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Relay For Life this weekend

Relay For Life participants – rest your feet and get plenty of rest. The long awaited weekend is finally approaching. Team members and chair personnel are busy finalizing things for the first annual Crockett County Relay For Life, to be held at Lion Stadium this Friday, April 8, starting at 7 p.m. and ending on Saturday, April 9, at 7 a.m.

The community is highly encouraged to come by and spend some time with friends and family who are taking turns making their rounds on the track. Minors will need to leave the premises at midnight if they are not accompanied by their parents.

The evening will kick off with a Survivor Reception at 6:15 p.m. in front of the concession stand at Lion Stadium. The reception is open to any and all survivors and their immediate families.

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OHS Academic winners

Ozona High School placed fourth last week in the District UIL Academic Meet held at Brady.

Senior Duncan Knox qualified for the Region I Meet in three events.

Also qualifying are: Lane Hale, Jayce Logan, Clarissa Burciaga and Erik Carrizales.

The Region I meet will be held April 15-16 at Odessa College.

Placing at the district meet were:

• Computer Applications - 6. Desiree Marshall

• Computer Science - 5.

Duncan Knox and 6. Jayce Logan. Team - 2. Duncan Knox, Jayce Logan, Clarissa Burciaga and Erik Carrizales

• Editorial Writing - 4.

Lane Hale

• Feature Writing - 6.

Kelsie Ramirez

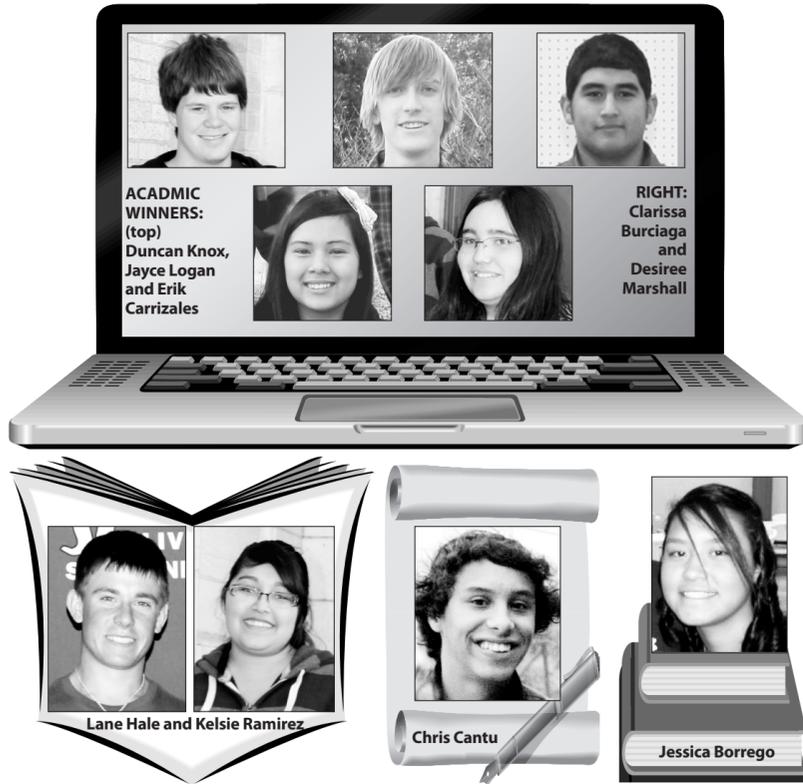
• Headline Writing - 3.

Duncan Knox and 4. Lane Hale

• News Writing - 2. Lane Hale

Prose - 6. Jessica Borrego

Ready Writing - 2. Duncan Knox and 6. Chris Cantu.



Lowe's purchases Super S Foods

BY JAMES HANSON
SUPER S FOODS

Pay and Save Inc. dba Lowe's based out of Littlefield, Texas with 90 locations throughout the Texas, New Mexico and Arizona has purchased Super S Foods store chain based out of San Antonio, Texas.

Lowe's has a rich family history that can be traced back to the 1940s.

They are a family owned and operated chain of supermarkets and was founded in Olton, Texas in 1964.

The entire family is involved and dedicated to ensuring the success of Lowe's.

The chain currently employs over 3,300 teammates and is serviced by Affiliated Foods in Amarillo, Texas.

The acquisition became final on March 23.

Lowe's will retain all teammates at each location of the Super S Foods Stores.

"Customers will begin to see a transformation of products and expansion of departments within the next three to four weeks. Customers

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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
KERRIE'S CREATIONS and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce held a grand opening ribbon cutting Saturday. The store is located on the town square next door to JW Measurement. Owner Kerrie Baker (center) is pictured surrounded by family, friends, Chamber Ambassadors and local officials.

Kerrie Creations grand opening a scent of success

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
CHAMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Family, County Judge Fred Deaton, Commissioners Pleas Childress, Eligio Martinez and Frank Tambunga, Chamber Ambassadors Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Shirley Kirby and Melinda Malone and friends came together for the Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting hosted by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce for Kerrie's Creations located at 512 9th Street on the town square, Saturday, April 2, 2011. "We are here today to celebrate and congratulate Kerrie on the expansion of her home based business to her new store," said Chamber Executive Director, Shanon Biggerstaff.

Guests were buzzing with delight about the beautifully decorated new store. Everything from the col-

orful and bright window display, to the new lighting in the high ceilings, to the wonderfully painted walls and photographs. The location had been completely transformed with products displayed and exhibited in such a way that perfectly depicted the theme of the shop. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and talked about the bear claw bathtub cake with eatable bubbles and floor mats.

Kerrie's Creations began as a home based, family owned and operated business started by Kerrie herself last year. Kerrie produces all natural bath, beauty and aromatherapy products. "My interest began when I noticed my children and family members began to have reactions to many different bath products," said Kerrie. Ker-

rie worked for Morad Associates, a lab at the Whitney hospital, for two years where she developed her skill to create her all natural products and original scents.

All of Kerrie's Creations products will be created in her workshop at the back of the store with the help of her husband John and best friend Jennifer Lackey who operates the Whitney Branch of the business.

"If you are someone who is prone to allergies, or have had a reaction to another product whose scent you like, we can match that scent for you. We can custom make your own special lotion, soap or shampoo," said Kerrie.

Kerrie has also created a line of her own original scents, the most popular now being

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Curriculum and services in Ozona Schools

This is the third in a series of guest articles on the impact of the current state budget crisis on Ozona Schools. The aim is to help Ozona residents be fully informed and to understand more about how their schools are funded and operated. Citizens are encouraged to contact Superintendent Chris duBois at 325-392-5501 to learn more or to direct questions about Ozona Schools' programming or financial condition.

BY CHRIS DUBOIS
CCCCSD SUPERINTENDENT

In last week's article, we showed characteristics of what the school budget looks like in Ozona, and shared some facts and descriptions about services and programming in our schools. This week's installment will include an overview of curriculum and services available to students, and will also include specific examples of ways we are exercising resourcefulness to stretch every dollar and resource to meet the goal of excellent service at great value to taxpayers.

Any school's first responsibility is to deliver a sound, relevant curriculum aimed at preparing students for opportunities after graduation. As we strive to do so, we also work hard to maintain awareness of developments in science, technology, politics, and social issues so that we can ensure that we are teaching students about the world that really exists around them and how they can interact with it. Teachers delivering great instruction need not only supplies and materials for direct instructional engagement, but also professional development aimed at increasing capacity to meet the needs of all learners; technologies to capitalize on a variety of ways to gather, present and manipulate information; and a variety of supports

**Special Called school board meeting,
6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7.
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to assist all students in meeting high academic goals. Students and teachers in Crockett County Schools are well supported in each of these areas. We have strong instructional budgets and are catching up in instructional technologies and resources to support innovation as well as to assist struggling learners.

Many students encounter difficulty mastering core academic competencies for a variety of reasons. Perhaps they have moved several times, encountering instructional gaps that result from differing instructional sequences in different schools. Students may struggle with managing dual languages, mastering mathematics concepts, interpreting a variety of data (the internet alone is rapidly expanding the sheer amount of information and how fast it changes) in different forms; or in foundational writing or speaking skills. These challenges have always existed, but the pressure related to high-stakes testing and the rapid evolution of information and how we use it are two very important factors in why many students experience academic difficulty today. These students need extra reinforcement and engagement – and that takes resources.

The State Board of Education determines what students should know and learn. The complete set of skills and knowledge teachers at each level are responsible for are codified in what we know as TEKS, or Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills. The TEKS are

tested rigorously through an assessment program administered annually by the Texas Education Agency to measure the effectiveness of schools in meeting curricular expectations – The Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills – or TAKS. At certain grades (5 & 8) students must meet minimum expectations for performance (which by the way, continually increase over time) in order to be promoted to the next grade. High School Juniors must currently pass exams in four core subject areas to graduate. (This requirement is expanding to 12 tests over the first three years of high school soon.) These students and their teachers are under extreme pressure all year as a result. We regularly monitor student progress toward these expectations and make instructional adjustments or interventions accordingly. Some of these interventions may be as simple as extra individual or small group practice. Sometimes, intensive re-teaching is required. And when there is a specific, individual learning difficulty hindering a student's progress in learning – not just for state tests – we do everything we can to develop necessary skills and provide additional reinforcement and learning experience to catch that child up with peers.

It is very important that we do not let students down – so we juggle a lot of assessment and intervention responsibilities in order to make all

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**LADY LIONS SOFTBALL AND LIONS BASEBALL
VS. SONORA SATURDAY IN OZONA**

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Child abuse and distracted driving: two important issues to focus on in April

After conducting their investigations, Child Protective Services confirmed almost 67,000 cases of child abuse, resulting in more than 12,000 children being removed from their homes. A total of 227 kids died at the hands of their parents or other caregivers in 2010.

While that's a decrease from 280 deaths in 2009 — which shows progress in our prevention efforts — it is still far too many for our state to sustain.

Unfortunately for at-risk kids across Texas, that progress could be halted by the state's budget crisis. Cuts are looming for a wide array of services for

children — including child abuse caseworkers, Prevention and Early Intervention, the Nurse Family Partnership program, foster care rates and adoption subsidies.

With these programs in jeopardy of being underfunded, and in some cases eliminated, Child Abuse Prevention Month is more important than ever. State



STATE SENATOR'S OP ED

CARLOS I. URESTI

agencies, non-profits, service providers and child advocates must look at every turn for ways to do more with less.

Child Abuse Prevention Month, which occurs each April, is a time to reenergize ourselves and focus the public's attention on the scourge of child abuse and neglect. And since it coincides with the legislative session, it gives me a chance to educate my colleagues on the issue and urge their support for adequate funding.

I urge everyone to participate in local Child Abuse Prevention Month events in communities

across Senate District 19. Every individual has a role to play in protecting children from harm, and now is the time to get involved.

April is also National Distracted Driving Awareness Month, and this week I helped the Texas Department of Transportation launch its "Talk. Text. Crash." campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of distracted driving.

According to TxDOT, nearly one in four crashes in Texas involves a distracted driver. In 2009 alone, more than 100,000 vehicles were involved in crashes where distraction in vehicle, driver inattention or cell phone

use was cited. Of those crashes, 408 were fatal.

At a Capitol rally, I had an opportunity to meet Jennifer Smith of Chicago, whose mother was killed by a young driver using a cell phone. Jennifer travels across the country for a group called Focus Driven to encourage laws against distracted driving.

Jennifer's story — and those of others who have lost loved ones in distracted driving accidents — gives impetus to legislation that I am co-sponsoring to end this dangerous practice, which has been compared to driving while intoxicated.

According to the National

Highway Traffic Safety Administration, at any given moment during daylight hours 672,000 vehicles are being driven by someone using a hand-held cell phone. I want to make sure that in Texas, those vehicles are being steered by people with both eyes on the road and both hands on the wheel.

April is a month to focus on two great causes. For more information on each, go to www.blueribbontaskforce.com and info@focusdriven.org.

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

Uses for newspaper

Last week a starting fact jumped out at me when I was reading the latest edition of "Good Housekeeping."

On the page was a pair of leather shoes and a crumpled up newspaper page. The article stated: "Spiff up dark-colored leather shoes in a pinch by rubbing them with a balled-up black-and-white newspaper page (full-color pages won't work). No polish needed."

Hmm...I thought, The Ozona Stockman has all the news about Crockett County and is a shoe polish for only 75 cents.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

- use to remove heavy grease from oven.
- roll, secure in middle with elastic and fringe one end to use to get rid of cobwebs.
- sharpen pencils by rubbing the point on newspaper (useful with TAKS tests coming up and this does work, I tested it).
- spread out between garden rows to discourage weeds.
- use to wrap green tomatos to ripen.
- use as a knee pad when gardening or scrubbing floors.
- shred and stuff in vases to help support fresh flowers.
- use to line a bird cage, storage boxes, shelves, waste baskets or pet's sleeping box.
- use as mat for wet, muddy boots.
- shred and use for packing breakables (very popular around the office).
- put inside coat for emergency warmth.
- place on windshield to prevent icing.
- make a litter bag for your car.
- crumple (no colors) and place in plastic containers to eliminate odors.
- use folded sheets as a fan to keep cool.
- muffle a loud alarm clock.
- protect carseats from muddy or wet clothing.
- stuff in wet shoes overnight to dry and deodorize.
- keep the refrigerator vegetable drawer dry and free of smells by lining the bottom with newspaper.
- Wow, so many uses with just newspaper.
- So, when you finish reading this week's paper, don't throw it away just yet. You might have another use for these black and white pages.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She sometimes wraps presents with newspapers.

Flipped His Lid



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I have lived my life under a hat. In my early years I used a ball cap to hide the fact that I was homelier than a pug dog, but now I mostly wear one to cover up my cranial deforestation.

I love wearing cowboy hats but I hate all the rules that go with them. For example, in some states it's entirely okay to wear your hat at the counter in a coffee shop just as long as you take it off when you sit at a table, but in more eastern locales you are supposed to take your hat off whenever you go inside. Do that in Nevada and they'll think you're an uppity snob. My buddy Phil gave me a King Ranch hatband years ago and I love it but if I wear it on my hat outside of the Lone Star State people look at me funny. Even more than usual, I mean.

The hat etiquette I hate most is this hoopla about switching from felt to straw and vice versa. E.C., a man who looks great in a Stetson, says that you are supposed to wear a felt hat from the first of Labor Day to the first of May and a straw hat from Easter to Halloween, and he should know because he's a purebred Texan. My problem is that I am not good with rules. I can't remember them and even if I do, I've always had an aversion to following them. So I wear a straw hat when it's hot and a felt hat when it's cold no matter what month it is.

A lot of common sense is involved in wearing a cowboy hat correctly. Wearing a straw to the symphony while dressed in a Tuxedo is wrong even if it is July, and wearing a felt any time you know you're going to get dirty is simply silly. I remem-

ber one November bull sale where a big-shot politician lived by the rules for once and wore his felt hat. He sat in the front row where everyone could see him and the first bull in the ring that day, who was suffering from gastric distress, hosed down the politico with a watery/hay mixture from head to toe, filling the depression in the top of his felt hat.

Talk about a mad hatter! The politician didn't want to acknowledge this embarrassment so he sat as still as stone for the entire sale because every time he budged a fraction of an inch the brown/green slop would drip from the front of his hat. Knowing how hard it is to clean felt hats and how expensive they are, all I could think of was that I bet the politician wished he'd have worn his straw hat that day. Or else sat three rows back... or not run for reelection.

The other problem with cowboy hats is that they have to be shaped correctly, which I am terrible at. I either look like I've been sitting four abreast in the front seat of a pickup with the sides of my hat rolled straight up, or else the rear end of my hat looks like I backed into a brick wall. But I take some solace in the fact that even fastidious dressers can sometimes make mis-

takes. I recall the time we were at Watrous, New Mexico, for the Doolittle Hereford Sale and the auctioneer was one of the greatest of all time: George Morse. The first time I saw George was at John Wayne's sale in Arizona and the Duke stood on the auction block behind George as he sold the cattle. I swear, if you didn't know any better you'd have sworn that George was the Hollywood star. The problem that day in Watrous was that George Morse, the cattle industry's best dressed man and all-around classy gentleman, had his hat on backwards and he was the only one in the crowd who didn't know it!

Who were we mere mortals to tell George Morse that his hat was cattywampus? About half way through the sale George took his hat off to scratch his head and discovered the fashion faux pa. But he didn't flip his lid. Well, I guess in one sense he did.

You have to understand, for a cowboy, having your hat on backwards is like standing there with your zipper down. That's why these days I mostly wear ball caps because if I get one on backwards people just think I'm a baseball catcher, a welder or just trying to be a cool teenager. And I can shape a ball cap a lot better than I can a cowboy hat.

I suffered a similar fate as George did one time at a bull sale when a man came up to me and said my cowboy hat was on backwards. I immediately turned it around and he took a longer second look. "Oh second thought, maybe not," he replied sarcastically.

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House budget bill passes, moves to Senate

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — On Sunday, April 3, the Texas House of Representatives tentatively approved a state budget for 2012-2013 and sent it to the Senate for consideration.

The 1,000-plus page budget bill, HB 1, relies on funding cuts and "contingency riders" based on expected funding that would come through the passage of other legislation. If funding for certain items does not materialize, the state is under no obligation to pay for those items.

A Republican supermajority (101 seats to the Democrats' 49 seats) dominated the voting. All but a few amendments offered by Democrats were rejected.

Throughout the process, Democrats rose to protest language, that if adopted, would result in a loss of more than 300,000 state and private sector jobs by 2013, and deep cuts to nursing homes, pre-kindergarten programs, Medicaid, family planning services, mental health programs, higher education, and elementary and secondary education.

The Senate is working on its own version of the state budget, and if it passes, differ-

ences in the House and Senate bills must be worked out in a conference committee of five members of the Senate and five members of the House. An agreed-upon budget bill then would be voted on by the full House and full Senate. Republicans hold a majority in the 31-seat Senate: 19 seats to the Democrats' 12.

Gov. Rick Perry is holding wild cards when all is said and done. The governor may send a bill back to the originating body for reconsideration—or sign it into law—or let it pass without his signature—or veto it.

PATCHES TO CURRENT BUDGET PASS

It's standard practice in a regular session of the Legislature for lawmakers to pass a supplemental appropriations bill, a measure to provide the state with enough money to pay bills in the remainder a two-year budget cycle. This session, HB 4 is that bill, and the House passed it on April 1.

Instead of simply appropriat-

ing supplemental funding, HB 4 removes more than \$1 billion from an array of state agencies, boards, commissions, courts and programs.

Also on April 1, the House passed HB 275, legislation peeling off \$3 billion from state's \$9 billion Rainy Day Fund. HB 275 covers the current revenue deficit of \$4 billion by moving \$3 billion from the Economic Stabilization Fund to the General Revenue Fund, and that, along with the \$1 billion in cuts made by HB 4, forms enough of a patch to allow the state to make good on previously authorized expenditures.

Reasons voiced during floor debate as to the purpose for pulling money out of the Emergency Stabilization ("rainy day") Fund included these: the worst economy since the Great Depression, the Legislature's passage of property tax relief and an underperforming margins tax on business to pay for it, inaccurate state revenue forecasts by the Comptroller, misdirected priorities, lack of

leadership, etc.

One of many cuts drawing attention was the one taking about \$75 million from 50 public junior and community colleges. Democrats pointed out that such cuts would put current and prospective students' plans on hold indefinitely, curtail matching federal grants, and impede Texas' mission to build an educated, competitive workforce.

Most cuts set forth in the bill came as a result of directives by Gov. Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst and

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Harvesting a rooftop

Ranching Heritage Center uses grass for historic Crockett County home

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The green, bushels are cut away from the ground with an electronic saw and then bundled up like hay. Looking at this gathering of grass, it would surprise most people that what the men from Lubbock were doing was harvesting material for house rooftop.

Last week, officials and workers from the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock spent a couple of days on the Bill Montgomery Ranch south of Ozona. On the ranch, the men were gathering sacahuiste for the Sotol House at the center.

"It never dies out and waterproofs the roof," said Dr. Scott White, curator of art and historic structures, oral historian and assistant editor of the Ranch Record at the center.

With the help of local residents Tony Allen and Carmen Sutton, White said officials from the center were able to gather the grass.

This is the second time in seven years the center has had to replace the roof on the historic structure, White said.

"We're not taking anything away from feeding the livestock. This is not good for livestock to eat," White said about the sacahuiste.

The Sotol House at the center was originally built in 1904 by D.B. Kilpatrick and his wife, Truda, of Crockett County.

According to information from the center, the couple constructed the two sotol rooms with a rough framework of vertically set



TOP: DR. SCOTT WHITE (center) talks with officials and workers from the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock as they harvest sacahuiste grass on the Bill Montgomery Ranch last week.

BOTTOM: THE PICKET AND SOTOL HOUSE at the National Ranching Heritage Center in Lubbock.

cedar posts, about four feet apart. Sotol was nailed horizontally to the cedar posts. More stalks were nailed to the opposite side of the posts, forming a double wall. Soil and small rocks were poured between the walls as filler and insulation. Cedar pieces, material scraps and tin can lids covered the cracks. The couple added a roof thatched with bundles of another yucca variety called sacahuiste.

In 1905, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Mills bought the land

and house and added a pick-et room.

The land and house was sold several times over the years to S.S. Millspaugh and then to L.B. Cox in 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Bascomb Cox donated the house to the center in 1974 in memory of Crockett County pioneers.

"Our goal is to use material of the same or comparable origins for preservation," White said.

For more information, visit www.nrhc.ttu.edu.

Lunch and Learn program April 20

The Wesley Nurse Program of the Ozona United Methodist Church is beginning a new monthly health education program.

Lunch and Learn will be held during the noon hour and various topics on how to reduce your chance of illness or how to better manage the health problems you may have will be discussed. A light lunch will be served.

This month's Lunch and Learn will be held beginning at noon on Wednesday, April 20. The topic will be on good vs bad carbohydrates and reducing sodium in our diet.

For more information and to RSVP, call EA Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

MUSEUM MEMORIALS

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In Memory of:
Helen Owensby
Given by:
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Van Shoubrouek

Crockett County Museum Memorials can be sent to:
P.O. Box 1444,
Ozona, Texas 76943

Pork sausage fund-raiser

The Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District is holding their first Pork Sausage Fund-raiser.

Orders for homemade sausage will be taken until April 15. Cost is \$4 a pound with a minimum of five pounds per order. Sausage will be ready for pickup by April 21.

For more information, or to pre-order, call (325) 392-2301 ext. 3.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 6

- OHS Track Teams at the District Meet in Ballinger.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, April 7

- Ozona Little League Opening Day, 6 p.m. at the baseball fields.
- CCCSD Board of Trustees called meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.
- Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, April 8

- End of the 5th Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- OHS Track Teams at the District Meet in Ballinger.
- Crockett County Relay For Life, 7 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance 25th annual Festival, 8 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Saturday, April 9

- OMS Tennis at Eldorado.
- Lions Baseball vs. Sonora, 2 p.m. at the baseball fields.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Sonora, 3 p.m. at the softball fields.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance 25th annual Festival, 2:30 p.m. workshop, 5:30 p.m. barbecue and 8 p.m. dance at the Civic Center.

Sunday, April 10

- Bingo, 3 p.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall.

Monday, April 11

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Eighth Grade Parent Meeting, 6 p.m. at the OMS Cafeteria.

Tuesday, April 12

- OHS Golf Teams at the District Meet in San Angelo.
- Pre-K Pre-Registration, 9 a.m.-noon and Kindergarten Pre-Registration, 1-4 p.m. and both from 5-7 p.m. at the elementary school.
- Dominos, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. Brady, 4 p.m. at the baseball fields.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Brady, 5 p.m. at the softball fields.
- Helping Hands Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, April 13

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Pre-K and Kindergarten Pre-Registration, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. at the elementary school.
- Ozona Head Start Pre-Registration, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1310 Avenue G.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Happy Birthday

April 6 - Madison Hubbard, Noah Tambunga, Gloria Williams, Olivia Tijerina and Breilinda Garza

April 7 - Diane Allsup

April 8 - Patty Villarreal, Marijah T. Ayala, Matthew Payne, Ben Badillo, Adam J. Martinez, Joe Patrick Borrego and Dawn Wilha

April 9 - Toby Perez, Christie Pena, Maleigha McDowell, Layne English, Amber Nicole Moran, David Landin Sr., Karen

Bishop and Lisa Talamantez.

April 10 - Barbara Meador, Chiquita DeHoyos, Miky Sava-la, Lazarae Lorena Rodriguez, Alma Perez and Nila Kelley

April 11 - Hailey Vargas, Haley Forehand, Aiden Aiguier, Emily Marie Rodriguez, Weldon Nicks, Rachel Ybarra, June Knox Abbott and Michael Gonzalez

April 12 - Blanca Castro, Glenna Burns, Zella Ruthardt, Ethan Dennis and Edward Gutierrez

Ozona Head Start Pre-Registration April 13-14

Pre-registration for the 2011-2012 Ozona Head Start will take place from 2-6 p.m. April 13 and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 14 at Ozona Head Start on 1310 Avenue G.

- Parents need to bring:
- Proof of all income (1040/W2, TANF, SSI, child support, check stubs, or letter from employer)
 - Child's Birth Certificate
 - Child's Shot Record
 - Food Stamp Case Number (if applicable)
 - Proof of Medicaid, CHIP or Private Health Insurance (if applicable)

Ozona Head Start offers:

- Individualized early childhood education in a structured environment.

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

This week the wind blew in like a fury. Along with the wind, we received a cool down and the temperature should be in the low 30s Monday night. It is hard to believe it was in the 90s Sunday. The morning have been cloudy but still no sign of rain.

Betty Hartley came in this past week for a cup of coffee and to finish a puzzle we had been working on. It was like old times having her here. We do hope she returns to visit again soon as we do miss her and Bob.

Also visiting us this past week was Jonny Johnson. Jonny was a regular here at the Senior Center for several years until she moved to San Angelo to live with her

daughter, Dana. It was good seeing Jonny and we hope she comes back soon.

We learned today our friend Willa Perry ran over her leg with her car. We are very sorry to learn of your unfortunate accident. We hope you do mend well and soon, Willa.

Also, we were sorry to learn that Virginia Hubbard fell into a mean cactus bush. Virginia we are sorry you fell in such a bad place. No more falls please.

Helping Hands Board will meet at 5:30 p.m., April 12, at the Senior Center.

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.

HELPING HANDS HIGHLIGHTS

BY MELINDA KAY MALONE
DIRECTOR

We are still waiting for April to be like a lamb! Much soil has blown to the north and then to the south.

Also, we fervently need to continue to pray for rain. I had talked with my cousin in Bar Nunn, Montana on Sunday night and they had snow on Saturday so I knew the recent northern was coming. It seems east Texas got all the rain.

We have a great time for lunch here at the Senior Citizens Center. We have been having up to 34 attendees a day. Call and come join us! Suggested donation for those over 60 is \$3 and under 60 \$4 whether you are on any of the programs or not.

Thank you DCP and Keith Klepper for the reams of copypaper. The donations are appreciated. Our current requests are 3 mouse pads with wrist cushion or 3 wireless mouse set-ups, 2 wireless adapters, stacking In & Out boxes, sticky notes, colored printing paper, and

colorful stickers to decorate paper lunch sacks.

Thank you, Ozona for your generosity.

I received my National Certified Professional Food Manager Certification. I passed. Whoopee! Mona Sanchez and Becky Ybarra are certified in food safety, preparing and serving.

Betty Bullard, Executive Board Secretary and I attended the Regional Advisory Committee on Aging (RACOA) in San Angelo on March 30. We received great information.

Upcoming dates of interest are in San Angelo are April 9, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - Veterans Benefits Fair, San Angelo Coliseum, contact Thunderbird Transit for transportation.

Volunteers needed for office tasks, kitchen tasks and delivering meals.

For more information on volunteering or qualifying for the meal programs you can reach us at (325) 392-5026, by fax (325) 392-8006, email hhozona163@yahoo.com, or come by to

see Melinda, Becky, Laura, and Mona. Se habla Espanol.

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APRIL 13
· Aloha Chicken, Wild & Long grain Rice, Broccoli, Marinated Green Beans, Wheat Roll, Coconut Cake, Milk

OBITUARIES

Freddie C. Aldridge

Freddie C. Aldridge, age 73, of San Angelo and formerly of Coleman and Santa Anna, died Sunday, April 3, 2011 in San Angelo. Graveside funeral service will be held 11 a.m. today, April 6, at the Santa Anna Cemetery Pavilion with Pastor Don Harmes officiating. Interment will follow in the Santa Anna Cemetery under the direction of Stevens Funeral Home, 400 W. Pecan, Coleman, Texas.

She was born Freddie C. Elza on March 28, 1938 in Belton, Texas, a daughter of the late Jesse Herbert Elza and Ella Lou Gauntt Elza. She grew up in Bolton and graduated from high school there. On July 5, 1957 she married Winston "Jinks" Aldridge in Kermit and he preceded her in death on February 2, 2000. She lived in Ozona from 1964-1986 when she moved to Santa Anna. She moved to Coleman in 2002 and to San Angelo in 2006 where she resided at the St. Angelus Assisted Living Center. She was a homemaker and a member of Community Baptist Church in Coleman.

Survivors include two sons, Vaden R. Aldridge and wife Kim of Christoval and Varlyn K. Aldridge of Big Lake; four grandchildren, Andrea Aldridge of Houston, Jacque Rosales and husband Ruben of San Antonio, Kade Aldridge of Big Lake and Jake Aldridge of San Angelo; two great-grandchildren, Makiayle Rosales and Vallyn Rosales; one brother, Sonny Elza and wife Dana of Granbury.

Please sign her on-line guestbook at www.livingmemorials.com

OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM NEWS

BY BETH HOOVER
OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM

The Woman's Forum met Tuesday, March 15, at the Senior Center. First Vice President Betty Huffman called the meeting to order and expressed appreciation to everyone for being there. She then expressed regret that President Rosalind Williams was unable to attend due to her recuperation from a broken leg. Katharine Russell recited a reading and prayer to begin the meeting.

Hostesses were Bobbie Griffin and Shirley Kirby. First Vice President Betty Huffman turned over the meeting to auctioneers Sandy Bebee and Jean Odom. The annual auction is to raise money used for scholarships and local charitable causes. Twenty three members attended the auction which made a record total of \$2,065.25. Items auctioned to the membership included homemade cookies, cakes, candy and many beautiful home accessories.

The meeting was concluded with all members reciting The Woman's Forum "Collect for Club Women."

Members present were Marolyn Bean, Sandy Bebee, Norma Carson, Jimmie Cloudt, Marilyn Cox, Lynn English, Janie Everett, Bobbie Griffin, Charlotte Harrell, Beth Hoover, Virginia Hubbard, Betty Huffman, Shirley Kirby, Linda Moore, Jean Odom, Janet Pullen, Celia West, Nell Wester, Helen White, Arlene Clayton, Katharine Russell, Dorothy Montgomery and Louise Taliaferro.

Card of Thanks
On behalf of the Maskill Family. We would like to thank all the employees and personnel at the Crockett County Care Center for befriending Emma Munoz and providing all the great quality care. From the bottom of our hearts our sincerest appreciation and gratitude.
Thank You All,
The Maskill Family

Card of Thanks
On behalf of the Maskill Family, we would like to send our most sincere thanks and appreciation all those who provided their condolences food, flowers, personal appearances, and assistance during our time of sorrow. Our sincerest appreciation and gratitude especially to Capt. Emilio Tambunga who stood at attention until the last car went thru the cemetery gate and all the times Tambunga, Longoria, Pena and Rodriguez came to help our sister Emma Munoz, from helping her get to the ER, to getting wild pigs out of her yard. Emma was a grand senora, daughter, sister, aunt, cousin and friend who will be deeply missed, but will always be in our hearts. Rest in peace Auntie Emm.
Thank You All,
The Maskill Family

BINGO!
3 p.m.
Sunday, April 10,
at the OLPH Parish Hall
Lots of great prizes! Cash prizes!
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2011 Lenten Luncheon Series...
Life of the Beloved by Henri Nouwen
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12:00 - 1:00
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April 6th... "Broken"
April 13th... "Given"
Ozona United Methodist Church

THE DESPERATE YOUNG MOTHER

She just showed up by our front door last week. You could tell she was young and with what looked like her first baby with her. It was easy to see they were hungry and in need of something to eat. I opened the front door and walked outside but she just stood there looking at me. As we went about our work that day she stayed by the yard fence trying to find something to eat. We got some feed for her and even opened the unplanted back garden so they could eat the weeds and grass. That young sheep and her baby lamb are a regular fixture at the house, kinda like the welcome committee. I believe if we opened our front door she would come in the house. That young distressed, hungry mother reminds me of something in the Bible. If we are having problems or troubles we can find help and even if we are not having troubles we have someone we can turn to. It is God Himself, (Matthew 7:7, Hebrews 11:6)! There are other sheep near my house but that young ewe is the only one that came up here seeking help and she got it. It is the same with God, (Deuteronomy 4:29, Ruth 2:12, 1 Chronicles 16:11). We must be willing, (Psalm 9:10). God rewards and provides for or takes care of those who seek Him, (Psalm 34:10, 105:3).
See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

First Baptist Church 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.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
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Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.	Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.
New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.		Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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KERRIE: from page 1

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LIBRARY NEWS By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

New history book updates being sought

POETRY MONTH
April is here! Remember this is National Poetry Month. Celebrate by writing a poem, reading a poem, listening to a poem, or just taking time to feel the poetry that surrounds us.

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HISTORY OF CROCKETT COUNTY VOLUME II

CCPL is teaming up with the Historical Commission to update and print a new Volume II of the History of Crockett County book. If your family is not listed in the original book, or if you have family updates, now is the time to put your info together and get it turned

in to be included in the new book.

There are forms available at the library to help you get your info organized. We are looking for family stories, pictures, business and organization info, land and personal history, brands and ranch history, and anything that you have on your family history.

We want to include every family living in Crockett County now, so come by the library and get your forms. It is as simple as filling in the blanks and letting us scan your pictures. Historical Commission members are standing by to help you, but it's really a matter of getting your information together with your pictures and submitting them at the library.

Kevin Brown Benefit Wolf-Chase April 16

Kevin Brown Benefit Wolf-Chase will take place April 16 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Ozona Gun Club.

Championship round will start at 4:30 pm.

Grand prize is an 85qt Yeti Ice Chest. The grand prize is sponsored by: Anadarko Petroleum Corp, Wool Growers, Creek Roustabout & Swabbing, Mesquite Contract Pumping and Hitchin' Post Steakhouse.

Cost is \$10 per round, enter as many times as you like. Winner will receive \$5 and \$5 will go toward the Kevin Brown Fund.

Winner of each round advances to the champi-

onship round. There is no entry fee for the championship round.

Anyone else can buy in to the final round \$20. There will be unlimited buy-backs in the championship round for \$10 each.

Depending on turnout, participants should be able to shoot at least two rounds per hour.

All money in championship round goes to the Kevin Brown Fund.

No Drinking During Shoot.

For more information, call Jimmy Jumper (325) 226-8302 or Cade Clark (325) 226-4191

Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters spring rendezvous this weekend

The Texas Trappers and Fur Hunters Association will be hosting its spring rendezvous on April 8 and 9 in Fort Stockton at the Civic Center, located at 1674 Airport Drive, just off of Highway 285 on the northeast side of town.

Trappers, callers, landowners and anyone else interested in predator control are welcome to attend.

Experts will be sharing with the public their knowledge in trapping, calling, snaring and M-44's of predators including coyotes, bobcats, mountain lions and feral hogs.

Pesticide applicators will be able to earn CEU's in general, IPM and laws and regulations categories.

Demonstrations begin at 11 a.m. Friday. This is a family event with youth activities, ladies crafts and the public is invited.

An actual trapline will be set up on Friday, then checked and pulled at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. Contests, gun drawing and a fund-raising auction will round out the activities on Saturday.

Supplies and crafts will be offered by individuals; dealers are welcome. Individuals may bring their surplus traps, equipment or crafts to sell or trade. There will be no admission fee or no table charge for dealers or individuals.

No live animals will be allowed in the building and no food vending or alcohol will be allowed on the premises.

Bobcat tags will be available for individuals presenting their current hunting license.

For more information, call Bill Applegate at (432) 729-3349 or visit txtrappers.com.

Grant applications available to connect rural communities with broadband

BY GAYLE CARGO
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

TEMPLE, Texas - USDA Rural Utilities Service (RUS) Administrator Jonathan Adelstein today announced that USDA is accepting applications for grants to provide broadband access in rural communities currently without broadband service.

"As President Obama has said, 'Students should graduate from high school prepared for college and a career - no matter who you are or where you come from' - and this program connects school children to educational opportunities via the Internet in some of America's most remote locations," Adelstein said. "It also enhances commerce, public safety, and health care in rural areas that have been overlooked by modern communications technology. Broadband is an important part of the Obama Administration's effort to help rural America 'win the future.'"

Funding is provided through the Community Connect Grant program. Grants are available to communities in the most rural, economically challenged areas where loans would not

be sustainable. Funds may be used to construct, acquire or lease facilities to deploy broadband to residents, businesses and essential community facilities such as police and fire stations, libraries, schools, and health care clinics.

"The Community Connect Program can offer financial assistance to rural Texas communities that have a goal to provide their residents with broadband connections. This technology will provide residents with global access to quality economic, social and educational opportunities," commented Paco Valentin, Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development.

Eligible entities are incorporated organizations, Tribes and tribal organizations, state and local government bodies, for-profit or non-profit cooperatives, private corporations and limited liability corporations. Individuals are not eligible to apply. Grants range from \$50,000 to \$1.5 million. While grants cannot be renewed, applications to extend existing projects are welcome. Each project requires matching contributions, must serve a

rural area where broadband service does not exist, must provide services to critical communities free of charge for two years, and must offer basic service to all premises within the proposed service area.

Information on available funding and application requirements are published on page 12017 of the March 4, 2011 Federal Register. More information on Community Connect Grants, including the application guide, can be viewed and downloaded from the USDA Rural Development website.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of employees located in the nation's capital and state and local offices. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of more than \$146 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

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- "The ___ Ranger"
- this Horne was in TX-based "Death of a Gunfighter"
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- Santa ___ National Wildlife Refuge
- metal cutters
- TXism: "beller"
- TXism: "move 'em into ___" (bury)
- Yo ___ Digo Creek
- TXism: "skinny as a ___"
- a cowboy's bolo
- TXism: "got ___ as big as Texas" (kind)
- TXism: "if he says giddyup, ___" (mean)
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- TXism: "a ___ knocker" (scary)
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- Travis: "I shall never surrender ___ retreat"
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- Boerne's Agricultural Heritage Center has antique farm ___
- TX actor Spiner
- Grand ___ Opry
- Fiesta San Antonio's "ugly king": Rey ___ a cable network before "Spike"
- higher learning in Amarillo (abbr.)
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OHS Track Teams compete at Crane

This past Friday, the Ozona Lions and Lady Lions Track Teams participated in the Crane relays.

"This was a good meet for us to compete in the week before district. There were big 3A teams, a 4A team, 2A teams and a good private school. Our kids did a great job competing and that's what we need going into the district meet," said Lions Coach Todd Iglehart.

Mark Gallardo was the top point contributor as he took first in the discus with a personal best of 149-feet, 9-inches and second in the 200-meter dash with a time of 23.8 seconds. Our 800-meter relay (Luis Soto, Gallardo, Erik Duenes and Matthew Galindo) improved their time with a 1:38 posting and placed sixth.

In the JV division, Josiah Jurado took fifth in both the 3200-meter and 1600-meter runs. Rocky Venegas brought home the silver in the 300-meter hurdles, which was his first time to compete in the event. Michael Vargas continues to improve in the pole vault as he tied for fourth with a 9-6 vault.

"We travel Wednesday and Friday to Ballinger for our district meet and we are excited about our kids stepping up and competing. All the track meets prior to this have been glorified practice. Now it matters and I have confidence that we will experience success," Iglehart said.

For the Lady Lions, Alex Rodriguez placed fifth in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 50.30 seconds and Daisy Guerra placed fourth in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 6:04.

The Lions and Lady Lions will compete in the district track meet starting today, April 6, and again on Friday, April 8, in Ballinger.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
KODI GLOSSON SCORED TWO RUNS in the Lady Lions 13-3 April 1 district win over Grape Creek.

Lions 2-2 in district play

BY NIKKI LAFITTE
OHS BASEBALL

The Wall Hawks traveled to Ozona last Tuesday night to compete in the third game of district play.

Saul Vargas started on the hill for the Lions, striking out four before turning it over to Alejandro Mendez in the fourth inning.

Mendez struck out two during his time on the mound. On the other side of play, Abey Lara, Andrew Sanchez, Ismael Castro, and Saul Vargas all had base hits during the competition. However, the Li-

ons fell to the Hawks with a final score of 12-1.

The Varsity Lions hosted the Grape Creek Eagles Friday night.

Abey Lara pitched the full game for the Lions striking out ten Eagle batters. Lara had help in the field, especially with a clean double play with a fly out to center where Kyle Dean made the throw to Andrew Sanchez on first to get the final out of the fifth inning.

Offensively the Lions started off the first inning with back to back homeruns.

The first homerun was

hit by Alejandro Mendez who also scored Abey Lara who was on base on a hit by pitch during his at-bat. Nathan DeHoyos came up to bat and smashed the second homerun of the game over the right field wall on the first pitch.

Kyle Dean, Abey Lara, and Ismael Castro all had base hits while Lara and DeHoyos both hit doubles during the competition.

This 6-1 win for the Lions bring them to 2-2 in District play and 12-6 for the year. The Lions will host Sonora on Saturday.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
ABEY LARA IS THE FACE OF DETERMINATION as he strikes out ten Eagle batters in the Lions 6-1 district win over Grape Creek on April 1.

Lady Lions stomp Grape Creek

The Lady Lions picked up their fourth district win Friday with a 13-3 victory over Grape Creek.

Winning pitcher and catcher - Adrienne Sanchez (5 strikeouts) and Kodi Glosson.

Leading players - Glos-son 2 runs; Sanchez 4 runs; Melanie Miller 3 runs; Raelynn Arredondo 1 run; Britni Mitchel 2 runs; Bethanie Trevinio 1 run. Also playing: Arleen Castillo, Stacie Quiroz, Lexi Poindexter, Sabrina De La Garza, Natalia Ortiz, Cynthia Garcia and Vivian Medina.

"This was a huge step toward postseason play. We have been really excited about the approach the girls have toward the game. We have made great progress on and off the field. Our senior leadership has really been consistent and the girls are not only working hard in the weight room, on the track and on the field, but they are having fun," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. "After a tough loss to Wall on Tuesday, we

told the girls that the game is not always about hard you hit. Sometimes, it's about how hard you get hit and will you get back up. They did with an aggressive attitude and performance against Grape Creek."

The Lady Lions defeated Brady 16-1 on March 25.

Winning pitcher and catcher - Sanchez and Glos-son.

Leading players - Glos-son 1 run; Sanchez 3 runs; Miller 2 runs; Arredondo 1 run; Mitchel 3 runs, including a homerun; Medina 2 runs; Trevino 1 run; Castillo 3 runs. Also playing: Garcia, Poindexter, De La Garza and Ortiz.

Ozona lost to Sonora 8-7 on March 22.

The JV Lady Lions also defeated Grape Creek, 12-6, on Friday.

Winning pitcher and catcher - Samantha De La Garza Sabrina De La Garza.

Leading players - Poindexter 2 runs; Sabrina De La Garza 2 runs; Ortiz 1 run; Medina 1 run; Samantha De La Garza 2 runs;

Amy Quiroz 1 run; Kyann Hernandez 1 run; Rebecca Hernandez 1 run; Jennifer Marquez 1 run. Also playing: Angelina Ramos and Nancy Rodriguez.

The Lady Lions will play Sonora at 3 p.m. Saturday at the softball fields. Ozona will then face Brady at 5 p.m. Tuesday, April 12, at the softball fields and then finish the regular season against Wall on April 15 at Wall.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
AMY QUIROZ CATCHES A POP FLY for the Lady Lions JV team in their 12-6 win over Grape Creek on April 1.

JV Lions fall to Hawks, Eagles

The Lion's JV baseball team hosted the Wall Hawks and the Grape Creek Eagles last week.

Against Wall, Adam Gonzales and Robbie Sanchez both pitched against the Hawks. Jeffery Sanchez, Josue Damin, and Adam Gonzales all had base hits while Tristan Alvarez hit a double to center field during the match-up.

Unfortunately, the Hawks proved to be solid competitors gaining the win against the Lions with a final score of 15-5.

On Friday, the Grape

Creek Eagles traveled to Ozona to meet the Lions. Adam Gonzales pitched for the Lions, striking out nine during the game.

Offensively, Jeffery Sanchez, Tristan Alvarez, Adam Gonzales, and Noah Tambunga all had base hits. Tristan Alvarez hit a triple hard to left field during the first inning of play.

Although the Lions fell to the Eagles 6-5, the Lions proved to be tough competition for the Eagles.

The Lions will host Sonora on Saturday.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
ADAM GONZALES PITCHES FOR THE OZONA JV LIONS against Wall on March 29.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
MELANIE MILLER IS POISED ON BASE to tag a runner out in the Ozona Lady Lions 13-3 district win over the Grape Creek Lady Eagles on April 1.

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CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS



CROCKETT COUNTY 4-HERS ended the stock show season with wins at Houston and Austin. Pictured are: (clockwise) Brenna Hale with her first place Fine Wool Lamb at Houston; Kelbie Renfroe with her first place Medium Wool Lamb at Houston and her fourth place Medium Wool at Austin and Lane Hale with his second place Heavy Goat at Houston.

Stock show season ends with wins at Houston, Austin

BY CHASE MCPHAUL
CROCKETT COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT-
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

The 2011 Show Season comes to an end with Houston and Austin Lamb, Goat, & Swine Shows.

"We are very proud of the hard work and determination each exhibitor put forth this year. We are especially proud of our senior exhibitors and wish them good luck in the future," said Chase McPhaul, Crockett County Extension Agent.

HOUSTON STOCK SHOW
Lambs -
· Kelbie Renfroe: Class 7 Medium Wool Winner
· Brenna Hale: Class 1 Fine Wool Winner
· Lane Hale: Class 3 Fine Wool Cross 3rd Place
Other placing labs were Allie Black, Murphey Black and Trace Justiss. Also participating: Alex Hopper
Goats -
· Lane Hale: Heavy Goat 2nd Place
Other placing were Allie Black, Murphey Black and

Trace Justiss participating.
AUSTIN STOCK SHOW
Goats -
· Timothy Maldonado: 10th place Goat
Lambs -
· Kelbie Renfroe: 4th Place Medium Wool Lamb
Also participating were Allie Black, Murphey Black, Lane Hale and Brenna Hale.
Swine -
· Jacob Schroeder: 5th place White OPB
Also participating were Kodi Glosson and Thomas Cruz.

OMS Lions finish first, second at Junction Relays

The OMS Lions competed in the Junction Relays last week.

The Seventh Grade won the meet with 150 points. There were seven schools at the meet.

Placing for the Lions were:

Long Jump - 5. Kalen Perez
Discus - 6. Michael Graham
Shot Put - 1. Michael Graham
2400-meter run - 3. Alan Landa and 4. Ben Badillo
400-meter relay - 2. Javier Barrera, John Gomez, Jose Ojeda, and Kalen Perez
800-meter run - 1. Noe Medina and 3. Kalen Perez
110-meter hurdles - 3. Bryce Martin and 6. Jose Ojeda
100-meter dash - 2. John Gomez and 3. Dakota Lee
800-meter relay - 2. Javier Barrera, Dakota Lee, Jacob Talamantez, Kalen Perez
400-meter dash - 1. Noe

Medina and 3. Jacob Talamantez
300-meter hurdles - 4. Bryce Martin
200-meter dash - 4. Javier Barrera
1600-meter run - 3. Kalen Perez and 2. Alan Landa
1600-meter relay - 1. Ben Badillo, Jacob Talamantez, Bryce Martin, Noe Medina
The Eighth Grade Lions won second scoring 120 points out of seven teams.

Placing for the Lions were:

Triple Jump - 3. Ricky Porras
Discus - 3. Chase Dehoyos
Shot Put - 1. Fernando Sifuntes
Long Jump - 3. Ricky Porras, 4. Dylan Perez
High Jump - 3. Jayton Rodriguez
Pole Vault - 2. Ryan Porras
2400-meter run - 2. Omero Rodriguez, 4. Angel Aguilar
400-meter relay - 4. Dy-

lan Perez, Nathaniel Valdez, Ricky Porras, Leonel Rodriguez
800-meter run - 1. Ryan Porras, 5. Juan Rodriguez
110-meter hurdles - 3. Daniel Lombrana
400-meter dash - 5. Juan Rodriguez, 6. Josh Porras
300-meter hurdles - 3. Daniel Lombrana, 6. Nathaniel Valdez
200-meter dash - 5. Ricky Porras
1600-meter run - 2. Ryan Porras, 5. Omero Rodriguez, 6. Angel Aguilar
1600-meter relay - 3. Leonel Rodriguez, Ryan Porras, Josh Porras, Juan Rodriguez
"This was a great track meet for us heading into the district meet next week. I am so proud of our kids they have been working hard and it is showing off, we still have some work to do before next week," said Coach John Esparza.

The District will compete at the District Meet April 14 in Ballinger.

OMS Seventh Grade Lady Lions finish second at Junction

The OMS Lady Lions competed at the Junction Relays Friday.

The Seventh Grade placed second.

Long jump - 3. Alyssa Newlin, 12-feet, 9-inches; 4. (tie) Brianna Sanchez, 12-6 and Belinda Rodriguez, 12-4.
Triple jump - 1. Alyssa Newlin, 28-5; 3. Madison Childress, 26-1.
2400-meter run: 3. Madison Childress, 10 minutes, 37 seconds.
400-meter relay - 1. Ashley Vargas, Brianna Sanchez, Madison Childress, Alyssa

Newlin, 57:65.
800-meter run - 4. Dulce Rodriguez, 2:53.
100-meter dash - 1. Brianna Sanchez, 13:81
800-meter relay - 1. Belinda Rodriguez, Brianna Sanchez, Madison Childress, Alyssa Newlin, 2:01.
400-meter dash - 3. Nereyda Vega, 1:12.11; 5. Dulce Rodriguez, 1:12.72.
200-meter dash - 2. Belinda Rodriguez, 30:71
1600-meter run - 2. Nereyda Vega, 6:20; 3. Alyssa Newlin, 6:34.

Grade Lady Lions:
Triple Jump - 4. Keyana Perez, 27-11.
Shot put - 1. Elva Gallardo, 25-8.5.
Discus - 2. Elva Gallardo, 73-9.
High jump - 6. Bethany Martinez, 4-4.
800-meter run - 6. Marissa Held, 3:03.83.
100-meter hurdles - 5. Kaylenn Elston, 20.34.
400-meter dash - 5. Jennifer Salazar, 1:12.11.
1,600-meter run - 3. Marissa Held, 6:38.59.
1,600-meter relay - 6. Ozona, 5:16.43.

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The Ozona Stockman

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First National Bank of Sonora is pleased to announce the promotion of Roxy Doty to Vice President of Loan Administration.



Roxy joined the First National Bank of Sonora in 2004 as Loan Administration Officer. She was promoted in 2008 to Manager of Loan Administration. She also serves as Assistant Branch Manager of the Sherwood Way location.

Roxy began her extensive banking career in 1974. She has gained a wealth of banking knowledge in operations, loans, human resources, compliance and security.

Roxy is a lifelong resident of San Angelo and graduate of Central High School. Roxy and her husband, Alan, have been married for twenty six years and are the parents of Josh and Briana Jones and Shayna Doty. They are proud grandparents to Brylee and Jakobe Jones and Trace Alan Doty. They are members of PaulAnn Baptist Church.



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Pre-K and Kindergarten pre-registration April 12-13

Pre-registration for the 2011-2012 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held on Tuesday, April 12 and Wednesday, April 13 at Ozona Elementary School.

Pre-Kindergarten can register from 9 a.m. to noon and Kindergarten from 1 to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 12 and on that same day you can take advantage of our Night Registration which will be held from 5 to 7 p.m.

On Wednesday, April 13 you can register your child from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten.

The child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2011 to be eligible for Pre-k and 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2011 for Kindergarten.

Parents must have their child's birth certificate, (not the one from the hospital, but the one from the courthouse) shot record, and social security card in order to register the child. A copy of these documents will be made, and the origi-

nals will be returned to you. This is required by law in Chap. 25.002 of the Texas Education Code. Please bring your child with you!

Even though Pre-Kindergarten is open enrollment, please make sure to bring proof of income with you on the day you come to register your child, this will not affect your child's opportunity to enter our Pre-K program.

As of Aug. 1, 1999, all children born on or after September 2, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school:

1. Hepatitis A -2 doses
2. Varicella (chicken pox) - 2 doses
3. Pneumococcal (PCV7) or (PCV713)- 4 doses
4. Hib-4 doses
5. Hepatitis B-3 doses
6. DTaP- 5 doses---1 dose after 4th birthday
7. Polio-4 doses---1 dose after 4th birthday
8. MMR-2 doses

For more information, call Ozona Elementary School at 392-5501 ext. 5730.

Martes, 12 de Abril y Miercoles 13 de Abril sera la pre-matricula para pre-kinder y kinder en Ozona Elementary School.

Pre-kinder podran matricularse desde las 9:00 hasta las 12:00 y kinder desde la 1:00 hasta las 4:00. Y ese mismo dia tendremos pre-registracion en la noche de 5:00 p.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m.

El dia Miercoles, 13 de Abril tendremos matriculas de nuevo de 9:00 hasta las 4:00 p.m. para Pre-Kinder y Kinder. El nino tiene que tener 4 anos antes del 1 de septiembre 2011 para Pre-kinder y 5 anos antes del 1 de septiembre 2011 para Kinder.

Padres necesitan traer

el certificado de nacimiento de su nino/a(el del la corte, no el hospital), comprobante de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social. Por favor traiga a su nino el dia que venga!

Desde 1 de agosto, 1999, se requiere que los ninos nacidos en o despues del 2 de septiembre 1992, tengan las siguientes vacunas para empezar la escuela:

1. Hepatitis A-2 doses
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3. Pneumococcal (PCV7) o (PCV713)- 4 doses
4. Hib-4 doses
5. Hepatitis B- 3 doses
6. DTaP-5 doses---1 dose despues de los 4 anos
7. Polio-4 doses---1 dose despues de los 4 anos
8. MMR-2 doses

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Survivors who may have not had the opportunity to register online can still come be a part of this evening, as on-site registration will be available.

Immediately following the reception, at 7 p.m. survivors and their families/caregivers will take the track as they walk the first lap around the track. Relay chairs invite all survivors to come and allow them to be recognized. Survivors are the central focus of all relays around the nation.

At 7:30 p.m., teams will take their first walk as they are introduced. The much anticipated Luminaria Ceremony is scheduled to begin at 9:30 p.m.

The relay chairs originally set several goals. One goal was to raise \$10,000, and they are excited to announce that they have surpassed this goal. It now stands at over \$11,000. Another goal was to have at least 10 teams registered for this event. This goal, too, has been surpassed with 18 teams registered and over 187 team members.

Maria Hendryx, event chair, said, "It has been a real honor to be a part of this event in such a generous and motivated community. The response has been tremendous. I hope the tradition continues and I certainly hope this year's event is only the beginning of many more for Crockett County."

The 12 hours will be filled with a variety of activities as teams compete against each other in several competitions, such as the Ms. Relay competition, the Ugly Betty competition, and name a few. Music will

be provided by several of our local DJs and musical talents. The fundraising also continues on site as teams will hold fundraising booths of food and games.

So, Crockett County residents, come join your friends and family as you strive to keep them awake for 12 hours of walking and fun.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS AND ENTERTAINMENT:

6 p.m. - Mandatory Team Captain and Committee meeting on stage.

6:15-6:45 p.m. - Survivor and Caregiver Families Reception in front of the concession stand area.

7-7:30 p.m. - Opening Ceremony and Survivor Lap for survivors and family members.

7:30-8 p.m. - Introduce teams, all teams with all team members will walk a lap around the track as each one is introduced.

8-8:30 p.m. - Introduce "Ms. Relay" Contestants, each team will have a male contestant as their "Ms. Relay" candidate. Each candidate will have until 10:15 p.m. to raise money. The candidate with the most money wins.

8:30-9 p.m. - Grape Spitting Contst, each team will have one entry. The contest will take place in center field. The longest spit wins.

9-9:30 p.m. - Team Legged Race, each team will have four participants. In order to avoid collisions, teams will race in heats of two teams at a time. The race is against clock and best time wins.

9:30-10:30 p.m. - Luminaria ceremony

10:30-11 p.m. - Musical Clothes Race, as long as the music continues, the race is still on. Required: two members from each team.

Each team member will be standing across from each other. One team member has a bag full of clothes. This person will take one item out of bag, run across to teammate, teammate puts it on, then the helper will run back to get another item of clothing. This will continue until music stops. Team with less clothing in bag wins.

11-11:30 p.m. - Ms. Relay is announced and Limbo Lap

11:30-midnight - Keith and Ann Harmsen musical duo performance

Midnight-12:30 a.m. - Road to Recovery Race, each team will build a "race car" to compete. Four members are required. "Car" will travel from one end to tag second set of drivers, who will return car to starting point, then back to other end. Original "drivers" will drive car back to starting point. First car to arrive with first set of drivers wins.

12:30-1 a.m. - ABC Game Relay: entire team plays except for walker on track. Ugly Betty Lap - ugliest betty on the track wins.

1-1:30 a.m. - Zumba Dancing, wake up everyone only 6 hours to go.

1:30-2 a.m. - Saran Wrap race and Black Tie Lap: best looking black tie formal wear on the track

wins. 2-2:30 a.m. - Scavenger Hunt, all team members play. First team to bring all items to stage wins.

2:30-3 a.m. - Name that Song/Movie Contest and Crazy Hat Lap Contest, best of show wins.

3-3:30 a.m. - Hot Chocolate Marshmallow Pitch Contest, hot chocolate and donuts for all team members.

3:30-4 a.m. - Bunny Hop Lap and Bunny Costume Contest: best of show bunny on track wins.

4-4:30 a.m. - Locks of Love Event, hairstylist will be on hand to cut anyone's long locks to be donated to Locks of Love (Locks of Love is not affiliated with American Cancer Society).

4:30-5 a.m. - Team Lap - surprise, every team member on the track.

5-5:30 a.m. - Cancer Fightin' Super Hero Contest - on stage, best of show, most original super hero wins. Super Hero must give a short speech telling audience why he/she should win.

5:30-6 a.m. - Rooster Crowing Contest - on stage, best rooster crower wins.

6-7 a.m. - Closing Ceremony

7 a.m. - Breakfast For more information, call event chair Maria Hendryx at (325) 716-3291.

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students successful. Some strategies are manageable by adjustments by the teacher in the classroom. Others require resources, including staff, beyond the regular classroom environment. Public schools support students in addressing difficulties with developmental gaps; speech and physical impairments, including health concerns; basic skills acquisition including delayed reading, writing, math and language skill development; social, emotional and behavioral development; and even concerns related to economic and family stress on students. Very often, we refer to these interventions as "programs", and folks in the public sector may understandably misinterpret this to imply that these services are something we add on by choice. On the contrary - the services and supports we deliver in these areas are critical to the success of students - and so they are essential services, not supplemental. Many of these supports require specific and on-going training and evaluation. This is the critical role that professional development plays for our interventionists including all classroom teachers. Much of this development can be (and most effectively should be) designed and administered locally. This is why we have implemented a variety of strategies in CCCSD to build our capacity in these critical areas. Principals have been asked to be the designers and deliverers of high-quality professional development based on student needs at their campuses. Lead teachers at each campus organize and administer assessment and professional development activities designed to empower teachers to diagnose and respond appropriately to gaps in student ability and performance. Mentor Teachers have been identified at each campus to support others in meeting key responsibilities effectively, and managing the tasks and pressures of the high-stakes environment we operate in.

Many of our student supports require services beyond regular local staff. CCCSD, like many small districts, participates in several cooperative or shared services arrangements to meet the needs of our students without maintaining expensive, specialized staff on our own. The Menard Special Education Cooperative currently assists us in providing or contracting for Educational Diagnostician, Physical and Speech Therapy services, professional development support for teachers and managing record-keeping and administrative procedures related to special needs students. Ozona Schools serve dyslexic students through the services of a dedicated local teacher. We have our own full-time Registered Nurse. We have knowledgeable, skilled Special Education teachers who deliver all direct instruction to a handful of students, but also design and monitor instructional services to all students with disabilities in regular instructional settings with the assistance of Instructional Aides. Other Instructional Aides support instructional efforts through direct and small group delivery to students in Bilingual classrooms (new for CCCSD in 2010-2011), early childhood, and support areas such as library services and technology integration.

CCCSD also has developed specific interventions and support for students that may not have any specific learning disability, but may struggle with learning tasks and expectations. In response to recognition that many of our students across all grade levels continue to struggle with reading tasks despite general success in studies, we have implemented a highly effective reading intervention called Read Right at all campuses. Read Right is an intervention based on brain research that "re-models" and refines student reading processes. Essentially, we re-wire the processes of reading to increase both fluency and comprehension. This approach is intensive, requiring many hours of supervised and individual practices - but has been very effective with CCCSD students so far due to the excellent administration of service by our Read Right tutors. Read Right was obtained with one-time federal stimulus funding, and staffed with existing CCCSD Instructional Aides at no increased net cost to the district. A second important intervention designed to assist middle grade students with content-specific

struggles is Grand Central Station, or GCS. Students who need re-teaching, re-testing and reinforcement of regular classroom learning can receive assistance on a transitional basis from GCS staff, and then return to regular instruction quickly. This system of support has been implemented incrementally at OMS and is receiving very positive reviews from teachers, students and parents. GCS is available to any student in all core instructional areas.

At the high school level, students need to meet state graduation requirements in core curricular areas - which include increased required credits in Math and Science. In addition, CCCSD has always valued career and technical experiences for students to compliment academic requirements. Although there is less room in graduation plans these days for true electives, OHS still offers several course offerings in trade and vocational areas, engineering and technology, art and music. These experiences provide students many opportunities to test their abilities in learning and competition, and to develop new interests and skills. High School should be a time of exploration, and these courses are important to our students.

Of course, extracurricular engagement is important to communities, and we are no exception. We offer a full slate of athletic and band engagement to all Middle and High School Students, and all campuses participate in Academic UIL contest. We continue to grow in these areas each year. They are important. Opinions on the role of extracurricular participation in schools vary widely - and I am quite sure CCCSD has patrons in every corner. I spent my entire instructional career as a teacher-coach, but I was always a teacher first - and students respected that. Because of my connection with student outside of class, I had stronger influence on them in class. I could push students harder academically than they might have worked for me otherwise because of what I knew motivated them outside the classroom. All of my own children have used extracurricular activities as vehicles to build confidence and to work for something bigger than themselves. Although they have all been accomplished in extracurricular areas, none of my children are scholarship athletes or musicians. But their experiences in extracurricular areas shaped their concept of who

they can be, and I know student athletes I coached personally would never have pursued college, military or challenging technical careers without the confidence they gained from extracurricular experience. Some patrons of athletics will contend that many students would leave school if it weren't for sports. For most of my career, I would have hesitated to agree with this assessment too strongly. There are many good reasons to stay in school besides athletics, clubs and relationships. However, with increasing academic requirements imposed by this state and many others, and with many negative social pressures taking their toll on students everywhere - I would be hard pressed to contend that extracurriculars, and athletics in particular, aren't a major force in keeping students in school. I personally believe Texas is on the verge of a serious drop-out explosion. Keeping rich elective learning experiences and activities part of the comprehensive school program is becoming more and more imperative in reaching students.

Because there are many reasons for students to stay in school and develop self-awareness, confidence and skills that will equip them for the widest variety of choices after graduation - we must do an excellent job of educating students about those choices and preparing them to take advantage of them. Accordingly, we have begun a comprehensive program of strategies and services in CCCSD to expose, motivate and prepare students toward high goals after high school. Eighth grade students participate in an exploratory College and Career Explorations class. We have initiated an AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) program at OHS, one of the smallest schools in Texas to participate. The AVID program by itself has had great impact at OHS. AVID is a graduation-credit course aimed at supporting first-generation college-going students to increase academic abilities and to prepare through rigorous high school courses to move beyond high school and take advantage of opportunities through training and education. AVID is also a school improvement effort, with many AVID strategies shared across the curriculum to boost student functioning and motivation.

Our College Readiness program consists of several outreaches and services to assist students in reaching their

dreams and in becoming aware of their potential in almost any area they choose. Utilizing previously existing fund sources and staffing, we have enhanced services and programming to begin a comprehensive college and career readiness and support system in CCCSD. In coordination with traditional Guidance and Counseling services, we expanded and staffed a fully accessible GO Center where students can get information on college and career requirements and options; can practice and prepare for college entrance and placement exams (we are an AccuPlacer site now, eliminating the need for our students to travel to Midland for testing); can maintain portfolios of achievements and experiences to assist with scholarship and college applications; and can receive guidance, practice and use dedicated technology resources to complete college essays and applications online. The College Readiness Office also supports our AVID students and teachers and coordinates parent outreach through the Parent Leadership Team. We have encouraged and facilitated more Dual Credit and AP course enrollment and are exploring even more ways to offer distance and online dual credit opportunities for students.

The task of educators these days is daunting. The variety of services and supports to students and families is very comprehensive. These services and supports require people and funding. All of these supports and extensions of school are critical to the success of Ozona students. I have reinforced repeatedly that I can firmly justify and am very proud of everything we do in CCCSD to support students. I think anyone would be hard pressed to identify any material "fluff" in our services and programs. In fact, we have added several areas of support and service described here with existing financial resources, and actually decreased staffing in the last year or two. That said - I recognize several ways that we can be even more efficient in provision of these services and supports. In this very uncertain state budget climate,

we must be prepared to scour all areas of operating, and that may mean some hard choices about who we have doing what, how often, and on what scale. I assure the tax payers of Crockett County that I am dedicated, and I know your Board of Trustees are - budget crisis or not - to always providing excellent value and efficiency in schools.

Our enrollment is not what it used to be. Our financial conditions are changing. Our job as educators is getting harder. Our responsibilities to children are not diminishing - only increasing. We owe our students every ounce of effort and creativity to provide them with the absolute best schooling we can. Everyone I have ever spoken to here on school issues is a strong supporter of all children, and I know that Crockett County citizen want to be informed on what we do and how we do it. We are partners in each others' success - so I am glad to share information freely about CCCSD and the great things going on all around us. Despite the variety of challenges - you have a TEA Recognized school system - and we can make it even stronger.

In next week's installment I will share some of the financial and operating challenges faced by CCCSD. Some have crept up on us; others are looming ahead. Many are unknown still today. I am hopeful that this series of articles will raise both interest and support. As always, please contact me at any time with your questions or concerns.

School board meeting on personnel contracts Thursday

The Crockett County CCSD School Board will host a special called meeting at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 7, at the Administration Building.

Items on the agenda include a closed session on personnel matters for contracts for 2011-2012, resignations and terminations.

Any action the board takes on these items will be voted on in open (public) session.

At their March 23 meeting, the board approved contracts for teachers and personnel on term contracts and some probationary contracts.

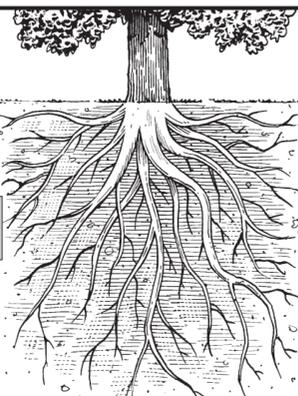
The board also approved an early resignation incentive that ran from March 28 to April 5 contract and at-will personnel.

Results of that incentive are expected to be part Thursday's meeting, as well as contracts that the board did not take action on at the March 23 meeting.

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- ☛ You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address. If your bill is mailed to the wrong address, the law still holds you responsible for paying your taxes on time or paying extra charges for late payments.
- ☛ You can also file a "report of decreased value" to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of the value of your property in 2010. The district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2011.

What's the deadline?

The last day for filing 2011 renditions is April 15. You can get an automatic extension to May 15 (or the next business day if a weekend) if you ask for it in writing on or before the April 15 deadline. The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after May 15 for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

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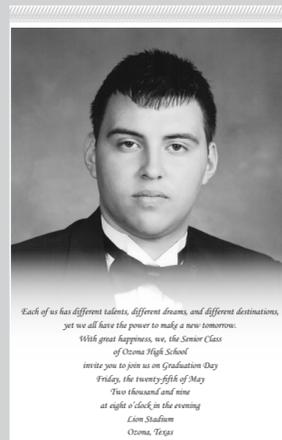
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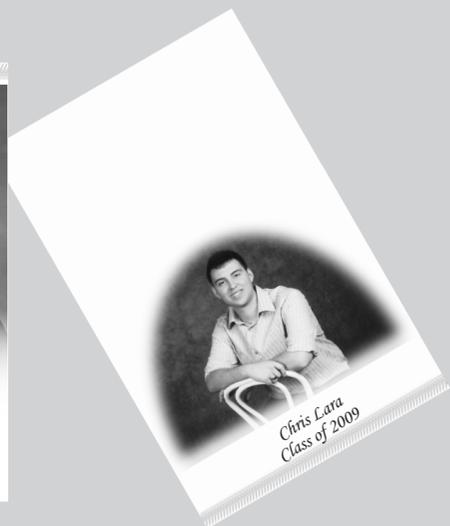
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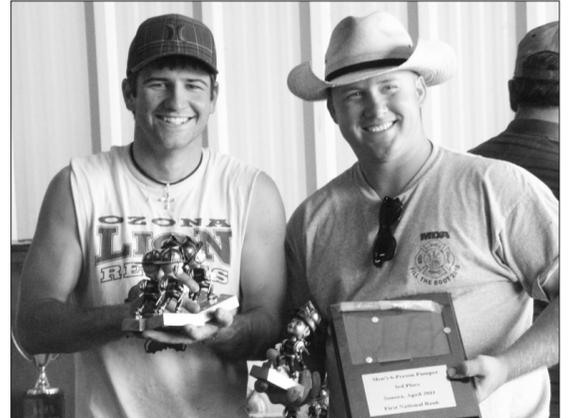
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Energy seminar Thursday

"Energy-Another Range-land Resource" Seminar Series will be presented April 7 at the Fair Park Convention Center.
The event will start at 8 a.m. and end around 3:30 p.m. It will also include lunch. Cost is \$35.
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House Speaker Joe Straus. Those three top officials ordered state agencies, boards, commissions and other entities to identify 7.5 percent in budget cuts to their own agencies over the last year and a half.

WAYS & MEANS WORK LIES AHEAD
Now, a state budget combines accepted obligations and a wish list. Lawmakers who write the state budget in effect are saying to Texans, "Here is what we're going to do with the money, if we get it."
It is the job of the tax-writing House Committee on Ways and Means, chaired by Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, to determine where the money is going to come from.
Because the state budget bill contemplates no funding through new taxes or new revenue sources, and no more money from the Rainy Day Fund, Hilderbran and committee will be looking closely at tax collections, closing tax exemptions, and the increasing of fees and license costs.

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

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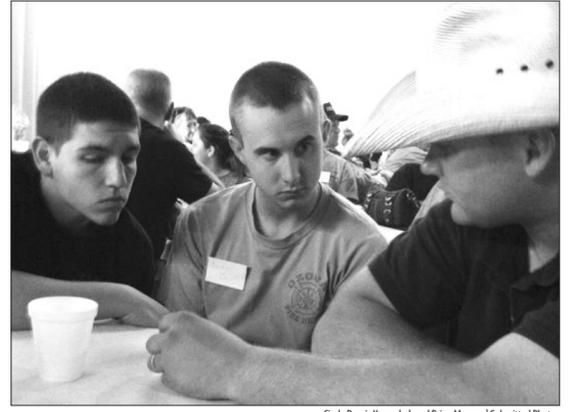
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6600'	Eog Resources	Henderson #701	Patterson Ut #471
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		Norris #1	Ringo Drilling Lp #19
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12900'	El Paso E&P Company	University 43-19 #1 H	Precision Drilling #93
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FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

MARCH 28
• 7:52 p.m. - Grass fire 23 miles south on State Hwy 163, started off roadway, two acres. Five units, 10 firefighters. Time in service 3 hours and 12 minutes.

MARCH 29
• 5:07 p.m. - Grass fire 7 miles east of State Hwy 163 and U.S. Hwy 190, four acres. Six units, 13 firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 20 minutes.

APRIL 2
• 12:40 p.m. - Grass fire 10 miles south on State Hwy 163. Four units, eight firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 23 minutes.
• 6:05 p.m. - Grass fire I-10 mile-marker 378 north side, 0.3 acre. Three units, six firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 6 minutes.

APRIL 3
• 12:02 a.m. - Grass fire 3 miles east of County Road 206, high wind, four acres, three units, six firefighters, Barnhart FD unit with a firefighter, Big Lake FD unit with two firefighters, Reagan County Blade one operator. Time in service 5 hours 18 minutes.
• 4:22 p.m. - Grass fire reported, two small spots out on arrival at mile-marker 342 on I-10 eastbound. Four units, 10 firefighters. Time in service 59 minutes.

APRIL 4
• 7:07 a.m. - Grass fire reported 10 miles south on State Hwy 163, possible re-kindle, small fire put out. Two units, three firefighters. Time in service 1 hour.

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MARCH 29
• Emergency transfer - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center
MARCH 30
• Emergency transfer - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center
APRIL 1
• 911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center

Medical Center
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• 911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center
APRIL 3
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C.N.A. SCHOOL STARTING: Crockett County Care Center is looking at beginning another C.N.A. class/training in the very near future. The Care Center is NATCEP approved for classes. We are looking at 10 qualified students to participate in this 3 week all expenses paid class. Upon completion, the applicant is committed to work 8 months as C.N.A. at the Care Center. Call 392-2671 and ask for Santa or Vicki. May 1 is deadline until the top 10 are chosen for the program. Applications are going fast!

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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, that outdoor burning is restricted in Crockett County for 30 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting or agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the and/or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

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