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OUT IN THE WEST, WHERE THE AIR IS PURE, THE CLIMATE AGREEABLE AND THE PEOPLE FRIENDLY—THE BEST PLACE ON EARTH TO CALL HOME

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OHS TRACK

Moses, Rodriguez state bound

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

McKenna Moses and Omero Rodriguez are headed back to Austin.

At the Class 2A Region 1 Track Meet in Odessa over the weekend, Moses qualified in three events and Rodriguez in two to make the return to the State Track Meet, May 14-16, in Austin.

The top two finishers in each event qualify for the state meet.

Moses was back-to-back regional champion in the pole vault reaching 11-feet for the victory.

McKaela Hockenberry, of New Deal, placed second to Moses with a vault of 10-6.

Last year, Moses won the state meet with a vault of 10-9.

"Every year it gets more nerve-wracking. I won last year, so do I have to win again and break the record?" she said. "There's lots of pressure. I try to clear my mind. I know how to do this, it's like riding a bike."

Moses, a junior, said it







VOL. 103, NO. 16 \$1 Sheriff's office not hiring deputy with troubled history

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A former Rising Star police officer, with a troubled history in law enforcement, told the Abilene Reporter-News last week that he has a job with the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

Rising Star police officer Bryan Pfluger gave notice two weeks ago after he allegedly violated a couple's Fourth Amendment rights and committed other policy violations, according to documents obtained by the Reporter-News through open records requests.

In the article, Pfluger said he didn't leave the Rising Star police force due to allegations of administrative wrongdoing — rather, he was offered a job as a deputy at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office in Ozona.

Crockett County Sheriff Robert Rodriguez told the Stockman on Friday that Pfluger "has not been offered a job" and "will never be part of the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. Rodriguez said Pfluger did apply for a position at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office and was granted an interview. Rodriguez also said that the Crockett County Sheriff's Office did some backgrounds and chose not to hire Pfluger. The Reporter-News article stated that Pfluger has not been charged with a crime and his license is still in good

was her goal was to hit 11 feet constantly this year. In one meet, she made 12-feet.

"I am hoping to rise to that 12-feet mark again. Hopefully, I'll get my adrenaline going at state," she said.

Moses also won the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:37.61, just ahead of Halie Hoffman, of Mort, at 5:38.84. This will be Moses' first time running the 1600 in Austin.

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MCKENNA MOSES (left) and OMERO RODRIGUEZ both gualified to compete in the State Track Meet (May 14-16) in Austin after competing at the Region I Track Meet Friday and Saturday in Odessa.

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Athletes shine at Special Olympics



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

SALOMON DURON has a gold medal finish at the Best of the West Special Olympics on April 29 in Sonora. More photos, page 8.

Lady Lions ready for playoffs

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN FILE PHOTO

The OHS Lady Lions will face Archer City in the Area Round of the Class 2A Softball Playoffs.

The game will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, May 8, at Brownwood High School Field in Brownwood. There will only be one game. Ozona Schools will be dismissed early at 1 p.m. Friday.

The Lady Lions received a bye in the bi-district due to winning the district championship.

Ozona went 11-1 in district play to capture the district title for a second year in a row.

"I think the bye helped us. After taking that fall against Mason it really put our focus into perspective and taught us all that not everything was going to be handed to us," said Coach Christa Carrasco. "With the bye we were able to

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KAMRYN LOZANO and the rest of the OHS Lady Lions Softball Team will take on Archer City in the Area Round of the playoffs. The game will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Brownwood.





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Small businesses have major impact

very day, your life is in some way impacted by a small business. Maybe it's where you buy your coffee in the morning on the way to work or drop off your dry cleaning before taking the kids to school. The food you purchase from the local grocery store might have been produced by a local business, and a neighbor likely owns the gas station you frequent.

Since small businesses employ more than half of American workers, you might work for one. Or maybe you're one of the brave souls who have chosen, at great risk, to start a venture of your own.

My parents went through the process several years ago when they started their beauty supply store. My brother and I spent many an hour working beside them, watching them calculate payroll, keep track of tax withinolulings, balance their ledger and stay compliant with a sea of federal red tape. They made the sacrifices necessary to keep the business running through some pretty lean times. I experienced this firsthand after I left the CIA and helped build a cybersecurity firm. My colleagues and I tried to spend most of our time engaging new clients so we could generate enough income to make payroll, but an inordinate amount of time was spent making sure the taxman got his due and keeping an eye on regulatory code put in place by faceless bureaucrats who have no clue as to what kind of burden their red tape creates. Despite the obstacles before them, small businesses are the driving force behind the American economy, responsible for about 70 percent of job creation every year. These folks put everything on the line, often going without paychecks and working day and night in hopes of achieving the American Dream. They provide goods and services that consumers want and need, while putting tens of millions of Americans to work every day. Logic would dictate that the federal government would do all they can to



HURD ON THE HILL WILL HURD

ever-changing tax code and an everincreasing morass of red tape forces small businesses

to spend countless hours, dollars and resources on compliance, instead of doing what they do best – build their business. This means fewer jobs for American workers and slower growth for our economy.

I'm working in Congress to do what small business owners in the 23rd Congressional District of Texas really want Washington to do - get out of their way. I joined colleagues from both sides of the aisie to voie

No Irons In The Fire

Calving heifers, building fence and cleaning out spring boxes, these are a few of my least favorite things. But the hardest chore every year is finding a date for a branding. Getting a bunch of ranchers to agree on anything, much less a free work day, is like herding three dozen cats.

I live in Fall calving country which means branding takes place in January and February. There is a cowboy shortage in our area due to the pay scale and several ranchers also have another job in town, which limits brandings to the weekends. Throw in the Super Bowl, leap year and an extremely rare rain storm and finding a free date becomes somewhat complex. Not that we mind a little rain now and then.

Our branding date was always the third Saturday in January and it was an honored tradition that you never jump on another persons's date. Although there was the occasional rancher who knowingly scheduled their branding on my date as a way to insure that my wonder horse Gentleman and I would not be in attendance at their roundup.

A rich, soft shoe, dude was buying up ranches in our area and became much despised, until, that is he sent out formal invitations to his branding. They were like wedding announcements, "So and so and his wife cordially invite you to be attendance when we give our calves up to be branded, blah, blah blah." The invitation included a formal menu featuring filet mignon, berry cobbler and homemade ice



cream and there was even a wine list. There'd be a concert by a "Nashville artist", door prizes and a drawing for a fully tooled saddle. The invitation then asked for an RSVP. To a branding. You gotta be kidding! But the worst part was the no good, low-life dude stole our date!

My wife and I prepared for our branding in the usual manner and figured everyone was mere-

ly running a little late on the day of our branding, but as we waited for the goosenecks to arrive we were underwhelmed by the turnout. Our friends, Mr. and Mrs. Re-Ride showed up but when I said, "I thought you might not show, figuring you'd go to the big shindig at the rich neighbors.

"We completely forgot about it," said ReRide as he climbed back in his truck and left faster than you can say "Benedict Arnold!" The worthless traitor. I didn't miss ReRide for his work ethic but he always brought donuts and they went out the driveway with him.

There wouldn't be any of our irons in the fire that day and around noon, as my wife and I were moping about, we both got the same idea at the same time: "Aren't you curious?'

We had to search for a parking place as the rich guy's front pasture was filled with the trucks of a bunch of loafers, tramps, deadbeats and turncoats. And that was just my neighbors. There was an equal number of city dudes who sat on the top rails and applauded the cowboys as they roped and branded. It all went to the cowboy's heads and they acted like they were at the NFR or the USTRC finals. Obviously, the balance of

the power in the west had shifted. I must admit that the filet mignon was scrumptious, the homemade ice cream divine and the Nashville act sang pretty good too. When I was formally introduced to the starch collared Big Cheese I thought it a good time to pull him aside and explain cowboy etiquette and that he had jumped on my date. Needless to say, he was very apologetic but I know when I'm beat. In the end I traded my branding date in the future for a pickup load of rained-on hay, some leftover berry cobbler, and a used calf table. I had a feeling we'd be needing it.

Faced with a bleak choice of leftover branding dates I finally picked one. So if you're not doing anything next Christmas you are formally invited to our branding. There will be pork and beans, cheese and crackers and for entertainment I'll be doing a few of my favorite card tricks. My dog and I may even howl a few songs and there will be door prizes for everyone from the Dollar Store, Please RSVP

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for a repeal of the Death Tax, which keeps so many small businesses from being passed down to the next generation. I also voted to stop funding for the new EPA rules that would create more burdensome and unnecessary regulations for the dry creek beds and ditches located on family owned farms and ranches. Repealing Obamacare, with job-killing rules such as changing the 40-hour work week and taxes like the Medical Device Tax, is a vote I'll keep making until it's completely gone.

I will continue to fight for a simpler, fairer, flatter tax code, as well as for legislation that forces federal agencies to count the cost before issuing new red tape and requires Congress to vote on any expensive new regulations.

Our nation doesn't need more stimulus packages. We don't need more government interference. What we need is for the full force of American small business owners and entrepreneurs to be unleashed. And the best thing that Washington can do to help is remove the obstacles we've created and then let it happen.

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House, Senate produce disparate versions of tax relief

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Legislation approved by the House and Senate last week reveal widely differing views on how to bring about tax relief to Texans in fiscal years 2016 and 2017.

Speaker Joe Straus lauded the preliminary approval of House Bill 31, legislation to reduce the state sales tax from 6.25 percent to 5.95 percent, resulting in a \$2.66 billion revenue decrease, and House Bill 32, legislation cutting the franchise tax paid by many businesses by 25 percent and resulting in a statewide revenue decrease of \$2.56 billion. Both bills were written by House Ways and Means Chair Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, along with several members credited as coauthors.

The bills, in combination, are intended to provide a form of tax relief that would be insulated from the powers of local taxing entities and appraisal districts. Straus said the House "looks forward to a productive conversation with the Senate about how best to deliver results on this issue and the many others that matter to our econo-

my and to Texas families." Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, on the other hand, praised the Senate's preliminary approval of Senate Bill 1760 authored by Freshman Sen. Brandon Creighton, R-Conroe. "Sen. Creighton's bill gives homeowners the ability to hold local government accountable for the demands they place on taxpayers," Patrick said, and called the measure "another step in an overall plan to reduce property taxes for homeowners and businesses." SB 1760 would, if adopted by the House in its present

- Remove the requirement that taxpayers due a refund have to apply for it;

- Increase the interest rate on refunds due to taxpayers to 9.5 percent;

- Require local taxing entities to justify the necessity of a tax increase on notices and election ballots;

- Allow a court hearing an appraisal dispute to give preference to the testimony of an independent licensed appraiser;

- Require the state comptroller to compile and annually publish a ranked list of tax rates by entity; and

- Require a local governmental body that wishes to exceed the effective tax rate to first have a vote of at least 60 percent of the governing body in support of the tax increase.

BILLS AIM TO RETOOL CERTIFICATION

Speaker Straus on April

27 welcomed the House's passage of HB 6, HB 7 and House Joint Resolution 111, measures that work together toward undoing the state's practice of using general revenuededicated balances for certifying other parts of the state budget. "For more than two decades

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DERBY HAT DAY: The ladies of the courthouse annex donned their Kentucky Derby hats on Friday. Ana Knaack won prettiest hat, Sarah Stewart won tackiest, Petra Hernandez and Angelina Ramos both won most outrageous and Teresa Yeager won most decorated.

Knox receives ASU Distinguished Student Award

Ozona native Duncan Knox has received the Distinguished Student Award from Angelo State University as one of the top graduates for the Class of 2015.

Knox was nominated by the Department of History. He is a history major with English minor who will graduate with Highest University Honors after completing the Honors Program curriculum with thesis option.

He received a Carr Fellow Scholarship, Honors Scholarship and Alvin and Patricia New Honors Enhancement Scholarship, as well as the Katherine Waring, Joe Bill Lee and Dale Evans scholarships. His academic performance merited induction into the Alpha Chi, Phi Kappa Phi, Phi Alpha Theta, Pi Gamma Mu, Beta Beta Beta and Sigma Tau Delta honor societies as well dential Fellows program of the Center for the Study of the Presidency and Congress

DUNCAN KNOX ington, D.C.

In addition to his academic excellence, Knox worked as an emissary and mentor for the Honors Program, served as president of both the Honors Student Association and Phi Alpha Theta, and held offices in Tri-Beta and the Student Government Association. He earned the 2014 Director's Award from the Honors Program and the 2013 Rammy Award for Promising Male Leader of the Year.

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He served as a student member on the boards of directors of Friends of Fairmount Cemetery, Fort Concho, Downtown San Angelo Inc. and the ASU Alumni Association, volunteered for numerous community service projects, and worked as an archives assistant in the ASU West Texas Collection.

He received an Undergraduate Faculty Mentored Research Grant and has presented his research at the Biennial Phi Alpha Theta Conference, the Texas Oral History Conference, the Great Plains Honors Council Conference and the National Collegiate Honors Council Conference.

He will enter the Master of Arts in history program at Texas Tech University in preparation for doctoral studies and a career in university teaching and research.

Knox is an Ozona High School graduate and the son of Bobby Knox, of Ozona.

Also receiving Distinguished Student Awards were: Darren Seidel, of Sanderson; Ashley Bartholomew, of Mansfield; Tara Warren, of Abilene; and Abby Bobo, of Wichita Falls. Other nominees were Garrett Brueggeman, of Haskell, Holly Miles, of Ballinger, Donald "Trey" Moore III, of Grapevine, and Shelby Robertson, of San Angelo, and Brittany Trubenstein, of Christoval. Aimee Denham, of Bandera, received the 2015 Presidential Award as the top graduate in her class.

Mother's Day Tardeada canceled

The Mother's Day Tardeada originally scheduled for on Sunday, May 10, has been canceled.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday

Thursday, May 7, is the National Day of Prayer.

Everyone is invited to gather at the town square gazebo at noon and 7 p.m. today to pray for the community, state, country and world.

New Beginnings Church is hosting the event.

Venegas Construction ribbon cutting Thursday

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting for Venegas Construction at 11:45 a.m. Thursday, May 7, at the business located at 401 1st St. Chamber members are welcome and encouraged to attend.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, May 6

OHS End-of-Course Algebra I Test.
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.
OHS Senior Meeting, 5 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.

Thursday, May 7

OHS End-of-Course U.S. History Test.
Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
Ouilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Venegas Construction ribbon cutting, 11:45 a.m. at Venegas Construction.
National Day of Prayer gathering, noon and 7 p.m. at the town square gazebo.
Movies, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

OHS Senior Hamburger Supper, 6 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
 Friday, May 8

Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
Lady Lions Softball vs. Archer City, 7:30 p.m. in Brownwood. Ozona Schools will dismiss early at 1 p.m.

Saturday, May 9

• OHS Saturday School, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

OHS Cheer Stunt Camp.

OMS Tennis Team at the District Meet in Mertzon.

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day

Monday, May 11

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.
OMS Golf at the Iraan Tournament, 4 p.m. in Iraan.

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• OHS Academic Banquet, 6:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

Tuesday, May 12

STAAR English Language Arts Eighth Grade Retest.
Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
Ozona Bands Spring Concert, 6 p.m. at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

Wednesday, May 13

Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

May 6 – Anne Davidson, Codi Kingman and Janice Marley

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

May 8 – Duane Childress, Tommy Stokes, J.R. Kenley, Lauren Najar, Samantha Lara and Ollie May Chadwick

May 9 - Huey Ingram, Kevin Calloway and Irene

n, Rios

May 10 – Lana Wagner, Hope Vasquez, Cora Williams, Brian Morrow, Jasmine Moran, Rick Storms, Mary-Linda De La Garza, Sandra Hernandez, Khalid Valencia and Maria Rios

May 11 - Paul C. Perner IV, Steve Wilkins, Larry Sanchez, Linda Anderson, Francisco S. Moran, Matthew Daniels Jr. and John Kelley

May 12 - Nancy Forehand, Brandyn Perez, Cathy English and Cora Harrison



as inclusion in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges."

He received a U.S.-U.K. Summer Fulbright Award to the University of Bristol, interned in the Curator's Office of the U.S. Supreme Court, and participated in the Presi-

QuickBooks training Monday

The ASU-Small Business Development Center will host "QuickBooks 4 Part Series" starting Monday, May 11, at 3 p.m. at the Business Resource Center in San Angelo. Cost is \$150.

The seminar is perfect for beginners. Event dates: May 11, 13, 18 and 20. Seating is limited.

For more information, or to register, call (325) 942-2098 or visit www.sbdc.angelo.edu.





texas pecos trail news Pecos Trail Partners Event May 21 by scott jordan texas pecos trail

Please join us for the next bi-monthly Pecos Trail Partners Event at 10 a.m. May 21 at the Firehouse Gallery in Del Rio, 120 E. Garfield. The public is welcome to attend, and we encourage those involved in tourism and heritage preservation throughout the region.

Guests will tour the Firehouse art gallery and culinary arts kitchen. A presentation will be made by the Del Rio Council for the Arts. Speakers, activities and downtown tour to be determined.

Cost of lunch is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door. The regular board meeting will be held before and after lunch depending on schedule.

RSVP by May 15 to Scott at (325) 387-3900 or info@ texaspecostrail.com.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region encompasses 22 West Texas counties in the Trans-Pecos area: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STO CKMAN

AUTHOR MELANIE SHANKLE signs a copy of one of her books for Diane Anderson at the "Boots & Besties" event held April 29 at the Civic Center. The event was a scholarship fund-raiser for Ozona Woman's League. Shankle spoke about the importance of having girlfriends.



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HELPING HANDS NEWS

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

MAY 6

•Barbecue chicken breast, potato salad, pinto beans, tangy coleslaw, onion pickle slice, seasonal fresh fruit and milk.

MAY 7

• Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, okra and tomatoes, dinner roll, rosy pears and milk. MAY 8

•Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, peaches and milk.

MAY 11

•Hamburger on a bun, baked beans, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, onions, mustard, orange wedges and milk.

MAY 12

·Italian meatballs, spaghetti with sauce, broccoli, garlic bread stick, hot spiced peaches and milk.





SYLVIA DEHOYOS-LONGORIA reads to children during the Crockett County Public Library's "Dia de los Ninos, Dia de los Libros" event on April 30. The event was in honor of Children's Day/Book Day.

CARE CENTER CHATTER

BY MARY WILLIAMSON ASSISTANT ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

Resident Council was held on March 6. New President elected is Audrey Glynn, Johnny Johnson is the vice president and Fargo Tijerina is secretary.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The annual Easter Egg Hunt and April birthdays were celebrated April 2. The residents enjoyed watching the children hunt eggs and breaking the pinata. Some of the children shared treats with residents.

CHURCH SERVICES

The Ozona Church of Christ meets at 8:45 a.m. Sun-

day mornings in the small dining room. The First Baptist Church

meets at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the large dining room. OLPH meets at 10 a.m.

Thursday in the small dining room.

The Methodist Church comes at 4 p.m. on the first Sunday of the month.

APRIL ACTIVITIES

April activities consisted of two painting classes with Ann Fowler on April 7. The residents painted a field of bluebonnets with a windmill in the background. On April 21, they painted the Earth with daises across it in honor of Earth Day.

With spring in the air we

planted flowers, tomatoes and pepper plants. The residents told how they grew their plants at their homes, and gave advice for tending plants here.

We celebrated the beginning of baseball season with a supper of hot dogs and chips, and the movie "42."

On April 24, the residents ate fruit served in half pineapple shells.

On April 27, we all played d Mexican Bingo.

MOTHER'S DAY

We will be celebrating Mother's Day on Friday, May 8. The Mariachis will be performing again this year from 2-4 p.m. We will also be celebrating Cinco de Mayo starting with breakfast on the patio.

OBITUARIES Maria Del Socorro Reyes Castro

Maria Del Socorro Reyes Castro, age 84, passed on peacefully at the Crockett County Care Center after a long, hard fought battle with Alzheimer's Disease.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. today (Wednesday, May 6) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona with burial in Lima Cemetery. Services by Kerbow Funeral Home. Condolences can be made at www.kerbowfuneralhome.com.

She was born in San Carlos, Coahuila, Mexico to Jose Cruz Reyes Tovar and Manuela Cruz Reyes on April 10, 1931. Her most pleasurable moments were when she had all her children together. She enjoyed cooking, especially for her children and grandchildren when they would come to visit. She left behind strong religious beliefs in Catholicism. Family unity was her utmost priority. Socorro was a very hard worker, she was a homemaker. She was a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic church in Ozona, Texas and a member of the Guadalupanas.

On September 6, 1955, she married Felipe Flores Castro Sr. and they were married 55 years until his death in October 2010. They made their home in Ozona, Texas. Socorro was Felipe raised seven children.

She is preceded in death by her parents, one brother, Adolfo Reyes, husband, and son, Eginio "Gene" Reyes Castro.

She is survived by her children, Albert Reyes Ramos and wife Estella, from Ozona, Juan Manuel Reyes Castro and wife Kelly, from Kyle, Texas, Felipe Flores Castro Jr. and wife Jill, from Pflugerville, Texas, Belia Castro-Garza and husband Lalo, from Ozona, Ismael Reyes Castro, from Ozona, and Santa Castro-Garza and husband Gilbert, from Ozona and stepdaughter Mary Castro, from San Angelo.

She also leaves behind 23 grandchildren, 36 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great-grandchild, along with five brothers and sisters, Uvaldo Reyes, from San Carlos, Coahuila, Mexico, Margarita (Mague) Reyes Olivo, from San Carlos, Coahuila, Mexico, Dolores (Lola) Alba, from Ozona, Yolisma (Yola) Reyes Gonzalez, from Ozona, Angelica (Hela) Reyes Flores, from Allende, Coahuila, Mexico.

> You left us with beautiful memories Your love is still our guide Although we can not see you You will always be at our side

All Class Reunion information

The 2015 All Class Reunion will be held July 4, 2015. Schedule of events:

Friday - Left open for individual class gatherings Saturday

 8 a.m. Annual GI Joe Run
 9 a.m. Reunion Registration at the Convention Center \$15 per person

• 10 a.m. - Tour of Ozona Schools (Meet at Ozona Elementary School) • Noon – 7 p.m. - Park Activities in the Town Square, Food Booths, Games, Entertainment, etc.

• 8 p.m. - Fourth of July Parade

• 9 p.m. (dark) - Fourth of July Fireworks Display

Reunion Dance at the Convention Center, 8 p.m. – midnight. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple; tables of eight may be reserved in advance.

• Noon – 7 p.m. - Park Acties in the Town Square, Performing will be Chris Story and the Southern Edge Band.

Anyone that wants to be a contact person for their class, or is part of the classes of 80-84 and wants to help with the reunion, call Bobby Jack Maness at (325) 277-7231.

The Knights of Columbus are organizing the park activities and GI Joe Run. For more information, call Frank Tambunga at (325) 392-2827.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS Movies every Thursday

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

There will be no Senior Bingo Social during the month of May due to the busy graduation events. We will continue to have Bingo socials in June. I will announce the date after the Senior Center Board has met and decided on a good time daring courage to take on the might of an empire.

Using state-of-the-art visual affects, this spectacular adventure brings new life to the story of Moses as he defies the Pharaoh Rames setting 400,000 slaves on a monumental journey of escape from Egypt and its terrifying cycle of deadly plagues.

Come on out and enjoy

THIS SUNDAY IS MOTHER'S DAY

I wish I could but I cannot because she has gone home to be with the Lord. I would like to turn back the clock and tell her I love her and spend a little time with her. I might help her in the kitchen or help clean up the house or just do some little thing that she needed done. I would not let a Mother's day pass by that I didn't get her flowers or a card, call, or take her out to dinner or all of the above. I would also go to Church with her because that pleased her so much, (both my mother and my grandmother). I would try doing something to let her know that she was special and appreciated. God created women special and unique and we are commanded (told to) to give a special place of honor to our mothers, (and fathers, Exodus 20:12). We are told to listen to and not overlook, (1 Kings 19:19-21) their instruction, (Proverbs 1:8 & 6:20). We are also told not to curse, (Exodus 21:17) or despise or rob them, (Proverbs 15:20 & 28:24). It is good that we have a special day to honor mothers but I also think we also need to treat them special the rest of the year. By the way the Bible mentions two people who did not have mothers, (Genesis 1:27).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

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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.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	
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for all of them to get here and prepare for it.

For the next nine weeks, I will be posting the top 10 things that you can do for arthritis. 2. Start an exercise program. Moderate exercise is an integral part of treating arthritis.

Although exercise may sometimes cause discomfort, proper exercise will help nourish the cartilage, strengthen the muscles and may prolong the life of your joints.

Check with your doctor before starting any exercise program to obtain permission, precautions or guidelines. See next week for #3.

This week's movie will be "Exodus: Gods and Kings" starring Christian Bale. This is the epic tale of one man's yourself with popcorn puffs and drinks at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Remember that is building is for all the citizens of Ozona that are 50 and over. Also, remember that you can come to the center at night if you let me know when you want to.

Exercise – 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Bridge – 1:30 p.m. Monday

Balance Exercise – 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday

Mexican Train – 1:30 p.m. Wednesday

Prayer Group – 3 p.m. Wednesday

Quilting – 9:30 a.m. Thursday

Movies – 2 p.m. Thursday Come on out, the coffee is on.



House increases funding for veterans

BY SHANA TEEHAN OFFICE OF U.S. REP. WILL HURD

The U.S. House of Representatives passed a bipartisan appropriations bill on April 30 focused on meeting the needs of veterans, service members and their families. The legislation provides a six percent increase over last year's funding, ensuring increased resources for military readiness and comprehensive care for our nation's veterans.

The budget for Veterans Affairs is increased over



Included was an amendment co-sponsored by U.S. Representative Will Hurd that will prohibit funds from being used for another round of Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC).

"Government action that

wastes taxpayer dollars, hurts local economies and negatively impacts national security doesn't make sense, but that's precisely what another BRAC will do," said Hurd. "This amendment will protect installations such as Laughlin Air Force Base and the communities like Del Rio and I'm proud to cosponsor it with fellow Texan, Rep. John Ratcliffe."

Hurd's second amendment requires the Department of Veterans Affairs and their Chief Information Offi-

wastes taxpayer dollars, hurts local economies and negatively impacts national security doesn't make sense, but that's precisely what anoth-

"Something as simple as allowing a veteran's medical records to be available digitally to their health care providers shouldn't be something beyond the capabilities of the greatest nation in the world. It's time for the VA to join the 21st Century when it comes to information technology. It's the least we can do for our

veterans," Hurd said.

Care Center monthly meeting Thursday

The Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, at the EMS Building.

The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda: • Sign and approve the

minutes of the April 9 meeting.

• Ambulance and administrator's reports.

- Old Business
- New Business
- Public Comments

 Discussion of nonagenda items by members for the purpose of placing them on the next agenda
 Review and authorize

• Review and authorize to pay finances.

• Executive session if needed.

'Click It or Ticket' campaign warns Texans about not buckling up

AUSTIN – The simple, law-abiding habit of wearing a seat belt can protect thousands of Texans from serious injury or death. Yet, many people still refuse. For them, the Texas Department of Transportation is launching its 14th annual statewide "Click It or Ticket" campaign to augment the federal, stepped-up enforcement period, May 18-31.

"It's heartbreaking to know lives are being lost on Texas roadways because people are still not buckling up," said John Barton, TxDOT deputy executive director. "These motorists have friends and families who will never get over the loss of their loved one. It's really simple. Seat belts save lives. Every single individual in a vehicle needs to be buckled up."

If the deadly consequences aren't enough to motivate seat belt use, fines and court costs can total up to \$200. In Texas, the law requires everyone in a vehicle to be buckled up, including back seat passengers.



In 2014, 2,587 motor vehicle traffic crashes occurred in Texas in which unrestrained vehicle occupants sustained fatal or serious injuries. Wearing a seat belt helps keep occupants from being ejected in a crash and increases the chances of surviving by 45 percent. In pickup trucks, that number jumps to 60 percent, as those vehicles are twice as likely as cars T to roll over in a crash.

The "Click It or Ticket" campaign, combined with enforcement, is credited with motivating millions of motorists to always use their seat belts.

Only 76 percent of Texans used seat belts when the campaign started in 2002. Today, 9 out of 10 Texans buckle up. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration estimates that since its inception, the "Click It or Ticket" campaign in Texas has resulted in 4,319 fewer traffic fatalities while preventing 72,926 serious injuries and saving more than \$16.7 billion in related economic costs.

To learn more about "Click It or Ticket," visit texasclickitorticket.com.



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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

2015-2016 OHS DRUM MAJOR AND COLOR GUARD: (back row, left to right) Trystian Galindo, Sidney Perez, McKenna Moses and Captain Estefania Torralba; (second row, left to right) Gina Marquez, Maiah Jurado, Captain Daisy Cantu and Drum Major Kim Borrego; (front row, left to right) Alondra Rodriguez, Autumn Villarreal and Sara Gunnels.



OHS REGIONAL TRACK: from page 1

"I've always wanted to make it in a running event," Moses said. "Each meet I've become faster."

Moses placed second in the high jump at 5-02 to punch her third ticket to Austin. Caitlin Williams, of Sunray, was first in the high jump at 5-03.

Last year, Moses placed eighth in the high jump at the state meet.

"I try to tell myself it's just another meet. It's hard because you see the size of the stadium and you're on the University of Texas campus. It's a life-changing experience," Moses said.

Moses will high jump 11 a.m. and pole vault at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 14, and then run the 1600 at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, May 15.

Rodriguez will be making his return to Austin in both the 3200 and 1600.

Rodriguez, a senior, won both events at Odessa.

In the 3200, Rodriguez had a time of 10:02.43, just in front of Jordan Brown, of Smyer, who had a time of 10:04.11.

In the 1600, Rodriguez had a time of 4:34.48, just ahead of Luis Macias, of Abernathy, at 4:35.04.

Rodriguez brought home silver medals in both events at last year's state meet.

This year, Rodriguez said he is aiming for gold. "I'm back on my pace,"

he said, after battling injuries earlier in the season. "I was two seconds from a personal record in the 3200 and one second in the 1600 at Odessa."



MR. AND MISS OHS KRISTEN HERNANDEZ AND ZACK TAYLOR



KRISTEN HERNANDEZ won the OHS Lion's Roar Talent Show. She played "Nightbook: Ludovico" by Einaudi on the piano.





SEBASTIAN DE LA CRUZ (right) and Jacob Childress (top) came in second in seventh grade boy's doubles at the Ozona Middle School Tennis Meet held on Saturday, May 2.





LARISSA CARRIZALES placed second in seventh grade singles at the OMS Tennis Meet held May 2 in Ozona.

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MIRANDA VILLARREAL and Alyiah Ortiz (right) placed third in seventh grade doubles at the OMS Tennis Meet.

Rodriguez said winning at regionals was a relief, since that is the first meet where he "finally had competition," and he is expecting the same in Austin.

"I'm hoping to achieve my goals and represent Ozona," he said. "I'm ready for that race."

Rodriguez will run the 3200 at 8:20 a.m. Friday, May 14, and the 1600 at 2:45 p.m. Saturday, May 15.

Also competing for Ozona at the regional meet were Gabby Treto who placed sixth in the 3200 and 1600 and set personal records for both races, Adrian Rodriguez who placed eighth in the 3200 with a personal record time and Roman Esparza on pole vault and Ben Badillo in long jump. JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

RACHEL MENDOZA AND DUSTY MCNEW placed second at the OHS Lion's Roar Talent Show. They played and sang "Four Five Seconds" by Rihanna.



"WEAPONS OF MASS PERCUSSION" (Dalton Gunnels, Tyler Gunnels and Kevin Villarreal) placed third at the OHS Lion's Roar Talent Show.

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OES FOURTH GRADE TEXAS PROGRAM









OES Pre-Registration for first, second grades

Open enrollment for the 2015-2016 first and second grade classes will be held on Tuesday, May 19, at the Ozona Elementary School Library.

First and second grades can register from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1-4 p.m.

Your child must be up to date on their immunizations. Nurse Karen will be present to review shot records.

All students new to the district must bring Proof of Residency.

For more information, call 392-5501 ext. 5500.

PRE-MATRICULA 2015-2016

Matricula abierta para las clases de primero y segundo grado tendra lugar el martes, 19 de mayo 2015 en la Biblioteca de la Escuela Primaria.

Primero y segundo pueden marticularse a las 9:00-12:00 y 1:00-4:00. Su hijo tiene que estar corriente con sus vacunas.

Enfermera Karen estara presente para revisar los registros de vacunacion. TODOS los estudiantes nuevos al distrito deben traer prueba de residencia.

Si tiene alguna pregunta, por favor no dude en llamar al 392-5501 ext. 5500.

OES Pre-Registration for third, fourth, fifth grades

Open enrollment for the 2015-2016 third, fourth, and fifth grade classes will be held on Wednesday, May 20, at the Ozona Elementary School Library.

Third, fourth, and fifth can register from 9 a.m.-noon and from 1-4 p.m. Your child must be up to date on their immunizations. Nurse Karen will be present to review shot records.

All students new to the district must bring Proof of Residency.

For more information, call 392-5501 ext. 5500.

PRE-MATRICULA 2015-2016

Matricula abierta para las clases de tercero, cuatro, y quinto tendra lugar el miercoles, 20 de mayo 2015 en la Biblioteca de la Escuela Primaria.

Tercero, cuatro, y quinto pueden matricularse a las 9:00-12:00 y 1:00-4:00. Su hijo tiene que estar corriente con sus vacunas. Enfermera Karen estara presente para revisar los registros de vacunacion. TODOS los estudiantes nuevos al distrito deben traer prueba de residencia.

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A HONOR ROLL Fifth Six Weeks

Ozona Elementary Honor Roll

First Grade – Kelynn Bean, Jaden Bennett, Serenity Briggs, Ella Childress, Madolyn Childress, Sofia Elizondo, Taylor Hamm, Luna Hernandez, Marcos Perez, Mercedes Perez, Timothy Porras, Michael Preddy, Jacoby Ramos, Juliet Rodriguez, Thalen Roller, Trey Ruiz, Colt Scroggins and William Webb.

Second Grade – Sebastian Camarillo, Rogelio Capetillo, Ysabella Esparza, Natalia Lariza Flores, Corey Galndo, Zury Hernandez, Jezebel Ramirez, Moses Ramirez, Sienna Tatum and Tristyn Timms.

Third Grade – Claire Bean, Bernardo Blanco, Grant Childress, Camryn Cleveland, Emma Crenwelge, Mia Davidson, Asa Forehand, Sebastian Fullingim, McKenna Luckie, Laramie Nowell, Cameran Ochoa, Cora Perez, Kailyn Preddy, Nicholas Ramon, Alexis Scroggins, Audrey Upham and Alfonso Valdes.

Fourth Grade - Ivey Campos Rodriguez, Maximus Duran, Charli Oglesby, Isabella Ranney and Logan Thompson.

Fifth Grade - Monserrat Blanco, Roxana Camarillo-Mares, Carlos Cantu, Ethan Gonzalez, Jason Lopez, Kolton Thompson and Krysten Webb

A-B HONOR ROLL Fifth Six Weeks

First Grade - Tessa Albon, William Claburn, Maria Damian, Destiny Dominguez, Yesenia Escalante, Christian Gomez, Jakelynn Hernandez, Jonathan Hernandez, Joe Jurado, Jaycee Maldonado, Maci Ramirez, Ryan Ramos, Jeremiah Rodriguez, Mareli Rodriguez, Mia Rodriguez, Faith Sifuentes, Katherine Vargas, Shelby Venegas and Melody Villarreal.

Second Grade - Maria Aranda, Phillip Baker, Kurt Bean, Macailee Renae Blanco, Rico Capetillo, Luz Carranza, Alexandra Cervantes, Michael Daniels, Savannah De La Cruz, Serena Diehl, Iran Elizondo, Gabriel Fullingim, Catherine Geary, Jakob Little, Martin Lopez, Maddac Luna, Dallas Martinez, Yesenia Mendez, Sarai Meza, Blayk Mitchell, Francisco Moreno-Perea, Bayea Porras, Luke Puckett, Mireya Rivera, Jae Rodriguez, Bayleigh Tinney, Francisco Villapando, Exander Whitby and Evelyn Yeager.

Third Grade - Lauren Albers, Jesus Aranda-Avila, Roberto Barrera, Fernando Blanco, John Childress, Seth Childress, Mia Cruz, Salomon Duron, Esmeralda Fraga Mata, Valeria Garza, Jacob Guajardo, Patrick Hensley, Jadlyn Hunt, Jonessa Jurado, Callie Martinez, Ty Nuttall, Faith Quiroz, Alyssa Vargas, Kaitlyn Venegas, Nikolas Villarreal, Ryan Williams and Jaxon Yeager.

Fourth Grade - James Aquirre, Levi Bishop, Victoria Cerna, Noah Contreras, Chance Criswell, Rianna De La Rosa, Miranda Flores, Faith Gaytan, Danecia Hill, Kiara Jones, Skylar Lacey, Alexa Lara, Jadon Martinez, Christa Montgomery, Kimberly Moreno, Victoria Nowell, Jarryn Puckett, Desteny Quaid, Annissa Ramos Gregory, Kattie Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Elyssa Trujillo and Destiny Venegas.

Fifth Grade - Jazmynn Barrera, Kayleigh Dominguez, Ysabella Flores, Bryce Gray, Harley Hernandez, Varun Kala, Sydney Knaack, Samantha Lofland, Brianna Maskill, Mysti Mata Zapata, Jacqueline Medina, Amber Moran, Emily Nop, Haley Nowell, Allyson Oritz-Gaige, Keano Perez, Lea Quigley, Sebastian Talamantes and Elizabeth Villarreal.





YOUTH	5/1 CCCCSD Major Events May 2015					
CENTER					Friday 1	Saturday 2
CALENDAR						OMS Tennis Tourney
OF EVENTS						
7TH & 8TH GRADE:	Monday 4	Tuesday 5	Wednesday 6	Thursday 7	Friday 8	Saturday 9
Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.;	Biology EOC	8th grade will have	Algebra 1 EOC	US History EOC		OMS District Tennis
Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.;	8th grade trip to	OHS Orientation for		NJHS Field Trip		Tourney @ Mertzon
Saturday: 7-10 p.m.	Holocaust Museum	2015-16				
Saturuay. 7-10 p.m.	OMS Golf at Ozona					
<u>7TH & 8TH</u>	Tournament					
MEAL NIGHTS:	Monday 11	Tuesday 12	Wednesday 13	Thursday 14	Friday 15	Saturday 16
Every other Tuesday	OHS Academic	OHS Band Banquet and		OMS Academic	Senior Trip	
7-10 p.m.	Banquet OMS Golf at	Concert		Program 6PM	8th grade Band Trip to	
	Iraan Tournament				Fiesta Texas	
<u>HIGH SCHOOL</u> :						
Monday: 7-10 p.m.;						
Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.;	Monday 18	Tuesday 19	Wednesday 20	Thursday 21	Friday 22	Saturday 23
Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.;	OHS Sports Banquet			6th grade trip to San	Weather Day No School	
Thursday: 2-10 p.m.;	OMS Golf at Garden			Angelo		
Friday: 2 p.mmidnight	City Tournament					
and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.						
OHS MEAL NIGHT:	Monday 25	Tuesday 26	Wednesday 27	Thursday 28	Friday 29	Saturday 30
Mondays - 7-10 p.m.	Memorial Day Holiday		7th grade Mystery Trip	8th grade trip to Austin	Noon Release	
	No School				OHS Graduation	
<u>CLOSED SUNDAYS</u>						

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Best of the West 2015 Special Olympics



OZONA SPECIAL OLYMPIANS were joined by members of the OHS Senior Class at the Best of the West Special Olympics on April 30 in Sonora.

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J'CEE SCHROEDER carrying the torch.



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House advances bill to speed permits, limit protests

BY JIM MALEWITZ TEXAS TRIBUNE

Texas is poised to widen its welcome mat to a wide range of industries.

Claiming that the state's bureaucracy is shooing away businesses, House lawmakers last week gave initial approval to a bill aiming to quicken regulators' pace of cranking out permits for major industrial projects - by limiting public scrutiny.

Over the objections of consumer groups and environmentalists, the chamber tentatively passed Senate Bill 709, which would scale back contested-case hearings, a process that allows the public to challenge industrial applications for permits at the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) - such as those allowing wastewater discharges or air

pollution emissions.

Texas' current bureaucracy puts the state at a "serious disadvantage" compared to its neighbors, said Rep. Geanie Morrison, R-Victoria, adding that her legislation would give businesses more certainty.

Already approved by the Senate, the measure sailed through the House by a 92-50 margin after Democrats put up a roughly 90-minute fight, arguing that lawmakers were poised to squelch the voices of their constituents.

"This bill is very, very serious," said Rep. Sylvester Turner, D-Houston, who saw his and other proposed amendments to soften the bill shot down. "You will have to explain to your constituents why you have taken away their right, why you have enhanced their burden and why you have stripped them of protection."

Contested case hearings resemble a trial in which companies and their critics present evidence and testimony in front of an administrative law judge in the hopes of swaying regulators, who have the final say. For particularly complicated - and controversial - industrial projects, the process can yield information that the short-staffed TCEQ did not foresee.

Protesters rarely convince regulators or a company to completely withdraw a permit application, but veterans of the process say they often win concessions that shrink a plant or landfill's effects on the community.

In 2006, for example, Port Arthur residents reached a settlement with Motiva Enterprises, which was seeking to more than double the size of its refinery, now the largest in the U.S. As part of

the agreement, the company added flame and sulfur recovery units that curb dangerous emissions.

The legislation only targets TCEQ's permits. It would give the agency sole discretion over who is an "affected person" who could ask for a hearing; set an 180-day time limit for the proceedings (with potential exceptions); narrow the issues the public could debate; and arguably shift the burden of proof from the company to the public.

Currently, companies at a hearing must bring in experts to prove that a draft permit is acceptable. Under the legislation, a challenged draft would be presumed to meet "all state and federal legal and technical requirements," forcing the citizen to prove otherwise. Opponents argue the change would limit the facts put before judges.

"In what courtroom in America can you not be able to cross-examine an expert witness?" asked Rep. Borris Miles, D-Houston. "We are taking the rights of citizens away in this bill."

But industry groups complain that the hearings last too long and can be abused by groups trying to advance policy or business goals by slowing down the permitting process.

Texas has "the most onerous administrative review process of environmental permits in this country," Christina Wisdom, with the Texas Association of Manufacturers, testified at a recent committee hearing.

On Thursday, Morrison argued that the system put Texas at risk of losing chemical plants and other major projects to Gulf Coast states. "We want it to be done

in a more timely manner, so

we can compete with other states," she said.

Democrats did not buy that argument. "I'd rather have them go to Indiana, Louisiana. I'd rather have them go to Timbuktu, than do what we're doing here," Turner said.

Less than 1 percent of permit applications ever draw a contested-case hearing.

Of 1,960 waste, water and air permit applications filed with TCEQ last year, for instance, the commission granted hearings to just 10, according to an analysis of public records by the advocacy group Public Citizen. The agency confirmed those numbers to The Texas Tribune.

The analysis also found that Texas typically processes air quality permits faster than Arkansas, Arizona, Oklahoma, New Jersey, Colorado and even Louisiana.

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standing with the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Before being hired in Rising Star, Pfluger resigned from the Taylor County Sheriff's Office under allegations of misconduct; was terminated as a guard at the Fannin County Jail; and was fired as

a security guard at the University of Texas San Antonio, according to his recent job application and documents from an internal investigation in Taylor County, according to the article.

He has worked for six law enforcement agencies since 2001, according to state records.

> Despite this history,

Pfluger said he thinks he should still be allowed to work in law enforcement. In the interview, he rebutted most of the allegations made against him, the article stated. "Should I still be in law

enforcement? I think so." he said.

> - Christopher Collins, of The Abilene Reporter-News, contributed to this article.

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get plenty of reps in which we had been missing out on due to playing twice a week. The anticipation to play has slowly been building and building and we're all very excited to go out there, come out on top and be one step closer to our ultimate goal which is to leave a legacy." Archer City, which is located south of Wichita Falls, defeated Albany in a best of three game series for the bidistrict championship.

The Lady Wildcats finished the regular season 12-2, and were co-district champions with Petrolia.

"This week we're going to work on staying consistent at the plate, keeping our defense clean and most importantly have fun. Archer City is going to be just like any other opponent we played this year. If our girls show up with that same intensity and drive they've had all year we will be a force to be reckoned with," Carrasco said. "I'm really counting on the support from the community to go out and paint the town purple and gold, and show these ladies that together we can most definitely accomplish more."



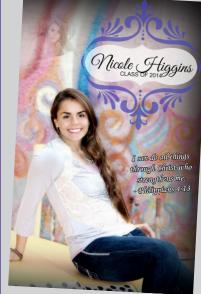
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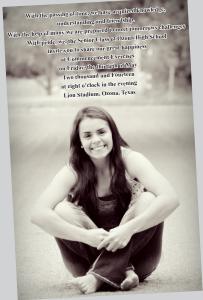
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Caps and gowns will be handed out and upcoming events will be discussed.

Multi-state operation rescues endangered children

partment of Public Safety (DPS) announced on April 29 the outcomes of a recent multi-state, multi-agency Crimes Against Children Patrol Operation that resulted in law enforcement officers rescuing six missing or exploited children. The patrol initiative, which was conducted April 14-16, included participants from nine states and two municipalities.

"DPS is committed to pursuing the criminals who target and exploit innocent children, and this multi-agency patrol effort to detect and rescue endangered children is the first of its kind," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "Because of this focused patrol operation, our local and state partners were able to rescue six children from possibly dangerous and deplorable circumstances. We are extremely proud of these efforts by our law enforcement officers to protect our most valuable and vulnerable resource - our children."

Coordinated by Texas DPS, the three-day operation focused on increasing awareness among uniformed law enforcement officers and communities in an effort to identify and rescue missing, exploited or at-risk children. In addition to rescuing six children, participating officers in the areas of operation also rescued one adult victim, made four initial arrests, launched three investigations of sex crimes against children and two of human trafficking. DPS troopers recovered one child.

AUSTIN - The Texas De- isiana State Police, Georgia Department of Public Safety, Ohio State Highway Patrol, South Dakota Highway Patrol, Tennessee Highway Patrol, Utah Highway Patrol and Durham (England) Constabulary. The United States Marshals Service and Federal Bureau of Investigation also provided support when needed.

The operation also coincided with International Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, observed by communities and organizations to raise awareness of child abuse, and neglect and to educate the public on prevention.

This patrol initiative is an extension of DPS' ongoing Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program, which was created to rescue and protect children and apprehend criminal predators. Launched in 2009, the IPC program is designed to teach troopers and other law enforcement officers how to recognize indicators of missing, exploited and at-risk children who do not exhibit obvious signs of abuse. Before the creation of the DPS Interdiction for the Protection of Children program, uniformed officers historically were not trained to recognize characteristics and indicators of an endangered or missing child.

Since 2009, the IPC program has been responsible for recovering more than 160 children and conducting more than 50 criminal investigations. IPC has also been responsible for uncovering crimes affecting children and arresting the perpetrators in instances involving: · Possession of child pornography; Sexual assault of a . child; Human trafficking/ commercial sexual exploitation of children; · Violation of registered sex offender requirements: and • Enticing a child.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints 1 911 medical/fire assistance 4 **Civil complaints** 7 Civil documents served 3 Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise 14 Juvenile/School 5 Motorist assist/ locked vehicle 6 Reckless driving/ speeding complaints 6 Minor/major traffic accidents 4 Alarms 6

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS: 4-27-15

· Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal disturbance on Buena Vista. The parties in question left the area.

· Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of juveniles in a vacant house. The juveniles parents were notified, and the juveniles released to them. 4-28-15

• DPS Trooper arrested Curtis Wayne Robertson, of Barnhart, for driving while intoxicated third or more. Subject was arraigned and released on bond 4-29-15

ported to Upton County. 4-30-15

 Sheriff's deputy arrested Jordan Johnson, of Houston, on a charge of driving while license invalid with previous convictions. Subject was arraigned and transported to Upton County.

5-1-15

· Sheriff's deputy served a criminal trespass notice on an unwanted subject on Sheffield Road.

· Sheriff's deputy took a report of a stolen cell phone taken from the north baseball field.

· Sheriff's deputy arrested Rainie Cheyenne Baldwin, of Ozona, on an out of county warrant. Subject is awaiting transfer to Tom Green County. 5-2-15

• Sheriff's deputy went to a loud music call on Ramos, music was turned down. 5-3-15

• Sheriff's deputy cited for juveniles for smoking tobacco and minor in possession of alcohol

· Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal dispute on Peach Street. The dispute was resolved neacefully

· Sheriff's deputy to a report of vandalism at the west gate of the football field.

Game Warden Field Notes

COMPLIED FROM TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS.

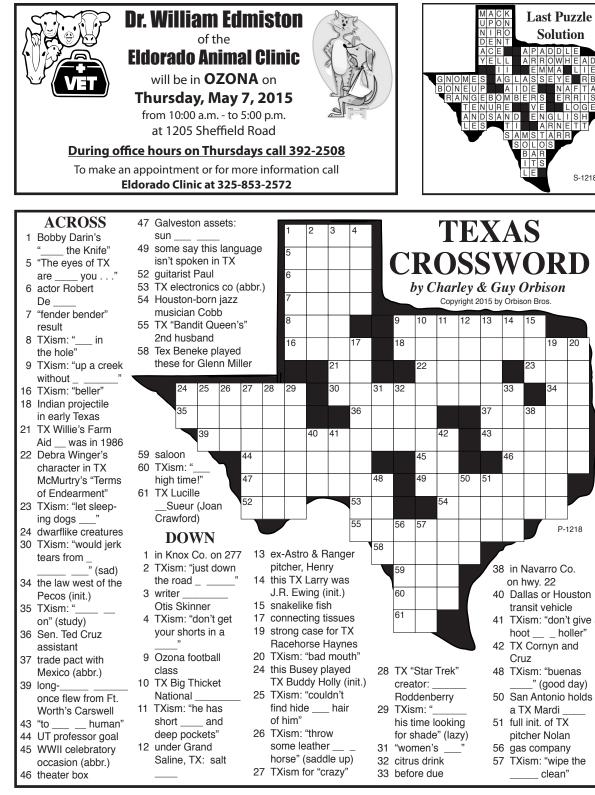
IN HOT PURSUIT

Two Zapata County game wardens responded to a request from the Department of Public Safety for help with a vehicle pursuit. The two wardens followed a four-door passenger vehicle north out of Zapata County. After about 10 miles, the car began driving erratically through the dirt median, almost striking several sheriff's department vehicles. People began jumping from the vehicle, which then headed northbound in the southbound lane of the highway, almost ramming several civilian vehicles head on. Another man jumped out of the vehicle and rolled in the dirt median. One warden secured the man while the other warden continued pursuit of the vehicle. DPS troopers spiked the vehicle's tires and it finally came to a stop after traveling several more miles with three flat tires. The driver exited the vehicle and three undocumented aliens driver was arrested with a warrant for several new felonies and the vehicle was impounded.

BLAME IT ON THE CATFISH

A Bosque County game warden and Bosque County sheriff's deputies responded to a call to rescue two fishermen whose inflatable raft was sinking. A deputy located the fishermen offshore while the warden launched the patrol boat. The warden was able to quickly reach the fishermen, who were in the water at this point, clinging to the mostly deflated raft. The warden helped both men in getting into the patrol boat and safely returned them to the boat ramp, where emergency medical services provided medical attention to both men since they had been in the 63-degree water for more than an hour. Both men said some of the catfish they caught must have finned the raft, causing it to deflate. They also said the stringer they used had wrapped around the trolling motor, disabling control of the craft. Both

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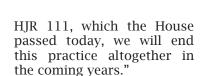


were turned over to the Zapata County Sheriff's Office. The

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the state increasingly collected billions of dollars in fees for one purpose, but then used that money instead to certify spending in other areas of the budget," Straus explained in a news release from his office. "The House began working to end that practice almost three years ago, and in the 2013 session, the Legislature reduced the use of dedicated funds for budget certification by nearly \$1 billion.

"This session, the House is well on its way to reducing that amount even further, from \$4.5 billion to \$2.9 billion. And if voters approve



fishermen put on lifejackets be-

fore going into the water.

SENATE APPROVES ETHICS BILL

On April 28, the Senate approved SB 19. an omnibus bill that includes multiple initiatives from the governor's emergency item on ethics reform.

Written by freshman Sen. Van Taylor, R-Dallas, the bill expands personal financial statement reporting requirements for each state officer, elected official or candidate to include the disclosure of written contracts for goods or services with governmental entities if the aggregate value of those contracts exceeds \$10,000 per reporting year.

SB 19 also contains various provisions to curb perceived conflicts of interest, such as a prohibition against a person who is registered as a lobbyist from serving in elective office unless that person is an elected officer for a political subdivision with a population of 150,000 or less, or the presiding officer of a political subdivision of 50,000 or less, provided they do not receive a salary or wage from the political subdivision.

TEXAS TO RECIPROCATE WITH OHIO

Gov. Greg Abbott on April 28 issued an official proclamation that the state of Texas now recognizes valid concealed handgun licenses issued on or after March 23, 2015 by the state of Ohio as long as Ohio licensees comply with all Texas laws, rules and regulations governing the use and carrying of concealed handguns.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Joel Morales Najar, of Ozona, on a charge of burglary of a habitation. Subject was arraigned and trans-

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Peter Charles Noack, Deceased, were issued on April 27, 2015, in Cause No. 1230, pending in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, to: Linda B. Noack. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Jody K. Upham, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 4127, 1014 Avenue E, Ozona, Texas 76943. DATED the 27th day of April, 2015. Jody K. Upham, attorney for Applicant.







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