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Houston Livestock Show Champs

Black, Hale win Fine Wool Lamb class

Crockett County 4-Hers competed in the Houston Livestock Show last week.

Ozona High School Junior Allie Black won Champion Fine Wool Lamb with her Light Weight Lamb.

OHS Senior Lane Hale won Reserve Champion Fine Wool with his Medium Weight Lamb.

Also placing in the Fine Wool show was Trace Justiss at 15th with his Medium Weight Lamb.

In the Fine Wool Cross Lamb show, Brenna Hale was 14th with her Light Weight Lamb.

In the Medium Wool Lamb show, Kelbie Renfroe placed sixth with her Medium Weight Lamb.

All those that placed made the sale.

Also showing were Alex Hopper and Jarrett Justiss.

The Houston Livestock Show draws Texas 4-H and FFA exhibitors from across the state to compete at the world's largest livestock show. More than 15,000 junior exhibitors were a part of the 80th Houston Livestock Show.

The Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo is a Section 501(c)(3) charity that benefits youth, supports education, and facilitates better agricultural practices through exhibitions and presentation. Since its beginning in 1932, the Show has committed approximately \$283 million to the youth of Texas.

For more information, visit www.rodeohouston.com.



ALLIE BLACK (top) and LANE HALE showed championship Fine Wool Lambs last week at the Houston Livestock Show. Allie won Champion Fine Wool and Lane won Reserve Champion Fine Wool.

Commissioners continue animal impoundment discussion

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Moving forward on an animal control facility was discussed during Monday's regular Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting.

The commissioners discussed with Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton and Road Department Supervisory Jeffery Stuart on what could be done quickly for a temporary animal shelter.

The county is in need of a local facility due to Ozona Veterinarian Dr. Gary Vannoy retiring.

"We need a place to take them," Sutton said.

Stuart said the commissioners need to call Texas Department of State Health Services zoonosis control specialist Kathy Parker, of Midland, and ask what can be done temporarily.

"She's the one that can answer the questions. We need to start off on the right footing," Stuart said.

All the officials said they would contact Parker as well as a veterinarian in Sonora about possibly taking the animals there.

"Maybe in the long run, it might be more cost effective to drive them to Sonora," Sutton said.

In this month's animal control report, the sheriff's office took five dogs and eight cats to the Ozona Vet Clinic.

"We are alright for holding them for a day or two. I'd at least do a cost analysis up front to see if it's cost effective to build (a shelter)," Sutton said.

In order to build a shelter, the county would have to do an emergency budget amendment due to no money being budgeted this year for a facility.

Stuart said he did some

contacting on cost for a building, cement work, steel work, septic system and a person to run the facility, all added up to an estimated \$100,000.

Last month, commissioners and Stuart toured facilities in Junction and Boerne, and Janet Pullen, county rabies control authority, toured the facility in Big Lake.

"The rabies quarantine is the primary thing," said County Judge Fred Deaton. "We can't wait until the next commissioners' court meeting."

COURTHOUSE ANNEX VAULT

The commissioners also discussed an addition to the courthouse annex vault.

At a Feb. 28 meeting, the commissioners approved a bid of \$350,630 from Decker Custom Homes to do the construction work on the addition. The county originally budgeted \$250,000 for the project.

Decker Custom Homes was the lowest bid submitted for the project.

Officials from Decker Custom Homes were not at Monday's meeting, but the commissioners talked about areas in the county budget where they could find the extra funds.

Deaton said \$80,000 from parks and pools could be used, but that would require putting off restrooms at the baseball and I-10 parks for another year.

Stuart also said there was \$10,000 from cemetery budget and \$10,000 from other building and maintenance funds.

"You will have to cut off some projects. It will be hard to add new projects, and we wouldn't be able to

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'Dr. Seuss, We Love You'



OZONA SECOND GRADE STUDENTS entertained parents and friends during the OES Open House last week. The show celebrated Read Across America and Dr. Seuss's 108th birthday. The event was part of Texas Public Schools Week. More photos, page 8.

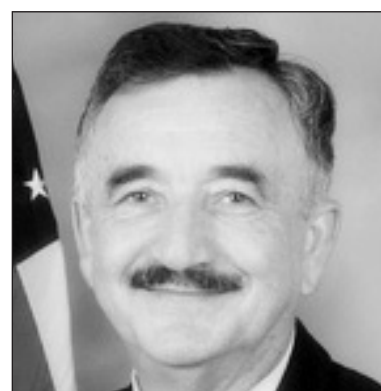
Rodriguez wants old congressional seat back

Former Congressman Ciro Rodriguez is seeking to reclaim his former seat.

Rodriguez, 65, took advantage of last week's candidate filing reopening and threw his hat into the ring for the 23rd Congressional District, which includes Crockett County.

With this filing in the Texas Democratic Party, a three-way primary race is now set that also includes State Rep. Pete Gallego, 50, of Alpine and John Bustamante, 36, the son of former U.S. Rep. Albert Bustamante, D-San Antonio.

The winner of the Democratic Primary will face Re-



CIRO RODRIGUEZ

publican incumbent Francisco "Quico" Canseco of San Antonio. Canseco narrowly defeated Rodriguez in 2010. A former San Antonio

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Commissioner addresses public nuisances in precinct

Dear Editor,

I am writing to inform everyone, most especially my constituents in Precinct 4, of my efforts to rid of public nuisances in residential areas of Crockett County. I have received many complaints from residents all around town and several in the past 2 weeks which has prompted me to write this letter. I am hoping to clear some things up and to make sure that what I am working towards

is not misunderstood or misinterpreted.

The issue is not so much about keeping livestock in residential areas of Crockett County. The real issue is whether or not the livestock is creating a public nuisance.

This is what I keep referring to: Texas Health And Safety Code-Abatement Of Public Nuisances Sec. 343.011 Subchapter B. Public Nuisance Prohibited:

(a) This section applies only to the unincorporated area of

a county.

(b) A person may not cause, permit, or allow a public nuisance under this section.

(c) A public nuisance is: (3.) maintaining premises in a manner that creates an unsanitary condition likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or disease-carrying pests."

When residents complain about how their lives and health are affected by the unbearable odor it is pretty obvious to

me that livestock which defecate and urinate on the property next door to them are "likely to attract or harbor mosquitoes, rodents, vermin, or disease-carrying pests" as well. Not only does it "create an unsanitary condition" on the property in which the livestock are kept but when it rains, the manure and urine flows directly into the property next door. All of this, I believe, is a public nuisance.

Unfortunately, I am held up in my efforts to cure this problem. I

say that the livestock are what is creating the nuisance, therefore, by removing the livestock is removing the nuisance. Right?

So far, the answer in Commissioner's Court has not been in my favor. One alternative is that residents can pull together and file a lawsuit for any damages they feel they have suffered. The other alternative is that I can request from our County Attorney to send letters of abatement so that property owners clean up or, if they ignore the

letters, the county can clean and we can tag the cost onto their property taxes. I have done this and will pursue it.

But is that to "abate" the nuisance as defined in the code?

Sec. 343.002. Definitions. In this chapter: (1) "Abate" means to eliminate or remedy.

Commissioners Court determines what a public nuisance is case-by-case and also decides how to "eliminate or remedy"

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Shine on: Many Texas entities are open, others fight public scrutiny

Many students (and their parents and teachers) might consider Spring Break one of the most important weeks of the year. This week also has special significance for news media and those who recognize the importance of keeping the ray of public scrutiny shining on government offices and officials.

It's Sunshine Week, dedicated to reminding people of the need to maintain open government and freedom of information. It was inaugurated in 2005 by the American Society of Newspaper Editors with a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation and is held each year to coincide with the March 16 birthday of James Madison, the Father of the Constitution and co-author of the Federalist Papers.

The Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press has since signed on to help organize the week, and many other organizations lend support.

This year's commemoration brings mixed news. Texas is fortunate to have some of the best-written laws protecting the people's right to know what their officials are doing and how their tax dollars are being spent. Many elements of the Texas Open Meetings Act and Texas Public Information Act have been used as guides for proposed federal open-government laws.

Unfortunately, those laws, while well written are anemically enforced; penalties often are light when they are enforced. And the laws are under constant attack by officials who prefer to use their influence and public money out of public view, where it's easier to steer decisions and funds to favored friends and relatives. Some officials have sued the state, arguing that the Open Meetings Act violates their First Amendment right to assemble and speak freely. In other words, they argue that they have a constitutional right to meet in secret and deny people information about what their public officials are up to.

Officials also are fighting to escape requirements for public notices such as



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meeting announcements and requests for proposals, which normally are posted in general-circulation publications such as this newspaper. The officials argue that such notices are costly, and want to post them solely on their respective websites. Publishers argue that cost is a small fraction of their expenses, and the need for third-party publication is critical. Not only do more people read newspapers than have Internet access, but announcement through an independent party ensures that the officials don't post a notice after the fact, but with an effective date that falsely makes it appear that they met legal requirements for advance notice.

Fortunately, many government entities do recognize the need to keep their constituents informed, and know how it helps maintain the public's trust. Sunshine Review, a national group that promotes open government, recently handed out its annual Sunny Awards to 12 cities, four counties and five school districts in Texas that maintained the most transparent websites in the country.

Only one state, Florida with 28, had more recipients this year.

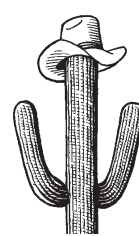
No Sunny winners were from the Rio Grande Valley, which has the sad reputation as a den of corruption and patronage.

Officials here are more likely to see public scrutiny as an obstacle to their nefarious operations, rather than an opportunity to show the public how openly and honestly they operate.

We hope efforts like the Sunny Awards, Sunshine Week and other efforts help convince public officials that transparency will be recognized and celebrated, and help draw the support of a grateful public.

SUNSHINE WEEK is March 11-17. Learn more at www.sunshineweek.org.

Keeping Pets



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

In the days of the great trail drives Texas drovers went north with 2,000 to 3,000 head of cattle and often came home with one: a pathfinding oxen that had led the herd north on the outbound trip. Such oxen were so valuable and utilitarian, and the cowboys liked them so much, that rather than sell their ox in Kansas, the cowboys often took it back to Texas with them when the drive was over. As a student of history I am often amazed to find how often these oxen were named "Pet".

It just so happens that we too had a bovine that we named Pet. I think most ranchers do. Sadly, our Pet was not respected by her peers or a leader among bovines like those old oxen. I don't even think she could lead a wild-eyed thirsty cow to water.

We acquired our Pet by purchasing heifers at the Replacement Heifer Auction at the county fair. All the heifers we bought made good cows but Pet was a big pain in the patoot. She was dog gentle, invariably in the way, and always stood around our corrals balling, expecting to be fed. I asked the wife not to encourage Pet by feeding her but mysteriously Pet got fatter than the cast of The Biggest Loser.

Pet especially loved our sheep, which we ran right in amongst the cows. I'd go so far as to say that Pet thought she was a Suffolk. So when we gathered the flock for the 4-H kids to pick their club lambs, Pet just naturally came along. It was quite

pet too!

My friend Lyman from Nevada once wrote me a hilarious letter about his Pet that he insisted was written without the aid of alcohol or any other artificial stimulants. Lyman named his cow Pet because she'd been a bucket baby and was, as her name implies, a big adorable Pet. The heifer loved Lyman, and although Lyman wouldn't want me to say it, the tough cowboy loved her back. At first, only in a spiritual sense.

It seems that one day Lyman was moving a bunch of preggy heifers closer to his corrals where he could watch them when they started calving. He figured he'd keep them close at hand by feeding them a little hay. One day after he moved them to the nearby pasture he hobbled his horse, opened the

gate to the stackyard and jumped on his tractor to fetch a round bale of hay. Please note that when Lyman switched from being a cowboy to a farmer he'd failed to switch from cowboy boots to clodhoppers. Let this be a warning... the catastrophe that followed is a good example of what happens when cowboys try to be farmers. We just don't have the footwear for it!

As soon as Lyman started the tractor the heifers knew what was coming and made a mad dash for the hay. This meant that Lyman had to fetch the hay, leave the stackyard and close the gate behind him before the charging heifers arrived. The second Lyman was through the gate he jumped off the tractor to close it. But because Lyman was a cowboy living in a farmer's world, he didn't get far. The spur on his cowboy boot got hung up on the tractor step. So there he was, hanging upside down by his leg, with his fingers only occasionally touching the ground. That's when Lyman's and Pet's relationship went from being strictly spiritual to physical as well. When Pet saw her love interest dangling from the tractor, she saw her opening and licked and drooled all over him with her foot-long tongue that is the texture of 80 grit sandpaper.

As Lyman hung there, covered in bovine adoration, otherwise known as cow slobber, the thought occurred to him that I know has been shared by cattlemen down through the ages: Ranchers shouldn't keep Pets.

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State, feds in standoff over women's health program

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Through the Texas Women's Health Program, some 130,000 uninsured, low-income women ages 18 to 44 are provided with family planning exams, basic essential health screenings and birth control through Medicaid funding that is 90 percent federal and 10 percent state.

On March 31, the program will lose its federal funding if the state of Texas and the federal government don't work out related issues that have become heavily politicized.

Federal and state law currently prohibit the funding of abortion services except in cases of rape, incest or life endangerment, but the state of Texas recently applied for a waiver of federal rules in hopes of operating the Women's Health Program in a way that complies with a state law passed last year that eliminates abortion providers and their affiliates as qualified providers of the other women's health services.

But the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services did not express any intention to grant a waiver that would allow

the state to pick and choose among qualified providers. Gov. Rick Perry reacted, saying it is his intent to protect women's health but not to allow the Obama administration to violate "states' rights" by blocking the enforcement of a Texas law. And Perry said the Texas Health and Human Services Commission "cannot ignore state law and allow taxpayer funds to be awarded to entities that perform or promote elective abortions or affiliate with entities that perform or promote elective abortions." Perry mentioned Planned Parenthood in his statement.

State Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, in a March 6 news release responded to Perry's statements, saying nearly half of the program's clients receive services through Planned Parenthood, an organization that does not provide abortions at Women's Health Program clinics.

On March 9, the non-profit, non-partisan Center for Public Policy Priorities in Austin re-

leased recommendations to the federal government and to the state. Here are excerpts:

-- "The federal government should not flinch from strict enforcement of the federal law guaranteeing women freedom of choice in selecting their providers. If the state implements its rule excluding Planned Parenthood, the federal government should end its participation in the Women's Health Program immediately."

-- "The state should return to the old rules for the Women's Health Program, which ensured that no program dollars subsidized abortion directly or indirectly, but did not bar Planned Parenthood from participating in the program. Alternatively, the state should delay implementation of its new rule while it turns to the courts to establish its authority to exclude Planned Parenthood. If it wins its case, then it can implement its rule excluding Planned Parenthood without jeopardizing federal funding. If it loses its case, then the

Legislature can decide whether it wishes to end the program or continue the program without federal funding."

DPS ISSUES TRAVEL CAUTION

The Texas Department of Public Safety on March 6 urged students on spring break not to travel to Mexico.

"Drug cartel violence and other criminal activity represent a significant safety threat, even in some resort areas," said DPS chief Steve McCraw, who added,

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Necessary-Burdick to wed in June

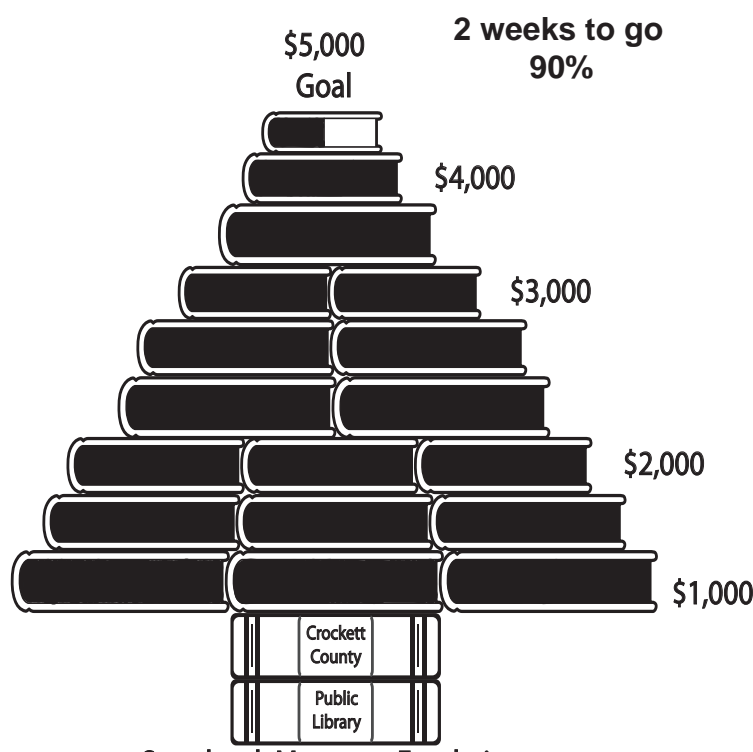
Cecil and Jackie Necessary of Ozona along with Ross and Debbie Burdick of Coleman announce the engagement of upcoming marriage of their children, Michelle Necessary of San Angelo, and Brady Burdick of Coleman.

The bride-elect is the granddaughter of Virginia Bishop and the late Joe Bishop of Ozona and Mary Necessary and the late Ralph Necessary of Christoval. Michelle is a 2003 graduate of Ozona High School. She received a bachelor of science in nursing from Angelo State University and is currently in pursuit of her masters of nursing administration from Texas Tech. She is employed with San Angelo Community Medical Center.

The groom-elect is the grandson of Sidney and Peggy Burdick and Tommie Sue Brooks, as well as the great-grandson of Lula Mills, all from Coleman. Brady is a 2002 graduate from Coleman High School and has received a bachelor of science in agricultural services and development from Tarleton State University. He is employed as a loan officer with Coleman InterBank.

The couple will exchange wedding vows on June 30, 2012 at Glen Meadows Baptist Church in San Angelo and will make their home in Coleman.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Wednesday, March 14**
 - Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, March 15**
 - Lady Lions Softball vs. Ballinger, 1 p.m. in Ballinger.
- Friday, March 16**
 - Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Saturday, March 17**
 - St. Patrick's Day
- Monday, March 19**
 - Classes resume at Ozona Schools.
 - OHS Lions Golf Team in the Iraan Invitational at Iraan.
 - JV OHS Tennis at the Reagan County Invitational in Big Lake.
 - Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OHS Dinner Theatre, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
 - Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tuesday, March 20**
 - Spring Begins
 - OHS Lady Lions Golf Team in the Iraan Invitational at Iraan.
 - Lions Baseball vs. Sonora, 4:30 p.m. at Lion Field.
 - Lady Lions Softball vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at Lady Lion Field.
 - Diabetes Class, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Wednesday, March 21**
 - OHS UIL Computer Science team at District Programming Contest in Wall.
 - Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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Peyton Fenton, bride-elect of Justin Holloway

Baby Shower Selections: Rebecca Stokes

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DALE BEBEE shows off his collection of Bibles. The Bibles range in age from the 1800s to a Bible owned by his father dated 1940. The Bibles are on display at the Crockett County Public Library.

Library fund-raiser nearing goal

The Crockett County Public Library has partnered with the Ozona Chamber of Commerce to conduct a fund-raiser to supplement the County budget and the Friends of the Library fundraising efforts to maintain the current level of service provided by our library, due to a loss in state and federal library funding. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 or just 100 \$50 donations.

How can you help? Buy a ticket to the Chamber banquet for \$15 and join us at the Civic Center on Thursday, March 29.

The chamber will announce the Business of the Year, our campaign results, and the Way Off Broadway Players will perform a portion of the play, "Ruthie's Café."

"Ruthie's Café" is a musical comedy that takes place in a small town diner with a variety of colorful characters and customers. The play emphasizes how everyone in a small town is family and helps each other out through crisis.

Have a great meal, enjoy a production, and help the library all at the same time.

Call 392-3737 to make your reservations.

To make a \$50 or cash donation to The Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 3030, Ozona, Texas 76943.

Happy Birthday

March 14 - Anthony Vasquez, Isabel Borrego, Diego Pena and Mark Branyon

March 15 - Tracey Preddy

March 16 - Wilton Russell, Liz Huereca and Rene De La Rosa

March 17 - Tom Morrow, Larry Allen, Angela Damian, Alex Samarripa, Ruth Hester, Zelma Johnigan and Joe Don Moran

March 18 - Dan Gutierrez, Linda Vitela, Marie Pierce, Breanne Hale, Susan Cantu and Lesley Mendoza

March 19 - Bobbie Renfro, Mike Preddy, Kristin Bunger, Tiffany Esparza, Braxton Bauerlein, Dennis Newby, Vanessa Santiago and Jadyn Poindexter

March 20 - Cesar Villarreal

March 21 - Heather Price, Leandra Benson and Mela Flores

Diabetes class Tuesday

The Wesley Nurse Program hosts a monthly diabetes support group at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship hall.

The next meeting is Tuesday, March 20, at 5:30 p.m. This support group is a good continuation for all who have attended any part of the Do Well, Be Well with

Diabetes class but is open to anyone.

Various topics and activities are part of the monthly meeting including cooking, diabetes care, medications, research and general discussion.

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

Diaper Pantry March 22

The Wesley Nurse Program of the Ozona United Methodist Church is beginning a monthly Diaper Pantry. Families will be educated on various topics related to children's health and will be given one package of diapers for each child in the home under the age of 3.

The first class will be offered March 22 beginning at 10 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Anyone may attend the educational class but must RSVP in order to receive diapers.

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

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo set for Monday

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The rain that we received last week was wonderful, but as for me, I could have enjoyed the rain without the cold. I was out of the Senior Center last week because I was ill, but I am feeling much better now. It is now Daylight Saving Time, and it surely has my sense of time messed up. We are sorry to learn that Jim Couch has been in the hospital where they were running tests on him, but the results of the tests are not known as of now. Jim, we hope you get much better real soon. Concho Valley Community Action will be here at the Senior Center on Tuesday, April 10. They are an organization that will help those who qualify with their utility bills. Mary and Keith Klepper

came by the center today and brought us some puzzles. Thank you for coming by and for the puzzles. Our Senior Bingo Social will be Monday, March 19, at 6:30 p.m. here at the Senior Center. We will be having chicken salad and pimento on bread or crackers, dessert, and tea, coffee, or water. Plan on attending and bringing a prize. You will surely have a fun evening. The bridge game will be played on Monday at 1:30 p.m. Those who attend have the best time playing, and they appreciate using our Senior Center. Levis and Lace square dance lessons will be on Tuesdays, but will occasionally be on Monday night. Check with a square dance member to make sure of the day they are having lessons. Also, Levis and Lace have changed their regular square dances to every second and

fourth Saturdays at 2-4 p.m. Tuesday have been set aside for any of you who would play dominos. You can play late mornings or early afternoons. If you would like to set up a game call Lynn English at 392-9094. On Wednesday, a group meets to play Mexican Train. These players get competitive and have fun playing this exciting game. We have our regular activities: bridge, bingo, 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 a stand and screen as well as a wonderful keyboard. Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults 50 years and older.

DEATH NOTICES

Jim Ramirez Etheridge
Jim Ramirez Etheridge, 41, died Thursday, March 8, 2012 in Ozona. Funeral service was Saturday, March 10, 2012 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home. Survivors include: father, Hector Etheridge of Corpus Christi; grandmother Herminia Ramierz of Ozona; daughter, Scottie Riojas of Lubbock; sons, Aaron Etheridge of Midland and Rodney Etheridge of Alaska; sisters, Jacqueline Rodriguez of Ozona, Jeannie Etheridge, Tracy Etheridge and Denise Etheridge all of Corpus Christi.

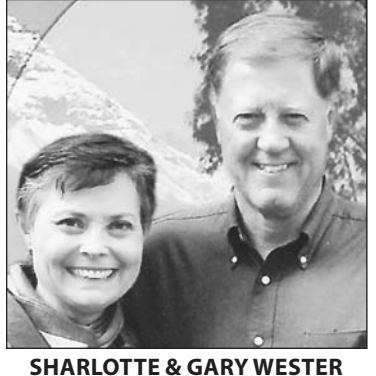
HELPING HANDS NEWS

- MARCH 14**
-Baked Chicken Breast, Baked Potato with Sour Cream, Peas, Pineapple Tidbits and Chocolate Pudding
- MARCH 15**
-Country Friend Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Country Gravy, Stewed Okra, Seasoned Corn, and Pumpkin Square
- MARCH 16**
-Breaded Fish on a Bun, Lettuce, Tomato, Pickles, Tartar Sauce, Potato Wedges and Coleslaw with Dressing
- MARCH 19**
-Hot Dog on a Bun, Mustard, Baked Potato with Sour Cream, Seasoned Broccoli and Pineapple Gelatin
- MARCH 20**
-Beef Stroganoff, Noodles, Whole Wheat Roll, Margarine, Mixed Vegetables and Winter Fruit Cup

OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM NEWS

BY BETH HOOVER
OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM

The Woman's Forum met Tuesday, Feb. 21, at the Crockett County Senior Center. Katharine Russell led the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and gave the invocation. President Rosalind Williams conducted the meeting. Hostesses were Nell Wester, Jean Odom and Norma Carson. Members brought canned goods to the meeting to donate to the Helping Hands program. Thirteen members and four guest enjoyed a program given by club member Nell Wester's son and daughter-in-law Garry and Charlotte Wester. The topic was "Sharing Ecuador Missions." The couple works with the Baptist Global Response who are helping the villages in Ecuador bring water to the villages. Grants and a church from Louisiana have helped



SHARLOTTE & GARY WESTER

Crockett County Relay For Life to honor cancer survivors

BY KELLYE HOWARD
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY

The Crockett County Relay For Life will host its annual dinner to honor cancer survivors on Thursday, March 29. The inspirational Survivor Dinner will take place at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. "The Survivor Dinner is a great chance for cancer survivors and caregivers to gather and share their stories," said Shelly Childress, event chair. This unique event is an open invitation to all cancer survivors and caregivers from Crockett County. In 1985, Relay For Life began with one man who



goals of the cancer society is to eliminate cancer as a health problem by saving lives and preventing cancer through research, education and awareness. ACS Relay For Life provides the community with an opportunity to commemorate the lives of those who have lost the fight to cancer, but they also ensure that the dinner does not have a melancholic atmosphere rather a celebratory one for survivors of cancer. "We are expecting a great turnout this year," Childress said. "Each cancer survivor is able to invite one of their caregivers to attend as their guest." For more information, call Childress at (325) 277-5381.



BUDDY THAT'S IT

My wife and one of my sons were having a little discussion in the kitchen. She had not washed his favorite shirt that day and he was upset. We had a policy at our house if you wanted something washed you put it by the washing machine and it would get washed pronto. He was telling her she could go to his room and get his clothes. He was a teenager, need I say more. Any way she told him she was not washing any more of his clothes and furthermore he could not eat at our table and that he had to fix his own food and clean up his mess. Well after the second day he asked for a parley. He sure had to eat some crow and clean the house for a week, wash dishes and carry everybody's dirty clothes to the laundry room. That event reminded me of something in the Bible. Very few of Gods blessings are not conditional. For instance His love, Christ dying on the cross are unconditional but to receive and experience them is conditional, (Romans 5:8). If we chose to obey He promises to help us with our enemies, prosperity, diseases and most of all special favor with Him, (Leviticus 26:3-13, Hebrews 3:7-19, Colossians 1:22&23). If we chose to ignore we will lose these and much more, (Leviticus 26:14-40). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 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>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Tues. - Sat.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	
<p>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.</p>		

ALL PASTORS OF OZONA CHURCHES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT COLUMNS.

Texas Pecos Trail holding meeting Thursday

BY SCOTT JORDAN
TEXAS PECOS TRAIL

The Texas Pecos Trail Region bi-monthly board meeting, networking lunch and educational experience will be held on March 15, 10 a.m., in Crane at the Museum of the Desert Southwest (409 S. Gaston). The public is welcome to attend. Lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door. Attendees will be touring the museum. Hostess Betty Damron, a member of the Crane County Historical Commission, serves on the board of the Pecos Trail Region. The Texas Pecos Trail Region encompasses 22 West Texas counties in the Trans-Pecos area: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler. The Texas Heritage Trails Program is the Texas Historical Commission's award-winning tourism initiative designed to help Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation. For more information, call (325) 387-3900 or e-mail info@texaspecostrail.com.

Nutrition/Food Pantry program March 30

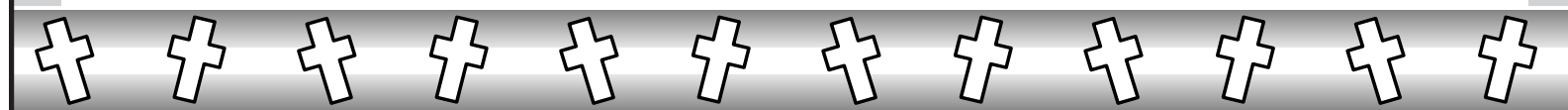
The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, March 30, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will be given. The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register. For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

Card of Thanks
Our family would like to express our gratitude for the kindness shown to us by so many of you during the recent loss of our son, brother and uncle, Jonathon Kyle. We are grateful for every visit, prayer, kind word, comforting embrace, flowers, donations made in Kyle's memory and prepared meals that were extended to us during this time of loss in our lives. Each and every expression of concern or comfort, no matter how great or small, reminds us of how blessed we are as a family to call Ozona our home.
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THE OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT received a new brush truck last week. This truck will help firefighters in fighting grass or wildland fires. It was purchased with emergency county funds after a previous truck was heavily damaged during the 2011 Wildfire Season.

Additional USDA Emergency Conservation Funds available for Crockett County

BY JED HRUSKA
USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

Reagan - Upton - Irion - Crockett County USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director, Jed Hruska announced that Texas was allocated an additional \$6,414,000 of Emergency Conservation Program funds.

These funds are in addition to regular ECP funds previously issued across the state.

Based on the state allocation, Crockett County will receive \$800,000 in additional ECP funds. The county allocation is based off an initial estimate and could vary depending on the number of applications received per county.

In Texas, 27 counties including Crockett County were approved for ECP assistance because they were designated as a primary disaster county under a Presidential Disaster Declaration issued for damages from 2011 wildfires.

ECP is administered by FSA and additional funds were allocated to assist producers with the cost of recovery activity to restore the agricultural land to pre-disaster conditions. Producers who sustained damage from the 2011 wildfires are encouraged to submit their request for assistance prior to beginning reconstructive work. Submitting a request after completing qualified reconstructive work may result in forfeiture of program eligibility.

"I realize that there are extenuating circumstances that must be addressed for public and livestock safety and health reasons, but I strongly recommend at least calling our office before any reconstructive action is taken," said Hruska.

The Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County FSA office will hold an ECP sign-up for producers who were affected by the wildfires. The 30

day sign-up ends on March 30, 2012. Contact the office to schedule an appointment to sign up for the program.

The Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County FSA Committee will complete an evaluation of submitted requests and obligate available funds based on an on-site inspection of the damaged land, taking into consideration the type and extent of the eligible damage.

The use of funds obligated under ECP authority is limited to return the land to the relative pre-disaster condition. Conservation concerns that were present on the land prior to the disaster are not eligible for ECP assistance. Approved ECP applicants may receive up to 75 percent of the cost of completing the approved restoration activity.

For more information on ECP, call the Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County FSA office at (325) 884-3753.

Art exhibit benefiting West Texas Rehab

Internationally acclaimed artist Luis Sottill will deliver an "Art Talk" Saturday, March 24 at historic Fort Concho during the 13th annual Stribling Art Extravaganza benefiting West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Sottill's presentation will offer a personal glimpse into his development as an artist, his motivation to share his creative passion with young people as well as his "Naturalismo" painting technique he uses today by blending gold leaf and natural pigments in layers to attain greater luminosity. Sottill will speak at 2 p.m. in the Living History Stables classroom.

The cost will be \$20 per person and as seating space is limited, interested attendees are urged to call (325) 223-6414 as soon as possible.

San Angelo is a focal point of Sottill's journey as he lived here in the late 1980's and had his very first art show at the Calla Lily gallery.

Today his works are included in more than 2,000 private and corporate collections worldwide.

He is represented in more than 20 galleries, including one of his own at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida.

This year's Stribling Extravaganza will feature approximately 280 works by 165 local and area artists.

Mediums include oils, acrylics, watercolors, bronzes, metal, ceramics, wood and stone and all may be viewed at the Fort Concho's Commissary and Quartermaster buildings.

Ben and Beverly Stribling are underwriting the show and sale which show-

cases the talents of current and former residents of San Angelo and the Concho Valley.

Additional funding for Extravaganza activities also is provided by Travis and Kam Stribling.

Hours for the free, public show are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. March 23 and 24 and noon to 4 p.m. March 25.

Additionally, the young artists' display, sponsored by Jud Gray, may be viewed at the Living History Stables.

This unique exhibit features the works of local and area high school students and affords them an opportunity to experience public recognition of their talents.

Also, at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 24, guitar virtuoso Paul Finley will per-

form selections from his extensive repertoire in the Commissary while devotees view the weekend show.

An Austin resident, he is appearing in San Angelo as a guest musician for the Cultural Affairs Council.

Since 1953, West Texas Rehab Center's mission has been to improve the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities, regardless of their financial circumstances.

A private, non-profit organization, WTRC has outpatient rehabilitation facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

More information is available about the art show or WTRC services by calling (325) 223-6300 or by visiting the Center's website at WestTexasRehab.org.

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Conscious Discipline series starts April 18

Conscious Discipline Presented by Carol White of the Region 15 Service Center is a four-part educational series for parents, teachers, day-care centers, and anyone interested in learning new discipline techniques.

This series will be presented at the Ozona Elementary Library on April 10, April 18, May 8 and May 15. The sessions will be from 6-8 p.m.

Conscious Discipline is an emotional intelligence program consisting of brain smart strategies for responding rather than reacting to life events and challenging behaviors.

Through responding, conflict moments are transformed into cooperative

learning opportunities.

This training will provide an understanding of the brain and the seven basic skills of discipline that develop character, cooperation, respect and responsibility. This four-part series will allow participants to learn new skills, and then

practice those skills before learning more strategies.

Door prizes will be handed out. Registration is due April 4.

For more information, or to register, call Katie Parker, OES Counselor at (325) 392-5501 ext: 5803 or e-mail katie.parker@ozonaschools.net.

Close to Our Hearts

OHS Seniors need to start coming in to make Jon Hart selections.

Bridal Selections have been made by
Peyton Fenton, bride-elect of Justin Holloway
Michelle Necessary, bride-elect of Brady Burdick

908 11th St. - 392-2700

New Merchandise Arriving Weekly

ACROSS

1 home of ex-Ranger Juan Gonzalez: Vega _____

5 TXism: "got _____ in the oven" (pregnant)

6 TXism: "_____ a hand"

7 in McLennan Co. on 77: _____Lakeview

8 Fredericksburg's Oktoberfest mo. (abbr.)

9 they speak louder than words

16 TXism: "in _____ neck of the woods" destined for greatness? (3 wds.)

21 TX Buddy Holly's "_____ Boy"

22 first husband of TX Cyd Charisse

23 Amarillo hosts "_____State Fair"

24 "Lonesome Dove" burial site of Gus: "_____ Orchard"

30 "dry" TX co. (2 wds.)

34 _____ Jo, TX

35 desolated by death

36 Ozona H.S. football classification

37 TXism: "headed for the _____ roundup"

39 TXism: "millionaire maker" (2 wds.)

43 Allen of the Green Mountain Boys

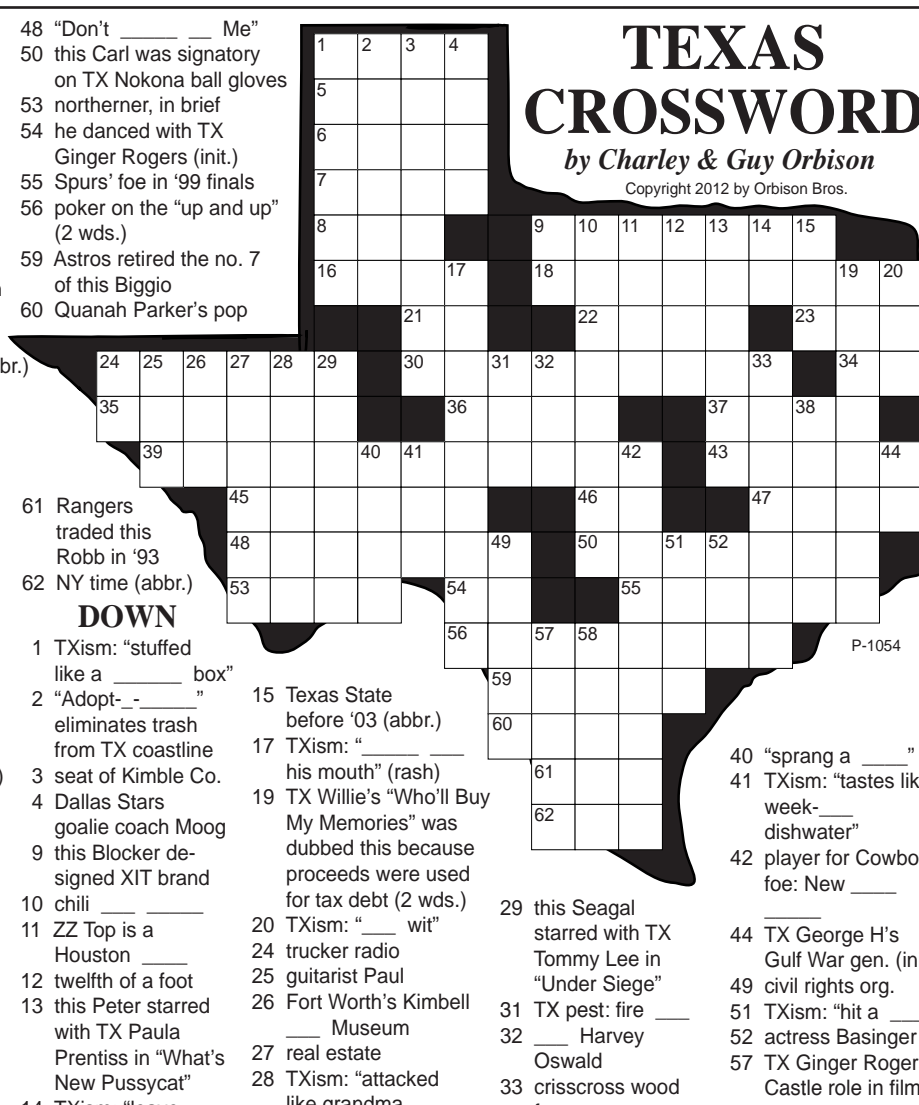
45 flattens

46 TXism: "all vine, _____ watermelon"

47 military bugle call

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DOWN

1 TXism: "stuffed like a _____ box"

2 "Adopt- _____" eliminates trash from TX coastline

3 seat of Kimble Co.

4 Dallas Stars goalie coach Moog

9 this Blocker designed XIT brand

10 chili _____

11 ZZ Top is a _____ Houston _____

12 twelfth of a foot

13 this Peter starred with TX Paula Prentiss in "What's New Pussycat"

14 TXism: "leave _____ stone unturned"

15 Texas State before '03 (abbr.)

17 TXism: "_____ his mouth" (rash)

19 TX Willie's "Who'll Buy My Memories" was dubbed this because proceeds were used for tax debt (2 wds.)

20 TXism: "_____ wit"

24 trucker radio

25 guitarist Paul _____

26 Fort Worth's Kimbell _____ Museum

27 real estate

28 TXism: "attacked like grandma _____ chicken snake"

29 this Seagal starred with TX Tommy Lee in "Under Siege"

31 TX pest: fire _____

32 _____ Harvey Oswald

33 crisscross wood frame

38 mishit a golf ball

40 "sprang a _____"

41 TXism: "tastes like week-_____ dishwasher"

42 player for Cowboy foe: New _____

44 TX George H's Gulf War gen. (init.)

49 civil rights org.

51 TXism: "hit a _____"

52 actress Basinger

57 TX Ginger Rogers Castle role in film

58 local tax assessments

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Come and Go

OHS Lions Tennis Team competes at Eldorado, Regional Team Meet



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONASTOCKMAN
KRAMER HALL beat Justin Morrison 8-3 in boys' singles.

The Ozona JV Tennis Team competed in the Eldorado JV Tournament on March 5.

Abby Newton and Dalia Hernandez won Consolation in girls' doubles, and Deep Patel and Robbie Sanchez won Consolation in boys' doubles.

Lazarae Rodriguez and Tristan Alvarez were mixed doubles Consolation Finalist.

Also playing were Jadie Marshall and Nancy Rodriguez in girls' singles.

The entire tennis team competed in the Regional Team Tennis meet on March 2-3 in Big Lake.

Ozona did not advance but won several matches.

In boys' singles, Dalan Wilson def Joey Marquez 6-1, 6-2; Kramer Hall def Justin

Morrison 8-3; Saul Vargas def Chantz Kennedy 9-7; Glen Tinney def Brandon Koch 9-8(4) and Emilio Mendez def Emilio Velasco 8-6.

In girls' singles, Jenny Venegas def Kate Brunson 5-1 (retired) and Lazarae Rodriguez def a Kermit player 6-4.

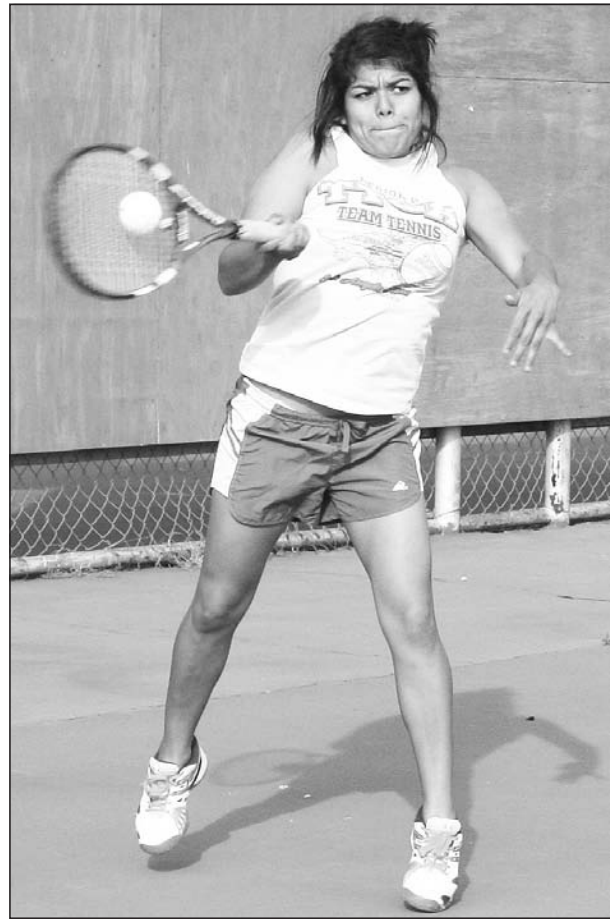
In mixed doubles, Kramer Hall/ Jenny Venegas def Samples/Hernandez 7-6(4), 7-5 and then the duo def Brunson and Morrison.

In boys' doubles Saul Vargas/ Cuatro Jones def Kermit duo 8-6, and in girls' doubles Dalia Hernandez/ Lazarae Rodriguez def Kermit duo 8-6.

Also playing: Abby Newton, Nathaniel Valdes and Nancy Rodriguez.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONASTOCKMAN
ROBBIE SANCHEZ (pictured) and his doubles partner Deep Patel won consolation in boys' doubles at the March 5 Eldorado JV Tournament.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONASTOCKMAN
JENNY VENEGAS beat Kate Brunson in girls' singles at the Regional Team Tennis meet held in Big Lake on March 2-3.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONASTOCKMAN
DEEP PATEL (pictured) and his doubles partner Robbie Sanchez took consolation in boys' doubles at the Eldorado JV Tournament Mar. 5.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONASTOCKMAN
OZONA LION ALEX BORREGO was 3 for 4 with one double and one RBI against Eldorado and 3 for 3 with one RBI against McCamey.

Lions baseball claws Eagles, Badgers

The Ozona Lions Baseball Team got their first home win on March 6, 10-5, over Eldorado.

Pitching for the Lions was Alejandro Mendez, catching was Chase DeHoyos.

Mendez pitched five innings, gave up 5 hits, 3 walks and 6 strikeouts and gave up 3 earned runs.

DeHoyos was also 4 for 4 with 1 double and 2 RBIs. Tristan Alvarez was 2 for 3 with 1 double, 1 triple, 1 walk and 2 RBIs and Alex Borrego was 3 for 4 with 1 double, 1 RBI.

"The boys played their best all-around game so far this season. We made it interesting in the seventh inning giving Eldorado some life before Sophomore Saul Vargas was able to come in and close it out," said Coach Ray Talamantes. "Offensively our bats came alive pounding out 14 hits and 10 runs while only giving up 5

defensively. We are still not where we need to be up to this point in the season, but I think the boys are starting to realize that to have a chance this season we must compete for all seven innings of a game."

On March 8, the Lions defeated McCamey 14-4 in the first game of the Reagan County Tournament before the tournament was canceled due to rainy, cold weather.

Pitching was Vargas with DeHoyos catching.

Borrego was 3 for 3 with 1 RBI and Alvarez was 2 for 2 with 1 RBI.

"The Lions maintained their composure through freezing weather to beat McCamey. Slowly but surely the boys are gaining some confidence," Talamantes said. "Personally I'm still trying to get used to this West Texas weather but I was pleased that the boys did not let mother nature affect their game."

OHS Dinner Theatre set for March 19

The OHS One Act Play will present a Dinner Theatre on March 19 at the Civic Center.

The event starts at 6 p.m. and will feature dinner and the production of "By the Bog of Cats" by Marina Carr performed by the One Act Play students.

Cost is \$12 per person. Tickets are available from the One Act Play Students.

The cast is Hester Swane played by Gaby Gutierrez; Carthage Kilbride played by Cris Taylor; Josie Kilbride played by Aliyah Guerra; Mrs. Kilbride played by Lazarae Rodriguez; Monica Murray played by Jes-

sica Borrego; The Catwoman played by Kristen Hernandez; Xavier Cassidy played by Michael Medina Jr.; Caroline Cassidy played by Jade Carty; The Ghost Fancier played by Cuatro Jones; The Ghost of Joseph Swane played by Zac Taylor and Father Willow played by Chris Cantu.

The crew is Isabel Ybarra, Tres Perez, Jerrod duBois, Lexi Poindexter and Deya Hernandez.

The play is directed by Dottie De Leon and assistant directors are Susie duBois and Linda Thompson.

OHS Golf Teams play in Wall Meet

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions competed at Bentwood Country Club in a tournament hosted by Wall High School on March 5.

Low medalist for the boys team was Michael Hill and low medalist for the girls team was Jessica Borrego.

Other golfers were Cris Taylor, A.J. Ramos, Ryan Kennedy, Dalan Wilson, Weston Seahorn, Zack Taylor, Cuatro Jones, and Lisa Dorrough.

The boys will return to play on March 19, in Iraan and the girls will play in Iraan on March 20.

Lady Lions get wins over Miles, Brady, Mason

The Lady Lions Softball team was successful last week, starting with a 10-6 win over Miles on March 5.

Pitching was Adrienne Sanchez and Bethany Martinez and catching was Kodi Glosson.

Runs scored: Cynthia Garcia 2; Glosson 3; Samantha De La Garza 1; Vivian Medina 1; Martinez 1; Keyanna Perez 1; Lexi Poindexter 1; Sanchez struckout eight batters in three innings pitched. Also playing: Amy Quiroz, Kyann Hernandez, Meagan Espinosa, Kaylee Ramirez, Jade Carty and Jennifer Martinez.

"The Lady Lions started the game patiently at the plate and fast around the bases. It was a game of two halves. We started off fast but failed to maintain the consistency through seven innings, which is something we have been working on mentally and need to do by the time district starts. Our girls are coming together and some of our best games are ahead of us," said Coach Butch Gonzalez.

In the first day of the Junction Tournament, the Lady Lions took on Johnson City, Brady and Mason. The rest of the tournament was canceled due to rainy and cold weather.

The Lady Lions lost to Johnson City in the first game, 10-4.

Pitching was Sanchez with Glosson catching. Sanchez had five strikeouts.

Garcia, Glosson, Sanchez and Poindexter each scored a run. Also playing: Quiroz, Hernandez, Espinosa, Ramirez, Carty, Marquez, De La Garza, Medina, Martinez and Perez.

"Johnson City is a good team who made an appearance at the state semifinals

last year, but I feel the loss had to do more with us than it did with Johnson City," Gonzalez said. "I just feel our nine team errors kept us out of the game."

The Lady Lions came back with 12-5 win over Brady.

Once again, Sanchez pitched and Glosson was catcher. Sanchez had nine strikeouts.

Garcia scored 2 runs, Glosson 3, Sanchez 3, Poindexter 3 and Medina 1. Also playing: Quiroz, Hernandez, Espinosa, Ramirez, Carty, Marquez, De La Garza, Martinez and Perez.

"The Lady Lions appeared to get the errors out of their system and played well," Gonzalez said. "One thing I keep reminding our team is that on the field, it is about us-the team and we have to make sure that criticism and negativity don't creep into our field. We have to make an effort to protect our house."

In their final game, the Lady Lions snapped Mason 9-1.

Sanchez had four strikeouts pitching and Glosson was catcher.

Sanchez also scored three runs, Glosson 2 and Garcia, De La Garza, Perez and Hernandez one each. Also playing: Quiroz, Espinosa, Ramirez, Carty, Marquez, Martinez, Medina and Poindexter.

"The Lady Lions proved they could stay hot in cold conditions as they competed from start to finish. Coach Ronnie Clayton and I were really proud of the way the girls handled the adversity we faced from earlier in the tournament. The girls responded and got better by the end of the day," Gonzalez said.

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OMS Lady Lions run in Eldorado Track Meet

The OMS Lady Lions competed in the Eldorado Track Meet last week.

Eldorado only did places on some running events and field events, but Coach Taylor Golding provided results and times for all that participated.

SEVENTH GRADE LADY LIONS

2400-meter run - 1. Gabby Treto, 10:09; 2. Bobbie Jo Vargas, 10:15 and 4. Gabby Flores, 11:04.

400-meter relay - 2. Kamryn Lozano, Azaylea Tovar, Asia Lara and Olivia Mata, 59.4

800-meter run - Gabby Flores, 3:13; Azaylea Tovar, 3:29 and Dustine Perez, 3:30.

100-meter hurdles - Madison Galindo, 19.6 and Maiah Jurado, 21.6.

100-meter dash - Olivia Mata, 13.7; Azaylea Tovar, 14.9 and Dacie Taylor, 16.6.

800-meter relay - 1. Kamryn Lozano, Dacie Taylor, Asia Lara and Madison Galindo, 2:06.

400-meter run - Julie Marshall, 1:16; Pricila Rodriguez, 1:19 and Jasmine Carty, 1:36.

300-meter hurdles - Maiah Jurado, 1:04.

200-meter dash - Olivia Mata, 29.8 and Kelly Sewell, 34.3.

1600-meter run - Gabby Treto, 6:22; Bobbie Jo Var-

gas, 6:36 and Jasmine Carty, 9:00.

1600-meter relay - 1. Kamryn Lozano, Gabby Treto, Asia Lara and Madison Galindo, 5:01.

Long Jump - 2. Olivia Mata, 11-0; Kamryn Lozano, 10-2 and Dacie Taylor, 10-4.

Triple Jump - 4. Kamryn Lozano, 25.5; 6. Asia Lara, 23-8; Dacie Taylor, 22-1.

High Jump - 2. Madison Galindo, 4-6.

Discus - Vanessa De La Rosa, 36-0; Kelly Sewell, 32-0 and Meagan Shook, 20-0.

EIGHTH GRADE LADY LIONS

800-meter run - Nereyda Vega, 2:51 and Daisy Cantu, 3:23.

100-meter dash - Brianna Sanchez, 13.7; Ashley Vargas, 15 and Alondra Rodriguez, 15.2.

800-meter relay - 2. Brianna Sanchez, Nereyda Vega, Stephanie Torralba and Alondra Rodriguez, 2:03.

400-meter run - Nereyda Vega, 69.8 and Narda Aguilar, 1:32.

200-meter dash - Brianna Sanchez, 28.3; Stephanie Torralba, 30 and Alondra Rodriguez, 32.5.

Triple Jump - 5. Nereyda Vega, 25-1.

High Jump - 3. April Ramoz, 4-4.

Discus - 5. Hilary Cantu.

OMS Lions compete at Eldorado

The Seventh Grade Lions tracksters traveled to Eldorado on March 6 to compete in the Plateau Relays.

Joining Ozona in the track meet were teams from Miles, Sonora, Christoval, Menard, Cornerstone, Rocksprings, and the host school Eldorado.

The seventh-graders finished in fourth place after team points were calculated at the end of the field events.

Weston Fay placed first in the discus and third in the shot put.

Thomas Fay placed third in the long jump.

Results of the running events were:

2400-meter run - Preston McCutcheon, third; Luis Contreras, fourth and Raven Perez, fifth.

The Lions 400-meter relay (Thomas Fay, Aidan Fierro, Edgar Damian, Tim Maldonado) finished in third place.

Emmanuel Sarabia placed sixth in the 800-meter run to earn a ribbon.

In the 110 Meter Hurdles, Aidan Fierro finished in fourth place.

Earning ribbons in the 100-meter dash were: Jose Martinez, second; Tristian Galindo, fourth and Alber to Rodriguez sixth.

The Lions 800-meter relay team (Kabir Shah, Thomas Fay, Aidan Fierro, and Edgar Damian) ran to a third place finish.

In the 400-meter dash, Kabir Shah placed second while Jose Martinez and Gabriel Tambunga finished in third and fourth respectively.

Tim Maldonado placed third in the 300-meter hurdles.

Thomas Cruz, Tristian Galindo, and Gabriel Tambunga were awarded fourth place ribbons for their efforts in the 200-meter dash.

Placing in the 1600-meter run were: Preston McCutcheon, second; Emmanuel Sarabia, fifth and Luis Contreras sixth.

The final event of the evening was the 4 x 400 (1600-meter) relay.

The Lions finished in third place. The relay team consisted of Kabir Shah, Thomas Fay, Tim Maldonado, and Edgar Damian.

No point totals were kept during the running events.

The Lions will be competing again on March 24 at Harper. Go Lions!

Eighth Grade Lions also competed in Eldorado.

Coach John Esparza said the wind was a huge factor all day, but the Lions saw improvement on times.

"The meet did not keep point totals, so it was a good meet for us to just get out and run and continue to improve as we make our way toward district. I was proud of the effort but as always there are lots of areas we can get better at," Esparza said.

Results: Discus - Johnny Vengas 82-4, Michael Graham 80-0, Jeremy Munoz 76-5 and Calib Villa 76-0.

Shot Put - Michael Graham 35-0, Johnny Venegas 34-5, Jeremy Munoz 32-0 and Calib Villa 30-0.

Long Jump - Ben Badillo 15-9, Dakota Lee and Walker Whitten also jumped.

2400-meter run Noe Madeina 9:02

400-meter relay - Jon Gomez, Philip Vargas, Dakota Lee, and Alan Landa 52.02.

800-meter dash - Alan Landa 2:30.

110-meter hurdles - Bryce Martin 19.17, Philip Vargas 20.00.

100-meter dash - Dakota Lee 12.85, Jon Gomez 13.03 and Michael Graham 14.00.

800-meter relay - Kalen Perez, Dakota Lee, Jon Gomez, Ben Badillo 1:46.

400-meter dash - Ben Badillo 58.5, Walker Whitten 68.00 and Jacob Talamantez 70.00

300-meter hurdles - Bryce Martin 51.70 and Philip Vargas 55.40.

1600-meter run - Alan Landa 5:45, Noe Medina 5:27, Kalen Perez 5:55.

1600-meter relay - Ben Badillo, Bryce Martin, Kalen Perez, and Noe Medina 4:14.



SUSIE BISHOP | SUBMITTED PHOTO
PICTURED ARE THE 6-0 UNDEFEATED Little Dribbler's team, The HEAT made up of first and second graders. Pictured from left to right, Matthew DeLaGarza, Carlos Cantu, Levi Bishop, Exiyan Mendoza, and Mark Galindo. Also pictured are coaches Annette DeLaGarza and Susie Bishop.

Lions Basketball Camp May 28-30

The 2012 Lion Basketball Camp will be held May 28-30 at the OHS Davidson Gym.

The camp is open to any boys or girls entering grades 3-6 from 8-11 a.m.

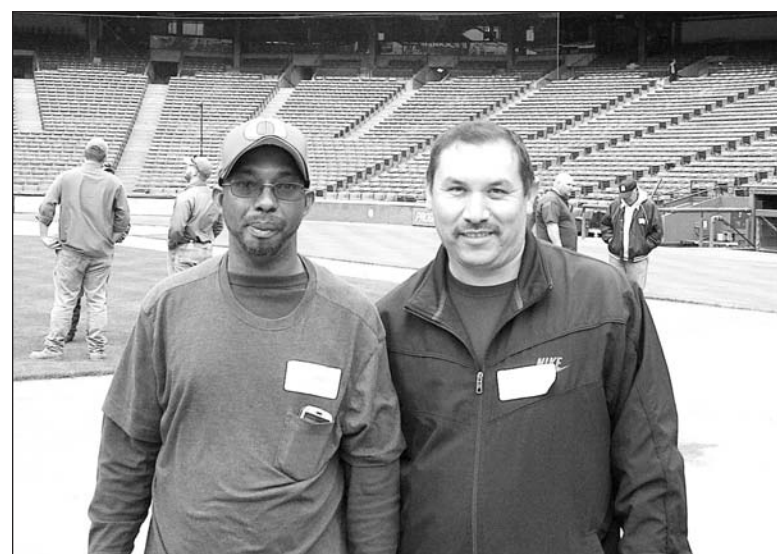
Boys and girls entering grades 7-9 will come from 1-4 p.m.

Cost is \$20, which includes a camp T-shirt and a

ball.

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For more information, call Coach Juan Marshall at (325) 392-5501 ext. 5219 or e-mail juan.marshall@ozon-schools.net.



OZONA SCHOOLS | SUBMITTED PHOTO
CCCCSD EMPLOYEES TERRY THOMAS (LEFT) AND ABEL CAMPOS attended field and turf maintenance training at The Rangers Ball Park in Arlington. The training was sponsored by Diamond Pro and featured hands on training provided by head grounds keepers from the Texas Rangers, Houston Astros and, Kansas City Royals.

Organizations scholarship information needed

Ozona community organizations need to contact Susie duBois, OHS College Readiness Coordinator with their scholarship information.

Mrs. duBois can be reached at (325)392-5501, ext. 5740 or susie.dubois@ozonaschools.net

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MICHELE GUERRERO, a Senior at Akins High School in Austin, placed second in the 2012 UIL State Wrestling Tournament on Feb. 23,24. Michele is coached by 1984 Ozona graduate Roy Tambunga and assistant Ruben Padilla. Roy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cruz Tambunga, of Ozona. Michele is a High School All-American and will compete again in the 2012 USWCA National Tournament in Oklahoma City, Okla.

School finance workshops starting March 26

CCCCSD Superintendent Chris duBois will be hosting a series of public information workshops on school finance topics this spring.

These sessions are open to the general public and are designed to share school finance principles, regulations and challenges with citizens to increase awareness of specific fiscal concerns that affect services to children and conditions for teachers and staff.

Sessions will be held at the OES Cafetorium and will start at 6:30 p.m.

March 26 - School Finance - Funding Sources, Finance Template Introduction

April 9 - School Finance - Budget Details and the Financial Resource Accountability Guide

April 23 - School Finance - Compliance indicators, Maintenance of effort and Schools FIRST

April 30 - School Finance - Budget Challenges for CCCCSD, 2012-2013 and Beyond

For more information, call 392-5501.

Celebrating Texas Public Schools Week



MELISSA PERNER, JOE HERNANDEZ AND TIFFANY ESPARZA | THE OZONA STOCKMAN AND OZONA SCHOOLS
OZONA SCHOOLS celebrated Texas Public Schools Week last week. At Ozona Elementary they had many events, including breakfast three mornings for moms, dads and grandparents, as well as a Dr. Seuss theme open house. At Ozona Middle School, students and teachers got to show parents and friends how students are learning using technology, including iPads.



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social worker, Rodriguez said he is seeking election because the current GOP-led Congress is taking America down the wrong path by favoring big business over the working class, according to an article from the San Antonio Express-News.

"We cannot afford someone like Canseco in Congress" Rodriguez said in a press release. "This is someone who is trading on working families for the benefit of the privileged few. His support of the privatization of Social Security threatens the financial security of millions of seniors. The constituents of the 23rd Congressional District can hold me to this promise: I will support legislation to create jobs, invest in our infrastructure and protect Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid."

Rodriguez originally filed as a candidate in the newly created 35th Congressional District after an interim court redistricting map included his San Antonio South Side home in the configuration.

A compromise congressional map approved by a federal court placed Rodriguez's home and political base back in the 23rd Congressional District, prompting his decision to run for his former seat.

Gallego holds a slight advantage in campaign cash, with \$127,117, according to Federal Election Commission reports. Rodriguez claimed \$99,284, and Bustamante claimed \$3,034, the Express-News article stated.

Rodriguez questioned Gallego's support in the sweeping district, which runs from San Antonio to the outskirts of El Paso.

"While Cirio decided today to enter the race after considering running in various districts, Pete Gallego has been a candidate for many, many months and there are countless people in the district who support him," said Lonny Paris, Gallego's campaign manager.

Gallego is the only one of the three Democratic candidates to visit Crockett County so far. The last time Rodriguez visited Ozona, he was in office and did not receive a warm welcome.

Canseco recently visited Ozona last month.

Bustamante said the ad-

PRIMARY ELECTION DATES:

Deadline to mail military and overseas ballots - April 14, contact the Crockett County Tax Office at (325) 392-2674.

Voter Registration - April 30, deadline to register to vote in the primary election, contact the Crockett County Tax Office at (325) 392-2674.

Early Voting - May 14-25 at the courthouse annex.

Primary Election Day - May 29, Precinct 1 voting at the Crockett County Courthouse; Precinct 2 voting at the Senior Center; Precinct 3 voting at the Civic Center and Precinct 4 voting at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

dition of Rodriguez in the Democratic primary could force a runoff.

Rodriguez first was elected to the 23rd district during a special election in 2006.

He was defeated in 2010 by Canseco, who received 49 percent of the vote.

Rodriguez was one of the three Texas incumbent Democratic congressmen who were swept from office on a national wave of voter angst that propelled the Republican takeover of the U.S. House of Representatives.

In addition to Rodriguez, Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, and Rep. Chet Edwards, D-Waco, were defeated by Republican candidates that tapped into tea party support.

Rodriguez also served in Congress from 1996 to 2004 in the neighboring 28th congressional district, which until a mid-decade redistricting included South San Antonio and Laredo. He was defeated in the 2004 Democratic primary by Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo.

The filing period for the May 29 primary elections ended March 9.

Only one new filing was reported for Crockett County. James D. Jepson, attorney from Fort Stockton, has filed to run for 112th District Attorney. Jepson will face incumbent Laurie English in the Democratic Primary.

In Crockett County, those who previously filed: Roy Glenn Sutton, incumbent, Ron Hawthorne, Paul Stroope and Robert F. "Bob" Rodriguez for sheriff; Jody Upham, incumbent, for county attorney, Randy Branch, incumbent, for commissioner of precinct 3, Raymond "Bear" Borrego, incumbent, for constable, Frank Tambunga, incumbent, commissioner of pre-

cinct 1 and Rhonda Shaw, incumbent, tax assessor-collector.

All candidates have filed to run in the Democratic Primary. Crockett County currently does not have an active Republican Party.

Crockett County Voter Registrar Rhonda Shaw said new voter registration cards will be mailed out by April 15.

Other key dates for the primary election:

April 14 - Deadline to mail military and overseas ballots for primary election.

April 30 - Voter registration deadline for primary election.

May 14-25 - Early voting period for primary election.

June 16 - Deadline to mail military and overseas ballots for runoff.

July 2 - Voter registration deadline for runoff election, if not a previously registered voter.

July 23-27 - Early voting period for runoff election.

July 31 - Runoff election.

For more information on Texas elections and voter registration, visit www.VoteTexas.gov.

- Article compiled by reports from Melissa Penner, The Ozona Stockman and Gary Martin, the San Antonio Express-News.

DPS announces Flood Safety Awareness Week

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) today reminded Texans of the steps they can take to protect their families and property as Flood Safety Awareness Week, March 12-16.

Especially as heavy rains and strong winds are projected to move through portions of Texas during the

next few days, DPS and the National Weather Service are urging people to avoid low water crossings or driving on flooded roadways.

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So day or night, when there's water on the road, DPS urges you to Turn Around, Don't Drown.

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do some of the project we had planned," Stuart said.

The commissioners discussed getting in contact with officials at Decker Custom Homes and having another meeting with them on the project.

JAIL DISCUSSION

Sutton said that during a recent meeting with U.S. Rep. Francisco "Quico" Canseco, R-San Antonio, the congressman told Sutton about new federal low-interest loans available through his office to build new jails.

Sutton informed the commissioners about the loan and told them it was their decision if they want to pursue a new jail.

All of the commissioners said none of the citizens in their precincts have really talked to them about building a new jail.

"People need to let us know if that's what they want us to do. We have the power to put it out for a bond election, which would be the thing to do," Deaton said.

Crockett County has agreements with Upton, Reagan and Sutton counties to house prisoners.

"That's the best thing we have," Sutton said. "We are out of the jail inspection business."

Sutton said besides just building cells, a new jail would have to have staff

around the clock as if all the beds are occupied, a commissary, indoor recreation area and possibly a cafeteria.

"There's a lot more to the jail than just building something to put people in," Sutton said.

Martinez said if Crockett County were to build a new jail, who would they contract with to house prisoners due to the number of jails in the area.

"There are people that commit crimes in Crockett County, and the complaints I receive is they don't want these people housed in my county," said Commissioner Eligio Martinez.

The commissioners thanked Sutton and appreciated the information from the congressman.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED:

- Pipeline application with Lone Star NGL Pipeline.
- Summer Jam Benefit on June 9 for I-10 park to go

toward installing a flagpole and flag.

- Proclamation for Knights of Columbus Founders' Day on March 29.

- Reauthorize advertising for bids for paving rock.

- Installing light poles and lights at the corner of 14th Street at the collection center.

- Survey the south fence at the cemetery and north fence at the gun range.

- Road change on block S at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The commissioners will meet with the Crockett County Care Center Health and Emergency Services Board at 7 p.m. March 28 in the courthouse annex for hiring of a new Care Center Administrator and discussion with Shannon Medical Center on funding.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. April 9 at the courthouse annex.

Crockett County KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS "PROCLAMATION" Be it Proclaimed: Whereas, the Knights of Columbus began in the basement of St. Mary's Church in New Haven, Connecticut in 1882, when Father Michael J McGivney called together a small group of pioneering Catholic laymen, and founded a society designed to provide financial assistance for widows and orphans of members. Whereas, March 29 is the 130th anniversary of the Order's receiving its charter from the state of Connecticut. Whereas, the Ozona Council #872 was chartered in 1984 with 50 Catholic men of Crockett County and has grown to 86 members strong. Whereas, Ozona Council has provided the Life and Legacy of Father McGivney to families of Council members and the community of Crockett County since 1984. Now, be it resolved that the Crockett County Commissioners Court Proclaims March 29, 2012 as a day of observance as Knights of Columbus Founders Day. Approved during the Commissioners Court Meeting on March 12, 2012 Fred Deaton - Crockett County Judge

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Uresti appointed to school finance committee

State Senator Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, said a new interim committee on public school finance provides an opportunity for lawmakers to craft meaningful reform in the way public education is financed in Texas.



CARLOS URESTI
State Senator, Dist. 19

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst earlier this month appointed Uresti to the 22-member committee, which will make recommendations for the 83rd Texas Legislature when it convenes in January.

The work of the House-Senate committee will coincide with a legal fight over public school finance that will get underway in state district court in the coming months. A number of school districts have joined a lawsuit against the state, alleging that the school funding system is unfair and inefficient.

Uresti, who represents Crockett County, said the panel will have to address a number of issues, primarily the so-called "structural deficit" in school funding caused by a 2006 law that reduced property taxes and shifted more of the burden to a business margins tax.

"Simply put, the margins tax has not done the job. It has left us in the lurch every year," Uresti said. "Funding public schools is the most important thing that state government does, so it is imperative that we have a system in place that makes sure every child receives a first-rate education."

Uresti noted that school districts across Texas are struggling to cope with an overall \$5.4 billion reduction for public education in last year's legislative session, resulting in personnel layoffs, increases in class sizes, and reductions in educational materials and programs.

Uresti said the committee should begin work as soon as possible to reform the school finance system in a way that will meet the state's needs for decades to come, and not wait for a court-ordered solution.

"We must not let this opportunity slip through

our hands," he said. "School finance reform should be the Legislature's top priority in the next session, and I am confident that every member of the committee feels the same way."

Uresti urged the people of Senate District 19 to get involved in the interim committee process as well and said he welcomes input from students, parents, teachers, school administrators, and school board members.

"The Legislature can't solve this problem in a vacuum," he said. "Texans everywhere must let their elected representatives know how important public education is to them and how they think it should be financed."

Other senators on the committee include Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, joint chair; Bob Deuell, R-Greenville; Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock; Juan "Chuy" Hinojosa, D-McAllen; Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound; Dan Patrick, R-Houston; Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo; Royce West, D-Dallas; Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio; and Tommy Williams, R-The Woodlands.

House Speaker Joe Straus appointed Rep. Jimmie Don Aycocock, R-Killeen, joint chair, and Representatives Alma Allen, D-Houston; Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas; Rob Eissler, R-The Woodlands; Ryan Guillen, D-Rio Grande City; Donna Howard, D-Austin; Dan Huberty, R-Houston; Susan King, R-Abilene; Todd Smith, R-Eules; Vicki Truitt, R-Keller; and Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio.

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other public nuisances under the same code. I believe that in a case where livestock has created a 24/7 nuisance for anyone living in the same area, it must be remedied by removing the livestock and the "unsanitary condition" with its foul odor will be eliminated by cleanup. Cleanup alone will not "remedy" anything.

Letters of complaints have been read out loud in Commissioner's Court. Children cannot enjoy a birthday party in their own yards or enjoy a good meal at home. Young people and the elderly who suffer from asthma and other chronic conditions say their health problems are multiplied by the foul odor. Families cannot BBQ outdoors, enjoy a day in the sun or even open their windows on a cool day to let their homes "breathe". Meanwhile, the owners of the livestock live peacefully in the comfort of their own homes across town and have proven to be inconsiderate of those who don't.

I'll be clear. I do not want to make "city ordinances", "zoning laws" or "make new laws" or "not allow horses and goats

in town."

The point I have been trying to make in Commissioner's Court and to our community is what I believe a public nuisance is and what it includes- If what we do or have in our homes or on our properties (including property where livestock continuously defecate and urinate) violates another persons homes, properties, lives or well-being, then, we are creating a public nuisance and the cause must be eliminated or remedied.

To help further my efforts, I will be attending Commissioners Conferences and Pre-Legislation Conferences this year and will bring up this issue at the state level. Our county representative from the Texas Association of Counties has offered to help me toward introducing round-table discussions with other commissioners at these conferences.

I will also create a network of commissioners so that together we can help everyone who suffers from this type of nuisance. I will continue to address it and have done so, at any given opportunity.

Eligio Martinez
Crockett County Commissioner,
Precinct 4

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"The situation in Mexico today is significantly different than it was just a decade ago."

The DPS urged U.S. citizens living or traveling in Mexico to register with the U.S. Embassy or Consulate at <https://travel-registration.state.gov/ibrs/ui/>.

In other news, on March 8, the DPS announced the increase of Texas Highway Patrol troopers on roadways during the spring break holiday period, March 10 to March 18.

According to an agency news release, last year during the spring break enforcement period, the DPS made 1,266 DWI arrests, including 380 by troopers who were patrolling as a result of additional funding.

JOBLESS RATE DROPS AGAIN

The Texas Workforce Commission on March 9 announced the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 7.3

percent in January, down from 7.4 percent in December. The 7.3 percent is Texas' lowest unemployment rate since April 2009.

By contrast, in January 2011, the state's unemployment rate was 8.1 percent.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported the national unemployment rate stood at 8.3 percent in January and February of the current year.

SALES TAX REVENUE INCREASES

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on March 7 announced state sales tax revenue collections in February were \$2.01 billion, up 14.8 percent compared to February 2011.

And, Combs said, March local sales tax allocations totaling \$473.6 million will be sent to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts. The amount is 9.3 percent greater than allocations sent out in March 2011.

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS
•Daniel Chavez, Ozona, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

•Randal Carl Hudson, Ozona, assault, Class C misdemeanor, cash bond \$1,100.

•Freddy Ybarra, Ozona, assault family violence, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

•Roberto Perez Martinez, San Angelo, driving while license invalid, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

•Jose Garza, Friona, Texas, driving while license invalid/suspended, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

•Salvador Gutierrez, Lindsay, Calif., possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

•Nicole Jackson, Louisville, Ky., possession of a dangerous drug, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

COUNTY COURT Closed Cases - February 2012

•Narciso A. Saldana, failure to appear, conviction-fine \$185, \$313 court costs.

•Paul Talavera, furnishing alcohol to a minor, dismiss-unable to make prima facie case.

•Disney Velasquez-Paterno, driving while licensed invalid-enhanced, conviction-\$300 fine, \$313 court costs.

•Manuel Vargas Villarreal IV, assault bodily injury, family violence, dismissed-pled in another county case.

Al-Anon meetings Thursdays

Weekly meetings of Al-Anon are Thursdays.

The Al-Anon program is based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

The purpose of Al-Anon Family Groups is to help family and friends affected by someone else's drinking/

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There are no fees or dues. Anonymity is a central principle - participants must keep confidential the identities and everything said during meetings.

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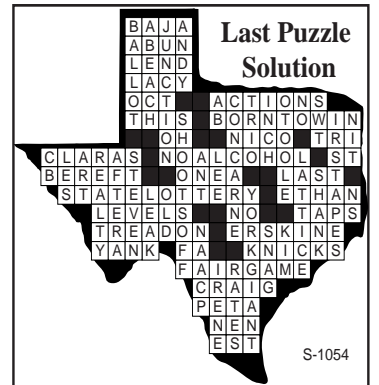
CROCKETT COUNTY CONSTABLE REPORT

Crockett County Constable's February Monthly Report:

- Traffic Citations: 3
- Civil Papers Served: 4
- Monies to Treasurer's Office for Civil Process: \$220.00
- Bailiff: 1 (J.P. Court) 1 (County Court)
- Unlocked Vehicles: 5
- Assisted stranded motorist and local law enforcement officers

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RIG LOCATIONS			
Crockett, Irion, Sutton, Schleicher, Terrell & Reagan Counties			
As of March 9, 2012			
Crockett County			
PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
ACTIVITY-DEPTH			
7800'	Approach Operating	Panapa West #6602 H	Nabors Drilling #415
6500'	O'Ryan Oil & Gas	Todd Crinoidal Unit #55	O'Ryan Drilling #44
9000'	Approach Operating	University-45a-#704 H	Nabors Drilling #714
9000'	Approach Operating	Baker #105	Ringo Drilling 1 Lp #17
9000'	Approach Operating	Cinco Terry-K-#1901	Nabors Drilling #709
6500'	Eog Resources	University-40-#2104 H	Cactus Drilling #103
11750'	Highmount E&P Tx	University Unit #303 H	Nabors Drilling #M28
8500'	Petrohawk Oper	University 45-6 #1 H	Patterson Uti #239
Irion County			
PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
ACTIVITY-DEPTH			
9100'	Eog Resources	Munson-12-#1wd	Western Drilling Inc #7
7500'	Three Rivers Op	Sugg-3060-#5	Ringo Drilling 1 Lp #9
6600'	Eog Resources	University-40-#1314 H	Neimrich & Payne #434
7500'	Three Rivers Op	Schlinke-7-#1	Ringo Drilling 1 Lp #16
9300'	Apache Corp	Cinch-4238-#1 H	Savanna Drilling #649
9500'	Fiml Natural Res	Pecan-4-#1945a	Patterson Uti #495
7100'	Devon Energy	Coronado #2 H	Patterson Uti #49
7900'	Tap, Inc.	Sugg Farmar-6-#2	Heart Land Drilling #4
6800'	Eog Resources	Mayer #5003 H	Cactus Drilling #102
6150'	Eog Resources	Faudree #5 H	Patterson Uti #452
9500'	Fiml Natural Res	Cat Claw #61m	Patterson Uti #721
9500'	Fiml Natural Res	Rock Hollow #191m	Felderhoff Bros #2
7050'	Apache Corp	Bennie-4342-#2 H	Union Drilling Texas #223
Reagan County			
PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG
ACTIVITY-DEPTH			
8500'	Petrohawk Oper	University 12-18 #1 H	Patterson Uti #241
12000'	Endeavor Energy Res	Ricker-E-#6	Big Dog Drilling #10a
12000'	Endeavor Energy Res	Ricker-E-#5	Big Dog Drilling #5
10800'	Pioneer Natural	University 58-18 #2	Sendero Drilling Co #16
10500'	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Srh-D-#6w	Union Drilling Texas #215
10100'	Apache Corp	Srh-11-#1104	O'Ryan Drilling Uti #5
9500'	Fiml Natural Res	Divide Draw #152e	Patterson Uti #742
9500'	Pioneer Natural	Pelzel #5	Lariat Services #28
9000'	Laredo Petro-Dallas	N Wilde Oil Unit #15e	Union Drilling Texas #206
10800'	Pioneer Natural	University 2-35c #1	Patterson Uti #151
10500'	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Holt-D-#114 H	Patterson Uti #39
10500'	Laredo Petro-Dallas	Sugg-#131-#1 H	Precision Drilling #405
11100'	Pioneer Natural	Turner-1206-#3	Patterson Uti #73
12000'	Prime Operating	Turner Ranch #4	Patterson Uti #169
12990'	El Paso E&P Company	University 43-17 #2 H	Patterson Uti #19
12000'	Endeavor Energy Res	Haby #4r	Big Dog Drilling #10a
8500'	Petrohawk Oper	University 12-17 #1 H	Patterson Uti #240
15500'	Pioneer Natural	University 10-14 #5 H	Union Drilling Texas #224
15500'	Pioneer Natural	University 10-19 #4 H	Nabors Drilling #M55
3300'	O'Ryan Oil & Gas	Patterson #106	Nabors Well Sec #1467
Schleicher County			
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ACTIVITY-DEPTH			
8600'	Highmount E&P Tx	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr-Mm-#2	Trinidad Drig #73
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University "16" (Lease Name) Lease, Well Number 1 The proposed injection well is located 8 miles NE of Ozona (Direction) (Nearest Town) in the Chris Beard (Clear Fork) Field, in Crockett (Field Name)
County, Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 2100 to 3000 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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