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Students start school Monday

Ozona Schools are gearing At OMS and Ozona High School, up for the first day. Students report to the first day of classes on Monday, Aug. 26.

START TIME

At Ozona Elementary and Ozona Middle Schools, school doors will not open until 7:15 a.m. These campuses are asking parents to not drop their children off before 7:15 a.m.

On Monday, all OHS students will meet first in the OHS Auditorium.

First bell at OES is at 8 a.m.

school starts at 7:50 a.m.

OHS will end at 3:20 p.m.; OMS at 3:35 p.m. and OES at 3:15 and 3:30 p.m.

EARPHONES

All students are asked to bring their own earphones or ear buds. They will be using them in their technology classes and the library.

SCHOOL ZONES and BUSES Back-to-school means

back-to-traffic, and as students

return to the classroom Monday, the Texas Department of Transportation calls on drivers to "Drive Friendly. Drive Safe." to reduce crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists.

TxDOT tips: Pay attention - put the

cell phone down.

Obey posted speed limits. · Be on the lookout for bicyclists on the highway and at intersections.

· When passing a bicyclist,

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OHS FRESHMEN had a preview of high school last week with the first "Fish Camp." Students attended orientation, toured the buildings and were treated to a fish fry with their parents.

Gold ambition: OHS runners make strides toward distant goal

BY CHRIS CANTU THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Morning's first streams of sunlight began to spill over the seven high school students as they took their final heavy steps towards the field house. Each runner took in deep breaths, temporarily quenching their burning lungs as flames of determination continued to roar in their eyes. Beads of sweat rolled down their faces but they were merely brushed aside, just as they were every morning.

Hallway whispers always reached the boys' ears. Their sport was every other sport's punishment. Why would anybody subject themselves to that? Getting out of district was barely realistic.

Three months later, the team placed fourth at the UIL State Cross-Country meet.

Flash forward another year and the OHS Lions Cross-Country Team is looking to make a triumphant return to the state course at Round Rock, although this time, they're hoping to leave with a championship ring in hand. Running right alongside them, however, is a determined group of Lady Lions with an ever-increasing potential to make surprise appearances at the regional and

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CHRIS CANTU | THE OZONA STOCKMAN **2013 OHS LIONS CROSS-COUN-**TRY TEAM (top photo, back row, left to right) Adrian Rodriguez, Saul Vargas and Bryce Gutierrez; (bottom row, left to right) Chris Cantu, Ely Montanez, Omero Rodriguez, Noe Medina, Josiah Jurado, Alan Landa, Garry Held and Alex Hopper. RIGHT: 2013 **OHS LADY LIONS CROSS-COUN-**TRY TEAM (back row, left to right) Madison Childress, McKenna Moses, Estefania Torralba and Nicole Higgins; (front row, left to right) Lexi Poindexter, Alyssa Newlin, **Alondra Rodriguez and Daisy** Guerra. The teams will compete in their first meet at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, at the Texas Bank Sports Complex in San Angelo.



CCCCSD tax election early voting continues

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Early voting for the CCCCSD Tax Ratification Election continues through Friday,

Voters can cast their ballots from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the courthouse annex.

Election Day is Sept. 3. Voters will also cast ballots at the courthouse annex that day.

Those requesting a ballot by mail can send requests to the Crockett County District and County Clerk Office, Early Voting Clerk, P.O. Drawer C, Ozona, Texas 76943.

The district is holding the tax ratification election asking voters to increase the tax rate by two cents, from \$1.04 to \$1.06 per \$100 valuation.

This is the only issue on the ballot. Voters can cast a ballot for or against the tax increase.

The estimated \$400,000 those two pennies are expected to raise will be used to pay off the Oualified School Construction Bond federal loan used to renovate and upgrade various facilities across the district.

Unlike the rest of the district's proposed budget, the \$400,000 raised by the two additional cents will not be subject to recapture by the state.

According to TexasISD.com, 25 school districts are holding tax ratification elections this year. The website also stated that statewide, 322 districts have tax rates above \$1.04; 611 districts are currently at \$1.04 and 91 districts are below the \$1.04 rate.

Congressman talks lack of bipartisanship

courthouse annex.

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

When U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego wanted to have a breakfast with all of his Texas congressional colleagues, didn't know it would be national news.

The Alpine Democrat told his story of bipartisanship with Crockett County Commissioners, officials and local citizens Thursday night at the courthouse annex. This is the second time Gallego has visited Ozona in the last four

Gallego, who is serving his first congressional term, said in his first eight months he is amazed at the differences

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CONGRESSMAN PETE GALLEGO, D-Alpine, (left) visits with retired District Judge Brock Jones and County Judge Fred Deaton on Aug. 14 at the

CCCCSD meets accountability standards BY MELISSA PERNER

THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The vast majority of the state's public schools met the standards set by new state accountability ratings debuted by the Texas Education Agency two weeks ago.

CCCCSD as a whole "met standard," along with Ozona High and Middle Schools. Ozona Elementary School was given an "improvement required" status, missing meeting the standard by one point.

"Our principals are already coming up with plans," said Cheryl Bricken, CCCCSD Director of Federal and Special Programs. "We've done enough planning, so we



knew where we stood."

Under the new system, districts and campuses are placed in two categories, "met standard" or "improvement required." They are judged on how well they do across four areas: student achievement; student prog-

ress; closing performance gaps between low-achieving demographics; and post-secondary readiness.

For OMS, achieving the "met standard" rating is a step up from being rating ac-

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HARDWARE & LUMBER INC.

OZONA LIONS SCRIMMAGE COAHOMA 5 P.M. THURSDAY IN COAHOMA

HARDWARE & LUMBER INC.

The importance of proper highway signage

On a daily basis, mostly to and from work, I travel the northern section of State Highway 87 between San Angelo and Grape Creek. Recently the Mega Lotto sign on this stretch of road was taken down and changed to a dual Lotto sign.

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I had seen those numbers every day and never once wondered how large they had to be in order for them to be easily read, across a lane of traffic and traveling at 65 mph.

There is a sign association, the International Sign Association, ISA. This association is devoted to supporting, promoting and improving the sign industry through vocacy, education and training programs, technical resources, stakeholder outreach and industry networking events. The



BUSINESS TIPS

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membership of ISA is made up of manufacturers, users and suppliers of on-premise signs and other visual communications systems.

The ISA states, "Your mobile customer relies on your sign for guidance and information. Thus, your sign must be allowed to communicate effectively - and to do that, it must be visible and readable from behind the wheel of a moving automobile.'

The mobile customer will see your sign through the

windshield of a moving car. The motorist has a 20-degree range or "cone" of vision. If your business has a sign which is setback from the road, it could be outside the driver's cone of vision and your sign is

in danger of being missed. Richard N. Schwab's, former program manager with the U.S. Federal Highway Administration, developed sign size guidelines for commercial on-premise signs. For discussion, let's use the scenario of a mobile customer traveling at 35 mph, looking across

two lanes of traffic, and your onpremise sign is perpendicular to the road. Schwab's guidelines indicate that the square footage of the sign should be 36 square-feet with a height on 20 feet.

If a sign is mounted parallel to the road, the sign square footage increases to 75 square-feet and the height remains at 20 feet.

For an intended customer in a vehicle traveling at 35 mph under ideal circumstances, at a distance of 153 feet, the letters could be legible if they were 6 inches in height. When the

sign is placed in high complexity locations, the lettering would need to be figured at 1 inch for each 5.5 feet of distance.

The US Chamber of Commerce states that a sign is responsible for 50 percent of a new business's customers.

At the ASU SBDC, the staff can help assist you with researching guidelines for signage.

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Who holds the news media accountable? We all do

iven that the First Amendment precludes the government from being an actual "watchdog on news media," who else steps in to call the news media to account?

In today's world, increasingly it is citizen- critics or organizations outside of mainstream journalism, empowered by the Web's ability for two-way conversations and comments.

But there's one more approach, present in about 25 news organizations: An inhouse public critic, the ombudsman. In various ways and formats, those ombudsmen - down from 40 such positions just a few years ago - tackle complaints, evaluate newsgathering and arbitrate claims of misreporting, distortion and even the absence of coverage.

Sometimes called "reader advocate" or "public editor," the idea of an onthe-payroll, independent reviewer is a relatively new concept in the United States - about a half-century in its current form.

Their very-public presence means correcting faults in public.

Case in point: The current flap inside National Public Radio over a 2011 report critical of South Dakota's state-funded efforts that relocated what the report said was a surprisingly high number of Native American children into foster care. NPR ombudsman Edward Schumacher-Matos spent more than a year checking the report and found that it was "fundamentally flawed," according to a story posted on NPR's online news site.

The original NPR report said state authorities appeared to disregard the federal Indian Child Welfare Act, which favors placing Native American children with relatives or other Native American families before other options - and may have done so because of cultural bias and to gain increased federal aid to support such placements, involving as much as

\$100 million. Both Schumacher-Matos and NPR News agree that figure isn't correct. But they disagree over the tone of some of the report, and whether state officials' views were properly represented. In the end, the ombudsman's 80-page critique may well be more significant for opining on a story missed or underreported than about factual errors.



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The ombudsman wrote that "... the centrally relevant matter of child neglect is simply dismissed. That many of the foster decisions, meanwhile, are in fact made by the tribes' own independent judges goes unreported altogether. The crucial context of social ills and a crisis of Indian family breakdowns on the state's reservations are also all but missing."

Disagreements over the scope and focus of news reports are the daily stuff of news meetings and editorcorrespondent discussion - but all of that generally takes place in private. Such a real view contrasts with what some see as a monolithic news media machine, where political views guide each and every move and shape every story.

Notable also is that no government-based review board or state appointed "truth judge" will rule on the NPR situation, leaving it up to the public to decide with their eyes and ears.

Newsrooms large and small have been battered by economic hardship and traditional audiences have been splintered by new ways of getting information. What's left to sustain a free press is a focus on credibility - fair and truthful reporting -- that surveys and polls say the public wants.

More news operations should provide for the kind of public follow-up and selfcritique that NPR engaged in, both for the sake of accuracy and to sustain a free press. By holding itself accountable with the same vigor the news media employs on others, we will have the credible "watchdog on government" that the nation's Founders envisioned.

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A Sustainable Life

Scientists say that man is superior to all other forms of life because we have the ability to reason. Supposedly we are rational and animals aren't. Anybody who has watched our Congress in action or a Border Collie herding sheep might think the opposite is more accurate. No, the real difference between people and animals is that we humans are never satisfied. We are all trying desperately to keep up with the Joneses, who are trying desperately to keep up with us, while the cows are chewing their cud, the horses are licking their lips and the dogs are all taking a nap.

Take my mechanic buddy, for instance. Ten years ago he was happy as a hog in mud. He was doing what he loved, working on cars while his wife did the books. They had a good business, a happy marriage and three great kids who they spent a lot of time with. But he wanted more. So, now he owns five shops, pays child support, sees his kids on weekends and is buried in paper work and employee problems. And he never gets to do what he really loves, which is getting his hands greasy working on cars.

I went to college with a fellow who loved to farm. For him there was nothing better than the feel of soil or a tractor seat. But he wasn't satisfied either and felt he had to get bigger, so now he spends most of his time pushing paper, arguing with bureaucrats and trying to justify his existence. He's paying other people to do what he loved to do and he recently told me, "It's just not fun any more."



IT'S THE **PITTS**

LEE PITTS

Another friend used to own a small children's store. It was a great little store and people came from miles around because of her unique stock and friendly service. She figured that if a little was good then a lot must be better so she rented a space that was twice as big, had to fill it with more generic clothing, and was out of business within a year.

It's a recurring theme. If we have one million we want two. If we have a fishing boat

we want a yacht. If we own one home we want a second, despite a lack of evidence that the man who owns ten homes, or ten horses for that matter, is any happier than the man who owns one. In our small town there was a builder who built the best three bedroom, two bath, family homes around. He built them one at a time and had buyers waiting in line, even in bad times. He worked hard, lived well, drove a new pickup and life was good. Then he decided he needed to "take the next step." So, he picked a bad time to start six mini-mansions on spec. It bankrupted him and today he's driving a bread delivery truck.

Another rancher friend raised the best place. It was what the environmentalists

call "sustainable". But he too wanted more so he borrowed money from the bank to expand to 500 cows. Now he's sitting in a pickup instead of a saddle and getting plenty of windshield time as he reacts to disasters on his many far-flung leases. He admitted to me that he made more money and was much happier before, but he can't quit now because he's working for the

banker. I too was once almost seduced into making something of myself. We all want to leave our mark on this world and for me it was the allure of being a best-selling author, in the image of Erma Bombeck, Lewis Grizzard or Garrison Keillor. I'll admit I was tempted to sign my life away on a contract to a New York publisher. Now, the reason I am a writer in the first place is because I love to write. I did it even when no one was paying me to do it. But as it was explained to me by the publisher, in order to be a writer I had to travel all over the country to do book signings, marketing myself. This meant that I would spend most of my time doing something I hate, which is being away from home and my wife, while traveling to big cities which literally make me ill. All this instead of doing what I love, which is writing something other than my autograph over and

Luckily, I discovered a long time ago that I was infinitely happier having less and that I was very good, some might say exceptional, at being a nobody.

www.LeePittsbooks.com

Abbott explains opposition to proposed merger

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Attorneys general of Texas, Arizona, Tennessee, Florida, Virginia, Pennsylvania and the District of Columbia joined in the U.S. Justice Department's Aug. 13 anti-trust lawsuit intended to block the merger of Fort Worth-headquartered American Airlines and Tempe, Ariz., headquartered US Airways.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott, in an Aug. 16 opinion piece first published by the Dallas Morning News, explained why he opposes the merger of the two carriers. Here's an excerpt:

"Why in the world would Texas file a legal action challenging the merger of American Airlines with US Airways?" Abbott asked in his opinion piece. He answered his own question this way: "We believe that actions by the airlines and their officials violate antitrust laws. In fact, the legal violations appear so overt that it would offend

my oath of office not to take action.

"The legal action is based on evidence such as internal e-mails, investor presentations and other comments by top executives of the airlines. Those documents reveal their thinking about how shrinking competition in the airline industry — and, hence the merger — will allow the airlines to pile even more bag fees, ticket change fees and increased fares on customers. American and US Airways compete directly on thousands of heavily traveled routes. The merger would allow the new company to shed that competition and distort the marketplace — while harming competition for nearly 200 Texas routes."

American Airlines, in an Aug. 13 statement, announced plans "to mount a vigorous

and strong defense to the U.S. Department of Justice's effort to block their proposed

merger." "We believe that the Department of Justice is wrong in its assessment of our merger. Integrating the complementary networks of American and US Airways to benefit passengers is the motivation for bringing these airlines together. Blocking this pro-competitive merger will deny customers access to a broader airline network that gives them more choices," American Airlines stated.

Comptroller Susan Combs last week announced she filed a motion to intervene in an endangered species lawsuit brought by environmental groups against the U.S. Fish

and Wildlife Service.

The lawsuit by Defenders of

Wildlife and the Center for Biological Diversity asks Fish & Wildlife to reconsider its June 2012 decision not to list the dunes sagebrush lizard as an endangered species. In an Aug. 16 agency news release, Combs said the lawsuit "could have **PLEASE** STATE,

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Knight-Stewart to wed in November

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Knight of Belton, Texas are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lauren Nicole Knight to Jake Edward Stewart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Stewart of Ozona, Texas and grandson of Lorelei Hankins of Rocksprings, Texas.

Lauren is a graduate of Belton High School. She received a bachelor of fine arts degree in visual communication from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor.

Jake is a graduate of Ozona High School. He graduated from United States Military Academy at West Point with a degree in economics. Jake is a Captain in the United States Army currently posted to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The couple will marry at Villa Antonia in Jonestown, Texas on November 24, 2013.



STEFNY NANCE | SUBMITTED PHOTO

WESTON NANCE and the 7U Aledo Black Cats won the Travel Sports World Series in Grapevine, Texas. The Black Cats beat the top team in the nation to clinch the Championship. Weston is the grandson on Carmen Sutton and son of David and Stefny Nance.

Youth Cheerleaders hamburger sale Thursday

The Ozona Youth Cheerleaders will have a hamburger sale at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at the town square. Hamburger, chips and drink for \$7 per plate.

The Corner Store 504 14th St. 6 a.m. - Midnight 325-392-2830 7 Days A Week Mgr: Amanda Quiroz Check out our selection of Red Bull **Red Bull Full Throttle** 2/^{\$}300 2/\$400 2/\$500 (or 1 for Regular Price) (or 1 for Regular Price) for Regular Price) Monster **Bud Light** \n= Gold Peak 24 oz. Teas 2/\$500 \$16⁹⁹ Nos Energy 2/^{\$}2²² 2/\$300 Bud & (or 1 for Regular Price) or 1 for Regular Price) **Bud Light** Evian Dasani **Smart** Gatorade **\$1**85 2/\$300 Water 2/\$2²² (or 1 for 2/^{\$250} 2/\$300 (or 1 for Regular Price) Regular Price (or 1 for Regular Price) **Fanta Strawberry or** Coca-Cola Coca-Cola **Orange, Minute Maid** 20 oz. Miller Lite, Coors Light Lemonade, Mr Pibb 2/^{\$250} 2/\$200 & Coors Natural or Barq's Root Beer (or 1 for 18 pack, 12 oz. cans Regular Price) (or 1 for Regular Price) 2/\$200 20 oz. Regular Price) \$15⁹⁹



SYLVIA DEHOYOS-LONGORIA | SUBMITTED PHOTOS

JEZZIE RAMIREZ had local hairstylist Maria Ybarra cut her hair to donate to Locks of Love, a public non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 21 suffering from long-term medical hair loss.

'Supper on the Square' Sunday

Crockett County Wellness Center is host-5:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 25 at the town square.

The meal, provided by Joe Tobar, will be guiso,

ice tea or water.

all proceeds go to benefit the Crockett County Wellness Center. Local entertainment will also be provided.

For more information, call

Cost is \$8 per plate and ing "Supper on the Square" at

beans, rice and coleslaw with Shirley Kirby at 392-2283.

Parks board meeting Thursday

The Crockett County Parks Board will have a meeting Thursday, Aug. 22, at 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center Small Room, 100 Medical

The agenda is as follows: 1. Nominate and elect Board officers

2. Work on and try to finalize a Mission Statement for the Board

3. Discuss immediate concerns on all parks

4. Discus immediate and future goals

5. Make a schedule of future meetings.

Texas A&M Corpus Christi summer graduates

The following students from during the 2013 Summer Commencement on Aug. 10.

Chelsea Michelle Spence Ozona graduated from Texas received a bachelor of busi-A&M University-Corpus Christi ness administration and Taylor Nicole Kain received a bachelor of science in nursing.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

Aug. 22 - Alonso Quiroz, Edward Borrego, Wendy Tambunga and Albert Talaman-

Aug. 23 - Kevin Vargas, Makayla Badillo, Juanita Sandate, Jason Santiago, Ben English, Jared Spence and Lisa G. Gonzalez

Aug. 24 - Allison Skehan, Ray Ramos Jr., Cody Gotcher, Rianne Martinez, Mayra Rios, Virginia Cotton, Josh Knaack and Madalyn Harris

Aug. 25 - Tell Churchill, Joe Torres, Stefani Bush, Lupe Castro, Carol Adcock,

JoAnn Babbitt and Jim Couch Aug. 26 - Amy Conner, Bryan Skehan, Jimmie Jacoby, Shelby Kathryn Wilson

and Chris Sanchez Aug. 27 - Brenda Talamantez, Mark Marshall, Chad Poindexter, Jacob Santiago, Serria Rodriquez, Bryce Anthony Gray, Juan M. Castro and Nancy Rodriguez

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Aug. 21

- CCCCSD Staff at ESC Region 15 "Back to School" Conference in Sonora.
- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Football Workouts, 5-7 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- CCCCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building.

Thursday, Aug. 22

- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Youth Cheerleaders Hamburger Sale, 11 a.m. at the town square.
- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions scrimmage Coahoma, 5 p.m. at Coahoma.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 6 p.m. at the courthouse
- Crockett County Parks Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Friday, Aug. 23

- CCCCSD Staff Breakfast at OES Cafeteria.
- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Football film and weights, 9:30 a.m. at Lion Stadium.
- CCCCSD Substitute Teacher meeting, 10 a.m. at OHS Library.
- 42, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Welcome Reception for Superintendent Raul Chavarria, 3 p.m. at the Crockett Room.
- Sheep and goat validations due by 4 p.m. at the 4-H AgriLife Extension Office. Saturday, Aug. 24

• OHS Lions and Lady Lions Cross-Country Teams at the Saturday Night Lights event, 7 p.m. in the Texas Bank Sports Complex at San Angelo.

Sunday, Aug. 25

• "Supper on the Square," 5:30 p.m. at the town square.

Monday, Aug. 26

- CCCCSD first day of school.
- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, Aug. 27

- Master of Memory, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. • OHS Band practice, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.

Wednesday, Aug. 28

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. • CCCCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building.





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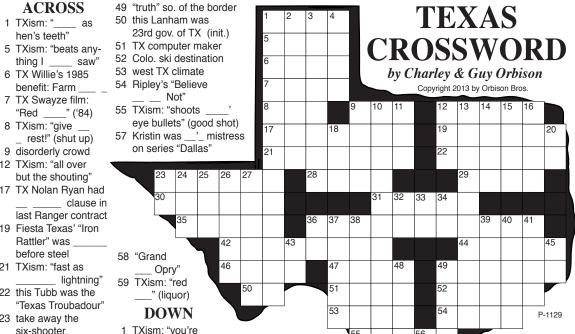
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HELPING HANDS NEWS

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.

AUGUST 21

·Buttered Cod Wedge, Squash and Carrots, Green Peas, Hush Puppies, Peaches and Strawberries, one percent Milk

AUGUST 22

· Barbecue Chicken Breast, Corn O'Brien, Stewed Tomatoes, Wheat Bread, Fruit Cup with Oranges, one percent Milk **AUGUST 23**

· Chop Steak and Mushrooms, Mashed Potatoes, Capri Vegetables, Whole Wheat Roll, Banana, one percent Milk

AUGUST 26 Chicken and Dumplings, Broccoli with Cheese Sauce, Apple Cobbler, Wheat Roll, one percent Milk

AUGUST 27 Breaded Pork Chop, Black-eyed Peas, Turnip Greens, Cornbread, Rosy Pears, one percent Milk

AUGUST 28 · Meatloaf with Tomato Sauce, Mashed Potatoes, Okra and Tomatoes, Cornbread, Orange Mandarin Gelatin, one percent Milk



Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M. Regular meeting on 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



SHANON BIGGERSTAFF | OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

HILLCREST INN & SUITES has been chosen as the Business of the Month. Pictured are (left to right): Patricia Rivera, Hal Harris, Socorro Esparza, Luz Martinez and Johnnie Curtis.

Hillcrest Inn & Suites is the Business of the Month

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Mercantile is Ozona locat"Our 'motel family' at the Hillcrest Inn & Suites of Ozona is honored to have been selected as the Business of the Month by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce," said Patricia Rivera, Manag-"Our sincere thanks to the Chamber of Commerce board for this recognition. We are excited to be part of the Ozona community, and look forward to many more years of welcoming guests and travelers to their home away from home in Ozona and Crockett County. "

The Hillcrest Inn & Suites is owned by Hari Krishna Hari Ram LLC, and is newly renovated. Hillcrest Inn & Suites of Ozona is AAA Ap-

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"Our 'motel family' would like to thank our valued return guests, local businesses and residents that recommend us to their friends and family members, and the daily travelers and out-of- town workers in need of a place to stay at a home away from home. We value their appreciation and pride. We have found that working with the friendly folks in a small town is the best," said Patricia.

The Hillcrest Inn & Suite conveniently located at 1204 Sheffield Road / Loop 466 W, Ozona, Texas, 76943-0911. Our door is open for business Monday-Sunday, 24 hours a day. We can be reached at (325) 392-5515, by fax at (325) 392-3677 or visit us at www.hillcrestmotorinn.com.

"Once again, we are very appreciative of the Hillcrest Inn & Suites being recognized as the Business of the Month."

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize the Hillcrest Inn & Suites for their efforts to provide quality service in addition to being an added asset to the local business community.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Galindo and Alonzo Galindo both of Ozona.

do and one brother Andrew Galindo.

'Master of Memory' program Tuesdays

Nestora Villarreal

rest on Aug. 14, 2013 at the age of 63. Funeral service was

Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic

Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy

Preceded in death by her parents Ejinio and Soledad Galin-

She is survived by her husband of 48 years Manuel T. Vil-

larreal Jr. of Ozona. She left behind four children, Manuel Vil-

larreal III of Ozona, Ida Villarreal of Ozona, Cynthia Quigley

of San Angelo, and Abel Villarreal of Ozona; her eight grand-

children, six great-grandchildren, as well as four sisters, Lucy

Williams of Ozona, Cruz Garcia of Del Rio, Veva Vargas of Fort

Worth and Rosie Ochoa of Ozona and two brothers, Charlie

Nestora Villarreal was born March 28, 1950 and sent to

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

DEATH NOTICES

Funeral Home.

I told you last week about the Stichin' Sisters taking a quilt top they had pieced to the Care Center for the ladies there to do some work on it. Well, they made another trip back to the center to pick up the quilt. The ladies at the Care Center did a really good job of tacking the quilt. It was a baby quilt with beautiful soft colors. Great Job Care

We took off a week on the Master of Memory program to have the Area Agency of Aging come. Now, we started yesterday with the regular meetings. I do hope you do not miss any of these meetings. They are held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. until Sept. 3. Whitney Walston is doing a great job of helping us with our memories. If you have missed any of her lessons, let me know and I will get you a copy of the material she covered on that day.

I got a call from Amanda

Chisholm from Alpine, Texas asking if we would let her tell us about TRLA which stands for Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. I agreed to let them come on Sept. 12. This is a group that provides free legal services for eligible lowincome persons. Watch for more information about this.

Bring some goodies for the trade table. It continues to be a good thing. Remember, what you no longer need at your house might be just right for someone else's house.

·Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday

·Bridge - Monday afternoons at 1:30 p.m.

·Balance exercise - Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m.

·Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday

· Prayer Group - Wednesday at 3 p.m.

· Quilting - Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. · '42' dominos - Friday at

3 p.m.

Come on out, the coffee is on.

Pete Morado Data Entry Income Statemen **Balance Sheet** Cell: (432) 302-1628 Bank Reconciliation **Custom Reports** Ruth & Gerson Posadas E-Mail: peteykd@yahoo.com Payroll COUPLES COUNSELING P.O. Box 453 • 200 East Third St. • Iraan, TX 79744 Consulting

TEAMWORK

Recently a group of men came over from another church and helped us put a roof on our new Sunday School Building. They arrived a little after 6 am and started work. It did not take them long to get the job done. I think there were seven or eight of them and not all the same age. I was amazed to see them work as a team. No complaining, no arguing, everyone had a job to do or found something they could and did it. Seeing those men work together with each one doing his part reminded me of something in the Bible. We are saved to serve but many times we get it wrong we think we are saved for God to serve us, (Exodus 8:1). He has a task or mission or task for all of us to do, (Psalm 100:2, 103:21, Joshua 24:14&15). No sitter and soakers. He had a plan for our lives even before we were born, (Jeremiah 1:4&5). Sadly to save many say they are saved and never go to church or there is no difference in their lives from the people who do not know Christ, (Joshua 24:20, Deuteronomy 9:24). They may have a life of comfort and ease now but there may come a day of gnashing of teeth and deep regrets, (Matthew 13:36-43, Luke 13:22-28). Let us be found faithful in doing the things God wants us to (Revelation 2:10). See you in Church next Week.

First Baptist Church

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.

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.

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.

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.

New Beginnings Church

701 9th Street **Pastor Carlos Cantu** Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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.

Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St.

Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia

102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m

Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Attend the Church of your choice

Ozona United **Methodist Church**

12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona EverySecond Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield

Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m. **Apostolic Church**

307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.

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.

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Nominations being sought for Preservation Texas awards

AUSTIN - Preservation Texas, a leading advocate for the preservation of Texas' historic resources, is accepting nominations for exemplary preservation projects, programs, and achievements by individuals or organizations through the end of August.

The annual Awards program recognizes outstanding and inspiring accomplishments in historic preservation throughout Texas.

This year's award ceremony will take place in December at the former awardwinning site Mission San José in San Antonio.

Individual nominations can be made without the knowledge of the nominee,

and self-nominations are ac-

Nominations must be submitted on a DVD or flash drive, and include a scanned copy of the completed nomination form provided with required attachments.

Categories include the Historic Restoration Award, Historic Rehabilitation Award, Texas Media Award, Public Service Award, Heritage Education Award, among others.

For more information, call (512) 472-0102 or visit preservationtexas.org for submission formatting guidelines.

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Agriculture man of the year holds strong ties to land

SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

SAN ANGELO, Texas Pierce Miller of San Angelo was one of four West Texans to receive Man of the Year in Texas Agriculture awards from the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association recently.

Presentations were given during the association's annual banquet and meeting at Horseshoe Bay Resort Marriott on the Llano-Burnet county line of the shores of Lake Lyndon B. Johnson.

Others receiving the award were Dr. Dan McBride of Burnet, Mike Hill of Andrews and the late Mark Marley of Plainview posthumously.

Texas County Agricultural Agents Association is the professional association for Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's county agricultural and natural resource agents. Wade Hibler, Burnet County agent, District 7 association representative and presidentelect of the association at the time of the banquet, said man of the year honorees are selected by half of the state's 12 AgriLife Extension districts biennially based on the nominees' contributions to agricultural and 4-H programming

Miller was born and reared in Crockett County. As a youth, he was actively involved in 4-H programs where his interests focused on the animals that he loved, Rambouillet sheep, said Chad Coburn, the Sterling County agent who presented Miller with the award.



sion for the livestock industry and his unwavering leadership in Texas agricul-

"His pas-

ture make Pierce Miller a most deserving recipient of the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association Man of the Year Award in Texas Agriculture," Coburn

Pierce Miller's greatgrandfather Joe S. Pierce Sr. came to Texas at an early age. His ancestors were Quakers who settled in Pennsylvania.

Joe Pierce entered the sheep business in Terrell County before settling in Crockett County about 1897.

The Jones Miller family came to Ozona by covered wagon in 1891.

Large parts of rangeland pioneered by Pierce Miller's paternal great-grandparents (Jones and Amy Wills Miller) and his maternal great-grandparents (Joe S. and Essie Mary Miles Pierce) merged into one ownership with the marriage of his parents, Eugene and Vicky Pierce Miller.

"I am privileged to be the fourth generation of my family to ranch in Crockett County," Pierce Miller said. "It's not only a means of livelihood, but I feel an obligation to hold the family legacy together by retaining the land.'

Victor I. Pierce, Miller's grandfather, was known for his prize Rambouillet sheep,

Hereford cattle and business sense. He entered banking in 1927 and was a director of San Angelo National Bank until his death in 1984.

In the early 1980s, Pierce entered the oil and gas business and drilled several wells on his ranches. He started Moleo Gas Corp., which Pierce Miller currently operates from his San Angelo office.

The Victor Pierce brand, which is a "VP," continues to be used. In recent times, ear tags with "VIP" on one side of the tag and a color on the other side to specify the year of birth, are used.

Miller is a current member of the Texas 4-H Youth Development Foundation Board, and he serves as a staunch advocate for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service on both the state and national levels for legislative affairs.

Miller has served the sheep and goat industry on a number of fronts, including serving as the chairman of the board of the National Sheep Improvement Center, president of the American Sheep Industry Association, Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association, Mohair Council of America, Texas Food and Fiber Commission, Texas Agricultural and Natural Resources Summit Initiative and the Texas-College of Agriculture, Research, Extension and Teaching group.

Congratulations to my longtime friend Pierce Miller.

Jerry Lackey writes about agriculture. Contact him at jlackey@wcc.net or 325-949-2291.

CCCCSD School Board meeting tonight

The CCCCSD School will hold a budget workshop at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Aug. 21) at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D.

The workshop is open to the public.

Items on the agenda: ·Open forum/public com-

ments ·2013-2014 Budget Work-

shop #2 on the 2013-2014 Official Estimated Budget. · Future business: The

August Regular Board Meeting of the CCCCSD Board of Trustees is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, Aug. 28.



Commissioners meeting **Thursday**

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court will hold a special called meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, at the courthouse annex.

The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda: ·Discussion and action

on state money for county

· Budget workshop

· Approve and authorize the county judge to sign the resolution for the grant application to the office of the Governor for the Border Prosecution Unit Grant in the District Attorney's Office.



Texas Department of Agriculture awards funds for Operation Drawbridge

sion (PSC) Chair Cynthia Leon last week joined Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples in Weslaco as he presented a \$120,000 grant to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) to expand the Operation Drawbridge program.

Public Safety Commis- Led by DPS, U.S. Border Patrol and border sheriffs, Operation Drawbridge involves the installation and monitoring of motion-detecting cameras located on farms and ranches near the Texas-Mexico border.

Operation Drawbridge has resulted in the apprehension of

around 16,000 individuals and 35 tons of narcotics since 2012. This funding will provide for additional cameras and re-

lated operational equipment. For more information, http://www.dps.texas. gov/PublicInformation/oper-Drawbrdg.htm

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CC: Lions second in pre-season poll

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and state meets.

"We're up to 23 competitive kids coming out to run every morning, an increase from the 17 that we had last year," Coach Erik Thormaehlen said.

This will be Thormaehlen's third year in Ozona, having spent previous years in Boerne. He draws heavy influence from Boerne Champion's cross-country program which holds multiple state championships as well as a gleaming national

"As a whole, we're moving closer to matching Boerne's workout plan in terms of intensity. Whereas last year we were at 75 percent, this year we're closer to 85 percent," Thormaehlen said.

Putting in the hard work, however, will only be the second hurdle these determined teams will have to overcome. With many key runners participating in multiple fall activities including cheerleading, band and football, their true challenge will be found in sustaining the energy to perform at their peak in each respective activity.

"Although the workouts are hard most of the time, they are meant to make us better. Coach usually finds some way to make it fun so that we can look forward to having early morning practices every day," Senior Josiah Jurado said.

Every practice is geared to prepare each runner for the upcoming meet.

"Our friends and family have really motivated us to be successful in the past, and we're ready to kick the season off to a great start. I know we'll be able to do some real damage this year," Sophomore McKenna Moses said.

While an absolute schedule is still in the works, Coach Thormaehlen is already planning on taking his teams to a handful of strategic meets.

"We run courses like

Harper's each season to see individual improvement in the runners on a year-to-year basis. Courses like Midland, however, are used to help us determine how we stack up against state-ranked teams like Sundown and Forsan. Finally, we run a practice meet at the state course in Round Rock against other strong teams in preparation for our final race day,"

Thormaehlen said. When asked what the teams' ultimate goals were for this season, the cross country coach's answer was simple: "To win," he said.

Thormaehlen believes that if his teams put forth their best effort, both inside the classroom and out on the course, their potential could carry them to the state meet and even towards a state championship.

Already, the 2013 preseason poll by the Cross Country Coaches Association of Texas has ranked the Lions second in the state behind Forsan. Due to this, Thormaehlen's priority becomes instilling a sense of focus into the teams from the beginning of the season.

"Hard work, humility, and even more hard work are essential to reaching our goals," he said.

With the state championship title being nearly 550 miles away between summer workouts, season practices, and competitive meets, every step inches these runners closer to the realization of their gold-studded dreams.

This season begins with the teams' first meet in San Angelo at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24. Saturday Night Lights is an annual running event hosted by San Angelo ISD held at the Texas Bank Sports Complex. Ozona will compete with several schools ranging from 1A to 5A-sized programs, and many of the team's runners are excited to jump into the competition.

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Ozona Band Booster meeting Sept. 4

The Ozona Band Booster Club will have their next held at the beginning of the meeting on Sept. 4 at 5:30 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.

meeting to fill positions for the 2013-2014 school year.

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

BANQUET AWARD APPLICATIONS

Banquet award applications are available at the 4-H Extension Office. A record book is not required for community service and leadership awards, so everyone can apply.

The 4-H Banquet will be held Sept. 17 at the Civic Center.

FOOD AND NUTRITION The first food and nutri-

tion meeting of the year will

Sheep and goat validation orders must be in by 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 23.

tension office.

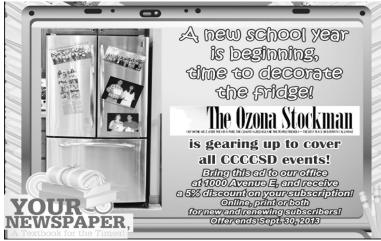
Anyone interested in showing Angora Goats this year, must call Carlon Stapper as soon as possible.

be at 4 p.m. Sept. 3 at the ex-

VALIDATIONS

For more information on any of the 4-H events or activities, call the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721.







7TH & 8TH GRADE:

Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.; Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.; Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

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.

CLOSED SUNDAYS OHS MEAL NIGHT:

Mondays - 7-10 p.m. 7TH AND 8TH **MEAL NIGHTS**: Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Mr. Raul Chavarria

Superintendent - Crockett County Consolidated Common School District

Friday, Aug. 23, 2013

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Crockett Room - 509 11th St. Ozona, Texas



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Crockett County EMS is class is approximately 3 1/2 length of the class. Date was changed due to funding. This class is pending DSHS approval.

Anyone interested, or for more information, call Eddie Martin at (325) 392-3404 or (325) 226-4808.



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Entry Deadline Sept 16, 2013 at noon

1st Prize \$300.00 2nd Prize \$150.00 3rd Prize \$50.00

Judging will be held at 3pm

Event will be open to public at 3:30pm

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Sponsored by the Crockett County Museum 408 11th Street Ozona, Texas 76943 For more info call 325-392-2837 or visit our website at www.ozonamuseum.com



OZONA YOUTH FOOTBALL CO-ED TOURNAMENT was won by the team of Harvey, Lety and Adrienne Sanchez, Nathan and Chase Dehoyos, Rachel Mendoza, Abey Lara, Samatha De La Garza and Jayton and Kobe Rodriquez. Representing Ozona Youth Football was Jace Savala, Xaden Badillo and Alec Lara.



OZONA YOUTH FOOTBALL CO-ED TOURNAMENT second place team was Brian, Bailey and Makayla Badillo, Bethany Martinez, Christina Rodriguez, Donika Martinez, Kyle Sewell, Brianna Cervantez, Alex Ochoa, Luis Cruz and Robert Madris. Thank you for all your support!



Notice of Public Hearing on Budget Crockett County Appraisal District

Crockett County Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget

The public hearing will be held on _____ September 3, 2013 at _____ located at Courthouse Annex 909 Avenue D Ozona, TX 76943. A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget.

for the 2014 fiscal year.

696,450.00

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget.

152,310.00

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget.

The number of employees compensated under the current budget.

(325) 392-2674

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from the local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities and towns served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office located at _____909 Avenue D Ozona, TX 76943

The phone number of the ______ Crockett County Appraisal District ______ is:

The address is: 909 Avenue D Ozona, TX 76943



AVNI BHAKTA received a \$500 scholarship from West Central Wireless. Bhakta is a 2013 graduate of Ozona High School.

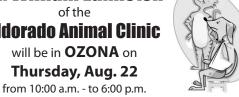


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at 1205 Sheffield Road

Are you smarter than the STAAR test?

The following questions came from the 2013 STAAR test administered to students across Texas in grades 3-8. For more STAAR test questions, visit the Texas Tribune page at http://www.texastribune.org/education/public-education/staar-tests/

Mr. Neufeld grew a vegetable garden last year. The list below shows the number of three vegetables

718 onions

374 potatoes

187 cucumbers

Which expression shows the best way to estimate the difference between the number of potatoes and the number of cucumbers Mr. Neufeld grew in his

F.370 + 190

G.400 + 100

H. 400 - 100

J. 370 - 190

Which of these best describes climate rather than weather? A Wind speed is changing as a storm moves through an area.

B The temperature is decreasing in a slow-moving cold front.

C Annual high temperatures in the summer have increased over many decades.

D The rainfall during one year was greater than the rainfall during the following year.

Answer: Fifth Grade Science, C

Answer: Third Grade Math, J

Some students put two ice cubes on separate plates. One ice cube had a mass of 80 grams. The other had a mass of 40 grams. Which result would be the same for both ice cubes in this investigation? F The time it took each ice cube to melt completely

G The temperature at which each ice cube melted

H The amount of liquid produced on each plate

J The total volume of each ice cube

Answer: Fifth Grade Science, G

Ashton needs a total of \$1.50 in quarters for a coin-operated car wash. He already has \$0.75. Which equation can be used to find q, the number of additional quarters Ashton needs in order to have enough money for the car wash?

A 1.5 = 0.75q + 0.25

B 0.75 = 1.5q + 0.25C 0.75 = 0.25q + 1.5

D 1.5 = 0.25q + 0.75

Answer: Seventh Grade Math, D

What was one major effect of the opening of the Erie Canal?

F The cost of shipping goods on eastern roads increased.

G The number of ships passing through northern ports decreased.

H The cost of shipping goods from the Midwest decreased.

JThe volume of trade passing through southern ports increased.

Answer: Eighth Grade Social Studies, H

RATINGS: from page 1

academically unacceptable in the old system two years ago. "The campus did very well. Principal Tammy McWil-

liams and her staff worked incredibly hard," Bricken

Where OES missed meeting standard, was in the closing performance gaps category that emphasizes improving academic achievement of the economically disadvantaged student group and the lowest performing race/ethnicity student groups at each campus or district, according to a TEA press release. The campus met standards in all other areas.

Bricken said the rating was reflective of the third and fourth grades STAAR performance. New OES Principal Janina Savala and Assistant Principal Vicky Munoz, along with the teachers and staff, are already putting plans in place for the new

"We have an incredible returning staff, and the new staff we hired are strong teachers," Bricken said.

At the third grade level, Bricken said new teacher Jami Chavarria is a master reading teacher who will "make a big leadership plus" for the staff and be a "bonus" to the students.

She also said when school starts, OES students will spend the first 45 minutes of each day engaged in reading instruction. STAAR mathematics tests are comprised mainly of word prob-

"This is going to be an addition and an opportunity for students to grow," Bricken said.

She also said principals will be attending training this month and September to find out requirements the accountability system regu-

"This is an ongoing process. This is not something we will have all the answers for today," Bricken said. "We are know what we look like. Every black cloud has a silver lining. The principals are very pro-active and very dedicated. I can't say how much they love kids and want kids to be successful."

The state agency announced that almost 93 percent of Texas school districts and charters achieved the first designation. When broken down by campuses, about 91 percent did.

Set into motion during the 2009 legislative session, the new ratings are a transition from a previous system in which schools were assigned one of four labels — unacceptable, acceptable, recognized and exemplary based on measures including the district's performance on standardized tests, dropout rates and financial health.

Critics of that approach said it was difficult for the public to assign meaning to the labels, and that the metrics behind it could arbitrarily penalize schools that were otherwise doing well if they slipped in a single area.

Now, though grouped into two broader categories, schools that are found to have "met standard" can also earn distinctions for high performance in specific fields or for demonstrating significant academic progress. Those schools can also be flagged by a number of "system safeguards" for low achievement across a number of indicators, such as a certain subpopulation of students struggling in a particular area.

"I support what we have going on. There are so many unknowns. I believe we are taking the necessary steps," said Superintendent Raul Chavarria. "The issues we face are similar statewide. Cheryl and the principals have a plan in place. I definitely see improvements in the upcoming year."

Though schools' performance will still mostly be based on standardized test scores and graduation rates, TEA Commissioner Michael Williams said, it will evolve to encompass a wider balance of factors like the number of students completing career certifications and advanced courses. Starting with the 2016 school year, the state will also begin rating school districts — not individual campuses — on an A through F basis.

Williams disagreed with the suggestion that the new accountability system may be too complicated for parents to understand. He said it was more comprehensive, not more complex.

"The underpinnings? I don't know if parents care," he said. "They want to know, what's the bottom line, what's the bottom line for the school that my youngster goes to in my school district."

To learn more about the accountability ratings, or to see ratings for other districts, visit the TEA website at http://www.tea.state.tx.us/.

> - Texas Tribune reporter Morgan Smith contributed to this article.

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move to another lane, if possible, and offer plenty of

may need to maneuver around potholes and debris. · Be on the lookout for —

· Watch for bicyclists who

and yield to — pedestrians, especially when approaching crosswalks, intersections and buses.

· Watch for children who may dart across the street to catch a school bus.

· Regardless of which direction you're traveling, always stop for school buses with flashing red lights.

In 2012, vehicles on Texas roads struck more than 5,000 pedestrians resulting in 2,962 serious injuries and 481 fatalities.

Vehicles also struck more than 2,000 bicyclists resulting in 1,450 serious injuries and 56 fatalities. Compared with the previous year, 2012 saw a 13.2 percent increase in pedestrian fatalities and a 19.1 percent increase in bicyclist fatalities.

"When you drive friendly and drive safe, you're doing your part to help save lives," said Phil Wilson, Tx-DOT executive director. "Being responsible behind the wheel is especially important in and around school zones, and other areas where vulnerable pedestrians and bicyclists interact with vehicles."

Equally concerning are nationwide crashes involving pedestrians and bicyclists. On average, one pedestrian is killed in a vehicle crash every 119 minutes, and one injured every eight minutes. Additionally in 2011, 677 bicyclists were killed in nationwide vehicle crashes and 48,000 were injured.

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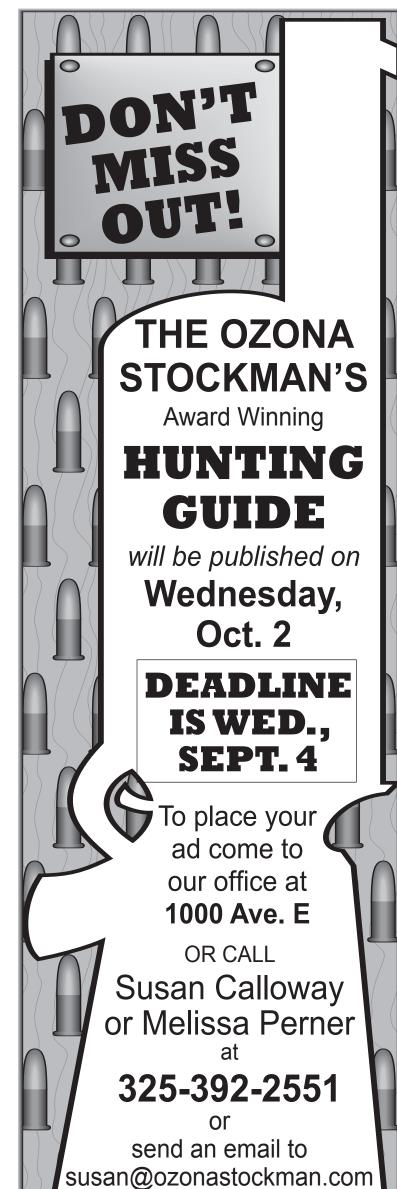
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New name selected for Cline Shale Consortium

ABILENE, Texas - On July 30, at the Sterling County Community Center, Sterling City, Texas, the Planning Task Force, formed to develop a plan and structure for the Cline Shale Consortium, selected a new name for the Consortium.

The new name, West Texas Energy Consortium, reflects the broad vision of the consortium to serve all sectors of the energy industry and the numerous communities directly or indirectly impacted by the increased exploration and potential production in the Cline Shale and other shales as well as other energy sectors.

Planning Task Chair, Sterling County Judge Ralph Sides said: "The new name more accurately reflects the consortium's goal of bringing West Texas business and community leaders together to address the needs of the energy industry, support community development and preserve a high quality of life."

The Planning Task Force also recommended formation of five committees: Business and Industry, Education and Workforce Development, Infrastructure and Natural Resources, Health and Public Safety Industry, and Community and Economic Develop-

A steering committee will also be formed to guide and coordinate the Consortium. Individuals interested in participating on one or more committees can find more information about the West Texas Energy Consortium at www.workforcesystem.org.

For more information, call Steve Collins, business resources consultant for the West Central Texas Workforce Board, at (325) 795-4304.

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from the state level to the federal level.

"The system is all or nothing. There is no compromise," Gallego said. "The common sense approach doesn't apply."

Gallego, who spent 22 years in the Texas Legislature, and Republican Texas Congressman Kevin Brady, decided in May that all 38 Texans who serve in Congress should meet for breakfast, exchange ideas and talk about Texas.

Gallego said the idea is so "weird" in Washington, D.C. that the story made "The New York Times.'

"That tells you how crazy the system is. We need to be able to work together. It's not supposed to be personal," Gallego said.

An example of the lack of bipartisanship taking place right now in Congress, is the debate over the Farm Bill, Gallego said

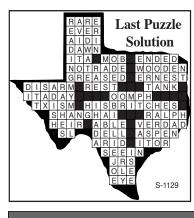
Gallego voted against the bill both times this year.

He said during the first vote, both parties agreed in committee but that it became "a free-for-all" when debates hit the House floor.

The first bill would have cut \$20 billion from the food stamp and nutrition assistance programs.

"I represent a district where the only solid, square meal some of the kids receive is through our school district," Gallego said.

The House then split the



bill taking out food stamps and nutrition. The bill passed the house without any Democrats voting in favor. It is the first farm bill since 1977 to leave out food stamps and other assistance programs.

"I'm not ready to throw in the towel yet," Gallego said.

Gallego, who serves on the House Armed Services Committee, said the country's military needs to be increased.

The Congressman has also been outspoken on the sequestration cuts being made, automatic congressional budget cuts that Gallego said cuts border security, grants for local law enforcement, U.S. Border Patrol overtime and military.

"I can't tell you how bad the sequestration cuts have been to military families. I don't see how people can be pro-sequestration and pronational defense," he said.

Gallego also spoke on the Affordable Healthcare Act, or ObamaCare. He said while the bill does contain some things he's in favor of, such as no longer being rejected for preexisting conditions and children being able to remain on their parents' insurance until age 26, he did vote in favor of extending the requirements placed on employers.

"Why can't we leave in the good and take out the bad?" he said. "There are a lot of questions. "At the end of the day, my position, my job, is to represent the 29 counties I get elected from."

Gallego, who narrowly defeated Rep. Francisco "Quico" Canseco, R-San Antonio, in November, is targeted for defeat by the National Republican Congressional Committee, which frequently issues attacks on his positions and voting record. Eyeing the seat in 2014 are Canseco, San Antonio businessman Will Hurd and Dr. Robert Lowry, also Republicans.

For more information on Gallego, visit http://gallego.

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 - Pedestrians on Crosswalks failing to stop for pedestrians on crosswalks.
 - Loud noise or music that interferes with classroom activities. • Failure to stop - at 4-way intersections.
 - Double parking Parking alongside an already parked vehicle.
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Incident Reports: Aug. 13-20

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ported criminal mischief damage - unknown person(s) damaged a window. Video cameras at nearby business are being reviewed, investigation continues.

• Business manager at 1200 block of Avenue E reported theft of currency by a known employee. Criminal charges pending completion of investigation.

Arrest Report: Aug. 13-20

8-13-13

• Nofal Mohammed Alsolami, of San Antonio, Texas, arrested by DPS Trooper for possession of marijuana under two ounces. He posted bond and was released to custody of immigration officials.

• William Kalani Johnston, of Arizona, was arrested by sheriff's deputy for public intoxication. He pled guilty in Justice of the Peace Court, laid out fine in jail and was released.

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AUGUST 13

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DPS boosts patrols for Labor Day

The Texas Department devices. of Public Safety (DPS) will increase DWI patrols through Sept. 9, which includes the Labor Day holiday weekend.

DPS troopers will focus DWI patrols in high-risk locations at times when alcoholrelated crashes are most frequent. The enhanced patrols that target impaired drivers are funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

DPS offers the following tips for safe travel:

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· Slow down - especially in bad weather, construction areas and heavy traffic.

·Slow down or move over for tow trucks and police, fire and EMS vehicles stopped on the side of the road with emergency lights activated - it's the law. Starting Sept. 1, the law also applies to Tx-DOT vehicles.

·Don't drive fatigued.

·Drive defensively, as holiday travel may present additional challenges.

·Make sure your vehicle is properly maintained before your trip begins.

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damaging effects on private property owners, oil and gas producers and agriculture producers, as well as the broader state economy" and that her motion, if accepted, would "ensure that no ruling is made without input from those who would be directly affected by a dunes sagebrush lizard listing under the Endangered Species

The lizard's range includes parts of the Permian Basin, a region that accounts for 57 percent of Texas' total crude oil production and supports 47,000 oil and gas-related jobs, according to the Texas Railroad Commission.

Fish & Wildlife, in a June 13 statement, said, "After a careful analysis of the scientific data and the protections provided by the voluntary conservation efforts, Service biologists determined the lizard is no longer in danger of extinction, nor likely to become endangered in the foreseeable

FERAL HOG GRANTS

AWARDED Commissioner Agriculture

Todd Staples on Aug. 15 announced the award of two feral hog abatement grants totaling \$55,000 to certain Texas counties in an effort to enhance statewide feral hog abatement.

Bell County, in partnership with Coryell, Falls, Hamilton and Milam counties, was awarded \$25,000 to support abatement efforts and \$30,000 was awarded to a partnership between Caldwell and Hays counties, the agriculture de-

partment reported.
"The feral hog population has exploded in the last 20 years, costing Texans untold millions of dollars," Staples said. According to the agency, Texas is home to the largest feral hog population in the United States with nearly 2.6 million of the wild pigs. These voracious, intelligent, wide-ranging mammals cause about \$500 million in damage in rural and urban Texas each year, the agency estimated.

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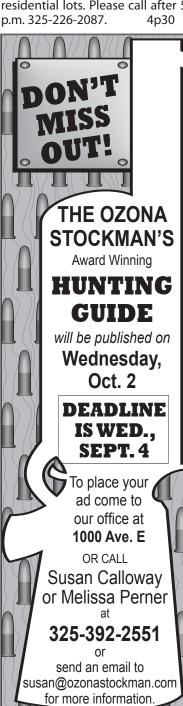
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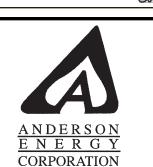


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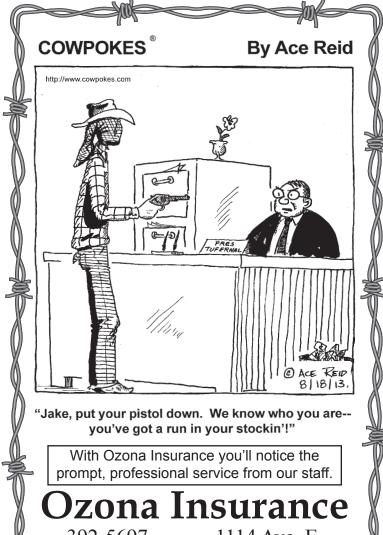
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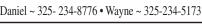




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