will take time and will have a monetary impact and possible reputational consequences if you make a bad hire. In my research, I found some articles that number a series of important factors considered by many very successful businesses. They mentioned that companies that are successful in hiring have a process that in-

cludes attracting high-quality candidates as well as evaluating them in several different areas that will help you acquire a better sense of their soft and hard skills. Some of the key areas they look into are:

- Hiring in a “Need-Supply” vs “Demand-



BUSINESS TIPS
ADRIANA B. HAVINS

Ability” wherein the need-supply basis you concentrate on the benefits the employee can acquire by working for your company, contrary to the demand-abilities approach where you have a long list of responsibilities and requirements for the candidates. It has been researched and found that the “Demand-Abilities” approach can actually alienate qualified employees. Therefore phrases like “You will have many opportunities to collaborate with talented people.” in your next job posting might attract candidates who better fit your needs.

- Asking the right questions is key. While certain types of questions are not permitted it is important to ask questions that will give you a good idea of the person's situation. If you ask someone why they left their last job and they blame someone else, it's important to follow up with another question, and if they continue to blame external forces for their problems, this should be a red flag and you might consider moving on to the next candidate. Also, allow prospective employees to ask you questions, it will give you a chance to see what's im-

portant to them. Plus, it might tell you about a candidate's drive and ambition.

- Keep an eye on your business' reviews. Potential employees often seek information about businesses they want to work for, and this includes salary, interview tips and feedback from current and former employees but also via social media, hence the importance of keeping up with your business's social media page since a lot of feedback about your business will be posted online.

Hiring the perfect fit might be challenging due to many tech-

nical skills you might require for the position you are hiring for as well as trying to meet the soft skills necessary to perform well. Applying some of the techniques mentioned might facilitate your hiring process and make it a real success.

Online sources were used in the developing of this article. Including Entrepreneur, Business News Daily and BusinessWeek.

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Bringing computer science to middle school

Coding is the language of the 21st Century economy. If our students can't speak it, they will be left behind. We must do a better job preparing our students for the jobs that don't exist yet—and we've got to start at an earlier age.

Over 42,000 computer jobs go unfilled in Texas each year because we do not produce enough computer scientists—and these jobs pay over twice the average salary in Texas. As a former computer science major at Texas A&M, this problem is close to my heart. There is no reason we should be missing the opportunity to prepare students for these high paying jobs.

The majority of students do not have access to computer science courses until high school. What is more interesting, is that according to a recent State law, most 8th graders must now select one of five “endorsement” tracks, which influences their course curriculum throughout high school. Students interested in computer science would theoretically choose the STEM endorsement track.

But how are they supposed to know that they are interested in computer science if they have never been exposed to it?

Therein lies the problem: the vast majority of our middle schools do not offer computer science at all. Right now, the pipeline that produces Computer Science professionals starts at the high school level.

That is why I have been working with several members of the public, private, and non-profit sectors, to develop a plan that provides earlier access to quality computer science education for our



HURD ON THE HILL
WILL HURD

kids. In partnership with the University of Texas Center for STEM Education and non-profit organization Bootstrap, my curriculum initiative will train middle school teachers to integrate computer science into State-approved mathematics curriculums. Intel, Dell, Facebook, Brocade, and Toyota of Texas have agreed to generously fund the training, and the first training workshop will be held March 23 – 25 in San Antonio.

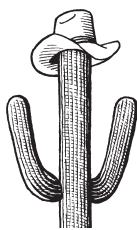
Because the curriculum is taught through existing math classes, schools do not need additional teachers or classes. Forty middle school teachers from across the 23rd Congressional District of Texas may participate at little to no cost so that they can implement the program in the classroom in fall 2017. This could potentially expose at least 5,000 students in the 23rd Congressional District of Texas to Computer Science.

It's exciting that the public and private sectors are working together to produce real returns for the community, and it is my hope that we inspire many more students to pursue careers in computer science.

If you are a superintendent, principal, teacher or parent and would like more information, visit Hurd.House.Gov/CS or contact my office at (210) 921-3130.

WILL HURD represents the 23rd District of Texas, which includes Crockett County. Contact him at: <http://hurd.house.gov>

One Man's Trash



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I hate to be the bearer of bad news but you may have a ticking time bomb on your ranch.

Several years ago on a place we leased we were visited by aliens in spacesuits who arrived in otherworldly vehicles and spoke an indecipherable language. No, I'm not some UFO nut who was abducted by Martians, these guys were remediators, which are far spookier. I know, I'd never heard of them before either. They were there because somehow they'd discovered that there was an old underground fuel tank on the premises. This came as a complete surprise to my landlord.

The remediators brought in all sorts of heavy equipment to dig out the tank and to remediate the soil that had been “contaminated”. Once out of the ground they discovered that the tank was full of fuel which to you and me might suggest that the tank didn't leak. To the remediators it meant practically all the soil in the township had to be removed and cleansed. In other words, they had to clean the clean soil that had NOT been contaminated.

While they were at it the remediators discovered a dump on the ranch, which to the sanitation engineers in environmental services is like finding a fresh cow pie in the living room. They were so upset all they could see were dollar signs!

These days Americans produce three and a half pounds of trash daily that is filling up our landfills but ranchers in the PS period (pre-styrofoam), had other ways of deal-

ing with the politically incorrect trash. Newspapers, magazines, and catalogs were “recycled” in the outhouse while rougher recyclables went up in smoke in the burn barrel on foggy days. There was no such thing as disposable diapers or food waste like brussel sprouts, liver and lima beans, which were fed to the hog. Everything else went to the dump.

Our dump contained things like decaying corral boards, a wringer washer, green appliances, irrigation pipe twisted up like pretzels, concrete chunks, an old chicken coop, bed springs, tires, buckets with holes in them and parts of an airplane that landed far short of the nonexistent runway. We also found many valuable antiques like chicken feeders and waterers that you see in antique shops for sixty bucks apiece. There was also an old calf table that two ropers had probably headed and heeled and drug to the dump in disgrace. I sold it to a bad-roping neighbor for a quick \$100. Cows had pretty much sorted through the decaying trash and destroyed a lot of the “good stuff” but we did find a big rusty roll of valuable barb wire that's now safe in our house rising in value faster than my IRA. Hey, some folks have annuities, I have

twenty yards of Glidden's flat line four point (1876).

Being an environmentalist, I made few contributions to the dump although it did serve as a final resting place for my Grandpa's old horse trailer that hadn't been registered for 40 years. First, I had to haul it 30 miles on the freeway so to avoid the cops I smeared a little cow poop over the spot where the current tag was supposed to be. (Note: If you try this at home use baby calf manure as it sticks better.)

Like everyone else, you won't believe my other contribution to the dump. Years ago my wife and her cousin were weeding the garden when they looked up and saw a coyote scoping out our sheep. They yelled at me and I got in the truck and tried to get within shooting range as it ran away. In desperation I stopped the truck, aimed my 22 and launched a no-chance bullet just as the coyote looked my way. To my amazement the coyote dropped like a rock. I swear I hit that coyote right between the eyes! (I know, I didn't believe it either.)

I showed the carcass to my wife to prove my marksmanship and then took my trophy to the dump because my wife wouldn't let me hang it in the house.

That's how I ended up playing tug-of-war with a sanitation engineer in a spaceman's suit with a decaying coyote carcass because he said I couldn't keep the “biological hazard”.

It's true what they say, one man's trash really is another man's treasure.

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Attorney General intervenes in ‘Charlie Brown Christmas’ lawsuit

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Dec. 15 intervened in a lawsuit filed on behalf of nurse's aide Dedra Shannon against the Killeen Independent School District over its decision to take down Shannon's Christmas decoration.

According to a news release by Paxton's office, the principal of KISD's Patterson Middle School ordered Shannon to take down a handmade decoration that depicted a scene from the 1965 animated feature, “A Charlie Brown Christmas.” In the scene, the character Linus is asked by Charlie Brown whether there is “anyone who knows what Christmas is all about.” Shannon's decoration quoted part of Linus's response: “For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord ... That's what Christmas is all about, Charlie Brown.”

The school district ordered Shannon to take down her

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decoration, claiming that it violated the law. Later, school board members voted 6-1 in favor of censoring Shannon's Charlie Brown Christmas decoration.

The attorney general, however, maintained that the inclusion of Bible verses or religious messages on student or teacher-sponsored holiday decorations does not violate any law.

“Once again, public schools have decided that their commitment to diversity does not extend to Christians,” Paxton said. “Neither faculty nor students shed their constitutional rights when they step inside the schoolhouse door. The law in fact encourages school districts to take an inclusive approach to religious and secular celebrations that are both respectful and accepting of different viewpoints. Killeen ISD made

a clear legal error when it decided it had to censor staff member Dedra Shannon's Christmas decoration simply because it incorporated some religious terminology.”

SAFETY PATROLS ON DUTY

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 19 posted a news release urging drivers to help make the holidays safer by driving sober and using extra caution.

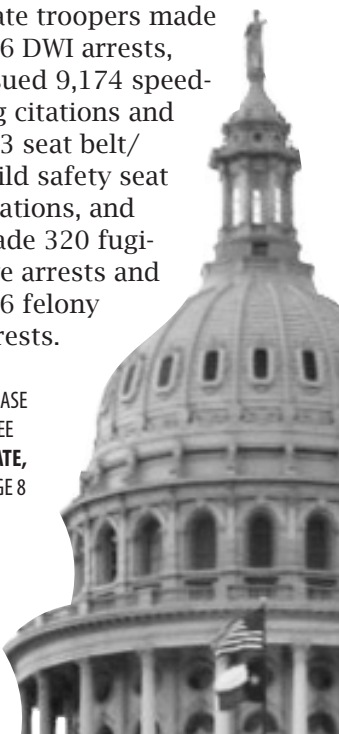
DPS troopers and local law enforcement officers are combining efforts throughout the holiday weekends, looking for drunken drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other dangerous roadway behavior.

“By always driving sober, obeying traffic laws, and slowing down or moving over a lane when vehicles are stopped on the side of the road, Texans can help make our roads safer for everyone,”

said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

During last year's eight-day Christmas/New Year holiday enforcement period state troopers made 466 DWI arrests, issued 9,174 speeding citations and 893 seat belt/child safety seat citations, and made 320 fugitive arrests and 286 felony arrests.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



SHANON BIGGERSTAFF | OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
VENEGAS CONSTRUCTION: Lisa Venegas, Leslie Venegas, Felix Venegas Jr. and Felix Venegas Sr.

Business of the Month:
Venegas Construction

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Venegas Construction, LLC as our Business of the Month.

“Venegas Construction actually first opened its doors in June of 2013,” said Felix Venegas, Jr. “We have expanded our business and want the community to be aware of the services we have available. Now that our business is more established, our goal is to expand our customer base.”

Venegas Construction, LLC provides roustabout, water hauling, fencing, backhoe and dozer equipment and work, and hot shot service. “Right now our roustabout crews are staying very busy, and we now have a winch truck,” said Felix. Venegas Construction, LLC also offers a variety of their

services to local land owners and residents.

Venegas Construction, LLC services Ozona, Eldorado, Sonora, Barnhart, Pecos, Midland and has a yard in Big Lake. “We have 6 roustabout crews and a total of 25 employees working for the company. It has taken some time not only to find the right employees, but the right number needed to service our customers. We are proud to say that we have worked hard to establish a good reputation, and we thank the community of Ozona for their support.”

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OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS



SUBMITTED PHOTO
THE OZONA GARDEN CLUB had their December meeting at the home of Charlotte Harrell.

Garden Club holds
December meeting, auction

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

Sixteen members of Ozona Garden Club met at the home of Charlotte Harrell for the December meeting. Rev. Jean Reardon, Rosalind Williams, and Charlotte Harrell were hostesses for the annual Christmas auction. Heidi Williams and Rev. Jean Reardon conducted the auction, which earned \$852 for the club. Rosalind Williams played Christmas music on the piano while members sang some Christmas carols around the fireplace.

President Vicki Stokes conducted a brief business meeting. The minutes from the November meeting were read and approved, and Esther Williams gave the treasurer’s report. She also distributed the National Garden

Club calendars, which the club sells each year. Proceeds from the auction were \$852 this year. Ozona Garden Club uses its funds to make many community charitable contributions as well as to give an Ozona student a college scholarship.

On January 9, Slate and Heidi Williams will present a program on the status of underground water in Crockett County.

New member Cathy Carson was welcomed to the club.

Members in attendance were Marolyn Bean, Cathy Carson, Vivian Childress, Arlene Clayton, Mary Anne Deaton, Gilda Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Jean Odom, Jean Reardon, Ronda Stuart, Vicki Stokes, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouek, Esther Williams, Heidi Williams, and Rosalind Williams.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Wednesday, Dec. 28**
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
 - KC Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall
 - Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
 - Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Thursday, Dec. 29**
- Varsity Lions and Lady Lions in the Big Lake Tournament
 - Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
 - Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
 - Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Friday, Dec. 30**
- Varsity Lions and Lady Lions in the Big Lake Tournament
 - Crockett County Offices, Crockett County Public Library and the Family Health Center of Ozona closing at noon.
- Sunday, Jan. 1**
- New Year’s Day
- Monday, Jan. 2**
- The Ozona Stockman, Crockett County Offices, Crockett County Public Library, Senior Center, Civic Center, local banks and the U.S. Post Office closed.
- Tuesday, Jan. 3**
- Sit Down Exercise, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
 - JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs Forsan, 5 p.m. at Forsan
- Wednesday, Jan. 4**
- CCCCS Second Semester begins
 - Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
 - KC Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall
 - Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
 - Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- Dec. 28** - Micahel Jo- van Urias, Ben Flores, Juan Lugo, Whitney Crawford, Sara Dorrough, Maria del Socorro Mata and Preston Tebbetts
- Dec. 29** - Jean Read, Jared Shaffer, Meagan Castro, Desiree’ Young, Leah DeLaRosa, Gabriella Flores, Ethan F. Gonzlaez, Emily Merrill, Jorge Luis Sarabia, Jean Read and Alicia Perez.
- Dec. 30** - Bryan Lacy, Marco Sandate Jr., Artemio Hernandez Jr., Eva Tinney and Josh Gonzales
- Dec. 31** - Vicki Cooper,
- 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
- Jan. 2** - Holly Sheppard, Johnny Tambunga, Cuatro Jones, Patsy White, Gloria Wilson, Butch Gonzales, Erik Bachman, Regina Garcia and Victor Villarreal Jr.
- Jan. 3** - James Caldera, Ruben Cruz, Goyo DeHoyos, Michael Ybarra Sr., Matthew Galindo, Wesley Crawford and Chago Ybarra Jr.

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The Apache dismounted and approached trying to encircle the soldiers.

Dr. Stillman recorded the occasion: “The Indians approached under cover of the brushes, rising to let fly an arrow, and immediately hiding again, before a sight could be drawn upon them...”

Shots were fired from both sides as the skirmish escalated. Suddenly, two of the Apache emerged from the brush and charged towards the civilian teamster, overtaking him near the creek. It was a fierce situation and close combat. The soldiers fired back, shooting several of the warriors. Many of the attackers remained hidden shooting from behind the brush while one Apache attempted to steal the wagon and mule team.

Pvt. McCulloch was shot in the foot with an arrow and Captain Carpenter nearly faced death himself. Dr. Stillman recorded the captain’s encounter: “One arrow had struck his horse, which was rearing and plunging one severed the strap at his shoulder, which held his shot belt, another transfixed his boot from behind, passing between the sock and his leg...a forth pierced his heavily-quilted hunting coat, and passed through, and a fifth struck his hand in which he held his gun...”

Outnumbered, nearly three to one, it seemed as though the soldiers might be surrounded and killed. Just as quick as the fighting had started the Apache withdrew into the brush along the creek and carried their dead and wounded, according to their custom. Captain Carpenter, the other soldiers and the captain’s dogs made their way back to Camp Lancaster.

During the chaos of battle, Dr. Stillman was separated from the rest of the party and forced to retreat back to Camp Lancaster. After reporting the situation, a rescue party was formed, which quickly proceeded up Live Oak Creek to find the other soldiers.

Dr. Stillman wrote: “I re-

ported the whole party killed, as I had no doubt they were... The probable death of Captain Carpenter, who was so much beloved by the whole command, created a most painful sensation. There was a hurrying of men to arms, and a party started off on foot at quick time.”

Near dusk, Captain Carpenter and the remaining party returned, grateful they had survived. A search party continued towards the location of the skirmish and recovered the wagon along with one of the mules. The soldiers found a harness, a bear skin, Apache apparel, and arrows scattered over the area.

After surveying the area, Dr. Stillman observed the following: “They (the Apache) knew that I had escaped to camp, and that reinforce-

ments would soon be at hand, and they lost no time in getting away... These Indians were a band of Apaches, and as we learned by following their trail afterward, they had observed us in the morning as we passed up the creek... Their dispositions were well made, and the whole plan of attack showed great sagacity, and would have been successful in cutting off every man in the party, were it not that they wanted victory too cheap.”

Several of the Apache and the civilian teamster lost their lives in the skirmish. The skirmish on Live Oak Creek served as a reminder of the danger soldiers faced on the frontier. It was a day they never forgot.

In the years following, the soldiers of Fort Lancast-

er would fight in other skirmishes with Native Americans. Despite the isolation and dangers of West Texas, the soldiers continued their duty to establish the fort and guard the road. They undoubtedly played a role in shaping the American West.

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If you’re a man over 50 years of age, it’s time to talk about prostate cancer. According to the American Cancer Society, one in six men will develop prostate cancer in his lifetime. Early detection offers a better opportunity for successful treatment. San Angelo Community Medical Center urologists provide comprehensive care for men with conditions such as prostate, testicular and bladder cancers. Brian Bradley, M.D., a board-certified urologist, offers minimally invasive robotic-assisted surgery for treating prostate cancer.

He is now seeing patients in Sonora.
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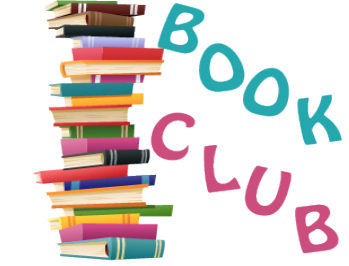


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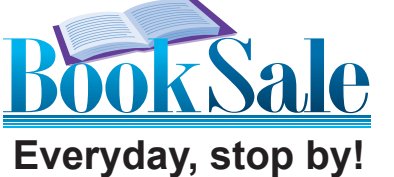


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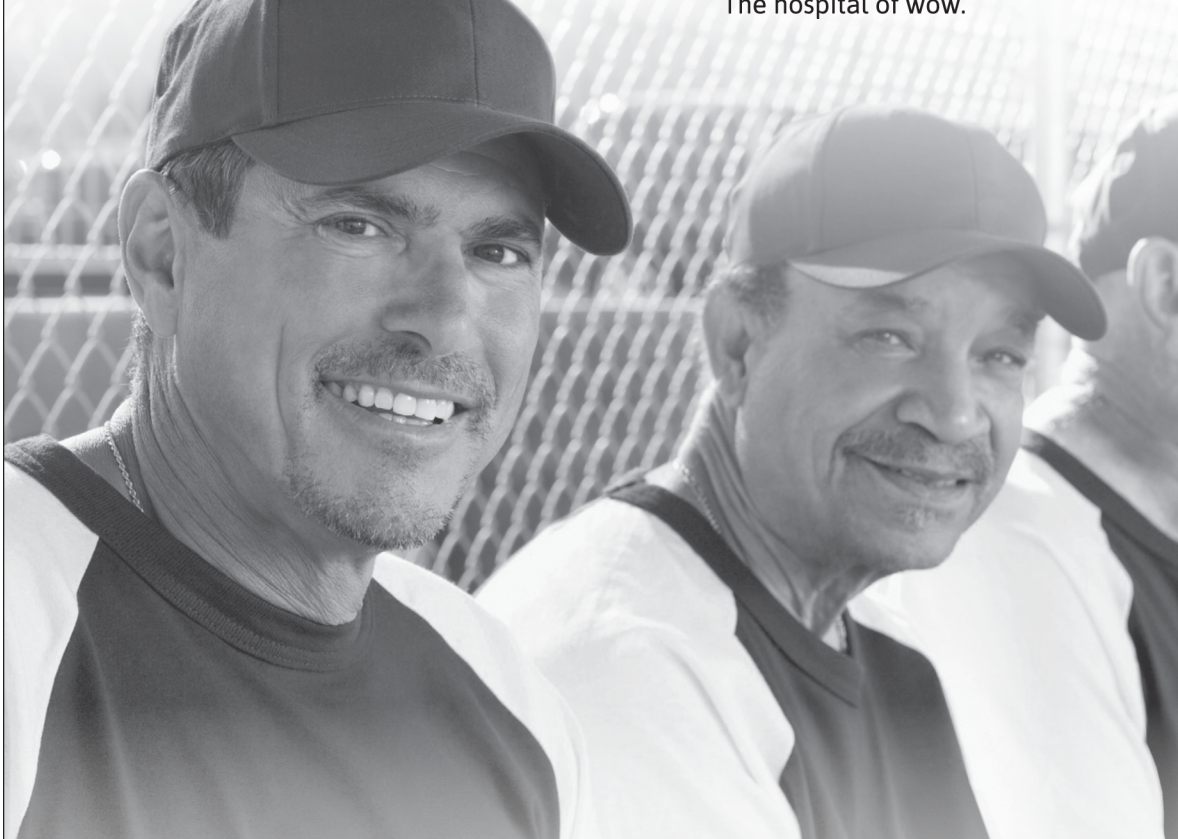
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DECEMBER 28

• Beefy noodles, peas and carrots, romaine salad, dressing, garlic bread stick, cherry cake and milk.

DECEMBER 29

• Barbecue chicken, corn, green beans w/onions, tossed salad, dressing, pineapple pudding and milk.

DECEMBER 30

• Baked fish, tartar sauce, salad, beets, tangy coleslaw, pears, wheat roll and milk.

JANUARY 2

• Chicken parmesan, pasta w/sauce, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, pineapple pudding, milk

JANUARY 3

• Chili w/beans, cucumber, tomato and onion salad, pear crisp, wheat bread, milk

JANUARY 4

• Smothered pork chop, rice pilaf, green beans, romaine salad, cinnamon apri-cots, dinner roll, milk

JANUARY 5

• Chicken stew, rice, carrots, cherry dump cake, corn-bread, milk

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THE SAN ANGELO UMPIRE'S ASSOCIATION donated \$500 to the OLPH Youth Group this month. Representative Albert Talamantez (front center) presented the check. The association is a non-profit that earns funds by working the Mr. W Fireworks Stands in San Angelo.

OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM NEWS



MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY HANDBELL CHOIR performed at the Ozona Woman's Forum meeting on Dec. 13.

Handbell choir performs at December meeting

BY BETH HOOVER
OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM

The Ozona Woman's Forum met for their annual Christmas meeting at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, Dec. 13. President Beth Hoover welcomed members and guest. New member Carol Jane Graves was introduced and welcomed. Pastor Jean Reardon then introduced special guest the N.O.M.A.D.S. (Nomads in Mission Active in Divine Service). An overview of the wonderful work they have done in the community the past weeks was reported also.

Members were remind-

ed to observe the Christmas lights, bows and garland that adorned the Crockett County Courthouse and special thanks was given to Jeaninne Henderson and the Projects Committee. They worked with the county road department to ensure the project was completed and up for the community to enjoy by Christmas.

Marilyn Cox gave an inspiring presentation on the "History of the Poinsettia". She then led the Community Handbell Choir in a beautiful performance of Christmas music. Our special guest were welcomed at the conclusion of the meeting and good wishes for a Merry Christmas was given to all.

Special guest were Tammy Monzingo, Kimber Childress, Karen Bebee, Debby Fricke, Grace Stecher and Esther Williams. N.O.M.A.D.S. attending were Stephen Gil-land, Bob and Paige Riewe and Henry and Barb Schmoll.

Members attending were Rosalind Williams, Marilyn Cox, Willa Perry, Brenda Newton, Beth Hoover, Jean Odom, Shirley Kirby, Carol Jane Graves, Marolyn Bean, Rev. Jean Reardon, Joann Babbitt, Arlene Clayton, Nell Wester, Helen Bean, Louise Ledoux, Sandy Bebee, Vicki Stokes, Elizabeth Clark, Jeannine Henderson, Vivian Childress, Shannon Hunnicutt, Cathy Carson, Charlotte Harrell and Anita Woodruff.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo Social Jan. 16

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

We went out the other night to ride around and look at the Christmas lights. It is worth the time to go out before Christmas and look. The lights are just beautiful all-over town. It amazes me how people come up with different things each year. I love Christmas and decorating for Christmas. The only problem with it is - it all has to come down and be put away. Wish I could just wiggle my nose and it would be put up. I hope you all had a great Christmas. I always have to count my blessings and give thanks

There will be a Bingo Social on Jan. 16. There will also be bingo this Thursday afternoon. That means tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. Come join us in the fun

Don't forget the sit-down exercise on Tuesday morning at 10:30. Nikki Bishop is leading this exercise. She is the Wesley Nurse at the Methodist Church. Such a sweet girl, and she will take your blood

pressure and keep a record of your progress. If you have any questions about diabetes or any other age related problems, give her a call at the Methodist Church. She is aware of all kinds of helpful tidbits that might be helpful.

I have had some request for the balance exercise on Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. Come join us. It is not a very hard exercise but will help strengthen your muscles for the balance we all need to keep us from those dreaded falls. Isn't a little discomfort in your muscles better than the disablement of a broken hip? Just saying!

Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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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.

Rehab telethon Jan. 21

BY JUSTIN DELOACH
WEST TEXAS REHAB

This year's 47th edition of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's telethon promises to be one of the best yet featuring favorite guests along with two great co-headlining entertainers, Lauren Alaina and Charles "Chip" Esten, the online auction, and more. This year's telethon takes place on Jan. 21 at the Abilene Civic Center from 6 p.m.-midnight.

Lauren Alaina and Charles "Chip" Esten are the co-headliners for the 2017 telethon. Alaina is an American country music singer and songwriter from Rossville, Georgia. Alaina was the runner-up on the tenth season of American Idol. Her debut studio album, Wildflower was released on Oct. 11, 2011 and she currently has three singles on the top 40 country list. Esten is an American actor, singer and comedian best known for his role as Deacon Claybourne on Nashville (2012-present) which will air this year on CMT. Esten previously appeared on the improvisation show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" regularly between 1999-2005.

In addition to the co-headliners, Charlie Chase, longtime co-host of the popular "Crook and Chase" talk show on the Nashville Network will return to anchor the Rehab 2017 host desk. Texas legend Red Steagall will be back along with The Boys in the Bunkhouse for the show. Other "regulars" lined up to appear are Brad

Maule (General Hospital) and Twyla Foreman.

The Rehab relies on its sponsors to help make the telethon a continued success. This year, Suddenlink Communications & Capital Farm Credit are the official corporate partners of the live show. The special tote board, which tallies the night's fundraising total, is sponsored by Edward Jones/Gary and Connie Decker. Our check presentation sponsor is Zach, Lou and Robert O. Briley, host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn and the auction sponsor is NTS Communications.

Live coverage of the telethon will be carried on television stations in Abilene, San Angelo, Corpus Christi, Midland/Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Waco/Temple/Bryan, & Lawton, OK. The show will stream live at WestTexasRehab.org.

Bids for the annual internet auction of merchandise and services provided by friends and businesses, can be seen at WestTexasRehab.org and bids will be accepted until midnight on Jan. 21. These auction items will also be on display at the Abilene Civic Center beginning at 6 p.m. on the 21st. An auction television show featuring all items will air in Abilene and San Angelo from 5:30-7 p.m. on the night of the telethon.

You can join the conversation by posting your Rehab story by using the hash tag #WestTexasRehab on social media and you may see your post on the show.

For more information, call (325) 223-6364.

A VERY SPECIAL TIME

My wife and I did not spend Christmas with family as usual because we had all our family together at thanksgiving, but we had a lot of quiet time, no planned activities, and time to think and reflect on life and our relationship to each other and especially our relationship to God. I was reminded about this time of year many years ago that God sent us one of many special gifts. No doubt, the most precious gift of all is Jesus Christ who provides us with forgiveness of sins and peace with God, (John 3:16, 4:10, 6:32&33). God has also given us Grace, special gifts and privileges, which we don't deserve, (James 4:6). Another is Wisdom which helps us make wise decisions, (Proverbs 2:6, James 1:5). Repentance, helps us recognize wrong and the desire to change, (Acts 11:18), Faith, which gives us confidence, trust and reliance in God and His promises, (Ephesians 2:8, Philippians 1:29). The Holy Spirit, a very special helper, who teaches, guides, gives spiritual birth, leads, energizes and empowers, to list just a few things from a long list of things that He does, (Luke 11:13, 2 Timothy 1:7, Titus 3:5, Galatians 5:22-25). Another gift is that we can love God and love others and this makes for a rich and full life. Let us receive and enjoy all that God has for us. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

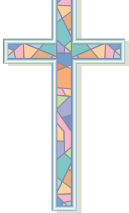
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D.A.R.E Essay Winners

6TH GRADE THIRD PERIOD — FIRST PLACE — By: Elyssa Trujillo

Here are some things that I learned in D.A.R.E class. That there is a 4 characters Michael, Josh, Sofia and Darryl. Another thing that I learned in D.A.R.E is the D.A.R.E Decision-Making Model (D.D.M.M). I also learned that there are 75,000 alcohol related deaths each year. Also that there is more than 200 harmful chemicals in cigarettes. There is also more than 400,000 Americans die from using tobacco each year. I also learned what peer pressure means when people tour age try to get you to do something. Also nonverbal communication means physical actions or body language that goes along with what we are saying. Even alcohol can make you have loss of coordination, poor judgement, memory loss, loss of self-control, and slow reflexes. Also using tobacco can make your skin have wrinkles and it also makes your teeth yellow and give you bad breath. Almost 50,000 deaths per year can be contributed to secondhand smoke. Mixing alcohol with medication can be very dangerous. Chewing tobacco can also cause mouth cancer, tooth loss, and many other health problems. Cigarettes contain nicotine, a powerful addictive substance. And anything other than a food or drink is a drug. Also if you know a place where there is drugs or alcohol stay away from those places because even if you are near them or with them and they get caught with you near them you can get in trouble also for doing nothing. So that is my D.A.R.E essay.

6TH GRADE THIRD PERIOD — SECOND PLACE — By: Christa Montgomery

Drug-any substance other than food that affects the way your mind and body works. Drugs are very harmful and I'm writing this because I want you to know that if you do drugs you and or someone else can be very seriously harmed.

When you are in a bad situation with drugs tell someone, they can help and don't let anyone get you down if they do find something other than drugs to make you feel better about yourself you do NOT have to do drugs to feel better.

Tobacco is no good either there are more than 200 known chemicals in cigarette smoke so if you are around someone who smokes or is related to try to inform them to stop. It is not safe for them nor you. Smoking causes lung cancer. Alcohol is very bad for you to. Alcohol is illegal for anyone under the age of 21 mixing medication with alcohol is very dangerous there are over 75,000 deaths this year in the U.S. Most teens don't drink alcohol. Alcohol slows down the mind and body two health effects of alcohol are memory loss and slow reflexes. There are more than 200 known chemicals in cigarette smoke. Cigarettes contain nicotine, a powerful substance that causes addiction. More than 400,00 Americans die from tobacco use. Smoking can cause yellow teeth and smelly breath.

So D.A.R.E is not all about drugs it is about bullying too. Bullying is not a good habit even though you feel good about it does not mean that they do. You need to treat people the way you wanted to be treated. You can really hurt someone for bullying them this is a very serious problem. If you have nothing to nice to say don't say it at all.

When you are reporting bullying you will need to include your 5W's who was being bullied. What happened. When did it happen. Where did it happen and why did it happen. When you include those 5 things they will have more detail and know exactly who to solve the problem. When you bully someone it can really hurt them and maybe cause them to hurt them self. When you are rude or say a rude joke to someone else you may think that it is funny but to them it is not it just makes them not like you and then you will be known as a bully. If you are being bullied then you need to stand up to them and tell them that it is not right to be mean but if they are not hurting you and you tell on them you are not telling on them you are tattling on them and that is nice but if they are hurting you in any kind of way then you need to tell someone. When you bully someone they might hang their self of cut their self and risk their life when they cut their self it is when they get a knife and cut their body over and over until they bleed. It's not cool at all.

6TH GRADE THIRD PERIOD — THIRD PLACE — By: Levi Bishop

There are 75,000 people that die in the U.S. from alcohol. There are 400,000 people in the U.S. that die from tobacco. It's important that when you find a problem you always use the Dare Decision Making Model.

The first one is define. Describe the problem, challenge or opportunity. Assess, what are your choices. Respond, make a choice use the facts and information you have gathered. Evaluate, review your decision. Did you make a good choice? I have learned a lot of new vocabulary words. Alcohol is illegal for anyone under the age of 21. Most teens don't drink. Alcohol slows down the brain and body. There are more than 200 known harmful chemicals in cigarette smoke. Cigarettes contain nicotine, a powerful substance that causes addiction. It is illegal to sell tobacco to anyone under the age of 18. Stay safe, make responsible choices.

6TH GRADE FOURTH PERIOD — FIRST PLACE — By Rianna De La Rosa

On the first day I was kind of worried because there was a cop there. When we walked inside of the library there was a cop and he introduced himself, gave us a planner, and a name-tag. We got introduced to our new friends which are Michael, Josh, Sofia, and Darryl. Then we found out what the D.A.R.E Decision-Making Model was. I used the D.A.R.E Decision-Making Model a couple of days ago. It was my friends birthday party on the same day my mom and I were going to San Angelo for a mommy-and-daughter day. I didn't know where to go! I defined the problem which was, my friend invited me to her birthday but on the same day I wanted to go to San Angelo with my mom. I assessed my choices, if I don't go to my friends party she will be mad at me and if I don't go with my mom she will be upset. I responded that I wanted to with my mom to San Angelo. I evaluated my decision, I made a good choice because I can always go next year. Then Larry showed us the D.A.R.E rules. I use them in D.A.R.E class and at home. I raise my hand in class, I am always positive at home. In D.A.R.E class if everybody is talking Larry raises his hand and the whole class raises their hand and everyone gets quiet. At home and in D.A.R.E class I never mention someones name out loud, and at home and in dare class I only answer questions that I am comfortable with. Then we answered a question similar to the D.A.R.E Decision Making Model. Every time we answered a question he gives us prizes. We were so sad to leave but we had to! The second Thursday, Larry showed us our glossary. We learned how to be responsible, last week I remembered to bring my books to class, that is being responsible. Then we learned what the D.A.R.E definition. Larry gave us more prizes when he asked us what we learned about last week. The third Thursday, we talked about drug fact and health fact. We filled in all the blanks (questions about alcohol and tobacco) together as a class. We also named things in our body. Larry later then showed us a short clip of our friends, it talked about what we are going to learn next week. The fourth Thursday, we learned about risks and consequences. Like this one time, I went to my friends house without asking and a few weeks later my parents found out and I got grounded for three weeks. The risk was I went to my friends house without asking. The consequence was I got grounded for three weeks. We also watched another short clip which was about pressure, peer pressure and resistance. For example, last week someone made someone steal sunglasses. The resistance was that someone said no and walked away. Then right before class was over we watched another clip about stress. The sixth Thursday, we learned about stress. Like on this one day I felt stressed out because I didn't know which ice cream flavor to choose, chocolate or vanilla, but I decided to go with vanilla. We had about five minutes left of class and we watched another short clip about communication, confident, unsure, and demanding. The seventh Thursday we learned about communication, confident, unsure, and demanding. For example, four days ago, a couple a friends and I were in an argument, one of us were confident because she didn't know what the problem was so she was happy, one of us was unsure to say sorry or not, and one of us was demanding and telling us to apologize. Before class finished we watched another short clip about nonverbal communication, effective listening and empathy. The ninth Thursday, we learned about nonverbal communication, effective listening and empathy. Like on this one night, I hit my arm on the wall so I went to go tell my mom but she was on the phone so I was using body language by crying so my mom got off the phone and asked me what was wrong. The nonverbal communication was that I was crying. The empathy was when



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OZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FIFTH GRADERS PROUDLY DISPLAY THEIR D.A.R.E. CERTIFICATES at the D.A.R.E graduation held Dec. 16.

my mom figured out that something was wrong. We got more prizes when we told him what we did last week and Larry told us about the essays. The tenth Thursday, I was absent because I was sick. That is it so far! I loved D.A.R.E class!

6TH GRADE FOURTH PERIOD — SECOND PLACE — By: Natalie Rodriguez

Drugs will kill you. It is hard for teenagers to stay away from drugs because drugs are everywhere. Drugs are in public places such as schools and even at home, but you have to do your best to stay away from them.

There are many types of drugs that will harm you. I would like to focus on alcohol. There are 75,000 alcohol related deaths each year in the United States. Alcohol goes directly into the blood stream and can damage every organ of your body. Teen bodies are still growing; therefore, alcohol effects them more severely than adults.

I haven't had to deal with any drug related problems because of my young age. But I have used the D.A.R.E Decision Making Model to help me make good decisions. For example, I thought about lying to my parents about my bad grades. I assessed the different outcomes that I would have and decided to tell the truth. I made the right decision.

I have learned that by defining your problem and assessing your choices you will always make the right decisions. In the future, when I run into a drug related problem I will use the D.A.R.E Decision Making Model.

In conclusion the D.A.R.E class has prepared me to deal with any kind of problem that I may face in my life. I will never do drugs.

6TH GRADE FOURTH PERIOD — THIRD PLACE — By: Destiny Venegas

What I learned in D.A.R.E so far over these ten weeks. I learned that if you have any problem you can use the D.A.R.E Decision Making Model. I have been using the D.A.R.E Decision Making Model by like if I have any problems I define, describe the problem, challenge, or opportunity. Assess what are you choices? Respond, make a choice use the facts and information gathered and evaluate, review your decision did you make a good choice. That is what I use my DDMM when I have problems. I have also planned to use my DDMM to make safe and responsible choices and follow my directors direction. What I have also learned that if you are going to go tell on someone for no reason or you just want to get them in trouble that is called tattling. If you tell on somebody because they are getting hurt or bullied that is called telling. I also learned that bullying can hurt people by the words that you say. So the next time that you are mean to somebody and you are not going to say something nice about what you are going to say if it is nice and it won't hurt that person feeling. I learned that doing drugs can damage you with the chemical called nicotine. The other thing I am excited to graduate. DON'T DO DRUGS.

EVERETT/PIERCE CLASS — FIRST PLACE — By: Esmeralda Fraga

D.A.R.E is awesome because officer Larry makes D.A.R.E fun. He also teaches us a lot of things like bullying, how to responsible, taking risks, how to stay drug free, about consequences when you don't do something you are told, peer pressure, stress, how to talk in dominating, unsure and confident ways. What you do in D.A.R.E. Well, what you do in D.A.R.E is officer Larry teaches a lot of stuff. I named some earlier. When we get a question right he gives us cool prizes, Now I am going to talk to you about bullying. You should not bully people because you make people stress and they might do something bad to their selves. I've been bullied before and I didn't like it. It made me cry and I just wanted to kill myself but instead of doing that I told somebody about it and they fixed my problem. So if you're getting bullied tell a teacher or tell a parent or adult. Being responsible is hard well sometimes it is. Being responsible means that you have to take your homework on time, keep your room clean and study for a test when you have one. What it is doing what you're supposed to do. Trust me, I've gotten in trouble for staying for homework. I got in trouble for not doing my homework the next day. You don't just get in trouble here but you get in trouble at home too. I got grounded for a week. I couldn't watch TV, no phone, I couldn't go anywhere and I did learn my lesson and now I know to be more responsible with my homework and everything else. One time my cousins where in a car and they wouldn't let me go in so I played with my other cousins. My cousins where in their moms car and their mom smokes so I heard them on the side of the house and they were smoking and they asked me if I wanted to smoke with them but I said no. Once I was so stressed that I couldn't even see straight but I remembered what officer Larry told us to count to ten and I counted and then I found it. Thanks to D.A.R.E I was able to make good choices. Thank you officer Larry for making me do good choices.

EVERETT/PIERCE CLASS — SECOND PLACE — By: Mia Davidson

Have you ever been to D.A.R.E class? This year in D.A.R.E we learned about drugs, bullying, and pressure. To find answers we used the D.A.R.E decision making module.

Drugs are any other substance besides food that determines the way your mind works. We also learned five resistance strategies such as avoiding the situation, strength in numbers, saying no (or giving an excuse), walking away and changing the subject. Bullying is also something we learned about. Bullying is an unwanted behavior to hurt someone. Some different ways of bullying are physical which is actually hurting someone and mentally which is hurting someone's feelings. If you ever see someone being bullied you should tell a teacher or a trusted adult because there is a difference from telling and tattling. Pressure or peer pressure is an influence on your decision. In D.A.R.E we learned that resistance is one of your best choices if you are in pressure.

D.A.R.E has taught me a lot more ways to stay safe. So you can see why this year D.A.R.E has been a great experience for me.

EVERETT/PIERCE CLASS — THIRD PLACE — By: Emma Crenwelge

Have you been to a D.A.R.E class. I have, this was my first year and I have learned a lot. Let me just tell you what I have learned. I have learned how to deal with situations, what the D.A.R.E decision making model is and how to communicate with people.

I have learned how o deal with the situation by talking it out, telling a trusted adult, and just walking away. With the D.A.R.E decision making model when Officer Larry told us to flip to it I was like "what" then, he said that is how we will be answering all of our questions in our planner. Then he explained how we use it and what it is. He also taught us to communicate with each other. Like when someone is being mean to you don't be mean back just talk to them nicely and calmly, don't yell.

So I hope you also learned something that I said maybe someday you can learn more with Officer Larry in D.A.R.E.



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OMS SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS at the D.A.R.E graduation held Dec. 16.

SHAFFER/PORTER CLASS — FIRST PLACE — By: Alexis Scroggins

Do you know what D.A.R.E means? Well, it means Define, Assess, Respond, and Evaluate. It's about making right choices and protecting yourself against drugs and bullying. Have you ever been to a D.A.R.E class? Well, I have. It's really fun because and Police Officer teaches you and gives you prizes when you do a good job. However, what I have learned is the biggest prize.

Have you ever been asked to try drugs, or witnessed someone being bullied? If you have, I hope you made the right choice. In D.A.R.E., I learned different resistance strategies that can help me make the right choice if asked to try drugs. These strategies can help you make the right choice also. You can avoid the situation, walk away, say no while giving them a reason or an excuse, change the subject, or surround yourself with nonusers, which is called strength in numbers. In the future, if I were asked to try drugs I would probably tell them no and my mom would ground me for life. Now let's talk about bullying. If you have ever witnessed someone being bullied I hope you did the right thing and reported it to a trusted adult. In class, I learned the five W's of reporting bullying that will help make sure all of the facts are reported to a trusted adult, who is someone like a teacher, a parent, or an officer. The five W's are who, what, when, where, and why. Another important thing I learned in D.A.R.E is the D.A.R.E Decision Making Model, in short the DDMM, which is a tool to help solve problems and make good choices. It helps you think about all of the consequences, the good and the bad ones, so you can make the right choice. For instance, I have used the DDMM when I decided to compete in U.I.L. spelling this year. First, I described the challenge, which was that I knew it would be a lot of hard work and less playtime. Next, I assessed my choices and the consequences. My choices were to compete in spelling knowing that it was difficult and time consuming, but I could win first place for the third year in a row. My other choice was to not compete and have more playtime, but I would feel bad for not trying. I decided to compete. I think I made the right choice because I am learning how to spell hard words and I have the opportunity to win for my school again.

The things I have told you are very important and are good ways to make the right choices, say no to drugs, and to report bullying. I plan to use the D.A.R.E Decision Making Model to make the right choices on every problem, challenge, and opportunity that I am faced with and I hope you do too.

SHAFFER/PORTER CLASS — SECOND PLACE — By: Mia Cruz

Wow! I just go out of D.A.R.E. What's D.A.R.E you say? D.A.R.E is where we learn not to take drugs, not to bully, not to drink alcohol and not to smoke.

First we learned about not to take drugs. Drugs are really bad for you. Here is a good definition, drugs: any substance affects your mind or body. Why would anyone want to take a substance that could affect their mind or body? That's just dangerous.

Another lesson we learned was not to drink alcohol. Did you know alcohol is illegal for people under 21. Why drink alcohol? There is 75,000 alcohol deaths in the U.S.A. every year. That's a lot of deaths for just a drink.

The third lesson we learned was not to smoke. Smoking is really bad. There are lots of reasons not to smoke but I'll just name a few. Smoking causes yellow teeth and bad breath. Imagine if you just entered a party, people might not want to talk to you. Also, there are more than 200 known harmful chemicals in cigarette smoke. That's not all. More than 400,000 Americans die from tobacco each year. Tobacco is a plant found in cigarettes.

The last lesson we learned was not to be a bully. If you're a bully you're a mean person and treat others bad. One reason a bully might be mean to you is because they are jealous of you. Why be a bully when you can have lots of friends? Now you know why I was excited to tell you all about D.A.R.E. It taught us many good things and how to be a good person.

SHAFFER/PORTER CLASS — THIRD PLACE — By: McKenna Luckie

Do you know what D.A.R.E is? It is a Decision Making Model. Say this cheer with me, "D is for Define, A is assess, R is for respond and Evaluate the rest! D.A.R.E.I!"

There are important rules to follow why learning about D.A.R.E. First, never use someone's name when telling a story. It's important to use the decision making model when you are making important decisions in life. We also learned facts about alcohol and tobacco use. If someone asks me to drink alcohol I would tell them that there are over 75,000 deaths each year and I don't want to be one of them. If someone asks me if I want to smoke a cigarette, I would tell them I don't want yellow teeth and bad breath. When making safe and responsible choices we need to consider the positive and negative consequences in all situations. Five ways to help me resist uncomfortable situations are by avoiding the situation, strength is in numbers, walk away, saying no, giving a reason or excuse, and by changing the subject. You should always respond to pressure. We should always watch for signs of stress. We should be confident when we speak to others and effective. When reporting bullying, remember the five W's who, what, when, where, and why. Always help someone who is in need.

D.A.R.E to be yourself. Do not follow the crowd to be popular, be a leader not a follower. Say no to drugs!

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Crockett County Treasurer completes seminar

BY CARY ROBERTS
TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

AUSTIN - Hon. Karen Webb, Crockett County Treasurer, joined newly elected treasurers from around the state at the 2016 New Treasurer's Seminar in Abilene, Dec. 13-16.

The one-of-a-kind conference offers new treasurers the opportunity to learn vital information about their duties and responsibilities so they can best serve the residents of their county when they take office in January.

The two-and-a-half-day conference was sponsored by the LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin.

The instruction was planned, in large part, by experienced county treasurers, who also served as presenters at many of the sessions and were available to talk informally with attendees.

For new treasurers, the seminar is an essential step before taking office.

Sessions focus on the core duties of a county treasurer, responsibilities such as

depository contracts and public fund investments, and human resource issues.

After completing the conference, new treasurers were able to:

- Better understand the duties of the county treasurer and the role the office plays in county government;
- Make optimum use of the online County Treasurers' Resource Guide;
- Understand proper recordkeeping for the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA);
- Identify the laws of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA), and workers compensation; and
- Demonstrate a better understanding of depository contracts.

The seminar was conducted in collaboration with the County Treasurers' Association of Texas and the Texas Association of Counties.



KAREN WEBB

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commissioners that no major changes or cuts were made to the jail plans, as previously discussed.

"These plans have everything that was promised to the public. Our objective is to increase competition on the project and try to get the price down, instead of chopping on the project," Gondeck said. "I want to make this a reality."

Gondeck said the evaluation criteria for each company in the proposals will be based on 70 percent cost, 10 percent time and 20 percent qualifications and references.

"You have a fixed budget. Proposals allow you to award a contract within your budget," Gondeck said. "You

have more latitude on proposals than bids."

In November 2015, Crockett County Voters approved a \$6 million bond to build a new jail. The facility is expected to be 16,800 square-feet.

Gondeck said the deadline for proposals will be Feb. 9 with the commissioners opening them at their Feb. 13 regular meeting.

The commissioners will hold another special called meeting at noon today, Dec. 28, at the courthouse annex.

Items on the agenda: discussion and action on end of year line item changes for 2016 County Budget and discussion and action on resolution concerning the Cemetery Association and the account at Ozona Bank.

The meeting is open to the public.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT
Weekly Activity Report

The sheriff's department wants to wish everyone a safe and happy holidays and a very Happy New Year.

Type of Calls	
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	1
911 medical/fire assistance	6
Civil complaints	4
Civil documents served	3
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	8
Juvenile/School	0
Motorist assist/ locked vehicle	7
Reckless driving/ speeding complaints	3
Minor/major traffic accidents	6
Alarms	1

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

12-18-16

- DPS Trooper arrested Marie Yuarde Jr., of San Antonio, for an out of county warrant. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

12-19-16

- Sheriff's deputy responded to an unwanted subject at a residence on Rugged Road DPS Trooper arrested Erik Martinez, of El Paso, on a Travis County warrant for theft. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

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- DPS Trooper arrested Miguel Antonio Castro, of Katy, on a Fayette County warrant for forfeiture of bond. Subject was released after the warrant was recalled.

12-20-16

- DPS Trooper arrested Daniel Joseph Jacobs, of Archoata Mars, Calif., for possession of a controlled substance penalty group 1 less than one gram and possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Subject was arraigned and sent to Upton County.

12-21-16

- Sheriff's deputy took a report of criminal mischief at a residence on Avenue F.
- DPS Trooper arrested Roberto Cardenas Jr., of Odessa, on an Ector County warrant. Subject was arraigned and is awaiting pickup by Ector County.
- Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Peach Street.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

NOVEMBER 2016			
Animal related contacts	73	Animal disposal	14
Impounded dogs	16	Animal traps set	59
Animal Bite investigations	0	Wildlife caught	16 (8 skunks, 8 raccoons)
Animals quarantined	0	Dangerous animal reports	2
Owner surrenders	10	Written warning citations	4
Number of animals surrendered	15	Written citations	6
Impounded cats	38	Welfare checks	4
Destroyed animals	38; owner request		
Livestock calls	2		
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FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

DISTRICT COURT DECEMBER 2016	
• Dylan Jae Perez, 38, pled guilty to on-line solicitation of a minor, third-degree felony, sentenced to seven years deferred adjudication community supervision, \$1,000 fine, 160 hours community service, \$305 court costs.	
• Jordan James Gamboa, 26, possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony, case dismissed due to insufficient evidence.	

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TPWD SUPPORTS PROPOSAL

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department on Dec. 14 announced its support of a proposal by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to remove a songbird, the black-capped vireo, from the federal Endangered Species List.

The state agency said its support is based on a decline in threats to the bird, increased bird populations and improved habitat. Carter Smith, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department executive director, explained: "When a species recovers after serious decline, it's a conservation success story, and this news is a testament to the exemplary stewardship of Texas' private landowners, research and work of the department, our non-profit partners and universities to responsibly manage and protect vireo habitat across the state."

When the black-capped vireo was listed in 1987 there were only 350 birds reported. Primary causes for the species' decline have included habitat loss and nest parasitism by brown-headed cowbirds that dupe the vireos into raising cowbird chicks at

the cost of their own young, according to Texas Parks & Wildlife.

WELL PLUGGING AN ISSUE

One of many topics spotlighted in the energy industry regulating Texas Railroad Commission's "2016 Year In Review" is the problem of unplugged, abandoned wells.

As stated in the review, "Although the majority of oil and gas wells that are no longer productive are plugged by responsible operators, some are not. Abandoned wells are a great concern to the Commission because they could pose a potential threat to groundwater and public safety. As these wells are identified, the Commission intervenes to safeguard the public and the environment."

Inspectors locate abandoned wells through routine lease inspections or through landowners' complaints. The Railroad Commission then investigates ownership of the well to determine if it truly is abandoned. After the Commission deems a well abandoned, inspectors prioritize the well for the state-funded plugging list.

Since 1984, the RRC has plugged more than 35,000 wells using fees and penalties paid by oil and gas operators through the state's Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Fund. When possible, the Commission noted, it works with the Texas Attorney General's Office to recover plugging costs from an operator.

ACROSS
1 TXism: "packed like sardines in ____"
5 TXism: "there's two chances: slim and ____"
6 TXism for "clothes" 7 squealer (2 wds.)
8 a soft fruit that grows well in TX coastal areas
9 TX Jeannie C. hit: "Harper Valley ____" metal
12 TXism: "bell cows"
17 3-on-3 basketball tournament that is played at TX sites: "____ Up"
21 Baltimore MLB team
22 TXism: "a funeralization"
23 blank radar (2 wds.)
28 this WR Washington played for Houston Texans in 2015
29 TXism: "____ rodeo!" (celebrate)
30 Six Flags Over TX ride: "Aquaman ____ down"
31 TX Bob Willis hit: "____ Love" (1950)
35 San ____ TX
36 Texians' stance at the Alamo (2 wds.)
42 TX Roy Orbison sang "____ Dreamer" on album "In Dreams" (1963)
44 TX resident
46 TXism: "get your ____" (be still)

DOWN
14 TXism: "dull ____ week's news"
49 Chris ____ Doux did his first rodeoing in TX
50 put away
51 this Mike was head coach of the TX Tech Red Raiders (2000-09)
52 Nacogdoches univer.
53 TX Cross sang "____ That You Can Do"
54 workplace safety agcy.
56 TX Zina Garrison was a star in this tennis assoc.
57 a secondary sch. in Lubbock played for Houston Texans in 2015
58 "____ Rim State Park"
13 TXism: "he ____ through a barbed wire fence" (bad eyesight)
14 an actor's part
15 it has gold at the end of a rainbow (2 wds.)
16 TXism: "when fly" (never)
18 TX Dennis Quaid 1988 crime thriller
20 TX Detmer who won 1990 Heisman
23 TX singer Nat (init.)
24 "opposite" abbr.
25 TXNs just call it a "blister"
26 U.S.A. finally got this Osama bin in 2011
27 Middle East country
32 ____-15 rifle
33 ____ Pepper
34 booth width
36 pen tip
37 History channel 2010 documentary: "America: The Story ____"
38 TXism: "____ me to a fare-thee-well"
39 early name for the Rio Grande: "Rio ____ Palmas"
40 precise
41 red area on skin
43 TX Tanya (init.)
45 2nd half of the Bible (abbr.)
47 "____ night before Christmas..."
48 in Wood County on U.S. 69
55 TXism: "____ grip like a snappin' turtle"

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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 January 24, 2017, in the County Commissioners Courtroom, Ozona, Texas. If proposals are mailed, they should be sent to:

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Indicate on exterior of envelope the project and CSP opening date. On the date identified above, in the county courtroom, proposals shall be opened, names of proposers read aloud, and monetary proposals stated. Proposals received after **2:00 P.M.**, will not be accepted.

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1204 Ave. C, Ozona, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath Price Reduced - \$240,000

Acreage & Lots - Crockett County

New Listing - 42 Acres, 8 miles NW of Ozona, w/5BR, 3B house. No Restrictions \$325,000
New Listing - 100 acres, Hersey Ranch, Tract 31 - **SOLD** \$80,000
5,500 acres - Kincaid Ranch, working ranch, 3 water wells, deer camp, excellent hunting \$4,125,000
2004.7 acres - working ranch w/ 3BR/2B house Price Reduced - \$2,140,935
Lot - 1006 5th Street, includes 26 x 40 metal building - **SOLD** \$45,000
100 acres - Hersey Ranch, Tract 25, w/furn. home - **SALE PENDING** Price Reduced - \$179,500

Acreage - Sutton County

New Listing - 150.38 acres - North I-10 Service Road, unimproved \$144,898
New Listing - 334 acres - SCR 410, w/house, water & electricity Price Reduced - \$475,000
150.01 acres - Rolling Hills Ranch subdivision, Tract 5 \$250,000
184.8 acres - Rolling Hills Ranch subdivision, Tract 4 \$300,000
200 acres - Loop 467, water, electricity, pond - **SOLD** \$450,000
178.86 acres - Rolling Hills Ranch S/D, Tract 6, house, water, electricity \$455,900
120 acres - 3435 Loop 467, 4BR/2B House \$595,000
600 acres - South I-10 Service Rd. Price Reduced - \$957,000
772.35 acres - SCR 403 - Off of Hwy. 277 South \$984,746
655.41 acres - SCR 204 - Baker Road, w/house - **SOLD** \$1,045,379
400 Acres - 680 RR 864 - Ft. McKavett Rd., 3BR/2B home, pens, barn \$1,225,000
1772 acres - RR 864 - Ft. McKavett Rd., working rch. w/improvements Price Reduced - \$2,830,000
Rancho de Las Vistas - Tracts from 129 acres to 384 acres \$192,000 - \$536,740

Acreage - Val Verde County

26.27 Acres - Juno Road, house, cabin, barn \$295,000
2695.4 acres - Hwy. 189, three homes, pens, barn, three wells \$2,300,000

Acreage - Other Areas

New Listing - Tract 12 - San Rio River, Menard Co. \$69,500
New Listing - 99.857 acres - Mertzon \$1,595,000
New Listing - 9.453 acres - Junction \$625,000
61.08 acres - Junction, River property in Kimble County \$595,000
1544.6 acres - Coleman County, 2 cabins, water, electricity - **SOLD** \$2,275,000

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

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MISCELLANEOUS

\$500.00 DOLLAR REWARD During the past year person or persons unknown have damaged County road signs. The person who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible will be eligible for the \$500.00 reward. Those having information should call Sheriff Robert "Bob" Rodriguez. Callers names will remain anonymous.

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Convention Center - 6:30 p.m.

We will be electing officers for 2017. Please attend if you are interested in running for office or being more involved with the Crockett County DeerFest.

For more information please call Martin Childress at 325-277-9345

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New Listing - 902 Angus Dr. - 4 bedroom, 1.5 bath, large lot - **\$98,600**
New Listing - 204 Ave. J - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, 1 car garage, large backyard - **\$94,500**
New Listing - 101 Hummingbird Lane - 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on two lots - **\$235,000**
301 11th St. - 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, swimming pool, game room, 2-car garage - **\$255,000**
902 6th St. - 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas, 3,800 sq. feet, carport - **\$250,000**
103 11th St. - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, w/additional 2 bed, 1 bath home on Ave. A - **\$245,000**
208 11th St. - 4 bedroom, - **SOLD** - 3 bath, 4,500 sq. ft. - **\$198,000**
210 Sunset Drive - 5 bedroom, - **SALE PENDING** - 3 bath - **PRICE REDUCED - \$195,000**
503 Ave. E - 4 bedroom, 3 bath - Beautiful rock home - **\$165,000**
2113 Santa Ana - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas, large lot - **PRICE REDUCED - \$148,000**
201 Ave. G - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large corner lot, 2-car carport - **\$120,000**
904 Almond St. - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath - **PRICE REDUCED - \$95,000**
28 Crockett Heights Dr. - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled, carport - **PRICE REDUCED - \$84,500**
210-A 14th St. - 2 bed., 1 ba. - **SALE PENDING** - home I-10 frontage - **\$59,000**
406 Young St. - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, attached garage - **\$45,000**

COMMERCIAL

OZONA

211 Crockett Heights Lane - Commercial property, 5 acres, 10,000 sq. ft. shop & 2,500 sq. ft. office
Country Club View Apartments - Newly Remodeled - 20 Unit Apartment Complex - **\$595,000**
201 Ave. E. - Commercial Property w/newly renovated building, Hwy. 163 frontage - **\$229,000**

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3269 W. I-10 Service Road - 6,000 sq. ft. shop, office complex on seven acres - **\$395,000**

ACREAGE

New Listing - Live Oak Ranch - **22,635 acres** - 30 miles west of Ozona, Pecos River frontage. Live Oak Creek - working ranch w/multiple water wells and pens, good access.
New Listing - 400 Acres - Rim - **SALE PENDING** - Rock Ranch, electricity - **\$350,000**
New Listing - 130 Acres w/House - Dog Canyon Ranch, Tract 3 - **\$165,000**
2,868 Acres - Hwy. 163 S. - 2 water wells, new fencing. Electricity, w/RV hookups, livestock working pens, good hunting - **\$1,993,260**
200 Acres - High Lonesome Ranch, Tract 22 & 23 - **\$170,000**
100 Acres - High Lonesome Ranch, Tract 20, house & electricity - **\$150,000**
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100 Acres - Deer Canyon Ranch, Tract 26 - **\$80,000**

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114 Ave. D - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home - **\$70,000**
303 Ave. E - Residential & Commercial - C/H&A - 6,800 sq. ft. (\$27 sq. ft.) - **Price Reduced**
508 Circle Drive - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, w/separate one bedroom, mother-in-law efficiency apartment/office - **Price Reduced - \$160,000**
Crockett Heights Lots - **SOLD - 18 & 19 - \$19,500**
401 Hillcrest - 3 bed., 2 bath - Immaculate Hilltop Home w/ lots of storage - **Price Reduced**
603 Angus - 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath - Shown by appt. only - **Price Reduced**

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