



The Rocksprings Record

and

Texas Mohair Weekly

Serving Edwards County Since 1893



50¢

Texas Mohair Weekly, Copyright© 2014. All rights reserved. Neither this newspaper nor parts thereof may be used in whole or in part or in substance without written permission from the publishers except in publicity on or review of same. This newspaper contains some copyrighted material which has been used by permission and/or purchase from such owners.

USPS No. 541

January 16, 2014

Rocksprings, Texas 78880

Vol. 121 No. 3

Internet customers warned of “phishing scams”

BY T. DYLAN COX
COMMERCIAL MANAGER
SOUTHWEST TEXAS
TELEPHONE COMPANY

We have recently seen an increase in “phishing scams” targeting Southwest Texas Telephone Company internet customers. These are very sophisticated scams in which the phishers attempt to get personal information from your email account (and other on-line accounts, such as Facebook or Amazon) for a number of purposes, but primarily identity theft. We feel it is important to warn all of our customers that these activities are going on daily and that unless you take steps to protect yourself, much of your personal information could soon be for sale over the internet.

The most common phishing scam involves sending an email that contains a harmful link. These links are generally very innocent looking and may involve any subject, such as politics or sports or discount vacations.

When the customer clicks on the harmful link, he is taking the first step in giving the phisher access to the customer’s email account. If the customer uses the same password for other sites, the phisher can gain access to those accounts as well.

The easiest way to avoid a phishing scam is simply not to open any email you don’t recognize. You can get rid of the

unwanted email by clicking the box next to it, then click the icon at the top that looks like a stop sign with an exclamation mark. That will mark that email and all emails from that sender as “spam.”

Also, you should avoid using the same password for different sites or on-line accounts. In particular, your email password should be completely different from any other password, and should be complicated enough that it cannot be guessed even by your closest friends. Please don’t use your pet’s or grandchild’s name for your password!

Finally, we recommend setting up “2-step verification”. This allows you the highest level of protection with very little inconvenience.

You can set up 2-step verification

right in your inbox. Simply click the gear box at the top right, choose settings, choose accounts, choose Google Account Settings, choose security, enable 2-step verification. When this safety feature is enabled, anytime you attempt to log in to your email address from a new computer, you will be required to verify your identity by using a code that Google sends to your cell phone or landline phone.

You also will have a list of 10 backup verification codes, in case you are away from your phone. Simply follow the directions as they prompt you once you have chosen to enable 2-step verification. If you have any trouble setting this up, do not hesitate to give us a call at 683-2111 and we will walk you through the process.



RJH Billies move the ball down the court in Brackettville game. Photo by Paige Hendley

Commissioners approve first time water and septic facilities construction for Barksdale

BY TOOTER SMITH

On Tuesday, January 14th the Edwards County Commissioners Court held their monthly meeting. A quorum was noted, roll call of Precinct 4 - Mike Grooms, Precinct 3 - Matt Fry, Precinct 2 - Lee Sweeten and Precinct 1 - William Epperson were present. The meeting called to order by County Judge Souli Shanklin. The Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and Justice of Peace Joe Baker said a prayer asking for rain.

Open Forum - Andrew Barnebey was concerned about an item on the agenda being an interlocal agreement between Edwards County and Sutton County Hospital District of the possibility of opening a clinic in Rocksprings. The judge assured Barnebey that this action is a third party because Dr. Chester Todd has been in contact with Bob Pascasio and have considered this avenue because Dr. Todd would like to retire. A lot of things can come out of this clinic because there could be a transit bus traveling to Sonora to the hospital or to see a doctor there. Grants will be applied for by the hospital district there to get a building in working order.

Joe Baker then came up and talked about the Local Management Assessment of Counties suggestions that he received from the State. These suggestions were made for each office in the county. Some of the suggestions were good and applied to our county but others did not because of the population being different all over the state.

Staff Reports - Discuss and/or

It's a Three-Peat!

Library awarded five stars, third year in a row

The results are in, and the Claud H. Gilmer Memorial Library is a five star library for the third consecutive year, according to the Library Journal’s Index of Public Libraries.

“We are super proud,” Library Director Lisa Scroggins said. “Maintaining a five star status year after year is quite an accomplishment. It puts us in a very exclusive group, because not many libraries can say the same.”

The index is a nation-wide measurement of four services provided by public libraries: library visits, circulation, program attendance, and public Internet computer use.

Although we ranked high in all four categories, the two measures help put us at the top of our field are computer use and attendance at program events. This year the Library Journal has identified 263 libraries as being star-rated. Within each of the expenditure peer groups the publication identifies the top 30 scores. They then give the top ten scores of each group a 5-star rating, the next ten scores a 4-star rating, and the remaining ten scores a 3-star rating.

“We would like to thank our patrons for helping us achieve this elite status,” Assistant Director Annie Haynes said. “We are honored to be able to serve our community in this manner.”

take action on forfeited deposits for fairgrounds rentals by Maria Enriquez - Maintenance. After the fairground rentals have been used and not cleaned, she can hire a person for \$12 per hour to clean up, up to the amount of deposit.

Prior Minutes - December 13th and December 10th were approved.

Designation of location to hold foreclosure sales was approved to be at the Southwest back door of the Annex building.

Selection of Salary Grievance Committee members for 2014 were drawn with Rosario Infante, Justin Brock, Roe Burleson, Terry Brooks and Cynthia Wipkey being chosen with Barbara Hocutt and Richard Simone as alternates. These were approved.

Approved the 2014 Holiday schedule with the closure of the offices being at 12 noon on the eves of Christmas.

The First Year Motions were approved as read.

Approved policy to void uncashed checks from the Tax Assessor/Collector’s office after 3 months.

Approved list of prioritized projects for TxDOT County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program (CTIFGP).

Approved creating an advisory

board for the designated zones in the TxDOT CTIFGP - Commissioners’ Court and the returned airport lease(s).

All of the following were approved after Carl Esser of Esser and Company explained then. TxCDBG Colonia Construction fund program award from the Texas Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$500,000.00 and authorized County Judge to sign TDA Contract 713075 upon receipt; authorization to advertise/request proposals for professional services both engineering and administration for the 2013 TxCDBG 713075 Colonia Construction Fund Project (First Time Water Facilities for Barksdale and Septic System Installations for Barksdale, Camp Wood Hills, and Stewarts Mountain Hi Estates) and appoint selection committee to review proposals; designation of authorized signatures, resolution, and authorization of direct deposit form for TxCDBG 713075 Colonia Construction Fund Grant; Resolution awarding Professional Administration Services Contract for 2014 TxCDBG Project (Restrooms at Edwards County Fairgrounds) to Esser and Company; Resolution awarding Professional Engineering Services Contract for

2014 TxCDBG Project (Restrooms at Edwards County Fairgrounds) to TRC; Road Condition Report under section 251.018 complying with fiscal year end September 30, 2013, the primary cause of any road, culverts or bridges degradation as compliance to section 251.005 with two changes; a prioritized list of transportation infrastructure projects to be submitted and as required to the Texas Department of Transportation for County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program and purchase of truck for Edwards County Constable and the use of Criminal Justice Grant 2694801 in the amount of \$25,000.00.

Approved was putting surplus funds of R&B in the amount of \$47,050 into their own LMMC account.

The court then went into executive session to consult with present attorney on Interlocal Agreement between Edwards County and Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital of Sonora will go ahead with plans for the clinic which will be in the Nutrition Center building.

Time and date for next meeting was set, bills paid and then adjourned.

Torres Paz murder case reopened

On February 28, 1996, the body of Patricia Torres Paz, age, 35, of 702 N. Well Street in Rocksprings, Texas was discovered around noon by a sister who notified the Edwards County Sheriff’s Department. Torres Paz’ death was due to multiple stab wounds.

Edwards County Sheriff Warren Guthrie and his department, in conjunction with the Texas Rangers and assisted by DPS crime scene technician investigated the crime, which as of this date as not been solved.

Sheriff Pam Elloitt has reopened the case and has developed possible additional leads to solve this crime.



Jason Reed sworn in as new Edwards County Deputy on Monday, January 13th. (l-r) Tonya Ahlschwede-District Attorney, Reed, District Judge Rob Hofmann, Sheriff Pam Elloitt, County Judge Souli Shanklin and Deputy Bobby Busha.

City sidewalk construction to began soon, shared sewer hookup addressed

BY BARBARA HOCUTT

The City of Rocksprings City Council met January 13th. Mayor Pauline Gonzales called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.. Annie Smith, Secretary, called the roll. Council members Andrew Barnebey, Alicia Arrendondo, Jerry Jones, Zac Kerbow, Paula Gallegos were present. Daniel Garcia (Public works Director), Alex Dula (Emergency Management), Carl Esser (Esser & Co.) were present.

Barnebey led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Gonzales opened the floor to public forum speakers:

Al Scroggins requested information from the council members concerning the older common sewer lines shared by two individual homes which was discovered after a sewer backup. After discussion, the city council will contact persons involved

as to the city ordinance concerning this situation.

Alex Barnebey advised the council that the County Commissioners will be considering an interlocal agreement with the Lillian Hudspeth Memorial Hospital of Sonora to open a clinic in Rocksprings.

Daniel Garcia, Public Works Director, reported that all three wells and the three pumps are working well now and the guide rails have been repaired. Garcia reported we received 9/10” rainfall for December. One part time employee will be leaving to attend college.

Alex Dula, Emergency Management, advised that he found that any changes to the Hazard Mitigation Plan has to be approved by the State, County and City. Dula met with Bill Skeen January 10th to consider some minor changes and he feels that they will go through. Dula recom-

mends that the county sign the plan. If the Plan is not signed, we would not be eligible to receive money in case of a disaster and would not be eligible for any grants that might be available.

Dula advised that he is going to request the County Commissioners amend the platting requirements for new subdivisions to require persons requesting a new subdivision, place a road sign on any road that interfaces with a county, state or US highway to allow first responders to find entrances to the new subdivision for emergency operations. Barnebey suggested that the city place signs on the city streets to aid the first responders also. The council agreed and Mayor Gonzales advised they will check to see what signs are needed and will try to install or replace them as soon as possible.

See City page 5...

Schedule of Events

**Devil’s Sinkhole SNA
Rocksprings Visitors Center
& Devil’s Sinkhole Tours**
830-683-2287

www.devilssinkhole.org
**Closed Monday/Tuesday
Bat Observation Tours**
May 1- Oct. 31

Kickapoo Cavern State Park
(830) 563-2342,
www.texasstateparks.org
Birding, biking, cave tours,
camping

Fri. 8-Mon. 4:30
Closed Tues.-Thurs.
**Claud H. Gilmer
Memorial Library**
683-8130

Regular Operating Hours:

**Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday & Friday**
8:00 am - 6:00 pm
Wednesday
8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Saturday

9:00 am – 12:00 noon

Rocksprings City Council

Meets 2nd Monday
5:30 p.m. @ City Hall
**Edwards County
Economic
Development Council**

Last Tues. of month @ 5:30
**Edwards County
Commissioner’s Court**

Meets every 2nd Tuesday
@ 9 a.m.
**Edwards County
Juror Info Hotline**
830-683-2236

**Edwards County
Fair Association**
Meets 2nd Tuesday
5:30 p.m. at Show Barn

Edwards County 4-H
Meets 2nd Monday
5:30 p.m. at the Show Barn

Not during summer
Barksdale Civic Assoc.
Meets last Monday 6:00 p.m.

Mary B. Powers Hall
**Edwards County
Chamber of Commerce**
First Mondays @ 5 p.m.

Cook, Morey earn Texas A&M honors

COLLEGE STATION, Jan. 13, 2014 - Texas A&M University has named its honor students for the fall semester, recognizing them for outstanding academic performance.

The Dean’s Honor Roll recognizes students taking at least 15 semester hours during the fall semester who have maintained a 3.75 or higher grade point (GPR) out of a possible 4.0.

A second designation, “Distinguished Student,” recognizes those who earned a 3.5 to 3.74 GPR while taking at least 15 hours for the fall semester.

Among those recognized as Distinguished Students were Joshua Cook of Rocksprings and John Morey of Camp Wood. Cook, a senior, is seeking a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology. Morey, also a senior, is working toward his Bachelor of Science in Recreation, Park and Tourism.

Is it time to RENEW
your SUBSCRIPTION?

RENEW...

1/31/14

JOHN Q. PUBLIC
BOX 12345
ROCKSPRINGS,
TEXAS, 78880

The Texas Mohair Weekly
P.O. Box 287

Rocksprings TX, 78880
Rocksprings/Barksdale
\$25.00

Addresses Elsewhere
\$30.00

Political Announcements

Rocksprings Record/Texas Mohair Weekly offers a way for candidates to announce their candidacy prior to elections. For a small fee, the announcement includes a story or letter submitted by the candidate, and picture if desired. The candidate’s name, political affiliation and office being sought is included in the announcements. Front page space for announcement is by first come, first serve.

All other advertising will be charged by display column inch rates. Read the following for more information and deadlines.

Rates are:
Federal Office.....\$70.00
State Office.....\$70.00
District Office.....\$60.00
County Office.....\$55.00
City/School Office.....\$50.00

NOTE: The above prices include a news story of not more than 250 words, with picture if desired. Additional words will be charged at 20¢ per word. Other political display ads or insertions will be charged at regular advertising rates.

The following candidates have authorized Rocksprings Record/Texas Mohair Weekly to list their name as a candidate for different positions.

452nd District Judge

**Rob Hofmann (Incumbent)
Republican**

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Rob Hofmann Campaign

**Bruce James (for)
Republican**

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Bruce James

**Edwards County
Commissioner Precinct 4**

**Nick Gallegos (for)
Democrat**

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Nick Gallegos

**452nd
District Attorney**

**Shain Chapman (for)
Republican**

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Shain Chapman Campaign

**Edwards County
Judge**

**Ricky Martinez (for)
Democrat**

Pd. Pol. Adv. By Ricky Martinez

Heart burn or heart attack?

HOUSTON — (Dec. 20, 2013) - The holiday season means friends, family and good cheer, usually taking place around the dinner table. A big meal may cause heartburn, or aggravate chronic acid reflux, but sometimes the symptoms aren't what you'd expect.

"Some people suffer from chest pain that they describe as comparable to a heart attack," said Dr. Lubin F. Arevalo, assistant professor of medicine — gastroenterology. "Although chest pain can be potentially caused by reflux disease, it is important to see a doctor right away to rule out a heart attack as well as learn about your heart attack risk factors. We never embark on a search for reflux as a cause of chest pain until a thorough cardiac evaluation shows us that the pain is not coming from the heart."

Symptoms of reflux disease include heartburn (a burning feeling in the chest or throat), regurgitation (the sensation that stomach fluids are backing up into the throat), difficulty swallowing and chest pain. Some patients may present with less typical symptoms such as cough, Arevalo said.

"Once we know the pain is not caused by heart issues, it is time to see a gastroenterologist who can help make a diagnosis and determine the right line of treatment," he said.

Some treatment options include lifestyle changes like weight loss, quitting smoking, ending late

night snacking and avoiding food triggers such as fried food. There are also medications that can be prescribed to decrease or neutralize stomach acid.

"If reflux disease is untreated it could lead to complications. In the worst cases that includes esophageal cancer," Arevalo said.

Seeing a doctor is also important for patients whose condition does not improve with these treatments. They may have uncontrolled reflux or in some cases they may have a different problem that can cause symptoms that are similar to reflux. These patients often benefit from additional testing using reflux monitoring studies.

"Bottom line, talk to your doctor. For chest pain that is not coming from the heart, reflux is an important possible explanation and establishing the cause will help find a solution," Arevalo said.

No green renewal cards
to be sent

In an attempt to keep subscription rates down, no green renewal cards will be mailed (except for company, gift subscriptions and cancellation notices). Please note your renewal date on your mailing label and submit your subscription cost to us by the end of that month. Thanks for your help!


Weekly Bible Reading

1 Timothy 5:17-19 - The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. 18For the Scripture says, "Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain," and "The worker deserves his wages." 19Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses. 20Those who sin are to be rebuked publicly, so that the others may take warning.

5:17, 18 - Preaching and teaching are closely related. Preaching is proclaiming the Word of God and confronting listeners with the truth of Scripture. Teaching is explaining the truth in Scripture, helping learners understand difficult passages, and helping them apply god's Word to daily life. Paul says that these elders are worthy of double honor. Unfortunately, however, we often take them for granted by not providing adequately for their needs or by subjecting them to heavy criticism. Think of how you can honor your providers and teachers.

5:19 - Church leaders are not exempt from sin, faults, and mistakes. But they are often criticized for the wrong reasons--minor imperfections, failure to meet someone's expectations, personality clashes. Thus Paul said that accusations should not even be heard unless two or three witnesses confirm them.

Business Cards, Invoices
and Quality
Printing Available at TMM



Sacred Heart of Mary - Catholic Church
 Leakey: Sat. 5:30 p.m.
 Rocksprings: Sun. 9:00 a.m.
 Camp Wood: Sun. 11:30 a.m.
 Father Sady Santana

House of Praise - Barksdale
 Sun. Bible Classes 10:30 a.m.
 Praise & Worship 11:15 a.m.
 Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.

Methodist Church
 Worship, 11 a.m.
 Open for prayer & meditation
 Wed. 11:30-1:00
 Lee Warden, Pastor


This Church
which are

Nelson Monuments
Affordable monuments of all kinds
683-6233

The Short Stop
683-3462

**Southwest Texas
 Telephone
 Company**
683-2111

<p><i>The guy who takes a chance, who walks the line between the known and the unknown, who is unafraid of failure, will succeed.</i></p> <p>-----John Ruskin</p>	<p><i>You can never go home again, but the truth is you can never leave home, so it's all right.</i></p> <p>_____Maya Angelou</p>
---	---



Attend the Church of your choice.

<p>Sacred Heart of Mary Catholic Church Leakey: Sat. 5:30 p.m. Rocksprings: Sun. 9:00 a.m. Camp Wood: Sun. 11:30 a.m. Father Sady Santana</p> <p>House of Praise - Barksdale Sun. Bible Classes 10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship 11:15 a.m. Wed. Bible Study 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Methodist Church Worship, 11 a.m. Open for prayer & meditation Wed. 11:30-1:00 Lee Warden, Pastor</p>	<p>Church of Christ Sun. Bible Class 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study, 7 p.m. Dwight Faulk, Preacher</p> <p>First Baptist Church Sun. School 9:45 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Wed. Worship 6 p.m. Men's Breakfast-Last Sat. of Mo. at 7 a.m. TeamKID Wed. 5:30-7 p.m. Grades 1-6 Brother Albert Green</p> <p>Templo Jerusalem Domingos 10 a.m. Escuela 4 p.m. Culto Regular Miercoles 6 p.m. Culto Regular- Jueves 6 p.m. Culto de Oracion</p>	<p>First Presbyterian Church Service 8:30 a.m. Rev. Lewis Allen</p> <p>Community Church Praise & Worship Sun. 10:00 a.m. Pastor Ray Croft</p> <p>Iglesia de Cristo Domingos-Estudio, 10 a.m. Sermon, 11 a.m. & 6 p.m. Miercoles Estudio 7 p.m.</p>
<p>This Church Directory is sponsored by the following businesses which are building blocks in the foundation of Rocksprings.</p>		
<p>Nelson Monuments <i>Affordable monuments of all kinds</i> 683-6233</p>	<p>Kingburger 683-4127</p>	<p>Nelson Funeral Home 830-683-6233 ELN 181 Rocksprings, Texas</p>
<p>The Short Stop 683-3462</p>	<p>Country Boys 683-3101</p>	<p>Rocksprings Abstract & Title 683-2185</p>
<p>Southwest Texas Telephone Company 683-2111</p>	<p>Grimes Funeral Chapel 1-800-254-4544 ELN 21</p>	<p>BUILDING MATERIALS, INC. 2202 MEMORIAL BLVD. KERRVILLE, TX 830-257-8300 CELL 830-660-0093</p>

Idle American
Commentary by Dr. Don Newbury

We Americans are a wordy bunch, particularly after election to public office.

At all levels of government, officials gain experience quickly in “proclaiming,” whether or not they’re any good at all in framing laws.

Proclamations often are stacked on top of days, weeks and months already taken. No matter. Most of the thousands of documents are so issued to satisfy special interest groups. (All could be significantly shortened with lessened use of the word “where-as.”...)

Once approved, these designations are almost never disturbed. I’ve found just three now deemed defunct--Afghanistan Day, Baltic Freedom Day and National Catfish Day. (Not sure how the catfish came under fire, unless other species started making bigger splashes.)

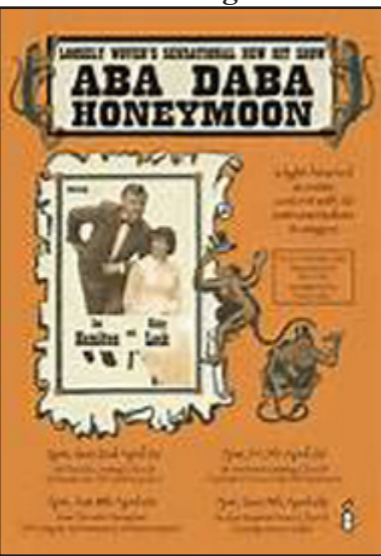
It seems to me that all of us would do well to stand up for national treasures on the brink of total abandonment. This seems particularly true when said works reach the century mark.

Let’s focus, for example, on music. Shouldn’t we properly respect tunes we have hummed, whistled or sung—albeit poorly—over several decades? One such ditty is Aba Daba Honeymoon, written in 1914. The lyrics--perhaps Greek to most--are purportedly what the monkey said to the chimp in, uh, yes, “monkey talk.”...

Back in the day, such songs had staying power. Debbie Reynolds’ rendition vaulted to number three on Billboard Magazine’s chart in 1951. Eight years later, it was featured in Have Rocket, Will Travel, The Three Stooges’ first feature film.

In 1964--a half-century after composition--American novelist Thomas Pynchon, referring to Aba Daba Honeymoon in a letter to a friend, said: Our souls (the world) leave to whatever obsolescences, bigotries, theories of education (workable and ‘un’), parental wisdom or lack of it, happening... between the cord-cutting

US: A Nation Big on Words



ceremony and the time they slide you down the chute (at death)...while the guy on the Wurlitzer plays Aba Daba Honeymoon because you had once told somebody it was the ‘nadir of all American expression’; only they didn’t know what ‘nadir’ meant, but it must be good because of the vehemence with which you expressed yourself....

The tune’s popularity returned in the 1970s, when Fritos corn chips claimed the melody for its jingle--“Muncha buncha, muncha buncha, muncha buncha, muncha buncha, Fritos goes with lunch.” A Houston jewelry factory used the melody as well, and lead performers on Laverne & Shirley once performed as chimps on roller skates, singing Aba Daba Honeymoon.

Think of what we risk losing. If we don’t stand up for near-classics such as this, we’ll crumble under the onslaught of contemporary music, almost all of which has words we can’t understand.

And if we can distinguish them, we blush....

If efforts to guarantee the song’s deserved space in antiquity are successful, perhaps pictures of the three mon-

keys who didn’t see, hear or participate in evil could be added to bolster interest in the proclamation.

Origin of these drawings--never proclaimed for anything as far as I know--is fuzzy at best. Some historians claim the monkeys’ refusals to “see/hear/do” appeared first in China, before Christ’s earthly pilgrimage. Others insist they didn’t gain notoriety until some 400 years ago-- not in China, but Japan.

“Twitter techniques” for 2014 proclamations might be considered, significantly shortening the documents. This might actually help researchers a hundred years from now as they refurbish, rework or rehash current works....

Other now century-old works are worthy of recognition. Some of the recognizable 1914 titles include Baby Face, Down Among the Sheltering Palms, By the Beautiful Sea, Keep the Home Fires Burning, Saint Louis Blues, There’s a Long Trail A-Winding and Too Ra Loo Ra Loo Ral. (Come on, uncross your eyes. You remember The Irish Lullaby.)

Before you classify this treatise as absolute minutia, consider some proclamations already approved. For example, we observe National Dairy Goat Awareness Week annually in June. (How do you think goats that give up their mohair feel about their cousins getting such recognition?) Equally lame is a proclamation spanning the entirety of December--National Critical Infrastructure Protection Month.

Clearly, it’s time for us to bow our necks, raise our voices and stomp our feet, if necessary, to preserve classics. The late Arthur Fields and Walter Donovan, Aba Daba Honeymoon composers, would be proud....

Dr. Newbury is a speaker in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex. Speaking inquiries/comments: newbury@speakerdoc.com. Phone: 817-447-3872. Web site: www.speakerdotcom. Twitter: @donnewbury.

Rocksprings Woman’s Club stays busy

A report on 2013’s final quarter events
BY: LISA B. SCROGGINS,
REPORTER

As we bid farewell to 2013 and hello to 2014, it is rewarding to know 2013 has been a good year for the Rocksprings Woman’s Club. The entire year has been productive, but the final quarter of 2013 was an especially busy time for Rocksprings Woman’s Club members.

Under the leadership of Patty Shanklin and Lauren Hyde, October saw the organization tackle two worthy causes: a pumpkin and decorative gourd sale, and a community-wide Fall Festival. The pumpkin sales took place in the parking lot of the Prior-Varga Wool and Mohair warehouse several Saturdays in a row. In addition to being a fund raiser for our group, this was a great way for community members to have access to a variety of decorative pumpkins to use for seasonal decorations. Later in the month, the Shanklin and Hyde led the Woman’s Club in a partnership with the PTO in hosting a Fall Festival. The first Fall Festival in Rocksprings in decades, the event was tons of fun for all who attended. Shanklin and Hyde were joined by members of both organizations who helped man the game booths. Kids, both young and old, had a blast “fishing” for prizes, getting their face painted, etc... The finale for the event was a haunted house in the show barn, hosted by our local chapter of FFA.

In November, the Woman’s Club hosted a Wine and Beer Tasting fund raiser. With the assistance from member Amanda Cox, hostesses Hillary Shanklin and Bridget Fry attended to the arrangements for this event. The two chose the beautiful Historic Rocksprings Hotel as the setting, and Mr. Patrick Wilt as the presenter. Wilt, owner of Kerrville’s ever-popular Grape Juice, once again shared his extensive knowledge and love of wine and specialty beers with the approximate thirty guests who attended.

In December, club members put the proceeds from the two fall fund raisers to good use. With the goal of giving back to their community, members gathered to make gift baskets for several very special elderly residents. The baskets, which were beautifully put together by club members, contained a variety of ingredients for the



Barbara Latiolais and Alma Smart enjoying the meeting.



Mr. Patrick Wilt and associates shared their expertise of wine and beer at the recent tasting event.

perfect Christmas dinner. Included in each basket was a ham and a variety of canned goods, non-perishable items, and even some fresh, homemade cookies. They were then topped with candy, wrapped in cellophane and tied with a beautiful bow.

The Woman’s Club would like to offer a very special “Thank You” to Lowe’s Market Place for their donation of 18 hams, and to Ms. Merla Rendon, without whose assistance the deliveries of these wonderful baskets couldn’t have been accomplished. In addition, we would also like to thank Dr. Chester Todd for his valuable input in this project. The baskets



Woman’s Club members Hillary Shanklin and Jan Helwig have a secret hidden talent. They are outstanding gift basket wrappers!



Ms. Vicki Houston submits her bid at the Woman’s Club silent auction held in conjunction with the Wine and Beer tasting. were a total surprise to the recipients. “What a blessing,” one beneficiary said. “This will help make Christmas extra-special here at my house.”

As a whole, 2013 has been a busy year for the Rocksprings Woman’s Club. “Getting together each month is lovely,” said President Bridget Fry, “but even more special is knowing that we are making a difference here in Rocksprings.”

Varsity Boys

Basketball

On Tuesday, January 7th the Nueces Canyon Panthers came up the hill for a loss against the Mighty Angoras. At the end of the game the Angoras were ahead 60 to 51. Scoring were Ben Enriquez - 17, Jose Vasquez - 10, Tony Sanchez and Vince Garcia with 9 each, David Stephens - 8, Grayson Graham - 4, Mark Gutierrez - 2 and Corey Rendon - 1.

The Mighty Angoras traveled to Comstock and came away with a big win of 88 to 37. Scoring in this game were Vince Garcia - 39, Grayson Graham - 14, Jose Vasquez - 12, David Stephens - 8, Tony Sanchez and Ben Enriquez with 6 each, Mark Gutierrez - 2 and Reynaldo Romo - 1.

Boy Captives, The Captured, Nine Years Among the Indians plus other books and cook-books available at the Texas Mohair



WE’RE A FIVE STAR LIBRARY.... AGAIN!

I am so happy to report that we have once again earned a five-star ranking from the Library Journal!!!! We are thrilled beyond belief as, according to The Library Journal, earning and/or maintaining star status becomes more difficult each year. (Please look for a full article elsewhere in this paper.)

Angora to Mohair Exhibit 2014

The Edwards County Historical Commission has put together an outstanding exhibit which showcases one of the area’s prominent industries: Angora goat ranching. Entitled Angora to Mohair Exhibit 2014, it features a variety of photographs,

Notes from Gilmer Memorial Library

biographies, and mohair in various stages of processing. Included in the exhibit are take-home biographies on Ruperto R. Peña, Jose P Reyes, Fred Franco, and Frederico (Fred) Ramirez. These men, and many more just like them, played and are still playing a vital role in the history of Edwards County.

Photographs in the exhibit represent every aspect of the industry. Included are ranch owners, laborers, working dogs, and even Miss Mohair.

Although presented by the Edwards County Historical Commission, they offer special acknowledgment to the American Goat Breeders’ Association and the City of Rocksprings for their support.

The exhibit is in two separate

locations concurrently: one is here at the library, and the other is in the Edwards County Courthouse Annex. To get the full benefit, I encourage everyone to make plans to visit both exhibits, as each contains different items.

Thank you to the Edwards County Historical Commission for locating their exhibit here at the library. It is an excellent way to promote our county. Hats off for a job well done.

New Arrivals: We have had quite a few additions to our collection recently. New arrivals include *Hunted*, by Karen Robards; *Dark Witch*, by Nora Roberts; *Gods of Guilt*, by Michael Connelly; *Lookaway, Lookaway*, by Wilton Barnhardt; *Fear Nothing*, by

Lisa Gardner; *Invention of Wings*, by Sue Monk Kidd; and *River Road*, by Jayne Ann Krentz.

AUDIOBOOKS: Recent donations to our audiobook collection include *Dark Witch* by Nora Roberts; *World War Z*, by Max Books; and *The Son*, by Philipp Meyer. Thank you to Steve and Annie Haynes for these new titles.

COOKBOOKS are always popular, and we added five that were donated by Kathy Johnson. *Cookies, Brownies & Bars: Dozens of scrumptious recipes to bake and enjoy*, by Elinor Klivans; *Buttercup Bakes at Home*, by Jennifer Appel; *Real Ranch Recipes a Big Springs Ranch for Children* cookbook; *Texas Longhorn Cookbook and Campfire Tales*, by the Texas Longhorn Breeders Association of America; and *Favorite Brand Name Simple 1-2-3 Cookies and Treats*.

Also added was the animated DVD classic *The Phantom Toll-booth*.

Student Work on Display So, what are those kids up to at school anyway? Well, in Mrs. Katy Shanklin’s 7th grade science class

By Lisa Scroggins

they are learning about organelles.

What are organelles? you ask? They are tiny structures that perform very specific tasks within cells. Shanklin’s students are creating organelles of plants and animals, and will have them on display here in the library. Hats off to teacher and students alike for going above and beyond!

We invite you to stop by the library when you get a chance and admire the kids’ handiwork.

Personalized Bricks for Sell The Friends of the Library is still selling personalized bricks to complete the lining of our sidewalk. This is a great and lasting tribute to friends and family. If you are interested, please contact the library. (683-8130)

We’re on Facebook! We’ve been on Facebook for several months now, and I encourage FB users to FOLLOW US! Search for us as Gilmer Memorial Library. We keep our page updated with new arrivals, activities, events, and other miscellaneous posts.

Safety Advice

by Robert Underwood

Cold weather dangers

bite you should: Call 911 immediately. Do not rub the area of skin damage. Gently, gradually rewarm the skin affected. (Luke-warm water – not hot.) Hold fingers/hands touching torso to warm them. Carefully remove jewelry. Remove wet clothing. What to do: (PREVENTION IS THE KEY) Dress in layers. Plan ahead for weather changes and sunset. Keep the head covered where much heat is lost. Dry clothing is important – wa-

ter proof outer wear is good. Stay hydrated and eat small amounts often. Avoid alcohol, caffeine, nicotine. Have wind break and keep skin covered. Remember that the nose, fingers, toes and ears are most vulnerable. The Edwards County EMS and REC/VFD personnel are trained and ready to respond to all your rescue and pre-hospital emergency medical needs. Just call 911 – don’t wait. Robert Underwood, Safety Education

UPDATED PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR TEXAS TAXPAYERS

Property tax information from the Edwards Central Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayers remedies, exemptions, appraisals and is of value to select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons who are 65 years of age or older.

This includes information about the following programs.

Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans – The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100% exemption for 100% disabled veterans and their surviving spouses, beginning in 2009.

Property Tax Exemptions – Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units, firms that ship inventory out of Texas and businesses that acquire pollution control property may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

Rendering Taxable Property – If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer’s equipment used for farming.

Appraisal Notices – If a taxpayer’s property value increased in the last year, the Texas taxpayer will receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district’s value to set property taxes for the coming year.

Property Taxpayer Remedies – This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking a taxpayer’s case to district court or entering into binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

Homestead Exemptions – A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner’s principal residence on January 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

Productivity Appraisal – Property owners who use land for timberland production, agricultural purposes and wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for in the open market.

Residence Homestead Tax Deferral – Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year’s appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8% per year.

Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older and Disabled Homeowners – Texans who are 65 years of age or older, or who are disabled as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication – Chief appraisers of a county appraisal district and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

Protesting Property Appraisal Values – Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district’s appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district’s appraisal review board. Protest forms and instructions are mailed with your Notice of Value in May. You have the opportunity to come into the CAD for an informal meeting prior to the hearing date of the appraisal review board to settle your dispute.

For more information about these programs, contact the Edwards Central Appraisal District at (830) 683-4189.

Experience that Counts in the Courtroom

FOR

JAMES JUDGE

Vote Bruce L. James for Judge for 452nd District Court

Republican Primary March 4, 2014
Early voting Feb. 18-28, 2014

•Brady Business Owner
•McCulloch Co. Rancher
•42 Years Trial Experience

Pd. Pol. Adv. by James for Judge Campaign, Rodney Behrens, treasurer

Honor Roll Third Six Weeks and Semester



Perfect Attendance 3rd Six Weeks

3rd Six Weeks
Pre-Kinder - Andres Alonso, Martin Evans, Bailey Fernandez, Miley Franco, Javier Fuentes, Eduardo Magallon, Joshua Montoya, Matthew Montoya, Maliah Ortiz and Virginia Ramos

Kinder - Jonavon Cerda, Daniel Evans, Maria Elena Flores, Javier Juarez, Scotlyn McDonald, Miguel Ramos, Esteban Rangel and Yakari Vasquez

2nd - Mariah Baker, Claire Burleson, Gabriella Fernandez, Adriana Franco, Martha Gallegos, Cooper Grooms, Ty Hendley, Misael Hernandez, Ella Martin, Amy Ortiz and Kaleb Perez

Ladies playing were Jasmin Montes, Grace Burleson, Alexis Samora, Daniela Garcia, Monica Lopez, Breana Garcia, Nicole Rangel, Zoe Burleson, LaKota Wall, Hannah Baker and Andrea Ruiz.

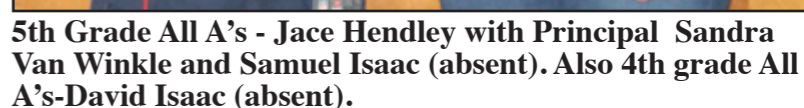
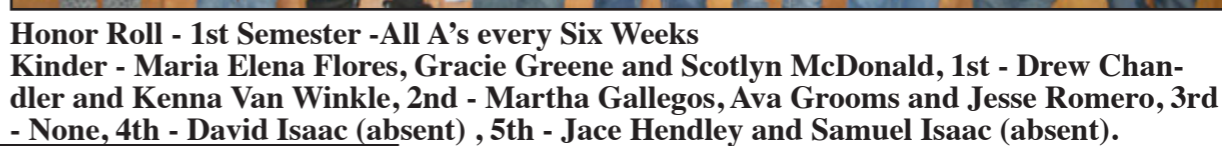
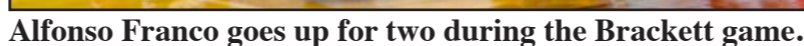
The girls will be traveling to Barksdale on Saturday, January 18th to face the JH Lady Junction Eagles in the Nueces Canyon Junior High Tournament. Their game will be at 11 am.

RISD Events

vs Nueces Can



Abellyca Ramirez goes for one during the game against the Leakey Eagles.



Billies White Basketball team (5-0, 3-0) remains undefeated on the season after beating Leakey 25-15. Jason Carrillo led the team with a season high 8 points. Jesus Silva scored 7 points and Diego Perez chipped in 6. Miguel Romero had 4 points on the night.

ROCKSPRINGS, TX. - The Billies Red Basketball Team (4-3, 4-1) beat the Leakey Eagles 23-16. Jonathon Reyna had 10 points to lead the team. Alfonso Franco had 5 points. Jaime Fregoso had 4 points. Juan Gomez and Hector Ruiz each scored a bucket.

ROCKSPRINGS, TX. - The Billies White Basketball team (6-0, 4-0) beat the Comstock Panthers to keep their undefeated season alive. Jesus Silva led the way with 13 points. Hunter Wall had a big night scoring 10 points in his season debut. Diego Perez also had 10 points in the game. Miguel Romero contributed 4 points.

ROCKSPRINGS, TX. - The Billies Red Basketball Team (5-3, 5-1) scored a season high 54 points to beat the Comstock Panthers. Jonathon Reyna had a season high scoring 29 points. Alfonso Franco added another 15 points to the total. Jaime Fregoso had 10 points to round out the scorer for the Billies. Rocksprings Red Basketball team 54 Comstock 28

Comstock, TX. - The Rocksprings J.V. team (2-5, 1-0) beat Comstock to open up district play. Isaiah Franco led the team with 15 points. Raziel Galindo had 12 points. Corey Rendon scored 9. Joaquin Palacio and George Ruiz each had 8 points. Gerardo Zapata contributed 6. Jaime Palacio chipped in 5 and Damian Gamboa had a bucket.

The Billies will travel to Nueces Canyon Saturday January 18, 2014 to participate in a tournament first round game is scheduled for 12 p.m.

**PROUD COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS
OF THE FIGHTING ANGORAS**

**This Space
Available**

News Around The Area

Gillespie Livestock Company

Sheep & Goats Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.
Cattle Wednesday, 12:00 Noon

621 Longhorn Street * Fredericksburg, TX
Sale 830-997-4394

Wayne Geistweidt 830-997-2368 * Shaun Geistweidt 830-998-4233
Website www.gillespielivestock.com

January 8, 2014

CATTLE:		887 HD	SHEEP & GOATS:		2684 HD
Cows/Bulls	2.00	higher	#1 Wool Lambs 40-60#	222.-252.	
Cows	70.00-96.00		#1 Wool Lambs 60-80#	210.-248.	
Bulls	95.00-106.00		Packer Ewes	60.-95.	
Steers	10-12	Higher	Sp/BoerX Kids (20-40#)	250.-310.	
Heifers	10-12	Higher	Sp/BoerX Kids (40-60#)	250.-300.	
Bred Cows	1200.00-1650.00		Sp/BoerX Kids (60-80#)	240.-290.	
Cow & Calf Prs.	1400.00-1900.00		Packer Sp/Boex Nannies	80.-150.	
Medium To Large Frame #1			Stocker Sp/BoeX Nannies	100.-160.	
Steers		Heifers	BBDO Lambs (40-60#)	200.-280.	
200-300#	200.-280.	190.-275.	DORPX Lambs (40-60#)	240.-290.	
300-400#	190.-275.	170.-225.	DORPX Lambs (60-80#)	210.-280.	
400-500#	175.-250.	155.-210.	Sp/BoerX Muttons	170.-190.	
500-600#	160.-222.50	145.-200.	Ang. Nannies	90.-135.	
600-700#	140.-187.50	135.-185.	Ang. Kids (shorn)	220.-250.	
700-800#	135.-165.	135.-150.	BoeX Billies	140.-180.	
Lower Quality Strs	75.-120.		Sltger Lambs (90-140#)	135.-165.	
Lower Quality Hftrs	70.-110.		Sltger Lambs (45-80#)	230.-295.	

Southwest Livestock Exchange, Inc. Market Report Uvalde, Texas

Cattle Sales -Thurs.-12:00 p.m.
Sheep and Goat Sales-Tues. 12:00 p.m.

Joe Hargrove
830-278-5621 or 5725 office
830-591-7750 mobile

We had a nice run of cattle Thursday, January 9th with the market being very active on all classes of cattle. Our cow and yearlings were from 5 to 20 dollars better with very good demand. Our packer cows and bulls were 5 to 10 dollars better with very good demand. Our stocker cows were every active with good demand.

CATTLE	662 HEAD
Hereford/Angus strs	\$140-180
Lt.wt Hereford/Ang.strs	\$190-240
Hereford/Angus Heifers	\$135-165
Lt. wt. Hereford/Ang.hftrs	\$160-190
Xbred strs	\$130-170
Lt. wt. X bred Strs	\$170-200
Xbred heifers	\$125-170
Lt Wt Xbred Heifers	\$150-180
Stocker cows	\$80-110
Good packer bulls	\$90-108
Breaker Cows	\$75-85

Cutter & Canner Cows	\$78-92
Shelly Cows	\$40-50
Good Cow/Calf Pairs	none offered
Plain Cow/Calf Pairs	\$ 700-950
Choice preg stk cows	\$1000-1350

SHEEP & GOATS 559 HEAD

We had a lighter run of sheep and goats Tuesday, January 7th due to the cold weather. Our market was very active with the better kids from 2.45 to 2.75 and the lighter kids from 2.40 to 2.75. Our heavy lambs were from 1.40 to 1.70 and the lighter lambs from 1.80 to 2.50. Our better nannies were from .80 to 1.40 and the billies from 1.20 to 1.50.

Heavy Lambs	\$140-160
Light Lambs	\$180-230
Fat Ewes	\$60-75
Thin Packer Ewes	\$35-45
Packer Nannies	\$90-140
Sp Spanish Nannies	\$80-130
Good Cabritos	\$250-275
Small Cabritos	\$240-275

Windmill Willy

by Russell Phillips

I'll be dog-gone

Country people see more than their share of unusual dog behavior just being around more dogs, but television does keep all of us entertained with dog clips on shows like “Funniest Videos” and others. Once in a while we are lucky enough to such behavior in person and this last weekend will be one I won’t soon forget.

Freckles as I will call him, is around 3 years old his owner told me. The part-bull dog was rescued from the pound when he was just a puppy. It’s not that unusual that Freckles spends most of his time with his owner, be it in the pickup, or riding on the dozer. He also sleeps in the bed and shares most of the owner’s meals instead of eating dog food. The hours together have forged a bond and understanding that goes way beyond most dogs and their owners. He clearly understands so many commands that it makes me wonder how much English he doesn’t understand. “Go get a squirrel” sends him to looking at

the surrounding trees and which ever tree is pointed at, Freckles will shoot up the tree trunk if it is slightly bend over as if he were a cat. He climbs far up as he can and that is usually at least half way up the tree. “Go get a lizard” sends him to looking in the grass and he will eventually stop and point as if a bird dog at what he thinks is a lizard. He rests his chin on his owners’ shoulder as they drive down the road portraying a couple that is about close as any two can get.

I think sometimes God lets some animals fall from Heaven and into the lives of people that really need them and their companionship. I’ve been that blessed a few times and Freckles seems to be just that kind of dog.

Here’s to you Freckles and may your life be long on this earth spent in the company of your partner.



Photo by Rupert F. Peña

Angora to Mohair Exhibit

2014

Gilmer Memorial Library and

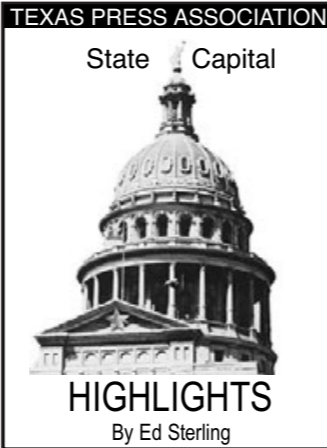
Edwards County Courthouse Annex

Presented by the

Edwards County Historical Commission

Special acknowledgment to the American Goat Breeder’s Association and the City of Rocksprings’ support of heritage tourism.

Rocksprings, Edwards County, Texas



Railroad Commission to hire seismologist

AUSTIN — After meeting with Azle residents in a town hall style meeting last week, Texas Railroad Commissioner David Porter called for his agency, which regulates the oil and gas industry, to hire a seismologist.

Azle residents told Porter about the effects of earth tremors felt at their homes and businesses, and their ongoing safety concerns over seismic activity that has increased locally along with an increase in oil and gas industry activities over the last several years.

“It is imperative that the commission remain engaged and involved in gathering more evidence and data into any possible causation between oil and gas activities and seismic events,” Porter said in his Jan. 7 statement. “Commission rules and regulations must be based on sound science and proven facts. In order to do so, I propose the commission hire an in-house seismologist.”

Perry makes proclamation

January 2014 is Crime Stoppers Month in Texas, Gov. Rick Perry proclaimed Jan. 7. Every year, according to

the proclamation, “the month of January is dedicated to raising awareness of Crime Stoppers’ successes and inspiring more Texans to get involved.”

Perry said anonymous tips have led to more than 180,000 arrests and \$1 billion in property recovered and narcotics seized since the beginning of Crime Stoppers programs in 1976.

Shoppers’ app is promoted

Texas Department of Agriculture on Jan. 6 announced an upgraded version of its free “GO TEXAN” application, a way for smartphone users to track their visits to wineries, farmers markets, pick-your-own farms, nurseries and florists, and share their experiences on social media.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples said, “This is an easy way for those who enjoy local products to support Texas businesses and track their visits, simply by pulling out their smartphone.”

Governor swears Berry in

On Jan. 7 Nandita Berry of Houston was sworn in by Gov. Perry as the 109th Texas Secretary of State.

“I am honored to be appointed by Gov. Perry and look forward to serving Texas as secretary of state,” Berry said.

As secretary of state, Berry is one of six state officials who comprise the state’s executive department of the state of Texas. Her duties now include serving as the chief election officer for the state, the governor’s liaison on border and Mexican affairs, and Texas’ chief protocol officer for state and international matters. And, the office manages the business and public filings for Texas.

Berry is a graduate of Mount Carmel College in Bangalore, India, a bachelor’s degree from the University

Comptroller Susan Combs distributes \$574 million in monthly sales tax revenue to local governments

(AUSTIN) — Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said today that state sales tax revenue in December was \$2.25 billion, up 3.9 percent compared to December 2012.

“Consumer spending in retail trade contributed to the latest gain in state sales tax collections,” Combs said. “Other sectors such as telecommunications also contributed to the monthly growth, and state sales tax revenue has now increased for 45 consecutive months.”

Combs will send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts their January local sales tax allocations totaling \$573.5 million, up 8.1 percent compared to January 2013.

City	Net Pay. This Period	Comparable Pay Prior Yr.	% Change ‘13 Payments To Date	‘12 Payments To Date	% Change
Brackettville	8,465.59	10,775.01	-21.43%	8,465.59	10,775.01
Camp Wood	5,737.32	3,014.23	90.34%	5,737.32	3,014.23
Del Rio	456,810.81	451,059.94	1.27%	456,810.81	451,059.94
Ingram	38,007.55	33,728.45	12.68%	38,007.55	33,728.45
Junction	43,882.63	63,086.23	-30.44%	43,882.63	63,086.23
Kerrville	687,168.42	650,654.95	5.61%	687,168.42	650,654.95
Leakey	6,684.01	6,679.15	0.07%	6,684.01	6,679.15
Rocksprings	14,368.39	12,249.24	17.30%	14,368.39	12,249.24
Sonora	53,708.43	63,380.11	-15.25%	53,708.43	63,380.11
Uvalde	189,703.85	213,286.60	-11.05%	189,703.85	213,286.60

Beef cattle producers should watch drought cycle before buying replacement cattle

BY BLAIR FANNIN

MILANO – Even though parts of Texas have received beneficial rainfall, experts urge cattle producers to be cautious when thinking about restocking herds.

Dr. Larry Redmon, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state forage specialist, told beef producers at the recent Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic in Milano that 71 percent of the state is abnormally dry.

“We are in pretty good shape here in the Brazos Valley, but if you look at the data, about half of the state is in some type of drought conditions,” Redmon said. “This cycle started in 1995. These cycles last 22 to 25 years and we may not be out of this dry cycle until 2020. If you do the math, we’ve still got some potential for dry weather. You might want to be cautious about restocking or buying a bunch of cattle.”

Just like the dipstick to check the oil in an automobile, a soil test checks to see what nutrients are present and which are needed to grow forages. Dr. Larry Redmon, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service state forage specialist, advised cattle producers attending the Central Texas Cow-Calf Clinic recently to have a soil test taken on their pasture, especially with the price of fertilizer. (Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service photo by Blair Fannin)

Just like the dipstick to check the oil in an automobile, a soil test

checks to see what nutrients are present and which are needed to grow forages. He advised producers to have a soil test taken on their pasture, especially with the price of fertilizer.

“We can’t do anything about the price of fertilizer, but we can do something about how efficiently we use those nutrients,” Redmon said. “Spend the \$10 to get a soil test.”

Redmon said if you don’t fertilize Bermuda grass, it takes almost 20 inches of water to produce a ton of grass, but if you properly fertilize you can cut that amount of water almost in half.

To protect the grass, Redmon said you must control the weeds and allow sunlight to be captured by the green photosynthetic leaf tissue. For weed control, producers have options such as mechanical control or using herbicides. Mechanical shredding can cost as much as \$15.24 per acre, while spraying herbicide is \$11.57 per acre using a 30-foot boom sprayer.

Redmon also advised monitoring winter pastures, urging producers not to let winter grasses create a canopy above warm season grasses. As nighttime temperatures approach 60 degrees, plan on having all winter pasture removed by either grazing or harvesting as hay.

Meanwhile, Dr. Davey Griffin, AgriLife Extension meat specialist and professor in the department of

of Houston and a law degree from the University of Houston Law Center. Prior to her appointment, Secretary Berry was senior counsel at the Locke Lord law firm in Houston, and she was an in-house counsel for a Fortune 500 company.

Please resign, senators say

State Sens. Rodney Ellis, Sylvia Garcia and John Whitmire, all Democrats from Houston, on Jan. 7 called on state Finance Commission Chair William J. White to voluntarily resign from office.

In asking for the resignation, the trio of senators called attention to a Dec. 29 story in the El Paso Times that included comments White made disparaging consumers of payday loans, and noted that White is vice president of Cash America, a payday loan company, a type of company that is regulated by the Finance Commission.

Ellis said White’s comments “severely call into question his ability to put his outside employment aside and truly look out for Texas consumers.”

Revenue increases again

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs, the state’s chief financial officer, on Jan. 8 announced that state sales tax revenue in December was \$2.25 billion, up 3.9 percent compared to December 2012.

“Consumer spending in retail trade contributed to the latest gain in state sales tax collections,” Combs said. “Other sectors such as telecommunications also contributed to the monthly growth, and state sales tax revenue has now increased for 45 consecutive months.”

In her Jan. 8 announcement, Combs said she would send cities, counties, transit systems and special

purpose taxing districts their January local sales tax allocations totaling \$573.5 million, up 8.1 percent compared to January 2013.

City from page 1

Annie Smith, Secretary, reviewed the December 2013 financial report. The new guide rails that were installed at the lift station were \$15,000. And the two pumps that were repaired by All American Pump \$4,000. Smith has submitted a claim with photos to the insurance company. The financial report was approved.

The council approved the December 9th regular meeting minutes with modifications, contract for professional grant administrations services between Esser & Co and the City of Rocksprings for Texas Capital Fund contract 713182 Sidewalk Grant and authorize Mayor to sign it, contract for professional engineering services between TRC Engineers Inc. and the City of Rocksprings for Texas Capital Fund Contract 713182 Sidewalk Grand and authorize Mayor to sign, and appointed the Mayor and Mayor Pro-tem to be designated as authorized signatories for TxCDBG 713182 contractual documents and as authorized signatories for TxCDBG 713182 request for payment form A203, conference call January 22nd at 10:00 a.m. (participants include city representative, Grant Administrator, Project Engineer and Regional Coordinator) on the sidewalk project discuss project progress or any problems, appointing Esser & Company as the Labor Standard Specialist for TxCDBG 713182 and authorize mayor to sign and initial Acquisition Report for TxCDBG 713182 and authorize mayor to sign.

They also approved the Exemption Determination 24 CFR 58.34, Compliance checklist form 24 CFR 58.6, for TxCDBG 713182 and authorize Mayor to sign and designation form for Section 504 Equal Opportunity and Fair Housing Officer and authorize Mayor to sign, placing ad to accepting proposals for exterior painting of City hall and reconstruction of balcony attached to the façade.

Creating a 4-Way Stop Sign at intersection at North Sweeten and Crockett and North Well and Crockett Streets was not approved.

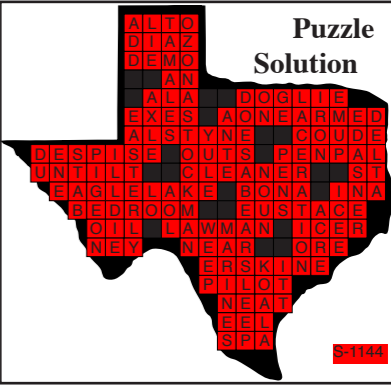
They did approve the touching up existing handicap parking stripes in front of City Hall and contracting with our City Engineer to develop plans that will fix the drainage and pothole issues with the intersection of Hwy 55 South and Bandera Street and the intersection of South Nueces Street and Bandera Street.

Fannin)

In the video, the boxes of meat cuts went through an automated machine that stacked them onto a pallet, where they were shrink-wrapped and staged for truck delivery to retail outlets.

“Literally, no carcasses leave plants today,” Griffin said. “They go in a box. Demand is so high for most of the product, they’ve found a home for most of that product either in our domestic market or in the numerous export markets that favor the uniformity and flavor of U.S. beef.”

Griffin said packers are looking to get as much value out of cuts as possible; putting meat through a grinder is the least desired option.



Country Boys Feed & Supply

FEED & PROPANE
Mohair Scarves & Socks

Lindsay Davis
Special Formula Meat Spice and New Dip Mixes

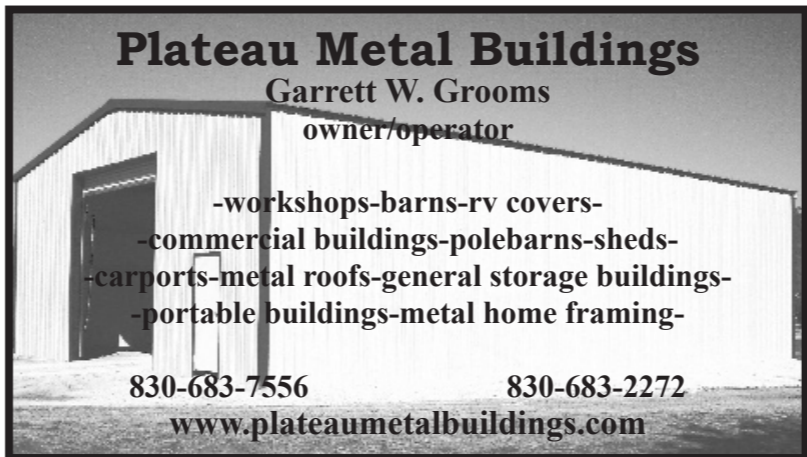
Vickie Hankins Jewelry

Comfort Candles & Morenci Candles



Coolers

683-3101



Nueces Canyon School News

By Tena Taylor

NCHS Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Rocksprings

By Coach Charlie Marquardt

On Tuesday, Jan. 7th the boys varsity basketball team lost a tough battle with the Rocksprings squad by a score of 50-41. The leading scorer for the Panthers was Isaiah DeLeon with 19 points followed by Reagan Luce with 8, Micheal Pina and Bailey Gober with 5 apiece, Wesley Harmon , Preston Nevarez and Jose Gonzales each had 4, Anthony Martinez rounded out the scoring with 2 points. We played our best all-around game of the season. We did several things right which included making 16 of 23 free throws. We open up district play Friday with Center Point at Center Point. I like our chances in district due to the fact our guys are playing

NCHS Girls Basketball vs. Medina

By Coach Brandy Sweeten

This past Tuesday, the Prowling Panthers hosted their second opponent in District 27-A, the Medina Bobcats. The J.V. Girls tipped off first. The Panthers got off to an early 8-2 lead. In the second quarter, Big Blue did their biggest damage. Sparked by Jayden Aguilera, she finished with 14 points to go with 6 steals. N.C. opened up a 17-4 run on the Bobcats. In the third quarter, Kristol Perez also showed some touch

by hitting from the outside and inside finishing in double figures with 11 points and six steals. Bethany Fisher gave the Canyon an inside presence and had one of her better shooting performances to end with 6 points and 9 boards. And on the defensive end, Aspen Winston snatched 5 steals to go with 5 points. Destiny Tinsley also had a good night making the hustle plays and intangibles happen. She made her teammates better with 4 steals, 3 assists, 4 rebounds and chipped in a bucket. The game was never in any real danger and N.C. cinched the 38-13 victory.

Next up was the Varsity. The Bobcats came out on fire to open up a 15-7 lead over the Panthers. N.C. showed strength of character to weather the storm and keep the contest within reach for the beginning of the second quarter. Hailey Luce and Nikki Milliorn paced Big Blue. Luce hit three from downtown and Milliorn chipped in 6 points and made good on a three-point play to help the Canyon explode for 21 points in the quarter. N.C. had gained their first lead just in time for the half at 30-21. In the third quarter, the Panthers held their own winning the quarter by a bucket. However, the Bobcats would not be deterred. The Panthers did not clean the glass as they should have, and Medina made a strong run. They capped off another set of three from beyond the arch to finish the game and turn what N.C. could have run away with, into a too-close-for-comfort finish. N.C. ended with a 47-43 victory. Scoring for the Panthers were: Luce and Milliorn with a double-digit 14 points, Ashley Harmon with 8 points to go with 10 rebounds, Gabby Irwin came from off the bench to finish with 5 points and 6 big boards and Siera Edwards and Danielle Irwin rounded out the action with 3 each.

NCJH Girls Basketball vs. Utopia

Nueces Canyon Junior High girls' basketball team faced off against Utopia for a second time on Monday, January 6. The girls played hard to ensure a win of 28-22. Our top scorer for the game was Megan Sifuentes. She scored 19 points for the Panthers with her fast paced lay ups. Samantha Rodriguez scored the team 5 points with a free shot and strong inside shots. Mandie Carabajal was shooting great at the free shot line and earned Nueces Canyon a basket overall making 4 points for the Panthers. All the Panthers hustled defensively and offensively playing hard together to earn a victory for the team. The team is looking forward to earning another win for their next game!

HS Boys Varsity Basketball vs. Center Point

By Coach Charlie Marquardt

On Friday, Jan.10 the boys varsity basketball team opened up district play with a win over Center Point by a score of 42-30. The leading scorer for the Panthers was Isaiah DeLeon with 15 followed by Micheal Pina and Jose Gonzales each having 7 points. Rounding out the scoring for the Panthers was Reagan Luce with 6, Preston Nevarez 5, and Bailey Gober with 2 to end the scoring. Isaiah DeLeon also led the team in rebounding with 10 boards followed by Micheal Pina with 7 rebounds. Several players had a couple of rebounds to help out the cause. The key to the game was our ability to handle the basketball. We turned the ball over a season low 13 times which enabled us to control the tempo of the game. We must play a slow tempo in order to limit the opportunities of our opponents to score. We did that Friday and we came out on top. It was nice way to start the district season but tougher competition lies ahead and we need to play much better. The guys played with a passion and a determination for most of the game which we need to duplicate in the remaining games in order to be successful. As coaches here we have told these guys all year it's not where you start but where you finish that matters. Only time will tell.

HS Girls Basketball vs. Center Point

By Coach Brandy Sweeten

Friday, January 10th, the Prowling Panthers squared off against the Lady Pirates of Center Point in C.P. The J.V. Girls hit the hardwood first. The game was taking a complexion that favored the Pirates, a slow half court game. C.P. lead at half a mere 8 - 6. N.C. made the bold move to up the tempo and full court press in the second half despite risking fouls. The gamble worked. Big Blue exploded for 15 points while holding C.P. to just two. Kristol Perez took the lid off the bucket and sunk three outside shots, one from beyond the arch, to lead the Panthers with 7 points. This also made the defense stretch, and Bethany Fisher then began to find some breathing room on the inside to connect for 6 points. N.C. could only afford the full court pressure for part of the half because of fouls, but it was enough to allow N.C. to manage the clock for much of the fourth quarter and cinch their second district victory 23 - 14. Other scoring for the Canyon was: Jayden Aguilera and Alisa Threadgill each with 4 and Destiny Tinsley who played some heads-up defense to finish with 2 points.

Next up on the girls' side was the Varsity. N.C. came out on the defensive side of the ball with some eagerness and a since of urgency. They only allowed 2 points for the Pirates in the first quarter. Center Point also played aggressive defense. However, the key for N.C. became their inspiring defense and defensive rebounding. The Panthers pounced on a team total of 37 rebounds. At halftime, Big Blue held the 17 - 10 edge. In the second half, the Pirates changed defensive tactics moving to a 1-3-1 half court set. The move seemed to benefit the Panthers. Ashley Harmon led all scoring with 14 points, 13 boards, and 4 steals; while Nikki Milliorn had her own double-double with 11 points, 13 rebounds, and 7 steals. Late in the game, Danielle Irwin had a solid night with 9 points, 4 rebounds, and 3 steals. The Panthers stole the

much-needed victory straight from the Pirates' ship 41 - 30. Other scorers for N.C. were Hailey Luce with 5 points, 5 steals and 6 assists; and Siera Edwards with a pair of free throws and 3 assists.

Nueces Canyon Celebrates January Panther All Stars

By Superintendent Kristi Powers

On Thursday, January 9, two Panther All Stars were named at Nueces Canyon JH. The 7th grade All Star is Gentry Bingham. Gentry is the son of Mr. Danny Bingham and Ms. Shauna Bingham. Gentry was a member of the Panther football team and is currently playing basketball. Gentry was introduced by Ms. Fairchild. Mrs. Stacy Fairchild teaches English and said that Gentry has done a good job in her class. She said that he turns in his work on time and takes care of his business.

The 8th Grade All Star is Megan Sifuentes. Megan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Sifuentes. Mrs. Debbie Cox introduced Megan.

Mrs. Cox stated that she enjoys Megan in her math class and appreciates how hard she works. Megan is a cheerleader and is a member of the basketball team. Megan plans to participate in spring sports as well.

NCCISD would like to congratulate these two young Panther All Stars!



Dakota Davila and Isaiah DeLeon were selected to the Academic All State Team for 2013-14.



Seventh grader Gentry Bingham and family as he was honored with being an All Star.



Eighth grader Tiffany Sifuentes and family as she was honored with being an All Star.

HOUSE FOR SALE

House for Sale. 303 S. College. 5 BR/2B. 830-683-4301 49-TFN

REAL ESTATE

Thinking of Selling!!
We have a list of qualified buyers waiting on the right piece of property. Give us a call or email, we would like to help you.

3/2 Rcksprgs	\$80,000
3/1 Rcksprgs	\$37,500
2-1 Rcksprgs	\$69,950
acres	
34 Close to town	\$67,650
36 End of the Rd	\$89,950
40 Cabin,Wat,Elec	\$130,000
45 Cabin,Well,Elec	\$149,500
50 Variety of terrain	\$89,950
50 Cabin	\$115,000
50 Vegetation	\$99,500
50 Hwy Frontage	\$99,500
50 Cabin Reduced!	\$154,950
50 Great Wildlife	\$89,950
50 Easy Access	\$195,000
50 Make an Offer!	\$159,900
50 Elec Water	\$95,000
51 Reduced Price!	\$60,000
52 Views Reduced!	\$79,950
55.5 Set up&ready	\$195,000
56 Cabin elec	\$106,000
60 Building Site	\$138,950
60 Close to town	\$119,000
60.2 Barndominium	\$399,500
62.08 Great Whitetail	\$108,000
68 Reduced!	\$115,000
70 Hwy Frontage	\$96,950
70.79 Views	\$105,000
72 Cabin elec	\$139,500
72 Motivated Seller!	\$130,000
75 Good Access	\$124,000
77.27 Nice House	\$290,000
78 Cabin Reduced!	\$146,500
80.5 Cabin elec	\$135,000
83.68 Cabin Elec	\$138,000
85 Cabin elec	\$155,000
85.8 Abundant wildlife	\$119,000
88.43 Easy Access	\$129,000
91.4 Set Up! Reduced!	\$140,950
93 Cabin Elec Water	\$194,000
96 Vegetation	\$139,950
100 Cabin Pond	\$245,000
100 Year-round Pond	\$224,950
100 Variety of wildlife	\$245,000
100 Great hunting	\$149,500
100 Elec Reduced!	\$114,900
100 Lrg neighbor	\$139,500
100.25 Cabin Reduced!	\$152,000
101.58 Must Sell!	\$119,900
101.6 Cabin	\$147,320
102 High Fenced	\$290,000
103 Aoudad	\$154,000
105 Remote	\$170,000
105 Views	\$141,000
108 Cabin	\$139,900
112 Large neighbor	\$145,600
117 MH Large Axis	\$234,000
123 Views	\$199,500
124 CR frontage	\$199,500
127.4 Turnkey	\$225,000
128.2 100% ready!	\$249,900
128.5 Hunting	\$193,000
129 Easy Access	\$250,000
135 Cabin elec water	\$229,500
148 Cabin	\$175,000
150 Deer Breeding Rch	\$495,000
151 cabin Reduced!	\$325,000
160 Large cave	\$299,500
169 Elec Water	\$354,480
174 Lodge	\$455,000
177 Large neighbors	\$264,950
180 2 Wells	\$351,000
180 No restrictions	\$415,000
184 Hwy Frontage	\$285,200
186.57 Game Ranch	\$550,381
193 Nice home	\$450,000
200 920sqft Cabin	\$359,000
204 Hwy frontage	\$349,900
222 2+acre Pond	\$332,000
223 HwyFrontage	\$560,000
234.5 Axis	\$351,000
235 Hunting!	\$499,500
252 Extras	\$495,000
259 Wildlife	\$560,000
296 Furn.Lodge	\$654,500
347 Fertile Valleys	\$518,000
352 Live Oaks	\$499,950
+/-408 Great hunting	\$850,000
528 2 cabins	\$799,000
630 Home, Windmill	\$1,181,250
647 Owner Terms	\$1395/acre
710 Lodge Trophy Animals	
	\$1.95mil
894 House	\$850,000
1130 Rare Find!	\$1500/acre
2940 Reduced!	\$4,263,000
Hardware Supply	\$1,300,000

WESTERN HILL COUNTRY REALTY
Glynn Hendley:
Broker
830-683-4435
E-mail: whcr@swtexas.net
www.westernhillcountryrealty.com

REAL ESTATE

KERBOW LAND COMPANY
Zac Kerbow, Broker
(325) 226-0560

Also Offering Insurance Services

Three connected commercial retail shops, highway and Main Street frontage \$89,950
3/1 home, fully renovated, large corner lot \$119,950

acres	SW Texas	price
41 Deer, Turkey, Kinney County, Electric		\$69,950
49 Deer, Blinds, Feeders, CR 630, Cabin		\$59,950
50 Cabin, Blinds, Feeders, Shared Well		\$54,950
50 Furnished Home, Well, Barn, Turn Key		\$225,000
50 CR 230, Blinds, Feeders, Axis		\$98,000
50 Furnished Cabin, Blinds, Feeders, Hwy 41		\$109,000
50 Home, Elec., Well, Frontage 377N		\$169,950
52 Cabin, Blinds, Feeders, Deer, Turkey		\$160,000
55 Cabin, Elec., Frontage Hwy 41		\$165,000
53 Furnished 2/1 Home, Elec., Septic, Axis		\$149,950
70 Elec., Travel Trailer, Blinds, Feeders, Septic, Well		\$119,950
73 Axis, Elec., Water, CR 460		\$99,950
75 County Rd., Easy Access, Axis, Terms		\$187,500
79 Furnished Cabin, Electric, Blinds, Feeders		\$159,950
80 High Fenced, Private Well, Game Stock		\$199,950
80 3/2 Home, Barn, Arena, Hwy 377, Pool		\$399,950
83 Kinney County, Well, Electric		\$99,950
93 Tank, Blinds, Feeders, Shared Water		\$149,950
100 Cabins, Water, Elec., Blinds, Feeders		\$159,950
100 Axis, Water, Elec., Game Managed		\$149,950
100 Solar Well, Feeders, Blinds, Deer, Views		\$179,950
100 Furnished Home, All Utilities, Vance		\$349,900
100 Cabin, Shared Well, Deer, Views		\$89,950
102 Trailer, Barn, Well, Large Neighbor		\$199,950
106 Cabin, Shared Well, Blinds, Feeders		\$99,950
115 Cabin, Water, Elec., Blinds, Feeders		\$220,000
120 Furnished Home, Water, Deer, Blinds		\$159,950
150 Perimeter Fenced, Private Well, Axis		\$270,000
160 Home, Well, Septic, Frontage 2523		\$399,950
202 Cabin, Solar Well, Elec, Large Neighbor		\$299,950
202 Home, Spring, Frontage HWY 55		\$895,000
226 Furnished Home, Shared Well, Blinds		\$259,900
275 Hilltop Lodge, Fenced, Turn Key		\$449,950
300 Exotics, Well, Elk, Axis, Elec Avail		\$375,000
423 County Road, Val Verde, Best Price		\$319,950
445 Furnished Home, Well, Cooler, High Fenced		\$799,950
396 Amistad Area, Water, Elec., Blinds, Feeders		\$499,950
490 3 Cabins, Hwy 2523, 2 Wells, Blinds, Feeders		\$999,000
515 Furnished 3/2 home, Barn, Large Neighbors		\$699,950
549 Amistad Area, Stock pond, Elec		\$699,950
770 Nueces River Park, Well, Electricity, Exotics		\$1.38mil
896 Cabin, Elk, Game Ranch, Well, Elec.		\$1.4mil
900 High Fenced, Well, Elec, Pool		\$899,950
1108 Custom Home, Foreman Home, Springs, Hwy 55		\$4.75mil
1191 Live Water, Custom Home, Well, Elec.		\$699,000
1239 Home, Barn w/Aptmt., Wells, Hwy 674		\$2.1mil
1452 Home, Barn, Pool, Tanks, Game Ranch, Hwy 377		\$6.4mil
2681 Live Water, Home, Well, Elec.		\$2.14mil
4286 Home, Well, Hwy 334, High Fenced		\$6.4mil

KerbowLandCompany.com
830-683-4300

REAL ESTATE

Edwards Co 150 Ac; 15 minute W of RS; no subd; lg neighbors; \$1495/ac

W Central Edwards Co 1123 Ac; new 3/2 modular home; improved genetic whitetail; 2 wells; \$1295/ac

CONTRACT: W Central Edwards Co 180 Ac; well; no subd; low fence; lg neighbors; \$1375/ac.

NE Edwards Co 80 Ac; 2/1 cabin; \$167,000.00

NE Edwards Co 622 Ac; 3/2 mobile home; high fence; \$1995/ac

CONTRACT: Edwards Co 302 Ac; 15 minutes W of RS; lg neighbors; no subd; \$1495/ac

NE Edwards Co 83 Ac; exotics; great access; electricity

Edwards Co 4048 Ac; great 3/2 ranch home; outbuildings & pens; \$1275/ac

Edwards Co 1073 Ac; well; low fence; \$1200/ac

Edwards Co 1239 Ac; 3/2 furnished home; will divide

Edwards Co 388 Ac; good cover; elec; \$1150/ac

Kinney Co 387 Ac; elec; \$1150/ac

Kinney Co 332 Ac; elec; \$1250/ac

Kinney & Edwards Co 766 Ac; elec; well; \$1150/ac

JANE BUSHONG BROWN, Broker Associate
PERRY BUSHONG REAL ESTATE
661 Bushong Road
Mountain Home, Texas 78058
830-640-3254 ofc
830-329-3354 cell
janebrown@hctc.net
www.pbushongrealestate.com
an experienced ranching and real estate family

REAL ESTATE

4 Bed/3 Bath. Large city lot. 2 story log home. \$250,000
3/2 home on corner lot. Garage, carport. \$89,000
40 acres-cabin, electricity nearby. \$98,000
61 acres, mh, elec, water, excellent hunting. \$99,000
67 acres, views, oaks, valley, hills. \$95,000.
72 acres-cabin, electricity, fenced. Remote. \$120,000.
93.08 acres- home, elec, water, septic. Fenced. \$230,000
100 acres- trailer, elec, water. Fenced. \$160,500. Add 150 ac available
150 acres- 2 cabins, elec, water. Good access. \$299,000
150 acres- elec available, water. \$210,500. Additional 100 ac available.
153.67 acres, mh, elec, phone line. End of road. \$199,000
210 acres, home. Fenced. Electricity, water well. \$450,000
223+ acres, large home with wrap-around porch, barns, well, elec. \$649,000
1,508 acres, lodge, elec, water well, septic, NEW perimeter fence. ABUNDANT WILDLIFE!! \$1400/acre
2551 acres NW Edwards County. Home, 1 water well. Good access. 25% MINERALS. \$1,100/acre
5443 acres-NW Edwards County. Home, 3 water wells. Good access. 25% MINERALS. \$1,000/ac
72 acres - River frontage, lodge, cabins. Kimble County \$620,000

GREENE REALTY
400 W MAIN
ROCKSPRINGS TX 78880
(830)683-4203 Office
(830) 683-7575 Cell
jodie@greene-realty.com
www.greene-realty.com

INCOME TAX SERVICE

PERSONAL AND SMALL BUSINESS RETURNS

TAX CHECK EXPRESS

1112 MAIN ST JUNCTION, TX 76849

325-446-4070

¡Sí hable español!

NO UP FRONT FEES

Use your tax Refund to pay for Your tax preparation

REAL ESTATE

Service, Experience and Professionalism is what you can expect from

Karen Green, BROKER, GRI, SRS

482 Ac. - Cabin, seasonal creek, 2 shared wells, will divide.	\$578,664
235 Ac. - Elec, 2 wells, 5 trailers, blinds & feeders, 4 wheeler	\$490,000
100 Ac. - Fenced, electricity, 3/1 home, blinds & feeders	\$225,000
75 Ac. - Cabin, solar energy, remote.	\$150,000
72 Ac. - Remote, blinds, feeders, hunting camp.	\$103,000
61 Ac. - Remote, backs up to large ranch.	\$78,349
49 Ac. - Remote, electricity available, easy access.	\$67,000
41 Ac. - Electricity available, easy access.	\$78,000
33 Ac. - Remote, cabin, electricity.	\$86,000
2/1 HOME - Covered porch, garden spot, storage, 3 ½ lots.	\$49,900
3/2 HOME - Corner lot, covered porch, centrally located.	\$115,000
10+ Ac. - Residential Ranchettes, Elec, city water, gated.	\$7,800 Ac.
3848 SF - Could be a 4/3 home or business.	\$93,000

For information about investment or commercial properties available in the Rocksprings area Call 830-683-4667

A and K Real Estate
www.karensellshillcountry.com
Let us walk Honestly, as in the day...Romans 13:13

830-683-4667
karengreen77@yahoo.com

Classifieds

HAY for SALE

Hay for sale- coastal, haygrazer and wheat straw, round or square (delivery available). South Llano Farms, Junction, TX 830-683-7322. 38-TFN

LIVESTOCK HAULING

Livestock hauling available. Gooseneck trailer. Call O.D. at 830-683-4348.

House For Sale

House for Sale. 303 S. College. 5 BR/2B. 830-683-4301 49-TFN

TRUCK FOR SALE

2004 GMC 1 ton, white dually crew cab, top condition, 6.0 gas 5 speed, cold air, gooseneck-loaded for trailer, reduced for quick sale \$12,900. Call 830-683-4348. Please leave message if no answer. 28-TFN

EMPLOYMENT

Cedar Hills is looking to fill the following positions:
RN weekend Supervisor
LVNs all shifts
CNAs and CAs all shifts
for more information call 830-597-5445.

Technology coordinator skilled in computer repair needed. Call 830-683-4137 or apply in person. Rocksprings ISD, 201 N. Hwy 377 Rocksprings, TX 78880
David Velky, Superintendent
Rocksprings Independent School District 3-2TC

Edwards County is in need of a clerk to assist with early voting during February 18 – February 28, 2014. If interested, please contact the Edwards County Clerk's office at 830-683-2235. 3-2TC

FOR SALE

18 CU. F/F Refrigerators-\$175-\$250, TV's \$95-\$125. 30" electric or gas range-\$135. Washer-\$125. Dryer, electric or gas, \$125. Twin mattress with box springs, new \$155 pr., Double mattress with box springs, new \$180 set. Queen mattress/box springs, \$210 set. King mattress with box springs, \$295. Bunk bed with new mattress-\$385 complete. Other furniture also. 830-257-4267.

Livestock For Sale

Good, 1/2 Corriente black bull, dehorned, about 1250#: should be easy calver. Asking \$1,500. 683-4348 weigh most of it! Also other good bull--call O.D. 43-TFN

For Sale

Used Structural pipe for sale - 2 3/8 and 2 7/8. For information call Mike Alison at 325-446-2382 32-TFN

PRAYER MEETING

Some men meet Tuesday night at 7 at the *Texas Mohair Weekly/Rocksprings Record* to pray for city, school, county, state, nation, Israel and world. Non-sectarian and non-denominational. Come as you are. Call 683-7148 for more info.

For Sale

7X=100X 100% beaver, silver belly 7-7 1/8 Resistol, 3 3/4" brim hat. No more like 'em. \$150.00. 830-683-4348.

WANTED

Looking for a kid saddle! 683-5107 2-TFN

SERVICES

BUSHONG SURVEYING Paul Bushong, 102 Glen Lake Ct. Ingram, Tx 78025. 830-367-7302 Ranches, subdivisions and estate. TFN

Batched in Rocksprings Concrete
Sand-Gravel-Top Soil-Crushed Base
Locally Owned
Garrett Grooms
830-683-7556
Mike Grooms
830-683-7190

RANCH ROADS BUILT DOZER & GRADER SERVICE

Locally owned by Mike Grooms 830-683-7190

Weaver Skid Steer Services:

Brush clearing • Prickly pear removal • Post Hole digging

Attachments: 9" Rock bit • T-Post bit • Rock Bucket • Pear Bucket • Forklift Forks

Todd Weaver (830) 683-7179

Ozair
Heating & Cooling • Service and Installation
Oswaldo Rendon
TACL28798E
830-928-0193

Texas Hillbilly Enterprises
Brush Control - Dozer Work
830-900-9400
Rocksprings, Tx.

BUSINESS AND SERVICE DIRECTORY

Ram Country Dodge
10-27-13
www.ramcountry.com
Del Rio, Texas (830)775-7575

Barbara E. Whitworth
701 College • Junction, TX
325-446-2581
General Dentistry
Tue.-Fri. 8-5 p.m.
07/2014

RICK CLAUSEN ELECTRIC
Junction, TX
325-446-4371
State Licensed Master Electrician
License number TECL#19190 11/2014

Southwest Livestock Exchange, Inc.
Uvalde, Texas
Sheep, goats, on Tuesdays
Cattle & Horses on Thursdays
830-278-5621 or 830-591-7750 Mobile
Joe Hargrove 12/2013

By Appointment Only
Cathy Cole-Perez, M.D.
Board Certified Dermatologist
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
117 S. Nueces, Highway 55 (877) 993-7549 or (830) 597-2366
Camp Wood, X 78833 11/2014

PERRY BUSHONG REAL ESTATE 5/2014
"A Ranching & Real Estate Family"
830-640-3383 or 830-640-3254
Jane Bushong Brown, Broker Associate
www.pbushongrealestate.com

Office (830) 774-3800 Cell. (830) 719-3845
BOLLINGER DRILLING CO.
ROGER BOLLINGER
Water Wells-Pump Sales and Service-Crane Service
Master Driller and Pump License
TX # 54639PW
2400 Veterans Blvd., Suite 16 C # 448
Del Rio, TX. 78840 10/2013

Rocksprings Well Service
Solar and Submersible Pumps
Windmill Sales & Service
Matt Fry
830-683-4196
License number 59334KLP
rockspringswellservice@yahoo.com 12/2013

830-257-3312
866-330-8058
Trailers & Truckbeds
Hitches, Parts & Service
Back 40 Supply
3120 Memorial Blvd
Kerrville, TX 78028 03/2014
Fax 830-257-3330
www.back40supply.com

J. Brandon Lewis, M.D.
Family Practice
Worker's Compensation Approved
1020 E. Leona Rd., Uvalde, TX 78801
(830) 278-4426 08/2014

Gold's Body Shop, Inc
Jerry, Jackie & Donnie Gold
830-895-1282
2473 Junction Hwy Kerrville
07/2014

Licensed septic system installer. Lic. #02711
Have Backhoe will Travel
Tooter Schulze
325/446-2885 08/2014

Epperson Water Station
830-683-3131
07/2014

Gordon's Construction
New Homes • Additions
830-683-7187 830-234-7290
07/2014

CRAIG WOLCOTT, PLLC
ATTORNEY AT LAW
201 West Austin, Rocksprings, TX
830-928-7770
By Appointment Only 09/2014

George Thorp Waterwell Drilling & Service
Over 32 Years Experience
Home or Business: 325-387-5104
Mobile: 226-3613
Sonora, TX 76950 07/2014

K&J Control, Inc.
DBA Johnson's Pest Control
325-446-3462 1-800-969-2516
1922 N. Main Junction 76849
Termites-Yards-Roaches-Trees 07/2014

Del Rio Feed & Supply
111 E. Gibbs St.
Del Rio, TX 78840
830-775-5090
Deer Feeders * Bulk Corn * Protein
1/2014

Trailer Hitches-Grill Guards-Bumpers,
Running Boards*Headache Racks
830-774-6058
800-848-9763
Performance Chips & Exhaust
5555 Hwy 90-W Del Rio 11/2013

Karan Patterson
Franchisee
25743 Hwy 55
Barksdale, TX 78828
Tel 830.234.3333 Fax 830.234.3332
karan.patterson@hrblock.com
www.hrblock.com 12/2014

Affordable Air & Heat
Serving Rocksprings
325-446-8999
Call Scott Burton for your
Cooling or Heating needs!
affordableair@ctescan.com / 07/2014

Gonzales & Sons
Carpentry, cement work, fencing, plumbing, rock work & labor, painting and yardwork. Plumbing & metal bldg.
Call Ram Gonzales, 830-683-2404
Rocksprings, Texas 03/2014

Upper Nueces-Frio SWCD sponsors 2014 poster and essay conest

The board of directors of the Upper Nueces-Frio SWCD is sponsoring the annual Poster and Essay Contest for 2014.

The 2014 Poster Contest topic is "HOW SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION IMPROVES WATER QUALITY".

The **Poster Contest** is open to boys and girls ages 12 years and under and does not jeopardize Texas Interscholastic League eligibility. Local Poster contest winners will receive trophies and the winning entries will be sent to the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board for competition at the Area II level in Temple. Any winners at the Area II level will be presented additional awards and state winners will be selected from area winners.

All poster entries shall be on standard poster board, cut to half size (22" X 14"). Entries shall address the chosen subject matter and that subject shall be printed at the top of the poster.

Artwork on poster entries should be produced with materials which do not readily smear, crack or chip. If necessary, a sealant or lamination may be used and the artwork should be flat.

The topic for the 2014 Essay Contest is "WHERE DOES YOUR WATER SHED?"

The **Essay Contest** is open to two age groups: Ages 13 and Under with a maximum of 300 words; Ages 14 to 18 with a maximum of 500 words. Trophies and prize money are awarded locally. Both age groups will receive for 1st place, \$100.00 and 2nd place, \$50.00. Winning entries at the local District level will be sent to the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board for competition at the Area II level in Temple. Any winners at the Area II level will be presented additional awards and state winners are selected from area winners.

Please make sure that your full name and grade is on the back of your poster; essays should have a cover sheet with your full

name and age or age group. All entries in both contests will be accepted at the District Headquarters (USDA Building) at 100 S. Sweeten St. in Rocksprings until the deadline of 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 18th, 2014. Poster and Essay entries will be picked up at the school offices on Tuesday morning before noon on February 18th 2014. Additional information is available by calling the Upper Nueces-Frio Soil and Water Conservation District Office at (830) 683-2125, ext. 3.

German luge master George Hackle is the only athlete to medal in the same event in five straight games.

Man is the only animal whose desires increase as they are fed; the only animal that is never satisfied.

--Henry George

Game Warden Field Notes

The following items are compiled from recent Texas Parks and Wildlife Department law enforcement reports.

Case of the Missing Antler
A Polk County game warden discovered a white-tailed buck, with a missing antler, at a local processor. The antler looked to have been recently broken off. After speaking to the hunter, the warden discovered that the deer was originally a six-point buck, which is under the 13-inch antler restrictions. Case pending for taking an illegal white-tailed buck with less than a 13-inch antler spread.

Too Many Deer, Too Little Spread
Two Polk County game wardens investigated a local man suspected of exceeding his white-tailed deer bag limit. After a short interview, the subject confessed and produced the antlers from 8-point and 10-point white-tailed bucks he killed during the first week of the season. Case filed for exceeding the annual bag limit of white-tailed buck deer with less than 13-inch antler spread.

Subscribe to the Texas Mohair Weekly Today!!!

ACROSS

1 Monte ____, TX

5 actress Cameron of film "Any Given Sunday" with TX Dennis Quaid

6 a recorded song not for release

7 TXism: "bend __ elbow" (drink)

8 pie ____ mode

9 TXism: "let a sleeping ____"

15 TX George Strait's "All My ____ Live in Texas" (var.)

16 TXism: "busier than ____ fry cook in a truck stop"

19 Van ____, TX

21 type of focus for a reflecting telescope

22 hate or detest

27 what Rangers & Astros want while on defense

28 someone you write to regularly (2 wds.)

29 level up?

30 TXism: "was plucked ____ than a Thanksgiving turkey"

32 __ Jo, TX (abbr.)

33 in Colorado Co. on hwy. 90A

36 TX Willie is a ____ fide Texan

37 TXism: "____ heartbeat" (fast)

38 TX Gary Morris '91 tune: "Miles Across the ____"

39 in Henderson Co. on hwy. 175

DOWN

41 TXism: "black gold"

42 notorious Ben Thompson was this in Austin (1880)

45 freezing sleet storm?

46 TX sculptor, Elisabet

47 TXism: "____ bout"

48 ____ City, TX

49 pitcher Carl who was signee on TX-made Nokona baseball gloves

52 ____ Point, TX

53 tidy

54 "slippery as an ____"

55 hot tub

1 "it don't ____ up"

2 TXism: "a boldface ____"

3 Tex-Mex entrees

4 newspaper in the seat of Crockett Co.

8 TXism: "sounds like a dry ____" (bad singer)

9 TXism: "____ in the woods? (yes)"

10 TX Buddy Holly song: "Rave ____!"

11 Rice won 1966 ____ College Bowl"

12 knife wound

13 TX football play area: grid ____

14 TXism: "size ' ____ " (evaluate)

15 TX rivers flow south

16 start of a poker game

17 he was "Lou Grant" on TV

18 TX Tanya Tucker '72 hit: "____ Dawn"

20 Christmas celebration: "Boar's Head & ____ Log Festival"

22 notable Cowboy TE: Billy Joe ____Pre

23 dir. from Comanche to Hico

24 attack with a knife

25 "stool ____" (decoy)

37 forerunner of TX 7-11's Slurpee

40 saloon district in early Fort Worth: "Hell's Half ____"

43 poker statement: "read 'em and ____"

44 "Semper Fidelis" is the motto for these soldiers

50 bearlike Australian marsupial

51 this technical institute has 10 outlets in TX (abbr.)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

by Charley & Guy Orbison

Copyright 2013 by Orbison Bros.

P-1144

TEXAS STATEWIDE CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING NETWORK

TexSCAN

TexSCAN Week of January 12, 2014

DRIVERS
AT NATIONAL CARRIERS. We'll call you and your pet by name. But, you have to hire on first! 6-months OTR refresher training program. 1-888-440-2465; www.driveNCI.com

BEST LEASE PURCHASE in the industry with 99¢/gallon diesel fuel, \$100 weekly bonus, new trucks, top pay and great freight lanes. Hirshbach; 1-888-514-6005 or www.drive4hml.com

CDL TRUCK DRIVER Training in Burleson, TX. Small classes, low cost, financing available. Millis Training Institute for more details call: 1-800-937-0880 www.mtldriving.com

DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED now! Learn to drive for Werner Enterprises. Earn \$800 per week. No experience needed. Get your CDL and pre-hire now. 1-888-734-6710

DRIVER TRAINEES NEEDED in Hutchins, TX. Become a driver for Covenant Transport! No experience needed. CDL training gets you ready ASAP! Earn \$750/week + benefits! 1-888-778-0460

EXPERIENCE FLATBED DRIVERS: Regional opportunities now open with plenty of freight & great pay! 1-800-277-0212 or driveforprime.com

OWNER OPERATORS: Home weekends & throughout the week. Dedicated, year 'round recession-proof freight. 100% fuel surcharge to drivers. CDL Class-A + 1-year driving experience. Contact Ty 1-866-478-9977. DriveForCardinal.com

OWNER OPERATORS - 2800-3200 miles/week average. ALL miles paid. Texas/Oklahoma lanes. Home weekly, fuel surcharge/cards/discounts. Paid plates, permits, weekly settlements. 1-888-720-1565 ParkwayTransportinc.com

PAID CDL Training! No experience needed. Stevens Transport will sponsor an Aviation Maintenance Technician. FAA the cost of your CDL training. Earn up to \$40K first year and \$70K third year. Excellent benefits, 1-888-726-4130, www.becomeadrivernow.com. EOE

PARTNERS IN EXCELLENCE OTR drivers, APU equipped, pre-pass, EZ-pass, passenger policy. 2012 and newer equipment. 100% NO touch. Butler Transport 1-800-528-7825; www.butlerttransport.com

REGIONAL CDL-A Drivers! Averitt offers fantastic benefits and weekly hometime. 1-888-362-8608. Paid training for recent grads with a CDL-A and drivers with limited experience. Apply online at AverittCareers.com; EOE

RIO GRANDE Valley Media Network in South Texas is looking for a performance driven National Advertising Sales Manager. Qualified candidates will grow national advertising revenue for AIM Media Texas Rio Grande Valley. We are an EOE. If interested apply at www.themonitor.com or submit your resume and qualifications to Darla Gomez at 1400 E Nolana, McAllen, TX 78504.

MEDICAL BILLING TRAINEES Needed! Become a medical office assistant now! Online job training gets you ready. Job placement when program completed. Call for details! 1-888-368-1638; ayers.edu/disclosures.com.

SAWMILLS FROM ONLY \$4897.00. Make and save money with your own bandmill. Cut lumber any dimension. In stock ready to ship. Free information/DVD. www.Norwood-Sawmills.com 1-800-578-1363 Ext. 300N

SAFE STEP WALK-IN TUB Alert for seniors, bathroom falls can be fatal. Approved by Arthritis Foundation. Therapeutic jets with less than 4-inch step-in. Wide door, anti-slip floors, American made, installation included. Call 1-888-960-2587 for \$750 Off

AIRLINE CAREERS begin here. Become needed. Stevens Transport will sponsor an Aviation Maintenance Technician. FAA approved training. Financial aid if qualified. Housing available, job placement assistance. Call Aviation Institute of Maintenance. Dallas: 1-800-475-4102 or Houston: 1-800-743-1392

REAL ESTATE

ABSOLUTELY THE BEST VIEW Lake Medina/Bandera, 1/4 acre tract, central W/S/E, RV, M/H or house OK only \$830 down, \$235 month (12.91%/10yr). Guaranteed financing, more information call 1-830-460-8354

ACREAGE REPO with septic tank, pool, pier, ramp. Owner finance. Granbury 1-210-422-3013

AFFORDABLE RESORT LIVING on Lake Fork. RV and manufactured housing OK! Guaranteed financing with 10% down. Lots starting as low as \$6900. Call Josh, 1-903-878-7265

LOOKING TO SALE land? Reach over 2-million readers for one low price in the Texas Statewide Advertising Network. Contact this newspaper or call 1-800-749-4793 for more detail.

\$106 MONTH BUYS land for RV, MH or cabin. Gated entry, \$690 down, (\$690/10.91%/7yr) 90-days same as cash, Guaranteed financing, 1-936-377-3235

VACATION

WEEKEND GETAWAY available on Lake Fork, Lake Livingston or Lake Medina. Rooms fully furnished! Gated community with clubhouse, swimming pool and boat ramps. Call for more information: 1-903-878-7265, 1-936-377-3235 or 1-830-460-8354

Run Your Ad In TexSCAN!
Statewide Ad.....\$550
290 Newspapers, 871,154 Circulation
North Region Only\$250
93 Newspapers, 297,505 Circulation
South Region Only\$250
97 Newspapers, 366,627 Circulation
West Region Only\$250
98 Newspapers, 205,950 Circulation
To Order: Call this Newspaper direct, or call Texas Press Service at 1-800-749-4793 Today!

NOTICE: While most advertisers are reputable, we cannot guarantee products or services advertised. We urge readers to use caution and when in doubt, contact the Texas Attorney General at 1-800-621-0508 or the Federal Trade Commission at 1-877-FTC-HELP. The FTC web site is www.ftc.gov/bizop
Extend your advertising reach with TexSCAN, your Statewide Classified Ad Network.

2013 Edwards County Junior Livestock Show



Mariah Baker placed sixth with her meat goat.

Stockshow photos by Eneida Magallon



Isac Menchaca placed 7th and Blake Warren won 3rd with their Finewools.



Juan Menchaca was 6th and Tucker Shanklin placed 4th with their finewool lambs.



Ashtyn Warren was Reserve Champion in the horse division.



Tucker Shanklin won Champion Horse in that division.



Tap Shanklin placed third in the horse division.

2013 Edwards County Jr. Livestock Show Results

Livestock Show results courtesy Mandy Warren
Horses
Tucker Shanklin-Champion
Ashtyn Warren-Reserve Champion
Tap Shanklin-3rd
Rabbits
Lakota Wall-Champion
Allie Jo Scroggins-Reserve Champion
Seth Wall-3rd
Gabriella Rendon-3rd
Goats
Ashtyn Warren-Champion
Blake Warren-Reserve Champion
Cuatro Rangel-3rd and 4th
Hannah Baker-5th
Mariah Baker-6th
Lambs
Ethan Hyde-Champion
Ashtyn Warren-Reserve Champion
Champion Finewool-Ashtyn Warren
Alex Hyde-Reserve Champion
Blake Warren-3rd
Tap Shanklin-4th
Tucker Shanklin-4th
Lexi Flores-5th
Juan Menchaca-6th
Isac Menchaca-7th
Ethan Hyde-Finewool Cross Champion
Blake Warren -Reserve Champion
Ashtyn Warren-3rd
Ethan Hyde-Champion Medium Wool
Blake Warren-Reserve Champion
Alex Hyde-3rd

Tucker Shanklin-4th
Hogs
Isiah Franco-Champion
Marceala Gonzales- Reserve Champion
Rabbit Sr Showman-Lakota Wall
Rabbit Jr Showman-Gabriella Rendon.
Horse Showman-Tap Shanklin.
Goat Sr Showman-Blake Warren
Goat Jr Showman-Ashtyn Warren.
Lamb Sr Showman-Blake Warren
Lamb Jr Showman-Ashtyn Warren.
Hog Sr Showman-Isiah Franco
Hog Jr Showman-Osvaldo Rendon.



In the rabbit division Lakota Wall - Champion, Allie Jo Scroggins - Reserve Champion, Seth Massey - 3rd and Gabriella Rendon was 4th.



Lexis Flores placed 5th and Alex Hyde was Reserve Champ with their finewool lambs.

Warren shows in Odessa

Blake Warren was the sole exhibitor representing Edwards County in Odessa on Jan.4th for their Sand Hills Stockshow and Rodeo. Hauling finewool lambs, she ended the day with an seventh in class two, an eleventh in class three, and a second place win in class four to give her a slot in the sale. Blake and other Edwards County students will be traveling to Kerrville for their District show Jan.17th.

See your

The Rocksprings Record
Texas Mohair Weekly

on **ANY DEVICE.**

Announcing the new and improved website for The Rocksprings Record. The Rocksprings Record will be available digitally as well, with the latest news, views, and community events,
@ www.rockspringsrecord.co. Come see!

Our website has all the details
rockspringsrecord.com
NOW AVAILABLE

“Smart”
service

Quality service is more than a friendly smile or a warm greeting. It’s also about being able to rely on those who are there to help you.

Yolanda Ozuna and
Lauren Van Shoubrouek
Customer Service Representatives

SONORA BANK
is smart banking!

SONORA: 102 E. Main St. • Sonora, TX 76950 • 325-387-3861
SAN ANGELO: Sherwood Way Branch • 5710 Sherwood Way • San Angelo, TX 76901 • 325-949-0099
SAN ANGELO: Southland Branch • 2502 Southland Blvd. • San Angelo, TX 76904 • 325-947-2100
BOERNE: 122 West Bandera • Boerne, TX 78006 • 830-331-9118

Member FDIC

www.sonorabank.com