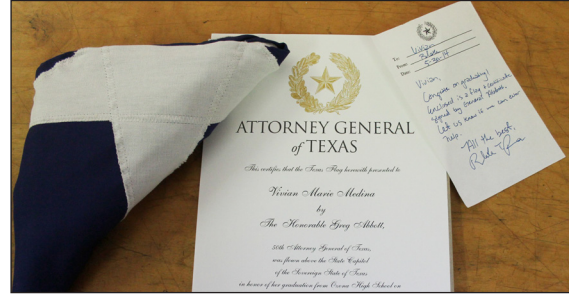




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'Look Up to the Stars'

*Library
begins
summer
reading*

BY LOUISE LEDOUX
CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

"Fizz, Boom, Read!" is this year's theme for the Summer Reading Program at the library every Monday and Thursday in June.

There will be two age groups: 6-12 years come from 10-11 a.m. and 3-5 years come from 11 a.m. - noon.

It is a science-themed Summer Celebration, and several special programs will be brought to Ozona free to the Public for both children and adults, thanks to funding from Friends of the Library.

CCPL began the special Summer Celebration with "Look Up to the Stars!" on Monday, June 9.

This Star Party included a presentation on astronomy at the Civic Center and then a chance to look through telescopes and see the wonders of the night sky, including the rings of Saturn.

For more information, visit www.lookuptothestars.com.

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CHRIS CANTU AND JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
KEVIN MANNING spent Monday teaching Ozona youth and adults about astronomy. Monday morning, Manning visited with local children at the library (right photo) and that night (top photo) he talked to adults and children at the Civic Center. Manning spoke on the galaxy, planets and the use of technology through telescopes to explore new regions. Manning's program "Look Up to the Stars" was part of the Crockett County Public Library's Summer Reading Program.



Lady Lions named All-State Track

OHS Lady Lions McKenna Moses, Vivian Medina and Jordyn Lexi Poindexter have all been named to the Texas Girls Coaches Association's All-State Track Teams.

Moses was named to the Class 1A 2013-2014 All-State Track Team.

Moses, a sophomore, won the gold medal in pole vault at the state meet this year and competed in high jump.

Each All-State Track Team is composed of 15 athletes selected by the TGCA Track All-State Committee at their annual meeting.

The All-State Committee is comprised of member coaches of TGCA. Athletes are selected from nominations submitted by member coaches.

Seniors Medina and Poindexter were selected to the Class 1A All-State Academic Track Team.

Medina competed in shot put and discus. She competed at the area and regional meets.

Poindexter competed in several events, including the 1600-meter relay, which ran at the state meet.

The Texas Girls Coaches Association selects Academic All-State teams in conferences 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A and 5A for track and field. Athletes must be seniors, must have a GPA of 94 or above and must be a team member in good standing. Nominations are submitted by member coaches.



MCKENNA MOSES



VIVIAN MEDINA



LEXI POINDEXTER

Lawsuit over road funding program leaves funds in limbo

BY AMAN BATHEJA
TEXAS TRIBUNE

A dispute over how to distribute \$225 million earmarked for road repairs in Texas oil field counties could force officials to let the money sit idle for months.

LaSalle County, a South Texas community in the heart of the Eagle Ford Shale, recently filed a lawsuit against the Texas Department of Transportation over the County Transportation Infrastructure Fund Grant Program. The suit, filed in Travis County court, accuses the agency of ignoring state law in distributing the funding.

"There are a number of counties that have been funded that aren't in shale plays," LaSalle County Judge Joel Rodriguez Jr. said. "All the rules state that the intention is to



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION | SUBMITTED PHOTO
A NATURAL GAS DRILLING BOOM in the South and West Texas areas are straining the area's rural roads as more than 1,000 loaded trucks are needed to bring a single well into production.

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Lozano, Mendoza named All-West Texas

OHS Lady Lions Rachel Mendoza and Kamryn Lozano have been named to the San Angelo Standard-Times All-West Texas Softball Team.

Lozano, pitcher, proved she will be a vital part of the Lady Lions pitching staff for years to come.

The freshman hurler averaged 11.3 strikeouts per game during district play. She also hit .716 with 15 RBIs, four home runs and stole three bases in league games.

She was also named All-District MVP and Academic All-District.

Mendoza, freshman catcher, provided a solid pop in the lineup, hitting .612 with 19 RBIs and four home runs during district contests for the Lady Lions. She also showed her speed by stealing seven bases in that span.

She was also named All-District Defensive MVP and Academic All-District.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
LADY LIONS RACHEL MENDOZA (left) and **KAMRYN LOZANO** were named to the All-West Texas Softball Team. Here they celebrate after a district win earlier this year.

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Bottom line: hold the VA accountable, veterans matter

As a kid, I remember the phrase "It takes an act of Congress" being used to describe anything that took a long time or was extremely difficult. As an adult and a member of Congress, I learned firsthand what that means. Yet, just before Memorial Day, I voted for a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives that would make it easier to terminate employees at the Department of Veterans Affairs. It passed 390 to 33. It was remarkably fast action in a body known to go slower than most snails.

The scandal regarding practices at the VA has the Congress' full attention. It certainly has mine. Our district has an extremely high population of veterans. These veterans are both young and old - and they deserve the best medical treatment



GREETINGS FROM WASHINGTON
PETE GALLEGO

available from the most technologically advanced nation in the world.

The Veterans Affairs Management and Accountability Act of 2014 gives the VA greater authority to remove and fire employees due to poor or inappropriate performance. While the vast majority of VA employees are dedicated public servants - and many of them are veterans, too - passage of the bill with overwhelming and bipartisan support sends a clear message: Veterans matter. Any VA leaders who ordered bad

patient scheduling practices should be fired.

Playing with the lives and health of those who served our country is unacceptable. Period. Recent reports about questionable scheduling practices raise criticism of the VA to a whole new level. Frankly, if these allegations are true, there are not enough negative words to sufficiently describe the actions of certain few employees at the VA.

I am working diligently to get answers. Since this situation began, Congressman Beto O'Rourke of El Paso and

I have pressed the VA in writing for answers regarding its routine practices. I also joined in with numerous colleagues across the aisle in asking Secretary Shinseki written questions about wait lists, the care, and procedures of the VA. I've called for a full-fledged audit of VA patient scheduling practices across the country.

The VA is designed to serve those of our parents and sons and daughters who have served our nation. This isn't about other families - this is about all our families. Every

veteran is a hero - and our government must respect the service and sacrifices of each and every one of our heroes.

As a new member of Congress, I am constantly frustrated by the size, indifference, and inefficiency of the federal bureaucracy across a myriad of agencies and departments. However, the allegations about the VA are in a league of their own. If these allegations against the VA are true, there will be hell to pay. Stay tuned.

PETE GALLEGO represents the 23rd District of Texas. Contact him at: <http://gallego.house.gov>

Thanks Dad

The first time my vehicle truck broke down when I was at college, the first person I called was my dad.

When my feelings got hurt, it was always my dad that I turned to for a big hug to make me feel better.

Dad was always that one that I turned to when I needed help, advice or when it came time to watch a football game.

In fact, the earliest memory I have of my dad and I is watching a football game together and I'm asking him all sorts of questions about it.

"Why are the players doing that? Why do they move that way? What are those yellow things the referees are throwing on the field? Why do you yell at the TV when they can't hear you?"

Dad is the man full of knowledge. It seems when you want to solve the world's problems or find the meaning of life, you ask Dad because he always has an answer.

Living in a house with three women, my dad also developed a great amount of patience, or the ability to learn to wait. The only man in a house full of makeup, hair spray, dresses, jewelry and emotions, Dad was always there to "drive the bus." As he will tell you, that is his job.

Dad was never in a hurry; he always managed to keep his cool at times and his standard answer "whatever you girls want" showed that living with three women you are just along for the ride.

Growing up, my Dad was this larger than life figure. He fixed things, made jokes, did goofy things and tucked you into bed at night.

I also remember my dad reading to me when I was child. It was fun to crawl up into my dad's lap as he read "Mulberry Street" by Dr. Seuss. If any words were left out of place, I would quickly correct him.

When we got in trouble, which we all do, my Dad wasn't the type who yelled. In fact, he gave the "I am so disappointed in



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

you speech," which made you feel about two inches tall. Believe me; I would have rather taken the yelling.

Dad also had the best advice. Have a good attitude, be kind, pay attention and, my

favorite, "don't take any wooden nickels."

There were also the times that Dad used his utmost wise decision-making and guidance, whenever you had a question or problem, in telling you "go ask your mother."

Lately, as I get older, dad's advice has come to mean so much more to me. I have found out, as most of us do, that it is all true and how important it is to continue to receive.

Dad is the one to turn to when you have those hard questions, when you need that big, bear hug and when you just want to talk.

I still turn to Dad for advice, whether it is personal or business. We talk every day, whether it's about sports, politics or how goofy our family is at times.

Fathers often get a bad rap. While Mother's Day was quickly accepted as a National Holiday in 1914, it wasn't until 1966 that Father's Day was given a presidential proclamation.

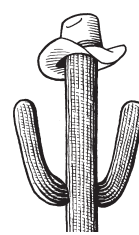
Everybody in this world has a mother and father. What many men do not realize, is that it takes both parents to raise a child, whether or not they both live in the home together. Too many children today are growing up not knowing what it is like to have a dad.

I am lucky to have my dad with me. I am lucky to be able to see him every day and to have him here when I need more advice. I have found out that I am never too old for it or too old for a big, bear hug.

Thanks dad, for everything. Happy Father's Day!

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

Next



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I find the prospect of reincarnation intriguing and have given lots of thought as to what I may have been in the past, and what I want to spend my next life as.

Due to their short lives the idea of being an insect does not appeal to me. Always in the back of one's microscopic mind would be the terrifying prospect of being murdered by a fly swatter. And insects lead such uncouth lives, vacationing on fresh cow pies and traveling in swarms to hold their conventions in exotic destinations such as trash dumps and rotting carcasses. I bet the thought of spritzing with a sanitizing spray or freshening up with a Handi Wipe never even occurs to an insect.

Being a melon or a stock of corn doesn't appeal to me either. We all know there is no brain in a head of lettuce and the only thing vegetables do well is vegetate. They never engage in deep thought and I have yet to hear a stimulating discussion between green beans and peas, even though they may be only one row apart. Plants never travel anywhere exciting until after they're dead, and then they are squeezed and pinched by picky shoppers. I want more out of my next life than that.

Birds are okay and who hasn't dreamed of soaring with eagles or having a second home in a southern locale? But someone is shooting at you the entire trip. Sure, many birds are protected by the Endangered Species Act, and while being on

the government dole might appeal to some, I couldn't look at myself in the lake. Even though male birds are almost always prettier than the females, as it should be, there's a chance I could end up with wattles as a member of the poultry community. Being a tom turkey only to end up on someone's plate with giblet gravy is not my idea of a great Thanksgiving.

I've given it a lot of thought and I want to be some kind of mammal in my next life. I've never liked hot weather so that rules out being an African lion, a Madagascar monkey or an Australian kangaroo. I don't like crowds either so I hope I'm not a wildebeest or a water buffalo. No, I think what I want to be is a domesticated farm animal. But not a pig. I would not do well being confined in a small space and can you imagine being a sow? You'd be pregnant almost your entire life and have ten little piggy tugging and biting your belly all the time. And I could never get used to the smell.

Sheep are nice but from the day they are born they seem to spend their entire lives looking for a time and place to die. I'd imagine that kinda takes the fun out of life.

Horses are majestic animals and they

live a long time compared to sheep and pigs, but I'm not spending my life lugging around 250 pounds of ugly dead weight.

That's why I've settled on being a bovine in my next life. But not just any beef animal. I wouldn't want to be a dairy bull, for instance. Unless you are in the top 99.9% of your class you are never going to get to breed a cow. You're going to be castrated, deprived of mother's milk and affection, and eaten as someone's veal cutlet all before your voice changes. There is also the possibility of being turned into a "Gomer" bull where some sicko veterinarian redirects your wiring so you get teased by foreplay but can't consummate the deal. If you know what I mean. Who wants to spend their life being laughed at by the real bulls and peeing out of your back end like a common cow?

A great rodeo bull, that's the identity I've chosen for myself in my next life. You get treated like a king, your life is insured, you travel to all the great cities, and what cow or heifer can resist a masculine beast who is the headline star of PBR shows around the country. All this and all you have to do is grind a cowboy into the dirt once a week. Who knows, perhaps some youngster reading this column may one day see Handsome Devil (that will be my stage name) perform in the tenth round at the NFR 40 years from now in Vegas. If you do you'll know it's me.

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EPA air pollution plan sparks reactions

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — The Obama administration on June 2 publicized what it termed "the first-ever plan to reduce carbon pollution from power plants."

The plan, a set of proposed actions to be administered by U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, states that, "cutting carbon emissions will help prevent up to 6,500 premature deaths and 150,000 asthma attacks among children."

In a news release of his own, Gov. Rick Perry reacted, saying, "President Obama's decision to impose drastic new restrictions on America's energy industry is the most direct assault yet on the energy providers that employ thousands of Americans and fuel both our homes and our nation's economic growth."

The Obama administration further stated the plan would "reduce electricity bills by approximately 8 percent by

increasing energy efficiency and reducing demand in the electricity system, while creating tens of thousands of jobs across the country."

But Perry said the air Texans breathe today "is cleaner than it was in 2000, even as our population has grown by nearly 5.2 million people" and "statewide, from 2000 to 2012, nitrogen oxide levels from industrial sources were reduced by 62.5 percent and from 2000 to 2012 ozone levels were reduced by 23 percent, a 12 percent greater reduction than the national average."

However, the Obama administration pointed out that governors would have "flexibility to meet the proposed standards using the energy sources that work best for each state" and, "there's no one-size-fits-all approach here."

Along with its plan to reduce carbon pollution from power plants, the White House posted a fact sheet for Texas and one for each of the other states. The Texas fact sheet includes details under such headings as: A Cleaner More Efficient Power Sector in Texas, Improving the Health of Texas Residents, and Cutting Carbon Pollution in Texas.

State Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, praised the Obama administration's proposed EPA rules, saying, "There is an urgent need to act, and the President has answered the country's call. My preference is that Congress would act, but we all know that's not going to happen."

"Climate change is already here: the country's 12 hottest years on record have come in the last 15 years and Texas

is in the midst of one of the worst droughts in recorded history," Ellis continued. "If we want to leave our children and grandchildren a safe and healthy environment, we've got to limit carbon emissions — just like we've done with arsenic, mercury, and other pollutants," Ellis added.

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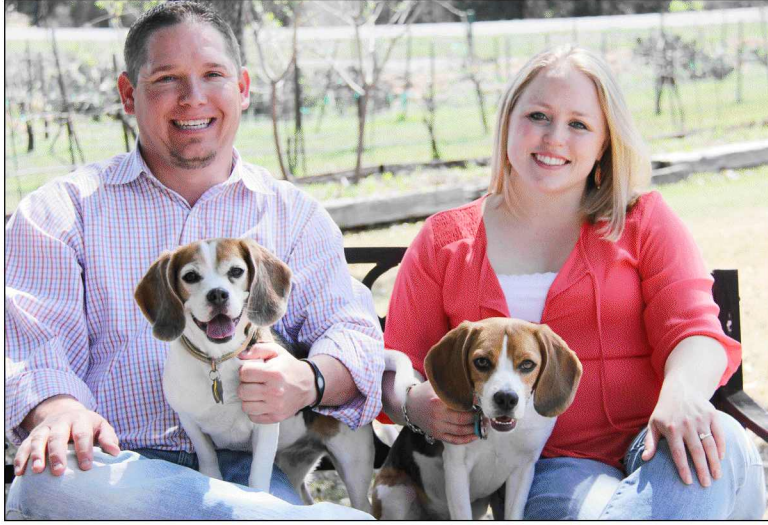


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Naber-Stuart to wed in October

Mona Power of San Antonio, Texas, David and Robin Naber of Houston, Texas and Jeffrey and Ronda Stuart of Ozona are pleased to announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their children, Ashley Nicole Naber and Jason Ray Stuart.

The wedding will take place October 18, 2014 at Oak Valley Vineyards in Garden Ridge, Texas. They are planning a honeymoon in Costa Rica.

Ashley is a graduate of Texas State University in San Marcos with a bachelor's degree in international business and a master's degree in resource and environmental studies. She is currently employed at Weston Solutions, an Environmental Consulting company.

Jason is a graduate of Texas State University in San Marcos with a BFA degree. He has worked in the oil and gas industry since 2012 specializing in drilling fluids. He currently works for Newpark Drilling Fluids in the Midland, Texas office.

Jason and Ashley currently reside in Midland, Texas with their two beagles, Birdie and Bogey.

Flag retirement ceremony Saturday

A Flag Retirement Ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, June 14, at the town square.

"I encourage those that have young children to conduct their flag retirement ceremony with their children at home, but if not they can bring the flags to me prior to June 14 or they can bring them to the Flag Retirement

Ceremony," said Frank Tambunga, coordinator. "We always encourage people to come and join us, especially if they have youth so that they can see the proper way to dispose of a flag. I usually have some scouts, veterans, and firemen assist me with the ceremony."

For more information, call Tambunga at 392-2827.

Gun raffle benefiting Marvin Cooper

Stephen Tarr Gun Shop LLC (donating the guns) and the families of John and Pam Tarr, Stephen and Julie Tarr, Derek and Amber (Tarr) Delach will be raffling two guns to help benefit Pam's brother-in-law, Marvin Cooper.

Marvin has been battling brain cancer for the past 10-plus years. After several surgeries to remove as much of the tumors as possible, he was left paralyzed on one side. Just recently, he had to have his left leg below the

knee amputated due to a very serious infection. Marvin is in need of rehab equipment at his house to help him get around, which the health insurance company is not willing to pay for.

There will be two drawings. One of a Sig Sauer 5-inch 1911 Scorpion (45 acp) and another for a Ruger NRA 10/22 Take Down (22LR rifle).

Tickets are \$20 each and available at Wool Growers in Ozona or call Pam Tarr at (325) 650-5302.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, June 11

- 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.
- Wool and Mohair, Plant ID meeting, 4-6 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

Thursday, June 12

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Summer Reading Program, 10-11 a.m. 6-12 years and 11 a.m.-noon 3-5 years at the public library.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Line dancing, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, June 13

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Saturday, June 14

- Flag Day
- Flag retirement ceremony, 10 a.m. at the town square.

Sunday, June 15

- Father's Day

Monday, June 16

- Exercise class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Summer Reading Program, 10-11 a.m. 6-12 years and 11 a.m.-noon 3-5 years at the public library.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- "Reptile Adventure," 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Tuesday, June 17

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Line dancing, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, June 18

- 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.
- Wool and Mohair, Plant ID meeting, 4-6 p.m. at the 4-H Building.
- CCCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

June 11 - Leslie D. Mata, Tamie Gray, Matthew Beseril, Leticia Borrego, Esmeralda Castillo, Rebecca Pierce and Liliana Camarillo

June 12 - Kat Clayton, Ysabella Makae Flores, Ruby Rodriguez, Victoria Zapata, Erika Fierro, Rogelio Lopez and Wes Morgan

June 13 - Becky Nowell and Rebecca Galvan

June 14 - Nicholas Hernan-

dez, Ruth Craig, Keano Perez, Lisa Garza and Sidney Perez

June 15 - Fred Chandler, Amri Vargas, Melanie Rose Lozano, Lynn Maness Perner, Taylor Oglesby and Damon Johnson

June 16 - Manuel Gutierrez Jr., John Longoria, Romeo Perez Jr., Megan Bullard, Camille Cervantes and Rocky Venegas

June 17 - Charlotte Little and Fernando Fernandez Jr.

'ORO' Softball Tournament June 27-29

The fourth annual "ORO" Softball Tournament will be held June 27-29 in Ozona.

Cost is \$175 per team. All proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. Raffles, food, music and a washer pitching tournament will also take place.

A dance featuring Jaime y Lost Chamacos and Da Krazy

Pimpz will take place from 8 p.m.-midnight at the convention center. Tickets are \$12 in advance and \$15 at the door. They are available at D's Liquor Store.

The event is hosted by the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, call John Ortiz at 259-5200.

ASU Spring Graduates

Angelo State University conferred 709 undergraduate and graduate degrees upon 705 graduates during 2014 spring commencement exercises May 10 in San An-

gelo, Texas.

Graduates from Ozona are: Kelsey A. Childress, with a bachelor of science and Julie L. Gutierrez, with a bachelor of science and cum laude.

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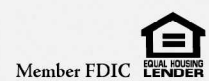
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JUNE 11

•Tuna salad sandwich, green pea salad, corn bread, ranch dressing, melon cubes and milk.

JUNE 12

•Santa fe pork cubes, buttered noodles, spicy carrots, wheat roll, chocolate pudding and milk.

JUNE 13

•Chicken salad, pasta salad, lettuce, tomatoes, whole wheat bread, mandarin orange fluff, yogurt and milk.

JUNE 16

•Chicken tenders, calico corn, vegetable medley, dinner roll, chunky fruit medley, oatmeal cookie and milk.

JUNE 17

•Meatballs and pasta, zucchini, tossed lettuce salad, dinner roll, Italian dressing, seasoned fresh fruit and milk.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

The Social Instinct

From the very beginning God said that it was not good for man to be alone. He created us social beings and intended for us to be dependent on each other. He expected us to live, work and fellowship with each other. The clothes we wear were made by others, the food we eat was grown by others and the auto we drive was made by others. Get the picture??

I remember watching the movie "Cast Away" starring Tom Hanks. He was stranded on a desert island alone but his social instinct was still



PASTOR DAN SLEDGE

present. He took a soccer ball made by the Wilson Sporting Goods Company and painted a face on it and called it his friend Wilson. He talked, argued and cared for Wilson and when he and Wilson were separated he was heartbroken.

Corporate worship in fellowship with God's people be-

comes very important to the maturity, growth and general welfare of the child of God. In fact assembling with God's people for fellowship and worship is not just recommended but commanded. It is that important! "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching." Hebrews 10:25.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

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

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Line dancing Tuesdays and Thursdays

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

You have heard of the lull after the storm. Well, that is how we all feel after last month. It was a great month, but it passed way too fast. Now it is June and I am still back in May.

Time is passing really fast. I am working on getting a few things going in the near future, so please don't give up on me. It is just taking a little time for anyone to answer or plan now that it is summer.

The Balance Exercise is working better in the morning, so we will leave it in the morning at 9 a.m. on Tues-

days and Thursdays. I have started a line dancing class on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m.

We have tried it a couple of times and we are having a great time (and getting a little exercise to boot). Some of the dances we will be trying are The Freeze, Achy Breaky, Honky Tonk Stomp, Electric Slide and Slap Leather. The steps are really easy it just takes a little time to learn them. Come on and give it a try. It's not hard.

If you need help with paying for Medicare Part A, B or Medicare Advantage plan costs, call 1-800-252-9240 or dial 2-1-1. The 211 number will get you answers for just

about anything you need to know.

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. We have really had a good time with the trash to treasure table lately. Thank you to the ones that have donated to this table.

Exercise 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Bridge 1:30 p.m. Monday. Balance Exercise 9 a.m. and Line Dancing 2 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday. Quilting 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Mexican Train 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Group 3 p.m. Wednesday.

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Fourth of July event seeking donations

The Knights of Columbus Fourth of July Celebration will be on Friday, July 4.

The event will begin with the Crockett County Veterans fund-raiser, the G.I. Joe Stars-n-Stripes 5k Run/Walk at 8 a.m. starting in front of the Courthouse. A \$10 donation to participate the fee will cover registration will be accepted on day of event.

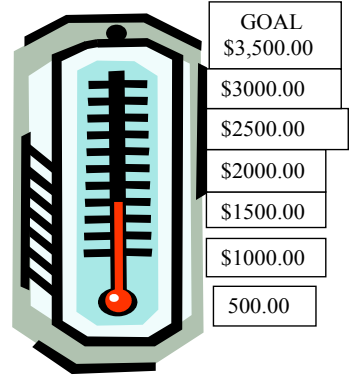
At 3 p.m., at the town square, there will be the countywide Fourth of July Festival. The Knights will provide music. There will also be food booths and games and a washer pitching contest.

Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy an afternoon with the rest of the Ozona Community.

At 7:30 p.m. there will be a Children and Pet Parade, and then at 8 p.m. there will be a Street Dance.

While the Street Dance is going at 8:15 p.m. line up will begin for the Patriotic Parade starting from front of the courthouse and ending at the north baseball fields.

Everyone that has a member of their family in the military is encouraged to provide a float for the parade in their honor. All businesses are also asked to provide a parade



float in behalf of their business.

A challenge to all water hauling truck companies: decorate your truck and earn the bragging rights for a year.

After the parade, the Knights will have a fireworks display show. Following the fireworks, the Street Dance will continue until midnight.

The Knights are seeking donations to cover the fireworks show and dance. Their goal is set at \$3,500.

To make a donation, make checks payable to the Ozona Knights of Columbus mail to P.O. Box 3179, Ozona Texas 76943.

For more information, call Frank Tambunga at 392-2987.

Food handlers course June 28 in Ozona

A new food handlers course, accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services, is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service.

"Food Safety: It's In Your Hands" is being brought to the area by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension in Crockett County.

The first class is scheduled for June 28 starting at 9 a.m. at the extension office at 1301 Ave AA (next to the Convention Center).

This two-hour course is highly recommended for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food.

The course is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment.

Practices discussed include good personal hygiene,

cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

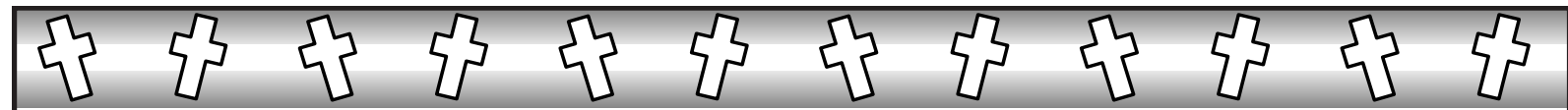
To register for the course, call the extension office at (325) 392-2721.

Registration can also be done in-person the day of the course. The cost is \$20 per person and must be paid in full before the course begins.

Individual with disabilities who require auxiliary aide service or accommodation in order to participate in the event are encouraged to contact our office within five working days prior to the program.

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The class is taught in English but Spanish handouts are available if requested in advance.



CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND FISHING

A few years ago we had the opportunity to go to a nearby lake and be with our children and grandchildren and friends. It was a special treat for us to be together. Yes, it was crowded and some slept outside while others on the floor. It was very interesting but fun at mealtimes. One thing that stood out was the small children spending time with their dads. As we sat around talking and interacting there were always children about. They might be sitting in their dad's lap or next to them. I was so impressed with the dads that were in our camp as they were trying to set Godly examples for their children, (Deuteronomy 4:9, 10). It is a big responsibility being a dad and trying to have a Christian home and family, (Proverbs 20:7, Ephesians 6:1-4). They might not be at the top of the ladder financially or the top golfer or pro bass fisherman but they have given themselves to and for their family. Lift them up in prayer because they go to work day after day trying to provide for their family and many times the working environments and conditions are not pleasant, (1 John 5:19). Satan will work extra hard to defeat a husband or father because it affects so many, (Matthew 12:29, Luke 11:21, John 10:10). Next Sunday will be Father's Day and let us remember them. See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

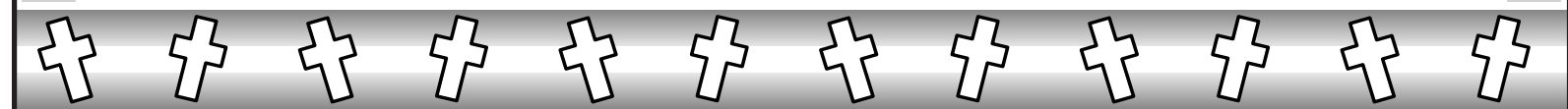
<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor John Curry Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 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 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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OHS Freshmen attend anti-drug rally

BY JESSICA EVERETT
OZONA, TEXAS

The freshman class of Ozona High School took a trip to Junction on May 14 for the 4th annual Anti-Drug Rally. The Ozona Freshmen were joined by other freshmen from Junction, Menard, Paintrock, Brady, Sonora, Lohn and Mason.

Students welcomed four amazing speakers. The speakers were Jessica Gonzales from New Beginnings of San Angelo, Brian Ogle, Sean Carter and the Rev. Jim Barker. Around 400 students listened as these speakers spoke of making good choices in life, how drugs have affected their life and how one night can change your life.

Jessica Gonzales spoke on sexting and domestic violence in dating. Her presentation introduced information about the reasons for violence in dating. Gonzales stated that 1.5 million teens stated they were in a violent dating relationship this year. The average age of these teenagers was the age of 15. Feb. 11 is the national day for violence in dating relationships and the color for this is orange. Her informative speech gave the students many facts and useful tips in learning how to spot types of violence in dating relationships.

Brian Ogle's story started in Florida where his father was a preacher of a small church. He was offered his first joint (marijuana) when he was 11 years-old. Ogle stated that this was the start of his 17-year addiction to drugs.

He was asked to join a gang at the age of 13 which was done by having 13 people beat you for one minute. This new life in a gang was very demanding. He was ordered to do his first shooting at the age of 15 which did not end in any casualties. He was then asked to do a second shooting later that year which also did not end in any deaths but did hurt the person.

He never knew how badly that person was hurt as he ran off after he shot. Ogle started selling crack and marijuana at the age of 16. He then moved to Kansas with his father. It did not take long for him to find drugs and get back into selling them in Kansas.

He graduated and lived with his parents all while still doing drugs and selling them for a little bit of spending money. He tried joining the military until one night the opportunity to drink some vodka arose and he took it not thinking it had any consequences. He was kicked out of the military shortly after. He lived with addiction for 17 years until he did time in jail and turned his life over to Jesus. His main focus of this speech was that a person makes an average of 1,500 choices in one day and any one of those decisions can affect your life.

The third speaker is a man who started his life as a normal twin brother who went to college and was striving to become a real estate lawyer. He lived his life as any other college student would. He worked hard and played even harder. He started drinking in high school but never realized how much alcohol could affect his life until one Saturday night. He allowed his friend to drive whom had also been drinking in excess. One minute they are in truck and the next minute he was in a hospital bed waking up from a 39-day coma.

He had suffered Traumatic Brain Injury, known as TBI. He lost all movement and speech. Sean Carter has lived with TBI for 9 years and his only way of communication is now through an iPad which translates his typed words in to a computerized voice. He talked about how his life has drastically changed and how his mother has given up her life to care for him 24 hours a day.

He has recently been funded by Texas A&M and can now go from town to town and give speeches to educate others about the dangers of driving while under the influence and how TBI has changed his life.



ASIA LARA (left) and RACHEL MENDOZA try to drive the golf cart while wearing "drunk goggles" during the 4th annual Anti-Drug Rally on May 14 in Junction.

Sean and his mother have more information on <http://whenseanspeaks.com/> and are also on Facebook and Twitter.

The students were given a five minute break after each speaker and were also in a raffle for the many different prizes handed out. The prizes ranged from string back packs to T-shirts to iTunes gift cards and fast food gift cards.

The rally also had several demos set up for the students to enjoy and learn from. The students were given time to tour the building and wear drunk goggles and drive a golf cart while wearing them. They were instructed to make it through a coned course while missing all the cones. This proved to be quite difficult to many of them. The students were also able to see the way the inside of a pickup cab looked while in a roll-over accident.

The simulator had two full bodied dummies and a baby in seat belts and then out of a seat belt. The students were amazed to see how difficult it would be to keep your balance while a roll over took place. The drunk goggles were also used in several other exercises. In addition to the demos there were also several tables which had vendors at each one handing out T-shirts and information on the latest popular drugs and the latest trends in social media such as sexting and bullying. These vendors included K*STAR, DSHS, New Beginnings and ADAC.

The day was a success as every student took something from the rally. This was a great day for the freshmen of Ozona which was filled with information and hopefully gave them a lot to think of before we start prom season.

The rally was hosted by the Community Resource Coordination Groups of Texas (CRCG), DSHS, CVADAC/CARES program of San Angelo, Region 15, K*STAR, CPS, Texas Veteran Leadership Program and the Juvenile Probation department of Crockett/Sutton County. Each agency played a very important role in this rally and worked very hard to assure the students of each attending county were well informed about the dangers of drugs.



THE END OF AN ERA: The Ozona Intermediate School Building was demolished last week to make room for a new hotel. The school district sold the building 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.

Farm Service Agency County Committee nomination period begins June 15

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced today that the nomination period for local Farm Service Agency (FSA) county committees begins Sunday, June 15.

"County committees are a vital link between the farm community and the U.S. Department of Agriculture," said Vilsack. "I hope that every eligible farmer and rancher will participate in this year's county committee elections. Through the county committees, farmers and ranchers have a voice; their opinions and ideas get to be heard on federal farm programs."

Vilsack added, "We've seen an increase in the number of nominations of women and minority candidates, and I hope that trend continues." To be eligible to serve on an FSA county committee, a person must participate or cooperate in a program administered by FSA, be eligible to vote in a county committee election and reside in the local administrative area where the person is nominated.

Farmers and ranchers may nominate themselves or others. Organizations representing minorities and women also may nominate candidates.

To become a candidate,

an eligible individual must sign the nomination form, FSA-669A.

The form and other information about FSA county committee elections are available at www.fsa.usda.gov/elections.

Nomination forms for the 2014 election must be postmarked or received in the local USDA Service Center by close of business on Aug. 1, 2014. Elections will take place this fall.

While FSA county committees do not approve or deny farm ownership or operating loans, they make decisions on disaster and conservation programs, emergency programs, commodity price support loan programs and other agricultural issues.

Members serve three-year terms. Nationwide, there are about 7,800 farmers and ranchers serving on FSA county committees.

Committees consist of three to 11 members that are elected by eligible producers. FSA will mail ballots to eligible voters beginning Nov. 3, 2014. Ballots are due back to the local county office either via mail or in person by Dec. 1, 2014.

Newly elected committee members and alternates take office on Jan. 1, 2015.

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THE 10U OZONA YOUTH SOFTBALL ALL STARS: Amber Moran, Krysten Webb, Haley Nowell, Ivey Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Valeria Garza, Skylar Lacy, McKenna Villarreal, Esperanza Castillo, Ysabella Flores, Addyson Ortiz, Krislynn Longoria, Aries Hernandez and Coaches Cody Webb, Frankie Moran, Lindsay Bean and Joe Hernandez.



THE 12U OZONA YOUTH SOFTBALL ALL STARS: Roslynn Mendez, Reaghen Gonzales, Madison Castro, Esmie Castillo, Kaitlyn Tambunga, Alana Escamilla, Alyiah Ortiz, Lexi Montgomery, Jade Borrego, Makayle Graham, Raynee Payne, Raylee Borrego and Coaches John Ortiz, Jamie Ramos, Tim Porras and Zeke Castillo.



AN OZONA YOUTH BASEBALL CAMP was held last week at the OHS Baseball Field. The camp was held by OHS Coach Ray Talamantes.



THE 9U OZONA ALL STARS (top photo) and the 10U ALL STARS won the Sonora Youth Baseball Tournament this past weekend.

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Third Grade - James Aguirre, Ivey Campos Rodriguez, Maximus Duran, Charli Oglesby and Logan Thompson.

Fourth Grade - Monserrat Blanco, Roxana Camarillo-Mares, Carlos Cantu, Esperanza Castillo, Bryce Gray, Sydney Knaack, Jason Lopez, Brianna Maskill, Amber Moran, Emily Nop, Allyson Ortiz-Gage, Kolton Thompson and Krysten Webb.

Fifth Grade - Lianna Blanco, Carson Childress, Michael Esparza and Catherine Perez.

A-B HONOR ROLL

First Grade - Hillary Mashay Alvarez, Maria Aranda, Avery Badillo, Kurt Bean, Rico Capetillo, Rogelio Capetillo, Alexandria Cervantes, Domenic Chila, Michael Daniels, Kryson Davis, Serena Diehl, Dennis Dunaway, Iran Elizondo, Ysabella Esparza, Natalia Lariza Flores, Corey Galindo, Adrian Jara, Jakob Little, Yulissa Lopez, Maddac Luna, Yesenia Mendez, Blayk Mitchell, Israel Perez, Luke Puckett, Mireya Rivera, Bayleigh Tinney and Evelyn Yeager.

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ers, Faith Gaytan, Danecia Hill, Jonovan Jurado, Skyler Lacy, Michael Luna, Jadon Martinez, Christa Montgomery, Victoria Nowell, Zachary Pena, Jarryn Puckett, Desteny Quaid, Jose Rios, Kattie Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Elyssa Trujillo, Hailey Vargas and Destiny Venegas.

Fourth Grade - Abrielle Cervantes, Matthew De La Garza, Matthew Delgado, Stormy Dunken, Ivan Escamilla, Noah Escamilla, Ysabella Flores, Osvaldo Garcia, Ethan Gonzalez, Aries Hernandez, Daniel Hernandez, Harley Hernandez, Kayleigh Hernandez, Adam Hopper, Samantha Lofland, Krislynn Longoria, Mary-Jane Macias, Makayleigh Martinez, Alejandra Mata, Mysti Mata Zapata, Jacqueline Medina, Haley Nowell, Devon Pena, Mary Rodriguez, Siria Rodriguez, Sebastian Talamantes, Natalie Tambunga, Yazmin Tambunga, Juan Vazquez Chavez and Genesis Venegas.

Fifth Grade - Austin Castro, Madison Castro, Ethan Criswell, Shelby Galindo, Brianna Garcia, Andrea Garza, Reaghan Gonzalez, Jose Munoz, Perla Ojeda, Ida Rodriguez, Noran Rodriguez, Kaleigh Thomas and Jacqueline Venegas.

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Commissioners approve fireworks

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

During Monday's regular meeting, the commissioners agreed to keep the county-wide burn ban lifted. They would evaluate again at their next regular commissioners' court meeting.

The commissioners also approved restricting sales of aerial fireworks, such as bottle rockets, "skyrockets with sticks" and "missile's with fins."

The State of Texas order states that no person may sell, detonate, ignite or in any way use these types of fireworks. Violation of the order is a Class C Misdemeanor.

Firework sales will be allowed for the Fourth of July with the restrictions. It does not prohibit common fireworks, small in size.

In the past, the commissioners have approved the sale of fireworks with these restrictions.

WELLNESS CENTER

Shirely Kirby with the Crockett County Health and Wellness Center organization asked the commissioners if they are planning on extending the agreement on the property where the north pool was formerly located.

In November 2009, the commissioners approved a resolution to establish a Crockett County Health and Wellness Center in setting aside the land where the original north swimming pool located. The land will be reserved for five years to give members of the Health and Wellness Center Board time to raise money for the center.

The five years will be up in November. During the five-year period, the organization has raised around \$60,000.

Kirby said they were inactive for awhile, but the last two years they have been active in raising funds raising \$25,000. Additional fund-raisers are being planned for the fall.

The property is across from the West Texas Rehabilitation Center and the Family Health Center of Ozona.

In the past, CCCSD has made a request about purchasing that lot from the county. The wellness center organization has allowed the school to use the property for parking.

Kirby said she has spoken to Orlando DeHoyos, school board vice president, who told her that the school wanted the property for a girls' field house.

"We thought it was good PR to tell the school that we didn't object to the school using it. I've been told now it was bad PR," Kirby said.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the school district has not made another request.

"I feel like at some time there will be a battle to be fought," Deaton said.

Jean Reardon, pastor of the Ozona United Methodist Church, asked if any other sites could be available.

"Yes, we want to take care of our youth and provide for them, but it seems there's a real heavy emphasis on the youth and the senior citizens have to fight for everything."

Charlotte Harrell said a decision on the property needs to be made soon so the wellness center can apply for grants.

Kirby asked if a joint meeting with the school board, commissioners and the wellness center supporters could be arranged.

Deaton said he would look into putting an evening meeting together with all three groups. "Our hope, out of this, is

to see some way for everyone to find a happy medium on it somehow. Nobody wants to take responsibility. We want to have as much public input as possible," Deaton said.

MOSQUITOES

Animal Control Officer Joe Jurado asked the commissioners about being licensed to spray for mosquitoes.

Jurado said heartworms are in Crockett County due to the mosquito issue and dogs being brought in from other areas.

The commissioners said for Jurado to visit with County Road Supervisory Jeffrey Stuart about getting licensed.

PARKS

Heidi Sullivan with the Parks & Recreation Board said they are planning a community work day for July 26 at the Rodeo Park. The day will be used to repair and replace the playground equipment.

WAR ADMIRAL

Stuart said the road department has repaired War Admiral Street where a sinkhole has been for the past couple of weeks.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

- Amending the rules for the Crockett County Civic and Youth Center to include prohibiting electronic cigarettes and synthetic drugs.
- To allow materials purchase from the building maintenance fund for shelving in the district attorney's office.
- Security cameras for the Crockett County Civic Center \$11,957 and the I-10 Park restrooms for \$5,987.
- Raise county extension agent's salary to \$25,880.
- Buying a street sweeper for \$213,529 with Buy Board.

ROADS: from page 1

give money to counties with increased energy production." Crockett County is set to receive nearly \$2 million in funding for county roads.

During Monday's commissioners' court meeting, County Judge Fred Deaton said the Texas Department of Transportation is not going to disperse any of the funds until they have figured out the lawsuit.

The Legislature approved the program last year to address county roads affected by energy development, particularly those counties in South and West Texas seeing the most drilling activity.

Senate Bill 1747 directed TxDOT to distribute \$225 million to counties through a grant program. Of the state's 254 counties, 191 applied for a portion of the funding, identifying more than \$1 billion in road improvements.

In April, TxDOT announced plans to distribute the money to all 191 counties. While shale counties in South and West Texas are receiving among the largest grants, some officials have questioned why millions in funding are being distributed to counties in other parts of the state.

"We certainly feel comfortable with what we've been allocated. We know other counties in the state of Texas need money to repair their roads," Deaton said.

TxDOT spokesman Bob Kaufman said none of the \$225 million in funding has been distributed yet.

"The lawsuit filed by LaSalle County could slow down, or stop, all usage of these funds, depending on how the court rules," Kaufman said.

The lawsuit argues that TxDOT is refusing to fol-

low the program's guidelines, which has led to ineligible counties being awarded grants. Specifically, the lawsuit contends that the agency ignored language that requires that grants be awarded to "areas of the state affected by increased oil and gas production." The lawsuit also alleges that most of the counties that applied for the grants did not submit "road condition reports" that were required under the statute.

"The Legislature's award, once chopped into 191 unequal pieces, will be of only blunted impact in those regions, such as La Salle County, whose roads have borne the heaviest load of the Texas energy boom," the lawsuit states.

Kaufman said TxDOT was limited in how it could comment on the issue because of the ongoing lawsuit.

"We can confirm TxDOT followed the letter of the law, and the Legislature's intent, by providing a formulaic distribution to counties impacted by increased energy sector traffic," Kaufman said.

State Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, who authored SB 1747, said he believes TxDOT was following the law correctly. While his bill as originally proposed would have targeted the funding on counties most impacted by energy development, the version that passed was changed to make more counties eligible for the

funding. The changes were needed to persuade legislators to break from long-standing tradition and allocate funds for county road projects, he said. Uresti's district includes Crockett County.

"In order to pass the bill, I had to get the votes, and that involved me in broadening the language of the bill," Uresti said. "Since this is the first time this has ever been done in at least 50 years, I thought it was a pretty good start."

Uresti said he hoped to address the energy sector infrastructure problems more forcefully in the 2015 legislative session.

In the meantime, he hopes the lawsuit is resolved quickly so that the \$225 million, which he described as a "Band-Aid," can begin improving roads around the state.

"If TxDOT is not able to distribute these funds, it's almost as if LaSalle is pulling that Band-Aid and that doesn't help anyone," Uresti said.

Rodriguez said the final version of Uresti's bill was "a beautiful bill" that was not being properly administered.

"We've been open to TxDOT, and they just don't shoot straight," Rodriguez said. "They've made rules they haven't followed or won't show you how they're coming up to their own logic."

- Melissa Perner with The Ozona Stockman contributed to this article.



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LIBRARY: Reptile Show Monday from page 1

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- Grand Saline, TX has large _____ deposits
- East TX _____ fish (aka "crawfish")
- real first name of TX "Bum" Phillips
- TXism: "he couldn't _____ a stick horse" (greenhorn)
- TX Ross Perot, e.g. July 23 & Aug. 23
- this actor was in '77 film "The Deep" with UT-grad Eli Wallach
- TV talking horse: "Mr. _____"
- FM 518 in League City is the "_____ Slayton Highway"
- noted TX guitarist: _____ Ray Vaughan
- Gulf fish: "_____ head"
- Gulf eagle
- today, Cowboy fans are as likely to _____ as cheer
- "Hook" _____ Horns!"
- first 2 wds. of DART
- cow sounds
- in Smith Co. on 135
- TXism: "_____ the bull" (gossip)
- "no _____, no gain"
- prong on a fork
- Kris Kristofferson starred in this '76 film with Streisand
- TXism: "rides his own trail"
- Marines motto: "_____ per Fidelis"
- of the wind
- Cowboy Peter Gent wrote novel "North Dallas _____"
- wood chopper
- fish propeller
- this butter is extracted from the bean
- Dallas prep school: "_____ School of Texas"
- poker card suit
- "_____ out a living"
- Gulf shrimp catcher
- TX-made comfort shoe
- what Ranger Yu Darvish tries to pitch (2 wds.)
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- Smith Co. seat
- Buddy Holly's wife: Maria _____
- TXism: "bought a pig in a _____" (screwed up)
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