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Grass fire engulfs land, property

Forest service, Ozona, Val Verde and area departments battle blaze

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Ozona Firefighters spent the weekend fighting a grass fire on the Crockett County and Val Verde line.

The largest fire started around 3 p.m. Sunday, April 27, off of County Road 107, around 40 miles south of Ozona near Pandale Road and Farm-to-Market Road 1024.

Dry conditions and high winds quickly spread the fire. A large plume of smoke could be seen from miles away as firefighters tried to combat the blaze. By Monday morning, the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department reported the fire was 6 miles wide and 12 miles long.

As of Tuesday morning, the Texas Forest Service reported the fire was 50 percent contained.

Val Verde County Fire and Rescue reported around 20,000 acres burned Monday morning.

No homes or structures have been lost. The fire did jump 1024 several times but the firefighters were able to put it out, according to officials from the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

Firefighters from area departments, along with the Texas Forest Service, battled the blaze until early Monday



A MASSIVE GRASS FIRE engulfs pasture on the Crockett/Val Verde county line. The fire started over the weekend and has burned more than 20,000 acres. Texas Forest Service, Ozona, Val Verde and area fire departments have all responded.

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Commissioners approve attorney for easement

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

An attorney has been hired to research an easement on a unique property situation.

At an April 23 special called meeting, the commissioners' court approved hiring Jonathan Welles to look into an easement off of Perez Street where part of a county road comes on John DeHoyos' property.

Purchasing of the easement was approved by the commissioners' two years ago in March 2012. In that meeting the commissioners' approved to purchase the road easement for \$5,000.

Since then, the IRS has put a lien on DeHoyos' property, which is when the commissioners stopped pursuing the easement.

Commissioner Eligio Martinez said he has spoken with representatives at the IRS office in Austin who told him once the easement went through the county would pay the IRS for that part of the property. Part of Perez Street goes through DeHoyos' property.

DeHoyos also owes \$6,420 in back property taxes.

"It is complicated," Martinez said. "Once all this is settled we can forgive DeHoyos

PLEASE SEE COURT, PAGE 8

District Co-Champs



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE OHS LIONS BASEBALL TEAM are the co-district champions. The Lions will take on Brackett in a three-game series 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, and 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3, in Boerne.

Lions, Lady Lions playoff games Thursday and Saturday

The OHS Lions Baseball Team are co-district champions.

The Lions share the title with Eldorado, after the Lions lost to Harper last week in their final district game.

Ozona will play Brackett for the Bi-District Cham-

ampionship in a three-game series this week in Boerne.

Game 1 will be 7 p.m. Thursday, May 1, Game 2 will be 11 a.m. Saturday, May 3 and Game 3 will be 30 minutes after Game 2 if necessary.

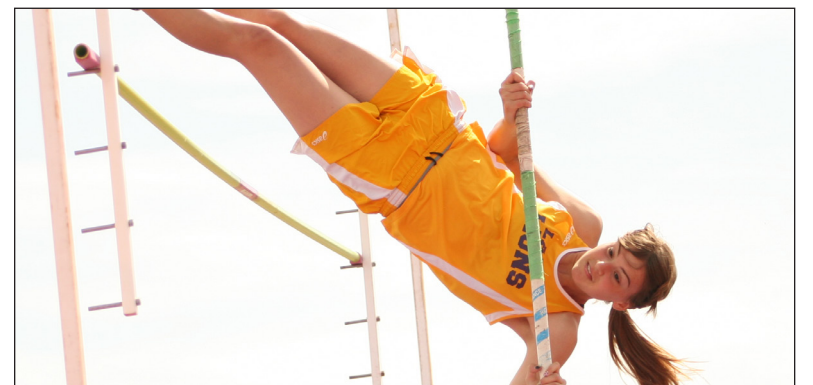
The District Champion Lady Lions Softball Team

received a bye last week and will play Haskell in a three-game series.

Game 1 will be 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1, at Abilene Christian University Game 2 will be 6:30 p.m. and Game 3 will be 8:30 p.m. at Lake View in San Angelo if necessary.

State Bound

Moses, Rodriguez, Lady Lions mile relay qualify



TIFFANY ESPARZA | OHS TRACK RUSSEL SKILES | LAMESA PRESS-REPORTER CHRIS CANTU | THE OZONA STOCKMAN FILE PHOTO

STATE QUALIFIERS: Lady Lions 1600-Meter Relay team (bottom photo) of (left to right) Madison Childress, Nicole Higgins, Estefania Torralaba and Jordyn Lexi Poindexter, along with Omero Rodriguez (left photo) and McKenna Moses (top photo) all qualified for the state track meet after placing at the Region I-1A meet this weekend in Levelland. More results and photos on page 6.

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School Library Month - a time to instill the value of reading

April is School Library Month. Even as a kid, I loved reading books. My passion for reading wouldn't have come about if I hadn't had access to good quality books while growing up in Alpine.

Today, libraries, which house thousands of printed, digital and audio books, can help kids grow and gain new perspectives. Books teach us about the history of our great state of Texas. Books provide important lessons about how our country came to be. Books take us on fascinat-

ing journeys around the world.

It is critical to put good books in the hands of our children. School libraries play an invaluable role in the education and development of our youth - from Pre-K through high school and on to



GREETINGS FROM WASHINGTON
PETE GALLEGO

undergraduate and graduate school.

That is why, during the month of April, I urge parents to take kids to their school libraries - or any other library - and let them wander around and find books they like. I'm sure they will find something. Then, let them check out the books that piqued their interest.

Whether they choose to get lost in a novel or spend time buffing up on history, we must always know and never forget how important libraries and books are in shaping

the minds of our kids.

Let's work together to instill good reading habits in our children. Reading has many benefits. Confucius said, "You cannot open a book without learning something." He was right. Reading teaches new words and expands a vocabulary. It opens entire new worlds of ideas and understanding. And, books can also help a kid stay focused and out of trouble.

As a member of Congress, I sometimes distribute books from the Library of Congress

Book Surplus Program. I get to distribute these books, on a wide range of genres, to libraries and schools across the 23rd District of Texas. If you'd like your library to receive some of these books, please get in touch with staff by calling (210) 927-4592 (San Antonio), (915) 872-1066 (El Paso), (830) 488-6600 (Del Rio/Eagle Pass) or (202) 225-4511 (DC). You can also contact staff by sending an e-mail through our website, www.gallego.house.gov. Every child deserves an op-

portunity to succeed. Let's help them by instilling in them the good value of reading. When I got elected to Congress, many people told me about Harry Truman's quote, "If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog." However, I much prefer Ernest Hemingway's saying that: "There is no friend as loyal as a book." Let's go out and teach our kids to read and love it.

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When breaking news was fragile

The lesson, hammered by countless journalism teachers for century(s), was intended to be cattle-branded into minds of aspiring writers who would go forth to inform readers about what's going on in the world. And it was emphasized that "getting it right" was preferable to "getting it first."

In recent years, of course, so many new ways to "get it first" hog the spotlight, with accuracy often languishing somewhere in the shadows.

When our teacher's voice ramped up to bold face emphasis, we knew a test-worthy admonition followed. "When a person dies, for goodness' sake, spell the name right. It may be the third and last time it will appear in print." (The other two times, for those still reading, referenced birth and marriage.)

Her eyes would cross, were she alive today, upon learning that names may appear in print gazillions of times, if one counts social media. Never mind they often are misspelled at best, and perhaps wrong on both first and last names at worst.

She'd be dizzy, too, about news dissemination—instantaneous here, there and everywhere.

Oh, she'd adapt, just as she did during days as a society page editor for a regional West Texas newspaper. During her tenure, the newspaper started noting births—as well as marriages—of minority group members. (A few years earlier, newspapers "plowed new ground," in reporting the deaths of such folks, but that's another story.)

Providing evidence that progress has been made in social justice, an oft-quoted comment comes to mind. I'm not sure who first said it. It's worthy of consideration by every generation.

"We ain't what we want to be. We ain't what we ought to be. But, thank God, we ain't what we used to be."

Such reminds me of college years when I edited a country weekly newspaper during summers. I was editor/reporter/folder/ad guy/driver, uh, with "certain other duties as may be assigned by the publisher." (The word "folder" meant literally folding the newspapers—all 500 of them-- and getting them to the post office on time. All this for minimum wage of a buck an hour, a figure my dad thought might have been excessive.)

With a 5 p.m. Tuesday deadline, I prayed hard that no one would die that day, at least no



IDLE AMERICAN

DON NEWBURY

one prominent in the community. If one did, I was in luck—I thought—if he were out of town. At such times, photographs did not accompany obituaries.

Running "pics" was a hassle. It meant driving 10 miles to Brownwood, standing in line at the daily Bulletin's engraving machine and forking over \$5—a process that blew a minimum of four hours—on "press day" yet.

But if the publisher happened to be present, he'd insist on running a photo, whether or not he had the five dollars or I could spare the four hours. I learned much from this community leader who regarded signing a check as a promise to pay, sometimes sooner, often later. Yet, he was the most generous person I've ever known, giving everyone their due....

Today, we are all in the "news business" if we choose to be. And traditional media are adapting, hopefully without forgetting the importance of "getting it right."

Should we break the news to young folk that tweets and posts have been around for close to a century? In newspapers, they are called "personals" by editors and "fillers" by ink-stained folks in the back shop—the ones minding "p's," "q's" and all the other letters.

"Hard news"—then and now-- can be extremely fragile. Like all the letters, it must be handled with care, all the way to publication.... "Selfies," a word I couldn't define until recent weeks, can be beneficial. People of all generations crave significance; many think they've "arrived" when pictured with others believed to "have it made."

So, there now are lots of opportunities for people to have "brief and shining moments" to help them feel better about themselves. My small-tyke grandniece was photographed the other day with a couple of leading Duck Dynasty figures. To her, and others following their TV adventures, this was a very big deal.

Everyone matters. I'm glad late publisher Forrest Kyle taught me that a long time ago....

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It Could Have Been Worse

Hanging around renegade livestock all my life has taught me that no matter how bad things get, they can always get worse.

For instance, there was the wild bucking bull in Reno decades ago who celebrated Independence Day by jumping over the rodeo arena fence, frightening several hundred onlookers and doing extensive damage before knocking over a portable toilet in the parking lot. The bull of nondescript origin did not just politely tap the modern day outhouse over, he sent it sailing through the air before landing on its roof. When I mentioned the incident to the rodeo contractor who owned the renegade bull he replied, "It could of been worse."

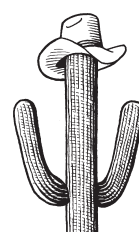
"How," I asked thinking of all the potential lawsuits.

"Hey, I could have been the guy inside the toilet at the time."

A similar incident occurred in Billings when a crazy bovine bull dozed his way out of the arena and hid out in the City Park. I am told the entire city went on "full bull alert." When they finally did catch the bull five weeks later he was renamed, LongTimeNoSee.

It could have been worse. It could have been Central Park in New York City instead of Billings and the bull never would have made it out alive.

Then there was the Longhorn sale



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

we had at the County Fairgrounds in Elko 25 years, or so, ago. The cattle were docile and so the organizers of the sale saw no need for a very substantial sale ring. For some unknown reason a bull got on the prod and decided to sharpen his horns on the pipe sale ring. He lifted the whole thing up with his horns and ran underneath

into a packed set of bleachers. After the bleachers tipped over backwards someone had the presence of mind to open the door of the sale pavilion.

The bull saw his opening and ran through the door and on to Interstate 80. After the incident the sale manager told me, "it could've been a lot worse. Luckily this is the cow town of Elko and people around here are used to having the freeway blocked by cattle. It could have been a more booming metropolis, like Winnemucca, for instance."

By far the worst renegade I've ever seen was a big bad bull at the Arizona National in Phoenix one year. This bull had been meaner than a biting boar all his life and really should not have been brought to town. Especially a town with

so many freeways!

A bee got in the bull's bonnet and the show bull went berserk, clearing several fences before proceeding the wrong way down Interstate 17 headed for Flagstaff. Alex, who is a friend of mine with no shortage of sand in his craw, took off like a cut cat, jumping into the back of the pickup, and yelling for another friend to get in and drive. They sped after the riled and ringy bull and caught up with him about Prescott. But not before driving over median strips, big boulders, and generally creating fifty miles of highway in the desert that did not exist prior.

The skillful driver was able to wheel the truck next to the bull who then rammed the side of the new pickup with his hard head. Several times in fact. With one swing of his loop Alex ably got a rope on the bull and dallied to the broken bumper. The new truck now looked like it had just been in a demolition derby... and lost!

Later when Alex returned to Phoenix as the conquering cowboy hero I referred to the terrifying incident.

"It could have been worse," said Alex.

"You mean it could have been your bull," I joked.

"No," said Alex. "It could have been my truck."

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Officials jump into river boundary issue

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — When a temperamental river with mud banks and sand bars defines the border between two states or two countries, there's a natural potential for conflict between humans on both sides of it.

And so, a 140-acre plot of land along the Red River border between Texas and Oklahoma became a growing news topic last week. That particular plot is within some 90,000 acres of land along a 116-mile stretch of the river that has some people worried about federal tinkering with border.

While the U.S. Bureau of Land Management stated it is not expanding federal holdings along the river and is not involved in litigation between two landowners vying for the 140 acres, a lineup of lawmakers floated statements on the issue.

Gov. Rick Perry called what was going on a federal land grab. Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said what the BLM is doing

makes his blood boil. Attorney General Greg Abbott blasted what he termed a "potential seizure of land that rightfully belongs to Texas landowners." Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples urged the BLM "to immediately cease any attempt to seize private lands from Texas citizens."

U.S. Congressional District 13 Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Amarillo, whose sprawling district includes those 116 miles, wrote to the BLM in January to head off the threat of potential losses to Texas landowners. In a reply to Thornberry dated March 17, a BLM official wrote "... there are no claims to Federal land south of the gradient bank of the river, and no claims to Federal land in the State of Texas as defined by multiple rulings of the U.S. Supreme Court."

The letter to Thornberry,

signed by Steven G. Tryon of the BLM's Tulsa, Okla., field office, went on to state that the agency's short-term goals involve installing signs in a certain previously surveyed area, cleaning up federal land that is already charted, checking the land to see that the signs remain in place and to work with an Oklahoma state agency to plan the cleanup of oil field equipment "dated back to the 1910s and 1920s" on federal land in Oklahoma that is north of Burkburnett, Texas.

Also on the subject of land and water, U.S. Drought Monitor statistics released April 24 show Hardeman, Wilbarger and Wichita counties, and part of Clay County, all of which border the Red River along the 116 miles mentioned previously are in exceptional drought. Also in exception drought are the across-the-river Oklahoma

counties of Harmon, Jackson, Tillman and part of Cotton County.

PANEL TO STUDY COASTAL BARRIERS

House Speaker Joe Straus on April 25 named 11 legislators to the Joint Interim Committee to Study a Coastal Barrier System.

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Johnson-Stuart to wed in June

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Johnson of Pipe Creek and Dr. and Mrs. Rodney Schneider of Dublin are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Monica Lynn Johnson and Chet Stuart.

The wedding will take place at Trinity Street Methodist Church in San Antonio on June 14, 2014.

Monica is a graduate of Texas A&M University and is currently employed in the corporate office of Sysco Foods in Houston. Chet is a graduate of Texas Tech University and is currently employed as the Central EH&S Coordinator for XTO Energy in Houston and Fort Worth. The couple will live in Houston after their marriage.

Chet is the son of the late Gregory Stuart and grandson of the late Mrs. and Mrs. Chester Wilson and the late Mr. and Mrs. B.W. Stuart. He is also the nephew of the late Carolyn Stuart Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Webster and Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Stuart.

Problem of children killed in crashes comes close to home

BY WHITNEY WALSTON
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION

Are you one of those parents who takes a short-cut and skips using child safety seats because you are just going around the corner to run a quick errand?

We have all heard that most crashes occur close to home, but now a study just released by the Partners for Child Passenger Safety shows that it also applies to children being injured in crashes. Their findings show that children are most often involved in crashes close to home on local roads—roads where parents often feel safest.

So often we see the results of these crashes on the evening news and in the local newspapers but do not stop to consider that the majority of these crashes are happening on local streets and roads and not on highways.

A recent report based on almost a decade of research from the largest source of data on children in motor vehicle crashes proves this to be true. Partners for Child Passenger Safety, a research collaboration between The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and State Farm, shows the following findings:

- Eighty percent of crashes took place 20 minutes or less from home.
- Nearly three out of four crashes (73 percent) happen between 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.
- More than half of crashes occur at speeds less than 45 mph.
- Only 12 percent of crashes took place on a divided highway.
- Only 35 percent of crashes took place at an intersection.

Source: Partners for Child Passenger Safety Fact and Trend Report, online at <http://www.chop.edu/consumer/news/story.jsp?id=81731>

Crockett County Extension Agent, Whitney Walston, warns that motor vehicle crashes are the leading killer of children from age one and up, and more than 50 percent of children killed in crashes are unrestrained. But parents can take steps to prevent such tragedies. By using age-appropriate child safety seats and keeping children 12 and under properly restrained in the back seat of the vehicle, parents can greatly reduce the risk of injury.

Parents must be vigilant. Children need to be properly restrained on every trip—not just the long highway trip to grandmother's house.

Booster seats need to be used for older children who

do not fit properly in the lap/shoulder belt.

Children usually fit the lap/shoulder belt system of the vehicle when they are around 8 years old, 80 pounds, and approximately 4'9".

To be sure that your child is riding safely, contact a certified child passenger safety technician for a free inspection. Technicians in Texas can be found online at <http://buckleup.tamu.edu> or nationwide at <http://safekids.org/certification> and choosing Locate a Technician.

Don't take chances with your child's safety. Buckle every child in the proper child safety seat or safety belt on every trip!

Source: The Passenger Safety Team, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, October 2005.



LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE CLUB held their 28th annual Anniversary Dance event Saturday at the Civic Center. Dancers from all over West Texas came for a workshop, barbecue lunch and dance.

LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

28th annual Anniversary Dance

BY CHRIS CANTU
LEVIS AND LACE

This year's Levis and Lace Dance at the Civic Center was very successful.

Collectively, there were a total of five squares on the dance floor made up of many out of town guests as well as some recent graduates from right here in Ozona.

The dance began with a beautiful grand march and the pledge to the American flag followed by a square dance workshop for angels and experienced dancers.

Toward noon, a lunch was served which was contributed by members of the Levis and Lace Club, which included brisket, cole slaw, potato salad, and a delicious variety of cookies and cobbler for dessert.

A few hours later, the dance officially began, which consisted singing calls as

well as regular calls.

A Plus portion of the dance was even included which featured calls for advanced square dancers.

By the end, everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy the dance and did not want it to conclude. The next dance will be sometime in May.

Regular square dance classes are usually Sunday evenings at the Senior Center. However, a new course will not begin until this summer, where you will be able to experience square dancing as an American tradition.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 30

- Exercise class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Fourth Grade Texas Program, 2:15 p.m. at the OES Gym.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7:15 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.

Thursday, May 1

- OHS Academic Team at the Regional Meet in Levelland.
- 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.
- Lions Baseball vs. Brackett, 7 p.m. in Boerne.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Haskell, 7:30 p.m. in Abilene Christian University.

Friday, May 2

- OES Cinco de Mayo Day.
- OHS Academic Team at the Regional Meet in Levelland.
- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Saturday, May 3

- Lions Baseball vs. Brackett, 11 a.m. in Boerne.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Haskell, 6:30 p.m. at Lake View in San Angelo.

Monday, May 5

- CCCCSD Bad Weather Day - No School.
- Exercise class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, May 6

- Tai-Chi exercises, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Awards Banquet, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Wednesday, May 7

- Teacher Appreciation at Ozona High School.
- 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 30 - Lorena Renteria, Fernando M. Galvan, Freida Zuberbueler, Glenda Winkley, Gabriela Baltazar, Brian Anderson, Justin Pullig, Sierra Trevino, Joe Ortiz Jr., Ruben Mendez Jr. and Ben Pena

May 1 - Corey Mitchel and Twylah Stewart

May 2 - Jodi Adcock, Angelina Ramos and Becca Enriquez

May 3 - Bianca Aiguier, Peggy Dickerson, Ryan Kennedy, Rita Rios, Cristy Dominguez, Kristen Mendoza and Josh Smith

May 4 - Preston McCutcheon, Rebecca Rueffer, Ana Knaack, Jovanney Sanchez, Austin Perez, Michael Ramos, James Galindo, Jalen Lopez and Camille Hernandez

May 5 - Brady Scherr, Amber Batura, Rafael Diaz and Elma Buckner

May 6 - Cyndi Longoria
May 7 - Renee Padier, Kimberly Nowell, John David Craig, Monica Ortiz, Reagan Lee Barrera, Allyson Gaige, Luke Burk, John Jackson, Shally Elston and Allisha Alba

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

APRIL 30

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

MAY 1

-Ham and beans, turnip greens, whole wheat bread, onion slices, banana pudding with wafers and milk.

MAY 2

-Italian meatballs, buttered noodles, broccoli with cheese sauce, garlic bread, hot spiced peaches and milk.

MAY 5

-Chicken enchilada bake, Spanish rice, tossed lettuce salad, saltine crackers, hot cinnamon pears and milk.

MAY 6

-Beef steak fingers, garlic mashed potatoes, capri vegetables, wheat roll and milk.

MAY 7

-Chicken salad sandwich, chunky fruit medley, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles and onions, mustard and mayo, chocolate chip cookie and milk.

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WORDS OF INSPIRATION

The Parable of the Sower

In Luke 8:5-15 Jesus gives us what is commonly called the parable of the sower. The third kind of soil He talks about was good soil but the seed (God's Word) fell among the weeds and the weeds choked out the seed and strangled it.

I believe this kind of person has a genuine desire to be a deeply rooted, maturing Christian. However, somewhere along the way something interrupts their growth process and thwarts their potential.

They allow their lives to become so crowded with



PASTOR DAN SLEDGE

worries, wealth and wants that the impact of the Word of God gets choked out. The saddest part of Jesus' story is that the one with this attitude really wanted to receive the Word and be fruitful. He isn't hard hearted or shallow minded; he just allowed other things to crowd out the Word of God like weeds in an unat-

tended field. Is this person going to heaven? Probably. What's the down side then? Jesus said of this person's potential "nothing comes of it". In another translation, vs. 14 says "they do not mature." A busy, distracted and over-extended Christian is relegated to a sad life on earth of lost potential and perpetual spiritual immaturity.

I don't know who said it but "The saddest words of tongue and pen are, it might have been."

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

CARE CENTER CHATTER

BY ODILIA SANCHEZ
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Get ready for the summer heat. We are not even into the summer season and are already experiencing 90-degree weather. I am one of those people that are not too fond of hot weather. For all those who love the heat, have a great summer. Those who don't, stay inside. I know I am.

DYING EASTER EGGS

The residents had a great time dying Easter Eggs for the party and egge hunt on Wednesday. They decorated the eggs and then colored them several different colors. All their hidden artistic talents came through. They looked awesome. They really did a good job. A couple of kids that were in the building also that joined in the fun.

STUFFING PLASTIC EASTER EGGS

The same residents that colored the Easter eggs, helped stuff the plastic eggs. Thanks to all the ones that

helped. It helps us out a lot and we all have so much fun together.

BIRTHDAYS/ EASTER EGG HUNT

Thanks to all who donated Easter eggs and candies for the Easter Egg Hunt. We also thank Carmen Childress and House of Flowers for Easter flowers for our tables. The residents celebrating April birthdays were: Socorro Castro, Frances Mendoza, Raul De La Rosa, Gloria Sanchez and Jorge Diaz. After the birthday party inside, everyone moved outside to watch the kids hunt for the Easter eggs. All had great fun.

RESURRECTION HOLIDAY

Hope everyone had a wonderful Sunday with family and friends. Always remember why we celebrated this holiday. Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies and whoever lives and believes in me will never die." John 11:25-26 (NIV).

CINCO DE MAYO/ MOTHER'S DAY

The ladies started making paper flowers for the big celebrations coming up in May. The flowers turned out pretty good. Others, we kind of have to keep working on.

We still have a couple of weeks before the celebrations, so hopefully we will have them all done.

We make the flowers every year, but we kind of have to have a refresher course on how they are done. The ladies have a great time trying to get the flowers just right. We'll keep trying.

WAY TO GO SENIORS

Congratulations to the OHS Senior Class this year. For 12 long years, you have given your best and it finally paid off. We wish you the very best in your future endeavors.

NEXT CELEBRATION

We will be celebrating Mother's Day all day on Monday, May 5. The Mariachi's will not be in the facility until Friday, May 9, at 2 p.m.

OBITUARIES

Crockett (C.E.) Light

SAN ANGELO - Crockett E. (C.E.) Light, 78, passed away Saturday, April 26, 2014 after a nine year battle with cancer. He was born August 14, 1935, in Bosque County Texas to Elbert Pinkney Light and Lillie Mae Freedman Light.

He grew up farming and working road construction until he joined the U. S. Air Force in 1956 with service in Japan and Klamath Falls Oregon and was honorably discharged in 1960.

He married Bobbie Boone in 1961 and together they raised three daughters, Sheila, Phillis, and Tasha. The family settled in Ozona, Texas in 1972 and Crockett worked for Lilly Construction Co. Bobbie died in 1989.

In 1991 Crockett married Ann Loyd-Light and they enjoyed twenty-two years of marriage. After his retirement in 1996, Crockett and Ann owned and operated Laundromats in Iraan, Big Lake and Ozona.

Growing up on a farm gave him a love of gardening, fishing, and all things out-of-doors. After moving to San Angelo, he enjoyed square dancing and volunteering with Meals for the Elderly, and playing his guitar and singing with the Pardners Band in local nursing homes. He was the consummate story-teller and his positive outlook on life, even while battling cancer inspired all his friends.

He was a member of the Concho 1260 Masonic Lodge, Suez Temple Shriners, and Scottish Rite Freemasonry. He was also a member of the Gathering, UCC and Emman-



uel Episcopal Church.

Survivors in addition to his wife, Ann are the three daughters, Sheila Greer (Ricky), Phillis Kelly (Jack) and Tasha Nowell (Billy) and sisters Nadine Kroll of Chino Springs, Texas, Geraldine McMillan of Valley Mills and brothers, Melvin of Payette, Ind., Tommy (wife Terri) and Donald (Buck) (wife Jimmie), Elbert (Bird) all from the Valley Mills area and Mickey (wife Ann) from Buna, Texas. He is also survived by two stepsons, Kevin King of Austin, Texas and Kyle King (Tracy) of Albuquerque, N.M., and eight grandchildren, three step-grandchildren, and 13 great-grandchildren.

A celebration of Crockett's life will be held in the Community Center, Cayote, Texas at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, April 30, and a graveside service will be held in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Ozona, Texas at 10 a.m. Friday, May 2, 2014. Arrangements are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way

Memorials may be made to the Meals for the Elderly or a charity of choice.

Online condolences may be made to www.shafferpioneer.com

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.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo Social May 26

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

I loved the day off for Good Friday. I just can't believe it has already been a week since we had that day off. Good grief? Where is the time going? All the Easter decorations are down and spring has sprung here at the center. Come on out and see the flowers.

Whitney Walston gave her program on nutrition. She was telling us how to sneak vegetables into foods without anyone knowing they were there. We know we should eat our veggies, but not all of us like them. She gave us recipes to do this. Very interesting! You should come next week on Thursday, May 1, and hear what other neat tricks she has up her sleeve. 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.

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

ty 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.

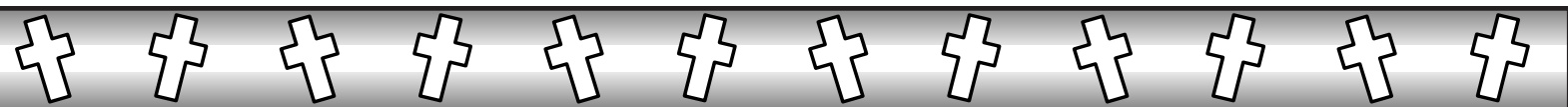
Also, make sure you have the right information when you come because you will not longer be allowed to fax or mail the information to them.

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.



WHY ME

He had a very terrible early life. His father was an alcoholic and very abusive. His mother was a prostitute and would even bring men home and have sex in front of her children. He was the oldest (nine years old) of six when the child protective agency took the children and put them in an orphanage. At the orphanage when someone wanted to adopt a child they would make all the children stand in a straight line and the couple would walk up and down the line and pick the one they wanted. He said it made him so angry when they had to line up because he felt like a dog on display in the window of a pet store. Also his younger brothers and sisters were already adopted. One day this older couple came to the orphanage and they kept looking at him and they finally chose him. He couldn't figure out why. He said, "Maybe I matched the living room furniture or the dog needed someone to play with." Anyway he went to live with his new family. His story brings to mind of why should God chose us. He didn't have to or need to but he did, (2 Thessalonians 2:13 & 14). Not only did he choose us but he also decided to love us, (1 John 4:19) and give us many wonderful things, (Romans 5:8-11; 8:38,39).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>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.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona EverySecond Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Pastor Dan E. Sledge Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday.</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>

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Card of Thanks

A sincere thank you to all friends, relatives, and especially my wife & daughters for attending, preparation of my very surprised retirement party. I always made the effort as a public servant to provide understanding with professional assistance to all citizens in Crockett County. You made it enjoyable for the past 25 years. Thanks again and God bless you all.
Emilio Tambunga



COUNTY ROAD 107 FIRE was widespread burning in Val Verde and Crockett Counties. The fire started Sunday, April 27. Local and area firefighters, along with the Texas Forest Service, battled rough terrain with thick brush.

FIRE: from page 1

morning. Monday afternoon, the firefighters were back at it until around 9 p.m. that night.

As always, the citizens of Ozona showed an outpouring of support by donating water, sports drinks, snacks and delivering food.

"Would like to thank everyone and let you all know that we are sending supplies, water, food and snacks, out with every fireman who is working hard to help put out this fire," Ozona Fire Department posted on their Facebook page.

Grass fires started Friday (April 25) afternoon off of Ranch-to-Market Road 2083 (Pandale Road) and five miles into Val Verde County off of Farm-to-Market Road 1024. Firefighters had that blaze under control by Saturday afternoon.

Around 300 acres burned on the Brown Ranch. The fire was mainly located on top of a hill, making it difficult for firefighters to fight.

"Fire is in great shape thanks to all the firefighters that spent the night babysitting the fire," Ozona Fire Chief Brian Morrow said after surveying the area on a Texas DPS helicopter on Saturday, April 26.

Ozona Firefighters also responded to a small grass fire at Gate 19 off of Pandale Road. The fire was quickly extinguished.

The latest U.S. Drought Monitor shows Crockett County in moderate to severe drought, with the area counties in extreme drought conditions.

Crockett County is currently one of 83 Texas counties under a countywide burn ban.

In the past seven days,

Help prevent wildfires

- Keep firefighting tools handy, such as a ladder long enough to reach the roof, shovel, rake and buckets.
- Place connected garden hoses on all sides of the house for emergency use.
- Know all emergency exits from your house.
- Learn all routes leading out of your neighborhood.

As fires actually approach, take the following actions:

- Park your car facing the direction of escape.
- Shut off gas at the meter. Only a qualified professional can safely turn the gas back on.
- Turn off propane tanks.
- Place combustible patio furniture inside.
- Seal vents with pre-cut plywood or commercial seals.
- Wet down or remove shrubs within 15 feet of your residence.
- Place lawn sprinklers on roof and near above-ground fuel tanks. Wet down the roof.
- Close windows, vents, doors, blinds and non combustible window coverings.
- Remove flammable drapes and curtains.
- Close interior doors and windows to prevent drafts.

- Texas Department of Public Safety Emergency Management

the Texas Forest Service has reported a total of 41 fires across the state.

The National Weather Service's U.S. Drought Outlook shows for drought conditions to intensify in the next month.

The State Climatologist's office said it was too early to tell if 2014 will be like 2011, the driest year on record in Crockett County with less than 10 inches of rain and the year where there were 31,453 wildfires that burned 4 million acres statewide, including Crockett County.

"Crockett County is right on the cusp of drought at this moment with the eastern half of the county under severe drought and the western half under moderate drought, while Pecos County is not in a drought at all. Unfortunately the Climate Prediction Center is calling for the drought to intensify in that region, and though it is too early to tell if this will be another 2011 things are not looking good so far. The ma-

majority of Crockett County is right near 25 percent of normal rainfall for the year, and with the dry season just over the horizon it does look to be another dry year," said Andrew Cook, undergraduate assistant with the Office of the Texas State Climatologist.

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department want to thank all the Ozona firefighters that responded, Comstock, Sonora, Sheffield, Big Lake, Iraan, Barnhart and Val Verde fire departments, U.S. Border Patrol, Texas Forest Service, Val Verde Sheriff's Office, Crockett County Sheriff's Office, Crockett County Road Department and Jeffrey Stuart and the ranchers in the area who called and helped look, Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton and the families of the firefighters.

"Without these guys, things could have been worse," said Georgia Morrow, Ozona Fire Station Attendant.

VOTE: Reminder Texans need a valid ID

The Primary Runoff Election is getting closer.

Early voting for the runoff will be May 19-23 at the courthouse annex. Runoff Election Day is May 27 at the Crockett County Courthouse.

"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 Dewhurt 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:

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

tion 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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- Eden newspaper
- Tex Ritter sang "High _____" title
- Dolly Parton's "_____ Can Do"
- TXism: "that'll _____ your butter!" (exciting)
- TX-Mex prison mafia: "El _____"
- TXism: "in the _____ of luxury"
- resell Cowboy tickets
- Stephens of Dallas Cowboy Cheerleader films
- Aloha State
- TXism: "a _____ man" (good roper)
- actress De Carlo of "Calamity Jane and Sam Bass"
- breathe a "_____ relief"
- "fender bender" result
- Confederate general Robert _____
- "Cattle Kings of Texas" writer, Dian _____
- TXism: "shook _____ with eternity" (died)
- TX "Racehorse" Haynes (abbr.)
- hurricane with 105 mph winds (2 wds.)
- bank customer
- Gulf sandbar
- TX Tommy Lee Jones '78 film: "Eyes of _____"
- TXism: "hungry as _____ dog"
- 365 days (abbr.)
- TX Quaid starred with Meg Ryan in this '88 film
- "60 Minutes" got this Geter free from prison
- "a tidy _____ prophetic sign
- slang for bomb built & disassembled at TX Pantex
- TXism: "keep your powder _____" (prepared)
- Live _____ Co.
- Davis Mtns. have Douglas _____ trees
- TXism: "he's a little _____ in the hat size" (slow)
- Natural Bridge Caverns is largest one in TX (2 wds.)
- unauthorized absence (abbr.)
- Dallas or Houston HOV _____
- Colorado tree
- former TX eatery: "Steak and _____"
- this TX Isaac was the "Barbed-wire King" (init.)
- TX-born comedian & actor, Martin (init.)
- TX _____ Red Duke
- TX George H.'s former agcy. (abbr.)
- electronic bank
- TXism: "horny _____" self be true"
- these TXns began voting in 1918
- real name of TX "Bum" Phillips
- TX Rayburn (init.)
- TX actress Darnell (init.)
- Japanese warrior
- _____ vera
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Lions, Lady Lions set records at regionals

Six OHS athletes are headed to the UIL State Track Meet after qualifying in the Region 1-1A meet held April 25-26 in Levelland.

McKenna Moses is the Regional Champion in high jump with a jump of 5-feet, 2-inches and the Regional Champion in pole vault, where she cleared 10-feet, 9-inches, a personal best and new school record.

"The work that her and Coach John Esparza have done over the course of this year to get to this point really showed on Saturday," said Coach Erik Thormaehlen.

Moses, a sophomore, competed in pole vault last year at the state meet, where she placed fifth clearing 9-feet, 6-inches. She is the first female pole vaulter to advance and place at state for Ozona.

Moses is also the first Lady Lion to qualify in high jump. She is also the first girl, since Kaye Thompson in 1980, to win two regional championships in the same year.

"McKenna and Coach Tandy have spent a lot of time working on the high jump, and this was a big payoff for the two of them on Friday," Thormaehlen said.

Omero Rodriguez added state track qualifier to his list of running awards, after placing second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 10 minutes, 24.93 seconds.

Making his state track debut, Rodriguez, a junior, finished second at the state cross-country meet last fall and was part of the Ozona team that won the cross-country state championship.

Rodriguez also placed third in the 1600-meter run.

Rounding out the state qualifiers is the Lady Lions 1600-meter relay team of Jordyn Lexi Poindexter, Estefania Torralba, Nicole Higgins and Madison Childress.

This group of Lady Lions are the first girls relay team to qualify for the state meet from Ozona.

Prior to the race, some of the Lady Lions decided to drop some individual events and concentrate on the relay.

The runners finished second with a time of 4 minutes, 16.93 seconds, coming in behind Wellington who had a time of 4:14.35 and ahead of Panhandle at 4:17.47.

"The weather was horrible and times were not indicative of an improvement, but they beat a team from Panhandle that had run a 4:15 with no competition. Hanging on to the second place finish over Panhandle, by only .54 seconds, probably took a few years off the coaches lives," Thormaehlen said.

The Lady Lions finished fifth overall at the regional meet, which is the best performance every by the Ozona Lady Lions at a regional track meet.

The state qualifiers will compete at the UIL State Track Meet May 9-10 in Austin.

GIRLS RESULTS

High Jump - 1. McKenna Moses, 5-2.

Pole Vault - 1. McKenna Moses, 10-9

Long Jump - 16. Alyssa Newlin, 14-11.25

Discus - 5. Vivian Medina, 106-9

3200-meter run - 7. Gabby Treto, 13:12.51

800-meter run - 11. McKenna Moses, 2:47.44

1600-meter run - 13. Gabby Treto, 6:23.73

1600-meter relay - 2. Jordyn Lexi Poindexter, Estefania Torralba, Nicole Higgins and Madison Childress, 4:16.93

BOYS RESULTS

3200-meter run - 2. Omero Rodriguez, 10:24.93;

9. Alex Hopper, 11:16.72; 12. Adrian Rodriguez, 11:24.99

1600-meter run - 3. Omero Rodriguez, 4:48.04; 8. Adrian Rodriguez, 5:11.17

Also competing: Ricky Porras, Ben Badillo, Ryan Porras, Tyler Galindo, Bryce Gutierrez and Noe Medina.



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ESTEFANIA TORRALBA (l.) keeps one eye on Madison Childress as she runs the anchor leg of the mile relay, while she shares an emotional hug from relay teammates Nicole Higgins (center) and Lexi Poindexter.



RUSSEL SKILES | LAMESA PRESS REPORTER
MADISON CHILDRESS (l.) gives it her all as the anchor leg of the mile relay and holds onto the second place finish to advance to state.



TIFFANY ESPARZA | OHS TRACK
ALEX HOPPER (r.) PLACED 9TH AND ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ WAS 12TH IN THE 3,200 meter run at the Regional Meet on April 25 and 26 in Levelland. Rodriguez also placed 8th in the mile run.




JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
GABBY TRETO WAS 7TH IN THE 3,200 and 13th in the mile at the Regional Meet on April 25-26 in Levelland.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
VIVIAN MEDINA PLACED 5TH IN THE DISCUS AT THE REGIONAL MEET IN LEVELLAND ON APRIL 25-26.

OHS Student of the Week



Alyssa Newlin

Ozona Elementary School Students of the Week



Madison Castro



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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.

CLOSED SUNDAYS

OHS MEAL NIGHT:
Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

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



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
MISS AND MR. OHS
Nicole Higgins and Eliseo Montanez



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
LION'S ROAR TALENT SHOW WINNERS: (left to right) Nikki Munoz, third place, Jeremy Munoz, second place and Jadie Marshall, first place.

Ozona Schools May Calendar of Events

May 1-2 - Region 1-1A UIL Academic Meet in Levelland.

May 1 - Lady Lions Softball Game 1 vs. Haskell, 7 p.m. in Ballinger; Lions Baseball Game 1 vs. Brackett, 7 p.m. in Boerne.

May 3 - Lady Lions Softball Game 2 vs. Haskell, 6 p.m. in Ballinger, Game 3, (if necessary), 8 p.m.; Lions Baseball Game 2 vs. Brackett, 11 a.m. in Boerne, Game 3, (if necessary), 30 minutes after game 2.

May 5 - Bad Weather Day - No School

May 6 - OMS Academic Banquet

May 7 - Teacher Appreciation

May 9-10 - UIL State Track Meet in Austin.

May 12 - OHS Academic Banquet, 7:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

May 13-14 - STARR Fifth and Eighth Grade Math retest

May 15 - Spring Band Concert, 7 p.m. at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center

May 17 - OHS Prom at the Civic Center; OMS District Tennis Tournament in Wink.

May 18 - OHS Baccalaureate, 8 p.m. at OHS Auditorium.

May 19 - OHS Athletic Banquet at the Civic Center.

May 26 - Memorial Day Holiday - No School

May 28 - Pre-K Graduation 9 a.m.; Presentation of Kindergarten Certificates, 10 a.m.

May 28 - OES Awards Ceremony, 1-3 p.m.

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Ozona Middle School Tennis places at Reagan County



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KAMERON ORTIZ (left) AND MARK HERNANDEZ PLACED SECOND in seventh grade mixed doubles at Reagan County last weekend.



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RYAN PENA (left) AND XENA VARGAS PLACED THIRD in seventh grade mixed doubles last weekend in Reagan County.

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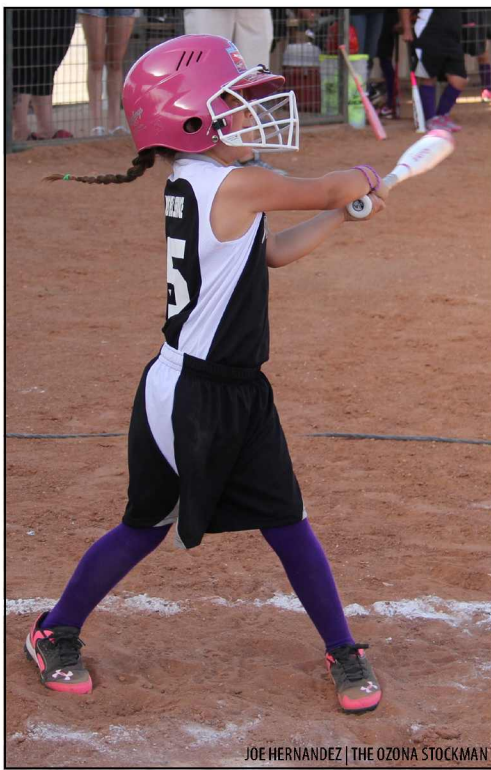
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Uresti addresses Eagle Ford Shale Consortium

BY JERRY NEEDHAM
STATE SENATOR CARLOS URESTI'S OFFICE

"Opportunity should be the key word pumping through the brush country of South Texas as oil and gas production keeps rising from the Eagle Ford Shale", Sen. Carlos Uresti said this week.

"Jobs and investment in this area continue to surge, bringing opportunity to individuals and communities across the region," said the legislator who represents all or part of 17 counties across South and West Texas, including Crockett County and parts of both the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford Shale areas.

Uresti, D-San Antonio, was among three state senators on the opening panel of the Eagle Ford Consortium's 3rd Annual Conference in San Antonio on April 21, addressing more than 300 people gathered to discuss how to sustain the communities caught up in the 5-year-old hydrocarbon play.

The senator pointed out that the play's rapid development from just 26 well permits issued by the Railroad Commission in 2008 to more than 5,000 expected this year has brought tremendous progress but also challenges.

He noted that on Friday, Baker Hughes reported there were 123 rigs operating in his district. That was about 14 percent of all of the 884 rigs at work in Texas, which make up almost half of those operating in the U.S.

With more than 13,000 wells now drilled across the Eagle Ford region, truck traffic has worn out roadways and medical care facilities have been stressed or unavailable, he said. There's been a shortage of housing for the influx of new oil industry employees and the businesses that serve them, raising prices and putting a real strain on residents on fixed incomes and those not benefiting from the oil wealth.

"Those are problems that state and local governments,



CARLOS URESTI

working in partnership with industry and social agencies, will continue to have to work together to address", Sen. Uresti said. But the Eagle Ford is producing the money and the opportunity to address those issues, he said.

"I authored Senate Bill 1747 last session which brought state funding for the first time in 50 years for county roads impacted by energy development," Uresti said. "But the \$225 million set aside for that purpose is not nearly enough."

Uresti told those attending the conference that as stakeholders they need to help put focus on sustaining the growth and creating livable communities as the oil boom matures.

"We've got to show legislators from other parts of the state the huge benefits that the Eagle Ford is bringing to the entire state," he said, noting that in addition to increased sales taxes contributing to state coffers, severance taxes from oil and gas production last year added almost \$3.25 billion to the state's Rainy Day Fund.

Daily oil production in Texas is now up to about 3 million barrels a day and could reach 3.4 billion barrels a day by year's end. If Texas were a country, that would make it the third largest producer in the world, behind Russia and Saudi Arabia.

Uresti shared he would continue to work with his colleagues in the Legislature to invest in the areas impacted by the tremendous growth. Doing so will help ensure the boom continues to benefit all of Texas. We must persist in protecting the goose that has been so prolific with laying golden eggs.

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Straus said the committee will study the effects of recent changes made to the Texas Open Beaches Act, a law that grants the public a free and unrestricted right to access state-owned beaches and a right to use any public beach extending from the line of mean low tide to the line of vegetation bordering the Gulf of Mexico.

House Bill 3459, signed into law last year, created a process allowing the land commissioner to suspend the designation of a new line of vegetation for three years. The committee also will examine the feasibility and desirability of maintaining a coastal barrier system in Texas and of authorizing coastal property owners to grant easements to governmental entities to build and maintain stabilized dunes, according to the Speaker's statement.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE DROPS
Texas' seasonally adjusted

unemployment rate fell to 5.5 percent in March, down two-tenths of a percentage point from February's rate of 5.7 percent, Texas Workforce Commission announced April 18.

Employers added 9,100 jobs in March for a total of 310,000 jobs added over the year and the annual growth rate for total nonagricultural employment has remained at or above 2.6 percent since January 2012, the agency said.

RUNOFFS SET FOR MAY 27

April 28 was the last day to register to voice in the May 27 primary runoff elections. According to the Secretary of State's Elections Division, "If a voter voted in the primary election, the voter must vote in the same political party runoff election. If a voter did not vote in the primary election, the voter may still vote in the runoff election and for the party of their choice. Early Voting begins May 19 and ends on May 23. During early voting, you may vote at any polling location in your county."

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Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report

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Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	5	4-23-14
911 medical/fire assistance	6	• Sheriff's deputy filed felony theft report from EP Energy, investigation is ongoing.
Civil complaints	7	• Sheriff's deputy arrested Romulo Ybarra Lozano, of Ozona, on Crockett County warrants for possession of a controlled substance.
Civil documents served	3	• Sheriff's deputy arrested Angela Ruiz, of Midland, on a charge possession of a dangerous drug after conducting a traffic stop.
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	27	Arturo Sanchez, of Mcamey, was arrested by DPS on out of county warrant.
Juvenile/School	1	4-24-14
Motorist assist/locked vehicle	13	• Sheriff's deputy filed a forgery report, a local resident had checks stolen and forged on his account.
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	4	• Sheriff's deputy arrested Moses Coy Jr., of Ozona, on Crockett County warrant.
Minor/major traffic accidents	5	4-27-14
Traffic contacts	10	• Sheriff's deputy conducting a traffic stop arrested Joseph Whitehead, of Martinsville, Texas, on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
911 hang-ups	2	
Agency assist	1	

USDA seeks comments to amend soybean request referendum procedures

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking comments on proposed amendments to procedures for soybean producers to request a referendum on the Soybean Promotion and Research Order as authorized under the Soybean Promotion, Research, and Consumer Information Act. USDA also announces the Request for Referendum will be held May 5-May 30 in county USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) offices.

The Act requires that a request for referendum be held every five years following the initial referendum. The previous request for referendum was held in 2009. Only eligible soybean producers wishing to request a referendum on the Order participate.

Those producers who do not want a referendum on the Order would not participate. Participating in the request of referendum is voluntary. Eligible producers participating in the request for referendum must certify that they or the entity they are authorized to represent paid an assessment at some time during Jan. 1, 2012, through Dec. 31, 2013. USDA would conduct a referendum only if at least 10 percent of all eligible soybean producers, no more than one-fifth of which may be soybean producers in any one state, requested a referendum. This action would amend the procedures to request a

referendum by removing the specific number of producers eligible to request a referendum. The number of producers eligible to request a referendum would be replaced with language that allows the Secretary of Agriculture to update this number based on information provided by FSA. For the purposes of the 2014 Soybean Request for Referendum, the number of eligible soybean producers identified through FSA soybean acreage reports for crop years 2011 and 2012 is 569,998.

Additionally, this rule would replace specific USDA and FSA Web site and office addresses with more flexible language. The 70-member United Soybean Board, authorized by the Act, administers a coordinated soybean promotion and research program designed to expand uses of soybeans and soybean products in domestic and foreign markets.

The proposed amendments to procedures were published in the March 4, 2014, Federal Register. For more information, contact James Brow, Agricultural Marketing Specialist, Research and Promotion Division, Livestock, Poultry and Seed Program, AMS, USDA, STOP 0251, Room 2610-S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-0251; tel. (202) 720-0633, e-mail James.Brow@ams.usda.gov; or fax (202) 720-1125.

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the property taxes because we have been on his property."

County Judge Fred Deaton said the county would have to pay the tax bill because Crockett County Consolidated Common School District is also involved with the property taxes.

"I agree it's not proper for the county to be going across someone's property. I think we can take into consideration the property taxes," Deaton said. "The sooner we get this straightened out

the better it will be."

DeHoyos said he has spoken with the IRS and he could qualify for a compromise on the taxes owed, which would release the lien. DeHoyos said he has been retired since October 2012. He also said he has some health issues right now.

"I think the taxes have gotten out of hand because of my stubbornness," DeHoyos said.

Welles said the county has to buy the easement from whoever owns the property.

"What needs to be done is contacting the IRS and working out the whole thing," Welles said.

The commissioners also approved the airport manager contract with Charles McCleary.

Commissioner Pleas Childress III was absent from the meeting.

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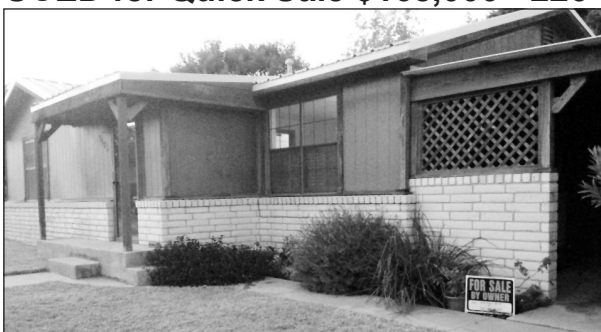
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ORDER RESTRICTING
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The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor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

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