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CCCCSD asking taxpayers for two 'golden pennies'

BY MELISSA PERNER
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The CCCCSD School Board is asking local voters to increase the property tax rate by two cents.

During a July 2 special called meeting, the board unanimously approved ordering a tax ratification election for Sept. 3 that, if passed, will increase the school tax rate from \$1.04 to \$1.06. This increase will raise about \$400,000 in ad-

ditional revenue.

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court also gave approval at their regular meeting on Monday. The election will be paid for by the school district.

Unlike the rest of the district's maintenance and operations budget, this additional revenue is not subject to recapture by the state.

The additional funds will be put toward paying off the Qualified School Construction Bond, and building up the dis-

trict's fund balance.

If tax rate passes, the QSCB loan can be paid off in eight years, instead of the original 16, said Larry Taylor, interim superintendent.

"It's two cents we do not get recaptured. People get to keep the money here in Ozona," said Board President Ray Don Myers. "We send a little over 60 cents for every \$1 we collect to the state."

Approval will give the school board authority to

adopt an annual rate up to \$1.06 per \$100 valuation each year. Raising the M&O part of the rate above \$1.04 requires voter approval under state law.

"This is a one-time voter approval election," Taylor said. "The QSCB Bonds were put to very good use by the CCCCSD Board of Trustees during the timeframe that the Texas Legislature was cutting significant funding of public schools."

In April 2011, the board unanimously approved a res-

olution authorizing around \$3.4 million funding from the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program.

While the name is misleading, the QSCB is not a traditional school bond, but instead a low-interest loan program through the federal government stimulus program. The loan is for 16 years. Interest rates are not higher than 1.25 percent.

With the funds, the district replaced the heating and air conditioning units in the Ozo-

na High School Heritage Building, renovated portable buildings by the middle school into eight apartments for school housing, renovating existing school housing facilities and paid for a new track, the football field turf, concession stand and seating at Lion Stadium.

The funding came available after the Texas Legislature cut \$5.4 billion from education.

PLEASE SEE TAXES, PAGE 7

FOURTH OF JULY FUN

BY FRANK TAMBUNGA
 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Fourth of July Festival at the park turned out to be big success.

We had over 12 different types of food and game booths along with some good music by DJ TKO "Johnny Tambunga."

Cico and Frankie Moran chaired the washer pitching contest and we had 10 teams in the contest.

We had more participants for our Children's and Pet Parade we hope this particular parade keeps on growing.

We even had a piñata donated by Kathy from Noah's Pinata for children to enjoy.

We had more participating in the Patriotic Parade with different types of parade floats displaying our colors.

The Knights had some secret judges that had a hard time making their decision for both parades.

Ozona National Bank was first, The OHS Class of 1983 was second and The Knaack Family was third in the Patriotic Parade. We appreciate all the businesses and individuals that participated in our parade.

I would like to thank everyone that assisted me with

PLEASE SEE FOURTH, PAGE 6



GETTING READY FOR THE CHILDREN'S and PET PARADE ARE: Jessica Phelps (left), her son Wylie and niece Sydney Knaack, whose dog Rosie is ready to ride with Wylie in his wagon. More photos, page 6.

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Commissioners discuss parks, swimming pool

BY MELISSA PERNER
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Showing concern for the safety of local parks, several people attended Monday's regular commissioners' court meeting to discuss maintenance and improvements.

The commissioners decided that a Parks and Recreation Advisory Board is needed to be created to help improve parks and recreation in the county. The board would be appointed by the commissioners' court and would report and work with the commissioners.

The commissioners said that appointing the board will be on the agenda for the Aug. 12 meeting. Anyone interested in serving, can contact County Judge Fred Deaton or any of the commissioners.

"We have tried to get a group together to have an interest in all our parks. Maybe now we can get a recreational board to help us with the upkeep on our parks," said Commissioner Frank Tambunga.

Local citizen Heidi Sullivan gave a presentation to the commissioners that showed photos of the equipment and the parks near the rodeo arena and the swimming pool.

Some of the concerns Sullivan said included insect control, general clean up, graffiti, bathrooms, inventory of paper goods and doggy bags and grass and weeds.

She also mentioned installing playground equipment for children under the age of three at one of the parks.

"There is a large community of stay-at-home children that are pre-k and younger that need places to play," Sullivan said.

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Mertzon woman dies in crash near Barnhart

STAFF REPORT

SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

A dark country road just after midnight Sunday was the scene of a three-vehicle collision that killed a Mertzon woman.

Jeannetta Lea Everett, 46, was pronounced dead at the scene on U.S. 67, 3.5 miles west of Barnhart.

According to the Department of Public Safety, Everett was northbound on U.S. 67 in a 2010 Chevrolet Silverado pickup. A 2007 Peterbilt tractor-trailer was in the road ahead, making a difficult U-turn, and DPS said Everett was unable to

stop in time to avoid hitting it.

"The truck was turning around, and it got stuck blocking both lanes of traffic," DPS Trooper Shawn Baxter said. "The pickup (Everett was driving) ran into the trailer."

The driver of the truck, along with passersby in another vehicle, attempted to assist Everett, Baxter said.

"They couldn't get her out of the vehicle. When they saw another truck coming, they got out of the way."

A 2005 International tractor-trailer was also heading northbound.

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Ozona assists Big Lake fighting house fires

BY J.L. MANKIN
 BIG LAKE WILDCAT

Two fires destroyed homes in Big Lake on Saturday, July 6.

The first fire was reported at 5:19 p.m. at the intersection of 8th Street and Maryland Avenue. The fire appeared to begin in the attic of the home before spreading.

The second fire was reported at 6:01 p.m. at the intersection of 8th Street and Florida Avenue.

Emergency personnel were called in from surrounding counties to help control the fires. Both homes were destroyed



OZONA FIREFIGHTERS Cody Gotcher (left) and Joe Bradford work to extinguish what is left of a house at 8th Street and Florida Avenue in Big Lake. Ozona Firefighters assisted Big Lake with two house fires on July 6.

J.L. MANKIN | BIG LAKE WILDCAT

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Senate Bill 1 not the way to protect life and women's health

The Texas Legislature, in the guise of protecting women's health, will soon pass a bill that's designed to curb the number of abortions in Texas. As a long-time supporter of life, I believe that reducing the number of abortions in our state is a worthy goal. However, Senate Bill 1 — and the tactics that have been employed to get it passed — is not the way to do it. In reality, this new law would close most of the reproductive clinics — including those in rural areas of Senate District 19 — that provide an array of services to women that has nothing to do

with abortion. If limiting abortions were the true goal, and not the cynical politics of the next election, there are a number of things the state could do without endangering women's health. We could:

- Require school districts to provide high quality,



STATE SENATOR'S OP ED

CARLOS I. URESTI

fact-based sex-education to their students, teaching not only abstinence and the consequences of unprotected sex, but also how to prevent unwanted pregnancies.

- Enhance adoption and foster care services in Texas and encourage women who are thinking about an abortion to consider the option of adoption.
- Expand Medicaid in Texas, giving poor women access to health care and the ability to make wise choices about having children.
- Fully fund public and higher education and encourage young girls to pursue career paths. Education and the

opportunity it provides for a higher quality of life are the best weapons we have against unwanted pregnancy.

- Support and fully fund women's health programs, including Planned Parenthood, which provide vital health care services to women and help them make smarter choices about family planning.

Further, SB 1 and its House companion are not based on undisputed science, best practices, or sound public policy. Supporters claim the measure would protect women's health. If so, why is it opposed by?:

- Texas Medical Association, which says it would set a dangerous precedent by having government involved in the practice of medicine, dictating when and how a physician delivers care.
- Texas Hospital Association, which objects to the provision requiring admitting privileges for doctors.
- Texas Chapter of the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, whose representatives testified that the legislation would negatively impact women's health generally and women's reproductive health specifically, causing unwarrant-

ed delays in reproductive treatment resulting in greater risk and increased complications for women seeking safe and legal reproductive health care. I believe that most Texans, even those who would support an abortion at any point during pregnancy, would like to see fewer abortions performed in our state each year. SB 1 is not the way to accomplish that goal. There are ways to choose on the side of life without sacrificing women's health in the process.

SENATOR URESTI represents Senate District 19, which includes Crockett County.

'News-snacking'

"I believe that ignorance is the root of all evil. And that no one knows the truth."
— Molly Ivins

I read an article recently that stated the majority of the American public is no longer newsreaders. Instead, they are "news-snackers."

Mobiles Republic, a global news syndication company, recently released the results from its 2013 survey of news reading habits.

The study, based off the responses of over 8,000 of its News Republic® app users, indicates that news consumption is rising; as the number of news outlets grows, so do readers' appetites for accurate, multi-sourced and fresh news.

The study stated that 75 percent of readers with smartphones and 70 percent with tablets check the news more than once a day (that would be me), and people are increasingly checking sites like Facebook and Twitter for news updates; 43 percent of readers now use Facebook to check news, an increase of seven percent from last year (also me at times).

Now, I do consider myself a "news-snacker" but the thing about snacks is they only last so long. Eventually, you have to sit down and eat a full meal.

I've been re-reading a favorite book of mine by the late Texas columnist Molly Ivins. Whether or not you agree with Ivins politically, you have to admit she had a knack for writing about Texas politics.

In her book "Molly Ivins Can't Say That, Can She?" she gives advice to young journalists. As I was reading it, I realized that it was advice we could all use.

"One of the most depressing aspects of reporters-as-a-group is that they tend to be fairly ignorant themselves. There is no excuse for it and there is a complete cure for it. Read, read, read," Ivins states in her book.

She had a point there, not only for us journalists but also for everyone else.

Ivins states you should read at least one good paper every day (you can reserve Wednesdays for The Ozona Stockman), and you should also read from



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

a news source that you don't normally check out.

For us "snackers" this should be ideal. However, I have learned while snacking

that people tend to stick to the ones they like. What Ivins wants us to do is try a new snack, maybe even a full meal.

If you mainly get your news from CNN, check out Fox News every once in a while, and vice versa. You tend to read more conservative news magazines, check out a liberal one every now and then.

"If you're 55 and straight, read 'Rolling Stone.' If you're 25 and hip, 'Reader's Digest,'" Ivins states. "You have got to stretch your mind, further and further. The alternative is letting it congeal, harden and contract."

Expanding our minds and understanding different points of view it was leads to better understanding, leadership and decision-making. Something national, state and even local officials could learn a thing or two about.

I'm not saying that by reading something you normally wouldn't, you will change your point of view. You just might have a better understanding of the issue before you post that negative, or untrue, article on your Facebook page. Check your source, research the report, ask questions, contact officials and keep reading.

What I'm saying is, take a step out of that "news-snacking" comfort zone and jump into a newer meal choice.

If we all keep snacking on the same information then our view of the world around us will never change.

The idea is not always to agree but to be better informed one snack at a time.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Enjoy your Stockman snack.

A Committee Of One



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I'm not a real meeting-goer. The last meeting I went to was 20 years ago, and believe me, it felt like it lasted that long. I doubt the Rotarians would have me and, although I think highly of them, I'm not a Moose, Elk, Lion or any other group of wild animals that meet regularly. I was on a planning commission once but the group seemed to think that our town might be better off if I stayed home.

One of the reasons I dislike meetings so much is that I was a member of the FFA in high school and all our meetings were conducted properly using Robert's Rules of Order. Although groups say they are using the same rules today, I think they are really using Howard or Helen's Rules of Order. Or whoever else is President.

The primary reason I hate meetings is that any time you get more than two people together they start acting stupid. Instead of saying, "That's the most idiotic idea I've ever heard," you hear yourself seconding the motion. And elections? You gotta be kidding. When's the last time you saw a group actually take nominations from the floor, give each candidate a chance to speak, and then vote? Instead, some brain trust known as the nominating committee meets in secret and comes up with a list of candidates with only one person nominated for each office. When the chairperson, or chairhuman, asks for further nominations no one dares nominate another person for fear of being banished, or being made secretary.

Some people spend their lives going to meetings and if you go to enough pretty soon you find yourself being sent to the ultimate meeting, a convention, where you get to stay in fancy hotels you'd never think of staying in if you had to pay for it yourself. But you'll pay a price in other ways for whatever group you represent, whether it is beef, hogs, or beets, you'll eat some

form of it at every meal. Even for breakfast. Prune pancakes, beef oatmeal or spinach waffles anyone?

Your reward for sitting through all the boring committee meetings is that you get to play in the pre-convention golf tournament, shop in stores you don't have at home, or see sights you'd never see otherwise. This is why conventions are held in New Orleans and Las Vegas and not Lovelock or Laredo. Aside from giving each other gaudy plaques for their service, serious attendees collect business cards, network, play politics, listen to professors drone on, and spend their hours producing minutes.

Let's be frank, the real reason people go to conventions is the trade show where you are given a canvas bag to fill with free goodies. It's like Halloween for old people.

And you don't even have to wear a mask! It's also the reason why many men and women take their spouse, so they get two swag bags instead of just one.

At the convention the pecking order is decided by how long your name badge is. Just like the merit badges you earned in Cub Scouts or Girl Scouts, at the convention you are given a name badge composed of cards with each one representing a committee or a position. The longer your name badge hangs from your neck, the more important you are. If it reaches your navel or rests on the top of your belly you are probably President. If you drag your name badge behind you like a tail, you are so important when you walk through crowds the plebeians will part like you are king.

Of course, the purpose of any convention is to form committees. If you find yourself on one of these, congratulations, you have arrived. And if you keep your nose clean, show you are a team player, and don't get too drunk or obnoxious at the cocktail party, you may one day find yourself on the all important steering, long range planning, or nominating committee. Or, heaven forbid, a BLUE RIBBON TASK FORCE! Be advised, it's not exactly like the blue ribbon you won at the fair for your hog or your sheep, but the boss hog will undoubtedly lead, and the sheep will be expected to follow.

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Second special session opens for round two

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN —Texas lawmakers on July 1 reported to their respective Capitol chambers for the opening of a second 30-day special session of the 83rd Texas Legislature. The House and the Senate scheduled floor action for July 9.

Gov. Perry, on June 26, invited them to take a second opportunity to craft and pass legislation relating to:

- Regulation of abortion procedures, providers, and facilities;
- Funding of transportation infrastructure projects; and
- Establishing a mandatory sentence of life with parole for a capital felony committed by a 17-year-old offender.

Those items were on the call for the first special session that ended on June 25. Senate Democrats opposed to the abortion-regulating bill outflanked a Republican majority by skillful use of parliamentary procedure. Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort

Worth, exercised the option to filibuster the abortion bill on the final day of the special session. While the filibuster stopped the bill from final passage, other bills on the calendar became ineligible for further consideration at the stroke of midnight.

On June 26, Gov. Perry called another special session to have the same matters addressed. On opening day, Democratic caucus leaders suggested that because of constitutional concerns and the high level of interest in the subject, regional hearings should be held before abortion-regulating legislation votes are called. Answers came. Such decisions are at the discretion of committee chairs. The chairs in this case, Rep. Byron Cook, House State Affairs, and Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound,

Senate Health and Human Services, chose to conduct their committees' hearings at the Capitol.

On July 2, more than 3,000 citizens registered to testify on, for or against HB 2, the abortion bill, but only a small percentage of them were allowed to testify before the bill was called to a vote. The House State Affairs Committee approved HB 2 on a vote of 8 to 3.

Also on July 2, the Senate Finance Committee tentatively approved Senate Joint Resolution 1, a proposed constitutional amendment relating to the transfer of certain general revenue to the state highway fund and the economic stabilization fund and to authorize the payment for principal and interest on certain highway improvement bonds. And, the

Senate Criminal Justice Committee tentatively approved SB 2, legislation relating to the punishment for a capital felony committed by an individual under 18 years of age. The bill is the same as SB 23 in the previous special session, requiring 40 years of time served before parole eligibility.

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THE OHS STATE QUALIFYING ROBOTICS TEAM of (left to right) Jeremy Munoz, Logan Glaspie, Kevin Villarreal and Jonathan Focha were honored at the June 26 CCCSD School Board meeting.

YMCA Football registration July 15

Registration for YMCA football for the upcoming year will be at 5:30 p.m. July 15 at the town square.

Registration is for grades third-sixth.

There will also be a parent meeting that day for Pee Wees and Heavy Weights to discuss the football game in Cowboys Stadium on Oct. 20. The game in Cowboys Stadium will be against a team from Oklahoma.

Any questions or for more information, call Jerold Savala at (325) 716-0256 or Miky Savala at (325) 206-0987.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 10

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, July 11

- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Commissioners Budget Workshop, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

Friday, July 12

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- 42, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, July 15

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- YMCA Football Registration and Parent Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the town square.

Tuesday, July 16

- Master of Memory, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, July 17

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCSD School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

County stock show opening up to younger grades

Changes are coming to the 66th Annual Crockett County Junior Livestock Show.

This year's junior stock show on Dec. 21 will be seeing some new changes.

The Youth Show Association has decided to open up the stock show to those who will be in first and second grades. In years past, to participate, youth had to be in the third grade or 9 years old.

New participants will be eligible to show Lambs, Goats, and Swine.

For more information, call the Crockett County Extension office at (325) 392-2721.

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FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Birthday deadline Aug. 1 for calendar fund-raiser

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Friends of the Crockett County Library plans to issue a 2014 Friends of the Library Birthday Calendar featuring scenic places and sites within Crockett County as its special fund-raiser for 2013.

The sale and distribution of the calendar will begin at the Friends of the Library annual meeting Oct. 7.

This Friends fund-raiser also includes a Photo Contest. Each month of the calendar will feature an 8.5 by 5.5-inch color photograph, giving credit to the photographer.

Winners of the Photo Contest have been selected.

Come by the Library to see a complete list.

We had some wonderful entries and it will be a beautiful calendar including "The Tie That Binds" statue in the snow, the beautiful Pecos River, colorful native birds, camels at Fort Lancaster, the Courthouse in the sunset, ranch windmills, Monarch butterflies, deer and turkeys, and the Emerald house all lit up for Christmas.

What a year of beautiful scenes from Crockett County by outstanding local photographers.

This calendar will also include birthdays, anniversaries, memorials, and special events for sale at \$1 per name.

Persons may submit as many names as they wish with their payment of \$1 each to the library by Aug. 1.

Friends of the Library will also need 13 sponsors for the calendar at a cost of \$100 per page.

Any interested business or individual should contact Charlotte Harrell or Louise Ledoux as soon as possible.

This calendar should be a great souvenir for residents of and visitors to Crockett County. The color photographs will be suitable for framing after the calendar expires.

The calendars will be sold for \$20 each, making them excellent Christmas presents. Reserve yours today.

TEXAS PECOS TRAIL NEWS

Public invited to July 18 partners events

BY SCOTT JORDAN
USDA FARM SERVICE AGENCY

MONAHANS, Texas - Please join us for the bi-monthly Pecos Trail Partners Event, July 18, starting at 10 a.m. at the Pyote Safety Rest Area, located on Interstate 20 between Monahans and Pyote.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the brand new facilities and exhibits that tell the story of the Rattlesnake Bomber Base during World War Two and

other local or regional topics. The public is welcome.

Lunch will be served at noon. Cost is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door. The regular board meeting will be held before lunch.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region encompasses 22 West Texas counties in the Trans-Pecos area: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan,

Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is the Texas Historical Commission's award-winning tourism initiative designed to help Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

RSVP by July 11 to Scott Jordan at (325) 387-3900 or info@texaspecostrail.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 10 - Amanda Pearson, Cathy Bennett, Justice Adkins, Janet McDaniel and Regina Garcia

July 11 - Amelia Chila, Mabel Hernandez, Nicholas Perez, Ericka Rubio, Dorothy Montgomery, Leticia B. Longoria, Jody Upham, Karina Marmolejo, Yvette Gonzales, Joceline Porras and Evelyn K. Tebbetts

July 12 - Karen Komechak, Eric Mendoza, Christi Smith, Vicky Treto, James Montgomery, Shirley Kirby, Jose Aguayo and Stormy Bell

July 13 - Agnes Payne, Myna Flores, Quinton Anthony Porch, Katie Parker, James G. Swearingen and Naomi Barriga

July 14 - Randy Verner, Bryan Arras, Cindy Ko-

mechak, Mayra Orona, Anna-lu Gonzales, Bethani Trevino, Grace Williams, Raul De La Rosa III and Jimmy Nowell

July 15 - Enrique Galvan, Kendra A. Sarabia, Kayla A. Sarabia, Nathan Pena-Alfaro, Luis Villarreal and Linda Borrego

July 16 - Lisa Vasquez, Nancy Hale, Burl Myers and Joanie Medley

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<p>Coca-Cola 16 oz. 2/\$2.00 <small>(or 1 for Regular Price)</small></p>	<p>Coca-Cola 20 oz. 2/\$2.50 <small>(or 1 for Regular Price)</small></p>	<p>Fanta Strawberry or Orange, Minute Maid Lemonade, Mr Pibb or Barq's Root Beer <small>(or 1 for Regular Price)</small> 2/\$2.00 20 oz.</p>	<p>Miller Lite, Coors & Coors Light 12 pack, 12 oz. cans \$10.99</p>

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

ASU needing public transit input Tuesday

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

What a July 4 celebration we had. As usual, Frank Tambunga stepped up to the plate and booths for food and drinks, and games for the kids, were put together and a beautiful parade organized followed by beautiful fireworks that were safely detonated for all to see.

I think we all needed to have fun during these troubled times and remember the ones that made it so we could celebrate and enjoy our country's birthday. Thanks to all that worked so hard.

Please do not forget the "Master of Memory" programs that start on July 16 at 10:30 a.m.

Then, right after that program, at 11:30 a.m. the Concho Valley Council of Governments will have a short discussion, conducted by Angelo State University's Development Initiatives to identify the public transit needs of Crockett County residents.

I have heard some negative talk about the Thunderbird Bus and its lack of availability for the senior citizens. Here is your chance to voice your opinion.

If you do not come and

let them know how you feel, they will not make it better for you.

- Activities schedule:
- Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday
 - Bridge - 1:30 p.m. Monday
 - Balance Exercise - 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday
 - Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday
 - Prayer Group - 3 p.m. Wednesday
 - Quilting - 9:30 a.m. Thursday
 - 42 Dominoes - 3 p.m. Friday
- Come on out, the coffee is on.

Master of Memory program starts Tuesday

Many people believe that memory loss and aging go hand-in-hand: as a person gets older his or her memory begins to fail.

While some change may be expected as you age, that doesn't mean you can't do something about it, in the absence of a brain disease,

such as Alzheimer's Disease, you can be proactive in using some strategies and lifestyle adaptations.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in Crockett County will begin offering Master of Memory, a six-lesson class series that will help you understand how your

memory works and what may affect your memory.

Medical conditions, medications, diet and exercise, among other things, may all play a role in how your memory works. Master of Memory will also help you identify and use strategies to improve your memory function.

The program will be starting at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 16, at the Senior Center and will conclude on Aug. 27.

For more information, call Whitney Walston at the extension office at 392-2721.



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From: Fred and Jan Van Shoubrouek
- Crockett County Museum Memorials can be sent to: P.O. Box 1444, Ozona, Texas 76943

OBITUARIES

Jessie Mae Henderson
November 7, 1921-June 24, 2013



Jessie Mae Henderson, beloved friend and love one passed away the evening of June 24, 2013 at 91 years. She was born on November 7, 1921 in Del Rio, Texas to Jess Baker and Sallie Hutto. Raised and lived on ranches from Carta Valley, Texas to Rocksprings, Texas.

Ranching with her husband Bee "Teeny" Henderson, she split time working in Langtry, Texas and living and enjoying their home at 1803 Avenue A, in Del Rio, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her parents, brother George and infant baby daughter, young son Stanly Bee, her husband, Bee "Teeny" Henderson, daughter Carol Ann in 1982, and revert brother Stanly Bee.

She is survived by her son Chris Henderson of Del Rio; sister Sarah Joyce B. Olive of Comanche, Texas, grandchildren Craig Chapman of Del Rio, Clay and his wife Lou Chapman of Ozona, Texas, Loretta Henderson, and Candy Carta of Del Rio; two great-granddaughters: Amber and Ashley Carta.

Jessie Mae was a beloved Mother, Grandmother, and

Friend and will be dearly missed.

Visitations was June 26, 2013 at G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside service was June 27, 2013 at Westlawn Cemetery officiating by Jay Clark. Funeral arrangements with G. W. Cox Memorial Funeral Home, of Del Rio LTD, 114 Fletcher Drive, Del Rio, Texas. 78840 Ph: 830.775.2000

To share in Memories of Jessie Mae Henderson, please visit our website at www.gw-coxmemorialfuneralhome.com.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the elderly. If you have some time this summer, or need some community service for school, come by or call (325) 392-5026. For applications, call Weldon Nicks at (325) 392-3600.

JULY 10
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JULY 11
• Barbecue chicken breast, corn O'Brien, stewed tomatoes, wheat bread, fruit cup with oranges and one percent.

JULY 12

• Chop steak and mushrooms, mashed potatoes, Capri vegetables, whole wheat roll, banana and one percent milk.

JULY 15
• Chicken and dumplings, broccoli with cheese sauce, apple cobbler, wheat roll and one percent milk.

JULY 16
• Breaded pork chop, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, cornbread, rosy pears and one percent milk.

JULY 17
• Meatloaf with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, okra and tomatoes, cornbread, orange mandarin gelatin and one percent milk.

OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM NEWS

The Ozona Woman's Forum would like to thank everyone that has donated to the Courthouse Christmas Lighting Project.

We have had a good response to the mail-outs. Unfortunately, we are still short of the amount needed for completion. We look forward

to lighting our beautiful courthouse and would appreciate any help you can give us.

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PIGS IN THE MUD HOLE

Years ago I had a few pigs and they loved mud. I tried to keep them out of it but they were unhappy. The dirtier and smellier that mud hole was the better they liked it. I would take them away from it; wash them off with clean fresh water but the first chance they got right back into the mud hole. If they stayed out of the mud I would scratch them and love on them but no way with that stinky mud on them. Those pigs remind me of something in the Bible. God wants to redeem us from our old way of life and give us a new life and a new way of living. If we put our faith in Christ God give us His Spirit to help us live that new life. He wants and expects change, (1 Peter 1:2-5, 2 Peter 1:2-11). But there is a danger many want to continue to live in their old way of life, that stinky mud hole, (Revelation 14:12). They can, but God is not pleased with that way of life, (Ephesians 4:30, Philippians 1:27, Colossians 1:10, 22&23) and there is also the danger that they really never knew Christ or were born again, (John 3:6&7). They may have gone forward at a church camp or in church and later baptized but they never really knew or had that personal relationship with Jesus Christ, (Matthew 7:23).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

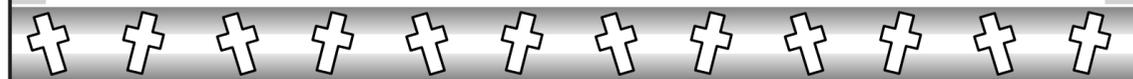
<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 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: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona Every Second Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 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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IN MAY, BENJAMIN "LEVI" ENGLISH graduated with a Master's degree in Aerospace Engineering from Texas A&M University. Graduating with honors and a GPA of 3.85, Levi immediately reported to the US Marine Corps base in Quantico, Va., to begin his basic officer's training. He had put his military training on hold after graduating from the United States Naval Academy in 2011 in order to pursue a master's degree. After a busy two years, Levi is very excited to begin this next phase of his career. Shortly after reporting for duty in Quantico, he was also promoted to First Lieutenant. Following completion of this basic officer's training sometime around Thanksgiving, he will report to Pensacola, Fla., to begin Primary Flight School where he will train to become a US Marine Corps aviator. Levi is a 2007 Ozona High School graduate and the son of Cathy and Ben English of Ozona.



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SUMMER SCHOOL STUDENTS: (front row) Mrs. Rebecca Kain; Iran Elizondo; Maria Aranda; Jose Guerrero; Alejandro Guerra and Kaelan Savala; (back row) Rielee Barrera; Yulissa Lopez; Tessa Albon; Andres Quiroz and Francisco Moreno.

Summer School Fun

BY VICKY MUNOZ
OZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Ozona Elementary School students going into Kindergarten and First Grade attended the ESL Summer School Program and had a blast.

The Summer School Program's main focus was maintaining reading and mathematics skills learned throughout the school year. The students also received special instruction designed to prepare them to be successful in Kindergarten and First Grade.

Instruction was focused on language development and essential knowledge and skills appropriate to the levels of the students.

A total of 12 students attended on a regular basis and their teacher was Mrs. Rebecca Kain. Throughout the summer, the students participated in the summer reading program provided by the Crockett County Public Library.

These students participated and enjoyed the various activities provided by the public library. They were able to check out library books to share and read in the classroom.

Daily phonemic awareness routines were incorporated to maintain knowledge of phonemes, rhyming & segmenting.

Use of manipulatives and

games were used daily to maintain math and reading skills along with fine motor skills.

Technology skills were also incorporated and students were taught lessons on using computers and iPads. Students were taken on several out of town field trips.

They visited the Tom Green County Library; Gatti's Pizza; the Petco store to learn about taking care of pets; Kid's Kingdom Park; Burger King and Stadium Bowling Lanes. The students were able to experience a variety of activities and places that they might not have been able to do so outside of school and in the process learned new vocabulary words and were exposed to new experiences.

Overall, the students had fun learning new things and experiencing new activities. Special thanks to OMS student Kaelan Savala, our classroom volunteer and thanks to Lupe Gonzales for being the bus driver and transporting the students on their field trips.

Members of the ESL Summer School Class were: Tessa Albon, Maria Aranda, Rielee Barrera, Maria Damian, Iran Elizondo, Alejandro Guerra, Jose Guerrero, Jakelynn Hernandez, Yulissa Lopez, Sarai Meza, Francisco Moreno, and Andres Quiroz.

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CCCCSD School Board hires new teachers

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The CCCCSD School Board approved two new teacher hires and one resignation at a July 2 special called meeting.

The board unanimously approved the resignation of Ozona Middle School teacher Amanda Stubblefield, and the hiring of Jami Chavarria, of Sonora, for third grade at Ozona Elementary School and Wendy Clendenen, of San Angelo, as life skills teacher for OES.

The board's next regular meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. July 17 at the Administration Building. Prior to the meeting, the board and spouses, along with superintendent lone finalist Raul Chavarria and his family will meet at 6 p.m. at the Circle Bar Truck Stop for a meal.

Chavarria's contract will be negotiated and up for approval at the July 17 meeting.

The board will hold a budget workshop and training on July 31 at the Administration Building.

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WE HAD GOOD SUPPORT FOR OUR ANNUAL 5K GI JOE RUN. We had 16 participants of various age and another 8 assisting with the event. The Course was the "Dead Mans Route". Every participant completed the course by either running or walking and all made it to the finish line in 40 minutes or less. Tanner Esparza earned the title 2013 MISS GI JOE with a time of 22:54 followed by Naomi Perez with time of 26.03, and Sarah Gonzales with a time of 26:04. Alex Hopper took the honors of this years 2013 MR. GI JOE, with a time of 20:36, followed by Roman Esparza with 21:05 and Sean Davis with a time of 25.54. The Crockett County Veterans would like to express our gratitude for all those that took the time to participate or purchased a T-shirt. Also we appreciate all that helped out to make the event run smooth. Proceeds from this event go to assist annual events for the Veterans.



FOURTH: from page 1

the Fourth of July celebration, especially my brother Knights Roland DeHoyos and Bear Borrego, Kathy with Noah's Gift Store, DJ TKO Johnny Tambunga, Erby Blanco, Mark Flores and Michell Mendoza.

I would also like to say thank you to the Crockett County Sheriff and his department, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, the Crockett County Road Department, and our County Judge Fred Deaton for participating in our parade.

I hope that next year we can get everyone else to join in the fun.

A special thanks to all the business and individuals that donated to the Fireworks Fund and out of respect for donors request I will not mention names. But without these donations it would not be possible to purchase enough fireworks for our Fireworks Show.

A special thank you to my beautiful side kick my lovely wife Irma Tambunga for all that she does in all events we have.

Planning all these events for our celebration takes several to put together. If I failed to mention anyone I apologize it was not intentional



Youth Center Calendar of Events

EFFECTIVE AUG. 5:

1. Graduated Seniors memberships have expired.
2. Sixth graders entering seventh grade may attend the youth center with eighth grade.
3. Eighth graders entering ninth grade may attend the youth center with the high school.

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
and 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

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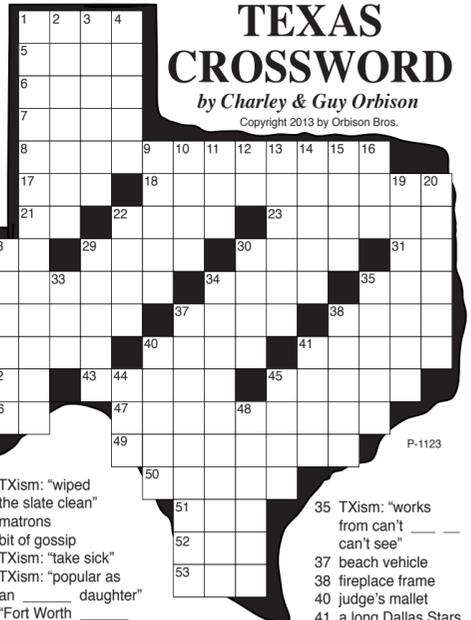
ACROSS

- 1 Sonora country FM
- 5 TX Willie wrote "Night ___" sung by Ray Price
- 6 this Meharg was 1st female TX secretary of state
- 7 TXism: "jump ___" (escape)
- 8 TX Willie was an ___ salesman before music
- 17 Aransas Pass festival "Shrimpo ___"
- 18 knife wound
- 21 this Watson sang "Raisin' Cane in Texas" (init.)
- 22 Marshall is in ___ TX
- 23 aviator Earhart
- 24 intriguingly unusual
- 29 the way out
- 30 Seminole FM
- 31 David Dewhurst is TX ___ Gov.
- 32 an Astro outfielder in '94
- 34 TX-filmed "Pee ___ Big Adventure"
- 35 Dallas univer.
- 36 those learning the ropes
- 37 TXism: "gave up the ghost"
- 38 TXism: "does a cat have a climbing ___?" (yes)
- 39 restored Galveston mansion: "___ Villa"
- 40 7-11's "Big ___"
- 41 good night girl
- 42 this Albert was smart enough to be Texan (init.)
- 43 TXism: "she'd have to ___ up twice to cast a shadow" (skinny)
- 45 TXism: "high as ___ back" (expensive)
- 46 TX soda: ___ Pepper
- 47 TX Strait's "___ Expect It From You"
- 49 TX Haggard co. founded by ___ immigrant

- 13 TXism: "wiped the slate clean"
- 14 matrons
- 15 bit of gossip
- 16 TXism: "take sick"
- 19 TXism: "popular as an ___ daughter"
- 20 "Fort Worth ___ Center & Refuge"
- 22 song: "All My ___ Live in Texas"
- 24 TXism: "never let ___ see you sweat"
- 25 famous TX ranch that was once biggest in world
- 26 veggie fried in TX
- 27 iced and Lipton
- 28 TXism: "___ a dime every time..."
- 29 TX town and Bible garden
- 30 TXism: "___ it under your hat"
- 33 Texan born 'tween July 23 & Aug. 22
- 34 an early TX oilman
- 35 TXism: "works from can't ___ can't see"
- 37 beach vehicle
- 38 fireplace frame
- 40 judge's mallet
- 41 a long Dallas Stars shot often "___ the puck"
- 44 TX Kenny Rogers' "___ I Can Make It On My Own"
- 45 TXism: "camps out in the ___ (religious) corner"
- 48 TXism: "skunk eggs"

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CCCCSD SEPT. 3 TAX RATIFICATION

ELECTION TIMELINE:

- July 20 - First day ballots may be mailed to persons who applied to vote by mail.
Aug. 4 - Earliest date for publication of notice of election in a newspaper.
Aug. 13 - No later than the 21st day before election day, the county must post a copy of the election notice, including the location of each polling place, on the bulletin board used to post notices for the commissioners' court meetings.
This is located at the courthouse annex.
This notice must remain posted through election day.
Aug. 19-30 - Early Voting
Aug. 27 - Last day to submit application for ballot to be voted by mail.
Sept. 3 - Election Day, polls open 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

TAXES: from page 1

In a Chapter 41, or property-rich, district, state funding is not sent until January, meaning the district must operate on their fund balance for four months.
The state also maintains that a district must keep around \$4 million in their fund balance.
While this year, the state legislature approved \$3.4 billion additional funds for schools, Taylor said. Chapter 41 districts like Ozona will not be gaining as much as they lost in 2011.
He also said that the Crockett County Tax Office is predicting the district will be losing 10-15 percent in revenues due to the drop in natural gas.
'Homeowners pay about two percent to run the district. Businesses pay about three percent. Oil and gas and royalty owners will be impacted by a decision like this,' Taylor said to the board. 'All you (board members) can do is put out the facts. Average citizens can form committees or groups to support or against.'
Board member David McWilliams

was concerned if the election passes then the board will have to wait eight years before a bond is discussed on renovating the high school.
'It's not wise business to not go for \$1.06 and get those two pennies. We've been missing all this money that we don't have to send to the state. Once we do that, and we're very frugal, I don't think the sting of \$1.06 will hurt us in passing a bond for the high school later on.'
Superintendent Lone Finalist Raul Chavarria said the tax rate passing is all about community support.
'I like the idea of the money being designated and transparent. You all know your constituents and what this community will support,' he said.
The idea of a tax ratification election was brought before the board last year when the district was facing a \$490,000 loss in state and federal funding.
Taylor said the school district is planning on informing the public more about the election.
Voters will have their say on the tax rate increase at a tax ratification election Sept. 3. Early voting will be Aug. 19-27.

CRASH: from page 1

'It didn't see the crash on the roadway and hit the pickup,' Baxter said.
The Peterbilt tractor-trailer was driven by Lidio Moya Jr. of Laredo. The International tractor-trailer was driven by Robert Lamar Pope of McCamey. Both were pulling trailers, which were damaged and towed.
The truck drivers were not injured.
'This accident had nothing to do with the holiday weekend, but just normal traffic in that area,' Baxter said. 'Oil field workers work around the clock. Traffic stretching out west of town has pretty much increased around the clock.'
Areas such as Midland that have been the site of increased oil field activity have seen an increase in traffic - and crashes.
'But this is not due to the oil and gas industry (specifically) so much as to an increase in vehicles on the roadway,' he said.
'The majority of accidents are occurring due to fatigue and speed.'
Often, the lack of seat belt use results in fatalities - although not the case in Sunday's crash, in which Everett was wearing a seat belt.
Johnson's Funeral Home held a graveside service for Everett Tuesday at Mertzon Cemetery.

COURT: from page 1

Also, Sullivan said that some of the equipment at the swimming pool park is too high. Children can get under the equipment and the slides are too high off the ground.
The swimming pool park came from CCCSD when the district was building the new elementary school.
'It's hard to meet all the needs for everyone. Parents have to use a little discretion. We certainly are open to listen and see. We certainly appreciate this being brought to our attention. We will look at the simple solutions first and then look into the more expensive things. We all want our parks to be better. We've never really had anyone step forward,' Deaton said.
The county budgets around \$704,000 a year for parks and pools, which is about 8 percent of the county's \$8 million budget.
'I would like to know how much percentage other communities and cities spend on local parks. Ballparks and swimming pool require a lot,' Deaton said.
Sullivan also said that traffic around the Rodeo Park is a safety issue. She also mentioned having a designated smoking area with proper disposal.
'I feel safe in this community but you never know who is going to drive by and snatch up a kid. I don't know if the convenience out ways the safety. To me it would be worth the walk to have an eating area where cars are not driving by,' Sullivan said.
She also made suggestions to types of plants to help keep insects away.
Sullivan referred to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's guidelines on public parks. She also said the First Baptist Church

Youth Group recently did some work at the Rodeo Park and is willing to help again.
'I'm just interested in making this a better place to live and better for the community. Safety issues are important to take care as soon as possible,' she said.
County Road Supervisor Jeffrey Stuart was also in attendance. He said maintenance on the parks is normally done in the fall and spring.
'He (Stuart) now knows some of the problems we need to deal with first, and he will get to work on those,' Deaton said.

SWIMMING POOL SECURITY and SAFETY

The commissioners approved to close the swimming pool restrooms to the public, except when the pool is open and to evaluate having security cameras and lighting at the pool. The commissioners also approved looking at having some separate restrooms in the park attached to the swimming pool.
Swimming Pool Manager Morgan Glosson spoke to the commissioners about recent vandalism at the pool due to the restrooms being open to the public after the pool is closed. The commissioners approved for the restrooms to open 24-hours to the public at a previous meeting.
Morgan Glosson said prior to the restrooms being open all the time, no incidents ever happened. Since the restrooms have been open full-time, vandalism and a break-in where merchandise was taken have occurred at the pool.
The Crockett County Sheriff's Office did arrest those involved. Morgan Glosson said after the incident she locked up the restrooms to public use, except when the pool is open.
'We thought at first, it

was a good idea. I'm the first one to say sometimes I don't do things right, unfortunately this happened. If it's not working, we need to fix it,' Tambunga said.
'I pushed for separate bathrooms in that park. Hopefully with the incident happening we will go in a different direction. This is something I did bring up and I wanted to pursue,' added Commissioner Eligio Martinez.
Local citizen Lindsay Roy spoke to the commissioners with a complaint about the lifeguards at the pool.
Roy said the two times she has been at the pool the lifeguards were not watching or attending their area, that the lifeguards had on regular clothes, tennis shoes and socks, did not have their flotation devices with them and they were not acting professionally.
She also said her daughter almost drowned in an area near a lifeguard and the lifeguard did nothing. Roy said she was attending her other child about 15-feet away when the incident happened.
She said she talked to Glosson, but that Glosson was defensive and refused to give Roy any supervisor's information. Roy also said Glosson asked her to leave the pool.
'My expectation was that a lifeguard should have paid attention to that situation,' she said.
Roy said rules are also needed for the two slides at the pool, and that lifeguard certifications should be displayed for the public.
'Lifeguards should be in proper attire at all times. They should have their flotation devices on at all times. They shouldn't be chitchat-

ting or playing with friends. Lifeguards need to act more professional with their job,' Roy said. 'This is a huge issue for the community and the county, and I would like to see something done about this.'
Glosson said the lifeguards wear shoes to protect their feet and skin from the sun, and that none of them have problems jumping into the pool with them on to save somebody.
'That's just what you do. I've run halfway across the pool to help somebody. That is not a problem with their shoes,' Glosson said.
Deaton said rules can be posted. He also said the county pays for the lifeguards certification and that all are certified.
'We have seven or eight lifeguards on at one time. It takes everybody to sit there and make that pool work,' Deaton said. 'However, we never take anymore grandkids than we can handle ourselves. We don't want anybody hurt over there either.'
'I fully trust our lifeguards. We might have to work on things to improve ourselves. We can work together to try and improve on what we are doing,' Tambunga added.
Deaton said he believed Glosson, and some of the lifeguards in attendance at the meeting, heard what happened, but that it also takes parents watching their children.
'I understand where you're coming from. I'm sure Morgan is going to stress more to her lifeguards,' Martinez said. 'Let's make it all work together and make it safer.'
'To everyone involved,

the commissioners' court is very interested in that swimming pool. We don't all get it right the first time and this is not a perfect world we live in. We realize we have a very crowded pool over there. Everyone that uses that pool is going to figure out how to work together to make it a better place,' Deaton added.
BURN BAN REINSTATED
The commissioners approved to reinstate the countywide burn ban for a month.
The latest U.S. Drought Monitor lists the majority of Crockett County as moderate to severe drought.
The Keetch-Byram Drought Index shows Crockett County between 500-700, which is considered moderate to severe fire danger.
The drought index is based on a daily water balance, where a drought factor is balanced with precipitation and soil moisture (assumed to have a maximum storage capacity of 8-inches) and is expressed in hundredths of an inch of soil moisture depletion, according to the Texas Weather Connection website.

NEW JAIL

Crockett County Sheriff Robert 'Bob' Rodriguez presented the commissioners with preliminary plans for a new 24-bed Crockett County Jail.
'Sooner or later it's something we are going to have to start thinking about it,' Rodriguez said.
Crockett County primarily sends inmates to Upton County. Lately, Rodriguez said they have run into issues with the Upton County Jail being full.
Rodriguez said Upton Coun-

ty is still willing to work with Crockett County, but, if sheriff personnel changes, then the arrangement may change.
'I'd like to have them here where I can have the control and see that they are properly being taken care of,' he said.
The cost of the facility presented would be around \$4 million to \$5 million. Rodriguez said he is looking at locating the building behind the Senior Center Building.
He said the building can be designed to not look like a jail and be built to keep prisoners out of from public view.
'We might have to hire more help. This is food for thought to keep in mind that sooner or later we need to start thinking about it,' Rodriguez said.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED:

- Appointing Jim Skehan to the Crockett County Care Center Health and Emergency Services Board.
-Appointing Lupe Martinez to the Crockett County Library Board. Commissioner Eligio Martinez abstained from voting.
-Allow a dance at the rodeo fairgrounds on Sept. 7 to go until midnight for the Toro Loco Bull Riding.
-Tabling any decision on a group seeking to have a co-ed softball all night tournament.
-County Road 107 ending at the property line of the last landowner in Crockett County, which is Willow Oil & Gas Ltd.
The commissioners will hold budget workshops at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 11, and July 18 at the courthouse annex. The workshops are open to the public.

Dr. William Edmiston of the Eldorado Animal Clinic will be in OZONA on Thursday, July 11 from 10:00 a.m. - to 6:00 p.m. at 1205 Sheffield Road. During office hours on Thursdays call 392-2508. To make an appointment or for more information call Janet Pullen at 325-392-2826 or the Eldorado Clinic at 325-853-2572.

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OZONA FIRE MARSHAL STEVE KENLEY (right) works with Big Lake Fire-fighters Cindy Weatherby and Rusty Weatherby at a house fire on 8th and Maryland Streets in Big Lake.

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and there were no injuries reported.

Reagan County Fire Chief Alan Garner said that the investigation into the fires has already been turned over to the State Fire Marshal out of Midland.

Garner said that the investigation began Monday. Garner said that the cause of the fires could take some time to determine due to the amount of damage, but he would not rule anything out.

Garner said that arson is always a possibility, but said that a power surge could also

have caused both fires. The Big Lake Volunteer Fire Department was assisted by nine units from surrounding counties. Ozona, Mertzon and Barnhart each sent two units while Rankin and McCamey contributed one each.

"The mutual aid we have with our surrounding counties is completely awesome," Big Lake Fire Chief Alan Garner said. "None of us are large enough or have enough people to do it all by ourselves. I know I speak for all of Big Lake and Reagan County when I say that we are thankful for the strong relationship we have with both Ozona and Barnhart."

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PERRY NOT RUNNING FOR GOVERNOR

Gov. Rick Perry announced Monday that he will not run for re-election next year, creating the first open race for Texas governor since 1990.

Perry, on July 2, hinted that he would have "exciting future news" to announce Monday. This hint brought on speculation that Perry might launch his second run for the presidency in 2016, or perhaps seek yet another term as governor in 2014.

In late December 2000, then president-elect George W. Bush resigned as governor, and Perry, then serving as lieutenant governor, became governor. Perry completed Bush's unexpired term, was elected in 2002 and reelected in 2006 and 2010. With more than 12 years in office, Perry is the longest-serving governor in the history of the state.

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unprecedented third consecutive four-year term as governor in 2014, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott has said he will run to succeed Perry.

If Perry does not complete his current term, however, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst would be promoted to governor. If that scenario develops, Dewhurst would have the advantage of incumbency with Abbott, and possibly others, mounting challenges.

While Dewhurst has not declared his intentions, state Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson, both Republicans, have filed paperwork to run for lieutenant governor in 2014. Also, Senate Education Committee Chair Dan Patrick, R-Houston, on June 27 announced his plan to run for lieutenant governor.

As for who might succeed Abbott as attorney general, Texas Railroad Commission Chair Barry Smitherman has said he will seek the office contingent on Abbott's seeking another office. House Higher Education Committee Chair Dan Branch, R-Dallas, has been mentioned as a possible candidate for attorney general or lieutenant governor.

State Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, has announced plans to run for comptroller. State Comptroller Susan Combs has said she will not seek another term as the state's chief accountant or for any other statewide office in 2014.

Democrats have kept their aspirations muted, so far, as to statewide races in 2014.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report
 NOTICE: Operation of a motor vehicle on public streets/highways without a valid driver's license is a violation of Texas traffic laws, it is an arrestable offense. In small town as in Ozona, the odds of getting stopped by law enforcement increases and sooner or later you will be caught. Owner of vehicle allowing unlicensed operator may also be issued a traffic citation.

Type of Calls	7-6-13
Abandoned or Impounded Vehicles	2
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	6
911 medical/fire assistance	6
Civil (non-criminal) Complaints	2
Civil Documents service	1
Courtesy Transports/Welfare checks	1
Criminal Complaints/Disturbance/Loud Noise	26
Assist DPS, immigration, other agencies	1
Juvenile Complaints	2
Motorist Assist., Lock Vehicle etc	14
Reckless Driving/Speeding complaints	6
Security Alarms	7
Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity	5
Minor/Major Traffic Accidents	5
Utility Service (Gas, Water, Electricity)	0
Traffic Contacts	14

Arrest Report: July 2-8
7-2-13
 • Luis German Gonzales, of Big Lake, was arrested by Reagan County Sheriff's Office for an outstanding felony warrant of motion revoke. He was transferred to Upton County.

7-4-13
 • Joe Angel Perez, of San Angelo, was arrested on view by sheriff's deputy for driving while intoxicated - third. He posted bail and was released.

• Gerald Wayne Collvins, of Odessa, was arrested by DPS Trooper for an outstanding Coke County warrant of theft by check. He posted bail and was released.

• Raul A. Mata, of Ozona, was arrested on view by sheriff's deputy for making alcohol available to minors. He was transferred to Upton County where he later posted bail.

7-5-13
 • Juan Antonio Avila-Solis, of Mexico, was arrested on view by sheriff's deputy for driving while intoxicated. He posted bail and was released.

• Rogelio Avila, of Big Lake, was arrested on view by sheriff's deputy for driving while intoxicated. He posted bail and was released.

7-8-13
 • Joycelyn Rettlege Bragg, of San Antonio, was arrested by sheriff's deputy for an outstanding warrant from Bexar County for larceny. She is awaiting transfer to Upton County.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

7/1/2013	• 10:20 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)	7/6/2013	• 12:06 a.m. - Transported Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)
7/2/2013	• 8:10 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)	7/4/2013	• 12 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
7/4/2013	• 12 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)	7/5/2013	• 12 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

JULY 3	JULY 6	JULY 7
• 8:55 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, single vehicle, at 365 mile-marker westbound off ramp on I-10. Worked traffic. Four units and eight firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 16 minutes.	• 5:36 p.m. - Mutual aid to Big Lake FD, also North Reagan Co, Barnhart, Mertzon, Eldorado, Rankin and McCamey. Two homes on fire, 10 blocks apart, destroyed. Four units, 11 firefighters. Time in service 7 hours and 42 minutes.	• 2:25 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, I-10 mile-marker 362. One vehicle accident. Three units, six firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 31 minutes.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

JUNE 2013			
Animal related contacts	135	Animal traps set	110
Impounded stray dogs	28	Wildlife caught	5
Owner surrenders	7	Dangerous animal reports	7
Impounded stray cats	60	Written warning citations	9
Destroyed animals	67	Written citations	8
Livestock calls	2	Animals surrendered	9
Animal disposal	14		

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