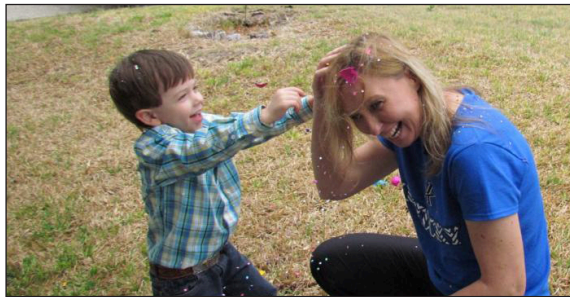




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OHS students chose Angelo State

Signing held for local Carr Scholarship recipients

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Four OHS Seniors made their intentions known last week of where they plan to study next year.

Jonatan Arredondo, Colt Fox, Lorenzo Hernandez and Desiree Marshall all signed their Angelo State University Carr Scholarship letters at a special ceremony on April 16 in the CCCCSO Administration Building.

ASU is hosting Carr Signing Days throughout April as part of "I Chose Angelo State" month, which is a celebration to encourage local and area high school students to take a closer look at what ASU has to offer.

The ceremony was similar to signing events for athletic scholarships.

"I want to congratulate the families of these students. Having family here is important. One of the reasons you have been to get this far is through your family's support," said Superintendent Raul Chavarria. "You all have represented Ozona to the best of your ability."

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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OHS SENIORS signed their Angelo State University Carr Scholarship letters during an April 16 ceremony at the Administration Building. Pictured are: (left to right) Superintendent Raul Chavarria, Jonatan Arredondo, Colt Fox, Lorenzo Hernandez, Desiree Marshall, OHS Counselor Tisha Harrison and OHS Principal Ronny Clayton.

CCCSO School Board sells intermediate building

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The intermediate school building has been sold.

During the April 16 regular monthly CCCSO School Board meeting, Superintendent Raul Chavarria announced that the intermediate school building sale was finalized. Closing took place Monday, April 21.

The buyer is Ozona Hospitality Group LLC. According to the Texas Comptroller's website, Ozona Hospitality Group LLC is based out of Fort Stockton and the registered agent's name is Rekha Patel.

The property was sold for \$350,000.

The building, which housed third, fourth and fifth grades, has been on the market since the new Ozona Elementary School was finished in 2010.

"I would like to thank all of the board members for working together on the sale. Relator Will M. Black represented us very well," said Superintendent Raul Chavarria.

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District Champs



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE OHS LADY LIONS SOFTBALL TEAM clinched the District Championship on April 15 with a 16-0 win over McCamey. That was also Senior Night and the final home game of the regular season for the Lady Lions. Seniors Samantha De La Garza, Vivian Medina and Jordyn Lexi Poindexter were honored.

Regional Bound

Lady Lions second, Lions third at Area

The OHS Lions and Lady Lions competed at the Districts 7/8-1A Area Championships Thursday in Wink.

The Lady Lions placed second as a team and the Lions placed third.

Vivian Medina, McKenna Moses, Jordyn Lexi Poindexter, Estefania Torralba, Nicole Higgins, Madison Childress and Omero Rodriguez all brought home gold medals for the Lions and Lady Lions.

The top four athletes in each event will advance to the Region 1 A meet Friday and Saturday in Levelland.

GIRLS

Team Scores - 1. Van Horn, 113 points; 2. Ozona, 98; 3. Iraan, 90; 4. Miles, 82.5; 5. McCamey, 59.5; 6. Winters, 48; 7. Irion County, 41; 8. San Angelo TLCA, 27; 9. Eldorado, 24; 10. Christoval, 23; 11. Fort Hancock, 9; 12. Wink, 5.

Individual Results

Discus: 1. Vivian Medina, 113 feet, 3 inches.
High jump: 1. McKenna Moses, 5-2.



TIFFANY ESPARZA | OHS TRACK

THE OHS LADY LIONS 1600-METER RELAY TEAM brought home a gold medal from the Area Track Meet last week in Wink. Pictured are: (left to right) Madison Childress, Nicole Higgins, Estefania Torralba and Jordyn Lexi Poindexter.

Long jump: 4. Alyssa Newlin, 16-2.

Shot put: 5. Samantha De La Garza, 29-11.5.

Triple jump: 6. Estefania Torralba, 33-11.75.

Pole vault: 1. McKenna Moses, 10-6.

3,200: 2. Gabby Treto, 13:22.51; 4. Jordyn Lexi Poindexter, 13:52.23.

400 relay: 6. Ozona, 53.23.

800: 2. Jordyn Lexi Poindexter, 2:37.46; 3. McKenna Moses, 2:38.69.

400: 3. Madison Childress, 1:02.77.

200: 6. Nicole Higgins, 28.27.

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**OHS TRACK TEAMS AT THE REGION I-1A MEET
FRIDAY AND SATURDAY IN LEVELLAND**



New column talks about law enforcement, animal control

Every time I get around my boss, I find out what amazing things he and his crew have been up to.

I thought you might like to know some of that to, and to keep up with the Animal Control division of the sheriff's department. I am Janet Pullen. I work for the sheriff.

March was a busy month for the law enforcement division. There were lots of calls and lots of good response by our deputies. Going over The Ozona Stockman's Activity Report the sheriff furnished dur-

ing commissioners' court, there are wrecks and traffic violations, loud noise complaints, speeding complaints and lots more. It amazes me how one small department has so many different kinds of calls and complaints, but they are willing to absolutely do their best to pro-



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JANET PULLEN

tect and serve, regardless the issue.

I went to check on the sheriff today and he was distressed. It seems we have had some Crockett County inmates behaving badly, and the sheriff has no room in the inn. Turning them loose is not an option because in Crockett County the sheriff and his outfit are pretty serious about enforcing the law equally, no matter who you are.

As you probably know the sheriff has ability to only

hold any violators for 48 hours. Then he has to find alternate placement.

He is having trouble finding facilities to accept our female prisoners. It is troublesome being entrusted to enforce our laws and keep us safe, but then not having a place to put the violators when they are apprehended can be very problematic.

Not having prisoners in the county is hard enough when they have court appearances (only one county that keeps our inmates transports prisoners).

If they need medical attention, or have other required appointments, deputies are required to transport them from whatever county they ended up in.

It is also necessary for the sheriff to make sure there are deputies here sufficient to protect Crockett County.

Whew, who knew?

Well, I guess that's why he makes all those big bucks! More later... If you have not been by the Animal Control Facility under construction, go see.

We have concrete! Jeffrey Stuart said the building should be here soon. Joe and I are so ready!

With this cold snap, it makes it even more evident why we need a building so badly.

We have two baby dogs and one senior in the shelter that we have had to keep inside at night, which means lots of trips to tend to them to keep them happy and dry. Stay tuned!

JANET PULLEN is the deputy Animal Control Officer for the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. Contact her at (325) 392-2661.

When 'money talks' in campaigns, how loudly should it speak?

There's little question that "money talks" as long as you can pay a bit more for a better service at a top restaurant or to get a first-class seat while traveling — but there's an ongoing First Amendment battle over how loudly it should speak in politics.

On April 2, the U.S. Supreme Court decided to eliminate caps on total contributions. The 5-4 decision in *McCutcheon v. Federal Election Commission* had no effect on a \$5,200 maximum in a two-year federal election cycle on contributions to any one candidate.

Then on April 7, the justices declined without comment to review a long-standing ban on direct corporate contributions to candidates.

And all of this takes place against a decision in 2010, in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission*, in which the court said the First Amendment's protection of freedom of speech keeps the government from limiting independent political expenditures by corporations, labor unions or associations.

To sum up: In elections for Congress and the presidency, you and I face a limit of \$2,600 in contributions to any one candidate in that year, but can give to as many candidates as we choose. Corporations, unions and associations can spend as much money as they want on issues or in indirect endorsements of candidates, as long as those actions are not coordinated with specific campaigns or candidates.

From two "spokesmen" for the differing views on McCutcheon and the issue at-large:

• "There is no right more basic in our democracy than the right to participate in electing our political leaders," Chief Justice John Roberts wrote in the McCutcheon opinion. "Money in politics may at times seem repugnant to some, but so too does much of what the First Amendment vigorously protects."

• "The Supreme Court in the McCutcheon decision today overturned 40 years of national policy and 38 years of judicial precedent ...," said Fred Wertheimer, president of the campaign finance watchdog group Democracy 21. " ... the Supreme Court majority continued on its march to destroy the nation's campaign



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GENE POLICINSKI

finance laws, which were enacted to prevent corruption and protect the integrity of our democracy."

Some suggest immediate

ate and transparent reporting as part of a solution suggesting a contribution or independent support for a candidate can be less subversive if everyone knows about it. But effective transparency also wars against another long-established American tenet — anonymous political speech.

One argument for limits on the money involved in politics does resonate with First Amendment rationale. The nation's founders provided such strong protection for political speech because they saw such involvement by citizens as fundamental to self-governance. But advocates for limits say the need for massive sums to run a campaign obscures the voices of regular citizens, or even most citizen groups, in favor of wealthy elites and big companies.

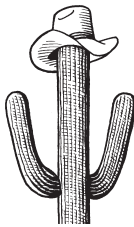
The 2013 edition of the reference publication *Vital Statistics on Congress* reports that in the 2012 election, winning Senate candidates spent an average of \$10.3 million, up 62 percent adjusted for inflation from 1986. The report also documents that an average of \$1.6 million was spent to win a House seat in 2012, a 344 percent increase since 1986.

The proverbial "alert and engaged citizenry" may yet prove the ultimate, most-effective method of monitoring, evaluating and — if one is so inclined — opposing the impact of "big money" in politics. The Web offers audience reach and impact unknown in any earlier era, and "going viral" doesn't take a big treasury to accomplish.

We may well ultimately find that once again, the best antidote to speech one doesn't like — even in the form of piles of dollar bills — is more speech, not less.

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Practical People



IT'S THE PITTS
LEE PITTS

I'll admit it was a puppy love because I wasn't even ten years old when I first spotted her. But just like young kids sometimes fall in love with their teacher, I fell head over heels in love with her looks. Later, as I really got to know her, I came to love everything about her.

I'm talking about Wyoming, of course. Why Wyoming?

First, there is the debt of gratitude I owe Rock Springs, Wyoming, for saving my life once. We were flying in a small plane on our way to Cheyenne and we never should have even been in the air in the first place. We started icing up and needed to get down in a hurry and Rock Spring was there for me, just like a loyal friend.

For years I went to Cheyenne once a year to announce a video sale, as I had done before that in Torrington. I've worked cattle auctions all over the state through the years and as beautiful as Jackson and the Grand Tetons are, my favorite Wyoming town is Sheridan. Other than where I've lived for 40 years, Sheridan is my favorite place on earth. Part of the reason is that I'm a leatherworker and Sheridan is the mecca we all worship. It's the home of Sheridan style leather tooling, the home of the biggest leatherworking confab in the country, and was the home of Don King, a man whose name you've seen on countless caps advertising King's Ropes. Don was a legendary saddlemaker and quickly

made Sheridan the capital of my addiction. If you love cowboys, and their gear, you owe it to yourself to go to Don Kings rope shop. Walk to the back of the store and through an alley to see one of the best collections of cowboy collectibles this side of the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

After I got to know Wyoming on more than a friendly basis I fell in love with her people...

and the lack of them. Wyoming is one of the least populated states in the nation and I like that. A lot. I like the fact that Wyoming folks speak the truth, are friendly and have a sense of humor that seems to mesh with mine. They are independent and still have a pioneer spirit.

I remember attending an FFA leadership conference in Washington DC and seeing all the statues in the Capitol's Statuary Hall that represent each state. The one that stood out to me was Wyoming's, and not just because it's a woman. Esther Hobart Morris represents Wyoming because in the 1860's she worked tirelessly to give women in Wyoming equal rights. She is one of the main reasons that in 1869 Wyoming was the first government IN THE WORLD to grant women the right to vote. Good for them!

There are all sorts of theories as to why Wyoming was the first but it boils down to how practical the folks of Wyoming have always been. The 1870's census showed there were only 1,049 females over the age of ten in the entire state and 6,107 men were chasing them around. The men thought that by showing their gentlemanly side they might attract more females to the state. And so, they let them vote. And it worked! It attracted a tough and independent type woman who would eventually give birth to the wonderful Wyoming that I love. I'd be living there now if I ever thought I was tough enough, but the Wyoming wind has kept the riff raff like me out.

Wyoming gave women the right to vote because they were practical and honest. And they still are. For example, awhile back in this column I told you about my neighbor and the 40 foot motor home he'd purchased at a garage sale to go see his Nebraska relatives. He kept breaking down and when he made a side trip to see the sights in Wyoming his RV completely collapsed. He got the rust heap towed to a garage where the mechanic inspected the junker and told my neighbor, "You only need one part."

My neighbor was ecstatic and couldn't believe his luck. "Just one part, really?" "Yep, that's right," the Wyoming mechanic said. "Just one part... about 40 feet long."

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City of West receives additional grant

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry on April 16 granted a request by the city of West for an additional \$4.8 million in disaster grant assistance for recovery efforts in the West fertilizer plant explosion that occurred April 17, 2013.

Fifteen people were killed in the explosion, more than 160 were injured and more than 150 buildings were reported damaged or destroyed in the town of about 2,800 people, 20 miles north of Waco.

Perry's office said the grant is to help the city of West repair and rebuild infrastructure damaged or destroyed by the blast and assist with other important projects in the affected area.

"Last year's tragedy touched the lives of every member of the West community and touched the hearts of all Texans," Gov. Perry said.

State Sen. Brian Birdwell, whose district includes West, said, "In reflecting on the year

following this tragedy, I cannot help but feel pride in the incredible work of our local and state first responders, the continual leadership shown by Mayor (Tommy) Muska and his fellow city and county officials, and the resilience of the citizens of West. It is no surprise to see Texans pull together and rebuild like this."

"Our hearts continue to reach out to the community of West and those affected by last year's tragedy," said state Rep. Kyle Kacal, whose district includes West. "We acknowledge with deep appreciation the tremendous response to the local rebuilding efforts and stand in solidarity as we continue to work towards the future of West."

STATE TAKES POSSESSION OF RANCH Texas Department of Public

Safety on April 17 announced the State of Texas on Jan. 6 obtained a final judgment of forfeiture from the state's 51st Judicial District Court in San Angelo, directing the State to take possession of the forfeited property known as the YFZ Ranch.

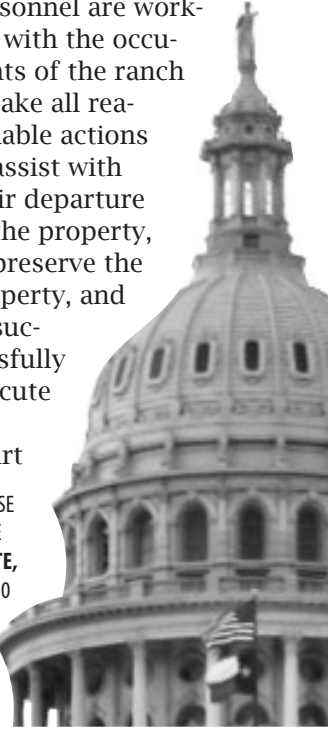
The final judgment, the DPS said, was the result of the Attorney General's Office filing for the seizure of the YFZ Ranch property in 2012. The ranch, near Eldorado, was owned by the Fundamental Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, a polygamist community raided by local, state and federal agencies in 2008.

Schleicher County Sheriff's Office and the DPS met with current residents of the property on April 16 and provided them with copies of the court orders applicable to the

forfeiture, and the residents have agreed to vacate the property, the DPS reported.

Law enforcement personnel are working with the occupants of the ranch to take all reasonable actions to assist with their departure of the property, to preserve the property, and to successfully execute the court

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LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS



ON APRIL 15 MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE CLUB joined the ranks of plus level square dancers at a graduation dance in San Angelo. Plus level is considered the third plateau of square dancing, following basic and mainstream. Local dancers pictured above are Joann Babbitt (third from left) Nell Wester, (fifth from left) and Karen and Bobby McDonald. Others in the graduating class are (from left) Bill Stovall, Dixie Porter and in center, Sheila Oleson. Also graduating but not in photo was Gene Oleson, all of the promenade Squares club of San Angelo. The Levis and Lace Club entertains dancers of both the mainstream and plus levels.

28th annual Anniversary Saturday

The Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will host their 28th annual Anniversary Event Saturday, April 26, at the Civic Center.

The day will begin with a workshop from 11 a.m.-noon, followed by a barbecue meal at

noon and dance from 2-4 p.m.

Caller will be Bill Prichard from Eagle Pass. Mainstream with plus announced. Line dancing between tips.

Cost is \$20 per couple and \$10 per single.

The public is invited to

come watch for free.

For more information, call Nell Wester at (325) 392-3668 or (325) 226-9393, Joann Babbitt at (325) 392-2323 or (325) 226-1611 or Dale Bebee at (325) 392-2238 or (325) 226-0011.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



THE OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HELD A RIBBON CUTTING FOR PARTIES TO GO ON APRIL 16. The store is owned by Romie Fierro (center) at 708 8th Street. Parties to Go features bridal and baby shower, birthday, quinceañera and more party supplies.

Parties to Go ribbon cutting

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

County officials, Chamber Board of Directors, staff, Ambassadors and locals all gathered at a Ribbon Cutting ceremony held Wednesday, April 16, to welcome new business, Parties to Go, to town.

“We are here today to celebrate and welcome our newest business to town,” said Chamber Executive Director, Shanon Biggerstaff.

“This all came about after I had collected so much stuff at home, my husband Federico known as Lico by

most of his friends and family, told me I was going to have to do something! He is my biggest fan and encouraged me to open up a shop,” said Romie Fierro, store owner. “So that’s what I did with the help and support of friends and family. I love helping people prepare for whatever occasion they are planning, whether it’s a wedding or a birthday. I am so excited and this kind of work makes me happy.”

“We have decorations and accessories for weddings, birthdays, quinceañeras, baby showers and more.

I have three helpers, Elisa Martinez, Carmen Flores and Amparo Hernandez,” said Romie.

You can find a variety of items at Parties to Go.

Everything from party decorations including birthday themes, gifts, wrapping housewares, purses, jewelry, party favors, frames, balloons, and much more.

Parties to Go is located at 708 8th Street across from Jet Specialty.

The shop is open Monday-Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

For more information, call (325) 226-0916.



Meza receives citizenship award, Who's Who

Joaquin Meza received several awards last week during the Howard College Award Convocation in Big Spring.

Meza received the 2013-2014 American Legion Citizenship Award.

The American Legion Citizenship Awards are presented to individuals who exhibit the most outstanding leadership, character, and citizenship qualities. The recipients can be freshmen or sophomores.

Selection is based on popular vote by the faculty, staff, and administration. The winners are presented a plaque and their names are placed on a plaque in the Student Union Building.

He also received the Outstanding Student Government Association Member Award and Who's Who Among American Junior Colleges.

Meza is currently a freshman from Ozona and is a first generation college student. He is a 2013 graduate of Ozona High School.

He is very active in extra-curricular activities on the Howard College campus. He is a member of the Howard College Diplomats and he also works a Resident Assistant at the Partee Residential Complex.

He is currently the Vice President of the Student government Association and will take over as President for next year.

During his free time, Meza focuses mainly on his studies. It is extremely important to him to receive good grades and do well in his classes. He spends the rest of his free time in the gym or running. Fitness plays a major role in his life.

He is currently pursuing his Associate of Applied Science with the intention of becoming a Registered Nurse. He has a 3.23 GPA and after he completes his RN he hopes to pursue his Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Wednesday, April 23**
- TAKS Testing, Exit Level Science at Ozona High School.
 - STAAR Third and Fourth Grade Reading, Fifth and Eighth Grade Science.
 - Exercise class, 9 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.
 - Commissioners' Court called meeting, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.
 - Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7:15 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.
- Thursday, April 24**
- TAKS Exit Level Social Studies.
 - Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Nutrition program, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Tai-Chi exercises, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, April 25**
- OHS Track Teams at the Region I-1A Meet in Levelland.
 - Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OES Perfect Attendance Reward Party Water Gun Challenge, 2-3 p.m. at OES.
- Saturday, April 26**
- OHS Track Teams at the Region I-1A Meet in Levelland.
 - OMS Tennis Teams at the Reagan County JHS Invitational in Big Lake.
 - Levis and Lace Square Dance Club 28th annual anniversary event, 11 a.m.-noon workshop, barbecue at noon and 2-4 p.m. dance at the Civic Center.
- Monday, April 28**
- Sixth annual Mary Acton Memorial Sixth Grade Field Day at the Baggett Ranch.
 - Exercise class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Lion's Roar Talent Show, 6 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
 - Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tuesday, April 29**
- Tai-Chi exercises, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday, April 30**
- Exercise class, 9 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- April 23** - Raliegth Conner, Prissy Luna, Kasey Gray, Eugene Hood and Luranda Morris
- April 24** - Ryan Dalton, Joe Alex Lara, Timothy Besseril, Timothy Batura, Caleb Conner and Jordan Webster
- April 25** - Abbey Maldonado Hobdy
- April 26** - Casper Alvarez
- April 27** - Samuel Hernandez, David Craig, Janell Tambunga, Judy Reagor, Erin Castro, Jeffery Mendez and Roxanne Talamantez
- April 28** - Dena Porter, O.J. Ortiz, Leilah Besseril, Melvyn Mejia II and Carlon Stapper
- April 29** - Karen Webb, Joe Bradford, Yvonne Rodriguez, Hector Hernandez, Briana Lara and Isaac Gonzalez

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For applications, call Weldon Nicks at (325) 392-3600.

APRIL 23

-Ham and pinto beans, turnip greens, escalloped apples, dill cucumber and tomato slices, cornbread and two percent milk.

APRIL 24

-Swiss steak with tomato, macaroni and cheese, sweet green peas, whole wheat bread, melon and two percent milk.

APRIL 25

-Pork tips in gravy, cornbread dressing, seasoned broccoli, raisin bread pudding and two percent milk.

APRIL 28


-Chili with beans, tangy coleslaw, whole wheat bread, ambrosia cup and milk.

APRIL 29

-Pork roast with brown gravy, cornbread dressing, Italian green beans, dinner roll, mandarin oranges and milk.

APRIL 30

-Chicken and broccoli stir fry, fluffy rice, spicy carrots, romaine salad, fruited cherry gelatin, white bread and milk



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A True Story



PASTOR DAN SLEDGE

Dr. Gaylord Kambarami, who served as the General Secretary for the International Bible Society, told a story about passing out New Testaments in a crowd one day.

A very skeptical man told him if he took a Bible, he would just tear out the pages and roll them up to make cigarettes. Dr. Kambarami told him to take a Bible anyway, but he made him promise to read each page before he smoked it.

Years later, he met the

same man at a Christian convention. The one-time Scripture smoking man was now an evangelist!

He explained, "I smoked my way through Matthew, Mark and Luke, but when I got to John 3:16 I couldn't smoke anymore. When I read that, I

got on my knees, and that's when Jesus changed my life!"

We are only charged with the responsibility of spreading the seed of God's Word. How and what God does with it is HIS part! "So is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it." Isaiah 55:11 (NIV)

DAN SLEDGE is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Ozona, Texas.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

It was a short work week because we had Good Friday off. The short work weeks make you want to have short work weeks all the time.

I keep forgetting that I was retired and could stay home all the time. Then, I chose to go back to work. It is so funny how we always want what we don't have. I guess that is what makes life interesting.

Remember to come on Thursday, March 24, at 1:30 p.m. to hear Whitney Walston give her next program on nutrition. She has a lot of information we all need to know to keep us healthy. As we get older, we need to work harder to keep ourselves healthy. If we don't use this info, we will get so we can't get around. Good nutrition and exercise are important for a good time as we get older.

The bingo social has been changed to Monday, April 28.

It was changed because we were afraid there would not be many come due to Easter being on Sunday, April 20.

The same meal will be served, chicken salad sandwiches served on croissant rolls and chips, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and ice cream sandwiches for dessert.

Next month, the bingo social will be May 26 with hamburgers, chips and ice cream sandwiches for dessert.

Concho Valley Community Action Agency (electricity help) will be here May 6 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. They said it will be their last visit unless the state releases more funding.

Be sure to mark this on your calendar and not forget to come.

Also, make sure you have the right information when you come because you will not longer be allowed to fax or mail the information to them.

If you need help playing for Medicare Part A,B, or Medicare Advantage plan costs, call 1-800-252-9240 or dial 211.

If there is something you would like to have started at the center, please let me know and I will try to make it happen. Don't forget the trade table, too!

Exercise is on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 9 a.m. Bridge is Monday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. Balance exercise is Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. Mexican Train is 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Prayer group is on Wednesday at 3 p.m. Quilting is Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Come on out, the coffee is on.

OBITUARIES

Robert (Bobby) Burton Womack

Robert (Bobby) Burton Womack of Littleton, Colo. passed away on April 15.

Bobby was born August 17, 1934 to Willie Dennis and Tommy Womack and grew up in Ozona, Texas, with his two brothers Billy and Jackie, who preceded him in passing.

He has a number of nieces and nephews and their families in the Ozona area including Mike Womack, Diane Womack and Ginger Womack Perner.

He graduated from Ozona High School in 1952 and graduated from Texas Tech University in 1956 with a degree in petroleum geology. He then was drafted into the army serving in Korea until 1958.

Bobby married Nita Rae (Newman) Womack in 1962. They lived in Casper, Wyoming, for three years and then in Salt Lake City where he attended a National Science

Foundation program for science education and ob-



tained his M.S. degree. They moved to Littleton in 1966 where he taught mathematics at the junior high and then high school level for 23 years, retiring in 1989. He also helped to coach football.

They have three sons Dave (Littleton, Colo.-wife Holly), Wally Dan (Blaine, Minn.-wife Pam) and Eric (Highlands Ranch, Colo.-wife Jackie) with grandkids Alec, Madison, James, Nolan and Jennsen.

A Celebration of Life was held at Drinkwine Mortuary in Littleton, Colo. on Monday, April 21.

OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Next meeting May 12

BY VICKI STOKES
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

The Ozona Garden Club met Monday, April 14, at the Civic Center.

Hosting the meeting were Esther Williams and Debi Hamilton.

After a short business meeting, members worked together to make spring flower arrangements. The beautiful flowers helped those present to forget the cold windy weather outside.

The arrangements were taken to the Crockett County Care Center and distributed to the residents.

Members in attendance

were Marolyn Bean, Tina Bean, Debi Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Jean Reardon, Vicki Stokes, Carmen Sutton, Belinda Williams, Rosalind Williams, and new member Jean Odom.

Our last meeting of the year will be May 12 at the home of Rosalind Williams.

There will be discussion of programs for next year and a plant auction.

The Garden Club meets the second Monday of the month, September thru May.

If you are interested in becoming a member of The Ozona Garden Club, and would like more information, call Rosalind Williams at 392-3269.

FORT LANCASTER NEWS

Sixth annual Frontier Day May 17

Fort Lancaster State Historic Site will hold it's Sixth annual Western Frontier Days on Saturday, May 17.

The public event will be from 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.

The event will feature the Texas Camel Corps, military detachments and early Texas life and crafts.

This is a free event. Education Day for area

schools will be on Friday, May 16. Pre-registration is required.

The fort is located off of U.S. Highway 290 near Sheffield, Texas, off of exit 343 on Interstate-10.

For more information, call (432) 836-4391, e-mail ft-lancaster@thc.state.tx.us or visit www.visitfortlancaster.com.

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Flauta plate sale Thursday

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida is selling Flauta Plates for \$8 on Thursday, April 24.

Plates will have six tacos, rice, beans, cabbage, tomatoes, slice of lemon, cre-

ma and a jalapeno.

Call (325) 226-8053 or (325) 392-3095 to place an order or come by 120 Man-O-War Blvd.

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Sonora Spring Concert Saturday

Please join Sonora Main Street at the Main Street Scholarship Spring Concert at the Sonora High School Auditorium.

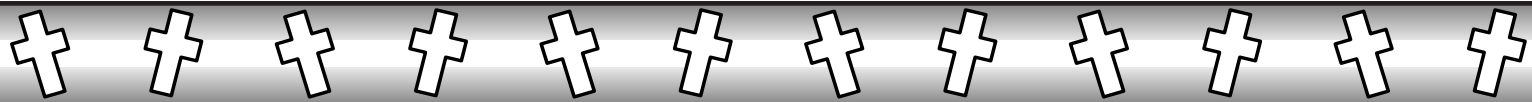
Concert goes will get to enjoy beautiful pieces from both Sonora's own Mighty Bronco Band and the Angelo State University Orchestra.

Concert will start at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April. Ad-

mission is \$5 per person at the door.

To get a taste of what to expect at the concert, make sure to join Mr. Andrus and a couple of band students who will be playing at the Mercantile on Main on Thursday, April 24, at 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call Sonora Main Street at 387-2248.



THE ONLY HOPE

What must I do to be right with God? How can or could God ever forgive me for the wrong things I have done? Even in my Heart, (my inner most being) it tells me something is not right. I could try being religious and even going to church a lot but that is not sufficient. I can try doing good things and even doing religious works but deep down in my heart I still know something is still missing, (Romans 3:28). This is a problem that we all face, that our sins separate us from God, (Romans 3:23, 6:23). God has provided a way that this problem can be solved and a way we can be forgiven, (John 3:16-18). Just as God provide a way to restore fellowship with Adam and Eve after they disobeyed Him the Garden of Eden. God killed some innocent animals and covered Adam and Eve with the skins, (Genesis 3:21). We see all through the Bible that it was by a blood sacrifice that man could be forgiven, (Hebrews 9:22). But the blood of animals could not completely remove sins, (Hebrews 10:24). That perfect and complete answer was in the person of Jesus Christ, His only begotten son that was crucified for our sins over 2000 years ago (Romans 5:8). God can forgive our sins because of the shed blood of Jesus Christ, (Ephesians 1:7, 2:3-9, 13-22, Matthew 26:28). See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

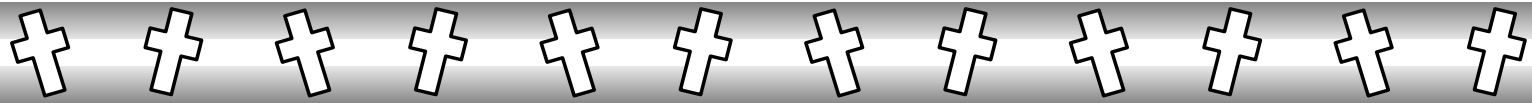
First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor John Curry Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.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.	Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 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.	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.	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.
Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Pastor Dan E. Sledge Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.	Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday.	Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.
New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 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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Voters need to register by Monday for primary runoff

Monday, April 28, is the last day to register to vote in the May 27 Primary Runoff Election. Early voting for the runoff will be May 19-23. Runoff Election Day is May 27.

Crockett County voters can register at the Crockett County Tax Office located in the courthouse annex.

"If you voted in a party primary or participated in a convention, you can only vote in that same party's runoff" said Secretary of State Nandita Berry. "If you did not vote in the March 4 Primary you may still vote and can vote in the runoff election for either party."

The Democratic Primary Ballot includes David M. Alameel and Kesha Rogers for U.S. Senator and Jim Hogan and Richard "Kinky" Friedman for Commissioner of Agriculture.

The Republican Primary Ballot includes Andrew Murr and Rob Henneke for State Representative of District 53; Francisco "Quico" Canseco and Will Hurd for U.S. Representative District 23; Dan Patrick and David Dewhurst for Lieutenant Governor; Dan Branch and Ken Paxton for Attorney General; Sid Miller and

Tommy Merritt for Commissioner of Agriculture and Ryan Sitton and Wayne Christian for Railroad Commissioner.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans in advance of the upcoming primary runoff election that Election Identification Certificates (EIC) are available at all Texas driver license offices for individuals in need of proper identification required to vote in elections in Texas.

Most residents already have an acceptable form of photo identification needed for voting and will not need or qualify for an EIC. If an applicant already has any of the following documents, they are not eligible to receive an EIC:

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- Texas driver license - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
- Texas personal identi-

cation card - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting

- U.S. passport book or card - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
- Texas concealed handgun license - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. Military identification with photo - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with photo

To apply for an EIC, applicants must visit a driver license office and complete an Application for Texas Election Certificate (DL-14C).

To qualify for an EIC, an applicant must:

- Bring documentation to verify U.S. citizenship and Identity
- Be eligible to vote in Texas (Bring a valid voter registration card or submit a voter registration application through the Texas Department of Public Safety)
- Be a Texas resident
- Be 17 years and 10

months or older

To avoid delays or complications, DPS urges potential applicants to make sure they have the necessary documentation before arriving at the office.

The EIC receipt an individual receives will include their photo and can be used for voting until the permanent card is delivered by mail.

The EIC is free of charge to qualifying applicants and is valid for six years. There is no expiration date for an EIC for citizens 70 years of age or older. The EIC can only be used for the purpose of voting in an election and may not be used as personal identification.

For more information on the requirements, exemptions and process for obtaining an EIC, visit: <http://www.txdps.state.tx.us/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>.

For more information on voting in Texas, visit: www.votetexas.gov.

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Sign-up begins for USDA Disaster Assistance Programs restored by Farm Bill

WASHINGTON - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that eligible farmers and ranchers can sign up for U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) disaster assistance programs restored by passage of the 2014 Farm Bill.

The Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP), and the Livestock Indemnity Program (LIP) will provide payments to eligible producers for livestock deaths and grazing losses that have occurred since the expiration of the livestock disaster assistance programs in 2011, and including calendar years 2012, 2013, and 2014. The Emergency Assistance for Livestock, Honeybees, and Farm-Raised Fish Program (ELAP) provides emergency assistance to eligible producers of livestock, honeybees and farm-raised fish that have suf-

fered losses because of disease, severe weather, blizzards and wildfires.

Enrollment also begins today for the Tree Assistance Program (TAP), which provides financial assistance to qualifying orchardists and nursery tree growers to replant or rehabilitate trees, bushes and vines damaged by natural disasters.

Producers signing up for these programs are encouraged to contact their local FSA office for information on the types of records needed and to schedule an appointment. Taking these steps in advance will help producers ensure their application moves through the process as quickly as possible.

Supporting documents may include livestock birth records, purchase and transportation receipts, photos and

ownership records showing the number and type of livestock lost, documents listing the gallons of water transported to livestock during drought, and more. Crop records may include purchase receipts for eligible trees, bushes, or vines, seed and fertilizer purchases, planting and production records, and documentation of labor and equipment used to plant or remove eligible trees, bushes, or vines.

Producers have three to nine months to apply depending on the program and year of the loss. Details are available from any local FSA office.

For more information, producers may review the 2014 Farm Bill Fact Sheet, and the LIP, LFP, ELAP and TAP fact sheets online, or visit any local FSA office or USDA Service Center.

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Lady Lions win first district title

The Lady Lions are on a four game win streak in district play and have clinched the first District Championship title in the program's history.

The Lady Lions clinched the District Championship on April 15 (Senior Night) against McCamey, 16-0, and then defeated Marfa 15-6 Monday night.

The Lady Lions will continue to prepare for post-district play and will be playing the winner coming out of Districts 3 and 4, at this time information was not available from those districts.

"I am really proud of our team's accomplishments so far. We said at the beginning of the year we would play as hard and as long as possible together so that means we still got some playing to do.

The district title is something that we talked about early in the year in team meetings but never 'set out to get' it was just something available to us and as a team. We knew if we worked hard, played together, and remained thankful for our opportunities it would be an accomplishment that would be attainable - we've done that," said Coach Butch Gonzalez.

The title didn't just happen this year. The seeds were planted about 5 years ago with previous Lady Lion team(s) in the form of hard work ethic, winning attitude, determination, intensity, effort, imagination, appreciation for the game, desire and tradition, Gonzalez said.

Key players for the Lady Lions this season has been Freshman Kamryn Lozano

who has a batting average of .716, 20 runs and 4 home runs; Freshman Rachel Mendoza with .612 batting average, 17 runs and 4 home runs; Senior Jordyn Lexi Poindexter with .575 batting average, 20 runs and one home run; Senior Samantha De La Garza with .531 batting average, 6 runs and 4 home runs; Sophomore Madison Childress with .475 batting average, 12 runs and 1 home run; Junior Bethany Martinez with .414 batting average, 11 runs and 1 home run; Freshman Asia Lara with .397 batting average, 14 runs and 1 home run; Senior Vivian Medina with .367 batting average and 8 runs and Sophomore Kerstin Dane with .333 batting average and 5 runs.

Also playing for the Lady Lions are: Sophomores Este-

fania Torralba, Kim Borrego and Kylen Davis and Freshmen Azaylea Tovar, Julie Marshall, Paige Lewis, Kelly Sewell, Bobbie Jo Vargas and Carissa Perez.

The Lady Lions are averaging 16.4 points a game and have hit a team total of 16 home runs this season.

"We are just seeing some of the fruits of all the program stands for now. The players today know and are starting to understand that success doesn't just happen by accident, it's intentional and when we prepare we have to be intentional about everything we do. A team is not just about throwing, hitting, fielding, and running. It's about all of that and about a diverse group of girls coming together, with one vision and one dream," Gonzalez said.



CHRIS CANTU | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

NOMINEES FOR MR AND MISS OHS: Jonatan Arredondo, Sierra Stokes, Michael Ybarra, Josiah Jurado, Lazarae Rodriguez, Eliseo Montanez, Ashley Tandy, Vivian Medina, Nichole Higgins and Saul Vargas. Mr. and Miss OHS will be announced Monday, April 28, at the third annual Lion's Roar. Tickets are available from any yearbook staff member and at the elementary and middle school offices for \$3. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE OHS SENIOR LADY LIONS AND THEIR PARENTS WERE HONORED ON SENIOR NIGHT AT THE LAST HOME GAME OF THE YEAR ON APRIL 15.



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CHASE DE HOYOS hit a home run in the Lions win over Junction.



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AIDEN FIERRO takes off after bunting the ball for the Lions in their 134-3 win over Junction on April 14.

Lions roar past Junction Eagles

The OHS Lions Baseball Team defeated Junction 13-3 on April 14. With the win, the Lions clinched a playoff spot for the third consecutive year.

"We played an all around good baseball game," said Coach Ray Talamantes. "I know our boys are very excited, but they know that there is still a lot of work to be done. We have emphasized not to settle for

anything less than their best. I believe that we have a great team to make a run in the playoffs," Talamantes said.

Aiden Fierro led the way on the mound pitching six innings, striking out nine Eagles and not giving up an earned run.

Saul Vargas, Chase DeHoyos and Tommy Fay led the way offensively for the Lions.

Each of them collected three hits apiece. DeHoyos was 3 for 3 with a double and a home run. He also drove in 4 runs. Vargas and Fay each drove in two runs and scored two runs.

The game was also Senior Night for the Lions with Vargas, Michael Ybarra, Emilio Mendez, Evan Raymond, Colt Fox, Tristan Alvarez and Jonatan Arredondo all being honored.



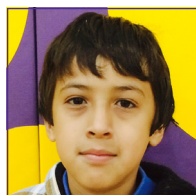
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THE OHS LIONS GOLF TEAM placed seventh at the Region I-1A Meet on April 14-15 in Levelland. Pictured are: (left to right) Dalan Wilson, Zack Taylor, Coach Mitch Kay, Alex Hopper, Weston Seahorn and Michael Hill.

Ozona Elementary School Students of the Week



Corey Galindo



Jace Savala

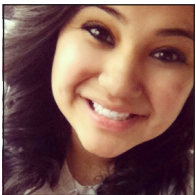


TIFFANY ESPARZA | OHS TRACK

SAMANTHA DE LA GARZA throws the shot put at the Area Track Meet held in Wink on April 17.

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1,600: 1. Omero Rodriguez, Ozona, 4:41.78; 3. Adrian Rodriguez, 5:00.17; 6. Alex Hopper, 5:08.49.
1,600 relay: 3. Ozona, 3:36.57.

OHS Student of the Week



Gabby Martinez

Youth Center Calendar of Events

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.

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SHAUNA YEAR, VALERIE MOOS AND MARIA PEREZ | OZONA SPECIAL OLYMPICS

OZONA STUDENTS participated in the Best of The West Special Olympics on April 16 in Sonora. Students that competed were: Yvette Gonzales, Rosamaria Arredondo, Isaac Torres, Mayeli Gueterrez, Solomon Duron, Sarai Meza, Dwayne Smith, JC Schroeder and M'Kenzee Leach.





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If you as a company or as an individual would like to make a donation to sponsor "the Ride," a specific student or to a general fund to help all students it would be greatly appreciated!!

To make a donation, you can contact any of the Band Booster Officers.

Susan Bilano - 325-226-4472	Cheryl Galindo - 325-226-5348
Mark Galindo - 325-226-5347	Ana Knaack - 325-226-4265

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THE OZONA STOCKMAN won awards in the 2014 South Texas Press Association Better Newspaper Contest at the 84th annual convention held April 17-19 in Kerrville. Editor and Publisher Melissa Perner (left) won second place in editorial writing and serious column writing and third place for Journalist of the Year, Intern Chris Cantu (center) won honorable mention for feature photo and Photographer Joe Hernandez won third place in sports photo and honorable mention in feature photo.



OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC CHURCH held their First Communion ceremony Saturday, April 19.

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Carr Scholarships are renewable for four years and range in value from \$1,000 to \$15,000 per year. Scholarship awards are based on high school grade point average and standardized test scores on the ACT or SAT college entrance exams.

"Kids are aware of ASU," said Kevin Owens, coordinator for Carr Scholarship recruitment. "The scholarship presentations make it real. We are

hoping to show kids if you consider us, this could be you." Carr Scholarships are funded by a \$100 million endowment, one of the largest in the nation at a regional university. Robert G. Carr and his wife, Nona K. Carr, who bequeathed their interests in oil, gas and other minerals from producing properties in West Texas, made the Carr Foundation possible.

Carr recipients pay their scholarships back tenfold, ASU President Brian May said. They run student organiza-

tions, sit at the head of classes and continuously work with the student body, he said.

"Carr Scholars are a big part of the culture and fabric at Angelo State," May said.

For more information about ASU's local and area Carr Signing Days, call the ASU Office of Admissions at (325) 942-2041 or e-mail admissions@angelo.edu.

For more on ASU, visit www.angelo.edu.

- The San Angelo Standard-Times contributed to this article.

EGGCELLENT



CHILDREN of all ages celebrated Easter weekend with Easter Egg Hunts, including the county wide hunt held Sunday, April 20, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. More than 2,000 eggs were found at Sunday's event.

2014 County Wide Easter Egg Hunt

The Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt started off a little shaky with our location and the weather. We did not know if it was going to rain or not. So we moved it to our alternate site by the Rodeo Arena. Our move did not affect the children that came out. We had a big turn out. Our hiding area was restricted to a smaller area but it all turned out good.

The Easter Egg Hunt has become a big event one in which the Knights have turned to accepting donations from people to help keep our cost down as we coordinate this fun activity.

This year we had several people contribute to this event and we appreciate them for assisting us. Several

people donated eggs, candy, and money. I will not list the names so not to leave anyone out. We collected a little over 2,000 plastic eggs with candy and we had \$200 that we hid in eggs of \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5. We had several people that volunteered to assist us with filling eggs, to hiding eggs.

Donors and volunteers is what make our community events special. The Knights appreciate everyone for helping and appreciate the children that came out and helped us pick up all the eggs.

We hope everyone had a wonderful, fun, and exciting time.

Thank You,
Frank Tambunga
Coordinator



Austin and Haleigh Moran win awards

Austin Moran was selected for membership in the Holloway Sixth Grade Chapter of the National Elementary Honor Society of Whitehouse, Texas. The selection was based upon consideration of 90 percent or better grade average in core subjects, citizenship, as well as demonstrated responsibility and leadership.

The Holloway Chapter strives to give practical meaning to the Society's standards of scholarship, responsibility, service and leadership. A member is expected to attend after school chapter meetings, participate in at least four community projects and contribute supplies for some of the projects.

While a student at Holloway, one will also continue demonstrating outstanding qualities of scholarship and leadership.

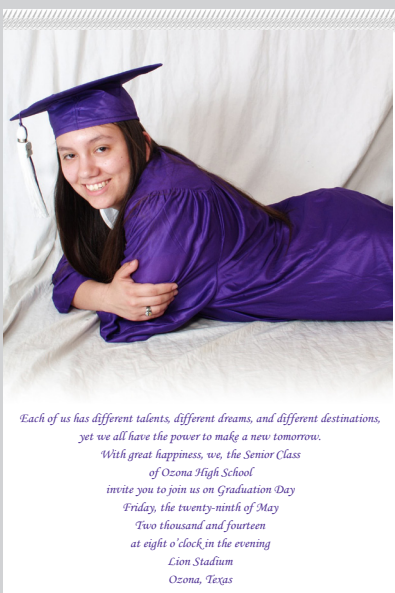
Formal induction ceremony was held Feb. 4.

Haleigh Moran was selected for membership in the Gus Winston Cain Chapter of National Elementary Honor Society in Whitehouse, Texas.

Her selection was based upon careful consideration by the Faculty Council for good grades and responsibility she has shown at home, school and in the community. Formal induction was March 28.

Austin and Haleigh are the children of Justin and Melinda Moran, former Ozona residents, and the grandchildren of Joe and Tina Moran.

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1 Monte __, TX

5 weed chopper

6 Cowboy play-by-play anncr. Sham

7 museum in Eagle Lake: Prairie __

8 female lead in the "Duke's" last film

17 TXism: "more than __ way to skin a cat"

18 Southwest Airlines is known for its __ rates

21 music disc (abbr.)

22 TXism: "it's all water under the bridge"

23 music event (2 wds.)

24 TXism: "attracted like __ slop"

29 Lubbock is in __ TX

30 TXism: "scared the living daylight's out __"

31 this Tex was Glenn Miller soloist (init.)

32 TX Carol Burnett was on "The __ Show"

34 TXism: " __ - walking drunk"

35 TXism: " __ shooter" (slingshot)

36 town between Houston & Baytown

37 TX Ben Hogan won __ Hickok Award in '53

38 gullets

39 angora producers

40 TXism: "you can write __ ink"

41 this Yelstin was Russia pres. in TX Bush's term

42 TX Pride's "It's __ Little Bit Longer"

44 tooth problem

45 frontier TX Comanche chief: __ Beard

46 TXism: "bought a pig __ poke" (messed up)

47 Catholic admin. district

48 early name: El Paso del Rio __

50 TXism: " __ it up!"

51 TXism: " __ as dirt"

52 ex-Cowboy DB Renfro

53 dir. to Denton from Abilene

DOWN

1 large TX media corporation

2 upscale store no longer in TX: __ Taylor

3 in Freestone Co. off 84

4 court directive

9 TXism: "wipe the slate clean"

10 TXism: "stirred up a hornet's __"

11 lawman Masterson

12 TXism: "sure __ shootin'"

13 Wamba, TX named for brand of __

14 near Boerne: "Cave Without __"

15 Dallas street: Star Trek __

16 Pres. Johnson (init.)

19 TX Lefty Frizzell's "Always __ Your Kisses"

20 ambassador bldg.

22 brew 13-down

24 Abbott's job (abbr.)

25 rasslin' mat

26 anger

27 Mc __, TX

28 '40s actor, Power

29 Galveston "Great Storm" of 1900 was __ TX disaster

30 TXism: "fits like ugly __ ape"

33 former "Oatmeal Festival" race: __-Thon

34 Plainview FM station

35 TX or France town legal Astro/Ranger robbery (2 wds.)

38 TXism: "straight as a __ star's teeth"

40 TX Reynolds book: "If __ Then"

41 " __ Maverick" was a poker player from TX

42 Fort Worth actress Greer (init.)

43 TX Willie has held 28 "Farm __" concerts so far

44 pond fish

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49 a founder of CAF, Col. Lloyd __

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CCCCSD MAINTENANCE EMPLOYEES hang a new marquee sign at Ozona High School on April 14. The new digital sign lights up campus along State Highway 163 with school information, events and news.

BOARD: *from page 1*

RESIGNATIONS and RENEWALS
After meeting in executive/closed session for an hour and 45 minutes, the board unanimously approved the contract renewals of Cathy English, Katie Parker and Tisha Harrison as recommended by the superintendent.

They also unanimously approved resignations from English, David Tandy and Ernestina Moran.

OHS STUDENT COUNCIL
OHS Student Council President Chris Cantu spoke to the board about matching funds to power wash the high school buildings.

OHS Principal Ronny Clayton said he has received a proposal from local company for around \$3,200. The student council has raised around \$1,000.

Cantu asked if the board could match funds to assist in the project.

“We need a better sense of pride in our building,” Cantu said.

Chavarria said this was a community service project where the students raised the money.

“We will look into assisting with the project,” Chavarria said.

“We appreciate what all you are doing and taking the initiative. It’s a worthwhile project,” added Orlando DeHoyos, board member.

PUBLIC COMMENTS
Donnie Lee spoke during open forum/public comment. Lee said he son, Dakota, recently had an accident in an OHS ag class, and spoke to the board about having the resources needed for the ag

and vocational classes.

“Safety is an ongoing topic in the oilfield. We should start with the kids at this level. I will do my part and ask oil companies and the community for help,” Lee said.

Myers said the district is all about safety.

“We are going to make sure we have all the resources,” Myers said.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT
In his report, Chavarria commended all of the teachers, students and staff that have traveled this year during school events. He said he has received a lot of comments of how students have behaved when they travel and represent Ozona.

He also thanked Michael and Grizz Medina for the senior night softball meal and for all the parents that do things for the school district.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

- Budget amendment of \$19,000 for OMS furniture, supplies and equipment needs and for OES reward trips from the two golden pennies tax increase.
- Adopting a resolution recognizing Teacher Appreciation Week.

The next regular school board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. May 21 at the Administration Building.

Commissioners Court meeting tonight

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court will hold a special called meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (April 23) at the courthouse annex. The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:

- Discussion and action on airport manager contract.
- Discussion and action on hiring attorney for easement on John DeHoyos property.

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4/17/2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 12:02 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)
4/18/2014 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 1:47 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)• 7:08 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)
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AgriLife’s Dallas center releases new water-efficient turfgrass

BY PAUL SCHATTEBERG
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION

DALLAS – Dwindling water resources caused by drought, extreme temperatures and other environmental factors have made the development of more water-efficient turfgrasses increasingly important for southern landscapes, according to experts at Texas A&M AgriLife Research.

According to national water-use statistics, about one-third of all the water consumed by cities in the southern U.S. is used to irrigate lawns and gardens.

Recently Dr. Ambika Chandra, associate professor of turfgrass breeding and genetics at the center, released a new drought-tolerant St. Augustine grass variety that also resists the major disease and insect pests that commonly attack lawns in the southern U.S.

“This new variety is the first hybrid of St. Augustine grass produced by our advanced breeding techniques to be released for the commercial turfgrass industry,” Chandra said.

At the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas, home of the AgriLife turfgrass breeding program, scientists are continually developing and testing new turfgrass lines that require less water and have increased drought, disease, insect, shade and cold tolerance — characteristics preferred by homeowners and landscape professionals alike.

Over the years, the program has generated thousands of new St. Augustine grass lines, as well as other turfgrass lines, Chandra said. These lines are evaluated at different locations over a period of years to identify the few that have superior characteristics.

She said the new variety, currently identified by its experimental name, DALSA 0605, has shade tolerance and deep roots comparable to Floratram, a successful St. Augustine grass collaboratively developed by Texas A&M University and the University of Florida.

“So far, DALSA 0605 has shown excellent response to drought stress in the field. Much of this is due to its long roots that allow it to penetrate deeper into the soil to obtain moisture where other varieties cannot,” Chandra said. “It also does well during soil dry-down after exposure to extended periods without water, as well as in the recovery phase once water is reintroduced.”

Development of DALSA 0605 was partially funded by the Turfgrass Producers of Texas, with field testing of the new turfgrass initiated in 2004 at the Dallas center. She said DALSA 0605 has

also shown wide-range adaptation through additional field testing in Oklahoma, Georgia, North Carolina and Florida, as part of a collaborative project funded by U.S. Department of Agriculture.

“DALSA 0605 will most likely be commercially available in 2015,” she said.

Those interested in learning more about licensing of this new turfgrass variety may contact Janie Hurley, senior licensing manager for Texas A&M University System, at JHurley@tamus.edu for more information.

Chandra said DALSA 0605 and many other turfgrass varieties will be on display during the upcoming Turfgrass, Landscape and Irrigation Expo May 16-17 at the center, located at 17360 Coit Road.

“This statewide event is designed to highlight new drought tolerant turfgrass varieties from the Texas A&M AgriLife breeding program, innovations in irrigation technology and new landscape best management practices,” Chandra said. “The event will help industry professionals and others understand how to select and maintain turfgrasses in order to cope with harsh environmental conditions and water restrictions.”

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She said DALSA 0605 would be of interest to both professionals, for whom the May 16 portion of the expo is designed, and homeowners, who are the target audience for the May 17 portion.

“Field day attendees will be able to see and learn about all five different species of turfgrasses – Bermuda grass, zoysia grass, St. Augustine grass, Seashore paspalum and hybrid bluegrass – being evaluated at the center, along with commercially available varieties,” Chandra said.

She said the expo will include field tours on topics including selection and management; irrigation scheduling, management and subsurface drip; pest and disease management; and nutrient management and the environment. There also will be educational demonstrations, and hands-on demonstrations of new technologies to reduce water use in urban areas.

“The overall purpose of the expo is to transfer new research findings to professionals and citizens in an atmosphere of learning and information exchange,” Chandra said. “We want to better educate urban Texans, turfgrass producers, growers, landscapers and irrigators on new best management practices to be more water efficient while maintaining healthy and green lawns.”

For more information on the expo, go to <http://dallas.tamu.edu/courses>.

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A TWO-VEHICLE ACCIDENT near the swimming pool park Saturday injured two adults and three children that were transported by Crockett County EMS to San Angelo. All five involved were treated and released from the hospital. Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Crockett County Sheriff's Office and Texas Department of Public Safety all responded.

Texas DPS seeking drivers' license office employee for Ozona

The Texas Department of Public Safety is seeking a Customer Service Representative II for the new Drivers' License Office in Ozona. This position would be full-time working at Ozona and Sonora offices. DPS officials said they would prefer a local person for the position. The position would include: Meets and deals with the general public in professional manner; answers general questions pertaining to applications for various types of driver licenses and identification cards, questions pertaining to traffic laws, driver license, commercial driver license, and safety responsibility laws, driver education, driver improvement, insurance requirements, voter's registration, organ donation, Department employment, and other Department and state agency services. Knowledge of basic mathematics, business terminology, spelling; of general office and clerical procedures. Ability to: learn Driver License-related Laws and rules, the Driver License manual, services available at other state agencies and basic accounting and book-keeping functions; properly interpret and apply Driver License-related Laws; scrutinize documents for apparent authenticity elevating appropriately to ensure document integrity; operate standard office equipment, as well as specialized testing equipment, fingerprinting devices, digitized imaging capturing devices, and cameras. To read the entire job description, or to apply, visit the Texas DPS website at www.txdps.state.tx.us and click on employment.

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order, the DPS reported, adding that continuing activities on the property will include obtaining a court-ordered inventory of real property and protecting the remaining assets.

ETHNIC STUDIES BOOKS REQUESTED
The State Board of Education on April 11 called for new textbooks for Special Topics in Social Studies to include, but not be limited to, Mexican American Studies, African American Studies, Native American Studies and Asian American Studies, the Texas Education Agency reported. The request for instructional material for these elective courses is included in a call-for-bids document known as Proclamation 2016, the Texas Education Agency said.

REPORT EXAMINES GANG THREAT
An updated Texas Gang Last Puzzle Solution
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Threat Assessment was released to the public by the Texas Department of Public Safety on April 17. According to the DPS, the assessment provides details about the state's approach to evaluating and classifying gangs in order to identify which organizations represent the most substantial threat. The report reveals current gang membership across the state may exceed 100,000 individuals.

TRAFFICKING PANEL APPOINTED
Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who presides over the state Senate, appointed seven senators to the Joint Interim Committee to Study Human Trafficking. Established in 2011 and renewed by the Legislature last year, the panel will build on its previous work by studying ways to further combat human trafficking and identifying services available to its victims, Dewhurst said. Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, will serve as co-chair. On the panel are Sens. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, and John Whitmire, D-Houston. House Speaker Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, will name an equal number of House members to the joint committee.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT
Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls		
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	9	stop and arrested Clifton Ford and Hilario "Lalo" Ramos on a charge of manufacture/ delivery of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1 more than 4 grams and less than 200 grams. Ramos was also charged with possession of a controlled substance in Penalty Group 1 less than 1 gram. Ramos posted bond and was released. Ford was transferred to Upton County.
911 medical/fire assistance	7	4-19-14
Civil complaints	6	• Sheriff's deputy conducted traffic stop and arrested Martin Barrientos, of San Antonio, for no driver's license. Barrientos paid fine and was released.
Civil documents served	4	• Sheriff's deputy conducted a traffic stop and arrested Stephen Duhon, of Jenning, La., on a charge of driving while intoxicated-second. Duhon posted bond and was released.
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	32	4-20-14
Juvenile/School	2	• Sheriff's deputies arrested Matthew Daniels at a local motel on a Parole Violation warrant. Daniels is awaiting arraignment.
Motorist assist/ locked vehicle	16	4-21-14
Reckless driving/ speeding complaints	2	• Sheriff deputy arrested Ida Villarreal, of Ozona, on a charge of criminal trespass. Villarreal is awaiting arraignment.
Minor/major traffic accidents	5	
Traffic contacts	22	
Offense reports/arrests:		
4-17-14		
• Sheriff's deputy conducted a traffic stop and arrested Moses Coy Jr., of Ozona, on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Coy was also cited for open container. Coy posted bond and was released.		
4-18-14		
• Sheriff's deputy conducted a traffic stop and arrested Angel Salas, of Ozona, for driving while license invalid, with previous conviction. Salas posted bond and was released.		
• Sheriff's deputy conducted a traffic		

Profile on Chief Deputy Gutierrez

I was born and raised in Ozona, graduated OHS and attended Angelo State University. I have over 22 years law enforcement experience. I started my law enforcement career with the San Angelo Police Department in 1990. I had worked for the Crockett County Sheriff's Office previously from 2000-2007. Before coming back to work for the Crockett County Sheriff's Office, I was with the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office. I hold a Master Peace Officer Certification, as well as a Police Instructor License with certifications as a firearms and chem-



JOSE L. GUTIERREZ

ical agent instructor. I have worked in several aspects of law enforcement ranging from patrol, criminal and narcotics investigator and SWAT. I am on the Executive Board of the Texas Narcotics Officers Association. I was also president of the Tom Green County Coalition of Law Enforcement and a longtime member of the Combined Law Enforcement Agencies of Texas.

Profile on Deputy Martinez

My name is Christopher Martinez. I was raised in Ozona, Texas and graduated from Ozona High School in 2004. After high school, I attended Midland College before being accepted into the Concho Valley Regional Law Enforcement Academy. I graduated the law enforcement academy in May 2007 and began my career in law enforcement in June 2007, when I was hired by the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office in Eldorado, Texas. I left the Schleicher County Sheriff's Office in 2009 and started working for the Eden Detention Center as a



CHRIS MARTINEZ

corrections officer. In 2011, I was hired as a Mental Health Deputy by the Tom Green County Sheriff's Office in April 2011. After about a year in the Mental Health Unit, I was transferred to the patrol division where I was a patrol deputy until October 2013. In October 2013, I was hired by the Crockett County Sheriff's Office as a patrol deputy.

DPS offers wildflower fans safety tips

AUSTIN - Springtime in Texas is known for the beautiful wildflowers that blanket the fields and roadsides across our state, including the state flower, the Bluebonnet. Here are a few tips to help everyone enjoy the wildflower season safely and lawfully. While there is no law against picking the state flower, laws do exist against damaging or destroying rights-of-way and government property. So even though picking a few flowers may be okay, individuals should not dig up clumps of flowers or drive their vehicle into a field of flowers. Flower fans must also consider laws against criminal trespassing and make

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HSC:		0.00	183,021.24	(15,583.01)		167,438.23
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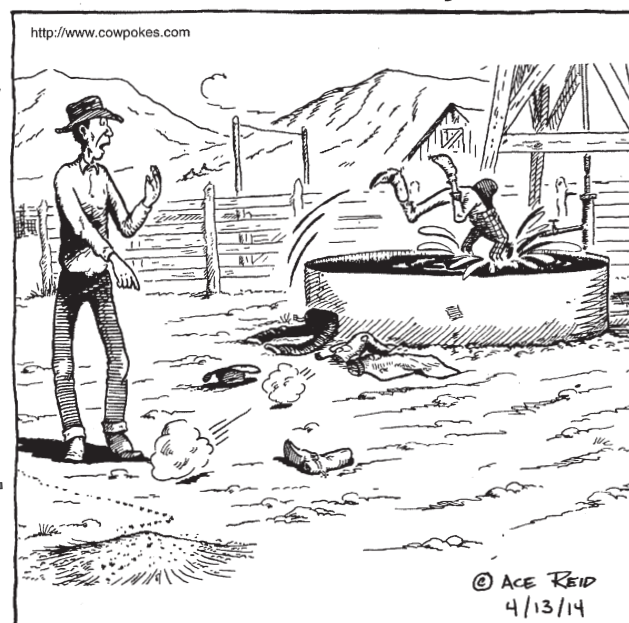
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