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School district aiming for balanced budget

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Trying to balance a budget was the goal of two budget workshops held by the CCCCS School Board.

The board met on Aug. 8 and then again Monday night discussing how to meet a balanced budget while still having to cut around \$477,918 due to a loss in state and federal funds.

A budget and tax rate must be approved and adopted by the board before Sept. 1. The proposed CCCCS tax rate is \$1.04 per \$100 valuation, the same as last year.

During Monday's meeting, Superintendent Chris duBois said the budget has around a \$143,866 shortfall of being balanced.

duBois said his goal is to present the board with a balanced budget for adoption.

"We still feel good that our budget shortfall is a lot better than others," he said.

Seven different strategies were presented to the board Monday that could help the district close the gap on the shortfall.

These strategies ranged from all employees paying for their health care, adding new teaching housing, cutting hours on maintenance

Proposed 2012-2013 CCCCS Budget recommendations:

- All district employees will pay \$26 per month for health insurance. The district is currently covering 100 percent of health care costs. \$43,680 savings*
- Change hours for maintenance and custodial workers from 45 hours per week to 42 hours per week. \$34,000 savings
- Convert portable buildings by Ozona Middle School into eight apartments. Increases revenue \$17,640 and decreases expenditures (rental subsidies) by \$19,200 for a total savings of \$36,840.
- Add \$40 a month to teaching housing rentals and \$60 a month for principals and superintendent housing rentals. \$17,520 additional income

*This may be reimbursed at school year's end if the budget allows.

and custodial staff, increasing rents on teaching housing, cutting supply budgets and contracting out custodial services.

"We don't want to reduce staff unnecessarily. We will continue to have a strong benefits program, technology and programs," duBois said.

After discussion from the board, teachers and the public, the board made the following recommendations to duBois:

• All district employees will pay \$26 per month for health insurance. The district is currently covering 100 percent of health care costs. This results in \$43,680 in savings.

• Change hours for maintenance and custodial workers from 45 hours per week to 42 hours per week resulting in \$34,000 savings.

• Convert portable buildings by Ozona Middle School

into eight apartments. This will increase revenues by \$17,640 and decrease expenditures by \$19,200, since the district will no longer pay rental subsidies, making a total savings of \$36,840.

• Add \$40 a month to teaching housing rentals and \$60 a month for principals and superintendent housing rentals giving the district

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Commissioners make tax rate decision

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A lower county tax rate was voted on during Monday's Crockett County Commissioners' Court.

The commissioners unanimously voted to set the proposed county tax rate at the effective tax rate of .51641 per \$100 valuation for 2013.

This tax rate will raise the same amount of county revenue as 2012 and bring taxes down around a penny. Last year's county tax rate was .52983 per \$100 valuation.

"We still have a budget workshop or two to go through. We have amounts set. What we're trying to do is sort some things out," said County Judge Fred Deaton. "It's been just about a break-even year this year for us."

The commissioners also held a budget workshop during the meeting.

Some of the proposed items for the 2013 county budget include \$90,000 for new sheriff's department vehicles; \$27,000 for new a constable vehicle; \$200,000 for an animal control building; \$60,000 for a new Care Center van and \$28,000 for new beds and equipment at the Care Center.

A part-time secretary for the constable's office was also discussed.

Raising the per run stipends for the Crockett County EMS was also mentioned.

The proposed budget does not include raises for any county employees or elected officials.

The commissioners are planning to fully adopt their budget and set the 2013 tax rate at the Sept. 10 regular meeting.

TWO SPEAK FOR JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

During public comments, the commissioners heard from Evelyn Lozano and Ben English who both spoke about their interest in being appointed as Crockett County Justice of the Peace.

Justice of the Peace James "Jim" Hearne has verbally announced that he is resigning from office Aug. 31, but he has not submitted a written resignation to the commissioners yet.

The commissioners could not take any action on the position but did listen to both candidates.

Lozano has been working in the Justice of the Peace Office for 15 years. In 2007, Lozano was appointed acting judge, which allows her to do the duties of the Justice of the Peace in his absence.

"During this time, I have learned how to operate this office from the ground up. I believe that the faith Judge Hearne has placed in me has given me the ability and confidence to run the office of Justice of the Peace in an efficient and professional manner," Lozano said.

Lozano also said she plans on working well with all the other offices in the courthouse annex, and that she has

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Lawmen from across the state honor deputy

BY AMANDA LEIJA
BROWNWOOD BULLETIN

BIG LAKE - More than 500 law enforcement officers and firefighters from across the state of Texas made the drive on Aug. 8 to pay their respects to Reagan County Sheriff's Deputy Josh Mitchell, who was shot and killed in the line of duty Aug. 1.

So great were their numbers that the First Baptist Church of Big Lake filled to overflowing and by just after 9:15 a.m., the officers and friends of Mitchell's were re-directed to the Reagan County Middle School Wednesday morning where the services were transmitted by live remote.

Sunrise Beach Village Police Chief Ben Ablon was one of the many officers who drove in for the services.

"We try to make as many as we can," Ablon said. "Our department doesn't have the big budget, so the gas for this trip came out of my pocket."

Byron Bitner, John Saunders and Gerald Bastin addressed the hundreds of law

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REAGAN COUNTY SHERIFF JEFF GARNER takes a flag to present to the family of Deputy Josh Mitchell last week during the law enforcement tribute that followed Mitchell's funeral service in Big Lake.

AMANDA LEIJA | BROWNWOOD BULLETIN

School board filing ends Monday

Filing for the CCCCS School Board will end at 5 p.m. Monday, Aug. 20.

As of press time, David McWilliams had filed for re-election for the At-Large District. Jerry Cantu has also filed for the position.

Shelly Childress has 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.

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.

First day to apply for a ballot by mail is Sept. 7.

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 6 election is Oct. 9. Crockett County voters can register at the Tax Office in the courthouse annex.

For more information, call the CCCCS 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.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ozona pulls together helping out others

Dear Editor,

Even though the death of Deputy Josh Mitchell occurred in Big Lake, the overwhelming love and support from the surrounding towns and counties brought an important fact to the forefront that I wish to highlight.

Many of you know my cousin, Ashley Arredondo, has been asking for donations for the family. I don't know how many notice or appreciate the love

and support that small towns provide. I know I often don't recognize its significance.

There might be problems inherent in small towns. Gossip and rumors fly, there's not a whole lot to do, and sometimes, you just get annoyed with people you know so well. But there is something lovely and wonderful about living in a place like Ozona that I have seen time and time again.

Despite the many differences of the people, despite opposing political beliefs, religious beliefs or

lifestyle choices, the community often pulls together when it is needed most. When someone in the community is hurting from loss, I have been amazed time and again to see the townspeople work to help ease their burden.

The death of Deputy Mitchell, someone I did not personally know, is only an example. I have seen this town pull together to support its own on numerous occasions, even for people they didn't know.

When my grandfather died,

there were many who attended the funeral because they loved and cared about my aunt, my mom or our family and were there to support us. I know the town came together to help the family whose trailer recently burned. And last summer, when I was desperate for money to go overseas for study, the town bought baked goods and donated money to my cause without hesitation.

The way people support each other in a small community is

a beautiful and blessed thing. I hope that despite any problems anyone might have daily, they remember the small gestures that people make that not only show a community ethic, but show the face of God as well.

I am proud to be from Ozona. I am thankful for the support I receive not only from my friends and family, but from the community at large. Any success I have made in my academic career has come from God and from the encouragement

and support I have received from people back home who took an interest and invested in me when they didn't have to.

It's easy to take for granted the sense of community and support when you exist in it every day, but for someone who has moved away and lives in a bigger area, the support and actions of the people in Ozona are not common and should be recognized.

Amber Batura
Lubbock, Texas

Job requires toughness

I wouldn't want to do your job. I get that phrase a lot.

I don't know how you do what you do. I get that one as well.

Being a newspaper reporter is all I have ever wanted to do. I can't imagine myself as anything else.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not saying my job is easy.

It's hard to sit through commissioners' court and school board meetings, while keeping myself objective. These people debate over issues that will impact our community, which includes me, my neighbors and my friends.

Community journalism is not for the faint of heart. You have to be tough, tough as nails, thick-skinned with the ability to multi-task and handle any situation thrown at you.

When I started out in this business, my inspiration was the movie and book "All the President's Men." Let's face it; it's every newspaper reporter's inspiration. We all dream of being Woodward and Bernstein and breaking that one major story.

I didn't think that I would one day be up at 6 a.m. taking pictures and interviewing members of the Ozona High School Cross-Country team about their upcoming season, or up all night keeping readers informed of tremendous wildfires raging in our county.

When tragedies hit, they hit hard in a small town. Working at the Standard-Times in San Angelo, I covered fatal accidents, fires and shootings. To me it was part of the job.

This is the difference from just being a newspaper reporter to being a small town community journalist. In San Angelo, I didn't know the people that died in my stories. Didn't know their families, didn't go to church with them and didn't see them every day on street.

In Ozona, when I write about the family that lost two members in a plane crash I know that family.

When a family loses their house in a fire, they don't just become another statistic. It hits home.

Sitting in a meeting and hearing elected officials talk about employees and cutting back budgets, the names and numbers having a stronger meaning.

It isn't all just black and white in a small town newspaper.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

There's purple and gold for Lions and Lady Lions as names and faces shine throughout the pages, pink and blue for birth announcements from proud par-

ents and grandparents and red, white and blue to honor our local military graduates and holiday celebrations.

Last week I spoke with a fellow small town reporter as she covered a funeral of a fallen law enforcement officer. She knew this officer. She had grown up in the town and knew his family.

I complimented her on the job she had done with the article. I told her that I knew how tough it was to cover an event like that.

She told me how hard it was to be at the service without showing emotion, and that she almost broke down at the end.

Unless you have been a part of, even at the community level like with the newspaper you are now reading, it's impossible to understand what we as reporters go through.

However, as I once again force myself out of bed, I remind myself how much people like me are needed in communities like Ozona.

I am a member of the watchdogs that look out for misused tax dollars and dishonest elected officials.

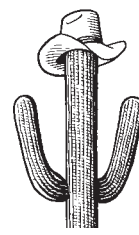
I make sure that the single mom that drops her children at school, the teacher in the classroom, the mechanic in the shop, the business owner behind the window and the rancher, oilfield worker and janitor all have a voice in our community.

So, when you come at me with "I wouldn't want your job" I just smile because I know without me you wouldn't know the score from last night's game, the amount of rainfall we got this morning or that a local church was accepting donations for that family who lost their house in the fire.

Each week brings new challenges. Yet, it's through those challenges that I find inspiration to do what I do.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. She enjoys her job.

Forbidden Foods



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

Did you hear that the Mayor of New York has proposed a ban on sodas larger than 16 ounces? For the health of his constituents he doesn't want them drinking any more 32 ounce sodas, but how dumb does he think the people are who elected him? Given enough time, even New Yorkers should be able to figure out that if they want 32 ounces of sugary soda all they have to do is buy two 16 ounce drinks. Duh!

In California they have banned fatty goose and duck liver on the grounds the poultry were force fed. I wish they'd have thought of that 50 years ago so I wouldn't have had to eat the liver my mom force fed me. It tasted like garden snail, marinated in cod liver oil and held together with library paste, all nonfood items I tasted as a young child. I go on record as being wholly in support of a ban on all liver. Yuck!

Massachusetts banned junk food on school days and Indiana has mandated that half of all items sold in vending machines at schools be healthy foods. I know American school kids aren't doing well on tests but, again, just how dumb do they think they are? It won't be long before second grade sugar junkies are peddling M and M's out of their backpacks at highly inflated street prices. (That's what I'd have done.) If they insist on putting carrot sticks and broccoli in vending machines they shouldn't expect the kids to spend their folk's hard-earned money on them. Mark my words, there's gonna be a whole bunch

of produce and carrot juice rotting in vending machines.

Rare burgers have been outlawed in California and North Carolina so can a burger bun ban be far behind? The sale of raw milk has become a real hot issue and 20 states have outlawed unpasteurized milk because it can make people sick, but I think we've just become a nation of softies. I've never read of a single

pioneer who died from drinking raw milk. I suppose it won't be long before states try to outlaw ice cream and milk shakes but if you think that ban will work you must be on medical marijuana. Speaking of which, the day is probably not too far off that if you want to consume dairy products you'll have to carry a "medical milk" card.

In the Wall Street Journal they mentioned that some states are banning high alcohol content beer and a liquor named Absinthe, which I, and most Americans I presume, have never heard of. Now that it's banned I'm sure everyone will be drinking it.

I suppose it might be different if they'd have outlawed foods I always hated, like the watery liquid that comes out of a ketchup bottle first and ruins your French fries. I also wouldn't mind a ban on creamed tuna on toast, cucumbers, red cabbage,

carp, peas, asparagus, arugula, marzipan, lima beans, sheep innards, beets and eggs. Especially eggs. More specifically hard boiled ones. To this day just the smell of one makes me sick. (So guess what my wife loves to eat?)

I was what my mother called a "picky eater" and since my older brother liked corned beef and cabbage I had to eat it too, but I've always thought that corned beef is a waste of a good cow. I was sure glad when he left home. My Grandma, bless her heart, always tried to feed me Fig Newtons which is the only cookie I've ever disliked.

Seriously, I have a real problem with these food bans. In America, the land of the free, you're telling me that the government is going to now tell us what food we can and cannot eat? Where does it end? Will people one day have to be 18 or older to order a fast food burger or a peanut butter and jelly sandwich? Here's an idea: instead, why don't they ban all the chemical spices in our food and leave our beef and milk alone?

They can ban all the liver they want but when the food police come after my beef, chili beans, root beer, wheat toast, Mexican food and potatoes in all forms, I will take up arms and fight them to the death. I think we can all agree to "ban" together if they come after our boysenberry cobbler with homemade ice cream.

As I'm sure Patrick Henry meant to say, "Give me spuds, or give me death."

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Education agency explains progress score

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Forty-four percent of Texas campuses met federal Adequate Yearly Progress targets this year, the Texas Education Agency announced Aug. 8.

The agency attributed Texas' score to steep increases required by the No Child Left Behind Act, and mentioned that the state's request "to use a similar approach with the federal system" and carry over the 2011 AYP ratings into 2012 as the state transitions to the new STAAR testing program (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) was denied by the U.S. Department of Education.

Under this federal school accountability system, the TEA explained, a school or district this year met AYP requirements if 87 percent or more of their students passed the state reading/English language arts test; 83 percent of their students passed the state mathematics test; 95 percent of their students participated in the state

testing program and, depending on the grade level, had either a 75 percent graduation rate or a 90 percent attendance rate. Twenty-eight percent of Texas districts met these high standards, the TEA said.

CCCCSD missed AYP requirements as a district and at all campuses.

Those requirements are comparable to Recognized or Exemplary level performance in the 2011 state accountability system.

SHOULDERS INCREASE SAFETY

The Texas Department of Transportation on Aug. 9 published its finding that state highways are safer thanks to the adding of shoulders and width to more than 1,000 miles of rural, two-lane highways.

Texas Transportation Institute's study of three years of

pre-and post-improvement data on more than a thousand miles of narrow two-lane highways show that on 1,159 miles of recently added highway shoulders, there were 133 fewer fatalities and 895 fewer injuries compared to prior to widening, TxDOT reported.

The Texas Transportation Institute, part of The Texas A&M University System and headquartered at College Station, was founded in 1950.

Funding for such state highway improvements comes from 2003, when voters gave the Texas Transportation Commission the authority to issue \$3 billion in bonds to pay for state highway improvements, TxDOT explained. The law stipulated that 20 percent of that amount must be used to fund projects that would reduce crashes or correct or improve hazardous locations on the state system.

TAX REVENUE CLIMBS AGAIN

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs announced Aug. 8 that state sales tax revenue in July was \$2.05 billion, up 10.1 percent compared to July 2011.

"Business spending in the oil and natural gas industry and other sectors continues to be robust," Combs said in an

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Congressman visits Ozona

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

When it came to delivering "good news" U.S. Rep. Francisco "Quico" Canseco didn't have much to report.

In fact, the only thing positive the Republican Congressman could state was for everyone to make a change in November at the polls.

"We are living in very tough times and our message is very important," Canseco said. "The American people need to speak loud and clear in November."

The San Antonio Congressman visited Ozona last week and met with County Judge Fred Deaton and County Commissioners Eligio Martinez and Pleas Childress.

Canseco discussed several federal issues from the recently debated farm bill to Obamacare.

The Congressman said he was in favor of a five-year farm bill, instead of two years. He also said the bill contains more cuts for food and nutrition programs.

"I do not want to see us become food dependant on others. That's frightening," Canseco said.

Deaton said drought and wildfires have killed livestock production in Crockett County.

"It takes years to recov-



CONGRESSMAN FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO (left) spoke with County Judge Fred Deaton and other elected officials during a visit to Ozona last week.

er from a drought. We need a good bill," Childress said.

When it came to the subject of Obamacare, Canseco said the bill is "not affordable" and called it the "dumbing down of healthcare."

"Even doctors are constrained as to what they can do for you. I see patients waiting in long lines and expenses becoming astronomical," Canseco said. "This is so wrong-headed it needs to go."

Along with visiting county officials, Canseco met with owners and employees of Triple C Hardware & Lumber and the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse.

The overall message from small business owners that Congressman Canseco met with was that Obamacare and

burdensome Washington regulations have made it virtually impossible for small businesses to expand and hire new employees.

"These guys by the sweat of their brow created a business and know Uncle Sam is trying to shut them down," Canseco said. "We need to get back to a government for the people and by the people and make sure it truly survives." Canseco also heard concerns about the Death Tax during his visit to Ozona.

"I heard quite a bit about how the Death Tax negatively affects family farmers and ranchers, particularly how it prevents them from passing along the farm or ranch intact to future generations. I

understand the challenges this tax creates for these local businesses and families and that's why I'm fighting to repeal this unfair tax and ensure that Americans can continue the tradition of passing along the fruits of their labor to future generations without interference from the federal government," Canseco said.

Canseco is in his first term as U.S. Rep. of District 23, which spans from San Antonio to El Paso. He is facing State Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, in the Nov. 6 General Election.

"More people are awake to what's going on and don't like it," Canseco said. "We have a very deliberately divided county."

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Aug. 15

- OHS Summer Band, 12-5:30 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. at OHS Band Hall.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wow! It's Wednesday, noon at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Ozona Schools registration, 1-7 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCCS School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Thursday, Aug. 16

- Ozona Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting, 12:15 p.m. at the Eldorado Animal Clinic, 1205 Sheffield Road.
- OHS Summer Band, 12-5:30 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. at OHS Band Hall.
- Ozona Schools registration, 1-7 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.

Friday, Aug. 17

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Lions scrimmage against San Saba, 5 p.m. in San Angelo Stadium.

Saturday, Aug. 18

- OHS Cross-Country Teams at the Comfort Cross-Country Co-Ed Relays.
- DeerFest Rain Dance, 7 p.m. at the Crockett County Convention Center.

Sunday, Aug. 19

- Meet the Band Director, 4 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.

Monday, Aug. 20

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Summer Band, 7:30-10 p.m. at OHS Band Hall.

Tuesday, July 21

- OHS Summer Band, 12-9:30 p.m. at OHS Band Hall.
- Crockett County Soil and Water Conservation District annual Conservation Stakeholder's Meeting, 1:30 p.m. at the NRCS Office, 201 11th St.
- OHS Tablet Program meeting, 7 p.m. in the OHS Auditorium.

Wednesday, Aug. 22

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Summer Band, 12-5:30 p.m. and 7:30-9:30 p.m. at OHS Band Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Conservation agency seeks local input at annual meeting

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Crockett County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) and the Local Working Group invite the public to their annual Conservation Stakeholder's Meeting at 1:30 p.m., Aug. 21, at the NRCS Office located at 201 Eleventh Street in Ozona.

Each year, the Local Working Group hosts a public meeting to determine the resource concerns and needs of the area and how to best address those needs. The NRCS and their local conservation partner, the Crockett County SWCD, provide agriculture producers with professional consultation and financial assistance through Farm Bill conservation programs to apply conservation practices on their land that address soil erosion and health, water quality and quantity issues, as well as wildlife habitat. The Local Working Group includes community agricultural producers, owners/operators of nonindustrial private forest land, professionals representing agricultural and natural resource interests, and individuals representing a variety of disciplines in the soil, water, wetland, plant, forestry, and wildlife sciences who are familiar with agricultural and natural resource issues.

All landowners and land managers in Crockett County are encouraged to attend and participate in this meeting. This open discussion public meeting will focus on identifying area natural resource concerns that can be addressed using conservation programs and activities.

"Effective conservation stems from a locally led process," says Tori Dutton, NRCS District Conservationist for Crockett County. "The Crockett County NRCS office operates on the concept that local residents' best understand local issues and are the key to solving problems. Our Conservation Stakeholders Meeting gives everyone the opportunity to decide how the assistance from the NRCS and Farm Bill funds can be most beneficial for our community."

Through the Crockett County SWCD, the Local Working Group will provide recommendations to the NRCS District Conservationist on local natural resource priorities and criteria for conservation activities and programs planning for the upcoming fiscal year. These issues will be especially important in decisions made for financial assistance when implementing the Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). This program is administered by the NRCS and provides incentive payments for the installation of several conservation practices on eligible participant's land. The information gathered from these meetings will be used to help carry out the EQIP and other programs in 2013.

While the NRCS brings the technical expertise and Farm Bill funding to the table, the goods and services are delivered through the local SWCD board. SWCDs are local units of government made up of five members elected by the public. Their office is usually co-located with the NRCS office. Members of SWCD Boards are actively engaged in farming and ranching.

Meet the Band Director Night Sunday

The Ozona Band Boosters are hosting Meet the Band Director Night at 4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 19, at the OHS Band Hall.

The public is invited to come meet the new OHS Band Director Steve Rollins

and Assistant Band Director Kristine Robinson, along with members of the OHS Band.

Parents, friends and community are all invited.

Refreshments will be served.

OHS tablet meeting Tuesday

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 CCCCS 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 Harmsen at 392-5755.

OHS Cross-Country start season Saturday

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions Cross Country Teams will kick off their season at the Comfort Cross Country Co-Ed Relays on Saturday, Aug. 18.

The races begin at 9 a.m. with the JV division. Following the JV division the Varsity competition will begin somewhere between 9:30-9:45 a.m.

All Ozona teams will race in the Varsity division. The races will be a 4 person 4 mile relay. Each runner will run one mile. Each team will be composed of two girls and two boys.

The race will be held at Comfort High School in the back area at the football stadium.

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Aug. 16 - Wesley Flores, Emalee Hamilton, Kerrie Baker and Mariana Camarillo

Aug. 17 - Halley Salinas, Julia Henderson, Bobby B. Womack and David Landin Jr.

Aug. 18 - Tevin Cordova, Javier Perez, Thris Rebelez,

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Aug. 19 - Isaac Leal III, Opal Gertrude, Jessica Her-ring and Eloisa Ortiz

Aug. 20 - Austen Girvan, Deric Albers, Walter Harger II, Tommy Conner, Toby Pagan, Christen DeLaRosa, James Kirkland, Ronald Koerth and Grizelda Mata

Aug. 21 - Kris Gray, Elsa T. Galvan, Will Dennis, Ashley Moran, Janie De Hoyos and Elisa Sentena

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Al-Anon meetings Thursdays

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WOW! It's Wednesday runs through today

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 af-

ected by obesity often face obstacles far beyond health risks.

Emotional suffering may be one of the most painful parts of obesity.

Poor nutrition and inactivity 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.

THE SQUARE CORNER: LEVIS AND LACE NEWS

BY KEITH & MARY KLEPPER
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS

The Levis and Lace Square Dance Club held it's second Saturday of the month dance at the Crockett County Senior Center Aug. 11 with 23 in attendance, including visitors from Big Lake and San Angelo. A great time was had by all.

There were some surprised looks by a lot of folks there as some of us were not aware of all the rules of square dancing. In the book of rules it is written that if a visiting club brings a square (four couples) that they may take home with them the host's banner - that is a sort of flag with the club's name and insignia on it. Then to retrieve said banner, that club must take a square to the club that took it and claim it back. Well, it seems that the Promenade Squares from San Angelo had already taken the banner from Levis and Lace and they brought a square with them again. The book of rules states that the visiting club then may take the caller's shirt home with them. They proceeded to re-

move John Geen's shirt, and he finished calling that tip shirtless. He was a good sport about the whole thing. Someone had seen this coming so had packed another shirt for him to wear, for which he was most thankful. The funny thing about it all is this - John Geen is from the Promenade Squares of San Angelo, and had brought these four couples from his club. He is also Ozona's club caller.

We just never know what will happen at a square dance. We always need to be prepared for surprises, we can tell you that. If you'd like to join us to watch or participate, the regular scheduled dances are every second and fourth Saturday at 7-9 p.m. Anyone is welcome and there is only a \$5 charge per person for dancing, no charge to watch.

Keep in mind that lessons will begin in September if we have enough participation, and if you're interested, please call our president, Nell Wester at 392-2668. Might just be more fun than you thought.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals and accepting applications for cooks. Pick up applications at Helping Hands. If you have a few minutes, call 392-5026 and help deliver meals.

AUGUST 15

•Chicken and noodles, squash medley, pineapple crisp, cucumbers and tomatoes, bread or roll and milk.

AUGUST 16

•Braised pork chop, turnip greens, garlic mashed potatoes, corn bread, melon and milk.

AUGUST 17

•Beef fajitas, spicy pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, flour tortilla, chocolate pudding, milk and salsa.

AUGUST 20

•Baked ham, candied sweet potatoes, green peas and red peppers, whole wheat bread, peach cobbler and milk.

AUGUST 21

•Turkey salad sandwich, coleslaw, banana, oatmeal cookie and milk.

AUGUST 22

•Beef pasta bake, vegetable medley, garden salad with diet dressing, garlic bread, melon and milk.

OBITUARIES

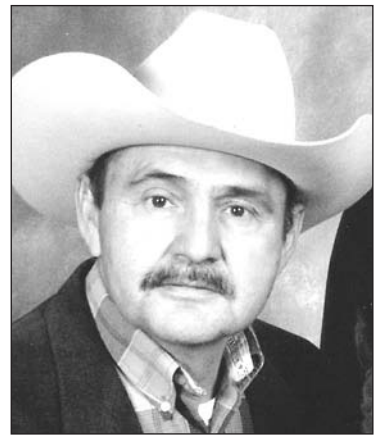
Fortunato Tambunga

Fortunato Tambunga, 73, died Monday, August 13, 2012 in San Angelo.

Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. today, August 15, 2012 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery.

Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Arjelia Tambunga of Ozona; one daughter, Lori Tambunga of Ozona; Two sons, Kim Tambunga of Fort Worth and Gino Tambunga of Midland; five Sisters, Lina DeHoyos, Mela Flores and Lupe Cervantez all of Ozona and Irene Gomez of Sonora and Vicky Longoria of Odessa; Four Brothers, Coy Tambunga of Ozona, Sam Tambunga of San Angelo, Alejos Tambunga of Fort Worth



and Ernest Tambunga of San Angelo.

Nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Pallbearers will be Alejos Tambunga, Ernest Tambunga, Sam Tambunga, Cruz Tambunga, Ruben Tambunga and Miguel Figueroa.

Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, Aug. 24, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely.

Recipes will be given.

The class is open to all interested persons.

However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

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

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.

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able 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.

Card of Thanks

Wanted to give THANKS to everyone that has been supportive in the fund-raisers I have had. To those of you that contributed your help, time, and/or donations, it was deeply appreciated. And many thanks for your thoughts and prayers. Once again, thank you all from the bottom of my heart.
Mikki Ramirez

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Recently my wife and I were in line to order Hamburgers and there were two children in front of us ordering a hamburger they were going to share. One wanted mustard the other wanted mayonnaise and this led to a discussion. I was reminded that the Bible talks a lot about agreement and disagreement. It is not wrong to disagree but what is so important is how you work that disagreement out. One thing when Jesus Christ was born the angels sang, "And on earth peace among men-". God provided a way for mankind to have or be at peace with Him, (Luke 2:14 & 24:46-48, Romans 5:8, Ephesians 4:11-14). There will never be complete peace in the world among those who reject Christ and those who have accepted Him as Lord and Savior, (Matthew 10:34). But for those who have accepted Christ or claim to be Christians there should not be constant bickering and fighting and if there is something is wrong, (Mark 9:50). If we are truly Christians we are commanded by Jesus to Love others but especially other Christians, (John 13:34 & 35, Romans 14:17 & 19). We are also encouraged to diligently seek and pursue peace with other Christians, (2 Corinthians 13:11, 1 Thessalonians 5:13, Hebrews 12:14-16). Is there confusion, disharmony and infighting in our Church work it out in a Christ like way, (1 Corinthians 14:33). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

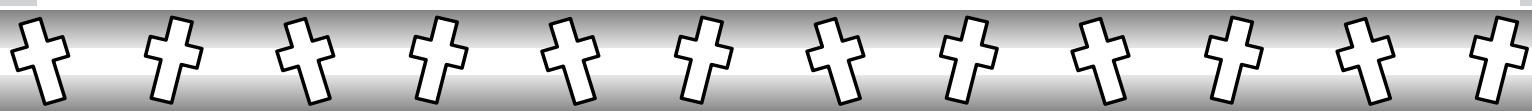
<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 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>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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FUNERAL: 'He knew all his life he was going to be a deputy'

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enforcement officers, family and friends during the funeral services that was broadcast live from the church.

"This is a senseless tragedy," Bitner said. "While 26 years is short, they were full. Josh lived his life to the fullest and was at his best."

Following the services, a special law enforcement tribute honored Mitchell at the North Park. There, more than 200 residents joined together in dignified respect of the fallen officer. Mitchell's widow, Jill, and his mother, Cindy Mitchell, were presented triangular-folded U.S. flags. Finally, members of the Austin Police Department's Honor Guard fired a 21-gun salute.

Mitchell graduated from Reagan County High School in May, 2006, and started his career with the Reagan County Sheriff's Office as a night jailer. At the same time, he began taking law enforcement classes at Howard College in San Angelo and graduated on May 11, 2007.

Mitchell attended the Concho Valley Regional Law Enforcement Academy, graduated on May 22, 2008, and soon after began his duties as a Reagan County Sheriff's deputy.

"He knew all his life he was going to be a deputy," Bitner said. "Josh could wrestle you down, cuff you and by the time you made it to the jail, he would be your friend."

In January 2011, Mitchell became the Reagan County Sheriff's DARE officer and began working with department's K-9, Sherlock. By January 2012, Mitchell became the K-9 officer.

"It takes a special individual to work with kids in the DARE program," Chad Armstrong said. "You have to love kids and have the patience to work with them."

Armstrong, a reserve deputy, remembers watching Mitchell grow up from a



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TOP: JILL MATTHEWS MITCHELL (CENTER), wife of fallen Deputy Joshua Mitchell, is escorted by law enforcement during funeral services last week in Big Lake. Jill's mother Linda Matthews follows. RIGHT: People lined U.S. Highway 67 as the body of Josh Mitchell was transported with law enforcement escort from Johnson's Funeral Home in San Angelo to Big Lake. Mitchell was killed on Aug. 1 during a shooting that led to a 17-hour standoff in Big Lake. Crockett County Emergency Personnel helped during the standoff and funeral services.



young boy into a respectful, well-loved man.

"His transformation has been amazing to see and to be a part of," Armstrong said. "He set goals he wanted to achieve and achieved them. He wanted to be a deputy - he did it. He told us he wanted to marry Jill Matthews - he did it."

Mitchell was married to Matthews on June 21, 2008, and the young couple started life together at their home in Stiles.

After he turned 18, Mitchell became a member of the Reagan County Volunteer Fire Department and was named "Rookie of the Year" in 2007. Also, while with the fire de-

partment, he was able to serve alongside his mother.

"We can all learn something from Josh," Bitner said. "He was good in the uniform and he was great in life. That's why we loved him so much and why it hurts so much."

Big Lake shooting suspect dies

Marcus Madison, accused of fatally shooting Deputy Josh Mitchell in a confrontation in Big Lake, was pronounced dead on Aug. 7 in a San Angelo hospital, the Texas Department of Public Safety reported.

Madison was hospitalized after giving himself up following a 17-hour standoff at a house in Big Lake.

He was pronounced dead by Tom Green County Precinct 4 Justice of the Peace Eddie Howard. The preliminary cause of death determination was gunshot wound to the head, Howard said, but the body was sent to South Plains Forensic Center in Lubbock for an autopsy.

Howard said Madison died with his family present.

Had Madison lived, he would have faced capital murder charges.

Mitchell, 26, of the Reagan County Sheriff's Office, was shot to death after he went to



the 1100 block of Main Street in Big Lake to speak with Madison on matters characterized by Reagan County Sheriff Jeff Garner to be "of a personal nature" connected to an incident earlier in the day.

Madison turned himself over to authorities after shooting himself with a rifle. It was not clear at what time during the standoff Madison shot himself, Garner said.

- From a San Angelo Standard-Times article.

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Hunter education weekend planned for youths

A Christian Youth Hunter Education Weekend with Texas Parks and Wildlife Department instructors will be Aug. 25-26 at the Magnum Lodge in Eldorado.

The course is designed to teach firearm and hunter safety to youths age 9 to 17. Participants are asked to arrive at the Main Lodge by 8:30 a.m. Aug 25.

The course, including the workbook and exam, is \$15. Accommodations are \$35 for one night lodging, five meals, a family picnic and guest

speakers.

Students may choose to take the course only, without food and lodging.

To make reservations, call 512-517-0871 or 512-517-1140, or email adventure@aism.org. Space is limited.

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To make an appointment or for more information call
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ACROSS

- 1 TXism: "_____ over yonder"
- 5 Pearsall is seat of this County
- 6 Alpine FM station
- 7 ___ Mary's Univ. in San Antonio
- 8 TX once had the "___ Lincoln Law School"
- 9 speak sharply (2 wds.)
- 15 Dallas/Fort Worth: "Metro ___"
- 16 agent commission
- 19 TXism: "drawing ___ it"
- 21 sacred India fig
- 22 TX Katherine Helmond's character on TV's "Soap"
- 27 sewing junction
- 28 scaly skin malady
- 29 hit the golf ball with club heel (2 wds.)
- 30 across border from Rio Grande City
- 32 "Hook ___ Horns!"
- 33 this Charles created Dr. Pepper in Waco
- 36 lion's cry
- 37 TX Fess of "Old Yeller" (init.)
- 38 TX folk singer ___ "Woody" Wilson Guthrie
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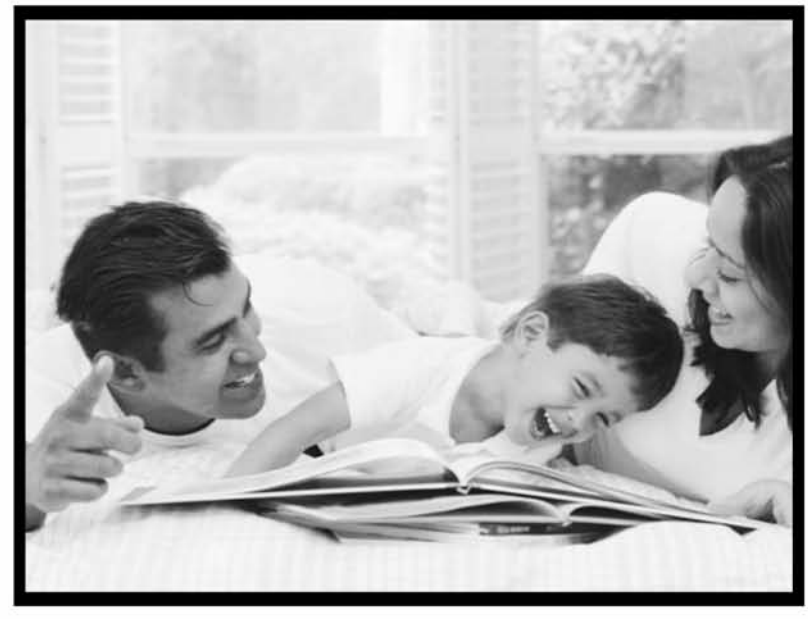
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- 1 assassinated in Dallas on Nov. 23, 1963 (init.)
- 2 fictional sister of TX Ima Hogg
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- 4 best Lone Star rodeo man? (3 wds.)
- 8 in Wood co. on 69
- 9 Hays Co. tributary (3 wds.)
- 10 wife of 39-across (init.)
- 11 TXism: "chompin' ___ the bit"
- 12 TXism: "high as ___ picture show"
- 13 Tombstone state (abbr.)
- 14 video, audio, or red
- 15 TXism: "___ the rafters" (crowded)
- 16 beer suds
- 17 Cowboy Jason Garrett Sun. strategy (2 wds.)
- 18 actor Jack in "Big Bad John" with TX Jimmy
- 20 TX Jimmy in 18-down
- 22 Charles Goodnight's Panhandle ranch
- 23 star RB who left Cowboys in '03 (init.)
- 24 TX blues pianist Robert
- 25 hair or beauty
- 26 TX's 1st rodeo was held in Fort Worth
- 28 in Johnson Co. on FM 917
- 31 TXism: "raise the ___" (celebrate)
- 34 TX Dale Evans husband Roy (init.)
- 35 TXism: "horny ___"
- 37 TXism: "___ off the handle"
- 40 Johnny Cash's "___ Named Sue"
- 41 365 days (abbr.)
- 44 Greenville in Dallas (abbr.)
- 45 TXism: "___ up" (preparing)
- 51 TXism: "if you ___ with dogs, you'll wake up with fleas"
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**Thursday, Aug. 23**

vs. Coahoma - Lion Stadium  
5:00 p.m

**Meet The Lions**

Thurs., Aug. 23  
After the Scrimmage

## 2012 FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

| DATE    | OPPONENT        | VARSITY | SITE | TIME |
|---------|-----------------|---------|------|------|
| Aug. 31 | Eldorado        |         | Home | 7:30 |
| Sept. 7 | Iraan           |         | Away | 7:30 |
| 14      | Crane           |         | Away | 7:30 |
| 21      | Grape Creek     |         | Home | 7:30 |
| 28      | **Sonora        |         | Home | 7:30 |
| Oct. 5  | Open            |         | Home | 7:30 |
| 12      | *Center Point   |         | Away | 7:30 |
| 19      | *Mason          |         | Home | 7:30 |
| 26      | *Harper         |         | Away | 7:30 |
| Nov. 2  | *Junction       |         | Home | 7:30 |
| 9       | *Bracketville** |         | Home | 7:30 |

\*Denotes District 14-1A Game \*\*Homecoming \*\*\*Sr. Parent Night  
**SCRIMMAGES:**  
 Scrimmages: Friday, Aug. 17 - San Saba - San Angelo Stadium - 5:00 p.m.  
 Thursday, Aug. 23 vs. Coahoma - Lion Stadium - 5:00 p.m.

| DATE    | OPPONENT      | JUNIOR VARSITY | SITE | TIME |
|---------|---------------|----------------|------|------|
| Aug. 30 | Eldorado      |                | Away | 6:00 |
| Sept. 6 | Iraan         |                | Home | 6:00 |
| 13      | Crane         |                | Home | 6:00 |
| 20      | Grape Creek   |                | Away | 6:00 |
| 27      | Sonora        |                | Away | 6:00 |
| Oct. 4  | Open          |                | Away | 6:00 |
| 11      | *Center Point |                | Home | 6:00 |
| 18      | *Mason        |                | Away | 7:00 |
| 25      | *Harper       |                | Home | 7:00 |
| Nov. 1  | *Junction     |                | Home | 7:00 |
| 8       | *Bracketville |                | Away | 6:00 |

| DATE     | OPPONENT     | MIDDLE SCHOOL | SITE | TIME |
|----------|--------------|---------------|------|------|
| Sept. 13 | Crane        |               | Away | 5:00 |
| 20       | Grape Creek  |               | Home | 5:00 |
| 27       | Sonora       |               | Home | 5:00 |
| Oct. 4   | Open         |               | Home | 5:00 |
| Oct. 11  | Center Point |               | Home | 5:00 |
| 18       | Mason        |               | Away | 5:00 |
| 25       | Harper       |               | Home | 5:00 |
| Nov. 1   | Junction     |               | Home | 5:00 |
| 8        | Bracketville |               | Away | 5:00 |

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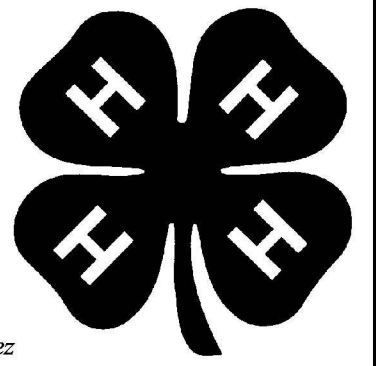
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# 2012 Crockett County 4-H Awards Banquet



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DANFORTH "I DARE YOU" AWARD  
Allie Black



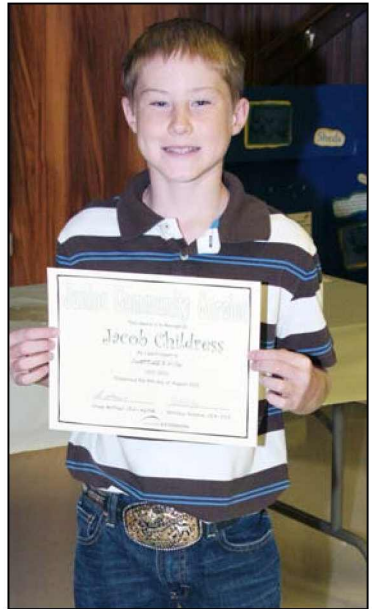
DAN BEAN MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP  
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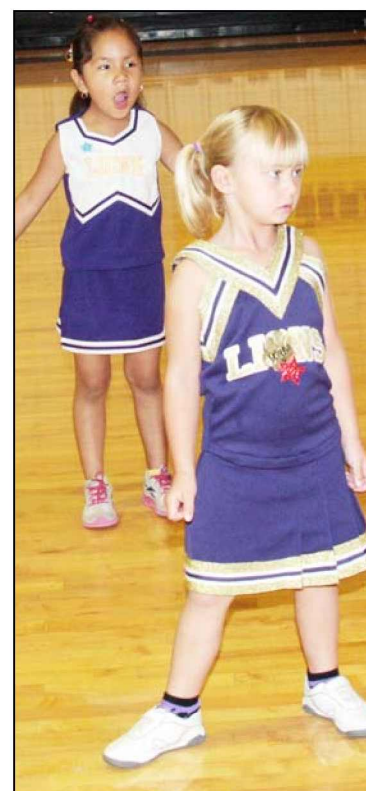
COMMUNITY SERVICE  
Jadie Marshall, Lanna Stapper, Brenna Hale, Timothy Maldonado and Jacob Childress



LEADERSHIP AWARD  
Madison Childress and Julie Marshall



PARTICIPATION AWARDS:  
Lanna Stapper, Timothy Maldonado, Thomas Cruz, Jadie Marshall, Julie Marshall, Linda Stapper, Brenna Hale, Madison Childress, Alex Hopper, Allie Black, Abby Newton, Jacob Childress, Carson Childress, Ethan Criswell and Jenna Marshall



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OHS CHEERLEADERS held their annual Lil' Cheer Camp last week at the OMS Gym. The Lil' Cheerleaders will perform at some of the home football games this season.

## Youth Center Calendar of Events

Students entering  
7th Grade  
can NOW start coming  
to the Youth Center  
during 7th and 8th  
grade hours.

Students entering  
9th Grade  
can NOW start  
coming during  
high school hours

High School:  
Monday: 7-10 p.m.  
Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.  
Thursday: 2-10 p.m.  
Friday:  
2 p.m.-midnight  
Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

7th & 8th Grade:  
Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.  
Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.  
Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

CLOSED SUNDAYS

OHS Meal Night:  
Mondays 7-10 p.m.

7th and 8th Grades  
Meal Nights:  
Every other Tuesday  
7-10 p.m.





## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will hold a public meeting at 6:30 p.m. August 24, 2012 in Board Room, Administration Building, 797 Ave D Ozona, Texas.

**The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.**

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

|                                 |                                                                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Maintenance Tax</b>          | \$ <u>1.04</u> /\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations) |
| <b>School Debt Service Tax</b>  |                                                                      |
| <b>Approved by Local Voters</b> | \$ <u>0</u> /\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)        |

### Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

|                            |                            |    |                              |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|----|------------------------------|
| Maintenance and operations | <u>        </u> % increase | or | <u>6</u> % (decrease)        |
| Debt service               | <u>none</u> % increase     | or | <u>none</u> % (decrease)     |
| Total expenditures         | <u>        </u> % increase | or | <u>        </u> % (decrease) |

### Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

|                                          | Preceding Tax Year | Current Tax Year |
|------------------------------------------|--------------------|------------------|
| Total appraised value* of all property   | \$ 2,064,445,190   | \$ 2,139,346,540 |
| Total appraised value* of new property** | \$ 24,223,490      | \$ 18,402,990    |
| Total taxable value*** of all property   | \$ 1,984,685,520   | \$ 2,041,342,870 |
| Total taxable value*** of new property** | \$ 24,223,490      | \$ 18,402,990    |

\* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.  
 \*\* "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.  
 \*\*\* "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

### Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness\* \$ 0

\* Outstanding principal.

50-280 (Rev. 6-06/2) (Back)

### Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

|                                                                                                   | Maintenance & Operations | Interest & Sinking Fund* | Total      | Local Revenue Per Student | State Revenue Per Student |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Last Year's Rate</b>                                                                           | \$ 1.04000               | \$ 0 *                   | \$ 1.04000 | \$ 8,801                  | \$ 3,831                  |
| <b>Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance &amp; Operations Revenue &amp; Pay Debt Service</b> | \$ 1.06610               | \$ 0 *                   | \$ 1.06609 | \$ 10,959                 | \$ 3,176                  |
| <b>Proposed Rate</b>                                                                              | \$ 1.04000               | \$ 0 *                   | \$ 1.04000 | \$ 10,197                 | \$ 2,057                  |

\* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

### Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

|                                                       | Last Year | This Year |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Average Market Value of Residences                    | \$ 41,360 | \$ 41,410 |
| Average Taxable Value of Residences                   | \$ 18,090 | \$ 18,130 |
| Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value | \$ 1.04   | \$ 1.04   |
| Taxes Due on Average Residence                        | \$ 188.14 | \$ 188.55 |
| Increase (Decrease) in Taxes                          |           | \$ .41    |

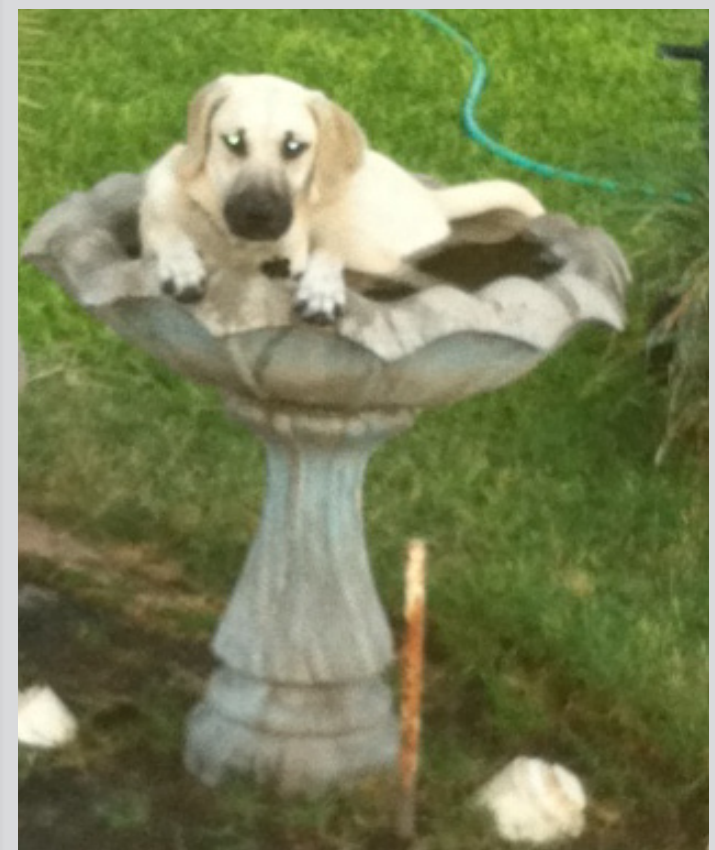
**Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.**

**Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.04. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.04.**

### Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

|                                            |              |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) | \$ 3,150,000 |
| Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)         | \$           |



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attended every school session required for her position as a court clerk.

She also said that she knows the importance of learning, educating and being up to date with everything that pertains to the office.

"This office of Justice of the Peace prides itself with a reputation of fairness, integrity, efficiency and with friendly customer service," she said. "I ask you to take into consideration all of my experience, qualifications, willingness and ability to continue to learn this job."

English is a retired DPS Trooper, served in the U.S. Marine Corps and most recently was a teacher at Ozona High School. He gave the commissioners several recommendations from friends and colleagues, along with explaining his intentions for the Justice of Peace office.

English said he was concerned about the youth of Ozona and how juvenile issues were being handled in the office.

"Specifically, I want to do everything I possibly can to drastically improve our current juvenile situation. Personally, that is my major goal in this," English said. "We are losing this crucial battle at a faster and faster pace. This gut wrenching situation is compounded by the fact that so many of our fellow citizens are not even aware this epic battle is going on."

English said dealing with juveniles will not be considered a "nuisance" but rather as a "worthy challenge as well as a golden opportunity to interdict and intervene" in young people's lives.

"I have a lifelong success rate of working with young people, and in helping turn a lot of young lives around for the better. It is a continuing passion of mine and one which others have said I have a God-given talent for," he said.

English said he would be

contacting the commissioners to meet with them individually.

"My character and reputation is above reproach. This includes both my personal and professional behavior, as well as the reputation of my wife and two sons. In all of our years in Ozona, we have made that reputation our cornerstone and signature characteristic in this community," English said.

### SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR RESIGNS

The commissioners accepted the resignation of Crockett County Senior Center Director Lynn English. English's resignation takes effect Friday, Aug. 31.

English has worked as Senior Center Director for 10 years. English is moving to San Angelo.

"I appreciate the job and working with the county. It's just been a good situation and I thank you all for the opportunity," she said.

English said he was currently seeking a new director.

"It's certainly been a pleasure serving with her. We are very sorry to see her go," Deaton said. "We wish her the very best. She has done a tremendous job for our county."

### OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

- Burn ban remains in effect for another month.
- Carlos Cantu as new library board member.
- Advertise for fuel bids.
- 2013-2014 TxCDBG Application Engagement Resolution with Traylor and Associates.
- County health insurance for 2013.
- DCP Midstream to bore under County Road 205 for pipeline.
- County road pipeline crossing permits where the commissioner of the precinct containing the pipeline and the road supervisor will give permission for the permits instead of commissioners' court approval.

## BLOWOUTS

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# School board meeting tonight

The CCCSD School Board will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight in the Administration Building at 797 Avenue D.

The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:  
 · Open forum/public comments.

· Approval of the agenda  
 · Reports (20 minutes): transportation and maintenance, principals, athletic director, technology, financial and bills, board report, special and federal programs and superintendent - Chapter 313 update and AYP Preliminary Status.

· Consent Agenda (5 minutes): approve minutes from the July 16 Budget Workshop and Regular Meeting and

Aug. 8 Budget Workshop and amendments to the 2011-2012 Official Budget.

· Consider proposal regarding remodeling of portable buildings.

· Consider Cafeteria Pricing for 2012-2013.

· Consider Changes to Employee Benefits - Disability Coverage.

· Review Handbooks, Code of Conduct and Emergency Operations Plans for 2012-2013.

· Executive/Closed Session (20 minutes): Personnel Matters to consider professional contracts for 2012-2013, vacancies and staffing for 2012-2013 and resignations.

· Possible action from Executive/Closed Session (5

minutes).

· Consider Possible Voluntary Resignation Program and Resolution.

· Consider agreement for the purchase of attendance credits.

· Consider the summary of changes to the TASB Risk Management Fund Interlocal Participation Agreement - effective Sept. 1, 2012.

· Consider proposals for Cafeteria Products 2012-2013; Band Supplies/Equipment 2012-2013; Office Supplies 2012-2013; Instructional Supplies 2012-2013.

· Future Business: Budget Workshop (if needed); Aug. 27 5:30 p.m. Called Special Meeting and September Regular Board Meeting - suggested date Sept. 19.

# SCHOOL: Budget must be approved by Sept. 1

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\$17,520 additional income.

The proposed budget does not include raises, including administrative staff, for district employees.

"There's no extra room in this budget for major facilities renovations or upgrades," duBois said. "We're rolling with the punches and we're asking a lot of our staff. Everybody needs to offer great value. We're getting to the point where we have to make some hard choice and most are related to staffing or compensation. We're all being frugal."

The district has been able to cover 100 percent of all employees' health insurance costs. Health care premiums are expected to increase by \$26 a month per employee for the new school year.

With the board's recommendation, all employees will be hit having to pay \$26 a month for health insurance.

Board member Dwight Childress said at the end of the school year, if there is money in the budget the board will consider reimbursing the employees on the health insurance.

"We can come back and redo this after the budget is passed," Childress said.

Also, maintenance and custodial workers have annually been paid a salary based on 40 hours a week with five additional hours of overtime, regardless of the amount of hours that employee worked during a week.

Board members said this policy was set a long time ago in order to compete with the oilfield.

With the recommendation, maintenance and custodial employees' hours will be cut back to 42 hours a week.

Board Vice President Grizz Medina said this would help ease some of the burden the workers will be facing.

"That's a lot of money out of people's pockets. We are talking about a salary re-

duction for these folks. It's a tough decision. It was a competitive wage thing. Most of the maintenance and custodial staff also work second jobs," duBois said.

The board will discuss and look to approve converting the OMS portables at their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Aug. 15).

The proposal includes four one-bedroom apartments and four two-bedroom apartments. duBois said the funding for the conversion will come out of the remaining Qualified School Construction Bond.

He also said it will take the district around seven years to pay for the housing flip, but that by doing this the district will save \$19,200 in not having to subsidize out of district teaching housing and free up eight housing units for the community.

The board's recommendation to raise teacher housing rentals came after discussion on the district no longer covering the housing water bill.

duBois said it would be easier to budget an annual amount instead of putting each house on their own meter.

duBois also recommended dropping consulting costs from Walker Quality Services from the district's food service budget.

Food Services Manager Ludy Vargas told duBois she could control food and personnel costs, along with receiving help from the Region

XV Education Service Center.

Around \$7,000 for adult education was also dropped from the budget. duBois said he could seek sponsors and grants to help fund the new program.

The board will discuss offering an incentive voluntary resignation program for all at-will support staff during the regular meeting.

The Texas Education Agency has stated that CCCSD needs to lower its staff from the current 153 to 132 in order to be within state compliance.

The district has reduced staff by 22 position in the last three years and is 7.5 positions lighter than last year, duBois said.

While the board's budget recommendations do not involve any staff cuts, duBois said the district now has a year to think about that and that all personnel will be evaluated closely in the spring.

"Trustees have asked us to move cautiously on staffing concerns the last two years until we know more about the future of school finance next legislative session. We have also resisted involuntary staff reductions as long as we can," he said.

The board also met in executive/closed session for 45 minutes. When they resumed in open session, the board approved resignations from Taylor Golding and Chris Lowry and approved the hiring of a special education teacher at Ozona High School.

# Emergency farm loan applications being received

Applications for emergency farm loans based on damages and losses caused by drought, that occurred from Jan. 1, 2012 and continuing, are being accepted at the Farm Service Agency (FSA) office located in San Angelo, Paul S. Cline said today. Crockett County is one of 252 counties in Texas recently declared by the Secretary of Agriculture as eligible for loans to cover part of actual production and/or physical losses resulting from damages caused by drought that occurred from Jan. 1, 2012 and continuing.

Paul S. Cline said farmers may be eligible for loans of up to 100 percent of their actual losses or the operating loan needed to continue the agricultural business, which-

ever is less. For farmers unable to obtain credit from private commercial lenders, the interest rate is 3.75 percent.

"As a general rule, a farmer must have suffered at least a 30 percent loss of production to be eligible for an FSA emergency loan," Paul S. Cline said. Farmers participating in the Federal Crop Insurance program will have to consider proceeds from those programs in determining their loss."

"Applicants for loans under this emergency designation will be accepted until March 12, 2013, but farmers should apply as soon as possible. Delays in applying could create backlogs in processing, with possible delays into the new farming season," Paul S. Cline said.

FSA is a credit agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It is authorized to provide disaster emergency loans to recognized farmers who work at and rely on farming for a substantial part of their living. Eligibility is extended to individual farmers who meet U.S. citizenship requirements and to farming partnerships, corporations, or cooperatives in which U.S. citizenship requirements are met by individuals holding a majority interest.

The FSA office in San Angelo is open from 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Monday through Friday. Additional information regarding Disaster Assistance Programs may be found online at <http://disaster.fsa.usda.gov>.

## FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

### BAIL BONDS

·Richard Gutierrez, Big Lake, driving while license invalid, Class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.

·Jeremy Wayne Barnes, Richardson, Texas, driving while license invalid, \$500, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$2,000.

·Edward Bert Steele Jr., California, possession marijuana less than two ounces, Class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.

·Daniel Wade Maness, Ozona, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, Class B misdemeanor, \$2,000.

·Estepan Guerrero, El Paso, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, misdemeanor, \$2,000, driving while license invalid, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

·Seneca Storey, Cypress, Texas, driving while license invalid, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

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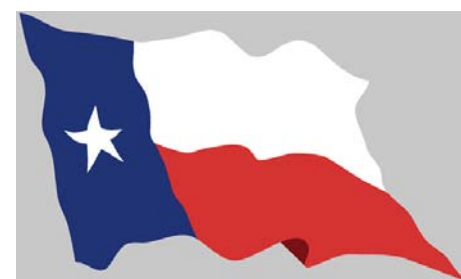
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As of Aug. 10, 2012

| PTD  | OPERATOR             | LEASE                    | CONTRACTOR/RIG          | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 9000 | Approach Operating   | Cinco Terry - J- #1003 H | Habors Drilling #714    | Assigned       |
| 6150 | Egg Resources        | University - 38 #608 H   | Helmreich & Payne #834  | Assigned       |
| 6100 | Egg Resources        | University - 38 #608 H   | Helmreich & Payne #834  | Assigned       |
| 6500 | Petroleum Oper       | University - 46 #1382 H  | Patterson UI #241       | Drig Ahead     |
| 7800 | Approach Operating   | Pangaea West #6508 H     | Habors Drilling #415    | Drig Ahead     |
| 7750 | Petroleum Oper       | University - 46 #2002 H  | Patterson UI #240       | Drig Ahead     |
| 6150 | Egg Resources        | University - 38 #606 H   | Helmreich & Payne #834  | Drig Ahead     |
| 6000 | Trek Resources       | Shannon Hospital #1      | Trinidad Drig #73       | Drig Ahead     |
| 7000 | Approach Operating   | University - 42c #191 H  | Habors Drilling #714    | Drig Ahead     |
| 7750 | Petroleum Oper       | University - 46 #1382 H  | Helmreich & Payne #834  | Drig Ahead     |
| 8020 | Molingo Energy Texas | Baggett Op-16 #1 H       | Precision Drilling #523 | Drig Ahead     |
| 8000 | Petroleum Oper       | University - 46 #2483 H  | Patterson UI #239       | Drig Ahead     |

| PTD   | OPERATOR            | LEASE                 | CONTRACTOR/RIG            | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|-------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 8000  | Egg Resources       | Sugg - 13 #10         | Heart Land Drilling #4    | Assigned       |
| 6250  | Egg Resources       | Lithium - #1 #1 H     | Union Drilling Texas #222 | W.O.           |
| 6000  | Apache Corp         | Bennie - 4342-14 H    | Patterson UI #446         | Drig Ahead     |
| 7150  | Apache Corp         | Cinch - 4238- #4 H    | Savanna Drilling #649     | Drig Ahead     |
| 10000 | Firm Natural Res    | Antelope Draw #50n    | Patterson UI #721         | Drig Ahead     |
| 9000  | Three Rivers Op     | Mayne - 3068- #11     | Rings Drilling Lp #9      | Drig Ahead     |
| 7210  | Apache Corp         | Sugg - 4948- #7 H     | Patterson UI #19          | Drig Ahead     |
| 12900 | El Paso E&P Company | University 49-22 #2 H | Patterson UI #206         | Drig Ahead     |
| 9000  | Three Rivers Op     | Pillager - #8 #306    | Rings Drilling Lp #16     | Drig Ahead     |
| 11000 | Egg Resources       | Cox - 40a - #2 H      | Heart Land Drilling #14   | Drig Ahead     |
| 9000  | Devon Energy        | Devaca #1 H           | Cactus Drilling #138      | Drig Ahead     |
| 6000  | Egg Resources       | Lithium - #4 #4 H     | Cactus Drilling #102      | Drig Ahead     |

| PTD   | OPERATOR            | LEASE                   | CONTRACTOR/RIG            | ACTIVITY-DEPTH |
|-------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 8500  | Pioneer Natural     | University 10-10 #1 H   | Habors Drilling #855      | Assigned       |
| 8000  | Devon Energy        | University 9-3 #2 H     | Patterson UI #309         | Moving On      |
| 10000 | Firm Natural Res    | Divide Draw #152m       | Patterson UI #742         | Drig Ahead     |
| 8500  | Petroleum Oper      | University 12-18 #2 H   | Patterson UI #242         | Drig Ahead     |
| 10500 | Laredo Petro-Dallas | Sugg - A- #159J         | Patterson UI #39          | Drig Ahead     |
| 11100 | Pioneer Natural     | Turner - 4 #1           | Patterson UI #73          | Drig Ahead     |
| 8900  | Pioneer Natural     | University 1-30 #2 H    | Patterson UI #217         | Drig Ahead     |
| 7582  | Enduring Resources  | University - 48 #701 H  | Ensign Us Drilling #150   | Drig Ahead     |
| 12000 | Endover Energy Res  | Ricker - 0 #3           | Big Dog Drilling #5       | Drig Ahead     |
| 17000 | ConocoPhillips      | University - 46 #1382 H | Helmreich & Payne #486    | Drig Ahead     |
| 10500 | Laredo Petro-Dallas | Bohline - 0 #190p       | Union Drilling Texas #206 | Drig Ahead     |
| 10000 | Pioneer Natural     | University 58-19a #5    | Patterson UI #151         | Drig Ahead     |
| 12000 | Prime Operating     | Stanley #5              | Patterson UI #169         | Drig Ahead     |
| 9000  | Firm Natural Res    | Divide Draw - G- #98k   | Helmreich & Payne #312    | Drig Ahead     |
| 10000 | Laredo Petro-Dallas | Sugg - #1621 H          | Captar Drilling #127      | At L.D.        |
| 9000  | Apache Corp         | Sue - 4 #1 C            | Helmreich & Payne #440    | Drig Ahead     |
| 9000  | Laredo Petro-Dallas | Sugg - #1823 H          | Union Drilling Texas #224 | Drig Ahead     |
| 15200 | Pioneer Natural     | University 10-14 #6 H   | Habors Drilling #M55      | Logging        |

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| 3000  | Hamathon Petroleum  | Rocky Creek #1 | Blue Line Drilling #3  | Drig Ahead     |
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| 5310  | Highmount E&P Tx    | Foster #4901 H | Habors Drilling #M20   | Drig Ahead     |

# State Sales Tax holiday this weekend

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs reminds shoppers they can save money on everything from pens, jeans and shoes to backpacks and other items priced under \$100 during the state's annual sales tax holiday.

This year, the sales tax holiday is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 17-19.

"Shoppers across Texas can take advantage of the three-day sales tax holiday and save extra money for their budgets," Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said. "Families gearing up for the new school year will not pay any sales tax for many back-to-school items from clothing and footwear to school supplies during that weekend."

Lists of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax free can be found on the Comptroller's website at: www.TexasTax-Holiday.org.

This year, shoppers will save an estimated \$64.8 million in state and local sales taxes during the Sales Tax Holiday.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

# Ozona School Supply Lists

## 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 gallon 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 - 1/2" 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)
- 3 - folders - (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 ziplock baggies
- 1 - box gallon size ziplock 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
- 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**

## EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

- 8/6/2012**  
- 12:23 PM - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital
- 8/7/2012**  
- 12:00 AM - No treatment, No Transport
- 8/8/2012**  
- 2:42 PM - Transported No Lights/Siren Midland Memorial Hospital
- 8/9/2012**  
- 12:00 AM - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic
- 8/12/2012**  
- 9:43 AM - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

- AUGUST 7**  
- 1:55 p.m. - Motorcycle accident 11th and Ave E. No assistance required, worked traffic until EMS cleared. Two units, seven firefighters. Time in service 50 minutes
- AUGUST 8**  
- 7 a.m. - Mutual aid to Reagan County to man Big Lake station for funeral standby. Four units, 11 firefighters, EMS with three-man crew. Time in service 11 hours.
- 1:55 p.m. - Mutual aid Grass fire to Irion County, Hwy. 163 and County Road 411. Canceled by Barnhart FD. Unit responded from the Big Lake Fire Station. A unit with three firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 35 minutes.

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agency news release. "That spending, along with increases in consumer sectors such as retail trade, continues to boost sales tax collections. State sales tax revenue has now increased for 28 consecutive months." Combs said August local sales

tax allocations totaling \$632.1 million will be returned to cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts.

## GRADUATION RATE CALCULATED

The Texas Education Agency on Aug. 3 announced the state-wide "on-time" graduation rate climbed to an all-time high, reaching 85.9 percent for the Class of 2011. The reported rate is 1.6 percentage points higher than the previous record set by the Class of 2010, and more than 92 percent of the 319,588 students in the Class of 2011 either graduated in four years or continued high school for a fifth year, the agency added.

## 'FIRSTNET' PERMIT OK'D

The Federal Communications Commission has authorized a

permit for Texas to operate a broadband network designed for first responders to share more data and access to communication resources, the Texas Department of Public Safety announced on Aug. 3.

In gaining permission to operate the network, Texas joins the nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network, called FirstNet. The federal 9/11 Commission recommended the implementation of such a system. DPS Director Steven McCraw said, "The ability to immediately share information across law enforcement jurisdictions and among emergency responders is critical to public safety."

## MAN EXECUTED FOR MURDER

Marvin Lee Wilson, 54, was executed by lethal injection in Huntsville by the State of Texas on Aug. 7 for the murder of 21-year-old Jerry Robert Williams in 1992. He was the 484th death row inmate to be executed since the Texas death penalty was reinstated in 1982. Wilson's score of 61 on an IQ test, interpreted as indicating mental retardation, set off debate as to the suitability of the sentence. According to Texas Department of Criminal Justice information, after a physical confrontation between the two men in Beaumont, Wilson abducted and shot Williams.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

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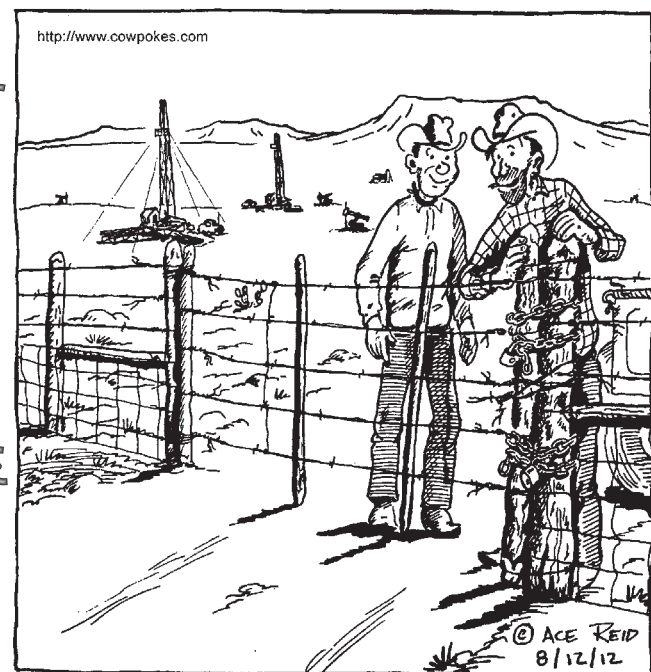
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The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' 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.

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times. In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

ADOPTED this the 9th day of July, 2012.  
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