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Comptroller seldom right on oil price prediction

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Wondering where oil prices will settle in the coming years? So are state officials and thousands of other Texans whose livelihoods are tied to that figure, which has plummeted in recent months.

Comptroller Glenn Hegar offered his best guess on Jan. 13. Oil's taxable value will average between \$65 and \$75 per barrel through 2017, the Republican said upon releasing his first revenue estimate — a forecast of how much cash will flow into state coffers in the next two years beginning in September.

That's significantly below what many economists expected just months ago, but far above oil's value today. Due to a complicated mixture of geopolitics and supply and demand, the price of a barrel of West Texas crude has dropped by more than 50 percent in the last six months, to \$49.57 as of Monday morning. (The taxable price that the comptroller uses is typically a few dollars below the market price.)

But don't bet the ranch on Hegar's forecast. It is almost certainly wrong. No matter how hard state officials try to foresee swings in the oil market, its predictions



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are often inaccurate — sometimes wildly.

"Nobody expects you to be right about oil and gas prices," Billy Hamilton, a former Texas revenue estimator, said last month. "They just expect you to be less wrong in the right direction."

Oil prices play a significant role in the revenue estimate, which tells lawmakers how big of a pie — \$220.9 billion in this case — they will divide during the session. Oil and mineral-related revenue

makes up 10 percent of the state's total tax collections, but less than 5 percent of the Texas budget, according to state records.

Hegar said the recent drilling boom has played a pivotal role in the state's recent economic success.

"The increased oil and gas production helped the state offset both weak growth in other sectors of our state economy as well as the drag from our sluggish national economy," Hegar said. "These

lower prices will likely lead to a significant slowing in oil exploration and thus has dampened our overall economic forecast for the upcoming biennium"

Hegar said he used a variety of sources in making his oil forecast. That included analysis firms like Moody's Analytics and IHS Global Insight, as well as conversations with people in the oil and gas sector as well as oth-

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Clinic plans take another step forward

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Plans for a new Ozona clinic continue to move forward after the Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board met with Shannon Health officials during a special meeting Monday night.

The board and Shannon officials talked about plans for the clinic and about Shannon's original offer to furnish the new clinic with equipment.

The officials said they would stick with their original agreement. Preliminary plans state an estimated budget of \$379,000 for new equipment.

New equipment that is currently being used at the existing clinic would move over the new one, but new exam beds, furniture and older equipment would be replaced.

The officials also showed two sets of plans for the building. The first one is the size of 8,800 square feet and the second is 10,400 square feet, which includes additional examination rooms for visiting specialists.

Estimate costs range from \$2.4 million to \$3.2 million, which includes Shannon's cost for new equipment and demolition of the existing building.

"We're still in a little bit of limbo of where to put this," said Board President

John L. Henderson. "I'm just not sure we are prepared to take out any existing structures."

Two sites are being looked at for the location, including the current clinic location and the second is across the street from Lion Stadium.

The county is aiming to have the clinic on a November bond election.

"I think we need to be moving pretty good on this by the end of March because you need to give the people time to look at it," Deaton said.

The county will need to hire an architect and a bond attorney to work on getting the bond together.

The plans presented Monday night were by architect O'Connell Robertson of Austin. Shannon has been working with the firm for 15 years.

"I believe from their initial work they would be interested. I don't want to speak for them completely," said Dale Droll, director of engineering for Shannon.

An architect would visit with the clinic staff, the Care Center Board and the commissioners, come up with a rendering and finalize costs, Droll said.

"He can help you through that versatility for the future. However, I would nail down a location before it's presented to the

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Case 'Closed' on pair of 2013 house fires

BY J.L. MANKIN
THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT

The State Fire Marshall Office investigation into a pair of house fires that happened on July 6, 2013 has been closed.

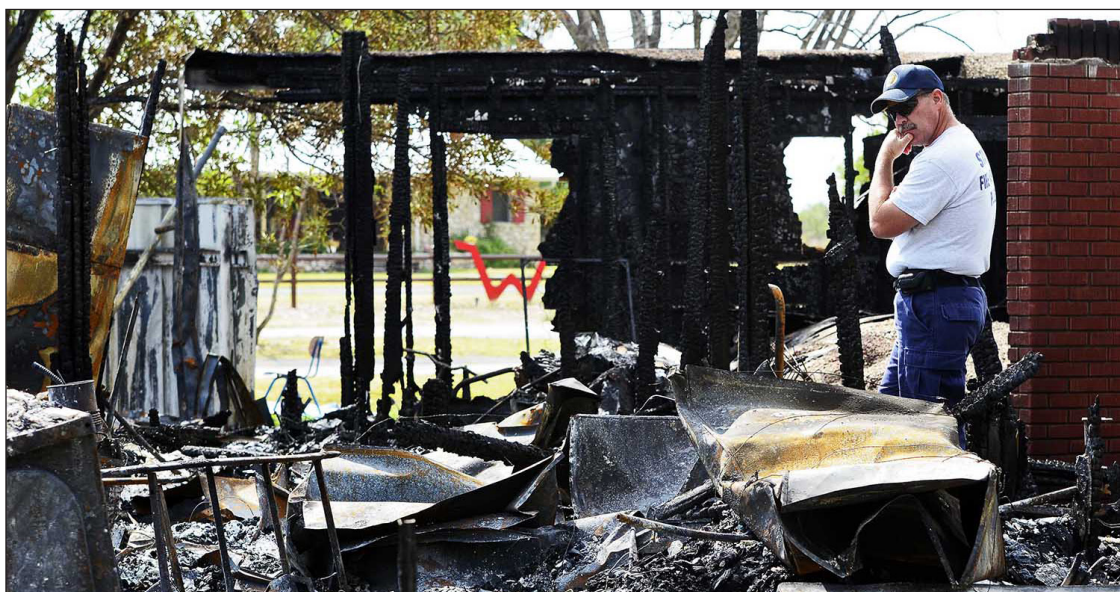
An open records request submitted by the Wildcat on Dec. 10, 2014 was answered by the Texas Department of Insurance with the finalized reports and all supporting documents.

The cause of both the fires was ruled undetermined. The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department assisted Big Lake in fighting both fires.

The first fire, located at 708 North Maryland Avenue, originated in the attic area on the north half of the home.

According to the report, lead investigator John Kondratik was unable to determine the ignition source due to extensive damage in the area of origination.

The second fire, located at 1029 East 8th Street, originated in the west half of the home.



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SERGEANT BILLY LANG with the State Fire Marshal's Office looks over the charred remains of a home near the corner of 8th Street and Florida Avenue Monday after a fire burned the home to the ground Saturday, July 6, 2013. Lang, who is also a K-9 handler for the State Fire Marshal's Office, helped collect samples and data from the scene to aid in the investigation into what caused the fire.

According to the investigation report, two areas were alerted to by a canine trained to find odors of hydrocarbons found in ignitable liquid substances.

The first sample was taken in the west bedroom of

the home. It was made up of carpet, paper and fire debris.

The second sample was taken from the east bedroom. It was made up of carpet and fire debris.

Both samples were sent to the state Forensic Arson

Laboratory in Austin.

The first sample came back negative for ignitable liquids. The second came back with the presence of a medium petroleum distillate

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Commissioners, fire department come to an agreement

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court and the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department have come to an agreement and better understanding after a Jan. 28 special meeting.

During the meeting, issues about the fire department's budget to equipment and better communication between the two groups.

County Judge Fred Deaton praised the fire department for how they handle fires, and how the community wants a fire department and the commissioners to work together.

The meeting stemmed from the fire department being over budget for the second year in a row. At a Dec. 18 meeting, the commissioners discussed how the fire department was \$21,352 over budget, \$33,648 over budget in equipment, \$5,214 over budget in dues and inspections, \$1,798 over budget in

supplies and \$606 over budget in telephone. The department had budgeted \$55,000 for a new tanker this year. Those funds were not spent and were used to offset the over budgeted items. The department was over budget on several items last year.

If the \$55,000 for the new tanker had not been budgeted then the expense would have had to come from another part of the county budget.

"The whole county can come apart if you don't stay in your budget," Deaton said.

Fire Chief Brian Morrow said he is going to slack up spending until June and July and take a closer look at the budget. He also said he is going to do his best to stay within budget.

"I'm not blaming him. He is new and needs to communicate better with the commissioners," Commissioner Eligio Martinez said of Morrow.

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Tax planning for small businesses

It is a new year and now is time for tax planning for your small business. I recently attended a seminar on tax planning. The CPA who taught the course did a great job of explaining the elements of good planning for the tax year. She highlighted the importance of good bookkeeping. In order to do their job properly, accountants need a current and reliable set of books. In addition, they like to see reconciled bank statements, credit card statements, and note bal-

ances either in manual or software form. Completeness is necessary for your accountant to assist you. Another area of tax planning importance she brought out is reviewing your form of business entity. Different



BUSINESS TIPS
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entities have different tax treatments and requirements. For instance in an S Corporation, besides taking distributions, owners must pay themselves a reasonable wage to avoid IRS scrutiny. Single member LLC's are treated for tax purposes like a Sole Proprietor. If you are starting a new business or looking at transitioning to a new form of business entity, consult with your CPA and your attorney to understand the tax and liability aspects of the change. Capital expenditures and the

Section 179 deductions are also important to consider. Your accountant can discuss how your capital expenditures are depreciated. They can assist with a written policy on capital expenditure depreciation, which is required by IRS regulations. IRS Code Section 179 allows for the immediate expensing of otherwise depreciable capital expenditures (excluding real estate) up to a certain amount in any given year. Your accountant can also discuss common deductions of which you may take advantage.

Business use of vehicles, cell phones, business travel combined with leisure travel, mark downs and write-offs, and business use of home are all forms of deductions they can review with you. Retirement plans and the Affordable Care Act are also areas that need proper tax planning. Obviously, it is a good idea to work with an accounting firm to help with your tax planning. We often recommend someone starting a business to consult with one on setting up their accounting system and start tax

planning. We also recommend growing businesses to consult with an accounting firm, especially when we find they have not worked with one before. Most firms have a menu of accounting services they can provide in addition to tax planning. The fees related to selecting the services you want are more reasonable than you would think.

"BUSINESS TIPS" was written by Dave Erickson, Director and Certified Business Advisor IV, of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact him at david.erickson@angelo.edu.

Securing our borders

I firmly believe that if people in Washington are going to write the laws about securing our border, they should spend some time down here and talk to the men and women who risk their lives every day to protect our nation. That's why I joined my fellow Texas Congressman Mike McCaul this weekend as he led a delegation of members of Congress on tours of our southwest border. We spent time in San Diego, California, Sierra Vista, Arizona and McAllen, Texas and at each stop, my colleagues were able to see what you and I already know to be true - our border is no where near secure, despite what the White House and Democrats in Congress may say.



HURD ON THE HILL
WILL HURD

The legislation also completes the 700 miles of fencing as required by law. This complete approach gives our border agents a leg up on those who wish to do our nation harm.

The Secure Our Borders Act also gives these agents the flexibility they desperately need to react to the latest intelligence they receive. While Washington may be able to offer guidance to Border Patrol on how to handle certain situations, the truth is that only those on the ground, and often in immediate danger, have the ability to make the right call.

As I travel our district, I hear it over and over again - "Will, when is Washington going to fix this problem?" That's why I am a co-sponsor of the Secure Our Border's First Act, a bill introduced by McCaul, the Chairman of the Committee on Homeland Security. First, let me explain what this bill isn't. It is not an immigration reform bill. Our immigration policy is enormously complicated and reforming it will require more than just one piece of legislation. Washington just doesn't do "comprehensive" well, so look for us to fix our broken immigration system separately with legislation that comes from the Judiciary Committee, which has jurisdiction over this issue. However, the Secure Our Borders First bill is a giant step towards getting our borders under control. A key component to the legislation will make cutting-edge technology available to our border patrol agents to help solve this problem. Where difficult terrain keeps agents from being effective on the ground, we can use technology to put eyes and ears on the border.

My time as an undercover CIA agent gives me a unique perspective on border security. It's not a partisan issue. This is about national security. When our border is not secure, our national sovereignty is at risk. This is also about promoting trade and commerce across international lines. An unsecured border stalls the movement of goods, and this hurts our economy and job growth. The Secure Our Borders First Act isn't the final answer to this problem. There will still be more work to do on completely securing our border even once this bill is in place. And I look forward to working with Chairman Bob Goodlatte with the Judiciary Committee to move forward with real immigration reform that protects American workers and strengthens our economy.

But this is a tough border security bill with real consequences if the administration refuses to act. It's the right first step.

WILL HURD represents the 23rd District of Texas, which includes Crockett County. Contact him at: <http://hurd.house.gov>

What's In Your Kit?

Livestock publications this time of year often run articles on Spring calving. These articles always start with instructions to make sure your fences are tight, you are well rested, and that you are on good terms with a veterinarian so that when you call the vet at 2:00 AM with a calving issue he or she is going to pop right out of bed and drive 60 miles in a blizzard to your place to deliver a calf. Ha ha ha. Like that's gonna happen.

The experts suggest writing a schedule so that everyone knows what time they will be on call. For example, the schedule I always taped to our refrigerator door said that from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM I was responsible. From 6:00 PM until 8:00 AM it was my wife's turn to be on call. I considered this a fair division of labor because, as we all know, most heifers calve at night when it is most inconvenient and women are more rested and handle stress better than men. They are also much better at motherhood and all it entails, so it is only smart and fair that they be on call when a 600 pound heifer tries to give birth to a calf the size of a hay bale.

The authors of these articles suggest you have a calving kit ready. Not surprisingly, the contents of my calving kit are much more practical than the ones suggested by professors who write such columns. The Docs say you should have a box of plastic sleeves handy in case the



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calves may differ, I always preferred a good shot of Crown Royal as my lubricant. You'll probably need a flashlight by your wife's bedside so that she won't turn on the overhead light and wake you up unnecessarily. Better yet, buy an old camper shell, teepee or cheap RV for the wife to stay in during the night so that she won't wake you up every two hours and ruin your beauty sleep. Do you know what a shock it gives the system when the wife comes back to bed with frozen feet and "accidentally" jabs them into your warm, cozy body?

Let's you think I'm a heartless creep, I always showed my sensitive side by leaving an alarm clock, an energy bar and a pile of the Sudoku puzzles my wife likes to work so that she had something to do

while she was waiting for a stubborn calf to enter the birth canal.

Women, you are going to need appropriate clothing including heavy jacket, vest, sweater, long underwear and hooded sweatshirt, although the price of the hooded might be cost prohibitive. But ladies, please do try to look as attractive as possible for you surely don't want the first thing a calf sees in this world to be a scary figure in an old, muddy and moldy Carhartt jacket and a pair of sweatpants, do you? That could emotionally scar a calf for life.

Now for you men... you are going to need a gun in your calving kit. Not to put an animal down mind you, but to go hunting if things are a little slow on your shift.

Rounding out the contents of your calving kit you'll need two logging chains and a tractor, a large supply of clean rags which can be found in the dirty clothes hamper, and some antibiotics. These aren't for the cattle but for the wife in case she feels a little off. You DO NOT want her getting sick to the point where you have to switch shifts.

So good luck and remember Lee's rules on calving: the smallest heifers will have the biggest calves, the meanest most ornery cows will always require the most assistance, and the one time you sleep through your shift will be when all the problems occur.

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Budget-writing process begins in Senate committee

AUSTIN — On Jan. 28 the main work of the Texas Legislature started when the state budget-writing Senate Finance Committee met at the Capitol.

Financial figures for the committee to use as a guide come from the 10-member Legislative Budget Board, a permanent joint committee of the House and Senate that develops budget and policy recommendations for appropriations, completes fiscal analyses for proposed legislation and conducts evaluations and reviews to improve the efficiency and performance of state and local operations.

In its budget estimate, the Legislative Budget Board recommends a \$205 billion state budget for the 2016-2017 fiscal biennium. The current 2014-2015 budget is estimated at \$202 billion. The biggest chunks of the 2016-2017 recommended budget are \$77.5 billion for education, \$75 billion for health and human services and \$30 billion

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for business and economic development.

As set forth in state law, the 10-member "LBB" is co-chaired by the lieutenant governor, who presides over the Senate, and the speaker of the House, and includes the chair of the Senate Finance Committee, the chair of the House Appropriations Committee; the chair of the House Ways and Means Committee; three members of the Senate appointed by the lieutenant governor; and two other members of the House appointed by the speaker. As of Feb. 1, the chairs and lists of members of House committees had not been named.

Sen. Jane Nelson, the first woman in the history of the Legislature to chair a standing budget-writing committee, was appointed by Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick to preside over the 15-member panel. Nelson,

R-Grapevine, said Senate Bill 2 would be a "responsible" budget and she encouraged committee members to voice their individual priorities during the budget-writing process. She also said the panel would spend a week on tax-relief bills.

NEW GOVERNOR'S WORK BEGINS

In the days following his inauguration on Jan. 20, Gov. Greg Abbott set right to work.

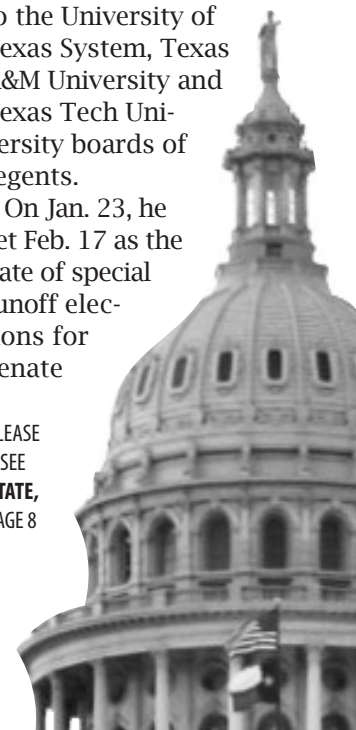
On Jan. 21, "to prevent, detect and investigate fraud, abuse and waste" he named Stuart W. Bowen Jr. as inspector general for the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

On Jan. 22, he submitted to the Texas Senate for approval Cameron County Judge Carlos Cascos as Secretary of State, Jerry Strickland as chief of the Office of State-Federal

Relations and David Mattax for reappointment as commissioner of the Texas Department of Insurance. He also named appointees to the University of Texas System, Texas A&M University and Texas Tech University boards of regents.

On Jan. 23, he set Feb. 17 as the date of special runoff elections for Senate

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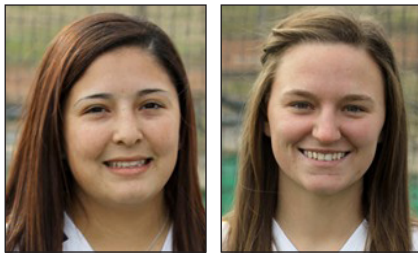
Former Lady Lions begin 2015 season at Howard Payne

Two former Lady Lions will begin their 2015 softball season this weekend for Howard Payne University.

Adrienne Sanchez, a junior at HPU, and Kodi Glosson, a sophomore at HPU.

Last season Adrienne started five of nine games played in for Howard Payne. She had three hits on 14 at bats, scoring once.

She is a 2012 graduate of Ozona High School and is a physical therapy major.



ADRIENNE SANCHEZ KODI GLOSSON

She is the daughter of Javier and Leticia Sanchez.

Kodi is a 2013 graduate of OHS and is a nursing major who dreams of becoming

a nurse and firefighter.

She is the daughter of Melissa and Larry Glosson.

The Lady 'Jackets are playing their first game against the Saints at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

The game will have a live video on the Saints' website at www.ollusaintsathletics.com.

A full Howard Payne softball schedule can be found at www.hpusports.com

Cruz graduates from ASU

Angelo State University conferred 504 undergraduate and graduate degrees upon 501 graduates during 2014 fall commencement exercises Dec. 13 in San Angelo.

Graduates from Ozona were: Daniel Cruz with a Bachelor of Security Studies.

ASU Dean's List

Students achieving the Dean's List for the 2014 fall semester have been announced by Angelo State University in San Angelo.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full-time at ASU and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Former Ozona students named are: Alexa D. Cervantez, Daniel Cruz, Kelsey D. Curry, Sean T. Curry, Kendra D. Hodges, David R. Kennedy, Desiree S. Marshall, Rebecca J. Pierce, Kelsie L. Ramirez and Sierra Trevino.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 4 - Georgia Morrow, John DeHoyos, Dottie Gonzalez, Ryan James Sanchez, Shelly Lechuga and Elizabeth Venegas

Feb. 5 - Jason A. Samaripa, Eddie Hale, Josh Long, Josh Tambunga, Jettie Adcock, Park Preddy, Abey Lara and Crystal Vasquez

Feb. 6 - Abbie Hubbard, Sylvia Lara, Bitsy Durham, Veronica Mendoza and Michael Nicks

Feb. 7 - Kay Baker, Joyce Galvan, Sandy Gandar, Carlos Galindo, Alejandro Mendez and Blanca Estrada

Feb. 8 - Jan Van Shoubrouek, Marty Moran Sr. and J.D. McGuire

Feb. 9 - Augustine Martinez, Ryan Thomas Ramos, Duston Vargas, John E. Lopez III, Paarth Raj Bhakta, Jason Puckett and Odell Alba

Feb. 10 - Coleman Quaid, Clay Childress, Adam Hopper, Rebekah Shaw, Katie Friend, Mari Campos and Leon McDowell

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 4

- 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.

Thursday, Feb. 5

- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Movies, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Nursing Home Medicaid presentation, 2:15 p.m. at the Care Center.
- Band Booster meeting, 6 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.
- OHS One Act Play rehearsal, 7 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.

Friday, Feb. 6

- OHS Academic Team at Sonora.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m. at Eldorado.

Saturday, Feb. 7

- OHS Band at UIL Solo and Ensemble at San Angelo.
- OMS Lions and Lady Lions in the District Tournament.

Monday, Feb. 9

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS One Act Play rehearsal, 7 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.

Tuesday, Feb. 10

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County 4-H meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the 4-H office.
- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Miles, 4 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.

Wednesday, Feb. 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.

FSA announces new yield data for safety net calculations

BY KENT POLITSCH
USDA-FSA

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency (FSA) Administrator Val Dolcini offered farmers new information to update program payment yields that will help them better select protections offered by the Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC) programs.

The new programs, established by the 2014 Farm Bill, are cornerstones of the commodity farm safety, offering farmers protection when market forces cause substantial drops in crop prices and revenues.

"The Farm Bill provided landowners with the option of updating their farm program payment yields. This is the first time that many producers have been able to update yields since 1986," said Dolcini. "We've worked with the Risk Management Agency to make available certified

yield data that producers can use to better calculate how the new safety net programs can offer the best protection against market swings."

Producers can check with their local FSA county office to see if data is available for them.

This data belongs to the producer and only the producer associated with the crop insurance records will be provided this service.

Updating yield history or reallocating base acres can occur until Feb. 27.

FSA also issued a reminder that from Nov. 17, 2014, to March 31, 2015, producers will make a one-time election of either ARC or PLC for the 2014 through 2018 crop years.

For more information, producers are encouraged to make an appointment to go into their local FSA county office.

To find a local FSA county office, visit www.offices.usda.gov. Additional information on the new programs

is available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

These programs were made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer.

Since enactment, the U.S. Department of Agriculture has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H meeting Tuesday

The Crockett County 4-H will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at the 4-H Barn.

not written your thank you notes, come by the 4-H office to complete them.

MAJOR SHOWS

Upcoming major stock shows include San Antonio from Feb. 16-26 and San Angelo Feb. 17-27.

For more information, call the 4-H office at 392-2721.

THANK YOU NOTES
Crockett County Junior Livestock Show participants will receive the county show checks once you have completed your approved thank you notes. If you have

Ozona Schools early out Feb. 18

CCCCSD will have an Early Out at noon Wednesday, Feb. 18, so that teachers may attend STAAR Test Administrator Training. This is a mandatory training set up by TEA, and all teachers and staff involved with the STAAR Test must attend.

ASU True Blue Friday events

High school seniors and prospective transfer students are invited to attend Angelo State University's True Blue Friday recruiting events from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Feb. 6, 13 and 20 in the Houston Harte University Center, 1910 Rosemont Drive.

While registering for one of the True Blue Friday dates, participants will have the opportunity to customize their schedules so they can spend their time learning about their particular academic interests and ASU academic re-

sources, as well as speaking with faculty members. Participants will be able to tour the campus and interact with current students.

The registration form is available online at <http://myfuture.angelo.edu/trueblue>. Up to two guests may accompany each prospective student, and overnight accommodations on campus are also available.

For more information call the Office of Admissions at (325) 942-2041 or admissions@angelo.edu.

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

FEBRUARY 4

· Glazed baked ham, sweet potatoes, green peas, red pepper, dinner roll, cranberry velvet and milk.

FEBRUARY 5

· Goulash, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, mandarin orange fluff and milk.

FEBRUARY 6

· Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, dinner roll, tropical fruit salad and milk.

FEBRUARY 9

· Chicken parmesan, penne pasta, mixed vegetables, green salad, Italian dressing, pineapple pudding, garlic bread and milk.

FEBRUARY 10

· Chili with beans, cucumber, tomato and onion salad, wheat bread, apple crisp and milk.

FEBRUARY 11

· Smothered pork chop, rice pilaf, romaine salad with dressing, dinner roll, cinnamon apricots and milk.



LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS danced on Jan. 27 at the Senior Center. Pictured are: Dale Bebee, JoAnn Babbitt, Frank Fred, Melvyn Mejia, Tammi Monzingo, Dale Monzingo, Tina Jarvis, Mary Williamson, Nell Wester, Karan Heffelfinger, Carol Adcock, Tim Mangrum, Sandy Bebee Nora Geen and John Geen.

LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

BY TRACYE SWINDLE
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE

On Saturday, Jan. 24, Levis and Lace Square Dance Club had a dance at the Crockett County Senior Citizens Center from 7-9 p.m. Grand square, ferris wheel, scoot back and walk and dodge were a few of the calls you could see the dancers performing to the calling instruction of Tim Mangrum from Stephenville, Texas.

John Geen, caller of the Promenade Squares from San Angelo, Texas called a tip with Tim to the music of "I'll Fly Away." The cotton eyed joe, two step, and electric slide were danced between called tips.

Dancers attending were Dale Bebee, Sandy Bebee, JoAnn Babbitt, Nell Wester, Carol Adcock, Tina Jarvis, Karan Heffelfinger, Frank Fred, Mary Williamson, and Melvyn Mejia.

Visitor dancers attending were Tim Mangrum caller and his wife Debbie Mangrum from Stephenville and John Geen caller and his wife Nora Geen from San Angelo.

On Sunday Levis and Lace Square Dance Club had lessons at the Crockett County Senior Citizen Center from 6-8 p.m. Allemande

thar, sweep a quarter, peel off, star thru and California twirl were a few of the calls you could see the dancers performing to the calling instruction of Carol Adcock, student instructor.

Students attending were Mary Williamson, Karan Heffelfinger, Sydney Knaack, Melvyn Mejia and Sara Gunnels. Angels attending were Dale Bebee, Joann Babbitt, Nell Wester, Tracye Young, Tina Jarvis and Frank Fred.

On Saturday, Jan. 30, Levis and Lace Square Dance Club performed a demonstration at the Crockett County Care Center.

Rollaway with a 1/2 sashay, bend the line, grand square and eight chain four were just a few of the calls you could see the dancers perform to the calling instruction of Tracye Young student caller.

Cupid Shuffle and electric slide were line dances performed between the called tips.

Dancers attending were Dale Bebee, JoAnn Babbitt, Nell Wester, Adam Hopper, Carol Adcock, Tina Jarvis, Karan Heffelfinger, Mary Williamson, Melvyn Mejia, Sydney Knaack.

After the demonstration the dancers went to the

Crockett County Senior Citizen Center and worked on the choreography to "The Grande Colonel Spin."

Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will be dancing a demonstration at the Crockett County Care Center on Saturday, Feb. 7, at 3 p.m.

Visitors are welcome to come and enjoy the entertainment.

They will be having a Valentines dance on Feb. 14 from 7-9 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Citizen Center.

The class of students will be graduating that night also. The caller for this dance will be Tracy Dowell from McCauley, Texas.

Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will be starting new student lessons on Feb. 15 from 6-8 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Citizen Center.

There will be no charges for these lessons. Men, women and children 10 years old and up are welcome to take lessons.

For information, call Carol Adcock at (325) 392-2912.

Come Join us for fun and fellowship set to music.

For information on dances and any other scheduled events, call Dale Bebee at (325) 392-2238.

OBITUARIES

Larry Lee Graves

Larry Lee Graves, age 80, passed away on Sunday, February 1, 2015. He was born on June 21, 1934 to Robert and Melba Graves in Ozona, Texas.



Larry Graves is survived by his son, Buster Williams; brothers Billy Ray Graves, Fort Stockton Texas, Jill House, Sanderson Texas; six grandchildren CJ Graves, Amanda Guzman, Clay Williams, Brandy Cunningham, Austin Graves, and Logan Graves; 6 great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

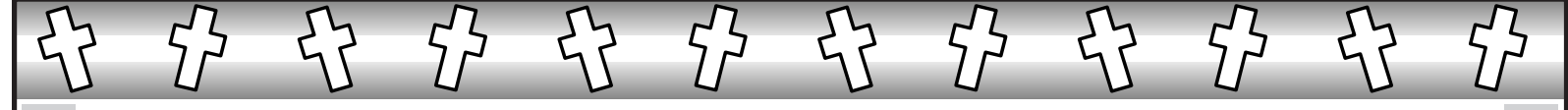
He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years Jane Graves; his father, Robert Roy Graves; mother, Melba Lewis Graves; his son, Michael Graves; his brother Roy Marshall Graves.

A visitation will be held at Heritage Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. on today, February 4, 2015. A service will take place at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, February 5, 2015 at Faith Lutheran Church in Fort Stockton, Texas. Burial will follow at East Hill Cemetery.

Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.heritagefuneralhomeofthebigbend.com

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MY LITTLE BILL BOX

On top of my desk is a clear plastic box that contains my paid bills. Thinking about that stack of paid bills reminds me of something in the Bible. Sin or Sins! A bill is something we usually purchased where as a sin is where we have committed an offense and a penalty or fine is due. Sin entered into the human race with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden when they disobeyed God, (Genesis 3:6-11). You might say they ate themselves out of house and home. It has continued on with mankind through all the generations and still here today. Sin means missing the road or mark like the bulls eye on a target. Sin can be against man or God and if against God we could be living in a way or doing things that God does not approve of. We have all of have sinned as the Bible says so, (Romans 2:1-11, 3:23). If we say we do not have sin we are a liar, (1 John 1:8). The penalty for sin is death or separation from God, (Romans 6:23, Isaiah 30:1, Jeremiah 9:3). God loves us so He provided a way for our sins to be forgiven, (John 3:16, Romans 5:8, Acts 4:12). Through Christ and only through Him we can have forgiveness for our sins and peace with God, (Romans 5:1, 5:8, 8:1-8). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

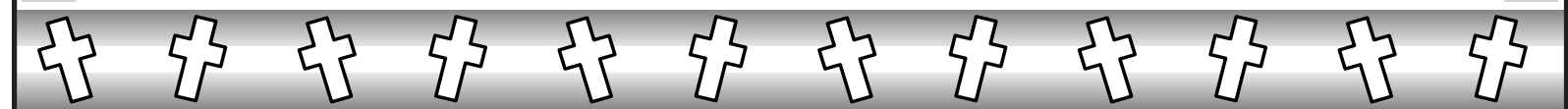
<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor John Curry Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 10 a.m. Awana - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays Wednesday Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 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 Ozona "church...but different" 354 Highway 163 South Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. (325) 228-3060 www.newbeginningsozona.com</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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JAN PATTERSON gave a Super Bowl Sunday for the Care Center residents. The residents loved the event and would like to thank Jan for all her hard work. Jan was also the Care Center's 2014 Volunteer of the Year.



RAFELA PEREZ was honored with a retirement party last week at the Ozona Elementary School. She is retiring after working 45 years with the school district.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gabiel Longoria Sr. would like to say thanks to our sons, daughters and grandchildren who made our 60th Anniversary possible. Thank you to those who attended and traveled to make this a very special day. Special thanks go to the cooks and servers and for the gifts and money.
Sincerely
Alma & Gabriel

Card of Thanks
My mother and I would like to thank those who said prayers, called to check on us and were there when we needed someone. Please continue to pray for mom, for her battle has just begun.
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From: Felipe, Jill & the Castro Family

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Girl Scout cookies on sale

Ozona Girl Scouts are selling cookies. Lemonade and cookies will be available at the Stockman Office from 3:30-5:15 p.m. today (Feb. 5). Also, the Girl Scouts will be selling at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 7, at the town square. Cookies are \$4 a box.

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public," Droll said.

The board also asked the Shannon officials about the type of specialists that could be brought to Ozona.

Shannon currently has several rotating specialists, including cardiologists, urologists and neurologists that visit other small clinics twice a month, said Bryan Horner, Shannon President and CEO. The specialists often bring their own equipment as well.

"We wouldn't have a physician come down here and not have a full day of patients," said Shane Plymell, Shannon Chief Operating Officer.

The board asked about physicians coming from other hospitals, such as San Angelo Community.

Plymell said they would not be in favor of it, especially if Shannon can provide the same service.

"We're leasing it, it's your building. If you get unsatisfied with our service you can look elsewhere," Plymell said.

"I think we're asking for issues. I understand the public's health but I want to continue quality public health and I think that's an issue," Henderson added.

Dr. Marcus Sims asked about having dialysis with the new clinic.

Plymell said while that has been talked about in the past for Ozona, the cost would be a huge capital investment.

Horner said Brady has a dialysis center, but the town

built a new hospital and added the center with it. He also said patients there were going to Brownwood and Fredericksburg as well.

Plymell said Shannon is paid a management fee to run the Brady center.

"We still have a hard time keeping our dialysis center staffed," Plymell said of the San Angelo center.

"I don't think we need to promote any particular specialist, just leave it open. I want to reinforce the possibility of dialysis is very remote. As technology changes then we may look at it in the future," Sims added. "As far as the services we're currently providing that would remain unchanged."

Droll said he would get in touch with the architect firm to see if they are interested in the project.

Deaton said the commissioners will have on their agenda for the Monday, Feb. 9, meeting to discuss and vote on hiring an architect for the new clinic.

The Care Center board will hold their regular meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the EMS Building. The meeting is open to the public.

- Items on the agenda:
- Ambulance and Administrator's report.
 - Old Business
 - New Business
 - Public Comments
 - Discussion of non-agenda items by members for the purpose of placing them on the next agenda
 - Review and authorization to pay Care Center, H.S.C., EMS financials
 - Executive session

LIBRARY NEWS

Tax forms available at the Library

BY LOUISE P. LEDOUX
CROCKETT COUNTY LIBRARIAN

It's that time again! The April 15 deadline is fast approaching. Find all the tax forms you need at the Library.

CCPL can print out all the information and schedules you will need to make quick work of the dreaded chore of filing your taxes.

The IRS is not sending out all the printed forms this year because of late budget and cuts, but we can print any form or instructions that you need from the IRS website www.irs.gov/forms

We have the information you need on What, When, and Where To File your IRS Tax Forms.

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We are currently working on booking some very special programs for the Summer Reading Programs in June, and to install an electric automatic door opener on the Library front door that will make it easier for patrons of all ages and handicapped access needs to enter the building while at the same time keeping the Library secure.

Return your application and be a part of supporting your Public Library with the Friends today!

Medicaid nursing home presentation Thursday

A presentation about changes for nursing home residents on Medicaid will be held at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the Crockett County Care Center.

Starting March 1, nursing home services will be provided through the STAR+PLUS program.

Persons must enroll in one of the medical plans in the service area if they are 21 and older.

If the person has Medicare and Medicaid they will need to choose a STAR+Plus medical plan.

If they have Medicaid

only they will need to choose a STAR+PLUS medical plan and main doctor.

If a plan is not chosen by Feb. 11 then one will be chosen for the patient.

Enrollment can be done online at www.txmedicaidevents.com, by calling 1-877-782-6440, fax 1-855-671-6038 or by filling out the Medical Enrollment Form and mailing it in the prepaid envelope.

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Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District 2014 Newsletter

May 29, 2014 marked the diamond jubilee of the Texas State Soil & Water Conservation Board & the beginning of Texas soil and water conservation districts. There's been a lot of progress in the past 75 years in understanding that different practices yield vastly different results. There are still those that remember the dust bowl of the 1930's and the devastation of that time due to drought & farming practices not adapted to the semi-arid climate of the U.S. Great Plains.

The good thing that came out of this chaos was the creation of the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) and the beginning of local Soil and Water Conservation districts. This was a step forward to help preserve our resources. The TSSWCB works closely with landowners by providing both technical & financial assistance to make the implementation of conservation plans a feasible goal.

They also follow state & federal legislation closely and work from that direction as well. The local district is managed by a Board of Directors which are: Paul Perner III, Pleas Childress III, James Owens, Jack Baggett Jr and Ira Childress.

The Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District (Crockett SWCD) works closely with our schools to develop awareness of the fragility of our environment. The Ozona School System participates each year by encouraging the kids to enter our sponsored poster contest. The 2014 Poster Contest winner was Humberto Torralba, followed by Tyler Webb (2nd) and Manuel Torralba (3rd). We are always excited to see the kids participate!

We sponsored Thomas Cruz in 2014 & helped him attend the Texas Section Society for Range Management. The camp is headquartered on the Texas Tech University-Junction campus. We have helped sponsor kids that are in the mainstream educational system as well as those that have been home schooled.

We also held our annual 6th grade field day at Jack Baggett's ranch. The kids were able to get a close look at shearing sheep & packing wool.

They also enjoyed other presentations & demonstrations related to con-

servation.

As our world continues to change, our local and state Soil and Water Conservation boards continue their education as well on how best to serve, to sustain & to improve our environment. Pleas Childress, III and Jack Baggett, Jr. attended the 2014 Annual State meeting which was held in Galveston in October. Current laws and problems faced by the many diverse districts, and much more, was discussed in order to continue education & awareness of our ever changing world. Over 600 delegates attended the Annual Meeting.

This year the Board of Directors enjoyed a presentation by Jadie Marshall. She is a Cadet from the Second Battalion of Texas Ranch Brigade (2014). Thank you Jadie for taking time to give us such an informative presentation.

We continued to sponsor the Conservation Roundup. This is a small paper that is delivered twice each year to our school kids.

With a distribution of 17,000 it reaches a lot of school kids. We have extra copies of this and if anyone would like one please stop by the office. We are located at 201-0 11th St in the USDA office building.

We would like to thank the following for their donations:

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We would also like to thank all of those that bought their grass & wildflower seeds through us.

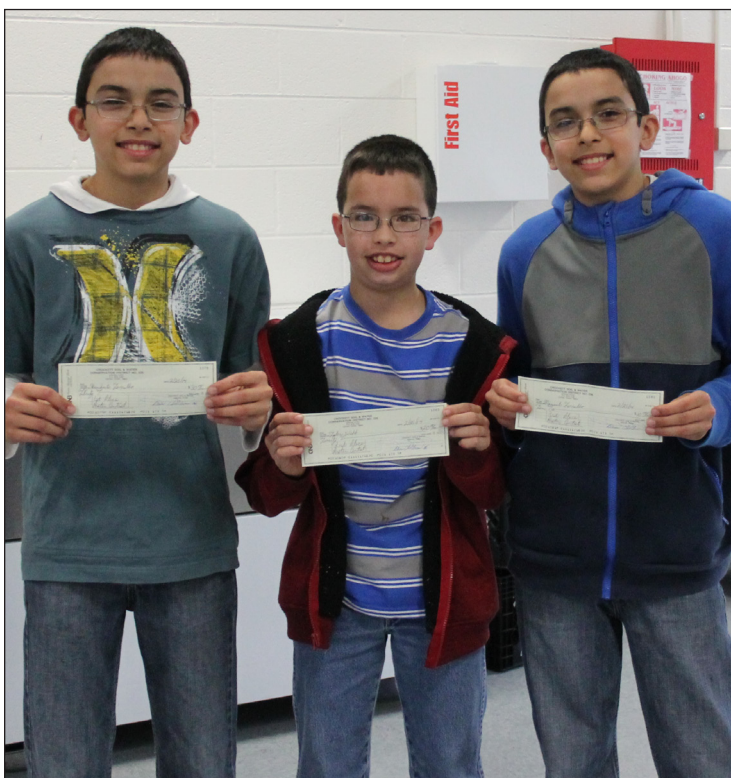
Support & participation from the community is appreciated and very welcome indeed.

We review the past year to learn how to move forward and improve the new year.

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you all for your support and participation in the programs we offer!



Board of Directors: Paul C. Perner III, Pleas Childress III, James Owens, Jack Baggett Jr. and Ira Childress



Poster Contest Winners: Humberto Torralba, first place \$30; Tyler Webb, second place \$20 and Manuel Torralba, third place \$10.



Jadie Marshall gave a presentation to the board of directors. She is a Cadet from the Second Battalion of the Texas Ranch Brigade.



Thomas Cruz attended the Texas Section Society for Range Management at Texas Tech University-Junction.



The Sixth Grade Field Day is held annually on Jack Baggett's Ranch. Students get a first-hand look at shearing sheep, packing wool and other demonstrations related to conservation.



The Board of Directors and Crockett County employees and officials tour the dams around Crockett County every year and look for areas that need maintenance.



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2015-2016 OHS VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: (back row, left to right) Mascot Samantha Torralba, Alyssa Newlin, Madison Childress, Madison Galindo, McKenna Moses and Asia Lara; (front row, left to right) Rachel Mendoza, MaKenna Fox, Brenna Hale, Toni Parker and Lauren Miles.



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2015-2016 OHS JV CHEERLEADERS: (left to right) Isaura Lopez, Esperanza Ramirez, Mariana Garza, JV Mascot Raven Perez, Cierra Sanchez, Kaelan Savala and Captain Josae Coy.

Lions fall to McCamey, Forsan



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
VARSITY LION JACKSON ABBEY

The Ozona Lions lost to McCamey 54-49 on Jan. 27. Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 10 17 16 - 49; McCamey - 6 18 12 18 - 54.

Scoring: Ryan Porras 11; Jose Ojeda 10; Johnny Venegas 10; Ben Badillo 8; Kalen Perez 5; Jackson Abbey 3; Ricky Porras 2. Also playing: Felipe Irlas and Omero Rodriguez.

Ozona lost to Forsan 51-38 on Jan. 30. Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 9 14 11 - 38; Forsan - 18 7 16 10 - 51.

Scoring: Jose Ojeda 10; Johnny Venegas 8; Ben Badillo 8; Tommy Fay 5; Ryan Porras 4; Felipe Irlas 3; Kalen Perez 2. Also playing: Ricky Porras, Bryce Gutierrez and Jackson Abbey.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
VARSITY LION BRYCE GUTIERREZ

Band Booster meeting Thursday

The Ozona Band Boosters will have a meeting at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, at the OHS Band Hall.

Come join us and see what's going on with the band and activities. We welcome all suggestions.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
JV LADY LION PAIGE LEWIS

OHS Powerlifting place at Reagan County

The OHS Powerlifting Teams competed in the Reagan County Meet Saturday in Big Lake.

Lions results: Jon Jurado won the 148-pound class and was named the meet's outstanding lifter with a 540-pound squat, 150 bench press and 300 dead lift.

Jonathan Focha won the 181 class with a 385 squat, 175 bench press and 450 dead lift.

Christian Ozoria was second in the 181 class with a 390 squat, 210 bench press and 410 dead lift.

Bryce Martin was fifth in the 181 class with a 310 squat, 190 bench press and 360 dead lift.

Anthony Perez was fifth in the 132 class with a 280 squat, 170 bench press and 320 dead lift.

Emmanuel Sarabia was sixth in the 132 class with a 280 squat, 155 bench press and 320 dead lift.

Caleb Martinez was sixth in the 198 class with 340 squat, 195 bench press and 365 dead lift.

Greg DeHoyos was sixth in the 275 class with a 290 squat, 150 bench press and 280 dead lift.

Edgar Damian was eighth in the 165 class with 325 squat, 180 bench press and 335 dead lift.

Alberto Rodriguez was

11th in the 165 class with 260 squat, 135 bench press and 300 dead lift.

Lady Lions results: Dulce Rodriguez second in the 132 class with 300 squat, 110 bench press and 285 dead lift.

Maiah Jurado second in the 148 class with 240 squat, 120 bench press and 285 dead lift.

Alexis Rodriguez third in the 220 class with 280 squat, 135 bench press and 275 dead lift.

Aurora Collett fourth in the 198 class with 165 squat, 75 bench press and 205 dead

lift. Alondra Rodriguez fifth in the 165 class with 270 squat, 100 bench press and 265 dead lift.

Kim Borrego fifth in the 181 class with 255 squat, 145 bench press and 275 dead lift.

Julie Marshall sixth in the 123 class with 205 squat, 95 bench press and 230 dead lift.

Elizabeth Rodriguez sixth with 250 squat, 100 bench press and 235 dead lift.

Daisy Cantu seventh in the 165 class with 240 squat, 95 bench press and 245 dead lift.



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OHS POWERLIFTERS THAT WON MEDALS at Saturday's Reagan County meet: (back row, left to right) Bryce Martin, Anthony Perez, Kim Borrego, Jon Jurado, Christian Ozoria and Jonathan Focha; (front row, left to right) Maiah Jurado, Dulce Rodriguez, Alondra Rodriguez and Alexis Rodriguez.

Lady Lions fall to Forsan

The Ozona Lady Lions lost to Forsan 44-37 in overtime on Jan. 30. Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 8 12 10 3 - 37; Forsan - 6 12 6 10 10 - 44.

Scoring: Madison Childress 8; Kamryn Lozano 8; McKenna Moses 8; Rachel Mendoza 5; Kelly Sewell 4; Madison Galindo 2; Bethany

Martinez 2 and Asia Lara 1. The JV Lady Lions lost to Forsan 18-16.

Score by quarters: Ozona JV - 3 5 2 8 - 16; Forsan JV - 2 2 6 8 - 18.

Scoring: Zethany Cuevas 6; Dacie Taylor 3; Cierra Sanchez 3; Paige Lewis 2; Priscilla Rodriguez 2.



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OHS Baseball Alumni Game

BY RAY TALAMANTES
OHS BASEBALL

The Ozona Lions Baseball Program would like to bring back former baseball players by putting on an Alumni baseball game this year.

This will allow our current athletes to go up against former athletes.

We are hoping to make this an annual tradition just to show our appreciation of all the baseball athletes that have come through Ozona.

The Alumni game will take place on Friday, Feb. 20, at the high school field followed by a home run derby.

The cost will be \$25 per individual for the alumni game. To participate in only the home run derby it will be \$15. To participate in both the alumni game and home run derby the cost will be \$35.

Start time will be at 7 p.m. and there will be a 90 minute time limit.

If you are interested, feel free to contact me by e-mail at ray.talamantes@ozonastockman.com.

Forms may also be picked up at the Athletic Field House.

Criteria for participation:

- Must have graduated from Ozona High School
- Baseball pants must be worn. No blue jeans or shorts.
- You can wear metal spikes.
- No alcoholic beverages.
- There will be no profanity. You will be asked to leave if you cannot comply.

No Refunds!

This is for the community of Ozona and the baseball program.

All the proceeds will go to the baseball program for any necessary equipment purchases or field maintenance.

We want this to be a fun event for everyone involved. Thank you.

Pre-K 100th Day of School fun



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THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC TEAM CAME IN THIRD AT THE McCAMEY INVITATIONAL HELD ON SATURDAY, JANUARY 31.

OHS Academic Team third at McCamey meet

The OHS Academic Team placed third at the McCamey Invitational Saturday.

Gabby Matinez - fifth informative speaking

Kristen Hernandez - second poetry interpretation

Cole Parker - fourth ready writing

Sara Gunnels - second

number sense and first science

Bryce Gutierrez - second number sense and headline writing

Alan Salazar - fourth current events

Alex Hopper - fifth current events, first science and science top biology.

Danny Posadas - sixth

mathematics

Samantha Torralba - first calculator

Jeremy Munoz - fifth calculator

Thomas Cruz - first social studies

Timothy Maldonado - sixth social studies

Brenna Hale - sixth fea-

ture writing and fourth editorial writing

McKenna Moses - fourth spelling

Zack Taylor - third editorial writing

The Social Studies team placed first and the current events and science teams both placed second.



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THE OHS CROSS COUNTRY TEAMS ATE LUNCH LAST WEEK WITH THE OES STUDENTS THAT EARNED PERFECT ATTENDANCE for the third six weeks.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

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.

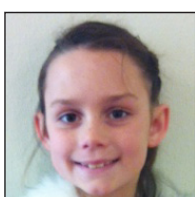
OHS MEAL NIGHT:
Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

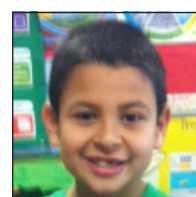
Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.;
Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.;
Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:
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OES Students of the Week

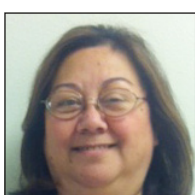


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CROCKETT COUNTY EMS received a new ambulance last week. The ambulance cost around \$127,000 with \$20,000 coming from a grant by the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council.

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The fire department's budget for 2015 is \$268,000, which is the highest budget ever. Morrow said in 1999 the fire department had 140 calls. Last year, the fire department responded to 327 calls. Morrow also said some of the bills come to him and some go to the county auditor's office. Deaton said he met with Morrow and Assistant Chief Joe Bradford and talked about the budget for 3-4 hours prior to the Jan. 28 meeting. Commissioner Frank Tambungo also suggested the Morrow meet with County Auditor Janie Chandler. "Communication is what is needed," said Commissioner Pleas Childress III. The two groups also talked about the fire department's equipment. Right now the department is short of a tanker truck, which is still trying to be repaired. Firefighter Jordan De La Rosa said the truck is difficult to drive, and that the department has been applying for a grant for the last four years. The road department has been assisting the fire department in using the county tanker. Companies like Texas Energy also supply water support for the fire department,

said Firefighter Justin Davis. Morrow also said the department's command pickup truck has been out of commission since Dec. 5. Davis said he wants to set up a system where repairs for each truck are itemized to show what the costs are in the department. The fire department members also asked for an apology from Commissioner Randy Branch for stating at the Dec. 18 meeting that "we need to keep a closer watch on the budget and the second it's going out of control we need to grab a hold of it. I think we're being taken advantage of. I feel that in my heart." Morrow told Branch that he took that personally. Branch apologized for his statement. "What I said about being taken advantage of was wrong. I was frustrated and it was a poor choice of words," Branch said. Deaton said both sides need to work through this, and that communication is important. "You have to be careful with county money, and we all need to get along together," Martinez said. Voting on an interlocal agreement was postponed until the Feb. 9 regular commissioners meeting due to the county attorney not being able to attend.

STATE: from page 2

District 26 and House Districts 17 and 123. He also traveled to Edinburg to speak and be present for the announcement of a nearly \$3 million grant to the University of Texas Rio Grande Valley School of Medicine grant by United Health Foundation. The medical school is to open in 2016. On Jan. 27, he released a statement in defense of former governor Rick Perry, who is facing felony charges related to his vetoing the budget of the state's Public Integrity Unit when the head of the unit ignored his demand for her resignation after she had been arrested for drunken driving. Abbott said, "The Texas governor is endowed by our constitution with the authority to veto legislation, and it is outrageous and inappropriate that a governor would be prosecuted for exercising that authority." On Jan. 28, in a letter to all state agency heads, he called for higher standards in the state's contracting and procurement process, including specific reforms aimed at restoring the public trust in the contracting process. This comes in the wake of a series of investigative stories by the Austin American-Statesman detailing a multi-million dollar no-bid contract between the Health and Human Services Commission and an information technology security firm. On Jan. 29, he proposed to eliminate the Texas Emerging Technology Fund and establish the New University Research Initiative "to make meaningful and effective investments in job creation."

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls	Count
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	2
911 medical/fire assistance	7
Civil complaints	3
Civil documents served	3
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	10
Juvenile/School	3
Motorist assist/locked vehicle	9
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	4
Minor/major traffic accidents	3
Alarms	2

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

1-26-15
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of criminal mischief on Santa Ana.
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of theft from a residence on Mulberry.

1-27-15
• Sheriff's deputies took a report on some stolen lumber from a residence on Willow Street.

1-28-15
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of theft from the main Stripes on Avenue E.
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music complaint on Mariana Street.

1-29-15
• Sheriff's deputy arrested Ricky Lynn Swearingen on charges of public intoxication and disorderly conduct. The subject was booked into Crockett County Jail, arraigned, and then transported to Upton County.

2-1-15
• Sheriff's deputy took a report of criminal mischief at a residence on Third Street.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

1-26-15
• 8:12 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic 911 Response (Emergency)

1-27-15
• 1:23 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 2:27 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

1-28-15
• 9:51 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon Air Med 1911 Response (Emergency)
• 5:38 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon Air Med 1911 Response (Emergency)

1-29-15
• 8 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)
• 5:56 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

1-30-15
• 12:40 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)

1-31-15
• 11:05 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic 911 Response (Emergency)

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detected. According to the report an MPD can include mineral spirits, lamp oils, paint thinners, torch fuels or charcoal starters. The report states that Ken Stoneman, the homeowner, reported to investigators that he had used the east

bedroom as storage for ignitable liquids during renovations to the home. The report also states that the two fires, even though they occurred six blocks from each other on the same street 45 minutes a part, were unrelated to one another. Both cases were listed as closed by the lead investigator.

CORRECTION / CLARIFICATION

In this column last week, I erroneously reported Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, as having voted against a proposed Senate rule change in floor procedure, allowing a three-fifths majority of the 31-member body (19 senators) to bring a bill to the floor for debate, rather than the traditional two-thirds, or 21 senators. Estes was present but did not vote on the rule change. I regret the error. The rule change was adopted on a vote of 20-10.

OIL: from page 1

er industries. "We felt like those numbers were very accurate, and the best that we could forecast out over the next two years," he said. Since 2006, Texas has guessed within \$20 of the actual average annual price just twice, according to data found within past revenue estimates. The closest was for 2009, when prices averaged just \$9 higher than what Comptroller Susan Combs predicted. But her 2011 forecast was about \$40 too low, leading her to underestimate the state's cash flow by \$11.3 billion, a 14 percent miss that ranks it among the worst estimate in the last 40 years. All estimates over the past decade have been conservative, meaning Texas took in more oil money than it expected. But Combs' prediction of \$80.33 per barrel for this year (made in 2013) may ultimately prove too optimistic. In his forecast, Hegar revised the 2015 estimate to \$64.35. Guessing wrong on oil prices is not just Texas problem, budget experts say. Oil-rich states across the country routinely miss the mark on how much money the volatile industry will give lawmakers to squabble over. "They're all going to be wrong, basically," said Norton Francis, a senior researcher for the Urban Institute and a former budget forecaster in New Mexico. "All the information points one way, until it doesn't."

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ACROSS

- Hereford is "town without a tooth"
- this Astaire danced with TX Ginger
- TX actors goal
- TXism: "___ to" (intend)
- Texan who wrote "This Ole House"
- Darby of "True Grit"
- TXism: "gets up with the chickens" (2 wds) old Oilers slogan: "Luv ___ Blue"
- transactions at a TX horse track
- TXism: "he'd be unarmed in a ___ of wits" (dumb)
- ___ the Republic Museum
- TXism: "he's got a short ___" (temper)
- in Grayson Co. on 5
- this TX Shelley was Olive Oyl (init.)
- Martina Navratilova & TX Judy Nelson's agreement for living arrangement
- ex-Ranger "Amazing Emu" pitcher Jim
- Curly & Larry's pal
- TXism: "she could charm ___ of a tree"
- Young of Houston-made "Witness to the Execution" ('94)
- TXism: "tee ninety"
- New Guinea ___ turtle has been bred at TX zoo

DOWN

- TX low fat beef: Heritage ___ Beef
- TX Ted Cruz time in Washington (abbr.)
- book about 32-across: "Love Match: ___ Navratilova"
- TXism for liquor
- TXism: "a fly in the ___ milk" (problem)
- TX Rangers used this Colt's pistol (init.)
- TXism: "worn ___ frazzle"
- founder of TX Belo company (init.)
- TXism: "movin' to" (dance fast)
- "Dream Team" beat this country for '92 gold medal
- TX-produced gas
- swelling malady
- Lubbock's former Air Force Base
- this TX Sharon was Manson victim
- there's 40 of 'em in a work week (abbr.)
- Rangers leag.
- TXism: "never in all ___ days"
- manly strength
- punished by pirates
- Irish QB in A&M's 1993 Cotton Bowl loss
- TXism for "miser"
- TXism: "that ___ the cake!"
- Chester, TX named for this pres. (init.)
- "house" south of the border
- TX Didrickson's nickname came from this "Babe" written exams at TX universities

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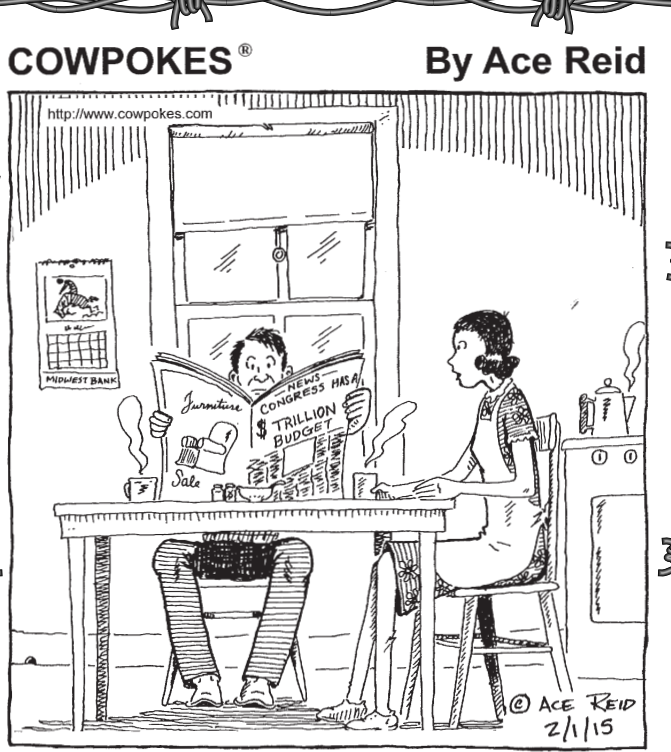


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Public Notice
Crockett County, Texas
FINAL NOTICE AND PUBLIC EXPLANATION OF AN ACTIVITY PROPOSED IN A 100-YEAR FLOODPLAIN
TxCDBG Texas Capital Fund Project No. 7214342

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Crockett County has conducted an evaluation, as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990, in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C, Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, for a Texas Community Development Block Grant (TxCDBG) project to be implemented under TxCDBG Contract No. 7214342 between Crockett County and the Texas Department of Agriculture, to determine the potential effect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment. The proposed project is to be located in the north quadrant of the community of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas, and will provide water system improvements consisting of the relocation of 710 linear feet of 8" water transmission line, installation of one fire hydrant, and appurtenances; the project also includes relocation of 815 linear feet of 8" sewer collector line. The purpose of these improvements is to provide essential water service and sewer service to a new motel. The existing lines currently are not located in dedicated easements. The proposed water system improvements and sewer system improvements are located in an area designated Zone A, an area of 100-year flood hazard. The portion of the floodplain under consideration is approximately six acres in area and lies on 14th Street between 13th Street, Jones Street, and the drainage channel. (Location maps are available for public examination. The activities of this project are to be financed with USHUD/CDBG funds administered by the Office of Rural Affairs of the Texas Department of Agriculture.

Crockett County has considered several alternatives and mitigation measures to minimize adverse impacts and or restore and preserve natural and beneficial values. The following alternative locations and actions were considered.

- 1. Location of improvements**
The proposed improvements will serve a site selected for business development, which already has been acquired for this purpose; for this reason, there are no alternatives to the physical locations of the proposed improvements.
- 2. Modification of the Proposed Project**
The proposed project is intended to provide water service, fire protection, and sewer service to a motel that will create jobs in the community. No alternative to the type of project or types of facilities to serve the project exists that can provide the intended benefit.
- 3. Location of the Project Outside the Floodplain**
The project is proposed to serve a specific site for a motel development, which is located in the 100-year floodplain. The improvements must be provided within this area and must be located specifically to serve this site. No alternative exists for locating them outside the area that lies within the 100-year floodplain.
- 4. Other Sites**
The proposed improvements are to be installed as relocation of lines not located in the public easements, in accordance with standards, yet still in the immediate proximity of the motel site. There are no alternative sites that can fulfill these purposes.
- 5. No Action or Alternative Actions that Serve the Same Purpose**
A "no action" alternative was considered and rejected because taking no action will allow the continuation of (1) inadequate utility services; (2) improper location of utilities; and, lack of fire protection, which is detrimental to public safety. No other action will serve the same purpose intended by the proposed project.

Crockett County has reevaluated the alternatives to building in the floodplain and has determined that it has no practical alternative. Environmental files that document compliance with steps 3 through 6 of Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 are available, upon request, for public inspections, review, and copying at the times and locations delineated in the last paragraph of this notice, for receiving comments. The activities of the proposed project will have no significant impact on the environment, for the following reasons:

- (1) The activities of the project consist of the relocation of water lines and sewer lines onto dedicated public easements in the proximity of the existing lines.
- (2) The activities are to take place in an area that already is urbanized in a low-density residential pattern.
- (3) The entire area where the activities are proposed is already disturbed, and consultations with agencies associated with environmental issues resulted in no unfavorable reports.
- (4) The proposed activities, i.e. water line, fire hydrant, and sewer line, occupy a "footprint" area that is the minimum necessary, and will create no environmental impact by increasing storm drainage, disturbing vegetation or wildlife, or causing any other physical obstruction or detrimental effect.

There are three primary purposes for this notice. First, people who may be affected by activities in floodplains and those who have an interest in the protection of the natural environment should be given an opportunity to express their concerns and to provide information about these areas. Second, an adequate public notice program can be an important tool for public education. The dissemination of information regarding floodplains can facilitate and enhance efforts of the federal government to reduce the risks associated with the occupancy and modification of these special areas. Third, as a matter of fairness, when the federal government determines that it will participate in actions taking place in floodplains, it must inform those who may be put at greater or continued risk.

All written comments must be received by Crockett County on or before February 16, 2015. Written comments may be delivered in person to the Office of the County Judge, at the Crockett County Courthouse Annex at 905 Avenue D in Ozona, Texas, during the hours between 9:00 AM and 4:30 PM; may be submitted via U.S. Postal Service mail addressed to the attention of the Hon. Fred Deaton, County Judge, at the Crockett County Courthouse at 905 Avenue D in Ozona, Texas; or may be submitted via email addressed to fred.deaton@co.crockett.tx.us. All comments must be received by the February 16, 2015, deadline.

Fred Deaton, County Judge
Date published: February 5, 2015

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