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A county without a city

Ozona's unincorporated status makes unique government

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Ozona doesn't have city limit signs. There is no city hall, no mayor and no city council.

County commissioners take care of needs inside and outside the town, the sheriff's office sees to law enforcement, two separate districts tend to water issues and the school district is also tied to this unique government structure.

It's a community that has low taxes, no zoning and livestock in backyards.

Since it was founded in 1891, Ozona has maintained a proud unincorporated status.

"It's not a bad thing to be unincorporated. We don't have any aspirations other than to be unincorporated," said County Commissioner Eligio Martinez.

Being unincorporated is not unusual in Texas. More than 100 towns claim unincorporated status.

Ozona is unique because it sits as the county seat and only town in Crockett County.

Fort Davis, in Jeff Davis County, is similar to Ozona in its unincorporated status, but it has nearby Valentine in the county. Valentine is incorporated.

"Most people are very proud of this town," said County Judge Fred Deaton. "We run things as efficiently as we can. It's definitely a balancing act."

Deaton, who is in his second term as county judge, can



OZONA doesn't have city limit signs. In fact, Ozona isn't a city. The town's unincorporated status brings pros and cons in dealing with issues.

also claim the issues a city manager and mayor would have.

"My job is a whole lot harder than other county judges. Not any one of them that want to be unincorporated because they don't want to do the work," Deaton said.

With limited legislation and very few rules on the book, running an unincorporated town in a county of 3,000 square miles has its ups and downs.

LOWER TAXES

Every year at this time the county commissioners and local school board look to County Tax Assessor-Collector Rhonda Shaw to estab-

lish next year's tax rate.

Crockett County has three tax entities: the county, school district and groundwater conservation district.

The 2011 tax rates were:
·.52983 - Crockett County
·1.04 - CCCCS
·.01107 - Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District

·1.5809 - total tax rate for Crockett County residents.

Having only three taxing entities is not found in many other towns or counties.

"County tax rates are higher in most counties. Ours is not as high because of the city and county being together," Shaw said.

Ninety-five percent of Crockett County's taxes are paid by oil and gas companies and mineral royalty owners. The other five percent comes from houses and commercial real estates, Deaton said.

Counties are able to collect oil and gas taxes but cities receive very little.

A city's tax rate is based off businesses, houses and sales tax.

"People that own homes their taxes would increase by 95 percent if we were incorporated. We would have another 50-60 cents worth of tax as a city," Deaton said.

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Rodriguez wins sheriff's race

Crockett County has a new sheriff. Bob Rodriguez won the Democratic Primary Run-off Race over Ron Hawthorne Tuesday night.

Rodriguez had 747 votes to Hawthorne's 536.

"I'm excited, I'm nervous and very happy," Rodriguez said. "I have seen the support that I was getting and how people were being motivated, so the turnout didn't surprise me."

Rodriguez is also the first Hispanic to be elected sheriff in Crockett County.

"History was made, but when I take office I would like to be known as the sheriff for everybody," he said.

Since nobody filed in the Republican primary, Rodriguez will be the only candidate for sheriff on the General Election Ballot on Nov. 6.

Rodriguez will officially take office Jan. 1, 2013.

"I congratulate Bob on the victory. I appreciate that he ran a very clean campaign. I'm thankful and appreciative of all the people who voted for me, most especially to all those people who made telephone calls and financing of the campaign," Hawthorne said. "Now, it's important to start the healing process to try and provide the highest level of law enforcement in Crockett County and fairness for everyone. The rumors need to stop and everyone needs to pull together."

The breakdown of the votes was:

- Early voting - Hawthorne 356; Rodriguez 461
- Precinct 1 - Hawthorne 23; Rodriguez 82
- Precinct 2 - Hawthorne 63; Rodriguez 63
- Precinct 3 - Hawthorne 82; Rodriguez 49
- Precinct 4 - Hawthorne 12; Rodriguez 92



BOB RODRIGUEZ

Crockett County voters cast 1,286 ballots in the runoff election, around 50 percent in local voter turnout. Crockett County has around 2,544 registered voters.

As of press time, the Texas Tribune called the District 23 Democratic Congressional runoff in favor of Pete Gallego over Ciro D. Rodriguez. Gallego had 53.6 percent to Rodriguez's 46.4 percent, the Tribune stated.

Gallego won Crockett County with 526 votes to Rodriguez's 424.

Gallego will face Republican incumbent Francisco "Quico" Canseco in the Nov. 6 General Election.

In the Republican Primary, Tea Party candidate Ted Cruz upset Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst in the runoff for U.S. Senate with 55.9 percent of the vote to 44.1 percent, the Tribune stated.

Cruz won in Crockett County with five votes to two.

The 41-year-old Cruz will face Democratic Paul Sadler on Nov. 6 to determine who will replace retiring U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison.

Sadler defeated Grady Yarbrough 62.6 percent to 37.4 percent, the Tribune stated.

Sadler won Crockett County with 459 votes to Yarbrough 376.

For more on statewide results, visit www.texastribune.org.

Three killed in two interstate accidents

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Three people died after being involved in two interstate accidents last week.

A family from Sugar Land is mourning the loss of two of their members after their vehicle rolled and hit a concrete pillar under an overpass on July 26.

Madeliene Johnson, 12, was pronounced dead at the Family Health Center of Ozona by Dr. Marcus Sims. Tristen Johnson, 14, was pronounced dead at the scene by Crockett County Justice of the Peace James Hearne. Bodies were taken to Preddy Funeral Home in Ozona.

Pearlette Johnson, 44, Sjon Johnson, 21 and Maegan Johnson 19, were all taken by AirMed helicopter or Crockett County EMS ambulance to Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo.

As of Monday, Maegan was still in intensive care at Shannon. Pearlette and Sjon had been treated and released.

According to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety, the family's



CROCKETT COUNTY EMERGENCY OFFICIALS work a double fatality accident last week near the 351 mile-marker on Interstate-10. There were two fatality accidents last week on I-10 killing three people.

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Marching to a new leader

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Steve Rollins is not afraid of a challenge.

Three years ago Rollins took a job at San Antonio's Lanier High School, there were only nine students enrolled in band at the Class 4A high school.

When Rollins left in May, he had built the program up to around 60 students.

"That band program needed some tender, loving, care," Rollins said.

Now, Rollins will be leading his largest band in the smallest school of his 26-year career.

"I believe Ozona is ready to go to the next level," Rollins said.

Last week, OHS Band students reported for duty for summer band practices. More summer practices are scheduled for this month as well. The OHS Band is expected to have around 80 members this year.

Rollins, who has been to the state marching contest



MEMBERS OF THE OHS BAND perform marching drills during summer band practice last week. The band is under new leadership this year with Director Steve Rollins.

for 14 of his 26 years, said the OHS Band has "a lot of talent and a lot of hard workers."

In fact, he is aiming to have Ozona as a sweepstakes band by next year and at the state contest in two to three years.

"With all of us working together we can get that accomplished," he said. "I don't think there's any end to what we can do together."

This year's Drum Major

is junior Chris Cantu. Assistants are Lazarae Rodriguez and O'Rion Bilano.

Color guard members are Janna Mun-sell, Lexi Poindexter, Nancy Rodriguez, Rebecca Hernan-dez, Sydney Mendoza and Bethany Martinez.

"We are aiming to get to the next level in terms of musical skills. At this point,

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**OHS FOOTBALL WORKOUTS
START MONDAY AT LION STADIUM**

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Digital communication doesn't replace verbal

It is difficult to go anywhere without seeing someone communicating electronically with someone else. The digital age has society able to send real-time updates about the most intimate details of our lives. It is so easy just to send a text or an e-mail. This can be convenient when you want to send a message or request information and you do not need a response right away, if at all. The downside is that as a society, we have become so extremely dependent on digital communication that we forget the value of actually verbal-

ly speaking to someone else. It can be very difficult to truly ascertain someone's intended message without being able to see their facial expression or hear the intonations of their voice. Digital communications is not a bad thing, but it is easy to



BUSINESS TIPS

JAMES LEAVELLE

over rely on it and use it when verbal communication should be used. Businesses communicate all of the time. They communicate through their advertising, their brand, and their staff. They communicate with customers, vendors, lenders, marketers, and peers. In a fast paced business environment, it is often necessary to communicate through texts or e-mail. The danger lies in relying on these avenues too heavily. When we can't see expressions or hear someone's voice, we miss clues that something may be urgent,

or that someone may be experiencing insecurity with a request, or that we have angered someone unintentionally. Those are mistakes that business owners don't want to make. It could cost them business. Texts and e-mail should be used for business in a judicious manner. They should be delivered with enough text to clearly relay the intended message so that there is little danger of it being misconstrued. Ideally, texts and e-mail should be used as consideration for the recipient, not the sender. Sometimes, the best commu-

nication is verbal and if possible, it is face to face. Its significance comes in that it is more difficult to build meaningful personal relationships through technology. Personal relationships are important in business. Business owners build relationships with vendors, lenders, customers, stakeholders, and others important to the success of the business. They can't build meaningful relationships through texts and e-mail. Imagine applying for a loan through an e-mail with a banker you have never met or, try-

ing to get an investor on board without actually having to meet face to face. Both scenarios will most likely have negative outcomes for you. It is OK to use technology, when appropriate, but not as the only means of communication. Relationship building is one of a business's strongest tools and works best when communication is meaningful and personal.

"Business Tips" was written by James Leavelle, Business Development Specialist of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact him at james.leavelle@angelo.edu.

Ozona is a town, don't call us a city

Ozona is weird and I mean this in a good way. We are a county with no limits, no city council. In this week's issue, I tackled the pros and cons of our little town being unincorporated. In talking with our local officials, and hearing from our readers on Facebook, I've become better educated on living in our community.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

your tax statement this year, call your friends in other counties and compare. I speak from experience when I say that having lower taxes is not a bad thing. County Judge Fred Deaton told me during our interview that a former Ozona resident, now living in Tom Green County, was shocked at how much they have to pay in property taxes compared to what they paid in Crockett County.

Deaton said it was around \$4,000 more. Also, look around our town and see what the services we do have with only one layer of government. Our county runs debt-free, not even our federal government can claim that. Look at the freedoms we have. If you want to add on to your house, you don't have to worry about permits. You can park your trailer in the street, as long as it doesn't annoy your neighbor. Yes, there are flaws. Yes, there are issues. Yes, you can put a horse and goats in your backyard. There are some frustrations in what can and cannot be done. For more than 120 years, Ozona has functioned as a town in Crockett County. When I explain to outsiders our unique form of government, people often ask me "will Ozona ever incorporate?" Read the article on page 1 and you decide.

Personally, I'm not objecting to this. I already spend a lot of time at county commissioners and school board meetings and I do not want to add city council meetings to this list. Many of our readers thought that becoming incorporated that meant Ozona would get those big stores we all flock to in San Angelo. Incorporation does not bring those businesses, population does. If you drive through incorporated towns similar to our size you don't see any of those stores either. Incorporated doesn't automatically mean your town is cleaned up. I've driven through incorporated cities that have looked trashy and junky. Cleaning up a town is up to the leaders and citizens of that community, not the type of government the town has. However, I have learned there are advantages to Ozona being unincorporated. Take a look at

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Vegetarian Variations

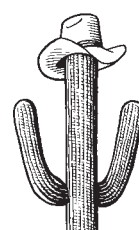
As I understand it, a "flexitarian" is vegetarian who eats meat, which to my way of thinking, is kind of against the whole concept of being a vegetarian in the first place. My eighth grade English teacher called such a word an "oxymoron" and no, I'm not making a judgment as to their intelligence when I say a flexitarian is an oxymoron. It is simply a contradiction in terms. A "pescetarian", on the other hand, is a vegetarian who eats fish, which I've always thought of as meat.

The whole idea behind all this ridiculous name-calling is to be able to enjoy the great taste of meat and still be able to be politically correct and fashionable. I don't care what they call themselves just as long as they eat meat. So, I've come up with a few more names that backsliding vegetarians can call themselves.

Convictarians- Only eat meat when the warden decides they can eat meat, which is rare because it's hard cutting prison meat with spoons. (I'd submit that a wise warden doesn't hand out steak knives to a bunch of murderers, rapists and thieves.)

Burgertarians- College kids who have a big hankering and need for beef, but can only afford to eat fast food burgers and Hamburger Helper. Some develop highly sophisticated palates and become Wendy-tarians or McDonaIdtarians.

Tacotarians- A subspecies of burgertarian-



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

The latter are baseball fans who only eat meat branded with the great pitcher's Rotisserarians- Only eat meat if it's cooked on a slowly rotating skewer. Not to be confused with Rotarians, who are great folks, one and all.

COSTCotarians- Only eat meat that is purchased at Costco. They buy in bulk. You don't find too many single senior citizens who are COSTCotarians because they simply don't have the freezer space for it.

Phasetarians- Every young girl goes through a phase where she swears off meat, usually after a class field trip to a slaughterhouse, dairy or rendering plant. It lasts about six months, or until they get interested in a male burgertarian.

Facebooktarian- So called because the

ians, these impoverished students subsist on Taco Bell tacos.

Grassatarians- Only eat beef that was grass fed.

CABatarians- These people only eat meat that came from black cattle, usually Certified Angus Beef. There are many variations including the Herefortarian, Pinzgaurtarian, Longhorntarian, Simmmatarian, Brangurtarian and NolanRyartarian.

Environmentarians- Only eat meat from animals that emit no greenhouse gases and walk the earth without leaving a carbon footprint. If environmentarians applied the same standards to everything they ate they'd starve to death inside of three weeks. Environmentarians were formerly known as hypocritarians.

Resthometarian- Like the convictarian, they eat only what's put in front of them. (See also gummertarian).

Intetellitarians- Smart people who eat beef but not lesser meats such as slimy eels, guinea fowl, mutton, sushi, goat intestines, and two legged soybeans (chicken).

Veterinarian- Only eats meat from his or her mistakes.

founder of Facebook is only eating meat he kills himself, perhaps because he's broke after his stock took a big nosedive.

Gummertarian- Also known as the "denturetarian". These are older people and hockey players who no longer have their real teeth so they eat prechewed beef or filet mignon exclusively because it's the most tender. You may see hockey players buying less expensive steaks but they use them on their black eyes to lessen the swelling.

Bambitarians- Eat all meat except venison. Usually female, scientists say they are related to Black Beautytarians who would rather die than eat horsemeat.

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Fund to generate \$1.7B for schools: but not yet

AUSTIN — In 2011, the Texas Legislature cut \$4 billion from the public school budget for 2012-2013, and school districts across the state are still adjusting to the loss of funding.

But there is a plan in place to pump about \$1.7 billion into the budget for Texas public schools over the next biennium.

According to the Texas Education Agency, the State Board of Education on July 20 approved a percentage distribution of the Permanent School Fund of 3.3 percent for fiscal years 2014 and 2015. This, officials expect, should produce a payout of about \$830 million each year.

The funding is used to pay for instructional materials and general education expenses for the state's public school students. The \$25 billion Permanent School Fund is the second-largest educational endowment in the country, behind only Harvard's endowment.

In other news, the Texas Education Agency announced The

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

Foundation School Program's new automated bond application program won a Best of Texas award from the national Center for Digital Government for "best information technology collaboration among organizations."

The program automates components of the funding system financing almost \$1 billion annually for school district construction projects, the Texas Education Agency reported, adding that "the improved system now provides prompt, accurate payments, improved reporting to school districts, on-demand ledger access and a detailed audit trail."

NEW POLICY RESTRICTS LOBBYING

Texas Railroad Commission, the three-member state agency that regulates the oil, gas, mining and pipeline industries in

Texas, on July 17 announced the adoption of a new policy that restricts lobbying.

Under the policy, for two years after a commissioner or executive director leaves the agency, he or she may not appear before the commission or otherwise communicate with current commissioners, agency officers or employees with the intent to influence agency action on behalf of any person and in connection with any matter.

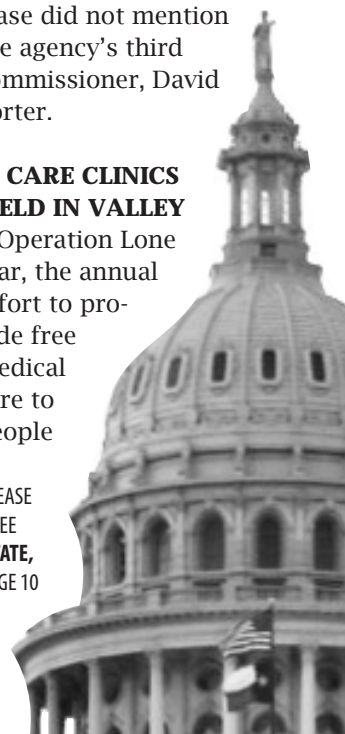
"This policy should leave no doubt among our staff, the industries we regulate, and the general public that the Railroad Commission is complying with both the letter and the spirit of the Texas Revolving Door Statute," agency Chairman Barry Smitherman said. "Adopting this policy is an important step to maintaining the public trust."

Commissioner Buddy Garcia joined Smitherman in voting for the policy. The Railroad Commission news release did not mention the agency's third commissioner, David Porter.

CARE CLINICS HELD IN VALLEY

Operation Lone Star, the annual effort to provide free medical care to people

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Luncheon showcases small business resources

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce hosted an educational luncheon on July 26.

Chamber Executive Director talked with guests and the Chamber and its programs and services.

Vice-Chairman of the board, Lisa Branch, introduced speaker Paul Howard of the ASU- Small Business Development Center (ASU-SBDC) who spoke of a number of services available to residents and businesses.

County officials, local business owners and residents enjoyed a meal catered by the Circle Bar Truck Corral while hearing about the services of the center as well as about their move to a new location in the fall.

"I love what I do, and am in Ozona once a month. I want to help local businesses and would welcome the opportunity," said Paul.

Paul informed guests about the expertise and staff of the center that offers confidential, no cost, business advice in a number of areas.

The ASU-SBDC center offers a diverse array of business seminars and workshops at low to no cost at the center.

Courses range from, What You Need to Know to



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
PAUL HOWARD talks about the services of the ASU-Small Business Development Center at the July 26 Chamber Luncheon.

Start Your Own Business to, Loan Principals and Writing a Business Plan, Marketing Strategies, Sales Tax Collection, Bookkeeping and software like Quickbooks, and much more.

The ASU-SBDC also offers for those that live out-of-town virtual business training.

You can take on-line courses in the comfort of your own home.

Paul also informed guests that the ASU-SBDC has partnered with a number of local, state and federal agencies that allows them to tap into resources that ultimately result in additional services for their clients.

To learn more about the ASU-SBDC, call (325) 942-2098, e-mail sbdc@angelo.edu or visit www.sbdc.angelo.edu.



SHANON BIGGERSTAFF | OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
OZONA REMODELING AND NEW CONSTRUCTION has been chosen as the July Business of the Month by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

Ozona Remodeling and New Construction chosen Business of the Month

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"To start with, on behalf of myself, my wife, and my crew, we would like to thank the Ozona Chamber of Commerce for selecting our company as the Business of the Month," said Owner Ira Childress.

"We have been in business since October 2009. We are licensed and insured and can conquer most any project from drywall and painting to remodeling a house or single room. If your looking for tile or wood flooring, we've got you covered. We can provide cement drive-ways and side-walks in town or at the ranch, as well as curbs at your residence. If you have a loved one at the cemetery and need work, we can assist. We also do roofing, window replacement, stucco as well as yard fencing, be it wood or metal. We can do tree trimming by appointment and upon availability," said Childress. "We can provide references if needed, and in town estimates are free. Se Habla Espanol!"

There are four employees of Ozona Remodeling and New Construction; Ira Chil-

dress, David Camarillo, Tony Sanchez and Joseph Munez.

Ozona Remodeling and New Construction is headquartered in Ozona and provides service to the communities of Big Lake, Eldorado, Iraan, McCamey, Ozona, Sheffield, Sonora and Rankin.

Hours of operation are Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-6 p.m. and Friday from 8 a.m. - noon.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Ozona Remodeling and New Construction for their efforts to provide quality service in addition to being an added asset to the local business community.

For more information, call (325) 277-3445, or (325) 392-9380, or e-mail icferia@aol.com.

"You can also find us on Facebook," said Ira.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Aug. 1

- OHS Summer Band, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wow! It's Wednesday, noon at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Sonora Academy of Arts class registration, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 902 Avenue E.

Thursday, Aug. 2

- OHS Summer Band, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.

Friday, Aug. 3

- Stockman office closed for vacation.
- OHS Summer Band, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Nutrition/Food Pantry, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Monday, Aug. 6

- OHS Football workouts begin, 6:45 a.m. seniors, 7 a.m. juniors, 7:15 a.m. sophomores and 7:30 a.m. freshmen at Lion Stadium.
- OHS Summer Band, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Cross-Country parent meeting, 6 p.m. in the OHS Auditorium.

Tuesday, July 7

- OHS Cross-Country practices begin, 6 a.m. at the girls' fieldhouse.
- OHS Summer Band, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.
- Congressman Meet and Greet, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center.

Wednesday, Aug. 8

- OHS Summer Band, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lil' Cheer Camp, 9 a.m.-noon at the OMS Gym.
- Wow! It's Wednesday, noon at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County 4-H Banquet, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Aug. 1 - Jenna Henderson, Esperanza Rodriguez, Ryan Masen, Lori Morgan, Linda Roberts, Gracie Villarreal, Beverly Dennis and Benny Logan

Aug. 2 - Allen Williams, Elsa Martinez, Cheree Wilhaka, Jakota Ramirez, Russel Komechak, Johnny M. Rodriguez and LaDonna Alaman

Aug. 3 - Regan Shaw, Lidia Sarabia, Oscar Flores and Robyn Slayter

Aug. 4 - Ernest Galvan, Jesus Dominguez, Lupe Rodriguez and Stevie Romero

Aug. 5 - Alisha Bullard, Patsy Hester, Jill Koerth, Abby Newton, Doug Duncan, Seth Peerson, Jeremy Munoz and Italy Villarreal

Aug. 6 - Gerry Held and Chris Sanchez

Aug. 7 - Melinda Moran, Laura Leyes, Leon Garcia, Veva Vargas, Audrey Glynn, Jerry Perry, Pifi Vargas Kaberliene and Melanie Bullard

Dance class registration today

Sonora Academy of Arts is holding registration for ballet, tap, jazz and hip hop classes on Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the studio located at 902 Avenue E in Ozona.

D.A.R.E. program seeking donations

CCCCSD and the Crockett County Sheriff's Office are reinstating the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) program for the 2012-2013 school year.

Any and all donations will be helpful and appreciated to help purchase supplies for students, fund the students graduation ceremony and continuation of the program in the future.

Check can be made payable to Crockett County and put D.A.R.E. in the memo line.

Donations can be taken to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office or mailed to: D.A.R.E. c/o Crockett County Sheriff's Office, P.O. Box 1931, Ozona, Texas 76943.

For more information, call Tara D. Carey, D.A.R.E. Officer and Patrol Deputy, at (325) 392-2661 or e-mail cc-sotcarey@wcc.net.

Congressman visiting Ozona Tuesday

Congressman Francisco "Quico" Canseco, R-San Antonio, will be visiting Ozona on Tuesday, Aug. 7.

A meet and greet reception with the congressman will be held from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center Conference Room.

Canseco is currently in his first term as U.S. Representative of District 23, which stretches from San Antonio to El Paso.

He is running for re-election in the Republican Party.

For more information, visit <http://canseco.house.gov/>

Lil' Cheer Camp Aug. 8-10

Lil' Cheer Camp will be held Aug. 8-10 from 9 a.m.-noon at the OMS Gymnasium.

Cost is \$15 for each participant and includes a T-shirt.

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For more information, call Tiffany Esparza at (325) 277-6249.

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Gabby

OHS tablet program meeting Aug. 21

There will be a mandatory meeting for all incoming Seniors, Dual Credit Students, Avid 2 and 3 Students, and their parents on Tuesday, Aug. 21, at 7 p.m. in the OHS Auditorium.

The issuance of tablet computers will be discussed to those groups of students, what the program entails, display the tablet and answer any questions.

Students will not be issued a tablet without a parent signature, and that signature must be witnessed by a member of the CCCCSD Technology Department.

Even if you had a tablet last year, you need to attend the meeting and sign a new contract for this school year.

For more information, call Keith Harmen at 392-5755.

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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/drug use.

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

For information or questions, call (325) 277-9669.

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WOW! It's Wednesday runs through Aug. 15

Obesity is a serious health epidemic that affects one in three Americans. It is estimated that more than 93 million Americans are obese, with that number predicted to climb to 120 million in the next five years.

Obesity is due to a person taking in more calories than they burn over an extended period of time. There are more than 30 medical conditions that are associated with obesity.

However, individuals affected by obesity often face obstacles far beyond health risks. Emotional suffering may be one of the most painful parts of obesity.

Poor nutrition and in-

activity are two of the main causes of obesity.

WOW! It's Wednesday is a partnership between the OLPH Catholic Church and Ozona United Methodist Church to teach the importance of healthy food choices and physical activity to our children.

Continuing each Wednesday through Aug. 15, the Parish Hall doors will open. Healthy lunches will be served and fun, educational games will be played until 1 p.m. Recipes will be available for parents.

All children ages 6 - 18 are invited. Parents or guardians must sign consent for each child.

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

Miracle Kid shares story on treat day

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Rebeckah Owen has four horses, two dogs and four puppies.

The 11 year-old has spent her summer at a family reunion, horse camp and playing with her cousin Lane Cahill at her home between Sonora and Fort McKavett. She is making memories that will last forever. Rebeckah, her mom Kelly and cousin Lane visited Ozona for Dairy Queen's annual "Miracle Treat Day" to benefit Children's Miracle Network Hospitals.

Dairy Queen Restaurants, including the one in Ozona, donated proceeds from every Blizzard sold to Shannon Medical Center, a member of Children's Miracle Network, a non-profit organization dedicated to saving and improving the lives of children by raising funds for children's hospitals.

"I'm coming over here and then I also am going back to Sonora to visit their Dairy Queen," said Rebeckah. One memory Rebeckah doesn't remember very well, is a car accident five years ago near Eldorado.

Rebeckah, her parents Terry and Kelly Owen and two brothers Gage and Reagan were all in the suburban when a truck crossed into their lane and struck their vehicle.

"I remember wondering why there was all this glass on top," she said. "I really don't remember it."

Until that moment, Kelly said she had never thought about Children's Miracle Network because her children were healthy.

Rebeckah had hit her head, her jaw was crushed, her skull cracked near her spinal cord. She had over three feet of stitches throughout her face.

"Her face was so mangled. It was that bad," Kelly said.

Today, it would take a close eye to notice some scarring on Rebeckah's face.

As she whispers to her



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CHILDREN'S MIRACLE NETWORK KID REBECKAH OWEN (front right) visited the Ozona Dairy Queen last week for Miracle Treat Day. Also pictured are (back row, left to right) Debbie Hazel and Cynthia Villarreal with Ozona DQ and Lacy Groves with CMN in San Angelo and Lane Cahill (front left), Rebeckah's cousin and friend.

cousin Lane and both girls smile and giggle, no one would know that this little girl was airlifted from Eldorado to Shannon Medical Center and immediately taken to surgery.

"We had the best doctors," Kelly said. "We had so much support from around this area."

Kelly had to be flown to San Antonio for surgery to save her arm, leaving Terry in a hard spot watching over his daughter in San Angelo.

"I was glad we were able to keep her local, to keep her near home," Kelly said. "She got out before mom."

Rebeckah remembers her time in the hospital playing Go Fish with Lane and other friends. She also remembers all the presents and flowers in her room.

In a matter of months, Children's Miracle Network contact Rebeckah and asked her to be one of their "kids" for 2008.

"They are the fun people," Rebeckah said of Children's Miracle Network.

Kelly said the experience has opened her eyes to make a difference for children who need medical attention.

"It makes you realize how important it is to have a center to treat children," Kelly said.

Children's Miracle Network at Shannon Medical Center in San Angelo treats more than 17,000 children a year. These children were treated for a variety of illnesses and come from diverse ethnic and economic backgrounds and were treated without regard for their ability to pay.

The network's primary goal is to provide services, equipment and training necessary so that children or their loved ones can stay in San Angelo at home or close to home for their treatments.

Through donations, Children's Miracle Network benefits Shannon's Pediatric Unit, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Trauma, Emergency Room, Shannon Pediatric Clinic and any other department that could possibly treat a child.

Also, 100 percent of donations stay at Shannon Medical Center.

For more information on Children's Miracle Network at Shannon, call (325) 481-6160, e-mail cmn@shannonhealth.org or visit www.shannonhealth.com/cmn_home.aspx

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

July is gone and we are already in August. Time passes so rapidly.

Surely everyone is aware of the traffic in town? It is almost impossible to cross the main street without going to a light. The oil field traffic is heavy and we can only imagine what it will be like when school starts.

We have noticed out here at the Senior Center that the local officers are stopping a lot of speeders north of town including the big trucks and still keep speeding by.

If you are driving in or out of town please take extra care and watch out for other drivers.

According to my calendar Friday, Aug. 3, is watermelon day.

Joe and Katie Friend are moving to San Angelo soon. They both will be missed and we do appreciate the books they donated to us last week.

Several of you have asked about the cars out here most every Sunday afternoon. A few people like to play games and the building is open if you desire you may stop in to play

games at this public building.

Come out to the Senior Center and enjoy the air conditioner and visit with your friends and also make new ones (friends).

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

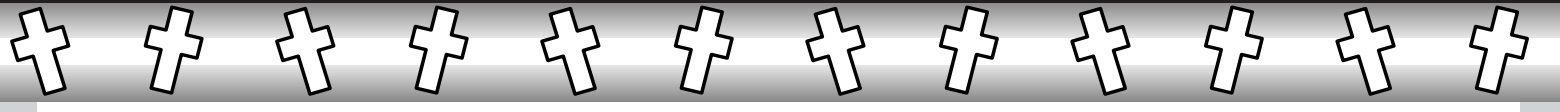
Also Levis and Lace have changed their regular square dances to every second and fourth Saturdays at 2-4 p.m.

On Wednesday a group meets to play Mexican Train. These players get competitive and have fun playing this exciting game. At times Mexican Train is played on Friday nights or Sunday afternoons.

We have our regular activities: bridge, 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 a screen and have a wonderful key board.

Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior 50 years old and older.



RAIN IN JULY

It not this way all the time and yes it is still spotty but there are places that have had good rains. I visited with a rancher recently that lives about twenty miles north of me and he said he has already had seventeen inches of rain this year. We have not had that much rain but it is green and in the last two month we have had more rain than we had the last two years. I guess the question is how do we respond to the rain or to the one who makes it rain? Many look to the government to supply and fix everything. We are warned in the Bible not to trust man but to put our trust in God, (Psalm 118:8 & 9). I found myself looking intently at the weather forecasts earlier this year and I began to realize I was focusing on the wrong thing. The forecasters can not do anything about the rain neither can the government but there is one who can. The God who made everything and has control of it all, (Psalm 104:1-15, 147:8). Do we put our trust in Him? Do we ask Him for rain? Or better yet do we thank Him when He sends rain, (Psalm 107:8) or go on with the attitude that we deserve or are entitled to it? Let us give thanks, (104:33). 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>

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AUGUST 2
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AUGUST 6
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YMCA FOOTBALL PLAYERS learn their drills during last week's football clinic behind Ozona Middle School.



OZONA JUNIOR GOLFERS won medals in the West Texas Junior Champions Tour Tournament last week at Ozona Country Club. Pictured are: (back row, left to right) Andrew Winslow, head golf professional, Hunter Smith, Alex Hopper and Michael Hill, (front row, left to right) Justin Yeager and Austin Hokit.

Cantu files for school board

Filing continues for the CCCSD School Board. As of press time, Jerry Cantu had filed for the At-Large District, currently held by David McWilliams. Last week, Shelly Childress filed for District 2, which is currently held by Grizz Medina. Other positions up for this year are: District 1, currently held by Harvey Sanchez and District 6, currently held by Tom Anderson. Anderson has already announced that he will not seek re-election to the board. Filing runs through Aug. 20. The election will take place Nov. 6. Those interested in running for school board can pick up information in the Administration Building at 797 Avenue D. Prospective candidates must meet certain eligibility requirements. They must have lived in Texas for at least a year and in the school district for at least six months before the filing deadline. They must be at least 18 years old and registered to vote at the time of election. Early voting for the Nov. 6 General Election will run Oct. 22 to Nov. 2. For more information, call the CCCSD Administration Office at 392-5501 ext. 0. For general election information, visit the Secretary of State's Web site at www.sos.state.tx.us.



THE SONORA E&P 14U TEAM placed second at the July 27 Midnight Madness Tournament in San Angelo. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Kamryn Lozano (Ozona), Madison Childress (Ozona), Rikki Chavez (Ozona), Briana Palacios, Suiterra Martinez, Mario Mendoza (Ozona); (back row, left to right) Eddie Lozano (Ozona), Sky Jennings, Jillian Buitron, Manuel Tobias, Cipriana Tobias, David Buitron, Rachel Mendoza (Ozona), Nelda Tobias.



MELISSA GLOSSON AND HARVEY SANCHEZ (SUBMITTED PHOTOS) **TOP: THE TRI-STAR REJECTS** won the annual Midnight Madness Tournament in the 18 and under division in San Angelo. **RIGHT: Ozona's Kodi Glosson (left) and Adrienne Sanchez** played as teammates for the final time in the tournament. Adrienne is continuing her playing career this year with Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Glosson will be a senior this year at OHS.



THE SONORA SUPER STARZ 14 U TEAM placed third in the 2012 West Texas Girls Fast-Pitch All Stars Tournament in San Angelo. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Azaylea Tovar (Ozona), Lisa Garza, Briana Palacios, Rikki Chavez (Ozona), Rachel Mendoza (Ozona), Sky Jennings; (middle row, left to right) Kamryn Lozano (Ozona), Janelle Vasquez, Riley Umphress, Jillian Buitron, Cipriana Tobias; Coaches are (left to right) Mario Mendoza (Ozona), David Buitron, Jr., Manuel Tobias, Eddie Lozano (Ozona), Nelda Tobias.



LADY LIONS 10U team competed well in their first Midnight Madness Tournament experience in San Angelo.

Fund-raiser Thursday for Kodi Glosson

Hamburger plates for \$5 will be sold Thursday, Aug. 2, at the co-ed softball games at the north softball field to help raise funds for Kodi Glosson. Glosson has been invited to participate in a College Softball Showcase in Duluth, Ga. that will feature 150 girls from across the nation and 53 universities. Glosson will be a senior this fall at Ozona High School.

ACROSS

- Mavs' point guard Steve who left in '04
- once a TX pharmacy
- TXism: "lower ___ a snake's belly"
- Livingston is seat of this county
- TX Ann Miller and this Arden had roles in '37 "Stage Door"
- TXism: "don't get your shorts ___ knot" (calm down)
- "Sack ' ___ " grocer
- relaxed or peaceful
- "B" of FBI
- Jimmy Johnson's state, after TX
- TXism: "dull ___ week's news"
- person dedicated to a religious life
- "Nick at ___" TV
- TX Toby Stevenson won Olympic silver in ___ vault ('04)
- Mathis, TX insect company
- TXism: "wipe the ___ clean"
- TX Orbinson's last hit: "You ___"
- TXism: "hard ___ a tent in a windstorm"
- in Bowie Co. on 82
- saddle
- Hispanic "Ralph"
- TX Orbinson's first tune: " ___ Dooby"
- TXism: "bought a ___ _ poke"

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DOWN

- "I'm ___ I'm so close it scares me"
- digging implement (2 wds.)
- TXism: "fits like ___ a fish"
- blow the horn
- TXism: " ___ ain't true, there ain't a cow in Texas"
- Hippie Hollow sight (2 wds.)
- pie ___ mode
- Spurs, Mavs, & Rockets org.
- Waco ___ Bridge crosses the Brazos River
- Marshall, TX has the "Fire ___ Festival"
- support undergarments
- mortgages
- TXism: " ___ some gravel" (fell)
- this TX Gwynne was a '40s film "scream queen"
- non-automatic transmission
- dir. to Abilene from Snyder
- TX aves. or hws.
- "ready, ___ go!"
- this Guthrie endorsed TX Ron Paul in '06
- Republican primary
- calf meat
- "life of ___"
- Amarillo hosts " ___ State Fair & Rodeo"
- Austin univ.
- 25th TX governor: ___ Colquitt
- TX singer: "The ___ Bopper"
- "crazy as a ___"
- TXism: "attacked like grandma ___ chicken snake"
- island that was formerly Formosa
- TXism: " ___ a church mouse"
- ex-Cowboy guard Kevin ('87-'93)
- bladder fluid
- ball-point ___
- TXism: "good ___ boy"
- "Father of Texas" (init.)
- Mexican celebration: "Diez ___ Septiembre"
- plot of land
- Corpus Christi cancelled "Bay ___" for 2011
- David Dewhurst is TX ___ Gov.
- TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit"
- this TX co. made 1st transistor radio
- TXism: "hard ___ nails"
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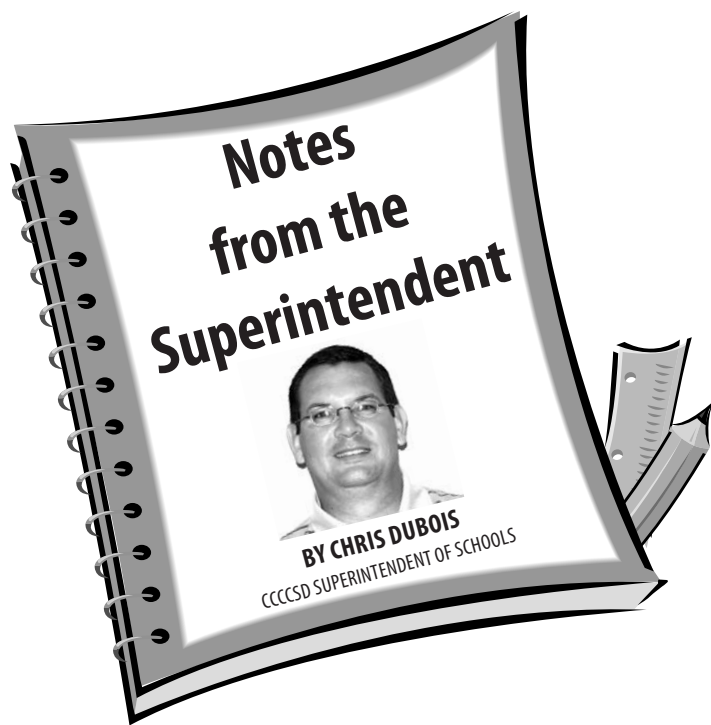
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WELCOME

BACK TO SCHOOL



Welcome Back! Crockett County schools are excited to welcome all of our students back for the 2012-2013 school year. We hope that our students and families are equally enthusiastic about the start of a new year, and ready to hit the ground running making new history for our schools.

There were obvious signs of physical changes for the district again this summer. We are nearing the end of a small-scale facilities upgrade program that has seen improvements to the Heritage Building at OHS, Lion Stadium, school housing and technology systems. These changes will enhance the school experience for our staff and students, improve efficiencies and productivity, and assist us in meeting all of our service and performance goals for many years.

Our principals and teachers have worked hard all summer mastering news skills and learning new strategies. STAAR testing began this past year, including challenging End-of-Course exams at Ozona High School. This year we enter a new Accountability system based on these tests. We are confident that with the support of our parents and a consistent atten-

dance effort by students- we will meet and exceed our performance expectations.

Consistent attendance is a very important part of making sure our students are ready to meet these new academic challenges. Although generally CCCSD has very positive overall attendance levels, in recent years we have seen increased absence from school for some students.

If students aren't in school, they miss important instruction and practice and fall behind quickly.

We sincerely need assistance from every family and student to ensure that students are in school every day. This is a primary improvement goal for us this year and principals will be increasing attendance follow-up this school year.

Once again this year we want to remind our parents that CCCSD has made a strong commitment to early childhood readiness by ensuring that every 4 year old can come to Pre-K.

Despite significant challenges in school funding again this year - our Board continues their commitment to making sure young children get access to the exposures, skills and developmental opportunities that will make them successful throughout school. Of course, not all 4 year olds are ready for Pre-K, and this is always a family decision - so be assured that there is no requirement for 4 year olds to enroll. However, all children 5 years old before September 1st should be enrolled in school.

Lastly, the staff at CCCSD wants all parents and students to feel that our service meets your needs. Please be active and involved in school, and communicate regularly with teachers and staff about your needs and experiences. Follow your child's progress in web-accessible grade book, read the school mar-quees regularly, listen to us on the radio Thursday mornings, follow us on Twitter, and scan our web site often! The Stockman does a great job of publicizing school events, but things change fast, so we want to make sure you are connected!

Please join us in looking forward to a happy, healthy, exciting school year!

Student Insurance Information

CCCCSD maintains Full At-School Student Accident Insurance for all students.

This secondary coverage will assist with costs for treatment related to accidents and injuries sustained in all at-school activities, including field trips, athletics, and even summer activities like 7-on-7 and cheer camps.

As secondary coverage, the policy assists with costs after parents' primary health coverage. This coverage is for accidental injuries only, and should not be confused with or considered a replacement for regular health insurance. Injuries must be witnessed and

documented by school staff, who initiate the reporting process with parents.

Our coverage is with the Texas Kids First Network, with several in-network regional participating care providers.

All treatment at Shannon Health System affiliated facilities is provided on a no-balance-billing basis. (Parents will not pay toward the service - the provider accepts coverage limits as full payment).

Community Hospital in San Angelo and Hudspeth Memorial Hospital in Sonora both recognize this insurance - but are NOT no-balance-billing network providers.

Coverage for treatment at these facilities or others may result in parent responsibility for account balances. The Texas Kids First Network maintains a complete list of participating providers on their web site.

Students and parents should always report at-school injuries promptly to the supervising staff member. Report of Injury forms are required to process insurance claims. Our staff will assist you with the report process.



Football workouts begin Monday

Dear Parents, Guardians, and Athletes:

At the end of the school year your child received a yellow packet from our trainer including a Physical Evaluation/Medical History form, as well as other documents required by the U.I.L. and CCCSD for participation in athletics.

All paperwork must be signed, dated and returned before we can allow your child to participate this upcoming year.

I encourage you to visit the U.I.L. website at www.utexas.edu/athletics/health and view the Parent Information Manual online for additional information.

A physical exam is required by the U.I.L. for incoming seventh, ninth and 11th graders.

However, we strongly encourage all athletes to have an annual physical exam.

Athletes must have a physical examination on file before they will be allowed to practice. Missed practice time will be made up.

Two-a-day workouts begin on Monday, Aug. 6, with seniors reporting at 6:45 a.m., juniors at 7 a.m., sophomores at 7:15 a.m. and freshmen at 7:30 a.m. to receive equipment. Our first practice will follow.

For more information, call the field house at 392-5501 ext. 5718.

Once again we look forward to great year.

Ray Brown
CCCCSD Athletic Director/Head Football Coach

OHS Cross-Country meeting Monday

A mandatory parent meeting for all OHS Cross-Country runners will be at 6 p.m. Monday, Aug. 6, in the OHS Auditorium.

Mandatory practices will begin at 6 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 7, at the girls' field house.

Any athlete/parent that does not attend the meeting will have to schedule a time with Coach Erik Thormaehlen to meet and go over team policies, expectations, sign the cross country acknowledgement form and will not be permitted to workout with the team until that form and all other pertinent OHS Athletic Forms are completely turned in (including having a physical on file).

OHS Cross-Country runners are not included at this meeting, nor are they permitted to workout with the team at mandatory practices prior to the school year beginning. This information only pertains to returning high school athletes and incoming ninth-graders.

For more information, e-mail Coach Thormaehlen at erik.thormaehlen@ozonaschools.net.

school registration

August 14, 15, and 16

1-7 p.m. all three days

at the Ozona Elementary School Cafeteria. Designated areas by grade levels will be set up in order to coordinate enrollment.

Grades PK-5

Grades 6-8

Grades 9-12

All students new to the District

ALL MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS NEED TO REGISTER AND BRING THEIR PARENTS!

'OPEN ENROLLMENT' Pre-K:

Crockett County CCSD offers an "open enrollment" Pre-kindergarten program. This means that any student who turns four (4) on or before Sept. 1, 2012, is eligible to enroll and attend our Pre-kindergarten program. Please provide proof of income when enrolling. This is for program reporting purposes only, it is not for eligibility purposes.

Pre-K, Kindergarten dual-language:

Ozona Elementary offers a dual-language curriculum for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and First Grade students. Please contact office personnel if you are interested in your child participating in this academic setting.

ELEMENTARY REGISTRATION

GENERAL INFORMATION:

If you participated in early registration for Pre-Kindergarten or Kindergarten, you do not have to attend the scheduled registration dates, or resubmit documentation.

All returning students grades 1-5 are required to register. If you are registering your child with our campus for the first time, you must supply the following documents:

- Birth Certificate • Immunization Record
- Social Security Card

If appropriate, please bring a recent report card, along with the address and fax number of the previous school your child attended. Children with disabilities may receive services from public school as soon as they turn three years of age. Early assessment and education is available free of charge to children having disabilities. For further information regarding this service, please contact our offices.

OHS Summer Band schedule

- Aug. 1, 2, 3; 6-10; 13-16 - 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
 - Aug. 17 - 1-5 p.m.
 - Aug. 20-24 - 6-9 p.m.
- Mr. Rollins will coordinate a schedule for football and cross-country athletes that are also members. For more information, call Steve Rollins, OHS Band Director, at 392-5501 ext. 5226.

Cell Phone Policy

For safety purposes, the district permits students to possess telecommunications devices, including mobile telephones; however, these devices must remain turned off during the instructional day, including during all testing. The use of mobile telephones in locker rooms or restroom areas at any time while at school or at a school-related or school-sponsored event is strictly prohibited.

A student who uses a telecommunications device during the school day shall have the device confiscated.

*Exception: OHS students may use cell phones on campus during lunch periods.

CONSEQUENCES FOR INFRAC-TIONS:

• 1st offense - Confiscation. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the principal's office for a fee of \$15.

• 2nd offense - Confiscation. Student assigned 4 hours Saturday School. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device from the principal's office for a fee of \$15.

• 3rd offense - Confiscation. Student assigned 4 hours Saturday School. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device for a fee of \$15



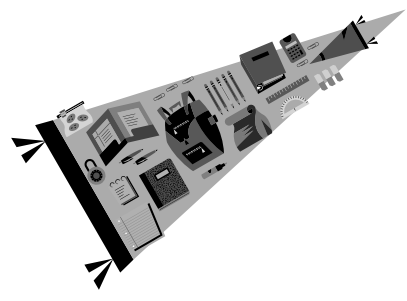
the next school day after successful completion of Saturday School.

• 4th offense - Confiscation. Student assigned 5 days ISS. The parent may pick up the confiscated telecommunications device for a fee of \$15 the next school day after successful completion of ISS.

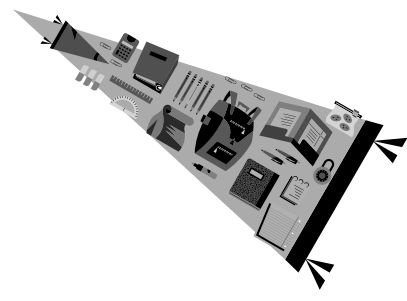
• 5th Offense - Permanent Confiscation. Student assigned to DAEP.

Confiscated telecommunications devices that are not retrieved by the student's parent, or that have been confiscated permanently will be disposed of after the notice required by law. [See policy FNCE.]

Any disciplinary action will be in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct. The district will not be responsible for damaged, lost, or stolen telecommunications devices.



School Supplies



Elementary School

Pre-Kindergarten

- 2 - glue bottles
- 4 - glue sticks
- 1 - mat to sleep on
- 1 - blanket
- Scissors
- 3 - regular size pencils
- 2 - containers of wet wipes
- 2 - boxes of Kleenex
- 1 - 8 count box Crayola crayons
- 2 - boxes of dry erase markers
- 1 - 10 count box Crayola markers
- 1 - Crayola water color paints
- 1 - folder with brads
- 1 - spiral notebook (one subject)
- 1 - package cotton balls - **GIRLS**
- 1 - gallon size ziplock bags - **BOYS**
- 1 change of clothes (shorts, pants, shirts, socks & underwear preferred)
- Tennis shoes for P.E.

KINDERGARTEN

- 4 - Elmer's School Glue - 4 oz. size
- 1 - pkg. glue sticks
- 1 - pencil box
- 2 - 24 pack of crayons (no fluorescent Crayola brand only)
- 2 - boxes of ONLY yellow #2 pencils
- 2 - big erasers
- 1 - box baby wipes
- 1 - tub of Clorox wipes
- 1 - metal Fiskars scissors (no plastic)
- 1 - box large markers (basic colors, no fluorescent)
- 1 - pkg. dry erase markers (any colors)
- 1 - box quart size ziplock bags
- 1 - box gallon size ziplock bags
- 1 - paper folder with metal brads in the middle with pockets
- 1 - plastic folder with metal brads in the middle with pockets
- 1 - spiral notebook
- 2 - boxes Kleenex
- 1 - large towel for rest (no plastic mats)
- Tennis shoes for P.E.

FIRST GRADE

- 3 - plain plastic folders with pockets (1 red, 1 blue, 1 yellow)
- 8 - glue sticks
- 1 - box quart size sandwich bags
- 2 - boxes 24 count crayons
- 1 - box baby wipes
- 1 - pair scissors
- 1 - composition notebook
- 1 - zipper pouch (to carry child's crayons and pencils)
- 2 - boxes tissues
- 1 - package pencils - no mechanical pencils
- 2 - yellow highlighters
- Erasers
- 1 - pkg. small dry erase markers
- Backpack
- NO MARKERS & NO PENCIL SHARPENERS**
- Please do not write your child's name on supplies*

SECOND GRADE

- 2 - 1 1/2" view binder
- Pencils - plenty
- 2 - glue
- Erasers - plenty
- Scissors
- 2 - packages crayons
- Colored pencils
- Sharpener -not electric
- 2 - lined composition books (not spirals)
- 3 - folders (2 with brads)
- Baggies - (girls - quart size; boys - gallon size)
- Highlighters
- Pencil bag with zipper
- Notebook paper (wide ruled)
- Hand sanitizer
- 2 - black dry erase markers
- 2 - boxes of Kleenex

THIRD GRADE

- 4 - boxes of Kleenex
- 2 - pkgs. of 4 glue sticks
- 24 - #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
- 2 - large erasers
- 2 - black pens
- 2 - red pens
- 2 - boxes 24 count crayons
- 2 - boxes map colors
- 2 - pair scissors
- 2 - dry erase markers
- 1 - package skinny dry erase markers
- 2 - spiral notebooks
- 2 - folders with brads
- 2 - highlighters
- 1 - zipper pouch (to carry child's crayons and pencils)
- 2 - packages notebook paper
- 1 - hand held pencil sharpener (**NO** electric or battery operated sharpeners, please)
- 1 - box quart size ziploc baggies
- 1 - box gallon size ziploc baggies

FOURTH GRADE

- 4 - pkgs. notebook paper
- 2 - small black & white composition books
- 2 - spiral notebooks
- 2 - folders with brads (purple preferred)
- 1 - bottle glue
- 2 - glue sticks
- 1 - pair scissors
- 1 - box of map pencils
- 2 - dry erase markers
- 1 - pkg. pencils
- Erasers
- 1 - ruler
- 1 - sharpener
- 1 - pencil bag
- 2 - boxes of Kleenex

FIFTH GRADE

- Scissors
- 2 - boxes map colors
- 2 - boxes crayons
- 6 - large glue sticks (no liquid glue)
- 1 - large bottle liquid glue (i.e. Elmer's school glue)
- 1 - ruler (customary and metric)

- 2 - dozen - #2 pencils
- Hand sharpener with cover
- Large eraser or pencil eraser caps
- 4 - red ink pens
- 4 - packages wide-ruled notebook paper (no college rule)
- 2 - 80 page bound journals (Not spiral notebooks)
- 2 - one subject 120 page wide ruled spiral notebooks
- 1 - 2" three-ring binder
- 2 - sets of pocket dividers
- 1 - supply box (that scissors will fit in)
- 3 - large boxes tissues
- 4 - folders with brads and pockets (Math, ELA Reading & Science)
- 2 - packages small tip dry erase markers
- Tennis shoes for PE
- Backpack (without rollers)

Some items will need to be replenished during the school year.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

6TH GRADE

- 1 - Ruler (inches and centimeters)
- Wide-ruled notebook paper
- Pens (blue or black - no glitter pens, please)
- 2 - red pens
- Pencils (No. 2 lead)
- Pencil sharpener
- Erasers
- 1 - pkg. (box) map colors
- 1 - pkg. markers
- 1 - pkg. crayons
- 2 - highlighters
- 4 - small liquid glue
- Scissors
- 4 - "Composition notebooks" (Science, Math, Social Studies, ELA journals)

LARGE 3-ring binder, preferably with a zipper Pencil/ supply bag (fits in 3-ring binder)

1 - pkg. construction paper, multi-colored (Science)

4 - 1 inch (small) 3-ring binders with pockets (Science, Math, Social Studies, ELA)

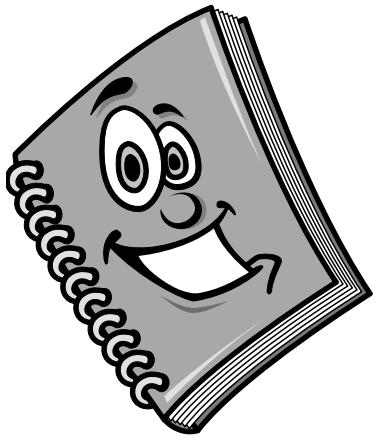
If your student chooses to use a backpack, please purchase a backpack that will fit in the lockers because students are not allowed to take the backpack into the classrooms.



*We design & order Class T-Shirts the first week of school.
The shirt will cost approximately \$15.00

7TH GRADE

- 1 - 3-ring binder
- 1 - zipper bag
- 1 - package of wide-ruled notebook paper
- 3 - 100 sheet composition books
- 2 - composition books
- 1 - one inch, 3-ring binder
- 2 - Three-subject spiral with plastic cover
- 2 - pocket folders with brads - blue & purple
- 1 - pocket folder (your favorite design)
- 2 - pkgs. index cards (white, unlined)
- 1 - pkg. colored index cards
- 1 - pkg. thin line markers
- 1 - pkg. map pencils
- 3 - glue sticks
- 1 - pair of scissors
- 1 - ruler
- 4 - highlighters
- Pens (blue or black ink)
- Pencils
- Red pens



8TH GRADE

- 3 - one-inch, 3-ring binders
- 3 - pocket folders (at least one with brads)
- 2 - pkgs. notebook paper
- 3 - black and white composition notebooks
- 1 - 1 subject spiral notebook
- 1 - pkg. 3x5 index cards
- Pens (blue or black)
- 2 - pkgs. #2 pencils
- 1 - large eraser
- 1 - pkg. map pencils
- 1 - pkg. markers
- 1 - pkg. (8 count) dividers or 2 pkgs. 5 count 1-sm. pkg. Post-it notes (the square ones are best)
- 2 - pencil/ bags (inexpensive, to fit in a one-inch binder)
- 2 - boxes of Kleenex

A large, zipper binder and/or a backpack are not required, but if you get them make sure they will fit in the locker.

*The 8th grade will be ordering a class T-Shirt sometime in the first few weeks of school. These usually cost around \$15. If you want to send this at the beginning of school, we will take care of it until we order.

*** Other supplies may be necessary during the year. The teacher will give notice to the parents if this occurs.

PLEASE NOTE THAT IN ALL GRADES THE SUPPLIES WILL NEED TO BE REPLENISHED THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

2012-2013 Official Ozona Schools Calendar

- Aug. 17, 20-24 - Staff Development Days
- Aug. 27 - First Day of Classes
- Sept. 3- Labor Day Holiday
- Oct. 5 - End of First Six Weeks
- Oct. 8 - Staff Development Day and Student Holiday
- Nov. 9 - End of Second Six Weeks
- Nov. 22-23 - Thanksgiving Holidays
- Dec. 21 - End of Third Six Weeks
- Dec. 24-Jan. 2 - Christmas Holidays
- Jan. 3-4 - Staff Development Days and Student Holiday
- Jan. 7 - Begin Second Semester
- Feb. 15 - End of Fourth Six Weeks
- March 11-15 - Spring Break
- March 29 - Bad Weather Day
- April 12 - End of Fifth Six Weeks
- May 10 - Bad Weather Day
- May 27 - Holiday
- May 30 - End of Sixth Six Weeks
- May 31 - Graduation

Early Release Days

Nov. 21 and Dec. 21

Test Schedule

Date	Exit Level
Oct. 22-25	Exit Level
Nov. 12-17	Writing; Reading
Dec. 3-14	Algebra I; Biology; World Geography
Jan. 4-April 19	STAAR Alternate assessment window
March 4-7	Exit Level
March 18-April 10	Grades K-12 TELPAS
April 1-6	STAAR
April 22-27	STAAR Grades 3-8; TAKS Exit Level
May 6-17	STAAR Modified - STAAR EOC
May 14-15	STAAR Grades 5&8 (retest)
June 25-28	STAAR Grades 5&8 (retest)
July 8-12	STAAR English I & II

Dress code

The district's dress code is established to teach grooming and hygiene, prevent disruption and minimize safety hazards. Clothing worn to school should be clean, in good repair and conform to general principals of modesty. Students and parents may determine a student's personal dress and grooming standards, provided that they comply with the following:



- Hair must be clean and groomed.
- Boy's hair may not be longer than the bridge of the nose, and sideburns may not extend below the bottom of the ear. In the back, hair may not fall below the bottom of the shirt collar. Facial hair will not be permitted.
- Boys will not be permitted to wear earrings.
- No body piercing or accessories will be permitted.
- No excessively baggy pants and/or shorts will be worn. "Sagging" is not allowed. Belts must be an appropriate length and worn with belt loops.
- Boys are not permitted to wear sleeveless shirts.
- Shoes designed to have strings must be tied where applicable.
- No caps or sunglasses will be worn in school buildings. Students will not be allowed to wear wallet chains or other chains. The bills of caps worn on district property must face the front.
- Shirts or tops with spaghetti straps and tank tops are not permitted.
- Shirts or tops which expose the midriff are not permitted.
- Shorts and skirts should

be of modest length.

- No item of clothing will be worn that displays or insinuates obscene, sexual or profane messages, or promotes violence or other illegal activity.
- Hair styles, accessories, clothing or lack of clothing that are extreme or disrupt, distract or interfere with the learning process will not be permitted.

In addition, any item found in violation of the dress code may be confiscated for a period up to one week. School issued clothing will be worn for the remainder of the school day in such cases.

Principals retain final discretion and authority in determining dress code violations.



2012-2013 Texas Immunization Requirements

Due to a recent policy change, effective Jan. 1, 2012 local health departments and health service regional clinics may not vaccinate insured children using TVFC vaccine. This means that a person with health insurance who has previously been vaccinated in a local health department or health service regional clinic may be referred back to his or her doctor, if the public health clinic does not carry private stock vaccine.

Students must present proof of immunization compliance at the time of enrollment according to Texas Administrative Code, Title 25 Health Services, Chapter 97, Subchapter B, Rules 97.61-97.77. These laws may be seen in their entirety at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/school/default.shtm>.

Information regarding provisional enrollment and exemptions may be obtained from the

website above.

CCCCSD Nurse Karen Huffman said that all students must have these required vaccinations or exemption waivers on file before they begin the school year. She also said her biggest concern is the incoming Pre-K, Kindergarten and seventh graders have the required immunizations as well as students who are new to the district, especially if they are coming from another state or country.

3 AND 4 YEAR-OLDS (DAYCARE, PPCD, AND PRE-K)

- 4 doses of DTP/DTaP
- 3 doses of Polio
- 1 dose of MMR
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 3 doses of HIB (one of which must be given on or after the 1st birthday) or 1 dose of HIB after 15 months of age through 4 years
- 1 dose of Varicella (on or after the 1st birthday) unless child has verifi-

fication of previous chicken pox disease

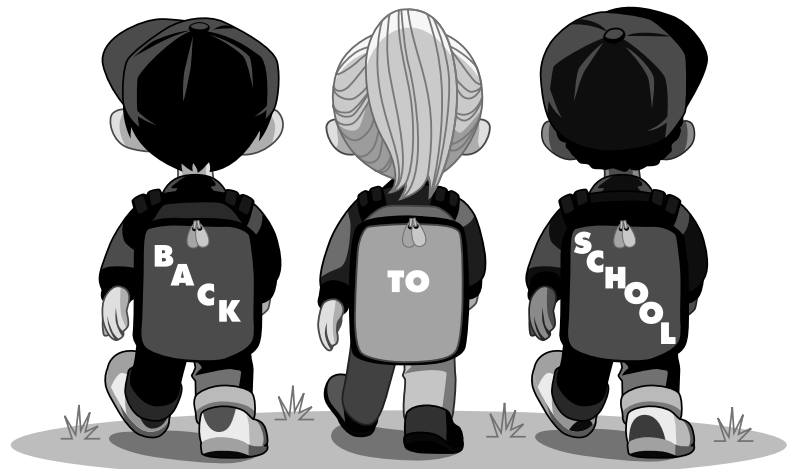
- 1 dose of Pneumococcus on or after the 2nd birthday, if earlier series not completed
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A

KINDERGARTEN

- 5 doses of DTP/DTaP (included one on or after the 4th birthday-unless the 4th dose was on or after the 4th birthday, then 4 doses)
- 4 doses of Polio (unless 3rd dose was on or after the 4th birthday, then 3 doses)
- 2 doses of MMR received on or after the 1st birthday and doses are at least 28 days apart
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 2 doses of Varicella - unless child has verification of previous chicken pox disease
- 2 doses of Hepatitis A (1st dose on or after 1st birthday and 2nd dose no sooner than 6 months after the 1st dose)

FIRST THROUGH SIXTH GRADES

- 4 doses of DTP/DTaP (including one on or after the 4th birthday)
- ~Students 7 years or older are compliant as long as 3 doses were given with one dose on or after the 4th birthday
- 4 doses of Polio (unless 3rd dose was on or after the 4th birthday, then 3 doses)
- 2 doses of MMR received on or after the 1st birthday and doses are at least 28 days apart
- 3 doses of Hepatitis B
- 1 dose of Varicella - unless child has verification of previous chick-



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In a city, residents also have to pay county, school and groundwater district taxes, but they also have city taxes and possibly a hospital district tax.

In an incorporated city residents pay both county and city taxes, along with school and hospital taxes. County residents are exempt from the city taxes.

One example is neighboring Sutton County.

According to the Sutton County Appraisal District, the county's 2011 taxes were:

- .429574 - Sutton County
- 1.11969 - Sonora ISD
- .539900 - City of Sonora
- .032962 - Sutton County Underground Water Conservation District
- .135386 - Sutton County Hospital District

Total - \$2,257,512

"The county has to carry a lot more burden. I know there are probably things we can't do but I don't really see a huge disadvantage," Shaw said.

It's not uncommon lately to hear of cities going bankrupt. An issue Ozona doesn't have to worry about.

Deaton said two-thirds of Texas counties operate on a debt. With Ozona being unincorporated and being able to receive all tax revenue and not have to share with a city, Crockett County is able to operate debt-free.

"We are able to operate without a debt. We also have the ability to look at everything. We have a sense of responsibility to be able to control things better and not having to compete with a city council," Martinez said.

"Most money is spent on municipal costs. Taxes can only go up so much, and the taxes most cities have can hardly afford to provide services," Deaton added. "I come from a business background so I know how important it is to keep taxes as low as we can."

LIVESTOCK

While lower taxes are a positive for unincorporated towns like Ozona, there also comes the negative.

Since being elected to office two years ago, Martinez said has researched and worked on a way to try and combat a problem of livestock in people's backyards.

"It comes down to definition of the code. This has been an issue for a long time. It's one of those things that is out of sight and out of mind," Martinez said.

County commissioners cannot set city ordinances of any kind. This means a per-

Your Voice: What do you like or dislike about unincorporated Ozona?

Editor's note: Here are comments our readers made on The Ozona Stockman Facebook page about living in unincorporated Ozona.

Like! Too many rules when you're incorporated. You can't paint your house certain colors in certain neighborhoods, you're dictated what kind of pool you can have, what type of awning, what sort of storage building.

— **Glenda Capps Allen**

Mostly like, but then again your neighbors can have a horse rotting in a area the size of a shoe box right next to your house stinking everything up!

— **Rudy Ramirez**

People don't have to play by the rules because there are so few. If everybody was nice and really treated their neighbors well, and cared about what their outfit looked like, nobody would incorporate. But when your neighbors need help from you and your mess and your flies and/or old cars piled up all over, it really should at least be considered.

— **Janet Pullen**

Love only having to deal with county, not city or municipal. This system does rely on common sense and honor, so sometimes it breaks down until people come to their senses, but overall I love small town Ozona and would not want to live anywhere else.

— **Louise Perner Ledoux**

I am for a feasibility study being done to assess whether our little town could sustain its own city government with services without raising taxes. My only wish is that we had some zoning and ordinances.

— **Heather Hill Claburn**

I haven't studied the pros or cons, so I don't have an informed opinion, but, I have always thought that being unincorporated may hurt Ozona, more than helped it. I have wondered if the reason our town seems to be dying is because we are not incorporated. The larger stores won't open a business in an unincorporated town will they?

— **Jeanie Morris Pittman**

Studies have been done. Here is a simplified quick look at some facts: Sonora/Sutton County vs. Crockett County, property taxes for all taxing entities - Sonora \$2.26 per \$100, Sutton County \$1.71 per \$100; Crockett about \$1.56 per \$100, \$ 2 million to run Sonora, Sonora citizens pay 42 cents per \$100 in property tax to Sutton County while county residents pay 0 to Sonora City. Water sewer trash rates generally less than \$100 per month for Sonora residents. Duplication (comissioners/city council, police/sheriff, city manager/county judge, etc...cost residents additional bucks. If more than one city in the county then one may need to reevaluate. My view is consolidate if only one city in the county.

— **Col. Pete Bradley**

I've always enjoyed the freedoms of not being incorporated, but the fact that nobody is watching over who watches us kind of irritates me. Don't get me wrong, though. If we want to tear down our garage and add a second bedroom, I can get Joe Schmo from down the block to do it with no problem and I like that. I can paint my house bright green with pink trim if I want even if nobody likes it (not that I would), but a few more regulations would be good. Not taxes, regulations.

— **Selena Galindo Newby**

I don't have a problem, but recently watched a close friend abandon the home she and her husband spent years making comfortable. All because someone moved several horses into a matchbox pen connected to their property. The filth was beyond anything one can imagine. After seeking local official help and nothing being done they were forced to relocate. I grew up in the country and love animals, but come on, if you have that many big animals such as horses, there's the 4-H barns or county barns. People don't want to pay and definitely don't want to keep their pet areas clean. Just saying.

— **Tina Moran**

Being incorporated or unincorporated has nothing to do with whether or not we have a Walmart, or what color you can paint your house, or who owns land, or whether or not we have postal delivery. We don't need new regulations; we need to enforce the ones we already have.

— **Shannon Hunnicutt**

If we lived in a "perfect world," yes we all would be neighborly and do the right thing with animals and junked, abandoned cars etc... But in reality it's not a perfect world. Therefore, Ozona needs to enforce whatever it takes to deal with those issues as an unincorporated town that we are now. When we bought our property where we live now, we were told by the land owner/rancher she would not allow that type of activity and that it would be a restriction on the land she was selling. That's one of the main reasons we bought here. Now you drive around and that's all you see. I guess money talked.

— **Elanie Moran Castro**

All of the new departments you would have to have if we were incorporated, would demand new buildings, new vehicles, new people in place, new taxes. That's not what we want. We just want rules and regulations to be evenly applied and enforced.

— **Shelly Ashley Childress**

son, living in Ozona, can have livestock animals, such as horses, chickens, goats, sheep and cows, in their backyard.

The livestock issue is one that works well until the owner fails to clean up the animal's mess, Martinez said.

Through the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Texas Litter-Abatement Act and the Rabies Control Act, the county has been able to do some things in asking residents to clean up their property and take care of their animals.

The process using these acts is slow and not always a guarantee.

"I can tell people to clean up their yard and remove vehicles that are leaking oil and gas, but you don't remove those things, clean them up and put them back," Martinez said. "When it comes to animals, it turns into an agriculture issue. People in neighborhoods are complaining and it's an animal public nuisance."

Martinez has talked with

officials at Texas Association of Counties, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality and several attorneys.

"The answer I constantly get is we have to be incorporated. I'm not talking about you can't have an animal, but when neighbors complain to me that falls under the public nuisance code," Martinez said. "People are sick of it and moving. What does this do to their property values? What does this mean to the property tax-wise and all the property around there? This can devalue the price of homes in the area."

County Attorney Jody Upham has helped Martinez and other county officials in researching and interpreting the law under these state codes.

Upham said with Ozona being unincorporated then the county has to go by state law.

"If we can find a state statute that can apply to the county then the county can do it," Upham said.

Commissioners and the county attorney can sent abatement letters asking residents to clean their yards and clean the animal's area. Upham has also helped by bringing in health inspectors.

"Some people have cleaned up. This is a 24/7 problem. It's hard to just attack it once a month," Martinez said.

Deaton said while the county has found ways to target these issues, it will never have much ability because the State Legislature rarely creates laws given to counties.

"There's not much we can do. We have very little ability to make regulations," Deaton said.

Martinez said he is planning on bringing this issue up later this month at the Pre-Legislation Texas Association of Counties meeting. The meeting will bring commissioners and legislators together to bring attention to issues for the 2013 legislative session.

In three days, Martinez

said he has one shot of making his point.

"I wish the public would speak out more. I'm the only one talking," he said. "We should be able to do more without having to be incorporated."

BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

Ozona Chamber of Commerce Director Shanon Biggerstaff is use to explaining Ozona's unique style of government.

People ask her about it all the time as they are passing through or looking to relocate.

"Ozona still amazes me," Biggerstaff said. "Our community has served very well being unincorporated, but there is always room for improvement. Very fortunate that we have the basic services we need."

Crockett County is broken down into several departments in many buildings. Even the chamber falls under the county receiving services for maintenance and cleaning at the visitor center.

Under one layer of government, the county commissioners operate as also like a city council. Handling issues like building a new swimming pool, closing alleys, maintaining county roads in town and out in the county and creating county parks.

Services like the Senior Center and Youth and Civic Center are all funded and operated under the county.

"Aesthetics and beautification are important. This is a town where people can stop and take a break. When people stop at a place they want it to be pleasant," Biggerstaff said. "The commissioners' court has increased work in abandoned buildings in town, and by continuing to do that it helps beautification in town."

Biggerstaff said without being incorporated Ozona has no building permits or zoning. This means buildings at times are not maintained.

"It costs money to maintain buildings. We've lost some businesses because of that," she said. "Long-time challenge may be our buildings. Places where businesses operate the buildings are aging."

Also, by not being incorporated Ozona is not eligible for a lot of grants and programs. Biggerstaff said there are other opportunities out there for counties.

"It is a little bit harder, but it's not impossible," she said.

Being incorporated would not mean that Ozona would get some of the major chain stores. Biggerstaff said those decisions are made based on population.

"Our main industries

are oil and gas and tourism. When the oil and gas is not booming, Interstate-10 is what keeps this community alive," she said.

SCHOOL DISTRICT

The county also shares a relationship with Ozona's school district.

Crockett County Consolidated Common School District is one of six common school districts in the state. Unlike an independent school district, a common school district is governed by an elected school board that is simultaneously subject to the control of the county commissioners' court.

The rest of Texas school districts operate as independent school district, which means they are separate from any other forms of local government.

"It's a two-edge sword. There are benefits and drawbacks and considerations," said Superintendent Chris duBois. "There are benefits to having fewer layers but it comes at a price. We have fewer resources or other layers of support."

One thing the county and school district do meet together on each year is the school district's tax rate. The school board certifies the tax rate, and then it is sent to the county commissioners for approval. The law states that the commissioners shall approve the certified tax rate as long as it is within the legal tax rate and the school board followed the proper procedure.

duBois said the school district also fills the role of recreation, something a city government would normally handle.

The district makes facilities such as the fitness center, school playgrounds and Lion Stadium track open to the public.

The county and school share maintenance and property on the baseball and softball fields north of Ozona.

Crockett County Sheriff's Deputies travel with students on long school trips and the district uses county EMS and the fire department at sporting events.

"People here expect the school to take care of those concerns," duBois said. "We want to be good neighbors."

One area duBois said a city has more authority is with attendance or truancy.

Municipal courts are able to address that issue through a variety of avenues.

In Crockett County, the school district goes through the Justice of Peace office which has limited authority, duBois said.

"It's an area that is very frustrating. This is a challenge," he said.

duBois said the school district and commissioners do have a good relationship.

"The layers of red tape are a lot less. It's great that we have the cooperative spirit and grateful support of the county," he said.

BECOMING INCORPORATED

If Ozona were to become incorporated, it would create a second layer of government for the town, Biggerstaff said.

A building for a city hall would have to be found. A city manager would have to be hired, city council and mayor elected and other personnel and employees added.

Deaton said the town could see a duplication of services including a police department with a sheriff's department, city attorney and county attorney, city council and county commissioners and city manager and county judge.

"A second layer of government services you need to ask what will it cost you as a taxpayer?" Biggerstaff said. "There's a trade off. Some people prefer to be left alone, some like regulations."

If Ozona were to become incorporated, it would be up to the voters. A number of signatures would have to be collected on a petition, certified by the county and the issue put on the ballot for voters to decide.

"I don't think Ozona will ever incorporate. People are proud of what we are," Deaton said.

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BAND: Meet the Director Night Aug. 19

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we are right at the edge of a golden standard. Mr. Rollins has very clearly defined his goals and expectations, and they match up to that golden standard. He has a clear vision of where he wants to go and he will use every resource he has to help us achieve that goal," Cantu said. "As Drum Major, I want to be as encouraging as possible. I want to be a positive light if anything were to unravel at the edges."

Assisting Rollins will be Kristine Robinson, coming to Ozona from Killen ISD. Rollins said she has 19 years experience. Robinson's specialties are woodwind and piano, which will compliment Rollins who specializes in brass.

"Together they will work off each other's strengths and weaknesses and are a solid team," Cantu said.

Rollins began his teaching career in Arkansas, where he grew up. He is a graduate of Arkansas State University and received his doctorate from the University of Memphis.

Growing up in the foster system, Rollins said he wanted to be a director when he started beginner band in fifth grade. "I had found my niche, my family," Rollins said. "I look back now at the guidance and mentors I had. I was just so very fortunate to be in the place that I was."

When he moved to Texas, Rollins taught at Longview, Athens and Palestine, where in 2006 he lead the 44-member PHS Band to their first Sweepstakes win in 25 years. Sweepstakes is when a high school band receives a Division I Superior rating in marching, concert and sight-reading contests.

For the last three years, Rollins has been in San Antonio. Rollins said he was not looking to come to Ozona but that Ozona found him.

"God placed everything in a row making this the place I should be," he said.

Superintendent Chris duBois said one of his strongest recommendations for Rollins came from a former student.

"This student identified Mr. Rollins as so student centered and motivating toward excellence that he was inspired to become a director himself," duBois said. "He has a lot of fun things planned for band, but also has more contest and competition engagement planned for band at both OMS and OHS than we have had in many years."

Rollins is still working on this year's marching show, but has said it will have a "patriotic flair."

"This is my first year and with me coming in late and doing things a different way, I'm going to have to be flexible," he said. "I do want the kids to feel good about themselves as musicians."

Rollins said he also has goals of more students trying out for solo and ensemble competitions, and helping students reach their next level of education through music scholarships.

Rollins and his wife Margaret have a daughter who teaches fourth grade in Round Rock, along with their miniature schnauzer Marshall. Margaret Rollins will be teaching theater arts and speech in San Antonio, but will be in Ozona as much as possible.

"My wife often becomes 'Mama Rollins' of the band," he said. "We are excited about being here."

The public will have a chance to meet Rollins on Aug. 19 during "Meet the Band Director" night. Hosted by the Ozona Band Boosters, the event will be at 4 p.m. at the Civic Center.

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2012 Property Tax Rates in Crockett County

This notice concerns 2012 property tax rates for Crockett County. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's effective tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's rollback tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers can start tax rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

	General Fund	Farm to Market/ Flood Control Fund	Special Road/ Bridge Fund
Last year's tax rate:			
Last year's operating taxes	\$ 9,221,374.51	\$ 1,699,349.05	\$ 0.00
Last year's debt taxes	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total taxes	\$ 9,221,374.51	\$ 1,699,349.05	\$ 0.00
Last year's tax base	\$ 2,061,789,210.00	\$ 2,059,160,990.00	\$ 0.00
Last year's total tax rate	\$.44736 /\$100	\$.08247 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100

This year's effective tax rate:			
Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$ 9,165,458.00	\$ 1,688,140.00	\$ 0.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$ 2,101,994,070.00	\$ 2,100,327,520.00	\$ 0.00
= This year's effective tax rate for each fund	\$.43604 /\$100	\$.08037 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100
Total effective tax rate	\$.51641 /\$100		

In the first year a county collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, it must insert the following lines unless its first adjustment was made last year:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.00000 /\$100
= Effective tax rate	\$.00000 /\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent health care expenditures)	\$ 9,189,848.00	\$ 1,688,140.00	\$ 0.00
+ This year's adjusted tax base	\$ 2,101,994,070.00	\$ 2,100,327,520.00	\$ 0.00
= This year's effective rate	\$.43719 /\$100	\$.08037 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100
x 1.08 = this year's maximum operating rate	\$.47216 /\$100	\$.08680 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100
= This year's rollback rate for each fund	\$.47216 /\$100	\$.08680 /\$100	\$.00000 /\$100
This year's total rollback rate	\$.55896 /\$100		

A county that collects the additional sales tax to reduce property taxes, including one that collects the tax for the first time this year, must insert the following lines:

- Sales tax adjustment rate	\$.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.00000 /\$100

For a county with additional rollback rate for pollution control, insert the following lines:

+ Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$.00000 /\$100
= Rollback tax rate	\$.00000 /\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease



If Crockett County adopts a 2012 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$.51641 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2011 taxes by \$ 95,156.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
County General Fund & Road & Bridge Fund	\$ 7,300,000.00

Schedule D - State Criminal Justice Mandate (For Counties)

The Crockett County Auditor certifies that Crockett County has spent \$.00 in the previous 12 months beginning July 1, 2011, for the maintenance and operations cost of keeping inmates sentenced to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. Crockett County Sheriff has provided information on these costs, minus the state revenues received for reimbursement of such costs.

Schedule E - Transfer of Department, Function or Activity

The _____ spent \$ _____ from _____ to _____ on the _____ . The _____ operates this function in all or a majority of the _____ .

[Second Year of Transfer: Modify schedule to show comparison of amount this year and preceding year by unit receiving the function.]

Schedule F - Enhanced Indigent Health Care Expenditures

The County of Crockett spent \$ 24,309.26 from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 on enhanced indigent health care at the increased minimum eligibility standards, less the amount of state assistance. For the current tax year, the amount of increase above last year's enhanced indigent health care expenditures is \$.00.

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at:

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WRECKS: from page 1

2004 Ford SUV was traveling west on Interstate-10 when the vehicle veered into the inside lane to avoid tire tread and overcorrected to the right.

This caused the vehicle to side skid, overturn into a concrete pillar, the report stated. Ozona Firefighters and Crockett County EMS had to extract Maegan Johnson from the vehicle.

The accident happened around 2 p.m. near the 351 mile-marker, about 16 miles west of Ozona.

Everyone involved was wearing seat belts, the report stated.

A Laredo woman died in another accident on Interstate-10 on July 25.

Yvonne Martinez, 29, of Laredo, was pronounced dead at the scene.

The driver was Martinez's cousin Veronica Cienfuegos of Laredo, and she was airlifted to Shannon Medical Center. Luis Morales, 6, was taken by ambulance, according to a DPS report.

The 2002 Land Rover was traveling east when it veered into the median, skidded across the eastbound land and rolled over. Martinez was tossed from the vehicle after it rolled over, the report stated.

None of the occupants were wearing seatbelts, the report stated.

The crash happened at about 11:50 a.m. near the 379 mile-marker about 13 miles east of Ozona.

Crockett County EMS, Ozona Volunteer Firefighters, Crockett County Sheriff's Deputies, Crockett County Constable and the Texas Department of Public Safety all responded to both accidents.

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in South Texas was conducted July 23-27. Locations included a school in each of the following cities: Brownsville, Mission, Rio Bravo, Rio Grande City, San Juan and Zapata.

According to the Department of State Health Services, people in need were able to obtain services including health screenings and treatments, immunizations for children, student physicals, hearing and vision exams, and dental care at some sites.

"This gives people the chance to see a doctor for basic health care, learn what steps will help them stay well, and get linked to ongoing health services," said

Dr. David Lakey, DSHS commissioner. "It's also an opportunity for local, state and federal emergency responders to exercise operating public health clinics in a real-world setting."

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Not counting the untold number of trees killed by wildfire last year, the Texas Forest Service in early July said foresters and analysts have estimated that as many as 500 million trees in rural forested areas and another 5.6 million trees in populated urban areas of Texas were killed as a result of the 2011 drought.

Texas Forest Service, noting the volume of dead trees poses a hazard, encouraged homeowners and landowners to remove fire- and drought-killed trees that are within falling distance of neighboring homes, roads and pathways.

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Texas lays claim to at least 33 athletes competing in the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London, the governor's office and an assortment of Texas newspapers reported last week. Find the list at www.governor.state.tx.us.

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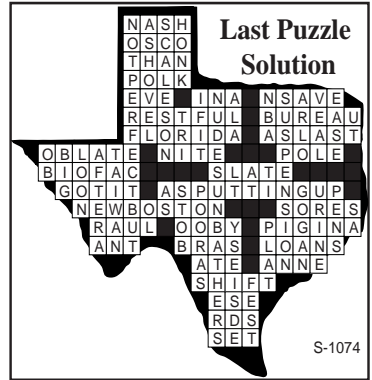
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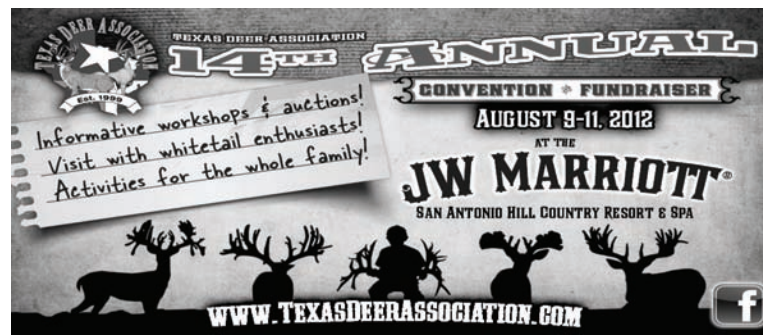
FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

JULY 20
-2:02 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, 367 mile-marker on Interstate-10. One vehicle accident. Worked traffic until cleared. A unit with four firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 9 minutes.
JULY 25
-11:52 a.m. - Motor vehicle accident, mile-marker 379 on I-10. One vehicle rollover, worked traffic. A unit with five firefighters. Time in service 3 hours 15 minutes.
JULY 26
-2:26 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident at 351 mile-marker on I-10. One vehicle rollover. Used Jaws, assisted EMS and worked traffic. Two units, nine firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 4 minutes.
-10:05 p.m. - Tank battery fire just east of Iraan on

US Highway 190. Two units, three firefighters. Iraan FD handled and Ozona units cancel. Time in service 14 minutes.
JULY 29
-2:33 p.m. - Grass fire, Double T ranch, less than one acre. Three units, 12 firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 34 minutes
-4:05 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, one vehicle hit guard rail near mile-marker 328 on I-10. Assist EMS at scene and set a landing zone for Air Med. Worked traffic. Five units, 11 firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 14 minutes.
JULY 30
-3:41 p.m. - Grass fire mile-marker 369 on I-10. Less than an acre. A unit with three firefighters. A unit with three firefighters. Time in service 31 minutes.



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Tankersley SWD LLC, P.O. Box 60245, San Angelo, Texas 76906 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a COMMERCIAL DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject oil and gas waste into the Ellenburger Formation, Ozona North SWD Lease, Well No. 1. The proposed injection well is located 2 miles Northeast of Ozona, Texas in the Ozona, East (Ellenburger) Field in Crockett County, Texas. Fluid waste will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 8,900 to 10,000 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. Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of James Charlie Burnett, Deceased, were issued on July 24, 2012, in Docket No. P1199, pending in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, to: Gelacia Martinez Romero Burnett. The residence of Independent Executor, Gelacia Martinez Romero Burnett, is in Ozona, Crockett County, Texas, the address is: c/o Carter, Boyd, Lissom & Hohensee, 515 W. Harris, Suite 100, San Angelo, Texas 76903. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 25th day of July, 2012. By: James A. Carter, #03919000 Attorneys for the Estate.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Helen Marie White, Deceased, were issued on July 16, 2012, in Cause No. 1200, pending in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, to: Frank Calvin White. Claims may be presented in care of the attorney for the Estate addressed as follows: Frank Calvin White, Independent Executor, Estate of Helen Marie White, Deceased c/o John A. Hay, Jr., P.O. Box 271, San Angelo, Texas 76902-0271. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED July 19, 2012. By: John A. Hay, Jr., State Bar No. 09266500.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL OIL AND GAS WASTE DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

MTN Energy Inc. 2917 W. Industrial, Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation, which is non-productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Ellenburger formation. Moore West SWD Well Number #1 The proposed disposal well is located 16 miles North East of Ozona in the Buckhorn (Ellenburger), in Crockett County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 9000 to 10700 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792).

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

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