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Toys for Tots delivers for the 15th time

BY FRANK TAMBUNGA
CROCKETT COUNTY VETERANS

The Crockett County Veterans 15th Annual Toys for Tots Campaign collected \$2,206.71 in donations and over 200 new, unwrapped toys in a short amount of time this year. We had a limited time to do our usual collections because of the bad weather we had dur-

ing the weekends. We spent a total of \$2000.00 to purchase toys for all the applications received from 49 families with 176 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.

We had a short time to get everything and it is because of the big heart Ozona citizens have during the season of Christmas. 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 2017 Toys for Tots campaign. It would be impossible without the support of these individuals, organizations and businesses.

Volunteers: Gregg and Corba Jones, Roman Tambunga, Noah Tambunga and Braden Gutierrez.

Organizations: The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Georgia Morrow, Crockett County EMS

and Ozona Women's League.

Businesses: Dollar General in Ozona and Sonora, The General Store, Bahlman Cleaners, and DCP Midstream employees.

I do 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!



SUSAN CALLOWAY | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THIS LARGE GROUP OF HARD WORKING FOLKS WERE PART OF THE VOLUNTEERS THAT MADE THIS YEAR'S 15TH ANNUAL TOYS FOR TOTS CAMPAIGN IN OZONA A SUCCESS.

School Board moves forward with District of Innovation plan

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

CCCCSD took another step Monday night in becoming a District of Innovation.

During the regular CCCCSD School Board meeting, a public hearing was held to consider developing a District of Innovation Plan.

At the Nov. 15 regular meeting, the board approved a resolution stating the district will explore becoming a District of Innovation. That was the first step.

Superintendent Raul Chavarria said the district's site-base committee met after the board approved that resolution and discussed the plan, which was the second step.

Monday night's public hearing was the third step in the process.

Innovative districts can exempt themselves from certain laws, including hiring instructors for career and technical classes based on years of experience, but not teacher certification, and make changes to the school calendar like the start date. Those are the two main areas CCCCSD is considering.

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New Year's closings

The Ozona Stockman office will be closed Monday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's Holiday.

Crockett County Offices and the Crockett County Public Library will close at noon Friday, Dec. 29, and be closed Monday, Jan. 1.

Ozona Bank, Crockett National Bank, the U.S. Post Office and the Family Health Center of Ozona will be closed Monday, Jan. 1. The urgent care area will be open with a provider for medical emergencies.

CCCCSD will resume classes Tuesday, Jan. 2.

Childress recognized for 30 years of service at state conservation event

BY DIANE WOMACK
CROCKETT COUNTY SWCD

Pleas Childress III, of Ozona, was recently honored and presented with a 30-year service recognition award at the 77th Annual State Meeting of Soil & Water Conservation District Directors. This was held in Galveston and was attended by more than 600 members.

As a native of Crockett County, Pleas takes a sincere interest in the welfare of all the citizens. For 30 years, he has been on the Board of Directors for the Crockett County Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD). He currently serves as secretary of the Board, a position he has held for many years. The SWCD was formed to help preserve our natural resources and to promote good stewardship of the land. The SWCD works in cooperation with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in de-

veloping conservation plans to assist landowners in finding the best management practices to address their resource concerns. Through these efforts, the land can be managed to be the best it can be for our area and climate. He is very active in our community, as he has also been a commissioner for many years, helping to direct and guide the County through various changes and projects. He has been an asset to the Crockett County SWCD and his willingness to serve on the Board has been both appreciated and valued.

We are happy he has been recognized for his many years of diligent service to promote good conservation and stewardship in our unique area of Texas. The Board of Directors would like to thank him and, as community involvement requires a lot of time away from family, we also want to thank his wife Sandra for her support.



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PLEAS CHILDRESS III (right) was recognized for 30 years of service at the 77th Annual State Meeting of Soil & Water Conservation District Directors recently in Galveston.

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Cattle raisers can find points of interest in tax reform framework

Over the years, U.S. exports have become critical to the U.S. beef industry and the rural economy. In 2016, we sold more than \$6.3 billion worth of beef products through exports to other countries. This accounts for a value of \$290 per head, even for those not directly involved in the international market. It is safe to say that this value will increase if the U.S. beef industry is able to respond to the growth in demand for our beef in other countries. Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) members are clear in their ex-

pectation that the U.S. trade negotiators and government do everything necessary to secure and maintain strong access to international markets.

In May, I was fortunate to personally visit some of our beef customers in Korea and Japan and observe, first-



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KELLEY SULLIVAN

hand, the strong demand for U.S. beef.

Our perspective on international trade stems from a basic premise. If we're going to raise cattle and produce beef, we need competitive access to consumers who are willing to pay for our product.

For many years, Americans have been the primary focus of U.S. beef marketing efforts. Americans prefer ribeyes, tenderloins and hamburger and are willing to pay a higher price. Other beef cuts such as short ribs, tongue and livers fetch a lower price on the

domestic market, but actually, yield great premiums in the international market. For this reason, we are increasingly looking beyond our borders for opportunities to maximize sales.

Asia is a prime target. As more Asian consumers join the economic middle class, they are adding protein like beef to their diet. Trade allows us to capitalize on dietary differences and preferences to capture value for beef that would not exist if we sold in only the domestic market.

Today the success or failure of the U.S. beef industry depends on our level of access to global

consumers. Our top six export markets are Japan, Korea, Mexico, Canada, Hong Kong and Taiwan. In 2016, 84 percent of our export sales came from these 6 markets. Threats to international market access get the attention and concern of cattle raisers across the country.

We encourage the U.S. government to aggressively pursue opportunities to remove tariff and non-tariff barriers around the world. The U.S. beef industry has reaped the benefits of trade policies such as the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the Korea-U.S. (KORUS) Free Trade Agreement.

Our success hinges on our ability to avoid the mistakes of the past and take an aggressive posture in support of trade liberalization. We are very excited that after 14 years in exile, U.S. beef access has been restored to China. While previous administrations worked diligently to address China's concerns and negotiate terms, it was the Trump Administration that closed the deal and re-

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Providing the Gold Standard

In order to cut through the divisive political noise and be an effective Representative, my philosophy has been real simple: agree when you agree and disagree when you disagree. This is what I have been doing for the past three years as your Representative, while working with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to find solutions to better the lives of the hardworking families in the 23rd District of Texas. For example, last week my smart government IT reform bill, the Modernizing Government Technology (MGT) Act, was signed into law as part of our defense funding bill, the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This was a two-year effort to address the crazy fact that the federal government spends \$90 billion on purchasing hardware and software and 80 percent of that money is spent on maintaining old and outdated systems. This initiative was completely bipartisan and marks my 12th piece of legislation to be signed into law under both a Republican and a Democratic president. The most gratifying part of my job is helping constituents who are struggling to get answers or well-deserved benefits from a federal bureaucracy. Here are a few memorable stories of how we've helped Texas families in 2017:

In Natalia, a constituent needed assistance getting the VA to pay for ambulance bills and medical emergencies from 2015. So much time had passed fighting with the VA that the constituent began receiving threat notices from the ambulance company to refer him to collections. During the course of working with the VA, we discovered a clerical coding error at the VA was causing all the delays. Once fixed, we were able to secure back-pay for over a decade and sort out the payment to the ambulance company.

Additionally, a Hondo woman's husband passed away from complications due to exposure to Agent Orange during his service in Vietnam. He was the sole provider and she was faced with losing her family home. After working with her and the County Service Representative for months, we were able to help get the VA to recognize her husband's death as connected to his military service, secure her survivor's benefits back-dated to his date of death, and she has been able to remain in her home.

After years of fighting the VA, a San Antonio constituent



HURD ON THE HILL
WILL HURD

ent finally received notice that his appeal with the Board of Veterans Affairs had been decided in his favor, granting him 100 percent of his back-pay going all the way back to the 1950s. My team

and I intervened, and got his back-pay released and deposited to his bank account in a timely manner.

In Atascosa, my team had been working with a constituent since September 2016 to assist her in obtaining benefits that the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) owed her. Her application was approved in January 2017, but she had still not received the payments. After two months of back and forth with OPM, my staff discovered that OPM had recorded incorrect direct-deposit information.

A constituent in Kendall County had been approved for a knee replacement surgery in November 2016 but had been waiting more than seven months for the Department of Labor (DOL) to schedule an appointment. In the meantime, he was unable to return to the full line of duty at work due to his injured knee. After my office got involved, the constituent received his surgery date six days later. I received the following email from him after: "After 7 months of waiting for a doctor's appointment, your letter has prompted the Department of Labor into action. I just received a phone call from a supervisor with the Department of Labor and they have finally set a doctor's appointment. I just wanted to express my thanks for all your help in this matter. I know that it may be part of your regular duties but your office's inquiry in this matter has helped speed up a grueling process for me. Being in pain for 7 months while waiting for someone else to make a doctor's appointment has been extremely stressful for me and my family."

To receive the latest updates on my work for you, I encourage you to subscribe to my e-newsletter at hurd.house.gov, and follow me on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat at my social media handle @HurdontheHill.

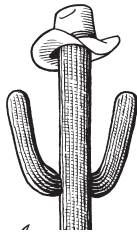
WILL HURD represents the 23rd District of Texas, which includes Crockett County. Contact him at: <http://hurd.house.gov>

The Best Present Ever

Like the coming of winter he arrives every year about this time. Much the same as the shopping mall Santa, the Donkey Man is a seasonal ornament. And quite a colorful one too. The Donkey Man makes himself at home at the city limits and puts up a crudely lettered sign that reads simply "Donkey Rides." Whereas many of the bashful young kids are afraid to have their picture taken on the knee of the shopping mall Santa, they are a little more willing to have their picture taken on the back of one of the Donkey Man's burros.

This year instead of the usual four burros the Donkey Man brought with him 85 little donkeys, although 81 of them were plastic and ceramic miniature versions that came in all shapes and sizes. But I'll let the Donkey Man tell you about his newest menagerie.

"Those donkeys were left to me in a will," the Donkey Man explained to me, "a much cherished collection of a lady I met only last year. That lady loved donkeys and she spent her lifetime collecting them. Plastic, ceramic, wood and glass burros filled several shelves in her small room at the assisted care living facility. I really can't tell you why she loved donkeys so much other than to say that she was a deeply religious person. She thought it was significant that Mother Mary had ridden into Bethlehem on the



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back of a donkey and Jesus had been born in a manger in the presence of donkeys. Knowing her fondness for the creatures had made it much easier for her relatives to find a Christmas gift she'd like every year. And despite her advancing years she could remember who gave her every single donkey."

"I never knew about the lady who loved donkeys until last year when I was traveling through her town. Her grandson came up to me and told me about this woman and her fabulous collection. Then he offered to pay me five dollars if I would take one of my real live donkey over to where she lived as a surprise Christmas present from her grandson. I took the money, although I probably would have done it for free just to see her collection, being a lover of donkeys myself. So on a slow afternoon when all the kids were in school I walked one of my little donkeys over to the assisted care home. Her grandson was there to meet me as had been previously arranged."

"The grandson went into the building and came out about ten minutes

later with a very old and fragile looking woman, obviously in the twilight of her life. The young man led his grandmother over to my four foot tall gray donkey and placed her hands on his huge ears and head. As if using braille she ran her hands all over that gentle donkey, and as donkeys do, it responded to her kindness and affection with a lick with its raspy tongue. The old lady cupped that burros muzzle in her hands and rubbed it against her own. And she began to cry."

"Taking that donkey to see that old lady was just about the best Christmas present I ever received," said the Donkey Man. "I think when I get near the end of my life it will not be the plastic, wood, and gold trinkets I have collected in my life that mean the most to me but the real life experiences, like the time I met the lady that loved donkeys."

"As I turned to leave that day with my donkey the old lady's grandson asked his grandmother why she was crying.

"I've spent a lifetime collecting donkeys," she replied in a frail voice, "but this is the first time I've ever met a real one."

I am reminded of that story every time someone tells me about all their Facebook friends they've collected.

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Officials name members to school finance commission

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Top state officials last week named members to the Texas Public School Finance Commission, an agency created by legislation passed last summer during a special session of the 85th Texas Legislature.

Gov. Greg Abbott named Scott Brister of Waco, a former justice of the Texas Supreme Court, as chair of the commission.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patric named his appointees to the commission:

- Senate Education Chairman Larry Taylor, R-Friendswood;
- Sen. Paul Bettencourt, R-Houston;
- Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas; and
- Doug Killian, Pflugerville Independent School District superintendent.

House Speaker Joe Straus announced his appointees:

- House Public Education Committee Chair Dan Hu-berty, R-Houston;

- Rep. Diego Bernal, D-San Antonio;
- Rep. Ken King, R-Canadian; and
- Nicole Conley Johnson, chief financial officer, Austin Independent School District.

"Reforming the school finance system in order to give schools more re-sources and reduce the burden on local property taxpayers has been and will continue to be a priority of the Texas House," Straus said.

"Establishing the School Finance Commission was landmark legislation in the special session. This will be the first school reform commission since the Perot Commission in 1984," Patrick said.

The commission is tasked with developing recommendations related to:

- (1) The purpose of the public school finance system

and the relationship between state and local funding in that system;

(2) The appropriate levels of taxes for local maintenance and operations, plus interest and sinking funds, necessary to implement a public school finance system that complies with the requirements under the Texas Constitution; and

(3) Policy changes to the public school finance system necessary to adjust for student demographics and the geographic diversity in the state.

The deadline for the commission to make its recommendations is Dec. 31, 2018.

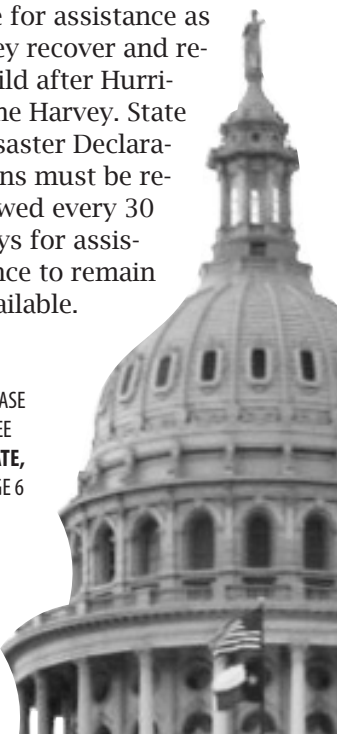
GOV EXTENDS DECLARATION

On Dec. 18 Gov. Abbott issued a proclamation extending the State Disaster Declaration for Texas counties

affected by Hurricane Harvey.

The proclamation ensures that the 60 counties included in the disaster declaration continue to be eligible for assistance as they recover and rebuild after Hurricane Harvey. State Disaster Declarations must be renewed every 30 days for assistance to remain available.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



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OZONA ENVIRONMENTAL, LLC: Casey Upham, owner, Roy Don Beauchamp, Big Spring Field Operations and Daniel (Bono) Lombroso Jr., Ozona Field Operations.

Business of the Month: Ozona Environmental, LLC

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Ozona Environmental, LLC is a Texas-based bio-environmental company with its main office in Ozona. “We raise bacteria to be used in bio-remediation of soil and water. The product is also used to enhance crop production and promote animal health. Our product is listed with the Organic Materials Review Institute (OMRI,” said owner Randy Upham.

The company was started by Randy Upham in 1989 with Casey Upham joining the company in 2002. Randy was a science major at Baylor University and graduated from New Mexico State University. Casey graduated with a bachelor of science degree in bio-environmental science

and a master of science from Texas A&M University.

“Currently, Ozona Environmental is very involved in the oil and gas industry. We work with drilling and service companies to clean up spills and remediate soils,” said Randy.

The company has offices in Ozona and Big Spring and at this time is working a territory including Pecos, Ozona, Garden City, Midkiff, and Big Spring areas.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Ozona Environmental, LLC for their contributions and efforts to preserve the land, water and animal health in and around Crockett County.

For more information, call Ozona Environmental, LLC at (325) 392-2315.

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U.S. beef access to China this summer.

Our negotiators worked hard to secure market access terms that are superior to the terms under which our competitors export to China. We view China as an important investment for the future of our industry. While we're excited about the opportunities China holds, we're very concerned with statements from our government that may put our success under KORUS in jeopardy.

We have nothing to gain by walking away from a free-trade agreement between Korea and the U.S. Despite criticism from anti-trade groups and some leaders within our government, the U.S. beef industry has thrived under KORUS. Korea is our second largest export market accounting for more than \$1 billion in annual sales.

Annual U.S. beef sales have increased 82 percent during KORUS. If we dissolve this agreement, Korea will undoubtedly reinstate a 40 percent tariff on U.S. beef and we will lose our competitive advantage over Australia and other countries.

Japan is the top export market for U.S. beef. In 2016, Japanese consumers purchased \$1.5 billion of U.S. beef, even with a 38.5 percent tariff in place. 2017 has been a record year for U.S. beef in Japan, reaching nearly \$1.1 billion in sales just through July. Due to that success, however, Japan triggered a snap-back tariff of 50 percent on frozen beef.

The tariff went from 38.5 percent to 50 percent, overnight. Without a free-trade agreement in place, U.S. frozen beef will continue facing the 50 percent tariff until April 2018, and without

a trade agreement, we could face higher tariffs again.

In contrast, Australian beef imports are not subject to the 50 percent snap-back tariff because they have a trade agreement with Japan. Australia enjoys a stable 27 percent tariff rate.

We support trade agreements like the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) because it would have lowered the tariff on U.S. beef from 38.5 percent to 9 percent in 16 years. Unfortunately, the decision to remove the U.S. from TPP puts us at a significant disadvantage. We ask U.S. negotiators to focus on securing new market access for U.S. beef exports starting with making up the ground we lost walking away.

Closer to home, we are keeping a careful eye on the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

In 2016, U.S. beef exports to Mexico accounted for a value of almost \$1 billion.

Texas' trade partnership with Mexico is one of the strongest in the country. Mexico is one of the top buyers of U.S. beef, and Texas and Mexican ranchers have been buying and selling cattle with one another for generations.

NAFTA has been beneficial to U.S. cattle raisers and beef producers, creating two markets, each with an annual value of \$1 billion in exports of U.S. beef to Canada and Mexico. Since NAFTA was implemented, exports of U.S.-produced beef to Mexico have grown by more than 750 percent.

We urge the U.S. government to do no harm to international trade for U.S. beef, and believe it is time that our policy makers use all necessary resources to secure and maintain strong market access for U.S. beef producers.

KELLEY SULLIVAN is a director of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association. She lives in Crockett, Texas.

Happy New Year!

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Chavarria said the committee wanted to stay away from changing the class-size ratio, which is currently 22 students to one teacher. Districts of Innovation can go above that ratio, but Chavarria said CCCSD is currently at 12-1.

He also said the committee did not want to make any changes in regards to student discipline, teacher benefits and salaries and contracts, other areas that can be changed under the program.

The committee must come up with a five-year plan for the district, post it online for 30 days and hold a public meeting to consider the final plan. Once the plan receives a majority vote from the committee, it is presented to the board who may vote to approve it.

The plan can be amended at any point, or be rescinded.

Chavarria said if a plan is approved it won't be implemented until the 2018-2019 School Year.

For more information on a District of Innovation, visit the TEA website at https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/District_Initiatives/Districts_of_Innovation/

FLU HITS SCHOOL

Chavarria said the district will be applying for a waiver from the Texas Education Agency due to the number of absences last week because of the flu virus.

District officials decided to let school out two days earlier for the holiday break due to the number of students out because of the flu.

OHS Principal Rene Valeriano said in his report that as of Dec. 11 28 students and three teachers were out with the flu.

At Monday's meeting, Valeriano said that number increased as the week continued.

"All three campuses took a hit because of the flu," said OMS Principal Rick Bachman.

By letting school out early on Dec. 15, students will report back on Jan. 2, a day

earlier than scheduled in order to make up lost time.

LAWSUIT

The board approved to become part of a coalition of school districts entering into a lawsuit dealing with Dealer's Heavy Equipment Inventory Values.

The lawsuit has gone to the Texas Supreme Court in favor of the school districts. CCCSD will join 37 other school districts that already have agreed to become a part of the lawsuit.

At issue is the constitutional validity of a 2011 state law that amended how heavy equipment dealers report the values of their inventory for taxation.

If revenue is lost under the 2011 law on heavy equipment, then city councils, school boards and other taxing entities will have to make up the loss.

The lawsuit is being appealed.

BOARD CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT HOURS

The board's continuing education credit hours were presented.

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

Experienced board members are required to obtain annually, eight additional hours plus update.

CCCSD School Board of Trustees and their hours are: Dwight Childress, District 5, 88.25 hours; Orlando DeHoyos, District 1, 87.5; Amy Newton, District 6, 91; Justin Morris, District 2, 31.25; Travis Davidson, At-Large, 33.75; Roland DeHoyos, District 3, 62.50; Ryan Bean, District 4, 55.25.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The next regular school board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Jan. 17 at the Administration Building. The meeting is open to the public.

Board members Justin Morris and Amy Newton were absent from the meeting.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 27

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

Thursday, Dec. 28

- OHS Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Big Lake Tournament
- 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

Friday, Dec. 29

- OHS Varsity Lions and Lady Lions at the Big Lake Tournament
- County Offices and County Public Library closing at noon.

Sunday, Dec. 31

- New Year's Eve
- "Comfort and Joy" Sunday, 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. with favorite hymn time. Holiday Brunch between services at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Monday, Jan. 1

- New Year's Day - The Ozona Stockman, Crockett County Offices, the Crockett County Public Library, local banks, the U.S. Post Office and the Family Health Center of Ozona all closed.

Tuesday, Jan. 2

- Second Semester Begins at CCCSD.
- OHS JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Forsan, 4 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.

Wednesday, Jan. 3

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 27 - Trinity Izabella Mendoza, Kate Bunger, Kenzee Talamantez, Arleen Castillo, Timothy Maldonado, Monique Castro, Roger Martinez, Aron Aguilera and Robert B. Longoria

Dec. 28 - Micahel Jovan Urias, Ben Flores, Juan Lugo, Whitney Crawford, Sara Dorough, Maria del Socorro Mata and Preston Tebbetts

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

Dec. 30 - Bryan Lacy, Marco Sandate Jr., Artemio Hernandez Jr., Eva Tinney and Josh Gonzales

Dec. 31 - Vicki Cooper, Joe Mendoza Jr., Mindy Seahorn, Cole Wadsworth and Caden Rutherford

Jan. 1 - Misty D. Moore, Eddie Alva Allsup, Jamie Moore, Tracey Peek Young and Lisa Tijerina Parker

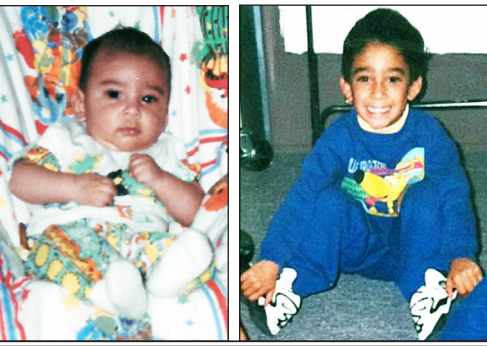
Jan. 2 - Holly Sheppard, Johnny Tambunga, Cuatro Jones, Patsy White, Gloria Wilson, Butch Gonzales, Erik Bachman, Regina Garcia and Victor Villarreal Jr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY ARON!

WE HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY!

Love,

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Youth Center Calendar of Events

OHS MEAL NIGHT:
Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

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

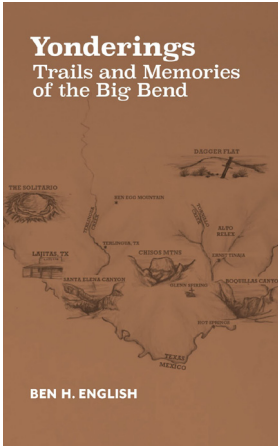
CLOSED SUNDAYS

7TH & 8TH MEAL NIGHT:
Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

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

The Youth Center
will be
CLOSED
Monday, Jan. 1,
for the
New Year's
Holiday!
Happy
New
Year!

CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS!



SAVE
THE DATE!
Book Signing
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Jan. 16!



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

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. 27

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

DEC. 28

Beef lasagna, zucchini, tossed salad, dressing, garlic bread, seasonal fruit and milk.

DEC. 29

Potato crusted cod, greens, cornbread, chocolate cream pie and milk.

JAN. 1

Closed - Happy New Year!

JAN. 2

Smoked sausage, green beans, seasoned cabbage, bread, hot cinnamon apples and milk.

JAN. 3

Chicken noodle casserole, green peas, citrus salad, roll and milk.

JAN. 4

Salisbury steak, baked potato, Capri vegetables, roll, banana pudding w/wafers and milk.

JAN. 5

Mexican beef stew, garden blend rice, sauteed yellow squash, wheat roll, oatmeal raisin cookie and milk.



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CONFIRMATION CLASS from Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church performed a Posada on Dec. 13 for the Crockett County Care Center Residents.

LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE CLUB NEWS

December dance filled with 'jolly'

BY CAROL ADCOCK
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE

On Dec. 9, the halls of the Senior Center rang out with "Ho, Ho, Hos" and "Merry Christmas." Levis and Lace Square Dance Club was gathering to celebrate Christmas with their annual Christmas dance. It was a wonderful night for festivities and dancing.

Tracey Dowell was the caller for the evening from McCauley, Texas. He put the dancers through their paces with many calls to Christmas songs, such as "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," "Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Jingle Bell Rock," and many more. Calls, such as Lead Right, Circle Up Four, Break to a Line and Allamade Thar challenged the dancers as they tapped their feet and the ladies twirled their skirts.

Two guest callers from San Angelo each called a tip for the dancers enjoyment. Wynn Alston called a patter call and ended his tip with the singing call "Mary, Did You Know?" John Geen called patter to "Bones" and finished



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LEVIS and LACE SQUARE DANCERS at the Dec. 9 Christmas Dance.

his tip with the singing call "I Love You Because." The dancers enjoyed having these two call tips for them to dance.

Levis and Lace had a special surprise guest drop by, someone in a red suit called Santa Claus "aka Robert Pena." Santa asked each dancer if they had been good all this last year. Of course, some of the dancers fibbed just a little and said "yes." He gave each of them a small gift and told everyone Merry Christmas.

Attending from Levis and Lace was Frank Fred, Mary Williamson, Sydney Knaack, JoAnn Babbitt, Tammi Monzingo, Danny Monzingo and Carol Adcock.

Dancers from out of town were Sally Wolfe, Ernie Wolfe, Wynn Alston, Marilda Johnson, Rene' Padier, John Geen, Randy Kennedy and Dixie Porter.

Everyone had a wonderful time with lots of good dancing, food and fellowship.

Next scheduled dance is 7 p.m. Jan. 9. at the Senior Center with John Geen from San Angelo calling.

Winterfest, hosted by the Permian Basin Square and Round Dance Association, is scheduled for Jan. 27 at the Senior Center. This will be an all day activity. More information coming later.

Come join us and visit at any dance. Everyone is welcome.

DEATH NOTICES

Francisco C. 'Fargo' Tijerina

Francisco C. "Fargo" Tijerina died Dec. 19, 2017.

Services were Thursday Dec. 21 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial following in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home.

He is survived by sisters, Bernalda Villarreal, Gloria Rivera, Elsa Galvan, Amarita Flores Galindo, Elisa Sentena and Eva Talamantez, brothers Luis and Alfredo Tijerina.

OBITUARIES

Jesus Hernandez Dominguez

Jesus Hernandez Dominguez was born in El Salitre, Coahuila, Mexico on December 24, 1932. He died December 12, 2017.

His parents were Maximino Salinas Dominguez and Maria de Refugio Cortez Dominguez, both deceased. He married the love of his life, Josefina Villanueva Torres, on August 8, 1959. He worked at the Floyd Friend Ranch from the age of 18, for 35 years.

He and his family permanently moved to the United States in 1963. Refugio and Raquel Zamarripa led him to Christ. He went on many missionary trips to different parts of Mexico. He dedicated himself to be a "fisher of men"; he was committed to telling everyone about coming to Jesus Christ as a Savior. He truly never met a stranger. He showed the love of Christ in every dealing with every person.

He was a founding member of Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida in 1991 and also a trustee. He and his wife Josefina were dedicated to taking care of their parents until the time of their death.

In 1997 he achieved his dream of purchasing a 100 acre ranch, which is named the Dominguez ranch, with his son Jesus T. Dominguez. He was a father figure to many including, Cindy Lewis, Maribel Manosalva and Laura



Galvan. He was a dedicated Christian, family man who believed in working hard, living honestly and sharing the word of God. He is preceded in death by daughter Margaret D. Philbeck, brother Lorenzo H. Dominguez, sister Elidia D. Herrera, and brother Lupe Dominguez.

He is survived by his wife Josefina T. Dominguez, daughter Frances Avila, son Jesus T. Dominguez, daughter Leticia Dominguez, as well as nine grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren and family in Mexico and the United States, all of whom he cherished very much.

Services were December 15 at Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home.

The Dominguez family would like to thank Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida and the community of Ozona for the prayers, food and flowers sent during this difficult time.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo Thursday afternoons

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Melissa called and said our articles would have to be in early for the next two weeks. My thoughts were "how do I do that?" Than I started to thinking that I would just have to tell everyone that I hoped they had a great Christmas and that we would be closed for New Year's Day and the half day on Friday, Dec. 30. Of course, I forgot to report us being closed for the Christmas holidays. It is a good thing I am not the reporter for this paper or no one would ever know what was going on.

Niki should be here next week. She was here last Tuesday, but no one showed. If you have forgotten the time, it is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday. We are looking forward to having her back on a regular basis. Her exercises are so helpful for people our age and she will be keeping your vital signs on record for you. Come on, give it a try.

We still have Bingo on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. Bring your nickels and play as many cards as you can handle at a nickel a card per game. We serve Cokes and popcorn and laugh and hope we get a bingo. We have

a sweet person that gives us prizes for the blackout bingo. She has made our bingo a lot more fun. Thanks.

I still have copies of the Senior Sourcebook for 2017 that lists all the services available for us older folks.

There will be no Bingo Social in December, but we will have the regular social on Jan. 15. We will serve lasagna with garlic bread and cobbler for dessert.

Brazil nuts are high in selenium. Studies have found that selenium may help reduce the risk of prostate cancer by two-thirds and the risk of colorectal cancer in half. I am not making this up. I am copying it from a book made up from Consumer Reports. I just thought they were interesting.

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

Monday - 9:30 a.m. Balance Exercise

Tuesday - 10:30 a.m. Exercise with Niki Bishop (skip next week)

Wednesday - 1:30 p.m. Mexican Train; 3 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday - 9 a.m. Balance Exercise; 9:30 a.m. Quilting; 2 p.m. Bingo

Friday - Open
Come on out, the coffee is on.

LOOKING UP AT ALL THE STARS

I remember the time I came home after dark and as I was walking to the house I looked up and saw all the beautiful stars. They were so beautiful and the sky so clear but as I looked out into space which seemed to never stop, (Psalm 19:1-6) I felt so small and insignificant but then I remembered some of the promises made in the Bible. A great event was going to take place in a little village, Bethlehem, on the other side of the world that would change history forever. Even though the universe is so big God knows and cares about every one of us, (Jeremiah 31:3). He promised to not abandon or leave us alone, (John 1:14, Hebrews 13:5). He also promised to do something that would be a great blessing for us which would lead to our wellbeing not only for now but for all eternity, (Isaiah 9:6&7, John 3:16). That gift would arrive in a very special way so we would know it was from God, (Isaiah 7:14). That gift would arrive in the form of a little child born in a manger but He would end up dying on a cross for our sins, (Luke 2:1-20, Romans 5:9). Let us not forget that Christmas is acknowledging and celebrating the birth of that special gift.

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

Apostolic Church 1908 Santa Anna St. Pastor Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m.	Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O'War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Martes: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Rev. Hilary Ihedioha Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona Every Second Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.
Friendship Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Pastor Paul M. Ray Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O'War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.	New Beginnings Ozona "church...but different" 354 Highway 163 South Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. (325) 226-3060 www.newbeginningsozona.com	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St.; Pastor Jean Reardon 9 a.m. Informal Worship, Fellowship Hall 10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary
First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Mark Fricke Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Youth - 6:00 p.m. - Wednesdays K.I.D.S. - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays	ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY	Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.
Iglesia de Cristo Hwy. 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.		Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Family Service: 6:30 p.m.

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BOYS

87th Mary Tatum Holiday Classic
Reagan County HS

Thur - Fri; Dec. 28-29, 2017

Pool A
Reagan County
Ozona
Iraan
Stanton

Pool B
Sonora
McCamey
Garden City
Coahoma

	Main Gym	Practice Gym
Thurs, 12/28	10:30 McCamey - Garden City	Coahoma - Sonora
	1:30 Iraan - Reagan County	Ozona - Stanton
	4:30 Garden City - Coahoma	Sonora - McCamey
	7:30 Reagan County - Ozona	Stanton - Iraan
Fri, 12/29	10:30 Sonora - Garden City	Coahoma - McCamey
	1:30 Stanton - Reagan County	Iraan - Ozona
	4:30 3rd Place: A 2nd vs. B 2nd	7th Place: A 4th vs. B 4th
	7:30 Championship: A 1st vs. B 1st	Consolation: A 3rd vs. B 3rd

First team listed will wear white.

Tiebreakers: (1) Head to Head (2) Positive/Negative Points with Teams Involved
(3) Defensive Points Allowed with Teams Involved (4) Coin Toss

GIRLS

87th Mary Tatum Holiday Classic
Reagan County HS

Thur - Fri; Dec. 28-29, 2017

Pool A
Reagan County
Fort Stockton
Grape Creek
Wink

Pool B
Sonora
Pecos
Ozona
Stanton

	Main Gym	Practice Gym
Thurs, 12/28	9:00 Sonora vs Pecos	Ozona vs Stanton
	12:00 Wink vs Reagan County	Grape Creek vs Ft. Stockton
	3:00 Stanton vs Sonora	Pecos vs Ozona
	6:00 Reagan County vs Grape Creek	Ft. Stockton vs Wink
Fri, 12/29	9:00 Sonora vs Ozona	Stanton vs Pecos
	12:00 Ft. Stockton vs Reagan County	Wink vs Grape Creek
	3:00 2nd Pool A vs. 2nd Pool B	4th Pool A vs. 4th Pool B
	6:00 1st Pool A vs. 1st Pool B	3rd Pool A vs. 3rd Pool B

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Thursday, Dec. 28, 2017
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During office hours on Thursdays call 392-2508
To make an appointment or for more information call
Eldorado Clinic at 325-853-2572

STATE: from page 2

TAX AMNESTY PROGRAM SET
On Dec. 21 Comptroller Glenn Hegar announced a temporary tax amnesty program to give certain delinquent taxpayers "a chance to make their accounts compliant with state tax law without incurring penalties and interest on tax due."

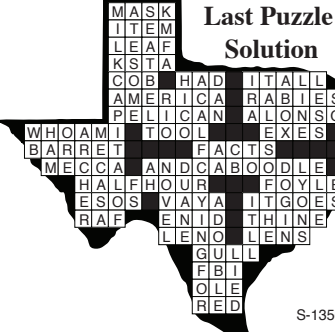
The Texas Tax Amnesty Program, set to run from May 1 to June 29, 2018, applies to periods prior to Jan. 1, 2018, and only includes liabilities that have not been previously reported to the Office of the Comptroller.

Passed by the Texas Legislature in 2017, Senate Bill 1 required the Office of the Comptroller to establish the program to encourage voluntary reporting by:

- Delinquent taxpayers who do not have a Texas Sales and Use Tax Permit, or are not registered for a tax or fee administered by the Comptroller's Office; and
- Taxpayers who have a permit, but may have under-reported or owe additional taxes or fees.

HEGAR UNVEILS WEBSITE
Comptroller Hegar announced the Unclaimed Property Division's new and improved website, Claimit-Texas.org, a way for Texans to search for their unclaimed money on Dec. 18.
"I am proud of our unclaimed property program, which has returned about

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\$800 million to its rightful owners since I've been comptroller," Hegar said. "The newly redesigned website makes it even easier for users to search for unclaimed property and I encourage everyone to go online, take a look around and see if there is money waiting for you or your loved ones."
More than \$2 billion in unclaimed property has been returned to rightful owners

since the program began in 1962. People without Internet service may call 800-321-2274 to check for unclaimed property in their name.

DPS: GIVE SAFE TRAVEL
The Texas Department of Public Safety on Dec. 18 reminded drivers that by staying sober and following basic traffic laws, they can give their fellow motorists the gift of safe travels this

season.
In an effort to increase safety on Texas roadways, state troopers will conduct traffic patrols throughout the holiday weekends of Dec. 24-27 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1, looking for drunken drivers, speeders, seat belt violators and other dangerous drivers. Many local law enforcement agencies also will increase enforcement efforts over the holidays.

Crockett County SWCD 2017 Annual Newsletter

Another year has passed. WOW!! I still remember Y2K because it's hard to believe that was 17 years ago! The years continue to fly by. Just for you folks that don't know who we are or what the Crockett County Soil & Water Conservation District is, we are officially a non-profit political subdivision of the State of Texas. We are led by an elected Board of Directors. Our current directors are Paul Perner III, James Owens, Pleas Childress III, Jack Baggett Jr and Ira Childress. Our objective is to help landowners be better stewards of the land.

If you haven't heard of or read about the Dust Bowl in the 1930's, which was a multi-state devastation, we urge you to do so. There was a lot learned and our entity exists today because of the many mistakes that were made back then. Experience is a great teacher if we allow it to be. Today, things are done much differently to protect our topsoil and the land is richer for it. The SWCD works in cooperation with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in developing conservation plans to assist landowners in finding the best management practices to address their resource concerns. Through these efforts, the land can be managed to be the best it can be for our area and climate. These efforts might be brush control, water retention methods, restoring native grasses, just any number of things. We have seen long-established family operations that continue to employ different methods to improve water retention which is so necessary when rains can be few & far between. We see new landowners wanting to go forward by learning how to be good stewards before costly mistakes are made. Land stewardship comes through varied interests. Many want to focus on a deer operation, others on cattle, others on sheep and/or goats, others on wildlife and each requires something a bit different while considering all aspects of the land.

We don't stop with landowners though! We also sponsor educational events for the youth. After all, the youth of today are the adults and leaders of tomorrow so it's imperative they understand the importance of our natural resources.

It must be mentioned that Ozona Bank is a huge supporter of our educational projects. They have stepped up time and time again to help us be successful and keep things going. They have partnered with us for many years in sponsoring the annual 6th Grade Conservation Poster Contest. The theme for 2017 was "We All Need Trees". Here in West Texas, we are certainly aware of our need for trees. Most of us just think of the shade they provide. In forested areas people might not see them in the same light. They might view them as a hazard or as something that blocks their view. It's true that all these things are true. However, the poster contest was to help the next generation learn about the importance of trees regardless of where they grow. For instance, managing trees for healthy, diverse forests benefits wildlife. While we might not live in a forest, trees still are an important part of the ecological network in our area as well. They provide many benefits for wildlife habitats, water retention and help prevent erosion to name a few. Ecosystems are fascinating and each one is important. With education comes awareness that we all, collectively and individually, bear a responsibility to protect our natural environment. As population grows, it becomes more evident that we must view our natural resources as priceless and worthy of consideration in our daily lives. The poster winners this year were Natalie Rodriguez (1st place), Ivey Rodriguez (2nd place), and Rianna DeLaRosa (3rd place). These girls were quite artistic in conveying their ideas of the theme "We All Need Trees". We hope you had a chance to see the posters while they were on display at Ozona Bank.

Another long-term project has been the 6th grade field day. Many adults that attended this in 6th grade now have children that attend. We have partnered with NRCS and sponsored this for at least 30 years now. Again, the time flies by! This is a fun day for us. We have several presenters each year that set up their stations and make learning about things such as soil identification, erosion, groundwater & wildlife management fun. The GPS treasure hunt is fun and the beekeeper brings an observation hive and samples of honey. The Farm Bureau always has some interesting facts. Did you know that one cowhide can make 144 baseballs or 12 baseball gloves? Another fun fact: it takes 3,000 cowhides to provide the footballs for all the NFL teams for one NFL season!! WOW!! In turn, how much land and grass are needed to raise one cow? Well, there are many determining factors. It depends on what part of the country you live in, the weather, how much rain it gets, available forage, the type of terrain. In our area, it generally takes about 30-40 acres for just one cow. So, this is an example of how the field day is a fun way to learn for those that attend. This has been held at Jack & Jodi Baggett's ranch for many years and they always save some sheep to shear so the kids can get a firsthand look at what is involved. Many have realized it's a lot more work that they thought! We have wool & mohair products, a demonstration of how we get our water from the ground to the surface and how to analyze the water table. Some of our presenters change from year to year and some have been helping us for many years. It's a fun day outdoors and we hope the kids will retain the things they've seen & learned. We find many students are excited about learning & participating. It is our goal that they go forward in life with the realization that we all make a difference and we can all be good stewards of this incredible planet. We couldn't do this without the support of the school and teachers and we thank them very much. The donations we receive are so appreciated to help offset the costs involved.

Another thing we have added is a community garden. It's located at 202 Ave J and again, the support of the community has been great. Without their help, the project couldn't have gotten off the ground. This garden is used for vegetables and also serves as a butterfly garden. This year was the first to see produce and it's been a learning process of what will work and what needs to be changed. Not only has it been fun to see the success of the gardeners and learn from one another, it's also been fantastic to see the butterflies and bees busy pollinating. The 4-H kids have also been great in participating and making the garden fun & helping to get some things planted. It's still a work in progress and the first year has indeed been a lot of work but the help of many hands & donations has made it possible. We are always open to more participants so if any are interested just let us know! Our contact information is posted at the garden.

Of course, we continue our alliance with Crockett County and the NRCS to maintain our flood control structures which help save our town from devastating flooding like that experienced in 1954. Many residents remember that flood which not only destroyed property but cost the lives of many. We now have seven dams to help control flood waters. Johnson Draw, which runs through the middle of town, is a huge part to help control the runoff of the flood water which is why it is so well maintained and has restrictions on usage that are posted.

Another thing we provide are 9-1-1 address signs. These are bright blue with highly reflective numbers which help emergency personnel find you quickly. These can be used both in town or, if you have a place in the country, you can place them on the gate or fence. Minutes count in the case of emergencies so please help the emergency responders be able to find you quickly! You can call us for information at 325-392-2301 Ext: 3 between the hours of 9 a.m. and noon, Monday-Friday. Another highlight this year was the recognition for 30 years of service by Pleas Childress III. He received this award at the Annual State Meeting which was held in Galveston this year.

So friends, these are some of the activities that have kept us busy this year! We want to thank those that support us in so many ways. We would like to recognize our Platinum sponsor Ozona Bank, Gold Sponsor Farm Bureau, and Silver Sponsors Crockett National Bank and OTTER. Special thanks also goes to Commissioners Court, Lilly Construction, Venegas Fencing, Juan Venegas Fencing, Lopez Construction, Triple C Hardware, Louis Bunker, Rick & Shannon Hunnicutt, Lisa Mitchell, Frank Bohannon, Arturo Guerra, and Wolv Rutherford for their hard labor that has been incredible. Big thanks also to Eligio Martinez at the radio station. These folks have gone above & beyond to help us out with their contributions of labor, equipment and dollars so they're top notch in our book! We want to also thank the others that helped but choose to remain anonymous. So, we surge forward into 2018 with hope & determination to continue our efforts to raise awareness of our natural resources & how to best conserve them!



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29 TX Strait's "All My ____ Live in Texas"
30 Alamo's William ____ Travis
31 TXism: "this ____ are elastic" (liar)
35 holiest Islamic city
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42 thirty minutes (2 wds.)
44 TX Ginger's Oscar role: "Kitty ____"
46 TX Vikki Carr tune: "____ Hombres"
47 TXism: "____ con dios" (go with God)

49 TX Linda Ellerbee book: "And So ____" (1986)
50 Churchill's flyers (abbr.)
51 Okie town
52 "To ____ ownself be true"
53 former NBC talk host, Jay
54 spectacles part
55 bold bird in Galveston
57 TX Judge William Sessions was director of this agcy. (1987-93)

58 TX Stuart Hamblen wrote "This ____ House"
59 TXism: "about as clear as ____ River mud" (confusing)

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1 Dublin, TX motto: "____ Planet Erath"
2 TXism: "____ gravel" (fell)
3 it must be worn in TX cars (2 wds.)
4 Austin classical FM
9 in Hamilton County on U.S. 281
10 TXism: "noisy as ____ mamma"
11 TX "Hoss" Blocker
12 retirement acct.
13 old TV western: "____"
14 TXism: "brains in ____" (computer)
15 TXism: "hook, ____ and sinker" (all)
16 TXism: "use ____ as earrings on a sow"
18 ____ Grande
20 TXism: "____ dry the Baptists are sprinkling"
23 this Bonney was Billy the Kid (init.)
24 TXism: "____ on the hoof" (hog)
25 ____ City, TX
26 county between Baylor and Clay
27 TXism: "____ es su casa"
32 Vega H.S. class
33 C&W Clint (init.)
34 TXism: "scared me plumb ____ death"
36 TX Wills: "____ ha, take it away, Leon"
37 TX Larry McMurtury book, e.g.
38 ex-Cowboy RB from TX, Thomas

39 TXism: "tall ____ the pack" (leader)
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41 Gen. Robert ____
43 Sinatra of "Four for Texas" (init.)
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49 TXism: "____ warm your gullet" (rice)
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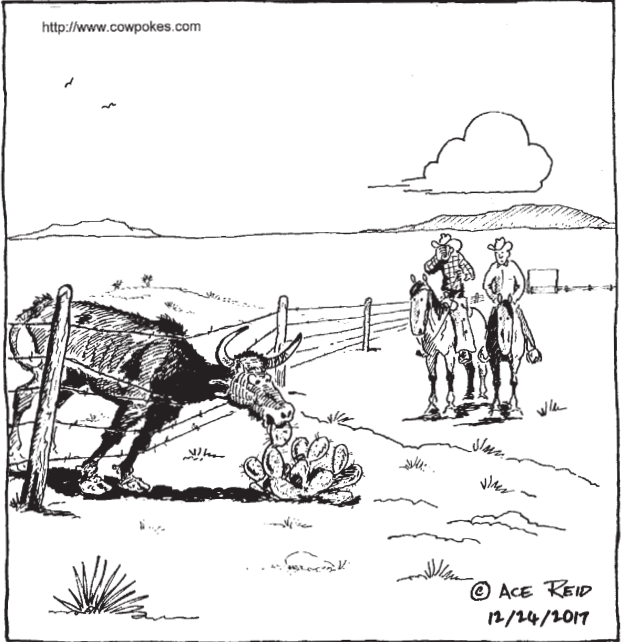
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