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Local rainfall

With Saturday's rain, Crockett County has now received 3.96 for 2012, according to the Crockett County Groundwater District.

Area totals:

- Sterling City North – 2.55"
- Sterling City SW – 3.90"
- Mertzson – 0.69"
- Mertzson North – 1.01"
- Ozona – 0.59"
- SW Crockett County – 1.50"
- SE Crockett County – 3.00"
- Eldorado – 0.58"
- NE Schleicher County – 1.05"
- Sonora – 0.68"
- S Sutton County – 1.20"
- San Angelo – 0.53"
- Sheffield - 0.75"

Commissioners approve interim Care Center Administrator

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

An interim administrator is in place at the Crockett County Care Center.

The Crockett County Commissioners approved the hiring of Jeffery Bacher, of Coleman, for a 90-day period. Commissioner Eligio Martinez voted against the motion. Bacher's recommendation came from the Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board. The board met April 3 to interview candidates and then

held their regular meeting on April 5 where they approved Bacher.

"He seemed to be somebody you could talk with. Hopefully, he will like it here and it will all work out," said Carmen Sutton, board member.

During Monday's Commissioners' Court meeting, Martinez said he voted against the motion because he had not met Bacher.

"The whole process seems like a done deal to me. I don't hire somebody because someone told me he was a good deal. I haven't met him. I don't know his back-

ground," Martinez said.

Commissioner Randy Branch said the Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board take care of interviewing the applicants and making a recommendation to the commissioners.

Branch also said that two of the Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board members told him that Bacher had really good credentials.

"That's their job to do that work for us. I trust their judgment," Branch said.

"It has to be done with our

approval," added Commissioner Pleas Childress III.

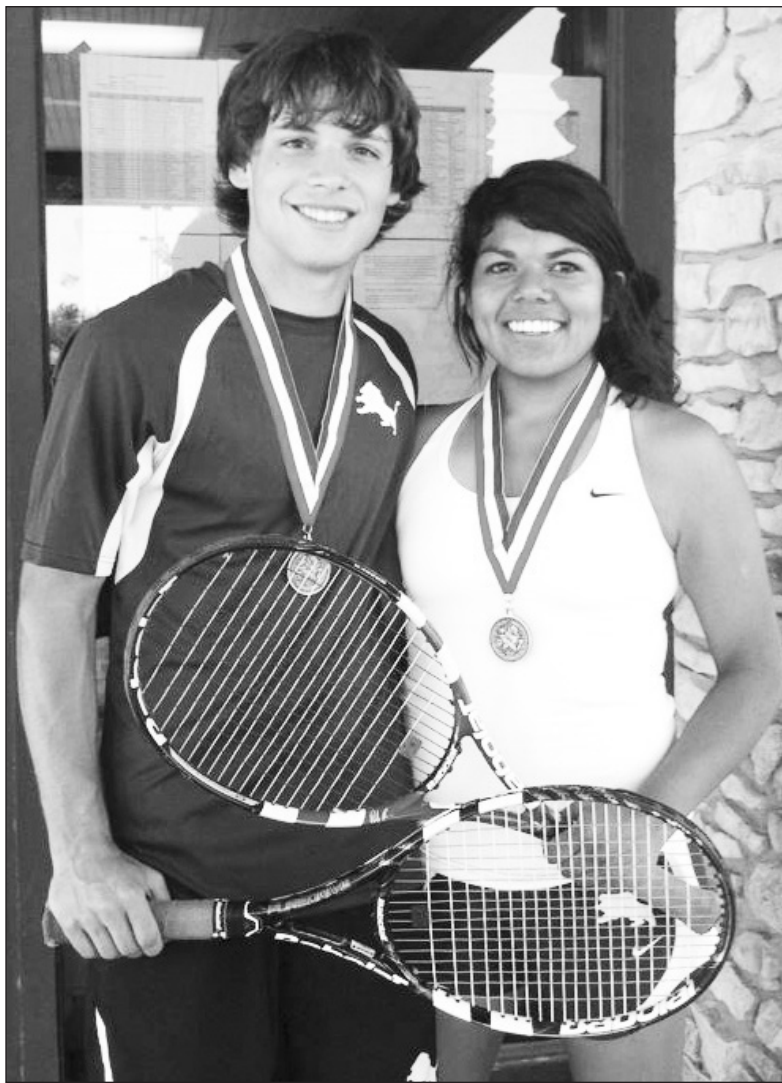
County Judge Fred Deaton said he also respects the board's opinion and that if there had been a problem, Deaton would have been at the April 5 meeting.

"We need something now before we get into a bind with the state," said Commissioner Frank Tambunga.

After Bacher's 90-day period, the Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board will

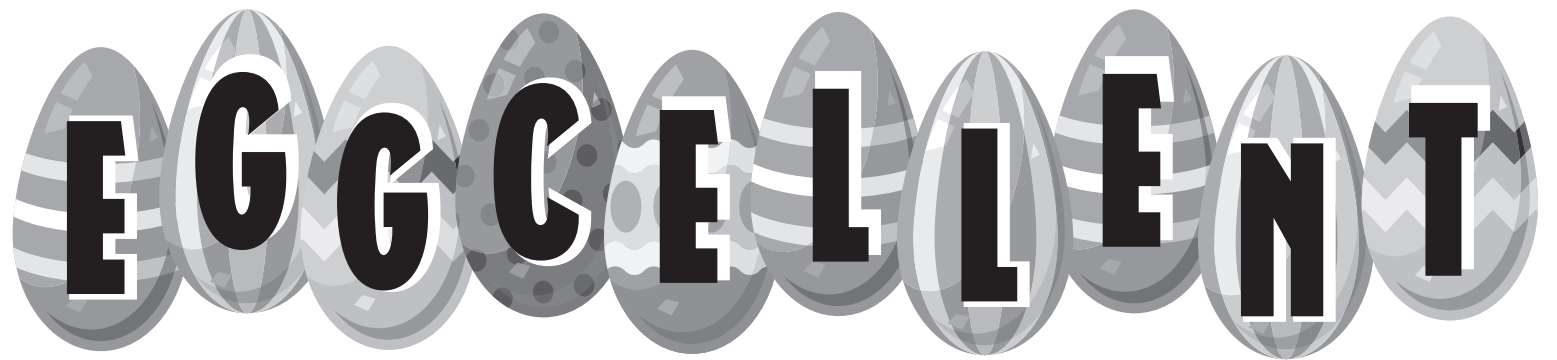
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District Champs



LEANNA CHILDRESS | SUBMITTED PHOTO

OHS MIXED DOUBLE TEAM of Kramer Hall and Jenny Venegas won the District 7-AA Championship last week in San Angelo. The duo will compete at the Region I Tennis Meet April 19-20 in Odessa. More results, page 6.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

SECOND GRADE STUDENTS at Ozona Elementary School hunt Easter Eggs on April 5. More Easter Egg photos, page 8.

Lady Lions advance



ALLIE BLACK | OHS YEARBOOK

THE OHS LADY LIONS GOLF TEAM of (left to right) Lisa Dorrrough, Lazarae Rodriguez, Kelbie Renfro and Jessica Borrego placed third Monday at the District 7-AA meet. Kelbie also placed as a medalist. The Lady Lions will compete at the Region I Golf Meet April 16-17 in Odessa.

It's all about the budget details

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Second in a four-part series

Looking at a school district's budget, there is more than just dollars and cents.

Each amount has a set of numbers and descriptions that shows what revenue they come from, what the money is and where it is going.

CCCCSD Superintendent Chris duBois gave the second part on his series of School Finance public meetings Monday night.

In the first meeting on March 26, duBois spoke about the different revenue sources that brings money into the district.

At Monday's meeting, duBois broke down the district's budget and talk-

ed about the process of how they begin to build it each year.

A school budget is no different than a typical household budget, he said. Like a household budget, a school budget has wants and needs, resources and liabilities and everyone has to stay within those resources.

"A budget is a plan," duBois said. "A budget isn't money."

Each year, district officials ask the same questions of how much will be spent, what amounts of revenues will the district receive and then start listing out items needed.

CCCCSD uses a line-item budget, where each amount has its own detailed line.

duBois said this process is efficient because it starts with the current year budget as a starting point, offers a high degree of monitoring and control and looks across previous years to show past comparisons.

"It's familiar with where we spend our money," he said. "You can get in a rut. Plus, you're only thinking one year at a time so it narrows your focus."

Requirements for a school budget are:

- Superintendent is responsible budget officer

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Ozona will always be our home'

Dear Editor,

Nancy and I want to thank Ozona for the wonderful support you have given us for the past 38-plus years. I have always said that I was rich the day I got here and that I specialized in having the best clients in the world. We could not have had a better life. Our memories are classic and book worthy. We could not have chosen a better place to rear our girls. The school system was outstanding.

The churches were strong. The 4-H program, extra-curricular school activities and the support of other parents gave our children a great foundation for life. We never dreamed that we would leave. Ozona will always be our home. Only grandchildren could make the scenery better somewhere else. Because of our grandchildren, we have new goals and a new ministry that calls us away. We will visit often, read the Stockman weekly, keep up with

all the gossip and rejoice for all the great things that will continue to make this community a great place to call home. The appreciation reception at the Senior Citizens Center was evidence of what a caring community we live in. We were overwhelmed by the effort of the hosts, the attendance and the genuine love that you showed toward us. It has been a great ride! We love you!

Gary and Nancy Vannoy
Ozona, Texas

Welfare board promotes children's health, safety

Dear Editor,

Thanks for running Senator Uresti's article in last week's Ozona Stockman reminding us that April is Child Abuse Prevention month. Of course preventing child abuse should be a daily goal but during April we are asked to strengthen our diligence and commitment to preventing this very damaging and preventable abomination. In a perfect world, the words "child" and "abuse" would never be paired, but as a wise old woman once told me;

"This isn't heaven, sonny." Very useful resources for helping to curb child abuse are found on the website www.itsuptoyou.org. Here you will find information not only on preventing child abuse, but where to go for help with parenting skills, and what to do if you suspect a child is in danger. On the local front, our county funds the work of the Crockett County Child Welfare Board. The board's purpose is to promote the health and safety of local children and to assist regional Child

Protection Services (CPS) workers in meeting some of the financial needs of children in their care from Crockett County. If any of you readers are interested in serving on this board, please contact myself, Art Roane, at 392-2706. To paraphrase Senator Uresti, some of the keys to preventing child abuse are knowledge, maturity, and a decent job. I would add that the examples shared by caring, loving parents reduce

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Title IX keeps growing

"No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance."



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

It only took 37 words to change the way the world looked at women's sports. This year is the 40th anniversary of Title IX. This little clause in the 1972 Education Amendments opened doors to women athletes.

Read those words again. There is no mention of athletics or sports. In fact, Title IX was originally written to help girls in academics.

Last month, OHS Senior Adrienne Sanchez signed a letter of intent to play softball at Howard Payne University. This was history-making for Ozona.

Girls playing sports today don't know that there was a time when women's athletics was frowned upon. Since she was seven years old, Sanchez told me that she wanted to play softball in college. Because of Title IX, nothing stood in her way.

The same can be said of Ozona's state winning girls' basketball teams and golf team in the 1990s, the OMS Lady Lions Track Teams that placed first and second in the District Track Meet last week, led by female coaches Autumn Brown and Taylor Golding, Jenny Venegas who advanced in tennis and our Lady Lions Golf Team that will compete next week in the Region I meet.

Since Title IX was signed into law, the number of girls playing high school sports jumped from 294,015 in 1971-72 to 3,172,637 in 2009-10, an increase of 1079 percent. The number of women playing varsity sports in college rose from 29,972 in 1971-72 to 186,460 in 2009-10, a 622 percent increase.

Last week, the Baylor University Lady Bears won the NCAA Women's Basketball Championship and became their first team, men or women, to finish the season 40-0.

Baylor's Coach Kim Mulkey is a perfect example of the impact Title IX has had on women's sports. Mulkey won the first NCAA Women's Basketball Championship in 1982 when she played with Louisiana Tech. She won the championship again as an assistant coach in 1988 with Louisiana Tech, and now twice as a head coach with Baylor.

Mulkey said in an ESPN article that she has never felt like a "second-class citizen" because she's female. How-

ever, she is looked as one of the leaders of the second-wave of women's sports. While Title IX has opened doors for women, there is still work to be done. Female athletes still lag far behind males in participatory opportunities, scholarship money and resources, even though there are more female students in both high school and college, according to the Women's Sports Foundation, which was started by Billie Jean King in 1974.

In 1972, when Title IX was passed, women coached more than 90 percent of women's teams. By 1978, that number had already dipped to 58.2 percent. This year, it's down to 42.9 percent, according to the most recent survey by Brooklyn College professors emerita R. Vivian Acosta and Linda Jean Carpenter.

Since 2000, NCAA programs have added 1,774 women's head coaching jobs. Men have filled 1,220 of the openings. It's not easy to be a woman when you are living your life in a position held mostly by men. Believe me; I know a thing or two about that owning my own business.

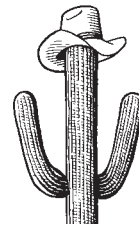
Another person that knows that is Baylor's Brittney Griner. At 6-feet, 8-inches tall, Griner was one of the many talented players to lead the Lady Bears. Still, the beating on the court is nothing compared to the one she takes every day on the Internet and social media networks. The ones that really got me were the posts against Griner's gender.

Griner says she doesn't let it bother her, and Mulkey has defended her player.

Still, if Griner had looked like 6-foot, 10-inch Anthony Davis, one of the star players that lead Kentucky to its eighth men's basketball championship, would we be talking about this? No because the NBA is already on Davis' door knocking. As more players like Griner and Sanchez, along with coaches like Mulkey, keep playing, coaching and showing what all can be done in women's sports, Title IX keeps growing.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. For more info, visit www.titleix.info.

Or So I Hear



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I am one of the 10 percent of adult Americans who don't own a cell phone. It's not that I think cell phones are the work of the devil, or that they aren't handy, it's just that I am far too busy listening to other people's conversations to have one of my own. I am not a people watcher but I am a member of the same genus and species: I am a people listener. A conversation pirate. A thief of other people's words. I don't know if I was born an enormous eavesdropper, or if I became an earjacker, a highjacker of other people's dialogue, when I became a writer and was always in need of fresh material. I am sure of one thing though, I find other people's conversations infinitely more interesting than my own.

Although I don't own one, cell phones have been a blessing to me and have extended my writing career 20 years longer than it should have been. I don't do my research in a library but in a restaurant booth where I can hardly write fast enough to record all the cell yells from people on their phones. You all know who I'm talking about, the folks who invite other people to lunch and then spend the entire time talking to someone else on their phone; talking louder and louder above the din of other cell phone addicts. They seem to be completely oblivious to their lunch guests, or the other diners. Talk about obscene phone calls! I know it's rude for me to listen in on other people's conversations but the way I see it, if they want to blab at such decibels

then I have a responsibility to listen. I should at least show them that courtesy. You'd be surprised at the things I've heard. (Or maybe you wouldn't.) There have been many occasions when I could have blackmailed husbands, embarrassed wives or tattled on kids with the information I overheard. And evidently I'm not the only person who listens in on other people's conversations because the word of the year is "halfalogue", which is that half of a conversation you hear involuntarily. Unlike me, my wife is very quiet, which is just one of her many attributes. She can go to a dinner party and not say two words. But she's a great listener and often after dining out we'll have our own conversation about what the people in the next booth were discussing. Sometimes it's hard to just sit there when people are getting their facts wrong, or contemplating bad lifestyle decisions. Often I just want to blurt out, "Can you be a little more specific? Has your husband cheated on you before and exactly what disease did he give you?" Or, "Look, you're broke. And you eat too much. I'm just saying, instead of spending \$10,000

on a tummy tuck next time you shouldn't order the whole fried chicken, two desserts and "the works" on your baked potato." Cell phones have benefited me in many ways. Like sheepherders and lonely cowboys, I have the irritating habit of talking to myself. But now when I talk to myself instead of people thinking I'm a mentally disturbed homeless person, they think I'm talking on my cell phone. Which I don't have. But they don't know that. With handless headsets and phones now no larger than a pack of Tic Tacs, it's easy to convince people you're actually talking to someone. When I talk to myself and see people looking at me funny, or trying to find the cell phone on my person, I'll just say real loud, "Sorry Bob, I'm starting to lose you. I'll call you later when I get in a better area." Yeah right. Or if I see someone I don't like and don't want to talk to, I'll just say, "Hello, Joe." Then I turn to the person I don't want to talk to and say, "I'd love to visit but it's really important I take this call." Then I look for a restaurant so I can complete the fake call so that everyone can hear me and see how I'm so technologically savvy that I have a cell phone that no one can see. Gee, I must have the latest model! Thanks to Bluetooth I have all the benefits and status of owning a cell phone without ever having to charge a battery or pay a bill to ATT, Vonage or Verizon.

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DFW-area counties hit hard by tornados

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on April 3 issued a disaster declaration for the North Texas counties of Dallas, Tarrant and Kaufman after system of tornados passed through, causing widespread damage to homes, businesses and infrastructure.

According to an early count by the American Red Cross about 650 structures were affected, with 200 destroyed and more than 100 sustaining major damage. The scope of the damage is still being estimated.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott posted a reminder that state law prohibits price gouging in the wake the disaster declaration. Vendors are prohibited from charging exorbitant prices for necessities such as groceries, clothing, medical supplies, lodging, repair work and fuel during and after the crisis, Abbott said.

COURT RULES IN OPEN BEACHES CASE

On a vote of 5-3, the Texas Supreme Court on April 4 reaffirmed its ruling in favor of a Galveston landowner seeking to prevent public access to her beach properties.

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson said the ruling "gives a pretty big club to anyone who wants to challenge the Texas Open Beaches Act anywhere along the coast."

In an April 4 news release, Patterson's office said the plaintiff, California resident Carole Severance, claimed that public access to the beach where her properties are located violated her constitutional rights.

Patterson, whose agency was a defendant in the case, said, "In 2010, the Texas Supreme Court issued an opinion in the case that called into question the public beach easement, a key provision of the Texas Open Beaches Act. The court ruled that despite centuries of public use, a public beach easement does not exist on West Galveston Island because the original Republic of Texas land patent from 1840 failed to reserve the public's right to use the beach."

SURVEY ON HEALTH REFORM LAW
A survey of members of the

Texas Association of Business shows business owners are "concerned about federal health care legislation," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said April 3.

Combs released results of the survey by the National Federation of Independent Businesses, which she said shows "nearly two-thirds of business owners responding to our survey said federal health care reform would be bad for business, while only about 3.5 percent said it would be good for business."

"I am very concerned the burden that businesses feel will in turn stifle our economic growth," Combs added.

More than 900 owners of large and small businesses responded to the survey titled "Texas Business Attitudes Toward Federal Health Care Reform." Results can be found at cpa.state.tx.us.

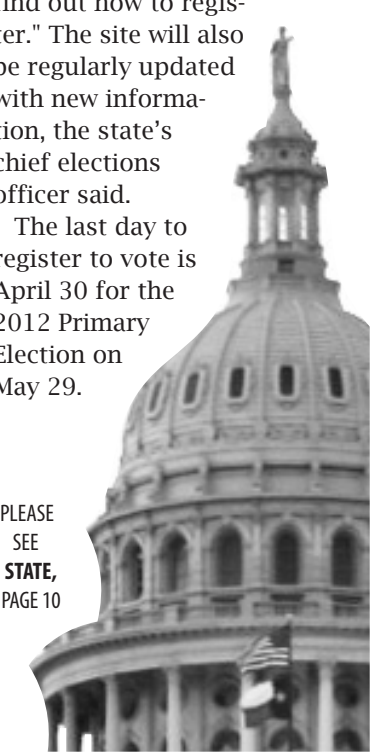
PROGRAM TO HELP TEXANS VOTE
Secretary of State Hope Andrade on April 4 rolled out

"Make Your Mark on Texas," a program answering questions about voting and the voting process for Texans in the 2012 election cycle.

"I urge Texans to visit VoteTexas.gov to find out if they're registered to vote, and if not, find out how to register." The site will also be regularly updated with new information, the state's chief elections officer said.

The last day to register to vote is April 30 for the 2012 Primary Election on May 29.

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Mr. and Mrs. Ty Mitchell

Melissa Ann Snopek and Ty Hunter Mitchell were united in marriage during a double ring ceremony on Feb. 18, 2012 in the Meadow at the Gage Hotel, Marathon, Texas. The Rev. Dick Zimmer officiated. Music by guitarist Steve Bennack.

Melissa is the daughter of Mary Frances Robert, of San Antonio, Texas. Ty is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Buck Mitchell, of Ozona, Texas.

Matrons of Honor were Mrs. Hannah West Beever, of San Antonio, and Mrs. Elizabeth Autenreith, of Houston.

Best Man was Gary Buck Mitchell, father of the groom, of Ozona. Groomsmen Wich Brenner, best friend from college, of High Point, N.C. Ushers were Michael Mitchell, brother of the groom, and Jim Roberts, uncle of the bride. Ring Bearer was Ty's black lab "Sug."

The bride wore traditional Christos Couture strapless fit to flare ivory, French corded lace wedding gown with chapel length train. The cathedral length tulle veil was trimmed in ivory satin. She carried an all white bouquet of garden roses, hydrangeas, ranunculus and sweet peas wrapped with jute twine.

Bridal attendants wore lavender and silver knee length dresses with coordinating all white and green bouquets.

The groom and groomsmen wore black tuxedos.

Iron candelabras adorned the Meadow with coordinating white flowers and greenery.

The reception was held at the Dance Court at the Gage Hotel. Music was by "The Motts" of Austin. Late night smores roasting took place surrounded by family and close friends.

The bride is a graduate of Baylor University with a bachelor's degree in information systems. She is the Customer Care Director at Rackspace Hosting.

The groom is a graduate of Texas Tech University with a bachelor's degree in arts and sciences. He is the owner of Anacacho Oil & Gas LLC.

After a wedding trip to St. John and the British Virgin Islands, the couple will reside in San Antonio, Texas.

Pre-K, Kindergarten pre-registration Thursday

Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held on Thursday, April 12 at Ozona Elementary School.

Pre-Kindergarten can register from 8 a.m. to noon and Kindergarten from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, April 12.

The child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2012 to be eligible for Pre-K and 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2012 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 originals 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.

As of Aug. 1, 1999, all children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school: Hepatitis A -2 doses; Varicella (chicken pox)-2 doses; Pneumococcal (PCV7) or (PCV13)- 4 doses; Hib-4 doses; Hepatitis B-3 doses; DTaP- 5 doses--1 dose after 4th birthday; Polio-4 doses--1 dose after 4th birthday; MMR-2 doses.

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

Jueves, 12 de abril sera la pre-matricula para pre-kinder y kinder en Ozona Elementary School.

Pre-kinder podran matricularse desde las 8:00 hasta las 12:00 y kinder desde la 1:00 hasta las 4:00. El nino(a) tiene que tener 4 años antes del 1 de septiembre 2012 para Pre-kinder y 5 años antes del 1 de septiembre 2012 para Kinder. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de su nino/a (el del la corte, no el de hospital), comprobante de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social. Por favor traiga a su nino (a) el dia que venga.

Desde 1 de agosto, 1999, se requiere que los niños nacidos en o después del 2 de septiembre 1992, tengan las siguientes vacunas para empezar la escuela: Hepatitis A-2 dosis; Varicela-2 dosis; Pnuemococcal (PCV7) o (PCV13)- 4 dosis; Hib-4 dosis; Hepatitis B- 3 dosis; DTaP-5 dosis--1 dosis después de los 4 años; Polio-4 dosis--1 dosis después de los 4 años; MMR-2 dosis.

Para obtener más información, llame a la escuela primaria en Ozona 392-5501 ext. 5730.

Ministerial Alliance meeting April 23

Ozona Ministerial Alliance will meet at 7 p.m. April 23 at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

All Ozona pastors or representatives are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Carlos Cantu at (325) 262-7040.

OHS Parent Night Thursday

Ozona High School will host a Parent Night at 6 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at the OHS Auditorium.

The meeting is for all current eighth, ninth, 10th and 11th grade students and parents. Graduation requirements and courses will be discussed.

For more information, call Carol Stevens at 392-5501 ext. 5742.

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BABY SHOWER SELECTIONS
Rebecca Stokes



Happy Birthday

April 11 - Autumn Villarreal, 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

April 13 - Cynthia Garcia, Melissa Miller Garza, Cecilia Longoria, Mickey Leija, John Tom Tijerina, Lupe Galvan and Ann Stapper

April 14 - Fred Deaton, David Lott, Randy Crawford, Mariano Urbina and Alfonso Ramirez III

April 15 - Brandi Crawford, Emma Camarillo, Belia Cardenas, Paige Tambunga, Rosalind Williams, Vance Worthington, Jim White and Jimmy Longoria

April 16 - Helen White, Raul De La Rosa, Ray Garcia, Emmanuel Venegas, Misty Bishop, Libby Martinez, Murphey Black and Zak Shaw

April 17 - Mellisa Galvan, Henry Cruz, Chris Beckham, Oscar Valadez, Jackie Moran, Michael A. Jenkins and Richard Gonzales Jr.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles and Lisa Martinez would like to invite family and friends to the Quinceañera celebration of their daughter

Victoria Martinez,
granddaughter of Delia Leal and the late Willie Leal, on Saturday, April 14, 2012.

Reception from 3-5 and Dance from 7 p.m.-12 midnight at the Fair Park Convention Center.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 11

- OHS Track Teams at the district meet in Sonora.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, April 12

- Pre-K pre-registration, 8 a.m.-noon at Ozona Elementary School.
- Kindergarten pre-registration 1-4 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.
- Head Start pre-registration, 3-7 p.m. at Ozona Head Start, 1310 Avenue G.
- OHS Parent Night, 6 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.

Friday, April 13

- OHS Art Students at State VASE competition at Bryan, Texas.
- Head Start pre-registration, noon-6:30 p.m. at Ozona Head Start, 1310 Avenue G.
- Lions Baseball vs. Brady, 4:30 p.m. at Brady.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Brady, 5 p.m. at Brady.
- Relay For Life, 6 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

Saturday, April 14

- OHS Art Students at State VASE competition at Bryan, Texas.

Monday, April 16

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, April 17

- Ozona Woman's Forum, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. Wall, 4:30 p.m. at Lion Field.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Wall, 5 p.m. at Lady Lion Field.
- Diabetes Class, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Conscious Discipline series, 6-8 p.m. at the Ozona Elementary School Library.

Wednesday, April 18

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Diaper Pantry, 10 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Book Fair Parent Night, 6 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.
- CCCCS School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.



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Spring Chicken Affair Sunday benefitting West Texas Rehab

Sunday, April 15, that's the date brightly colored tents will dot San Angelo's southwest skyline, fryers will bubble with 9,000 pieces of chicken and musical entertainment will fill the air.

The occasion is the 30th annual Spring Chicken Affair set to begin at 11 a.m. on Knickerbocker Road behind First Financial Bank in San Angelo to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Tickets are \$8 per person and are available in advance at the sponsors of this popular fundraiser: First Financial Bank, H-E-B Food Store and Foster Communications.

Also, tickets will be available at the event. The San Angelo Restaurant Association provides the expertise and personnel to serve the Sunday-after-church fried chicken meal with all the trimmings.

For those who can't stay and enjoy the activities, take-out meals will be available. Also, thanks to

Home Motors Towing Service, volunteers will deliver food to homebound in-

dividuals within the San Angelo city limits who have no transportation or have physical limitations which prevent them from attending.

Call WT Rehab at 223-6300 by April 11 to arrange for delivery.

Featured entertainment will be provided during the event by The Divas, five performers who are known for strong vocals, surprising instrumentals and a genuine appreciation for each other's talents.

"All of us at Rehab are extremely grateful to everyone responsible for this huge undertaking and we invite the Center's friends from the Concho Valley to come and join the fun as serving lines will be open until 2 p.m.," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland.

Events such as the Spring Chicken Affair make it possible for the Center to serve all who seek its services, regardless of their financial circumstances. For more information about the event or

Rehab services, call 223-6300 or visit the web site at www.WestTexasRehab.org.

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, April 17, 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 April 18

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 April 18 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.

OBITUARIES

Victoria 'Guera' De La Garza

Victoria "Guera" De La Garza, 74 of Ozona, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on Easter morning, Sunday April 8, 2012. She was born on May 20, 1937 in Ozona to the late Leandro Sr. and Josefa Flores. She was the eldest daughter in the family of 15 siblings.

"Guera" as everyone knew her, was raised and educated in Ozona. She met and later married Hector "Guero" De La Garza in March of 1958 and through their union of marriage they had five sons; Victor, Hector Jr., Jesse, Adam and Luis. She was a homemaker most of her life and was an active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. She was also a member of the Cursilista and the Guadalupanas.

Guera was a loving mother, sister, aunt, grandmother and great grandmother who enjoyed family gatherings, fishing, camping, cooking for everyone and spending time with her family, especially with her grandchildren. She will be missed greatly by all her family and friends.

Guera was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Hilda Flores Porras and a brother, Daniel Flores. She is survived by her loving husband, Hector De La Garza Sr; sons, Victor De La Garza, Hector De La Garza Jr., Adam De La Garza and wife, Marta,



Jesse De La Garza and wife, Vicki and Luis De La Garza and wife Annette all of Ozona; 13 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters, Virginia Flores Gonzales of Midland and Elisa De Hoyos of San Angelo; her brothers, Leandro Flores Jr. and wife Anna of Grape Creek, Ismael Flores and wife Mary of Corpus Christi, Eldimiro Flores and wife, Eduwina of Ft. Worth, Matias Flores and wife, Argentina of Del Rio, Jesse Flores and wife Mary of Ozona, Jaime Flores and wife Martha of Eldorado, Baldeemar Flores and wife Irma of Ozona and Omero Flores also of Ozona and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

A funeral mass was Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona. Interment followed at Lima Cemetery in Ozona. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
 SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

square dances to every second and fourth Saturdays at 2-4 p.m.

We had a beautiful Easter with the rain that we had the night before. The air was so refreshing and clear on Sunday.

On Tuesday, April 17, the Ozona Woman's Forum will meet here at the Senior Center at 3 p.m. for their regular monthly meeting. The program will be "Local History" brought to us by Suzanne Campbell. The hostesses are Arlene Clayton, Helen White and Linda Moore.

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

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.

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Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults 50 years and older.

Answers on Aging April 26

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley strives to provide information, assistance, and services to the older citizens of Crockett County. AAA Jim Bright will be available to assist individuals on Thursday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Needing to learn more about services offered?

"Answers on Aging" is designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals.

Needing to apply for services?

Intake Specialists will be available to assist you with any questions you may have.

Programs that are housed in the Area Agency on Aging include: Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling, Care Coordination

(Prescription & Utility assistance), Caregiver Support (Respite Care), Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates for Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions for the Elderly), and 2-1-1 of the Concho Valley (Information and Referral for health and human services). A wide variety of printed information regarding each program and related information will also be available.

Please feel free to stop by and visit with the Area Agency on Aging staff when we visit your community. We look forward to speaking with you.

For more information, call Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666 or just dial 2-1-1



IN HIS HANDS

It would be difficult because the Ewes sometimes when frightened will run off and leave their baby lambs but we needed to round them up and dock them. Thank goodness it was cool that morning but as we got near the pens I just happened to look down at some bushes and noticed a very small lamb by himself. I walked over to him very quietly because normally if they hear you they run away. He just stood there and when I picked him up he didn't wiggle around or try to jump out of my hands (as most do). As I carried the little lamb up to the pens I thought about several things concerning my relationship to God. First the little lamb seemed perfectly content for me to carry him. It seemed like he had yielded his life in to my hands. The Bible says we must do the same thing (James 4:10, Psalms 31:5 & 138:6). Just as the lamb became dependent on me to take care of him the Bible also promises that if we do likewise God will take care of us (Psalms 32:7,8 and 91:14-16). When I reached the pens I stopped and looked at the little lamb in my hand and I prayed, "Oh Lord may my life and soul be in your hands like this little lamb is in mine." Have put yourself in God's hands? (Psalms 32:10). 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>
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<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>
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<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 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>

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Circle Bar Cable TV chosen as business of the month

Circle Bar Cable TV is a family owned and operated organization that has been doing business in Ozona for many years.

Circle Bar Television offers cable TV along with satellite services.

"We sell TV's, DVD's, and lease DVR's with our cable package. We sell electronics like computers, laptops, digital cameras and accessories like HD cables and flash drives," said Tony Shields, Manager.

Circle Bar Cable Television is located at 906 11th Street (next door to the Village Drug) and open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Local residents can advertise on the local cable channel for \$7 for three days, \$15 for a week or \$40 monthly.

"Community news, fund-raisers, school or church functions and non-profit events we will run for free," said Amy.

"What makes our business competitive is we are local and provide same day service calls," said Liz.

"We offer over 108 digital and high-definition channels including the networks, and most frequently watched channels like the



CIRCLE BAR CABLE TV has been chosen as the March Business of the Month by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Board. Pictured are: (left to right) Tony Shields, Amy Rodriguez and Liz Morgan.

Weather Channel, Lifetime, TNT, TBS, USA, Discovery, Hallmark and many Others. We also have a choice between four different premium packages. You can purchase our Digital Channel line-up with the 108 channels, and all four premium packages for less than our competitors," said Tony. "Basic cable (28 channels) will cost around \$31, Digital Channel Line-up \$49, and

each premium package is only \$8.99 a month. We will also be adding around five more channels this year."

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Circle Bar Cable Television for their effort to provide quality customer service in addition to being an added asset to the local business community.

For more information, call (325) 392-3323.

Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan April 23-24 field days

BY STEVE BYRNS
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION

FORT STOCKTON - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct two free field days to highlight ongoing Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan implementation activities at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on April 23 and 24 near Sheffield and Coyanosa, respectively.

Gary Bryant, AgriLife Extension Pecos River watershed coordinator at Fort Stockton, said the April 23 field day will begin at the Fort Lancaster State Historical Site and later move to the Live Oak Ranch east of Sheffield in the lower portion of the watershed. The April 24 event will be on the Santa Rosa Ranch six miles east of the Coyanosa Gin in the watershed's upper portion.

Bryant said both days will have similar content, but discussions may vary due to the differences between the upper and lower parts of the watershed.

"During the field days, landowners will have an opportunity to see what some of their neighbors have been implementing on their properties, using the programs that support the watershed protection plan," Bryant said.

Topics will include discussions on development of a model to predict dissolved oxygen in the river, updates on biological and chemical salt cedar controls, prescribed burning efforts and an overview of the plan's goals and objectives.

Texas Forest Service personnel will also speak on drought and tree mortality at both sites.

Lunch is being provided by the AgriLife Extension office in Crockett County and the Sandhills Soil and Water Conservation District. During lunch, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel will

talk about the health of the river from an aquatic habitat and fish community perspective at the first field day and National Weather Service personnel will cover what a "red flag" warning for fire danger means at the next day's lunch break.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units - one integrated pest management and one general - will be available at each site.

RSVP is required for the lunch count. To RSVP and for more information contact Bryant at (432) 336-8585, glbryant@ag.tamu.edu by April 18.

A map to the field day locations and information on the project can be found on the project website at <http://>

pecosbasin.tamu.edu/.

Funding and support for the development and implementation of the Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan is provided through a Clean Water Act Nonpoint Source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The projects are managed by the Texas Water Resources Institute, a unit of Texas AgriLife Research, the AgriLife Extension and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University, the Upper Pecos Soil and Water Conservation District and Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District.

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TxDOT launches motorcycle safety campaign

AUSTIN—Motorcyclists are dying at alarming rates, so the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) is asking motorists to pay closer attention to the growing number of Texans riding scooters and motorcycles on the roads and highways.

TxDOT's Share the Road (www.looklearnlive.org) motorcycle safety and public awareness campaign runs through mid-May and is designed to remind drivers to look twice for motorcycles, especially at intersections and when changing lanes where most of the collisions take place. In 2011, Texas had 470 motorcycle fatalities, 16 percent of the state's traffic deaths.

Half of all fatal motorcycle crashes in Texas occur because the motorist never saw the motorcyclist.

According to national statistics, a motorcyclist is five times more likely to be injured and 25 times more likely to die in a crash. In fact, 87 percent of motorcycle crashes result in the death or serious injury of the motorcyclist.

This is because motor-

cycles have a much smaller profile than other vehicles, and it can be difficult for car and truck drivers to judge the speed and distance of an approaching bike.

As a result, drivers involved in crashes with motorcycles often say they never saw the motorcyclist and

could not react in time to prevent the crash.

TxDOT offers these safety tips for sharing the road with motorcycles:

- Look Twice
- Give Them Space
- Anticipate Next Steps

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- TXism: "he's _____ bricks shy of a load"
- rise/fall of the Gulf
- this TX Speaker was one of best center fielders ever in MLB
- seat of Parker Co.
- TX country singer Ketchum
- a member of TX Dixie Chicks (last name now Robison)
- TX Kris sang "Help Me Make _____ Through the Night"
- Oilers nicknamed the Astrodome the "House of _____"
- in Sarita, "Lebh _____" (house of prayer)
- someone who is seductively friendly (2 wds.)
- Baskin-Robbins popular flavor: "Chocolate Chip"
- TX Charley Pride sang "When I _____ Leavin' (I'll Be Gone)" ('78)
- TX _____ Hamlin created "Alley Oop"
- TX Janis Joplin's last band: "Full Tilt _____"
- TXism: "high tail it"
- iced _____
- TX melons are sold at _____ stands
- burn or scorch

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- farm structure
- TXism: "happy as a _____ store"
- _____ cause"
- actor Beatty
- carbonated beverages
- TXism: "I'd rather _____ hog" (distasteful)
- dir. to Austin from Boerne
- TXism: "siesta"
- "Old Hickory" Jackson
- discharge or release
- golfer Sam who won Dallas Open in '58
- TXism: "skeedad-dle out of _____"
- TXism: "call _____ day"
- habitual drunkard
- state where Jimmy Johnson lives (abbr.)
- _____ Creek, TX
- cut the weeds again
- TX Freddy Fender's "Before the Next Tear _____ Falls"
- abbr. for world's largest retailer
- TXism: "got a hankerin' _____"
- TXism: "never _____ a gift horse in the mouth"
- TX Rodney Crowell wrote song "Til _____ Control Again"
- TXism: "been _____ hard and put up wet"
- TXism: "_____ a wet hornet"
- kill someone
- container
- FBI agents, e.g.
- gray with brown
- TXism: "he's still got some _____ garters" (able)
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- "I'll _____ it"

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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
GABY GUTIERREZ (center) gets in Jade Carty's face during the OHS One Act Play production of "By the Bog of Cats." Gaby received All Star Cast and Michael Medina Jr. (right) was honorable mention All Star Cast at the District One Act Play competition last week in Ballinger. Isabel Ybarra also received outstanding technician.

Lady Lions edge out Ballinger

The Lady Lions Softball Team kept their district winning ways with victories over Ballinger and Grape Creek last week.

Ozona defeated Ballinger 3-2 on April 5.

Pitching was Adrienne Sanchez; Catcher Kodi Glosson.

Sanchez scored one run and had three strikeouts. Cynthia Garcia and Bethany Martinez also scored a run each. Also playing: Stacie Quiroz, Keyanna Perez, Lexi Poindexter, Vivian Medina, Samantha De La Garza, Kodi Glosson, Jennifer Marquez, Kyann Hernandez, Meagan Espinosa, Jade Carty, Kaylee Ramirez, Brianna Cervantez and Amy Quiroz.

"We knew that Ballinger was going to be a tough act. They had just lost to Sonora and are a good team trying to make the playoffs," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. "Our defense did a great job of making the plays when we needed them. Offensively, we did enough to

win the game but will look to improve."

The Lady Lions defeated Grape Creek 21-4 on April 3.

Pitcher Sanchez; Catcher Glosson.

Sanchez recorded 10 strikeouts and scored three runs. Glosson and Cynthia Garcia and scored four runs each. Samantha De La Garza scored two runs.

"We wanted to start the second half of district play in a strong way. The first game against Grape Creek was a close 6-5 win at home. As a team, we discussed that we have to control the mental, emotional part of the game," Gonzalez said. "The Lady Lions did just that showing a physical, mental and emotional toughness. It was definitely a different game than the first game. We issued a challenge to the team and I would say they responded."

The Lady Lions are 6-1 in district play and sitting in second place behind

Wall. They will play Brady at 5 p.m. Friday in Brady.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
CYNTHIA GARCIA catches a pop fly for the Lady Lions on April 5.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
SAMANTHA DE LA GARZA SCORED TWO RUNS for the Lady Lions in their 21-4 victory over Grape Creek on April 3.

OHS Tennis Team competes at district

The OHS Tennis Team competed in the District 7-AA Meet last week in San Angelo.

Mixed Doubles duo of Kramer Hall and Jenny Venegas won the championship meet qualifying them for the Region I meet, April 19-20, in Odessa.

In their first match, Hall and Venegas defeated Shuffield and Tinsley of Brady, 6-2, 6-2. In the semifinals, the Ozona duo defeated Henderson and Scott of Wall, 6-3, 6-3.

In the finals, Hall and Venegas defeated Montez and Key of Wall, 6-4, 6-7 (3), 6-3.

In boys' singles, Saul Vargas defeated Alex Nuncio of Brady, 6-2, 6-3 in the first match, but then lost to Marcos Quiroz, of Sonora, 7-6, 6-1.

In boys' doubles, Ozona teams lost in the second round. Kenney and Stephens of Sonora defeated Glen Tinney and Nathaniel Valdes

Lions comeback over Bearcats

Down 13-2 going into the third inning, the Ozona Lions scored 15 runs making a winning comeback, 17-14, over Ballinger on April 5.

Pitching was Jayton Rodriguez and Glen Tinney; Catcher was Alejandro Mendez.

Tinney had seven strikeouts, gave up only one earned run, had 4 hits and 5 BB. Rodriguez was 4 for 5, 2 runs and 1 RBI.

Junior Jerrod duBois got the comeback going with his team leading third homerun of the season in the bottom of the third. duBois was 2 for 4, double, 3 runs and 4 RBIs.

"Things did not look good for us early in the game," said Coach Ray Talamantes. "We have been telling the boys all year long that we have to complete the entire game, no matter what the score is, and we did just that."

The Lions started their winning ways on April 3 with a 26-3 victory over Grape Creek.

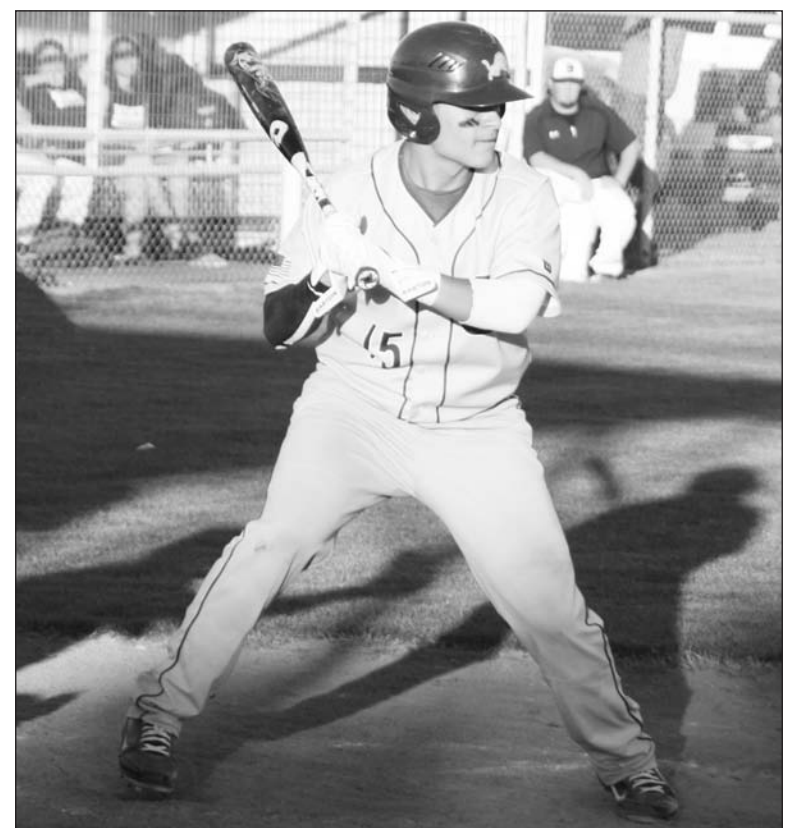
Pitcher was Adam Gonzales; Catcher was Mendez.

Gonzales had 6 hits, 2 earned runs, 8 strikeouts on 65 total pitches.

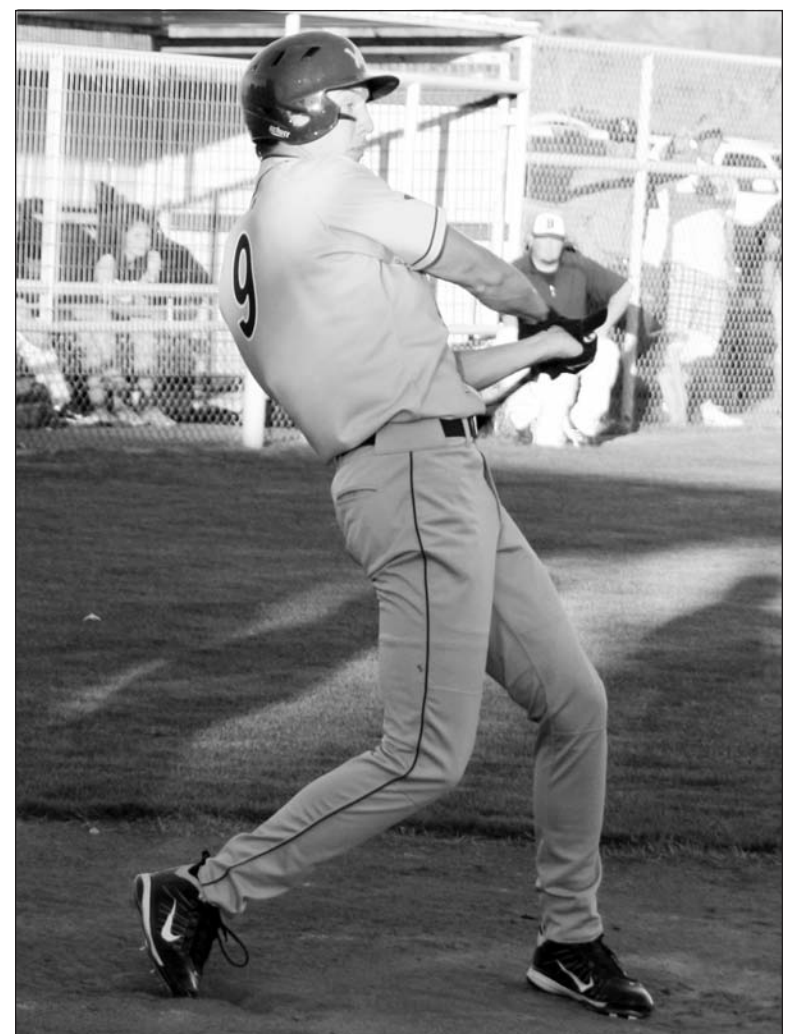
Mendez was 3 for 5, double, 4 runs and 4 RBIs. Alex Borrego was 4 for 5, double, 5 runs and 1 RBI. Chase De Hoyos was 4 for 5, 2 doubles, 3 runs and 6 RBIs.

"We jumped out to an early lead on Grape Creek. Fifteen runs in the first three innings allowed us to put the game away early," Talamantes said. "Freshman Chase DeHoyos and Junior Alex Borrego led the way with each of them collecting four hits apiece. Senior Alejandro Mendez also had three hits and scored four runs and Junior Jerrod DuBois hit his team leading second homerun of the season in the third inning."

Ozona will continue district play Friday against Brady at 4:30 p.m. in Brady.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
ALEJANDRO MENDEZ was three for five with a double in the Lions 26-3 thrashing of the Grape Creek Eagles on April 3.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
JARED duBOIS HAS HIT THREE HOME RUNS FOR THE LIONS this season.

Lady Lions Track Team runs at Crane

The OHS Lady Lions Track Team competed in the Crane Relays on March 31.

They finished ninth out of 19 teams with 27 total points, trailing district rival Sonora by only 9 points.

Daisy Guerra did a great job in the mile and two mile. She dominated the mile after the first 300 meters to win in a field of approximately 30 girls.

The mile relay (consisted of Lex Poindexter, Alex Rodriguez, Guerra, and Cynthia Garcia) ran a terrific race, finishing fourth place out of the more than 10 teams that competed.

Lexi Poindexter got the team off to a great start and ran a nice opening leg. Alex Rodriguez followed up with a solid performance. Daisy Guerra (who had just finished the mile) stepped up and kept the team in the mix. Cythia Garcia closed the 15 meter lead that Sonora had and in the last meters of the race was able to

come in ahead of their district rival.

Many small victories were had throughout the day, including Alex Rodriguez making her return and getting sixth place in a crowded field in the 800 meter run.

Marissa Held worked hard in the 3200 and 1600 to position herself ahead of key district opponents.

Lexi Poindexter and Cynthia Garcia both were seventh place in highly crowded fields in the 200 and 400 respectively.

Jenny Venegas was seventh place in the 100 Hurdles.

The team was joined by Keyanna Perez, Lazarae Rodriguez, Nancy Rodriguez, Meagan Espinosa, and Bethany Martinez, all of which did a great job.

Both the OHS Lady Lions and Lions track teams will compete in the District 7-AA meet today (April 11) in Sonora.

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THE OMS EIGHTH GRADE LADY LIONS won the April 2 District 7-AA Track Meet in Sonora.



THE OMS SEVENTH GRADE LADY LIONS placed second the April 2 District 7-AA Track Meet in Sonora and won the Harper Relays on March 24.

OMS Lady Lions first, second at District Track Meet

The OMS Lady Lions competed in the District 7-AA Track Meet on April 2 in Sonora.

The Eighth Grade Team were District Champions finishing with 179 points.

Individual results:

Discus - 4. Maria Mejia, 66-0 and 6. Ashley Vargas, 63-5.

Triple Jump - 1. Madison Childress, 31-2.5; 3. Alyssa Newlin, 30-4.75 and 5. Stef Torralba, 29-5.

High Jump - 1. McKenna Moses, 4-8.

Long Jump - 1. Madison Childress, 15.75; 3. Alyssa Newlin, 13.95 and 5. Bri Sanchez, 13-8.

Pole Vault - 1. McKenna Moses, 8-0.

2400-meter run - 2. McKenna Moses, 9:51.90.

400-meter relay - 1. Bri Sanchez, April Ramoz, Taylor Luna and Alyssa Newlin, 56.03.

800-meter dash - 2. Madison Childress, 2:41.38.

100-meter hurdles - 3. April Ramoz, 19.82 and 6. Taylor Luna, 21.30.

100-meter dash - 1. Bri Sanchez, 13.18.

800-meter relay - 1. Bri Sanchez, Nereyda Vega, Stef Torralba, Madison Childress, 1:57.40.

400-meter dash - 1. Nereyda Vega, 1:07.21.

300-meter hurdles - 6. Taylor Luna, 55.84.

200-meter dash - 2. Alyssa Newlin, 29.22 and 4. Stef Torralba, 29.87.

1600-meter run - 3. McKenna Moses, 6:12.64.

1600-meter relay - 2. Nereyda Vega, Stef Torralba, McKenna Moses, Madison Childress, 4:37.03.

The Seventh Grade Team placed second overall with 175 points.

Individual results:

Discus - 1. Rachel Men-

Ozona Elementary hosting book fair

Ozona Elementary School will host a book fair the week of April 16-20.

A Parent Night will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. April 18 at the Ozona Elementary Library.

All parents are welcome to attend.

For more information, call 392-5501 ext. 5807.

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doza, 74-4.
Shot Put - 2. Rachel Mendoza, 23-6.

Triple Jump - 2. Kamryn Lozano, 28-1.25 and 6. Asia Lara, 25-11.

High Jump - 5. Madison Galindo, 4-4 and 6. Madye Hubbard, 4-2.

Long Jump - 2. Kamryn Lozano, 13-7 and 5. Julie Marshall, 12-10.

Pole Vault - 2. Bobbie Jo Vargas, 5-0 and 3. Gabby Flores, 5-0.

2400-meter run - 1. Gabby Treto, 10:04.28 and 2. Bobbie Jo Vargas, 10:15.43.

400-meter relay - 2. Kamryn Lozano, Madye Hubbard, Asia Lara and Azaylea Tovar, 57.34.

100-meter hurdles - 2. Madison Galindo, 19.06.

100-meter dash - 3. Cameron Rutherford, 14.31; 4. Azaylea Tovar, 14.84 and 5. Rachel Mendoza, 14.99.

800-meter relay - 1. Kamryn Lozano, Madye Hubbard, Asia Lara and Madison Galindo, 2:00.75.

400-meter dash - 2. Cameron Rutherford, 1:10.91.

200-meter dash - 2. Cameron Rutherford, 30.61; 3. Asia Lara, 31.12 and 4. Dacie Taylor, 31.37.

1600-meter run - 1. Gabby Treto, 6:23.12 and 6. Bobbie Jo Vargas, 6:51.24.

1600-meter relay - 3. Kamryn Lozano, Madye Hubbard, Madison Galindo and Gabby Treto, 4:59.65.

Youth Center Calendar

OHS Food Night Mondays 7-10 p.m.

7th and 8th Grades Food Night Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

High School Hours:
Monday: 7-10 p.m.
Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.
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Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

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CLOSED SUNDAYS!

OMS Lions run in District Track Meet

The OMS Lions competed in the District 7-AA Track Meet on April 2 in Sonora.

The Eighth Grade Team finished third.

"We did a good job of representing our community at the district track meet. We have several district champions and were in the running for the team overall champion. We had guys step up and come through. We were able to get points out of all but four events and we just missed out in all four of them," said Coach John Esparza. "We had a wonderful year filled with lots of successes and there are many more to come the future is bright for Ozona track and Ozona athletics all together. It has been an honor to be a part of this team they without a doubt know how to work. The athletes and coaches would also like to say thank you to all the family, friends, and fans for all the great support."

Individual results:

Long Jump - 3. Ben Badillo, 17-2

Pole Vault - 3. Kalen Perez, 8-6 and 5. Philip Vargas, 8-0

Shot Put - 4. Michael Graham, 34-6

2400-meter run - 1. Noe Medina, 8.11 District Champion and 4. Alan Landa, 8.22.

400-meter relay - 4. 52.50 Philip Vargas, Dakota Lee, Jose Ojeda and Jon Gomez

110-meter hurdles - 1. Bryce Martin, 17.74 District Champion

100-meter dash - 5. Da-

kota Lee, 12.58

800-meter relay - 4. 1:51 Kalen Perez, Dakota Lee, Jon Gomez and Bryce Martin

400-meter dash - 1. Ben Badillo, 58.34 District Champion and 4. Javier Barrera, 61.65

300-meter hurdles - 4. Bryce Martin, 49.72 and 5. Jose Ojeda, 50.56

200-meter dash - 4. Javier Barrera, 26.65

1600-meter run - 1. Noe Medina, 5.09 District Champion and 6. Kalen Perez, 5.58

1600-meter relay - 4.

4:07 Noe Medina, Kalen Perez, Alan Landa and Ben Badillo

The Seventh Grade Team placed fifth.

"The Seventh Grade Track Team worked hard all spring and competed well in all track meets. Thanks for your hard work," said Coach Ubaldo Elguea.

Individual results:

High Jump - 5. Thomas Fay, 4-8.

Shot Put - 2. Weston Fay, 31-9.

400-meter relay - 4.

Thomas Fay, Aidan Fierro, Tim Maldonado and Jaden Perez, 52.82.

800-meter relay - 4. Kabir Shah, Thomas Fay, Aidan Fierro and Jaden Perez, 1:59.

300-meter hurdles - 5. Tim Maldonado, 50.66.

1600-meter relay - 4. Tim Maldonado, Thomas Fay, Kabir Shah and Jaden Perez, 4:26.

Also participating: Luis Contreras, Gary Held, Edgar Damian, Alberto Rodriguez, Tristian Galindo, Jose Martinez and Ornelo Meza.

April 12 - 3:00-7:00 p.m. & April 13 - 12 noon-6:30 p.m.
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Crockett County Historic Day May 5

May 5, 2012 is a historic day for Ozona. The counties in the Pecos River Mountain Region (counties west of Ozona) will meet in Ozona from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Each Historical Association from each county will report on what is being preserved in each county.

Crockett County Historical Commission President Bob Childress will introduce seven very interesting speakers to relive Crockett County's most historical events.

Topics include:

- The first settler in Crockett County
- The camel expedition that came through our county around 1855
- Gruby, Texas, the wildest Crockett County town and the only man killed by

a bear in this county

- The 900 Indian attacks on Fort Lancaster

- First wagon and buggy service to Ozona

- A child captured by Indians and the fight that ensued on the Pecos

- Howard's Well massacre and battles

Childress says these speakers will be very interesting. The speakers include: historian Ginger Perner, the Honorable Judge Brock Jones, Crockett County Historical Commission President Bob Childress, historian Harold Tanner, the Honorable Judge Fred Deaton, Texas Ranger historian Randall Ross and Chihuahuahua Trail expert Claude Hudspeth.

A chuck wagon lunch will be provided for guests. Cost is \$6 per person, pay on arrival, RSVP is required. The deadline to RSVP for lunch is April 30.

At 3:30 p.m., guests may see the oldest and most historical structure in Crockett County, Howard's Well. This can be done in about 1.5 hours.

The event is open to the public. Anyone interested, plan to attend.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Bob Childress at (325) 392-2382 or e-mail crockettcountyhistoricalcom@yahoo.com.



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make a recommendation to the commissioners on whether or not to make Bacher a permanent administrator.

The commissioners unanimously approved Lupe Cervantez and Russell Crenwelge as new members to the Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board.

ANIMAL IMPOUNDMENT

Discussion continued on an animal control facility for Crockett County.

Right now, the Crockett County Sheriff's Office has three certified animal control officers that are also licensed to euthanize animals.

Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton and Road Department Superintendent Jeffery Stuart visited with Sonora Veterinarian Gene Gibbens last month. Gibbens said he would work with Crockett County and house five or six animals up to four days. Cost for boarding and euthanizing is around \$65 per animal.

Sutton said figuring on five dogs, cost to the county would be around \$1,500 a month. Gibbens told Stuart and Sutton that he would not take wild cats, only cats that have a collar or look like a person's pet.

So far the sheriff's office has not taken any animals to Sonora, yet, Sutton said.

Branch said he talked to Texas Department of State Health Services zoonosis control specialist Kathy Parker, of Midland and she recommended going through Gibbens and proceed with plans for a new facility.

Deaton presented some numbers and said the cost to build a new facility would run around \$120,000 for the structure and then \$65,000 to \$70,000 to run the facility.

"I think we should bite the bullet and build us a location of some sort. Eventually, I would like to see one in Crockett County. We should take care of our own. We have better control if we have something here in place," Tambunga said.

"I see an animal control place, but let it be its own department," Martinez added.

The commissioners agreed that some planning needs to start taking place, as well as look at budgeting the money for the facility during the up-

coming budget planning sessions.

"I've yet to find a town that does not have an animal control facility," Deaton said.

"If you're going to have to do it, might get the plans started now," Sutton added.

The commissioners agreed to provide Janet Pullen a series of pre-vaccination rabies shots. Pullen is the Rabies Control Authority for Crockett County and will be responsible for handling possible rabid animals or sending animals off for testing.

Dr. Gary Vannoy, the former county rabies officer, also received the shots each year.

The commissioners agreed that if the three certified animal control officers also want the pre-vaccination rabies shots, the county should provide that.

Pullen said she would cooperate with the sheriff's office in any way.

Stuart also said that Gibbens would be interested in coming to Ozona and setting up to clinic.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Raul and Connie Arredondo addressed the commissioners about a problem with a neighbor's horse becoming a health nuisance.

The commissioners agreed to resend letters to people who have livestock and horses in town and agreed to fine them if they refuse to clean. This item will also be placed on May 14 commissioners' court meeting.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

Annual airport lease agreement.

Moving the stage from the convention center to Lion Stadium.

Closing a portion of the alley between Iris Lane and Ridgecrest.

Reward pipeline agreement with hiring Jody Upham as the attorney.

Paving rock bid from CSA in San Angelo for \$43.85 per ton for 1,745 tons.

Purchasing a John Deere skid steer loader for around \$43,000 for the Crockett County Road Department.

Use the Texas Challenge Academy for a cleanup work project.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. May 14 at courthouse annex.

BUDGET: from page 1

Superintendent must prepare a budget by Aug. 20 each year, and the school board must pass a budget no later than Aug. 31.

Budget must be adopted after a public hearing.

Proposed budget must be publicized in advance with a comparison to the prior year. CCCSD currently publicizes in The Ozona Stockman and on their website at www.ozonastockman.net.

Expenditures must follow adopted budget. School board members may amend by vote in response to conditions, needs.

Budget must be funded by an authorized tax rate that also has its own publication notice, hearing and posting requirements.

Adopted budget must be posted on the district's website for three years.

There are three funds in every budget: general, food and debt service.

Also, a budget must be reported to the Texas Education Agency through PEIMS (Public Education Information Management System).

Each year the superintendent and the school board set a budget calendar, which consists of meetings and workshops leading up the August target date of approval.

Principals are scheduled to have their budgets final by the end of May. Principals do not set teacher's salaries, just budget for items and needs on their campuses, duBois said.

Also, members of the district site-base committee will meet to discuss needs for the district as well. This group is comprised of school personnel and administrators, board members and local citizens.

duBois said what seems to be the smallest idea, such as adding a UIL Period at Ozona High School, can have budget and financial impact.

"If you are not careful, you lose track of your money. We shouldn't be foolish with taxpayer resources," he said.

On July 25, certified property values are handed down by the state comptroller's office, giving the district final numbers.

Public hearings and notices are published before the school board adopts the tax rate and budget.

The budget also has to go through a series of compliance

School Finance Workshops

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.

Sessions will be held at the Ozona Elementary School Cafetorium and will start at 6:30 p.m.

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

April 30 - Budget Challenges for CCCSD, 2012-2013 and Beyond.

checks through TEA. The rules on these checks change every state legislative session.

The outline of the district's budget can be found on the TEA website (www.tea.state.tx.us) under finance. On the site, school district's use the Financial Accountability Resource Guide (FARG), this includes the TEA specifications for all accounting and fiscal operating of schools.

Looking at a school district's budget, each line begins with a series of numbers. These numbers are account codes that categorize the money being budgeted.

The first three digits is the fund (general, food or debt service). The next two are the function or area of operation. Next is a four-digit code that accounts for where they money

is being spent. Then a two-digit code that tells what organization, campus or department.

The next number is the last digit of the fiscal year and final numbers to represent programming, such as where the money was spent like special education, types of services, career and technology and more.

duBois tested participants by showing several examples of these codes.

One was 199-11-6399-00-001-211000. duBois by looking at the code he knew 199 was general fund, 11 was instruction, 6399 was general supplies, 00 was no description, 001 was the high school and the 2 meant it was for the 2011-2012 school year.

In conclusion, this code was for high school basic instructional supplies.

"You can't pass a budget you can't prove," he said. "It's always changing and so complex."


Business Manager Cynthia Hokit has to know all the functions and code by memory. duBois said he maintains a good working relationship with Hokit, along with educating administrators and staff on these codes and functions as well.

duBois has implemented an online budget check site, where administrators can go and check how much money is being spent, or saved, in their budgets. They can't change the numbers but they can be kept up to speed on their budgets.

"We are trying to raise everybody up and bring awareness," he said. "You all now have the basic enough information to go through and read the budget."

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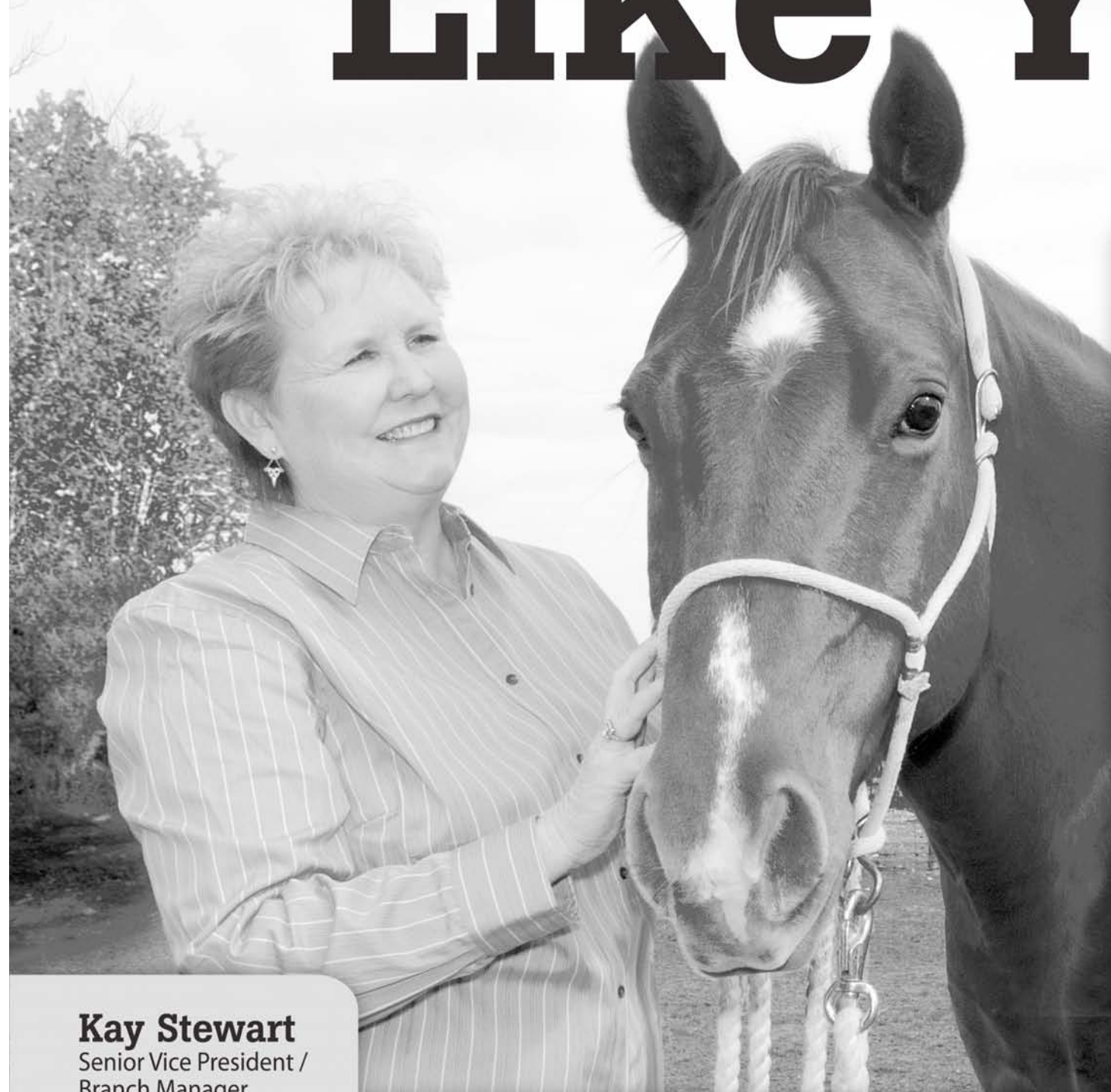
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Remember to "Render!" Taxable property renditions are due April 16.

Does this apply to you?
If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?
A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the taxable property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

- You give your opinion of your property's value.
- You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the right address.
- If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased value.

What is the deadline?

- The last day for filing 2012 renditions is April 16.
- An automatic extension is available if requested in writing by the April 16 deadline.
- The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

REMEMBER!!
Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an incomplete or false rendition, you may face a 10 to 50 percent penalty.

File renditions with your local appraisal district at:
LOCAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT NAME, ADDRESS, PHONE GOES HERE

Crockett County Appraisal District
P.O. Drawer H
909 Avenue D
Ozona, TX 76943
(325) 392-2674

Or contact:
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs
Property Tax Assistance Division
P.O. Box 13528
Austin, Texas 78711-3528

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