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## Wind saves Barnhart as local, area firefighters battle massive blaze

BY MELISSA PERNER  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

The gusty winds Sunday afternoon only helped firefighters for one moment.

With winds blowing and flames nearing, residents of Barnhart quickly prepared to evacuate their community.

As the fear of flames grew near, winds shifted causing residents of the small community to breathe a small sigh of relief.

Ozona, Barnhart and other area fire departments battled massive grass fires Sunday and Monday with many firefighters and emergency officials working around the clock.

The fires, located north of Ozona around U.S. Highway 190 and State Highway 163, consumed an estimated 6,000-7,000 acres.

According to the Texas Forest Service, around 40 homes were saved in Barnhart.

"We had close to 100 firefighters out there," said Lou Morrow, Ozona Fire Dispatcher, in a San Angelo Standard-Times article. "Units from Barnhart, Big Lake, Sheffield, Sterling City, Glasscock, and other places I'd never heard of came out to help us."

The fires started around 2 p.m. Sunday and quickly spread due to low humidity, high winds and unseasonably high temperatures.

Fire Chief Bob Falkner said the fires were first



GRASS FIRES blazed through land north of Ozona near Barnhart Sunday and Monday. Around 6,000 acres burned as local and area firefighters fought to extinguish the flames.

called and reported as starting off the roadway and suspicious in nature.

"The fire continued going into two more ranches and was out of control due to the high winds," Falkner said.

By Sunday night, flames had jumped across State Highway 163 several times and prompted the Irion County Sheriff's Department to put Barnhart residents on alert for possible evacuation. At the main intersection in Barnhart, Irion County Sheriff's vehicles blocked the southbound road.

Smoke traveled through parts of Sutton County and into the Rocksprings area.

"It was moving fast, and got within five miles of us, before the wind turned south and saved us," said

Barnhart Fire Chief Jimmy Baker, in the Standard-Times article.

The fire departments left the scene around 3 a.m. Monday, after they felt the fires were under control, Falkner said.

Around 5:40 a.m. Monday, firefighters were back on scene due to breakouts.

"This fire was brought under control with the help of the Crockett County blades, but other fires were breaking out along the burn area as the wind continued to blow," Falkner said.

At 8 a.m. Monday, Big Lake and Barnhart firefighters responded to another large breakout west of 163.

Ozona Firefighter John L. Henderson assisted those on the ground with an aer-

ial view from his plane Monday afternoon as firefighters knocked out "hot spots."

Firefighters from Ozona, Barnhart, Brady, Sheffield, Iraan, Eldorado, Glasscock County, Sterling City, Mertzon, and Big Lake all responded.

Along with firefighters, Texas Energy, the Crockett County Road Department, Irion County and the Texas Forest Service all responded with equipment to help. Bulldozers and other heavy equipment were brought in to move ground around and keep the fire contained.

Treto's Tire Service also responded to change flat tires.

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## Board supports duBois, Sims resigns

BY MELISSA PERNER  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

After three hours in closed session, the Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees issued a statement in support of Superintendent Chris duBois.

The special called Feb. 23 meeting included an agenda item of the board meeting in closed session for personnel matters involving superintendent evaluation.

When the board reconvened in open session, President Ray Don Myers issued the following statement: "The board expresses its support for Mr. duBois, especially in view of the difficult decisions the district is facing."

That was the only statement issued by the board following the closed session. Board member Dwight Childress was absent from the meeting.

After the statement was read, Myers then read a letter from Dr. Marcus Sims. The letter stated that Sims is resigning from the board effective with the March 2011 regular meeting.

In the letter, Sims stated that his resignation was due to increasing time constraints and the workload at the Family Health Center of Ozona.

The clinic is working to going full electronic with their records, which is requiring a lot more time, Sims said. "To be an effective board member, you have to study and you have to do your homework. I don't have the time to do it. It would be better for someone else that has the time to serve the district," Sims said. "I pass along my best wishes to the dedicated teachers and students in the district."

Sims has been on the board for 15 years.

"The district express-



CHRIS DUBOIS



Dr. MARCUS SIMS

es the appreciation for the time you have spent on the board," Myers said to Sims.

According to the Texas Education Code, if a vacancy occurs, the school board may appoint someone to serve the remainder of the vacant trustee's term, call a special election to fill that seat or do nothing and wait until the next regular election.

Sims' term expires in 2012. He has represented the At-Large District, which means all Crockett County voters can vote for this seat.

The board will hold a joint budget planning workshop with the District Site-Based Decision-Making Committee at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 7, at Ozona Elementary School.

The next regular school board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. March 23 at the Administration Building.

## Ozona FFA visits Texas Capitol

Ozona High School FFA Chapter attended the Second annual Agricultural Education and Texas FFA Day at the Capitol hosted by the Texas FFA Association, the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, and the Texas FFA Foundation.

Texas FFA Day at the Capitol was held Feb. 22 in Austin in conjunction with National FFA Week.

Ozona FFA was one of more than 65 chapters that comprised more than 500 FFA members and advisors across Texas who participated in this event in order to learn about the history of the Texas State Capitol and the legislative process through tours and workshops.

FFA Members had the opportunity to meet with State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, to discuss the importance of agriculture, agricultural education and FFA to the state of Texas. The legislators also shared their perspective on the issues facing the 82nd Legislative Session with the Ozona FFA members.

Attendees had the opportunity to watch resolutions being presented on both the House and Senate floor recognizing National FFA Week and



ROB PHILLIPS | SUBMITTED PHOTO

OZONA FFA STUDENTS attended the Second annual Agricultural Education and Texas FFA Day at the Capitol hosted by the Texas FFA Association. Pictured are (left to right): Weston Seahorn, Brenda Venegas, State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, Jenny Venegas, Ryan Kennedy, OHS Ag Teacher Rob Phillips and Rocky Venegas.

FFA Day at the Capitol.

The Ozona FFA has more than 70 FFA members with 82 students enrolled in agricultural courses. Nation-wide there are more than 500,000 FFA members. The Texas FFA is the nation's largest state FFA association with more than 80,000 members and more than 1,000 FFA chapters.

In Texas, there are an es-

imated 1,600 agricultural science and technology teachers impacting approximately 120,000 students enrolled in agricultural education classes at the secondary level.

For more information about the Ozona FFA Chapter visit [www.ozonaschools.net](http://www.ozonaschools.net). For more information about the National FFA Organization visit [www.ffa.org](http://www.ffa.org).

## Texas Public School Week events

Ozona Elementary and Middle Schools will celebrate Texas Public School Week, March 7-11, with several events.

The following activities are planned at OES:

- Breakfast from 7:30-7:50 a.m. - "Muffins for Moms," Monday, March 7;
- "Donuts for Dad," Tuesday, March 8 and "Goodies for Grandparents," March 9.
- "Read Across America," 6:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, for Pre-K through second-graders.

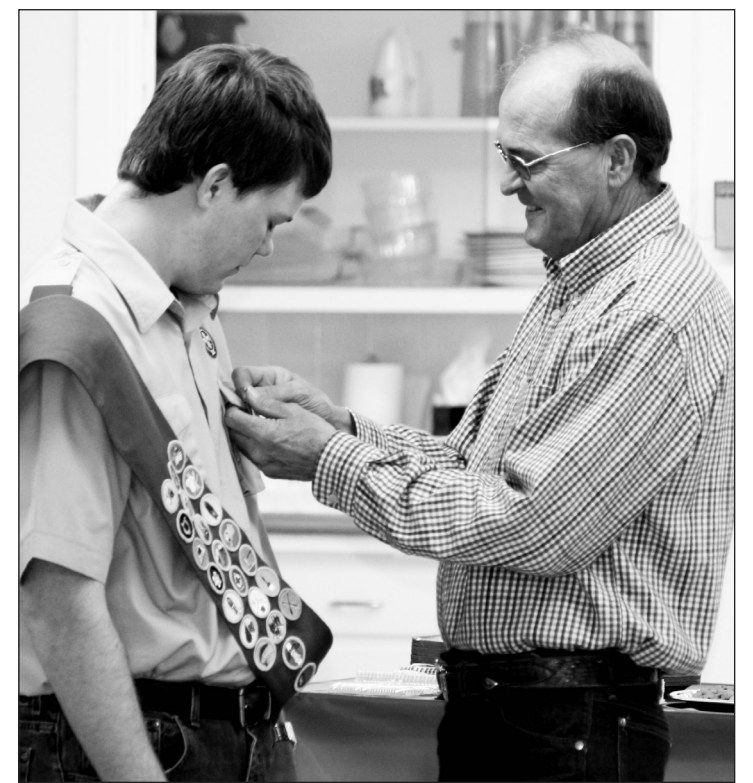
- Elementary Community-Wide Open House, 6:30 p.m. March 10 with the Fourth Grade presenting a Texas-themed musical at 7:30 p.m.

The OES Library will be hosting a Spring Book Fair throughout the week as well.

The Ozona Middle School will host a spring open house from 5-6:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 8. Parents and family are encouraged to come by and see what is going on at Ozona Middle School.

The OMS PTO will serve refreshments.

## Crockett County's newest Eagle Scout



DUNCAN KNOX | SUBMITTED PHOTO

DUNCAN KNOX receives his Eagle Scout pin from his father Bobby Knox during an Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony on Feb. 19 at Granny Miller Hall. Knox's Eagle Scout project was a memorial for local emergency officials in the Triangle Park.

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## Census, 'Brink' and budget numbers don't add up for Texas

Traditionally, the Texas Legislature's 140-day regular sessions get off to a slow start, because the state Constitution says we can't pass bills in the first 60 days. Less than 50 days in, the Senate has passed bills on Voter ID, eminent domain, and sonograms for pregnant women, and a resolution calling for a balanced federal budget. Floor debate is expected soon on so-called sanctuary cities.

How is that possible with the constitutional bar on early action? The governor declared them emergencies, giving them a head start on the legislative track. Many of us in the Legislature be-

lieve there are far more pressing issues, and some numbers released in February bear that out.

The Legislative Study Group recently released its latest "Texas on the Brink" report, which looks at how Texas ranks with other states on taxes, education and health care. The numbers aren't good.

We linger at the bottom on:



STATE SENATOR'S OP ED

CARLOS I. URESTI

- Percent of population 25 and older with a high school diploma, 50th
- Percent of women receiving prenatal care in the first trimester, 50th
- Per capita spending on mental health, 50th
- Per capita spending on Medicaid, 49th
- Percent of poor people covered by Medicaid, 49th
- Percent of population with employer-based health insurance, 48th
- We're at the top on:
  - Percent of population uninsured, 1st
  - Percent of children unin-

- sured, 1st
- Percent of population with food insecurity, 2nd
- Percent of children living in poverty, 4th
- Percent of population living below poverty, 4th
- Some other numbers were released in the session's seventh week that have great implications for Texas. According to new Census figures, parts of Texas experienced explosive growth over the last decade, fueled by increases in the Hispanic population. Latinos now make up 38 percent of the state's 25.1 million people.
- Most of the growth tracked

along I-35, from the Rio Grande Valley, to San Antonio and Austin, and up to Dallas-Fort Worth. At the same time, many rural counties in Texas lost population. These demographic changes present challenges for drawing new political boundaries in the redistricting process, but that's only the beginning. Since most of the population gain was among a group that historically enjoys less opportunity than others, the numbers and rankings reflected in the "Brink" report could get a lot worse. All of these numbers add up to a bleak outlook for Texas if

we continue down the same path. Hopefully, budget writers in the House and Senate will realize that as they attempt to close a \$27 billion shortfall. Here are some other numbers to watch. March 11 is the 60th day of the session; the constitutional prohibition on passing bills will be gone, and both houses can get down to work on the priorities that are really important for Texas' future, like children, seniors, teachers, and small business owners.

SENATOR URESTI represents Senate District 19, which includes Crockett County. It is the largest legislative district in the nation, spanning 23 Texas counties.

## Keep publishing public notices

What is a public notice? A notice issued by a government agency or legislative body in certain rule making or lawmaking proceeding.

Why should ordinary citizens care if they are printed in newspapers?

In order to allow members of the public to make their opinions on proposals known before a rule or law is made.

With the 82nd Texas Legislature in full swing, several bills have been filed to no longer require public notices in newspapers.

An effort by the Texas Association of School Boards and the Texas Association of School Administrators is causing the biggest threat to newspapers to allow school districts to satisfy public notice requirements by posting them on their website.

House Bill 1688 by Linda Harper-Brown does just that. Senate Bill 468 filed by Florence Shapio is supposed to relieve school districts of the costs of "unfunded mandates."

Also, House Bill 1833 filed by Mark Shelton, R-Fort Worth, would change language in the Texas Education Code making a notice of a public meeting to discuss a school's budget and proposed tax rate optional.

Public notices come in all forms. They are notices of meetings, hearings, elections, bid proposals for construction or materials and for liquor licenses. Foreclosures, probates and estate auctions are notices that are also published.

While the Texas Legislature is facing a \$27 billion budget deficit this session, eliminating public notices in newspapers will not save the state a great amount of money.

The amount of money most governments spend on public notices is much less than what is spent on items like travel or office supplies. In 2010, Crockett County CCSD spent around \$4,300 with The Ozona Stockman. This amount includes advertising, office supplies, printing and public notices. In contract, CCCSD has more than \$200,000 budgeted for supplies and materials.

The money spent on public notices is a small price for keeping taxpayers informed of the activities of their government.

In Texas, newspapers are required to charge their lowest classified advertising rate for publishing public notices. Public notices are not a huge money maker for newspapers, including The Ozona Stockman, but there is a cost for printing, distributing and formatting the notices.

Newspapers, because of the reach of the print and Internet editions, are the best way



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MELISSA PERNER

to make sure that this information reaches as many people as possible. The reach of most newspaper websites consistently exceeds most government websites in the same market by a 10-to-1 margin. This is true in Crockett County. Also, the Texas Press Association has developed a website that provides a searchable database for public notices that appear in Texas newspapers.

Computers are also not a household item for 67 percent of Texans. Local libraries provide public computer access, including the Crockett County Public Library.

The legislation's flaws become more apparent with the realization that many people still don't use or don't have access to the Internet, especially the poor, the elderly, minorities and the disabled.

While many Texans cannot afford a home computer, we have seen local readers scrape pennies, nickels and dimes for their local newspaper.

Newspaper public notices, print and online, provides a third-party system to verify that information about governments' activities is reaching as many taxpayers as possible. Publishers are required to provide an affidavit that the information was published for the required time period, which would not happen with an Internet site.

Also, the public knows that the newspaper is its source for legal notices and moving them to a government or government-contracted site would inevitably result in the public knowing less about the activities of its national, state, county, city and school governments.

Notices could easily be hidden on these websites. Think about it. How many times have you read a newspaper in the past week? How many times did you visit the website of Crockett County or CCCSD? Did you know that these websites existed?

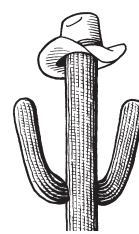
Newspapers provide an objective, trusted source for public notice advertising.

Texas taxpayers have the right to be informed about the activities of their governing bodies, whether it is on the state, county or school board level.

While budget cuts are going to have to be made, we ask that public notices remain in newspapers. Passage of these bills would be a step backward for open government.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She plans on fighting for public notices.

## Sold! Sorta



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I've helped sell at auction a \$10,000 bottle of wine, a million dollar house, a \$350,000 cow and a four dollar sheep. At auctions I've worked we've sold everything from a tractor that didn't run to a race horse that did. We sold a llama that spit all over my tuxedo and an ostrich that pecked on me because the dumb birds like bright and shiny objects. I've helped sell modern art that you couldn't tell which way was up and a VW hippie bus that you didn't know if it was coming or going. In other words, when it comes to auctions I thought I'd seen about everything there was to see. But that was before my curiosity compelled me to attend a ranch real estate auction conducted by a big city auction firm.

My rancher friends had been trying for a few years to sell a couple ranches that didn't bring in enough net proceeds to pay the property taxes. So my friend came up with the idea of exposing the picturesque ranches by offering them for sale on E bay. Sure enough, they got a lot of attention, including that of a huge real estate auction firm that has sold buildings and land in every state of the Union and six foreign countries. But before the firm would even consider selling the ranches my pals had to pay them \$180,000 which was not refundable. They'd get another \$420,000 when the deal was done. That's mighty good work if you can get it!

On sale day we all gathered at a beautiful resort where a piano player serenaded everyone with Brahms and Beethoven and a banquet room was full of 17 millionaires and a big bunch of cowboys dining on finger

food. The auctioneer was witty, personable and had the chant of a student after his first day of auction school. But he was as persuasive as a pair of Chihuahua spurs with four inch rowels. He announced that at the end of the proceedings the two ranches would have new owners and that it was an "absolute auction." Sort of!

First the auctioneer had everyone participate in a practice auction which turned out to be very much like the real auction.

Then we had the actual sale. The auction consisted of two neighboring ranches and first he sold "choice" in which the winning bidder could take his pick of the two. Then he "sold" the other ranch by the acre, and then he "sold" the two ranches as one. I used quotation marks because even though real bidders bid a lot of real money nothing had actually "sold" yet for the auctioneer then announced that there would be a ten minute recess while the piano player played more pretty music. After the time-out anyone could then reopen the auction by bidding 5 percent more than the earlier "winning" bids.

This guy was more creative than my accountant!

Sure enough, after further consideration someone wanted to pay too much for an

unprofitable cow ranch, so the whole process was repeated. I swear, we've sold 100 head bull sales in less time that it took to sell those two parcels! One person then "bought" one ranch, another bidder "bought" the other and then both of them lost their new ranches when yet another person "bought" both ranches. I put parentheses around "bought" because the ranches still weren't sold because they had to survive a 30 day escrow where the whole thing could fall apart. By now, the cowboys in attendance were really shaking their heads and wondering, "Is this any way to run an auction?"

Can you imagine if we sold cattle this way?

A cow and her calf would enter the sale ring and the "buyers" could take their pick of the cow or the calf. Then the other would be sold. And then the two of them resold as a pair. There'd be a ten minute recess as classical music would reverberate in the auction barn and the cow buyers would dine on free finger food. Then the whole auction would be repeated. But the pair of cattle still wouldn't be sold because there'd be a 30 day escrow in which the cow, the calf, or both, could die. And who would pay the feed bill during that period? And there's no way the consignor would pay the 10% commission the real estate firm charged. I guarantee there'd be a fist fight between cow buyers, pretty music or not, and just like the real estate auction, the cowboys in the crowd would be wondering what the heck had just happened?

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## Task force to deliver input on unfunded mandates

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN -- Gov. Rick Perry on Feb. 25 announced the formation of the Task Force on Unfunded Mandates, a bipartisan panel of one former and eight current Texas public officials.

The panel's mission, Perry said, is to list "burdensome unfunded mandates that have been passed down from the state to local governments, such as cities, counties and school districts."

Perry wants the list, and recommendations "on how to best alleviate these burdens on local entities," on his desk this March.

Meanwhile, the state Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees continued with their work of exploring ways to cut the 2012-2013 state budget enough to make it balance. That means stripping off somewhere between \$8 billion and \$27 billion in state services.

To address state finances in the long term, the Texas Senate adopted a proposed state constitutional amendment on Feb. 23, the subtext of which indicates a sentiment that some portion of the Lone Star State's budget woes originate in Washington, D.C.

Senate Joint Resolution 1 urges Congress to propose and submit to the states for ratification a federal balanced budget amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Authored by Senate Pro-Tempore Steve Ogden, R-Bryan, chair of the upper chamber's powerful Finance Committee, SJR 1 has moved to the House for consideration.

Its adoption by the Senate drew applause from Gov. Perry, who said he now looks forward to "working with members of the Texas House who share the goal of a federal balanced budget amendment to put the U.S. back on the path to fiscal responsibility."

One such federal program that is often named in conjunction with "out-of-control federal spending" is Medicaid, the health coverage program for poorer Americans that more than 4 million Texans rely upon.

### SPEAKER WEIGHS IN ON MEDICAID

House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, on Feb. 22, said, "Medicaid is an unsustainable

federal program that continues to eat up more of our state budget, crowding out other priorities. State spending on Medicaid has doubled in the last 10 years and current spending now accounts for 18.7 percent of the general revenue-related 2010-2011 Texas budget."

"Like most states, Texas is faced with the challenge of maintaining this critical safety net with limited taxpayer dollars," Straus said.

### CHIEF JUSTICE ADDRESSES JOINT SESSION

Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Wallace Jefferson on Feb. 24 addressed a joint session of the Texas House and Senate, including members of the state judiciary. Jefferson, now in his seventh year as chief justice, asked the assembly for four things in the course of his address:

1. Increased access to legal services for poorer and even middle class Texans. "The combination of increased poverty rates, reduced interest rates on

legal aid accounts, and a state-wide budget crisis threatens to leave Texas' neediest communities without basic access to justice," he said.

2. \$20 million dollars from general revenue for basic civil legal services.

3. Non-partisan election of judges in Texas, and if that can't be done, eliminate straight-ticket voting.

"I urge the Legislature to send the people a constitutional amendment that would allow judges to be selected on their merit."

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## OLPH announces Cinco de Mayo Queen Candidates and event plans

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church is proud to announce the Cinco de Mayo Queen Candidates. Elisa Tambunga is the daughter of Emilio and Maria Tambunga and is a freshman at Ozona High School.

Ebony Ramirez is the daughter of Mona Lisa Sanchez and John Ramirez, she is a fourth grader at OES.

This year the queen candidates will be raising money for OLPH's Cinco de Mayo Festival which will begin on Saturday, May 7, with a softball tournament and end with a DJ Dance at the Parish Hall, where the girls will be presented and crowned.

The celebration will continue Sunday, May 8, at the Parish Hall where the girls will attend Mass together at 11 a.m.

The Guadalupeana Society will be selling Enchilada Plates after mass. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. followed by a Tardeada with food booths, music and the drawing for our Cinco de Mayo Raffle.

Raffle prizes were donated this year by: 1. Eligio Martinez - Apple iPad 16 GB; 2. Guadalupeana - \$500 Wal-Mart Gift Card. 3. In memory of Anastasio Sr., Carlota and Sostenes DeHoyos - 40" Dynex LCD/HDTV; 4. Oscar and



OLPH CINCO DE MAYO QUEEN CANDIDATES: Ebony Ramirez (left) and Elisa Tambunga. Both girls will be raising money for the May festival.

Cynthia Flores - Xbox 360 with Kinect Bundle; 5. Joe and Rachel Ybarra - KitchenAide Mixer; 6. Katie Friend - iPod Touch 8 GB; 7. Christina Rodriguez - \$200 Academy Gift Card; 8. Christina Rodriguez - \$150 Wal-Mart Gift Card; 9. In Memory of Jesus Ramirez Sr. - Vizio Blue Ray Player; 10. Christina Rodriguez - Kodak Easy Share M530 Digital Camera.

Ebony Ramirez will kick off the fund-raising this week with a Sweet Sale starting after school along with hot dogs, hamburgers and nachos.

On Sunday, March 6, af-

ter the 11 a.m. Mass she will be selling Salisbury Steak with the trimmings for \$6 per plate. All fund-raising this week will be at the OLPH Parish Hall. Each candidate will work four weeks so stay tuned for upcoming fund-raising events.

Anyone interested in having a Food Booth for the Tardeada please contact Ashlee Ramos at the OLPH Church Office.

We encourage floats for the parade, so decorate your horse, pet, car, truck, bike, golf cart or four-wheeler and join us as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo at OLPH.



## It's a boy

Kendrick Bryston Tobar was born Jan. 30, 2011 in San Angelo. He weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces and was 17 inches long.

Welcoming him home was proud parents Kenny and Kayla Tobar and big brother Ariston.

Grandparents Brenda Rodriguez and Ronnie Pratt and Alfredo and Lisa Tobar. Great-grandparents are Belia and Bob Darling and Manuelita Tobar.

## Band Booster meeting Monday

There will be a Band Booster meeting at 6 p.m. Monday, March 7, at the OHS Band Hall.

Band parents are encouraged to attend.

## Happy Birthday

**March 2** - Michael Flores, J.R. Ramirez, Sandra Tambunga, Laura Bloebaum, and Caitlin Mendoza

**March 3** - Jordan Long, Terry Dickerson, Ruth Hester, Ann Ramos, Diane Anderson, Babe Perez, Alfred Gonzalez, Lloyd Winkley, Harold Thompson, Ricardo Meza and Melanie Miller

**March 4** - Adriene McClanahan, Vanessa Rodriguez, Mia Mendoza, Leigh Ann Galindo and Mary Moran Jr.

**March 5** - Braden Gutierrez, Erika Morales, Joseph Vitela, Martha Williams, Tony Borrego and Evette Longoria

**March 6** - Jaycee Sides, Anthony Ortiz, Evodio Garcia, Jaime Cormier, Justin Maldonado, Crystal Gonzales and Joe Rebelez Jr.

**March 7** - Esmi Barrera, Jim Crowder, Betty Fields, Aaron Pearl, Frances Borrego and Rojelio Longoria

**March 8** - Kim Tambunga, Audrey Gandar, Marie Pierce, Murray Logan, Layla Perez Alexandra Bean, Brooks Long and Anthony Tambunga

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, March 2

- TAKS Testing: Exit Level math retest.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

### Thursday, March 3

- TAKS Testing: Exit Level science retest.
- Lady Lions Softball at the San Angelo Tournament.
- Lions Baseball at the Sweetwater Tournament.

### Friday, March 4

- TAKS Testing: Exit Level social studies retest.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Tennis Teams at Regional Team Tennis in Big Lake.
- Lady Lions Softball at the San Angelo Tournament.
- Lions Baseball at the Sweetwater Tournament.
- OHS and OMS Track Teams at Sonora.
- Pandale Bible Conference, 6-8 p.m. at the Old Pandale School.

### Saturday, March 5

- Lady Lions at the Region I Powerlifting meet in Odessa.
- OHS UIL Academic Team at Rocksprings.
- Lady Lions Softball at the San Angelo Tournament.
- OHS Tennis Teams at Regional Team Tennis in Big Lake.
- Pandale Bible Conference, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Old Pandale School.

### Sunday, March 6

- Pandale Bible Conference, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Old Pandale School.
- Benefit fund-raiser for Diana Sanchez-Lewis, 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

### Monday, March 7

- "Muffins for Mom," 7:30-7:50 a.m. at the elementary school.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Golf Teams at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.
- Senior Center Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Band Booster meeting, 6 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.
- Eighth Grade Parent Night, 6 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- CCCSD Board of Trustees and District Site-Based Committee workshop, 6:30 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.

### Tuesday, March 8

- "Donuts for Dads," 7:30-7:50 a.m. at the elementary school.
- OMS Open House, 5-6:30 p.m. at the middle school.
- Helping Hands Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. McCamey, 6:30 p.m. at the baseball field.
- "Read Across America," Pre-K through second grade, 6:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

### Wednesday, March 9

- "Goodies for Grandparents," 7:30-7:50 a.m. at the elementary school.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

## Countdown to Relay For Life, next meeting March 10

Crockett County is gearing up for their first Relay for Life. The relay begins on Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m. and ends on Saturday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at Lion Stadium. The next meeting will be held on March 10 at 6 p.m. at the elementary cafeteria.

Team captains, team members, and anyone interested in helping, is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Teams can register online at [www.relayforlife.org/crockettcox](http://www.relayforlife.org/crockettcox).

Any individual, organization, or business who would like to sponsor this event, call Shelly Childress at 277-5381. Luminarias for the Lu-

minaria Ceremony can be purchased from any of the relay chairs and at the public library, from Sylvia Longoria. Each bag is \$5.

Spirit Sleeves are also available for \$10 a pair. They come in a variety of colors.

They are available from Sylvia Longoria at the library or Maria Perez at Ozona Elementary School.

All funds raised at this event are donated to the American Cancer Society, who in turn uses them various areas.

For more information, call any of the event chairs below: Maria Hendryx at 716-3291.

## Pandale Bible Conference this weekend

A Bible Conference will be held this weekend at the Old Pandale School.

Pandale Sunday School invites everyone to come and hear Dr. Bill Sheffield teach on the Feasts of Israel.

There is no charge for the conference. The times are Friday, March 4, 6-8 p.m. and Saturday, March 5, and Sunday, March 6, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

A pot luck lunch and dinner will be served, so if you have a favorite dish please bring it.

For more information, call (432) 291-3336.

## Benefit fund-raiser Saturday for Diana Sanchez-Lewis

There will be a benefit fund-raiser Saturday, March 5, at the Knights of Columbus Hall for Diana Sanchez-Lewis who has been diagnosed with lymphoma.

Brisket plates with potato salad, rice and beans will start at 11 a.m., followed by Mexican Bingo and Sweet Sale at 3 p.m. Bring your beans or coins to mark the bingo cards.

## Eighth Grade Parent Night Monday to focus on high school information

Ozona High School is hosting a Parent Night for parents of eighth-graders on Monday, March 7, 6 p.m. at the Ozona High School Auditorium.

This evening will focus on Pre-registration for the 2011-2012 school year.


Additionally, there will be a tabletop event in the prac-

tice gym featuring Career and Technology classes, school organizations and clubs.

Be sure you as a parent attend with your child to begin the process of pre-registration.

For questions, call Ms. Stevens or Mrs. duBois at the high school, 325-392-5501.

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1 seat of Oldham Co.

5 TXism: "packed like sardines in \_\_\_"

6 El \_\_\_ (the bull)

7 identifying number in TX (abbr.)

8 TX Willie covered this song in '75: "Fire \_\_\_ Rain"

9 TXism: "you can take \_\_\_ the bank"

15 TX Kristofferson's "Lovin' Her Was Easier (Than Anything I'll Do Again)"

16 TXism: "active as a \_\_\_ fox in \_\_\_"

19 film about '80 U.S. Olympic hockey team

21 go in \_\_\_

22 "lock \_\_\_" (get ready)

27 TXism: "fought tooth and \_\_\_"

28 book: "1941: Texas \_\_\_ War"

29 TXism: "\_\_\_ eye to eye" (agree)

30 Pasadena is part of "\_\_\_ Houston"

32 NFL QB Roger who played only in Dallas (init.)

33 TX sends about 140 of 'em to the RNC

36 TX Dabney '81 film: "On Golden \_\_\_"

37 TX Claire Chennault was an adviser to Chiang \_\_\_-shek

38 TX-born Joshua Logan directed '49 "South \_\_\_"

**DOWN**

1 large tub

2 "echo" so. of border

3 TX-born Carl of "The Coasters."

4 TXism: "mean as \_\_\_"

8 Rangers had \_\_\_ fans in '10 season

9 TX rich are "in" this (4 wds.)

39 TXism: "more than \_\_\_ \_\_\_ skin a cat"

41 this TX Jack was one of the first faith healers

42 officially inform

45 this George was a hated Redskins coach

46 this TX Shoemaker won four Kentucky Derbies (init.)

47 in Tom Green Co. on 87 Cameron h.s. "\_\_\_men"

49 a performer at UNT's Annual Texas Flute Festival

52 best state in U.S.A.

53 astronaut Grissom, lived often in TX

54 this Howe managed Astros ('89-'93)

55 soap ingredient in early TX

10 TX Mandrell '82 gospel album: "\_\_\_ Set My Life to Music"

11 TXism: "fits like ugly on \_\_\_ ape"

12 TX William Humphrey 2nd novel (2 wds.)

13 \_\_\_ deaf

14 Rangers & Astros get 27 of 'em in a game

15 A&M yell: "Gig \_\_\_"

16 TXisms "whizzer" or "windy" (2 wds.)

17 fixed price (2 wds.)

18 TX coastline malady

20 this '06 film featured the voice of TX Owen Wilson as "McQueen"

22 TXism: "likely \_\_\_ not"

23 "Jim \_\_\_ Creek" was dammed to form Lake Coleman

24 \_\_\_ in the heart of TX"

25 pale violet color

26 single unit of a herd (2 wds.)

28 TX-born "Star Trek" guy, Roddenberry

31 ex-Cowboy Dorsett

34 "Spindletop" driller: \_\_\_ Lucas

35 early TX sheriff wore a "\_\_\_ star"

37 in Hays Co. on I-35

40 TXism for "many" (2 wds.)

43 in San Patricio Co. on hwy. 181

44 unlawfully in TX: "\_\_\_ aliens"

50 "left a bad \_\_\_"

51 TXism: "turn about \_\_\_ fair play"

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**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

BY LYNN ENGLISH  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The talk today is all about wind and smoke. There was a large fire Sunday, which nearly caused Barnhart to evacuate. It was a close call but the wind changed and the town did not have to leave.

Helen Owensby is still in the hospital in San Angelo. Helen is a wonderful woman and a good friend to many people.

I spoke to Helen Wall concerning Eddie since there were so many rumors going around. Eddie had a heart test and was found to have Congested Heart Failure not COPD as I printed in my column last week. Eddie you take care and we do hope you are getting along well.

Last Saturday, I visited with Johnny Griffin who was in a parked car. He had fallen and broke several ribs. Just be careful Johnny and get better.

It was with deep regret that I learned that Ralph W. Meine-

cke had passed away. He was better known as "Uncle Bud." Our regrets go out to his family and his many friends. He will be missed by so many.

Our friend Rosalind Williams broke her this past week. At this writing, as far as I know, she is still in the hospital. Get well soon Rosalind and we all miss you.

Betty and Bob Hartley are back in Ozona. We all missed them here at the Senior Center and are so happy that they are back here.

Those of you who did not go to Eldorado to see "Always Patsy Cline" missed a wonderful time. Our own Sandy Stokes and Janet Pullen added their talents to the play. They both made us proud.

The Crockett County Senior Center Board will meet for their monthly meeting Monday, March 7, at 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. All members are urged to attend this meeting.

On Tuesday, March 8, the Helping Hands Board will meet at 5:30 p.m. All board members

should attend.

The people that meet to play domino games will be meeting on Tuesday every week after lunch. If you would like to join them in playing, come on in about 1 p.m.

The bridge game will be played on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Those who attend have the best time playing bridge and they appreciate using our Senior Center.

On Wednesday, a group meets to play Mexican Train. These players get down and have a fun time playing this exciting game.

We have our regular activities: bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta, domino games and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines, a Wii game and two computers that are on the Internet for seniors to use.

We also have a projector with stand and screen and have added a wonderful keyboard.

Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults only.

**CARE CENTER CHATTER**

BY ODILIA SANCHEZ  
ASSISTANT ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

It looks like the weather is finally going to change. The residents are anxious to be able to go outdoors and enjoy some activities. In the meantime, we are trying to stay busy with indoor activities. We had our February shopping day on Feb. 3. Again, it was a huge success. We had all kinds of items that the residents bought with their Bingo Bucks. They all had the opportunity to look around and purchase three items. Once everyone had three items, then they all took another turn and purchased some more items.

They had fun and they purchased items that they needed for their personal use. We are planning to make a list of items that are needed most so that we will have everything ready for March when we have our next "shopping day." Our Bingo players are loaded with Bingo Bucks, so we need to have plenty of items they can choose from. If you are interested in being a part of this activity and can make a donation, please contact Odilia or Marta at 392-3096.

We all had a great time making Valentine holders on Feb. 10. Everyone had some good ideas on how to decorate them so they ended up with some pretty good looking ones. We made

one for each resident and then hung them outside their doors. Thanks to all the children and grownups who gave Valentine to the residents. They enjoyed reading all of them.

On Valentine's Day, we had quite a celebration. The residents enjoyed all kinds of goodies, including pink cheese dip. The punch, which was made by Dorinda, one of the nurses, was a popular item at the party. It seemed like everyone wanted to have seconds. The king and queen were crowned at the party. The King was Mr. Fructuoso Rios and the Queen was Mrs. Grace Isbell who also celebrated her 105th birthday on Feb. 11. A lot of work goes into the preparation of all the parties and we appreciate everyone who helps. Our staff is always great and helps out quite a bit. Thank you for all that you do.

We had another Movie Day on Feb. 17. The residents purchased popcorn, cokes, pickles and hotdogs with their Bingo Bucks and prepared for the matinee. The lights were dimmed, and it was show time. We all enjoyed watching Sister Act starring Whoopie Goldberg. We are going to continue to have a Movie Day each month. If you have any movies at home that you think the residents would enjoy watching and you want to share

them with us, please bring them to Marta or Odilia. This activity has been a big success also.

The residents enjoyed an outing on Feb. 20 thanks to Sandy Stokes for purchasing tickets and making reservations for the residents to attend the Patsy Cline performance in Eldorado. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and the residents had a good time.

On Feb. 22, everyone celebrated National Fried Pie Month. Our very own Mrs. Smith, Marta De La Garza, popped some pies in the oven and they were ready by the time the residents got up from their afternoon naps. We served all the residents a big piece of cherry pie and topped it off with a scoop of ice cream. After the residents were served, there was enough pie left for the staff to join in the celebration. The pies were delicious.

Feb. 24 was Chili Cook off day. There were three staff members that competed for the best homemade, for the most part, chili. Four of the residents were the judges and they had a tough time making a decision on which one was the best. We had first, second and third place winners. The residents enjoyed the event and they had chili and cornbread for lunch. Everyone had a good time. I will keep you posted on more activities that are planned for the following months.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Andres O. Galindo**

Andres O. Galindo, 62 died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011 in San Angelo. Funeral service was Monday, Feb. 28, 2011 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Leti Galindo of Ozona; two daughters, Selena Newby and Selma Metzger both of Ozona; one son, Andrew Sean Galindo of Ozona; five sisters, Coy Garcia of Del Rio, Veva Vargas, Rosie Ochoa, Lucy Williams and Nestor Villarreal all of Ozona; two brothers, Chalo Galindo and Alonzo Galindo both of Ozona.

**OBITUARIES**

**Ralph Winifred (Bud) Meinecke**

Ralph Winifred (Bud) Meinecke Jr., 81, died in Ozona on Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011. He was born Nov. 18, 1929 in Ozona, son of Ralph W. Meinecke Sr. and Coralie Kittle Meinecke.

After graduating from Ozona High School in 1947, Bud worked at South Texas Lumber Company before being drafted into the Army where he served from 1951-1953. He came home to Ozona and worked for the highway department a short time before joining his mother, Coralie, at Crockett County Abstract Company, and also as a partner in Meinecke Insurance Agency.

Working at Crockett County Abstract Company was a family affair for Bud. He worked with his mother from 1956 to 1963; his sister, Daphne June (Dilly) Dockery from 1963 to 1994; and his niece, Shannon Dockery Hunnicutt from 1996 to his retirement in January 2011.

Funeral services were held at the Ozona United Methodist Church on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

For over 55 years, Bud was instrumental in upholding the tradition of excellent service that so many land owners, oil and gas professionals, and real estate professionals have come to expect from Crockett County Abstract Company.

He maintained the title plant, prepared Abstracts of Title, and as an Escrow Officer, closed many home and land deals on property in and around Ozona. Nobody knows Crockett County like Bud did. He knew family history and the history of the land in Crockett County like the back of his hand. In his office, he was surrounded by files and documents. But go in and ask for something, and chances are, he could put his fingers on it in a matter of seconds.

Bud was always active in community affairs. He received special recognition for 30 years of service to the American Cancer Society, and was a longtime member of the Ozona Lions Club. He was a lifelong member of the Ozona United Methodist Church. In his younger days, he enjoyed golf and bowling. He was a loyal supporter of Ozona High School athletics, and enjoyed many years of traveling to football and basketball games, and track and tennis meets. He was known far and wide simply as Uncle Bud. He was a loving son, brother, uncle and friend.

Bud was preceded in death by his mother, Coralie Kittle Meinecke; father, Ralph W. Meinecke Sr.; two sisters, Sue Melton and Daphne Dockery, and a niece, Debbie Meinecke.

He is survived by one brother, William Gerald (Sonny) Meinecke and wife, Alleen of Houston; along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Pallbearers will be: Gerald Meinecke, Jeff Meinecke, Robert Lanzini, Larry Melton, Clay Melton, Jimmy Tidwell, Gary Mefford, Rick Hunnicutt, Ross Lanzini, and Neal Lanzini.

The family requests that memorials be made to Hospice of San Angelo, Crockett County Care Center, Therapy Pet Pals of Texas, or the charity of your choice.

**Harold Ray Henderson**

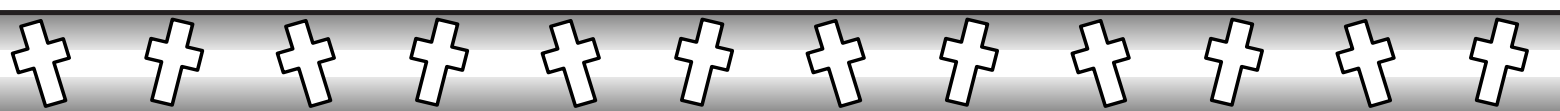
Harold "Ray" Henderson, 84, of San Angelo passed away Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at Meadow Creek Care Center. The funeral service was conducted Feb. 26 in Johnson's Funeral Chapel with Ellen King officiating. Interment followed in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Also that day, at Lawnhaven there was a memorial service for Ray's son Forest who preceded him in death on Feb. 11, 2011.

Ray was born July 6, 1926, in Santa Anna, Texas, to Markham and Rosa Seals Henderson. He married Josephine Buck in Midland, Texas, on July 21, 1951. Ray went to work at an early age to provide for his family after the loss of his father in 1942. Ray had many experiences in his life through his careers. His family was in farming and that is where he started; then Ray and Clay owned and operated a 24-hour service station which was uncommon at the time. Ray and Jodie lived in various West Texas towns during his life as he worked in the oilfield starting as a roughneck, progressing to floorhand and then tool pusher. He was considered a mechanical genius in his field of discerning down hole problems. The couple moved to Odessa in the early 60's, and there he became an oil field pumper. They moved to Ozona in 1965, where they owned and operated the White's Auto Store until they retired in 1989. The family all learned how to work at their father's side, especially Forest for many years. They moved to San Angelo in January, 1998.

Ray was very active in the community. He was a member of the Lions Club and served as President one year. Many years he was a volunteer fireman. Ray was preceded in death by his wife, Josephine, and son Forest Ray, his parents, four brothers, Hilburn, Clay Marcus, Kenneth Wayne, Roy Dale, and two sisters, Virginia Lee Henderson and Crystal Ruth Whitley.

Survivors include his daughters and their husbands, Nikki and Jimmy Dunn of Lamesa, Melissa and Mike Gustin of San Angelo, and daughter-in-law LaVerne Henderson of La Porte, Texas; his siblings Wanda Rose Johnson and Fred Carson Henderson of Odessa, Texas, sister-in-law Leona Henderson of Tricketham, Betty Henderson of Midland, and Jean Henderson of Odessa; his wife's siblings Maxine Riley Stephens and husband, N.E., of Odessa; Betty Miller and husband, Arbie, of Anson; Foy Jack Buck and wife, Buddy, of Abilene; Carolyn Buck of Victoria; five grandchildren, Sabrina, Amy, Rachel, Rayanna and Mitzi, three step-grandchildren, Bryon, Chris and Tami; five great-grandchildren, Trevor, Shayla, Kayli, Dylan, Anastasia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

One of the best descriptions of Ray was that he had an abundance of human compassion. He loved his family dearly and taught us by example, not just by words. He will be remembered by all with great fondness and loving memories. Dad showed his affection by quick wit and humor. THIS IS NOT A GOODBYE, DAD; WE WILL SEE YOU LATER!!!



**DIVING FOR CHICKENS**

Last week my wife went up the chicken house to gather the eggs and as she started to open the gate she noticed a hawk walking wobbly on the ground. He seemed addled and disoriented so she brought him home and put him in a special cage we have near the house. He was trying to catch the chickens but what that Hawk did not realize was that last year I covered the chicken pen with a special wire, (chicken wire) to protect them from just such things as hawks. That hawk reminds me of something in the Bible. Every living person has a enemy and he wants to kill or destroy us, (John 10:10, 1 Peter 5:8). He is a liar, deceiver, uses anything to trap or ensnare us, (Ephesians 6:16). He is known by several names like the evil one, Satan or the devil, (Revelation 12:9). The world and anyone without or not trusting in Christ as personal savior is under his power, (1 John 5:19). They are even called his children, (John 8:44, Acts 13:10). Without Christ we are helpless, but there is hope. Jesus Christ came to save us and to deliver us or protect us from the evil one, (Matthew 6:13, John 17:15, Acts 10:38). Our sins are forgiven when we have Christ and in Him we are protected from the evil one, (1 John 2:12-14, 5:18). See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

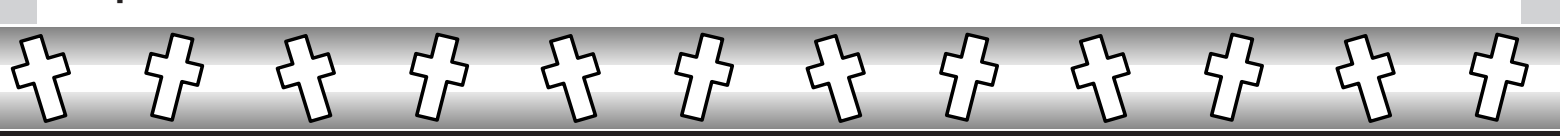
<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m. Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study</p>
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<p><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat &amp; Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b> 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</b></p>	
<p><b>New Beginnings Church</b> 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Apostolic Church</b> 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues &amp; Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>		

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## Education Service Center Region XV to benefit from USDA Rural Development funding

BY ANGELA KIKER  
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

SAN ANGELO - USDA Rural Development Texas State Director, Paco Valentin, highlighted USDA's commitment to improvements in rural education systems by presenting a ceremonial check last week to Region XV Education Service Center to assist with upgraded broadband capabilities.

The funding will be provided through the USDA Rural Development Distance Learning and Telemedicine Grant Program.

"Students in the most rural communities may not have access to museums, science programs or various other educational resources," said Valentin. "Distance learning opens the door to new opportunities for these students to make connections and access current resources from within their own schools. USDA Rural Development Distance Learning and Grants are powerful tools for providing expand-

ed educational opportunities which otherwise may be unavailable."

The \$415,453 grant will be used to connect 43 schools, encompassing 19 school districts throughout Runnels, Brown, McCulloch, Coke, Tom Green, Coleman, Val Verde, Crockett, Concho, Irion, Kimble, Mason, and Menard counties.

The funds will be used to purchase distance learning equipment to create new learning opportunities for students and increase training opportunities for educators.

With this new technology, the curriculum will now include the ability for students to attend virtual K-12 courses as well as college level course.

Educators will have access to the new equipment to keep accurate with online training programs.

Distance education will give rural school students the same opportunities as larger, more urban schools.

This will enhance the quality of education in rural

schools and allow these students to become more competitive in the job market.

The Distance Learning and Telemedicine (DLT) Grant Program provides access to education, training and health care resources in rural areas.

Funding is contingent upon the recipient meeting the conditions of the grant agreement.

These funds are part of USDA's annual budget and are not part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development fosters growth in homeownership, finances business development and supports the creation of critical community and technology infrastructure.

Further information on rural programs is available at the USDA Rural Development office in Ozona, 392-2301 ext. 4 or by <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

## OHS One Act Play to host March 21 Dinner Theatre

Ozona High School will host a Dinner Theatre featuring their 2011 UIL One Act Play entry "Flowers for Algernon" at 6 p.m. March 21 at the OHS Cafeteria and Auditorium.

A Spaghetti Dinner with salad, breadsticks, tea and cheesecake will be served.

Tickets are available from any of the UIL OAP students or you can come by the Ozona High School office to purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$10 each.

For more information, call Dottie De Leon at 392-5501 ext. 5711 or e-mail [dottie.deleon@ozona-schools.net](mailto:dottie.deleon@ozona-schools.net).



RUSSEL KOMECHAK won a blue ribbon with his trailer project at the San Angelo Stock Show and Rodeo last week. Russel will know work on getting his trailer ready to show at Houston.

### Card of Thanks:

Thank You to the Crockett County Deerfest Association. They provided the funds for 14 military pole banners. This allowed me to order the banners I needed to have a banner for every person in the military. I will place the banners on the poles once they are received a total of 64 banners of young men and women from Ozona or lived in Ozona that have joined our Military. Some are currently in harms way in Iraq, Afghanistan, or other countries.  
Frank Tambunga

### SUPPORT THE LIONS!

OHS Lion Kyle Dean will be participating in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes All-Star Classic Football Game this summer.

Sponsorship opportunities for Kyle are available. Any donation is welcome. Individuals, businesses and organizations names will be listed in the FCA program supporting Kyle. Donations are tax-deductible.

To donate or for more information, call The Ozona Stockman at (325) 392-2551, e-mail [publisher@ozonastockman.com](mailto:publisher@ozonastockman.com) or stop by 1000 Avenue E.

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### HELPING HANDS HIGHLIGHTS

BY MELINDA KAY MALONE  
DIRECTOR

Among my new friends here, there is an Hispanic saying "febreo loco, marzo otro poco."

Pardon my limited understanding of Spanish but it loosely means "if February's weather was crazy then March's weather will be a little crazier."

I think everyone will agree that March is following February's "loco" weather pattern.

Last week we had great turn outs for our meals at the center with one day being 28 regular attendees for an all time high.

Special Request: Helping Hands is in need of replacing a personal computer in the kitchen which is not repairable.

If you have a working hardrive and monitor that you would like to donate, please contact us.

For more information on qualifying for the meal programs and/or volunteering in the kitchen, on delivery routes and/or in the office, you can reach us at (325) 392-5026, by fax (325) 392-8006, e-mail [hhozona163@yahoo.com](mailto:hhozona163@yahoo.com), or come by to see us.

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# Lions win Ozona Baseball Tournament

Ozona Lions Baseball Starts the Season with a 23-3 Victory

The Ozona Lions Baseball team started their pre-season play against McCamey last Tuesday night. The Lions secured their first win of the season with a 23-3 win over the Badgers. Nathan De Hoyos started on the hill striking out five before turning it over to Abey Lara. Lara shut the Badgers down with three strike outs as well. The Lions only allowed three runs during the competition.

Offensively the Lions started their season off with a bang. Kyle Dean hit two singles and scored four runs, Abey Lara hit three singles and scored three runs, Nathan DeHoyos hit a single and a triple, scoring two runs, Adam Gonzales got on base on a base on balls and came in on a base hit by Andrew Sanchez who also hit a single in the first inning, Alejandro Mendez got on base on a two base error by the third baseman

where Tristen Alvarez came in as a courtesy runner and scored on another error. Alex Borrego hit a single and triple during his at bats. Jeffery Sanchez came in for Borrego in the fourth inning, got on base on an error by the first basemen, but was left on base at the conclusion of the inning. Austin Suddreth hit a single in the first and got on base on an error and base on balls to score his four runs of the game.

Ismael Castro hit a single in the first and got on base on errors to score his three runs for the competition. Saul Vargas was put on base three times with base on balls and an error where he scored two runs for the Lions.

Overall, the Lions had a fantastic season opener to lead them into the tournament the Lions hosted Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Lion's Field.

The Ozona Lions hosted an eight team tournament at Lion Field last

Thursday through Saturday. The teams included Rocksprings, Kermit, TLCA, Fort Stockton JV, Big Lake, Harper, Ozona JV and Ozona Varsity Lions.

All teams played four games each, with the Varsity Lions finishing first in the tourney against the Harper Longhorns. The Lions got their first win Thursday night over TLCA with a 13-2 win. Austin Suddreth began pitching for the Lions striking out four before turning it over to Ismael Castro, who struck out six during his tenure on the hill. The Lions had the bats swinging with Saul Vargas, Robbie Sanchez, Alejandro Mendez, A.J. Ramos, Ismael Castro, Tristan Alvarez, and Noah Tambunga all having base hits. Abey Lara, Black Morrow and Alex Borrego all hit doubles in the match-up.

Kyle Dean came into the game in the third and smashed a triple to right field. The Lions finished up with a 13-2 win over the Longhorns.

The Lions met up with the Kermit Yellowjackets for game two. Abey Lara started on the hill and then Nathan Dehoyos came in to close in the fourth. Lara struck out five while Dehoyos struck out eight during his time on the mound. The Lions tied the Yellowjacks in the first with hits by Kyle Dean, Nathan Dehoyos, Alejandro Mendez, Robbie Sanchez, and Austin Suddreth. In the second inning, Dean came in on a single hit by Lara. The third and fourth innings were relatively uneventful with the Lions securing their win in the fifth when Dehoyos scored on an error by the second baseman. The Lions beat the Yellowjacks 5-4.

The second game of the evening matched the Lions with Rocksprings Angoras. Robbie Sanchez pitched for the Lions striking out five. The Lions allowed no hits during the match-up with three up and three down for all innings played. The Lions game on strong offensively starting out with the first hit being an in the park home run by Kyle Dean while Lara hit another home run in the second. Alejandro Mendez, Alex Borrego, Robbie Sanchez, Austin Suddreth, Ismael Castro, and Saul Vargas all got hit for the Lions during the competitions. The Lions won the game, putting them into the championship game on Saturday with a 15-0 win over the Angors.

The championship game was Saturday night against the Harper Longhorns. Alejandro Mendez started on the hill for the Lions striking out two before turning it over to Ismael Castro in the fifth to close. Castro finished the game

with three strike outs for his record. The Lions started off the first inning with a hit and a homerun by Alejandro who was batting in the two hole. They scored three runs in the first inning. Castro came in on a single in the third, hit by Borrego. Andrew Sanchez hit a single in the third as well, but was left on base going into the fourth inning. Mendez hit a double in the fourth and was brought in by a sacrifice hit to center field by Abey Lara.

The fifth inning of the game proved to be successful for the Lions who scored four runs by Dean, Tristen Alvarez who was running for Sanchez, Saul Vargas, and Alex Borrego. Vargas and Borrego both had hits in that inning. To conclude the game and to clinch the championship title, the Lions scored seven runs in the final inning of the game with Kyle Dean hitting a triple while Lara and Sanchez both got base hits. The Lions walked away with a 16-8 win over the Longhorns and the tournament trophy.

The win over the Longhorns puts the Lions at a 5-0 record for the season. The Lions will travel to Sweetwater on Thursday and Friday to participate in their tournament.

## OHS Student places in Midland College writing contest



OHS Senior Rebecca Pierce received Honorable Mention in the 2011 Rebecca Watson Creative Writing Contest at Midland College.

Rebecca placed with her essay "Hollowness."

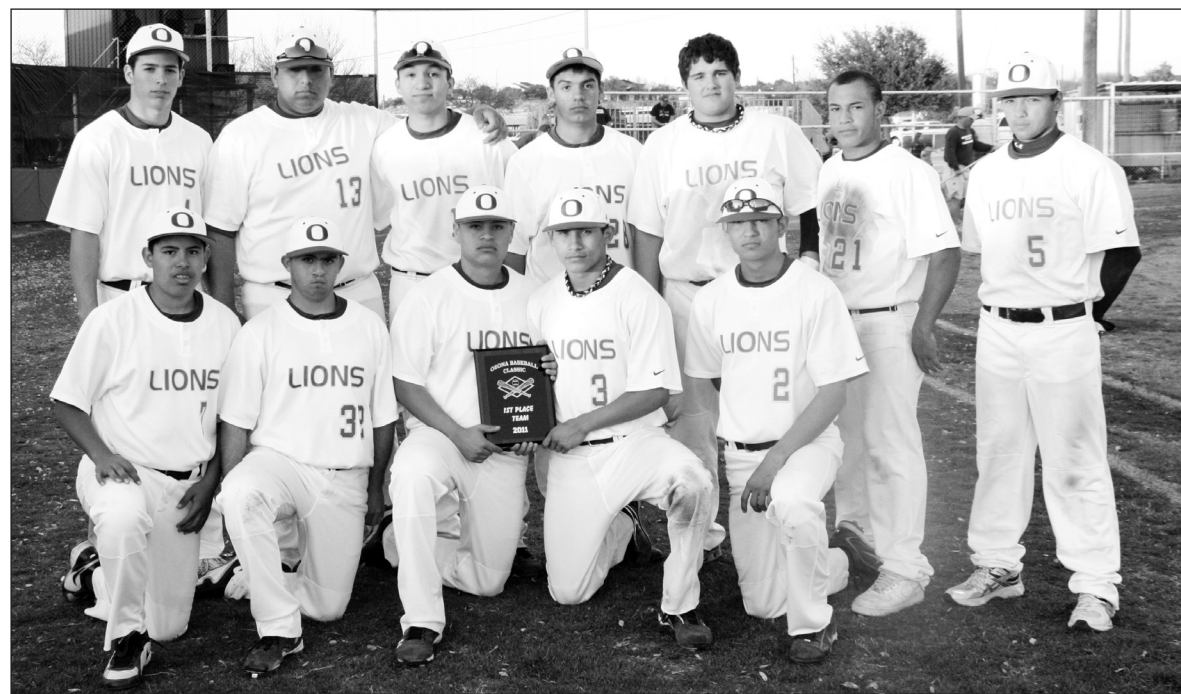
Other OHS Students that entered the contest were: Brenda Venegas; Jadyne Poindexter; Leandra Hernandez; Layla Mariah Perez and Natalie Hernandez.

The CWC has three categories: poetry, essay and short story.

The CWC began 36 years ago because Watson wanted Midland College to have a contest that celebrated creative writing.

There were 47 contestants and 20 of those, including Rebecca, were named finalists in the contests.

Awards were presented on Feb. 24 at Midland College.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE OHS VARSITY BOYS' BASEBALL TEAM WON THE OZONA TOURNAMENT THIS PAST WEEKEND.

## Lions take fourth at Junction

The Ozona Lions participated in the Hubbell Relays on Saturday with an accumulation of 87 points.

With only 10 traveling, some athletes were asked to participate in events outside of their comfort zone and competed well. In field events, Jerrod duBois brought home two gold medals in the long jump (18' 8 1/2") and high jump (5' 8") while Mark Gallardo received a silver medal in the discus (128' 10") and took 4th in the high jump (5' 4").

Scoring points in the triple jump were Tyler Galindo, fifth, and Josiah Jurado, sixth.

In running events, Gallardo brought home the gold in the 100 meter dash (12.27 seconds), Jurado received the bronze in the 3200 meter run (12:59:86 minutes) and duBois also received a bronze medal in the 400 meter dash.

Other running participants were as follows: Deep Patel 3200 M run (fifth) and

1600 M run (fifth), Chris Cantu 800 M run (fifth) and 1600 M run (fourth), Erik Duenes 100 M dash (sixth), Rocky Venegas 400 M dash (sixth), Gallardo 200 M dash (fifth), Galindo 300 M Hurdles (fifth).

Our relays, 4x200 M (Duenes, Galindo, Jurado and Gallardo) and 4x400 M (duBois, Venegas, Galindo and Jurado), did an excellent job competing and both ended up fourth.

Jose Lozano and Brandon Dominguez participated in the shot put and discus and continue to improve.

"Overall, we were pleased with the attitudes and competitiveness of our athletes throughout the meet. We have a long way to go and after our first meet our kids are determined to improve. The Lions will be traveling to Sonora this Saturday to participate in the Bronco Relays," said Coach Todd Iglerhart.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

JV LION ALEX BORREGO REACHES DOWN TO TAG A BIG LAKE OWL IN the Ozona Baseball Tournament held this past weekend.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

SCORING A RUN WAS WELL WORTH A FACE FULL OF DIRT FOR VARSITY LION KYLE DEAN in the Ozona Baseball Tournament.

## Lady Lions tear through Reagan County, McCamey

The Lady Lions Softball Team kept the wins coming last week as they battled Reagan County and McCamey.

The Ozona JV team defeated Reagan County 11-7 on Feb. 24.

Winning pitchers and catchers were: Samantha De La Garza and Bethani Trevinio; Kyann Hernandez and Lexi Poindexter.

"This was game one. It took the JV Lady Lions one complete inning to settle down and realize that they were playing a softball game. Once they did they exploded," said Coach Butch Gonzalez.

The Varsity Lady Lions then defeated Reagan County 15-1.

Winning pitcher and catcher: Raelynn Arredondo and Kodi Glosson.

Leading players: Glosson 2 runs; Adrienne Sanchez 3 runs; Arredondo 1 run and held the Lady Owls to one run scored; Britni Mitchel 2 runs; Melanie Miller 2 runs; Arleen Castillo 2 runs; Vivian Medina 1 run; Cynthia Garcia 2 runs and Lexi Poindexter also contributed to the Lady Lions win.

Miller and Mitchel each nailed homeruns.

"The team played a good game. We have really

hit the ball well and ran the bases well so far this year. Our defense played solid and that is very important and an emphasis for us this year. Softball is such a mental game and as a team we are always talking about our 'next pitch' mentality," Gonzalez said. "The girls have worked hard and executed well. I'm excited for them."

The Lady Lions then traveled to McCamey on Feb. 25 and defeated the Lady Badgers 20-0.

Winning pitcher and catcher: Sanchez and Glosson.

Leading players: Glosson 3 runs; Sanchez 3 runs; Arredondo 2 runs; Mitchel 3 runs; Miller 2 runs; Castillo 2 runs; Medina 1 run; Garcia 1 run and Poindexter 3 runs.

Sanchez held the Lady Badgers scoreless as she pitched an excellent game, Gonzalez said. The Lady Lion pitcher struck out five batters and her effort, along with solid defense, didn't allow any Lady Badger to reach base.

"We are very pleased with our practice preparation and game day mentality," Gonzalez said.

The Lady Lions are now 3-0 entering into San Angelo Tournament play this week.

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# OMS Honor Roll

## "A" HONOR ROLL

### Fourth Six Weeks

**Sixth Grade** - Austin Elguea, Madison Galindo, Asia Lara, Kamryn Lozano, Julie Marshall, Rachel Mendoza, Kabir Shah and Amberlyn Taylor

**Seventh Grade** - Kimberly Borrego, Madison Childress, Kristen Fierro, John Gomez, Alex Hopper, Taylor Luna, Bryce Martin, Maria Mejia, Jeremy Munoz, Jose Ojeda, Estefania Torralba, Nereyda Vega and Kevin Villarreal.

**Eighth Grade** - Justice Adkins, Bryce Gutierrez, Kristen Hernandez, Jadie Marshall, Ricardo Porras, Alan Salazar, Nathaniel Valdes and Dalan Wilson

## "A-B" HONOR ROLL

### Fourth Six Weeks

**Sixth Grade** - Luis Contreras, Thomas Cruz, Edgar Damian, Michael Fay, Gabriella Flores, Garry Held, Madyson Hubbard, Maiah Jurado, Trace Justiss, Jennifer Lewis, Tiomothy Mal-

donado, Olivia Mata, Jadon Perez, Sidney Perez, Amery Robison, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Pricila Rodriguez, Kelly Sewell, Meagan Shook, Jasmine Talamantez, Juan Tambunga, Azaylea Tovar and Megan Vasquez

**Seventh Grade** - Narda Aguilar, Daisy Cantu, Ricardo Damian, Bobbie Garcia, Dakota Lee, Lauren Miles, Alyssa Newlin, Kalen Perez, April Ramoz, Alondra Rodriguez, Belinda Rodriguez, Dulce Rodriguez, Brianna Sanchez, Ashley Vargas, Juan Venegas and William Whitten

**Eighth Grade** - Angel Aguilar, Yadira Diaz, Kaylenn Elston, Meagan Espinosa, Elva Gallardo, Aliyah Guerra, Krislynn Harris, Marisa Held, Michael Hill, Elizabeth Kennedy, Daniel Lombrana, Melissa Lozano, Bethany Martinez, Jana Munsell, Keyanna Perez, Ryan Porras, Jon-Luke Rodriguez, Juan Rodriguez, Maira Rodriguez, Abelardo Rodriguez, Jennifer Salazar, Loren Talamantez, Zackary Taylor and Nydia Valdes

# Sixth Graders Qualify for State Competition in Math

Two students from Ozona Middle School recently qualified for state competition in the math division of the Texas Middle School Math and Science Coaches Association competition. Sixth grader Julie Marshall qualified in the calculator division by scoring 161 points. Sixth grader Garry Held qualified in the mathematics division by scoring 50 points. Students from 1A- to 5A districts compete against a qualifying score in order to advance to Middle School Championship Meet in San Antonio April 9, 2011

at the University of Texas San Antonio.

Another state qualifying meet in math and science will be held this coming Saturday March 5, 2011 at Lincoln Middle School in San Angelo. This is the first year Ozona middle School has competed in the Texas Middle School Math and Science Competition. Students are coached by OMS 8th grade math teacher Ernie Rivera. Ozona Middle School would like to thank Mr. Matt Gutierrez for his support during the competitions.



GARRY HELD AND JULIE MARSHALL

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN



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OZONA HIGH SCHOOL THEATRE, PRE AP AND AP ENGLISH CLASSES AND THE UIL ONE ACT STUDENTS GOT TO VIEW the Broadway touring production of "WICKED" in San Antonio on Feb. 17.

# Elementary Honor Roll

## "A" HONOR ROLL

### Fourth Six Weeks

**First Grade** - Monserrat Blanco, Roxana Camarillo-Mares, Mattison Camp, Juan Cantu, Esperanza Castillo, Kayleigh Dominguez, Ivan Escamilla, Noah Escamilla, Ethan Gonzalez, Bryce Gray, Adam Hopper, Sydney Knaack, Jason Lopez, MaryJane Macias, Brianna Maskill, Mysti Mata Zapata, Amber Moran, Haileigh Moran, Haley Nowell, Allyson Ortiz-Gaige, Lea Quigley, Jeremiah Sanchez, Genesis Venegas and Krysten Webb.

**Second Grade** - Liana Blanco, Madison Castro, Carson Childress, Ethan Criswell, Jose Dominguez, Michael Esparza, Sydney Flores, Shelbie Galindo, Reagan Gonzalez, Ian Hernandez, Kaitlyn Hernandez, Kemberly Hernandez, Michaela Holley, Jonathan Jurado, Jarett Justiss, Idaly Ledezma, Jenna Marshall, Jose Munoz, Addison Palma, Keano Perez, Raul Ramirez, Ida Rodriguez, Norah Rodriguez, Kyndall Rohan, Dorisel Sanchez, Jacqueline Sanchez, Pilar Sanchez Garcia, Jace Savala, Kaleigh Thomas, Jacqueline Venegas, Matthew Wellman and Tate Williams.

**Third Grade** - Raellee Borrego, Jasmine Fraire, Valysa Hartman, Nate Jackson, Alec Lara, Roslynn Mendez, Austin Moran, Lazaro Rodriguez, Peyton Rohan, Humberto Torralba and Manuel Torralba.

**Fourth Grade** - Chantz Elliott, Jacqueline Guerra, Josh Knaack and Caleb Webb.

**Fifth Grade** - Cassidy Gonzalez, Brenna Hale, Andy Hernandez, Murray Logan, Emily Marlatt and Samantha Torralba.

## "A-B" HONOR ROLL

### Fourth Six Weeks

**First Grade** - Adriana Aranda, Madison Bullard, Dameion Daigle, Matthew De La Garza, Ysabella Flores, Harley Hernandez, Kayleigh Hernandez, Westyn Hubbard, Lane Hurst, Alejandra Mata, Jacqueline Medina, Declan Perez, Lizbet Quiroz, Mary Rodriguez, Siria Rodriguez,

Leena Sanchez-Garcia, Deziree Tambunga, Adin Thornhill, Ethan Tobar and Jaron Villarreal.

**Second Grade** - Izac Adkins, Jazmynn Barrera, Reagan Borrego-Barrera, Austin Castro, Christopher Contreras, Brianna Garcia, Jorge Garcia Molina, Daniella Gonzales, Alondra Hernandez, Cobran Hernandez, Skylar Luna, Melvyn Mejia, Pella Ojeda, Shelly Ortiz, Alexandra Quiroz, John Ramirez, Marco Rodriguez, Isaiyah Samario, Elisabeth Sanchez, Michael Solis, Jesus Vega, Emmanuel Venegas and Elizabeth Villarreal.

**Third Grade** - Esmeralda Castillo, Jacob Childress, Sebastian De La Cruz, Julian Dominguez, Jaden Fay, Aiden Fuentes, Amber Fuentes, Laney Galindo, Matthew Galindo, Braeden Gutierrez, Osiel Hernandez, Kenadi Iglehart, Marco DeHoyos Lozano, Hailey Marlatt, Cristina Mata, Alexandra Montgomery, Carlie Ramos, Aaron Rodriguez, Joe Salas, Kayla Sarabia, Thomas Talamantez, Alycia Tambunga, Joseph Vitela, Tyler Webb, Adrian Whitby and Justin Yeager.

**Fourth Grade** - Isaac Gonzales, Coulter McWilliams, Adalyne Nehus, Yamin Ojeda, Alyssa Perez, Ivan Villarreal, Paige Villarreal and Riley Williams.

**Fifth Grade** - Alejandra Camarillo, Josae Coy, Roman Esparza, Rodrigo Gonzales, Larissa Hernandez, Brandon Jara, Caleb Martinez, Toni Parker, Denise Rodriguez, Kaelan Savala, Jacob Schroeder, Hunter Smith and Autumn Villarreal.

# OHS students attend Broadway touring production of "WICKED"

The Ozona High School Theatre Class, Pre AP and AP English classes and the

UIL One Act Students travelled to San Antonio on Feb. 17, 2011 to watch the Broadway touring production of "WICKED."

Making the trip as sponsors were Tammy McWilliams, Susie duBois, and Dottie De Leon who was able to find a student group rate and performance date. Of the 31 students who went to see the show only 3 had ever witnessed or enjoyed that kind of production.

Most of our students only get to see the UIL OAP. That is their live theatre performance experience. To be able to share my love of Theatre through a live performance and to see their

reactions to the spectacle of it all is one of the most satisfying moments.

"The part where the wicked witch flies and sings "Defying Gravity" gave me

chills." -Senior Miguel Vergara, theater student.

The students went to the 2:00 matinee and then drove back to Kerrville where they dined at Mamacita's.

# Crockett County Shotgun Shoot seeking entries for May 14 event

A Crockett County Shotgun Shoot, sponsored by Ozona Trap & Skeet, will be held May 14 at the Crockett County Shooting Sports Complex.

The event will feature 50 Five Stand, 50 American Trap and 50 American Skeet. Cost is \$75 per 150 birds and deadline to register is May 1. Late entries are \$85 per 150 birds.

Awards for top five places in all divisions: High Point Over-All Individual Awards 4 Divisions - Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1 and Senior 2 Divisions.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and matches start at 9 a.m. Cut off for registration is 10 a.m.

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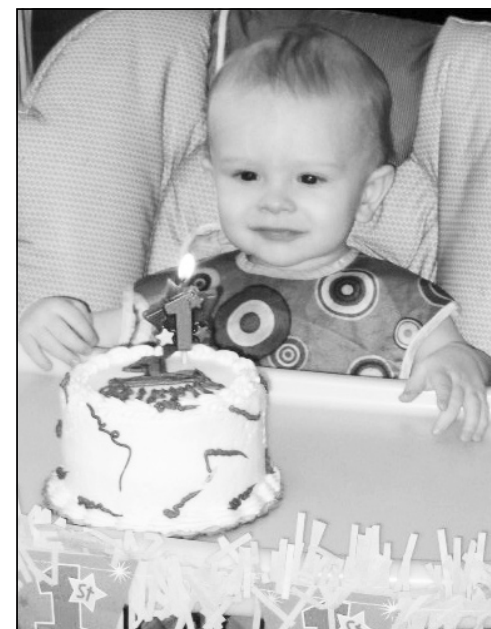
# Venegas, Vargas and Dean advance in powerlifting

Michael Vargas finished second in the 132 pound class at Reagan County. Michael had his best total of the year with 865 pounds.

Vargas, along with Kyle Dean will compete at the Region 1 Powerlifting Meet

in Sundown on March 12. Lady Lion Jenny Venegas will lift at the Region 1 Powerlifting Meet on March 5.

The boys will travel to Sundown and Venegas will compete in Odessa.

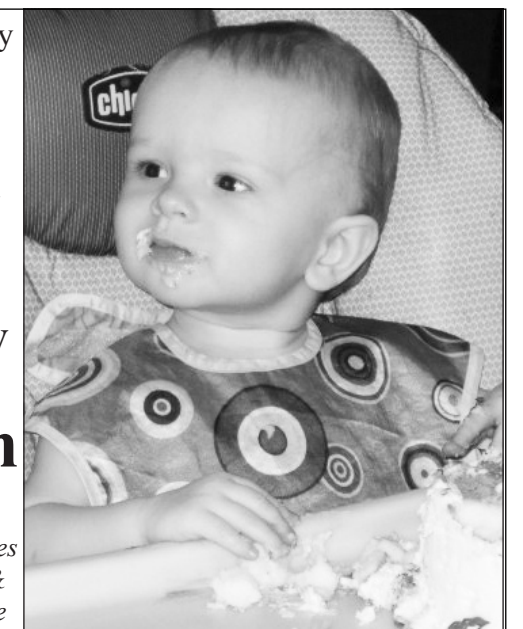


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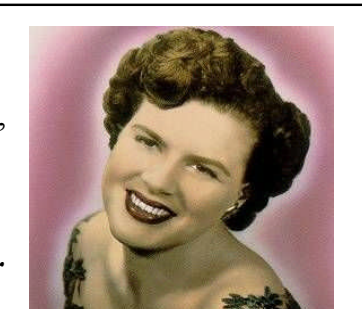
Other evening highlights include a short reception, buffet dinner catered by Rodney's Tender Taste of Texas, (featuring chicken breast and pork loin) and Chamber program including the Business of the Year announcement.

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6600	Egg Resources	University -40- #1522 H	Patterson UI #19	Drig Ahead
8300	Walter O & G Corp	M Elliott #3 H	Patterson UI #471	Drig Ahead
7000	Approach Operating	University 45-8 #3 H	Nabors Drilling #714	Drig Ahead
9600	Bark Royalty Company	Harris #1	Ringo Drilling 1p #19	Drig Ahead

**Irion County**

PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
6600	Egg Resources	University -40a- #401 H	Cactus Drilling #102	Drig Ahead
7200	Egg Resources	University -40- #1401 H	Felderhoff Bros #4	Drig Ahead
8000	Exco Res	Sugg -2- #16	Robinson Drilling #8	Drig Ahead
9500	Fiml Natural Res	Mallard 03959	Patterson UI #721	Drig Ahead
9500	Fiml Natural Res	Antelope Draw - C #584	Felderhoff Bros #2	Drig Ahead
9500	Fiml Natural Res	Concho - 4- #3004m	Patterson UI #495	Drig Ahead

**Reagan County**

PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
10000	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Sugg -C- #26i	Precision Drilling #10	Assigned
9000	Stander Development	Jag Pettit #3	Ringo Drilling 1p #2	Assigned
10800	Primer Natural	University -3-18a- #8	Patterson UI #169	Moving On
10000	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Srh -B- #23a	Union Drilling Texas #206	Bigging Up
10000	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Book #150i	Patterson UI #118	Drig Ahead
12000	Endeavor Energy Res	Owens D Childress #4	Big Dog Drilling #5	Drig Ahead
9500	Fiml Natural Res	Mustang Draw #1g	Patterson UI #742	Drig Ahead
10000	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Justin Lee McMaster -B- #13a	Patterson UI #39	Drig Ahead
9900	Endeavor Energy Res	Srh -8a- #1	Big Dog Drilling #4	Drig Ahead
10800	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Srh -C- #33c	Union Drilling Texas #226	Drig Ahead
12000	Prime Operating	Stanley #2	Patterson UI #169	Drig Ahead
10700	Matiner Energy	Srh -13- #132a	Big Dog Drilling #24	Drig Ahead
10000	Broad Oak Energy Inc	Sugg -B- #190i	Precision Drilling #10	Drig Ahead
11500	Parsley Energy	Jameson -49- #2	Matlock Drilling	Drig Ahead
12900	El Paso E&P Company	University 8-12 #1 H	Helmerich & Payne #301	Drig Ahead

**Schleicher County**

PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
7750	Highmount E&P Tr	Marigolds #1703 H	Ringo Drilling 1p #71	N.O.A.
4800	Paint Rock Operating	McLaughlin #45	Greenwood Drilling #1a	Rigging Up
8850	Highmount E&P Tr	University 55-10 #2	Ringo Drilling 1p #20	Drig Ahead
8500	T&E Engineering	Tankersley #1a	Ringo Drilling 1p #5	Drig Ahead

## FIRE: from page 1

County Judge Fred Deaton and two commissioners assisted, as well as several local businesses and individuals sent food and water to the volunteers.

One Ozona firefighter received minor injuries and was treated at the Family Health Center of Ozona. No other injuries were reported and no structures were damaged.

"The Ozona Fire Department wishes to say thanks to the response from local citizens who brought water and juice and food to scene," Falkner said.

Due to the dry weather, wildfires blazed throughout West Texas and the Panhandle Sunday and Monday.

On Sunday, the Texas Forest Service responded to 21 fires for 120,854 acres, including large fires in Mitchell, Howard, Potter, Randall, Motley, Andrews, Martin, Haskell, Scurry, Eastland, Midland and Crockett counties.

Around 7,000 acres burned in Howard and Mitchell counties. The forest service stated that this fire started in Howard County and burned close

to two other fires in Mitchell County. The fires have burned around Big Spring and Colorado City.

Twelve homes were destroyed and three damaged. A nursing home in Colorado City was evacuated, the forest service stated.

The largest fires were in Potter and Motley counties in the Panhandle.

Around 30,000 acres burned from a fire that started on the northeast side of Amarillo. Thirty homes were destroyed.

Near Matador in Motley County, 40,000 acres burned and two homes were destroyed. The entire town of Matador was evacuated.

The Texas Forest Service advises for all residents to obey outdoor burning bans. Don't burn trash or debris when conditions are dry or windy. Crockett County is currently under a burn ban.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association issued a press release Monday strongly encouraging all ranchers whose cattle were on burned pasture to have their cattle inspected by a veterinarian for burns and other trauma from fires.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

**FEB. 22**  
• 3:36 p.m. - Grass fire on County Road 209 close to the Irion/Schleicher county line. May be the control burn in Schleicher County out of control. A unit with three firefighters, Barnhart unit with two firefighters. Was a false alarm, was the control burn in Schleicher County.

traffic control. Two units, two firefighters. Time in service 9 minutes.

**FEB. 25**  
• 12:18 p.m. - Grass fire 2-3 miles south on State Hwy 163. Less than an acre. Two units, three firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 25 minutes.

**FEB. 27-28**  
• Grass fires off of County Road 205 and U.S. Hwy 190. See article on page 1 for details.

**FEB. 24**  
• 6:14 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident 11th St. and Avenue E,

## FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

**BAIL BONDS**  
• Desidoro Tijerina Jr., Ozona, interfering with public duties, misdemeanor, \$2,000.  
• Tammy Frank Clark, Magnolia, Texas, driving while intoxicated first offense, class B misdemeanor, \$2,000 PR Bond.  
• Myra DuPont, Gray, Maine, theft more than \$500 less than \$1,500, misdemeanor, \$5,000.  
• Anthony Ray Cordova, Ozona, theft less than \$50, class C misdemeanor, \$1,100 PR Bond.  
• Joshua Santos, Ozona, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000.  
• Mark Darren Carter, Ozona, aggravated assault causing bodily injury, felony, \$10,000.

transport, driving while intoxication and possession of dangerous drug, cases dismissed, pled in district court.  
• Andrew Joshua Salgado, driving while intoxicated-first open container, one year pre-trial diversion.  
• Michael Edward Beseril, driving while license invalid, 20 days in jail.  
• Brady Daniel Blair, violation of protective order, 27 days in jail, \$313 court costs.  
• Curtis Leroy Keese II, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismissed, pled in Justice of the Peace Court.  
• Gregory Ryan Spratlin, possession of a controlled substance, dismissed, pled in Justice of the Peace Court.  
• Zulema Andrea Ortega, driving while intoxicated, purchasing/furnish alcohol to a minor, one-year probation, \$500 fine, \$313 court costs.  
• David Ybarra Gutierrez, deadly conduct, 59 days in jail.  
• Everson Lee Flores, false report to a peace officer, \$500 fine, \$313 court costs.  
• Susan E. Calloway, driving while intoxicated, one-year pre-trial diversion.  
• Eloy Lopez Gonzales, driving while intoxicated-first, one-year pre-trial diversion.  
• Johnny Lee Allen, theft more than \$50 and less than \$500, 30-day pre-trial diversion, \$1,236.50 restitution.  
• Richard Ralph Arreguy, driving while intoxicated-first, one-year probation, \$500 fine, \$313 court costs.

## COUNTY COURT

**Closed Cases February 2011**  
• Kelsie Ann Marie Haire, reckless driving, \$500 fine, \$313 court costs and one-year probation; assault with bodily injury, \$313 court costs, \$1,439.34 restitution and two years deferred adjudication and criminal mischief, case dismissed, pled in other county case.  
• Jorge Enrique Cardozo, concealing motor fuel, dismissed.  
• Ernesto Villarreal, enticing a child, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, reckless driving, evading arrest/detention, cases dismissed, pled in district court.  
• Cruz Julian Palacio, evading arrest/detention, dismissed, sentence in district court.  
• Maribel Castillo Rodriguez, resist arrest, search,

## Second annual Rancher's Workshop March 25 in Big Lake

The Crockett, Middle Concho, North Concho River, Edwards Plateau, Eldorado-Divide and Tom Green Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) are partnering up with local landowners, Angelo State University (ASU), Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to host the second annual "Rancher's Workshop."

The event is scheduled for Friday, March 25, at the Big Lake Community Center in Big Lake.

There will be a BBQ lunch, catered by Kenny Blane's Village Cafe, and vendors will be on site to display improvements in today's agriculture business sector. Continuing Education Credits (CEU) will be offered for participants, registration will begin at 8 a.m., with the first speaker starting the day at 8:45 a.m. and concluding at 2:30 p.m.

The mission is to bring together innovative and successful individuals to share their experiences with an audience of their peers in the agricultural business.

Dr. Gary Vannoy, D.V.M., from Ozona, will cover live-

stock diseases common to the area; Dr. Rick Machen, AgriLife Research and Extension livestock specialist, will provide vaccinating schedules and results; Dr. Cody Scott, with Angelo State University will cover range animal nutrition and protein/mineral supplementation; and representatives from Boehringer-Ingelheim and Texas Vet Lab, Inc. will be covering pharmaceutical improvements and available products.

During the event Stay Tuff Fencing, Yellowhouse Machinery Company and Priefert Ranch Equipment will offer on-site live demonstrations of the latest innovations to the livestock and equipment industry.

Corey Owens, instructor/research associate with the ASU Department of Agriculture will have graduate students on hand to display their range-land research projects. Both students and speakers will be available to answer questions about their respective research projects and presentations.

For more information and/or to RSVP for the workshop, contact the Middle Concho SWCD at (325) 884-2182 ext.3.

## First National Bank of Sonora acquires loan and deposit portfolios from The Trust Company

BY CARLIN FRIAR  
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT/BRANCH MANAGER

The First National Bank of Sonora announces the acquisition of the loan and deposit portfolios from The Trust Company.

The Trust Company is headquartered in San Antonio, Texas with a branch office in Boerne, Texas.

With acquisition agreements filed and regulatory approval pending, the target date for finalizing the acquisition is May 1, 2011.

According to Bob Malone, CEO of the First National Bank of Sonora, "This continued implementation of a growth strategy that began 15 years ago will allow the First National Bank of Sonora to bring its philoso-

phy of community banking to more areas of Texas."

Senior Vice President of the Boerne Banking Center/First National Bank of Sonora, Carlin Friar says, "This acquisition of the loan and deposit portfolios of The Trust Company will give our newly acquired customers the benefit of access to all of the great services available at the Boerne Banking Center/First National Bank of Sonora. We look forward to serving our new customers and have the utmost confidence in the stability and future of Boerne as a community, and for the Boerne Banking Center."

For more information, call Carlin Friar at The Boerne Banking Center at (830) 331-9118.

## STATE: from page 2

4. To extend terms for state judges from four years to six for district court judges and from six years to eight for appellate court judges.

## TEXAS' 175TH ANNIVERSARY ARRIVES

On Feb. 24, at the invitation of Speaker Straus, House Speaker Pro Tempore Beverly Woolley, R-Houston, on the floor of the Texas House, read the famous letter written by Col. William Barrett Travis with the Alamo under siege on Feb. 24, 1836.

And, further in observance of the 175th anniversary (terquascentennial) of the Republic of Texas' independence from Mexico, the originals of the Travis letter and the Republic of Texas' Declaration of Inde-

pendence from Mexico, signed March 2, 1836, are on public display at the Lorenzo de Zavala State Library and Archives Building, just east of the state Capitol.

## LAREDO REP. FILES POPULAR VOTE BILL

State Rep. Richard Peña Raymond, D-Laredo, has filed HB 1498, legislation to make every vote count in presidential elections.

Raymond said his bill "would help change presidential elections to assure that the winner of the national popular vote would be elected president."

Texas would enter into an agreement with other states to assign all of its presidential electors to the candidate who wins the national popular vote in all 50 states plus the District of Columbia, if Raymond's bill is enacted.

## Corrections...

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees took no action on the contract of OMS Principal Houston Hendryx during the Feb. 16 regular meeting. Also, the additional costs for grass, gates and kitchen water softening system at Ozona Elementary School represent additional project costs and are not covered under warranty. This information was incorrect in the Feb. 23 edition of The Ozona Stockman.

## EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

**FEB. 15**  
• 911 call - Transport and treatment Family Health Clinic  
• Emergency transfer -

Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center  
**FEB. 18**

• Emergency transfer - Transport and treatment San Angelo Community Med Ctr  
• 911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center  
**FEB. 19**

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All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times.

In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

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