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School board approves budget, tax rate

BY MELISSA PERNER **AND SUSAN WILLIAMS** THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OZONA, TEXAS

The CCCCSD School Board adopted the district's new budget and tax rate during a special meeting Monday night.

The 2015-2016 school budget is \$2.9 million less than last year's.

The budget includes a \$500 retention stipend for all school employees, as well as the district covering the \$59 increase in employee health insurance which totals around \$700 per employee.

Board Vice President Orlando DeHoyos said by the district doing the retention stipend, and covering the

to around \$1,200 per employee. DeHoyos said that is the same as the county's pay raise of \$100 a month per employee, except that the school's is not taxable.

During the discussion on the budget, the board went into executive/closed session to discuss the college readi-

health insurance, that equals ness budget item. No money was budgeted for this item. DeHoyos said there was somebody doing the job and not getting paid.

Board President David Mc-Williams immediately called for the board to go into executive/closed session due to the item being a personnel matter.

No action was taken af-

ter the board reconvened in the budget. open session around 90 min-

The board then unanimously approved the new budget and tax rate.

utes later.

DeHoyos said that not every board member is going to mously approved to dedicate agree with every item, but that the board needs to work together and vote together on

The tax rate is \$1.096 per \$100 evaluation. This is an increase of \$.036 due to the \$3 million school bond passed in November 2014.

The board also unani-\$1.3 million of the district's

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Labor Day closings

Local businesses will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, for the Labor Day holiday.

The Ozona Stockman will be closed Monday. Due to the holiday, deadline for the Sept. 9 edition will be 4 p.m. Friday,

Crockett County offices, CCCCSD, local banks and the U.S. Post Office will also be closed Monday.

Some county offices will close at noon Friday, Sept. 4.

The front office of the Family Health Center of Ozona will be closed Monday, but the 24-hour urgent care will be open in the back of the building.

Lions fall in season opener



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE OZONA LIONS run onto the field Friday night with the OHS Cheerleaders. The Lions lost to Mason 46-0. Ozona will take on Iraan 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lion Stadium.

Congressman makes Ozona stop

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Will Hurd use to be critical of the federal government, an organization he become a member of eight months ago.

Now, he's traveling his district trying to reassure citizens that he is working to change things in Washington, D.C.

As part of his "#DC2DQ," tour, the San Congressman Antonio stopped at the Ozona Dairy Queen where he was met with county and school officials, local citizens and mini-Blizzards.

"I'm planning on hitting as many Dairy Queens in Texas as I can," Hurd said.

Hurd's sprawling 29-county district, the larg-



U.S. REP. WILL HURD, R-San Antonio, stopped at the Ozona Dairy Queen last week on the tour of his district.

est in Texas and bigger than 23 U.S. states, stretches from El Paso to San An-

"I love D.C but I enjoy coming back to the real world and meeting people in my district," he said. "Coming back home keeps you honest. It keeps you in touch."

A former CIA agent who worked in Afghanistan and Pakistan, Hurd spoke lengthy against President Barack Obama's nuclear deal with Iran, saying he's

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Lightning brings grass fires

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Grass fires continued to plague Crockett County last week and throughout the weekend.

The largest fires were off of County Roads 106 and 107 on the Buchholtz, Bill Childress and VIP Pierce Ranches, around 25 miles south of Ozona. Texas Forest Service estimated the fire burned more than 5,000 acres. At least one structure was threatened in the fire.

By Monday, the Buchholtz Fire was 80 percent contained, and the Prickley Pear Fire off of County Road 106 was contained, according to the Texas Forest Service.

Texas Forest Service provided both ground and



GRASS FIRES raged last week and over the weekend off of County Roads 106 and 107. Lightning was the cause of the fires.

air support, along with the Crockett County Road Department, Treto's Tire Service, Bobbie and Billy Dell Renfroe, Shelly and Clay Childress and Ira Childress. The forest service responded with four dozers, two engines, motor grader and air attacks.

"Thank you Ozona for the prayers and the water and snacks," said Bob Falkner, OVFD Chief Emeritus. "We need to remember to pray for rain. I can tell you from many years on the fire department

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HSLIONS VS. IRAA 7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT LION STA



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

School board should consider naming stadium after Sewell

Dear Editor,

I am sending this letter to request Lion Stadium (or the track and field facilities) be named after long time successful Coach L.T. "Rip"

This Texas Hall of Honor teacher/coach will be fondly remembered for his impact in the classroom and on the athletic fields. His football teams were consistently successful and he coached the best football and track teams

in the history of OHS. From the early seventies with Ruben Tambunga to Orlando Dehoyos and Gary Warren in the backfield there have been no teams since as amazing as these unique teams.

As much as he was respected by his peers, assistant coaches and athletes for his football coaching success he is easily one of the top track and field coaches in the historv of Texas.

Abilene High serves as a good model for the naming of

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their track after a coach with similar and tremendous accomplishments. Therefore, you are encouraged to contact an CCCCSD School Board Member and present your wishes if you agree.

I have been blessed to be able to teach/coach many awesome young people the past thirty two years, and he is still the unreachable standard for anyone in this pro-

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Board member plans on voting for renaming stadium

Dear Editor,

At the July 2015 school board meeting, the school board discussed the renaming of Lion Stadium in honor of Coach Rip Sewell. At the August 2015 school board meeting, the actual vote whether to rename Lion Stadium was tabled and is now set to be voted upon at the upcoming Sept. 15, 2015 school board meeting.

While it is my intent to vote in favor of renaming our stadium to honor Coach Sewell for the positive and powerful impact he had on his players and students and others during his 21 years at OHS, such that in 1986, he was inducted into the Texas Hall of Honor by his peers, the Texas High School Coaches Association, there are some who believe that he should be honored by our lo-

renaming of our stadium. I have heard those comments and I am totally unconvinced of those com-

cal community, just not by the

My thoughts and beliefs on this matter have previously been expressed and heard; however, for the many of you who have expressed the same thoughts about honoring Coach Sewell, I hope you will take the time to have your voices heard prior to the upcoming school board meeting.

As always, go Ozona Lions! Orlando DeHovos **OHS Class of 1977** Ozona, Texas

Dreaming with the best

n old-timer who gives his age only as "90-ish" is forever reminding himself--and others in earshot—about his inhabiting the planet for quite a spell. And he's as 'upbeat" as anyone I know.

Despite his lengthy stretch of life, he says he "still dreams, but they're mostly re-runs.

Two other recent comments come to mind: "Show me a man with his head held high, and I'll show you one who's not used to his bifocals." And the other: "The days of 'plugging' watermelons are long since over." (Before you wonder if the guy is Uncle Mort, think again. This one lives on a spread next to my 103-year-old uncle down in the thicket).

These comments "hit home"--the "dream thing" dead center. Currently In the final stages of writing and editing a book about Mort, I have learned dream ing doesn't require absolute slumber. Dreams can pop up during moments in my lounge chair, when I'm "puttering" around the house or yard, as well as in the pantry "hidey hole." That's where I've found my wife's stash of dark chocolate.

Maybe I was dreaming, too, when an email came with an attached likeness of my old uncle. Perusing it carefully, my wife and I nodded approvingly.

"I'm glad the eye glasses were added," Brenda said. "I'm sure Mort needs them, if only for reading." I agreed, then made a "thank you" call to Debbie Fraser, an Amarillo friend designing the book cover for Mostly Mort.

"I was able to make some changes, thanks to Photoshop," she said. Shucks, the only photo shops I knew about sell postcards in resort areas. She asked if we liked "the eyes and eyeglasses."

Eyes? We hadn't noticed the eyes. "The eyes are yours; I got them from a photo," Debbie said.

Though I don't think Brenda ever said anything about my eyes being "dreamy," I did overhear her telling friends my eye color a time or two in the past-I mean really distant past. That's the way it is when the 50th year of marriage is reached, as ours has. However, I still drive at night. And having "my eyes" may open a whole new world for Mort.

I hadn't thought about plugging watermelons in years. Time was, we'd cut plugs from melons before handing over the cash. Usu-



IDLE AMERICAN

DON NEWBURY

adays, I guess the closest we get to "sampling" produce occurs when we sneak a grape-OK, sometimes two--before plunking down several dollars for a bag. This practice may soon be outlawed. Even now, I wonder if there are cameras and sirens "at the ready" to identify grape thieves. If I'm at mid-crunch when the alarms go off, I'll get over to frozen foods in record time, donning a fake mustache en route.

Uncle Mort sees the government's growing encroachment into our daily lives as inevitable. Safety and personal freedoms are in peril.

Terrorism is a familiar topic, and theaters may be the next target. With two major tragedies there recently, one chain already has announced searches of purses, backpacks and bags upon r entry

"This could be a ploy," Mort warns. "They may rarely find guns and explosives, but what they're really looking for are candy, gum and similar items patrons are trying to smuggle in despite warning signs posted for years indicating they can't."

So much boils down to "what-are-the-odds" scenarios. If we happen to be in a theater at the rare time violence occurs in the audience instead of on screen, may hem becomes real indeed.

Before atrocities of terrorism hung like heavy clouds throughout the world, many dangers seemed remote, unlikely to occur.

Back when tensions were merely creeping instead of running at full gallop, someone said the odds of getting on a plane with explosives on it were ten million to one. A pessimist who didn't like the odds was told he might want to take some explosives on board himself. Why? Because the odds of his being on a plane with two bombs are 100 billion to one.

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Hey, Stop That!

The USDA is spending eleven million dollars over the next five years to find out why there are so many wild horses and how they can keep the population from doubling every four years like it is now. The USDA says they have 21 research projects started or in the planning stages to discover why there are so many wild ones. No doubt the manpower they've assigned to the problem doubles every four years too!

I can save the USDA all that time and money because I used to raise rabbits. Here is my six step plan to reduce the wild horse herd

Step #1. Years ago I visited one of the USDA's feedlots and I noticed that the stallions were still in pens with mares and their social interaction had clearly gone past the dating stage. It appeared that the USDA was a pimp in hooking up the studs for some daytime playtime.

So I offer my services to teach a sex education class to USDA employees about the birds and the bees. I would stress that these feedlots are not social clubs but are pits of sexual deviation and exploitation that all feminists should abhor. If the USDA can't at least separate the sexes the least they could do is do what I did when I raised rabbits. I hid behind a barrel and when I saw a buck deflowering a young bunny I'd jump up and yell, "Hey, cut that

Step #2: Years ago cowboys would tie a dummy to a saddle and put it on a wild horse. (Not to be confused with a USDA



IT'S THE **PITTS**

LEE PITTS

dummy.) The horses in the herd, thinking it was a person, would run themselves to near exhaustion so the cowboys could catch them easier. We could do this on a grander scale and by the time the horses figured it out they'd be too tired to have sex and both the studs and the mares would have a headache.

Step #3: Bring back the horse processing plants because these are not endangered species

we're talking about. The DNA of the "wild" horses is identical to Trigger, Poco Bueno and American Pharoah. One reason the population is exploding is because people who have older horses have no way to get rid of them so they turn them loose on BLM and Forest Service land. America's wild horses are really strays and discards and in that respect they are no different than wild pigs which people consider nuisances and shoot. No one seems to be trying to save

Step #4: Horse humanitarians and bleeding hearts will get on their high horses and condemn me but let me say that no one loves horses more than I do. I think they are the best animal on earth and that includes humans. That's why I don't like to see them dying a slow death from

starvation. Since only one percent of the US population owns a horse I would send five wild horses to anyone who sends me a nasty letter.

Step #5: I would take one million destined for USDA research and give it to public lands ranchers to castrate wild studs. So much per pair, if you get my drift. Taking a page from Bruce Jenner, I mean Caitlyn, I would also have USDA vets perform sexual reassignment surgery on wild horses to totally confuse them. The only problem with this idea is the ACLU would probably intervene on the grounds that the "wild" horses have an inalienable right to have sex and be married.

Step #6: Take all the wild horses and designate a state for them. I'm thinking Florida which is already filled with toothless old geezers. I'd give every stallion a patch kit and a blow up plastic mare that looks like Black Beauty. But we'd have to make doubly sure the wild horses wouldn't' vote in the next Florida primary.

My six step plan will work better than any of the 21 research projects the USDA funded and will also cut down on the \$50,000 each wild horse is costing the American taxpayer. We can save at least ten million dollars over the next five years and, unlike USDA's research answers, my plan will actually work.

All I'm asking for is 10% of the eleven million.

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Attorney General Paxton pleads not guilty

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Aug. 27 entered a plea of not guilty on felony charges of securities fraud at his arraignment in Fort Worth.

Tarrant County 396th State District Court Judge George Gallagher gave Paxton until Sept. 30 to answer to the charges.

Paxton is accused of encouraging two individuals to buy stock in Severgy, a Collin County-based technology firm, and being compensated for his actions without being registered as an investment advisor in accordance with Security and Exchange Commission regulations. Also Paxton is accused of falsely giving prospective investors the impression that he was an investor in Severgy.

The Texas Rangers turned over evidence gathered during an investigation that ensued when a formal complaint against Paxton, the

state's top legal officer, was lodged in April by Texans for Public Justice, an Austinbased government watchdog group. Paxton was indicted by a Collin County grand jury on July 28.

Court proceedings were moved from Collin County to Tarrant County because of Paxton's closeness to the courts in Collin County. Paxton served as a state senator representing Collin County from January 2013 until he was elected attorney general in November 2014.

He served as the state representative for Collin County and part of Dallas County from 2003 to 2013.

UT REMOVES DAVIS STATUE A bronze statue of Jefferson Davis, president of the

Confederate States of America

from 1861 to 1865, was re-

Austin on Aug. 30. In an Aug. 29 media advisory, UT President Gregory Fenves said the statue

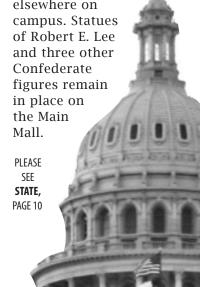
would be placed in an indoor educational display at the Briscoe Center for American History on the university campus. The decision, in line with a multi-state trend to remove symbols of the pro-slavery Confederacy from government-controlled properties, was made after Travis County 250th State District Court Judge Karin Crump rejected a petition by the Sons of Confederate Veterans to prevent the relocation of the statue. Plans are to refurbish the statute

months. Fenves also said the statue

and install it at the Briscoe

Center within the next 18

of President Woodrow Wilmoved from the Main Mall of the University of Texas at son, displayed opposite the Davis statue, is being moved to preserve the symmetry of the Main Mall plaza and will be positioned elsewhere on





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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Business of the Month: Pon Seahorn Real Estate

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Pon Seahorn Real Estate as our Business of the Month.

Pon is the fourth generation of a pioneer ranching family that came to Crockett County in the early 1880's.

Upon graduation from OHS, Pon went to San Marcos and met his wife to be, Jill, where they both graduated from Southwest Texas State University, Pon in Ag Business and Jill in Education.

The Seahorns are the parents of two children, Will and his wife Mindy of Mertzon and Terel Seahorn of Ozona, and are the grand-parents of four.

Pon was in the banking and lending business in Sonora, Uvalde, and Paris, Texas before returning to Ozona in 1976. Along with taking over the operation of the family ranch in southeastern Crockett County, he worked for 16 years at Ozona National Bank and 5 years at Crockett National Bank. In 1998, the Seahorns formed Pon Seahorn Real Estate, with Wendland and Associ-



PON SEAHORN (right) and his wife Jill.

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ates, LLC as Broker.

Pon does business in Crockett and surrounding counties and lists residential, commercial, ranching and recreational properties.

Pon Seahorn Real Estate has been a member of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce for 15 years, and is proud to support the community, local schools, 4-H and the Deerfest Association

"In the late 90's you started to see a shift in real estate. Larger ranches sold and were split up into subdivisions, all for recreation. Currently, there are 7 ranch sub-divisions in Crockett County," said Pon. "In the same time period, we saw a jump in the building of homes, which averaged \$60-65 a square foot. In the last 15 years the cost of a square foot has jumped \$10-\$15."

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Pon Seahorn Real Estate for providing a quality business that is an asset to the community.

For more information, call (325)392-3278 or (325)277-2947 or e-mail jpwt@verizon.net.

Ramirez graduates from ASU

Angelo State University conferred 205 undergraduate and graduate degrees upon 203 summer graduates in August in San Angelo.

Graduating from Ozona was Kelsie L. Ramirez with a bachelor of arts. Ramirez also graduated magna cum laude.

Howard College offering free GED, ESL classes

Howard College Adult Education and Literacy (AEL) would like to know if you are interested in attending GED or ESL classes in the Ozona area.

Anyone are interested in Howard College offering English as a Second Language or GED classes, can call (325) 481-8323 or email Ael@howardcollege.edu.

These classes will be free to the public.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, September 2

- OHS Cross-Country at Christoval.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Blood pressure and diabetes checks, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Community Christmas Choir Practice, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- AWANA Training, 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Thursday, September 3

- 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.
- OHS JV Lions vs. Iraan, 6:30 p.m. at Iraan.

Friday, September 4

- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Pep Rally, 3 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.
- Ozona Band Booster Pregame Dinner, 5 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- OHS Varsity Lions vs. Iraan, 7:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

Saturday, September 5

• OHS and OMS Cross-Country at Rocksprings.

Monday, September 7

• Labor Day - CCCCSD, Crockett County Offices, Family Health Center, local banks, the U.S. Post Office and The Ozona Stockman closed.

Tuesday, September 8

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Elementary PTO meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the OES Cafeteria.
- OHS Band Practice, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

Wednesday, September 9

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Blood pressure and diabetes checks, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- AWANA kicks off, 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.





OLPH Dies Y Sies De Septiembre Festival Sept. 20

BY ELIGIO MARTINEZ

OLPH CATHOLIC CHURCH

OLPH Sept. 16 festival planning is underway and queen contestants are need-

Events include, music by local DJ's TKO and Sonido Juanes, food booths, cake auction and games.

A meal will be sold by the Guadalupanas after mass.

Parade floats and participants need to line up in front of the church before 2

Food booths are available for \$75 each and all earnings will be kept by the booths renters.

Three main raffle prizes valued at \$500 each

have been donated by The Knights of Columbus, The Cursillistas and The Guadalupanas organizations.

Tickets will be sold by Parish Council members and parishioners for \$2 each.

Other raffle prize donations at any value are needed to be given away all afternoon. Donations can be dropped off at the church office

This years festival will be on Sunday, Sept. 20. Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information on queen candidates, or to buy tickets, call the OLPH office at (325) 392-3353.

Let's all help this years fundraiser be more successful than our previous events!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 2 – Ron Hawthorne, Todd Harrison, Dawn Burns, Ronny Clayton, Dee Keilers, Nat Hernandez III, Sandy Montgomery, Ricky Dominguez, Roxana Camarillo, Arturo Gonzales, Candy Landin, Donna Herring, Melinda Santiago, Zeke Rivera, Sylvia Fay and Julia Carrizales

Sept. 3 – Baylee DeHoyos, Alda DeHoyos, Mikki Ortiz, Jaython Galan, Vanessa DeLaGarza and Maria Elizondo

Sept. 4 – Alysha Lara, Mario Guerrero, Domenic Chila, Rosalio Camarillo, Myra

Dominguez, Casey Ybarra and Amado Carrizales Jr.

Sept. 5 – Hudson Fowler, Erik Duenes, Jordyn Bauerlein, Hudson Fowler, Steven Silva and Stacy Silva

Sept. 6 - Levi Vargas, Luann Pierce, Chelsea Spence and Yolanda Mata

Sept. 7 - Natividad Hernandez Sr., Jeffery Gillitt, Carson Childress, Glenn Crowder and Juan Garcia

Sept. 8 – Samuel Maskill, Cassandra Ortega, Jennifer Dockal, Jesslynn Kay Fierro and Murray Logan



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Julia Henderson
Schwartz
Bridal

Selections
have been made by
Christi Smith
bride-elect of
Brandon
Nichols

Niki Pressler, bride-elect of Wesley Bishop Emily Newton, bride-elect of Aaron Pearl

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'Social Media Marketing' training Sept. 1 The ASU-SBDC (Angelo Seating for participants

The ASU-SBDC (Angelo State University Small Business Development Center) is excited to host the training event "Social Media Marketing" Tuesday, Sept. 1, at 6 p.m. for \$15.

Learn the basics of the commonly used social media networks including Facebook and Twitter and how you can use them to market your business. tacts.

Speaker: Andy Allen, Owner Chaos Marketing. *Please note - you will NOT be setting up Facebook profiles or pages at this event.

Bridal Selections
have been made by:

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Michael Medina, Jr.

Christi Smith
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Seating for participants is limited. For more information, or to register, call the ASU-SBDC at (325) 942-2098 or visit at www.sbdc. angelo.edu



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.

SEPT. 2

· Baked chicken, cornbread dressing, poultry gravy, seasoned green peas, wheat roll, margarine, angel food cake with fruit and milk.

SEPT. 3

· Hamburger with cheese, baked beans, lettuce, tomato, onion, potato salad, mustard, peaches and milk.

SEPT. 4

· Crunchy baked fish, oven baked fries, black-eyed peas, cucumber tomato salad, tarter sauce, ketchup, seasoned fresh fruit and milk.

SEPT. 7

· CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY SEPT. 8

· Smothered pork chop, fluffy rice, mixed vegetables, white/wheat roll, margarine,

orange zephyr whip and milk. Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M.



Angelina Ramos

Blake Morrow Christi Smith

Brandon Nichols Jennifer Marquez bride-elect of

Michael Medina, Jr.

Ashley Wallace Cody Hunnicutt Niki Pressler

Wesley Bishop Close to Our





MELISSA PERNER LTHE OZONA STOCKMAN

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: (left to right) Joe and Marolyn Bean and Ann and Harold Shaw celebrated their wedding anniversaries last week at El Chato's. Each couple was celebrating 65 years together.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Movies every Thursday

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Wow, what a weekend. I am the most spoiled person in town, maybe in the world. My kids did it again. I had a birthday get together last night and had a blast. Then today my friends had balloons and cards and gifts. What a day. Hope all of you had a good weekend also. Facebook friends topped it off with birthday wishes. What more could a person ask. Hugs to you all.

They are still working on getting a teacher for the GED classes that Howard College is furnishing for those that area interested. They contacted me and said they would let

me know when they found a teacher and with more information. I will post this information when I get it.

The movie for Thursday, Sept. 2, is "A Walk to Remember" staring Shane West and Mandy Moore.

This is a romance to remember. Don't miss it. Come on out and enjoy yourself with popcorn and drinks Thursday at 2 p.m.

Don't forget the Thunderbird. They are available to help you get around. Just give them a call and leave a message.

Be sure to say who you are and where you are. They will call you back. Call us at 392-9094 if you do not have their number.

For the next 10 weeks, I will be posting ways to winterize your homes: 1. Lock your window an doors. Locking your windows and doors (that lead outside) creates a tighter seal and keeps the warm air inside, reducing energy loss.

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

Bridge - 1:30 p.m. on Mondays

Balance exercise - Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m. Prayer Group - Wednes-

day at 3 p.m. Quilting - Thursday

morning at 9:30 a.m. Movies - Thursday afternoon at 2 p.m.

Come on out, the coffee is on.

VICTORIA NOWELL (center) received the Care Center Volunteer Award

presented by Johnny Johnson (left) and Audrey Glynn.

CARE CENTER CHATTER

Summer celebrations

BY MARY WILLIAMSON

ASSISTANT ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

We celebrated a few little known holiday's like National Watermelon Day on Aug. 3. Everyone enjoyed the watermelon.

National S'mores Day was Aug. 10. Marta De La Garza prepared s'mores by placing a crushed graham cracker with butter, a Hershey's chocolate square and a marsh mellow in a lined cupcake pan and baked at 350 degrees until the marsh mellow melted and browned.

National Waffle Day was Aug. 24 and Marta made waf-

There is even National Left Hand Day. Residents and staff were asked to draw and color a simple picture of an ice cream soda using their left hand. Of course, this was easy for the lefties around here.

This month's birthday party was celebrated with carnival decorations. Staff and residents were encouraged to dress as if they are going to, or in a carnival. We played games in the morning. There was a fishing for ducks game, several bean bag toss games, a photo booth, tossing a ball into a bucket and a photo

For lunch everyone had chili dogs with chips or French fries, fruit cup and Coke.

After lunch, and rest, the residents enjoyed cupcakes and watermelon while watching a watermelon eating contest between Marta D., Lisa T., Irma O. and myself. Marta

RESIDENT COUNCIL

Every first Monday of the month, residents meet in council to discuss any issues or concerns and select a meal of the month.

Dietary does a great job of providing the meal of their choice. This month's choice is chicken fried steak, half of a baked potato, okra and cream pie for desert.

NEW ACTIVITIES

We played volleyball using swimming pool noodles and a big balloon. Residents sat on each side of a volleyball net and had to hit the balloon over the net using only noodles.

They had to be careful not to hit the person in front of them on the head with the

The Crockett County Public Library has been kind enough to lend us large print books so that the residents can read some newer books.

For our residents that cannot see print, we have services from the Texas Talking Book Program. Book players and books on tape are provided by this program.

VOLUNTEERS

We had three young ladies come out and help with bingo, noodle ball and parties this summer.

They were Victoria Nowell. She was here twice a day daily. Serena Diehl and Ally Cervantez helped with bingo and noodle ball occasionally.

A great big thank you to all three young ladies. We will miss y'all while school is going.

THE CAMP OUT

Several years ago I went with several other adult leaders on an overnight campout with the youth from our local Church. It started that afternoon with setting up camp, followed by games and mountain climbing. Later on we had hamburgers cooked over a wood fire. All of that was topped off with roasted marshmallows as we sat the around the campfire. The young couple that works with the youth had prepared everything we needed for the outing. They even brought extra bedding for the ones that forgot their sleeping bags. That experience reminded me of how God can and will provide for us (Psalms 25:12, 13 &Nehemiah 9:15). That night some of the

up their bedding and trying to protection but when we are ou of the youth chose not to go on to God or not. God especially w	e tents but during the night a storm came up get in the big tent. I realized that when we tside in the world and on our own, we don't in the campout and they missed out on a lot wants to provide us with Spiritual blessings I an can be as much fun as a campout.	are close to God we are under His have it (Psalms 41:2 & 61:4). Some . We have the choice of being close
Apostolic Church 1908 Santa Anna St. Pastor Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m.	Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O'War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Martes: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Patrick Akpanobong Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona Every Second Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.
Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Interim Pastor Paul Ray Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.	Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O'War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.	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.
Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.	New Beginnings Ozona "churchbut different" 354 Highway 163 South Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. (325) 226-3060 www.newbeginningsozona.com	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor John Curry Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 10 a.m. Awana - 5:30 p.m Wednesdays Wednesday Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.	CHURCH	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.
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All pastors of Ozona churches are invited to submit columns.

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Washer pitching tournament Sept. 26

The first ever Crockett County Washer Pitching Tournament will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 26, a the rodeo grounds slab.

The event is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Cost is \$80 per team.

There will also be DJ music, food booths and game

One type of food booth will be allowed on a first come, first serve basis. Booths are \$35 each. All proceeds benefit the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, on the tournament, call John Flores at (325) 206-0805.

For more information on the food booths, call Frank Tambunga at (325) 226-2827.



Murr appointed to **Texas Judicial Council**

STATE REP. ANDREW MURR'S OFFICE

Last week, State Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, received an appointment to the Texas Judicial Council.

The Texas Judicial Council, created in 1929 as the policy-making body for the state judiciary, studies and reports on the organization and practices of the Judicial Branch of Texas to state gov-

The appointment was made by the Speaker of the House, Joe Straus.

Straus said he appointed Murr because of his experience as an attorney in private practice and as a county

"Representative had a strong first session as a Member of the House," Speaker Straus said. "I am confident that he will do very good work on this Council and provide leadership on improving our judicial system. As an attorney and former county judge, he will bring a valuable perspective to the Council's work."

as Iudicial Council studies methods to simplify judicial procedures,



expedite court business, and better administer justice across the

It examines the work of the different statutory courts and submits recommendations for improvement of the system to the Texas Legislature, Governor Abbott and the Supreme Court. The Council receives and considers input from judges, public officials, members of the bar, and private citizens.

Texas Supreme Court Justice Nathan Hecht said he is looking forward to Murr's

input. "Because the work of the Texas Judicial Council is vital to the functioning of the judicial branch, having legislators serving on the Council is critical," said Chief Jutice Hecht. "Representative Murr's experience as a lawyer and county judge, along with his service in the House of Representatives, will greatly enhance our work. We look forward to his contributions."

The Texas Judicial Council is composed of six appointed and 16 ex-officio Chief Justice members. Hecht is Chair of the council, while Sharon Keller, Presiding Judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals, serves as Vice-Chair.

The Lieutenant Governor appoints two members of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives appoints one member of the

Additionally, the Chair of the Texas House Committee on Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence has a seat on the Council.

The Chief Justice appoints ten judicial members, two from each level of court. The Governor appoints six citizen members to the Council, three of which are members of the State Bar of Texas and two of which must not be licensed to practice law.

ASU's Holland Symposium to feature astronaut

BY LAUREL SCOTT ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY

Retired NASA and Air Force Col. Eileen Collins, the first woman to command an American spacecraft, will take the spotlight at Angelo State University's 2015 E. Iames Holland University Symposium on American Values Monday, Sept. 21, in the Houston Harte University Center, 1910 Rosemont Drive.

Collins's presentation, "Space Exploration and American Values," will be covered in two sessions at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the University Center's C.J. Davidson Conference Center. For the afternoon session, Collins will speak on "The Future of Space Exploration." The evening session will feature a public question-and-answer session moderated by Dr. John Wegner, ASU professor of English and interim dean of the Freshman College.

Informal receptions will be held following each session at 3:15 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the University Center Tower Lobby. The presentations and the receptions are free and open to the public.

Prior to her presentations on Sept. 21, Collins will be the guest of honor at a barbeque at 6 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 20, in the LeGrand Alumni and Visitors Center, 1620 University Ave. Advance reservations are required and can be made by calling Dr. Trey Smith at 325-486-5441. Collins will also visit classes and be the special guest at an invitation-only ASU Honor Society luncheon on Sept. 21.

Collins, retired from a career that included test pilot, astronaut and space shuttle commander, dreamed of being a pilot as a child growing up in Elmira, N.Y. Lacking the funds to attend a four-year college, she earned an associate degree in mathematics and science at a community college, then won a scholarship to Syracuse University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and economics. She entered

the U.S. Air Force Undergraduate Pilot Training Program in 1978, the same year NASA opened the shuttle program to women, and Collins discovered she had another dream for herself: to become

In 1990, while attending the Air Force Test Pilot School at Edwards Air Force Base in California, Collins was selected for NASA's astronaut program and became the first woman to pilot a NASA space shuttle for the 1995 Discovery mission. In 1999, she achieved another milestone by becoming the first woman to command a space shuttle mission, aboard the Columbia. A highlight of her storied career was her command of space shuttle Discovery's historic "Return to Flight" mission in July of 2005, NASA's first manned flight following the 2003 loss of the shuttle Columbia. Over the course of her four shuttle flights, she logged more than 872 hours in space.

many medals, awards and honors include a Defense Superior Service Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, French Legion of Honor, NASA Outstanding Leadership Medal, the 2005 Al Neuharth Free Spirit of the Year Award and the 2006 National Space Trophy. Collins also serves on the Air Force Academy Athletic Corp. board of directors.

The Holland Symposium was established in 1984 by then-College of Liberal and Fine Arts Dean E. James Holland. When Holland retired in 2003, the board of regents named the symposium in his honor. In its 29 years, the symposium has brought more than 60 nationally prominent figures to the ASU campus to spur thought and debate on issues relevant to American society. The ASU Office of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs sponsors the sympo-

For more information, call Randy Hall, a member of the 2015 Symposium Committee, at (325) 486-6018, or go online to the symposium website at www.angelo.edu/holland.



AgriLife Extension to offer three-part 'lunch experience' in Kimble County

BY STEVE BYRNS

TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENCY

JUNCTION - The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service office in Kimble County will offer a three-part Educational Lunch Experience from noon to 1 p.m. Sept. 22-24 in the Kimble County Courthouse in Junction.

"Participants can choose to attend one or all of the presentations," said Sam Silvers, AgriLife Extension agent in Kimble County. "These programs allow those with busy schedules to come in during their lunch hour and gain a great educational experience while enjoying a catered meal."

Registration is \$10 per day and includes lunch.

The first day will offer a webinar presentation on how to manage brush in fence lines and pastures with James Jackson, AgriLife Extension range specialist at Stephenville.

Day Two will feature a webinar presentation over "Texas Water: Basic Law and Hot Topics," with Tiffany Dowell Lashmet, AgriLife Extension agricultural law specialist at Amarillo.

On the final day, Jude Sandoval, Wildlife Damage Services Kerrville district supervisor, will conduct a hands-on trapping demonstration on the courthouse lawn.

A total of three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education units, one per day, will be offered, in the integrated pest management, laws and regulations, and general categories.

For more information, and to RSVP by Sept. 18 for an accurate meal count, call the AgriLife Extension office in Kimble County at (325) 446-2620.

It's shaping up to be a jubilee quail year

BY STEVE BYRNS

TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION AGENCY

From seemingly teetering on the brink of extinction to roaring back with a vengeance, wild quail seem to have made a miraculous comeback across Texas, said one wildlife expert.

"The 2015-16 quail season is going to be the best we've seen since at least 2008 and in some areas even longer than that," said Dr. Dale Rollins, Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service coordinator for the statewide Reversing the Quail Decline Initiative at San Angelo. "It's shaping up to be a good to great year depending on where you are."

Rollins said the populations of both bobwhite and scaled or "blue" quail have benefited in most cases from the widespread and timely rains last fall that returned and continued through early summer. The relatively mild, wet winter also contributed to the quail boom, he said.

"This is what I call a jubilee year," he said "There's a lot of forgiveness happening out there this year, and the quail have been recipients of

The rains helped quail on several fronts, Rollins said, including better nesting habitat and cover from predators. May and June provided perfect hatching conditions and set the stage.

"We make or break a quail year with a June hatch," he said. "We're seeing strong numbers in a lot of areas. Some of the best areas are parts of South Texas and from just northeast of San Angelo on up into the lower part of the Rolling Plains, roughly anywhere west of U.S. Highway 83."

Rollins said blue quail, like bobwhites, have "come back with a vengeance," with reports from the Permian Basin and Trans-Pecos region touting good quail numbers. "So if the wheels don't

fall off — and anybody you'll talk to adds that caveat this should be a banner year," he said. "This should be a year that you not only get your shotgun out on opening day, Oct. 31, but also take some new people quail hunting and introduce them to the sport."

The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department will be releasing its annual quail hunting forecast in mid-September. At that time, go to their website at https://tpwd.texas.gov/ huntwild/hunt/planning/ quail_forecast/forecast/, view the projections broken down by ecoregions.

Click on those and find the current forecast as well as what the last 20 years' results have been.

"AgriLife is also hosting the Statewide Quail Symposium Sept. 16-18 in Abilene," Rollins said. "If you are a 'student of quail,' as I call them, you'll want to be there. The symposium will include a summary of what we've done over the last two years with the legislatively funded quail decline initiative research dollars."

Rollins said the symposium will start with a tour of the Trail Ranch near Albany on Sept. 16.

To learn more about the symposium go to http:// statewidequailsymposium. com.

Rollins can be reached at 325-653-4576, or d-rollins@ tamu.edu.

Ozona



OHS Cross-Country third at Lubbock Meet

The OHS Lions and Lady Lions Cross-Country Teams competed in the LCU Rust Buster Relay Saturday in Lubbock.

Both teams finished third in the meet, which was different than a regular crosscountry meet.

Instead of the traditional two mile run for the girls and the three mile run for the boys, the Lions and Lady Lions competed in teams of two and ran a one and a half mile twice, said Coach John Esparza. Each athlete ran the course, tagged their partner and then did it again where everyone would run three miles.

On the boys' side, there were 16 schools and a total of 84 two-man teams.

The team of Alex Hopper and Lane Rust finished seventh. Roman Esparza and Adrian Rodriguez finished eighth. Danny Posadas and Noe Medina were 34th. Chantz Elliott and Juan Lozano were 54th.

On the girls' side, McKenna Moses and Gabby Treto finished third. Madison Childress and Itzel Esmerado finished 12th. Madyson Hubbard and Alyssa Newlin

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THE OHS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS placed third at the LCU Rust Buster Relay Saturday Aug. 29 in Lubbock.

finished 18th. Brenna Hale and Estefania Torralba finished 24th. Ebony Ramirez and Jackie Guerra finished 28th. Makenna Fox and Kar-

Dakota Lee

Offensive Player of the Week

Kobe Rodriquez

Defensive Player of the Week

Congratulations from to our players of the week!

ina Marmalejo finished 46th. There were also 16 schools competing in the girls division, and a total of 74 teams.

"We are very proud of the

individual and team effort that we showed. This was a great way for us to do something a little different and still compete at a high level. We still have a long way to go but we are making great progress every day. A huge thank you to all the family and friends that traveled all the way to Lubbock to support us," said

Coach John Esparza.



COLOR GUARD MEMBER TRYSTIAN GALINDO performs with the OHS Band on Friday, Aug. 28 during halftime of the Mason football game.

OHS Band Student of the Week









OZONA FANS AND OHS FOOTBALL TEAM MEMBERS DURING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM before the excitement of varsity game against Mason on Aug 28.

Friday, Sept. 4 vs. Iraan - 7:30 p.m. - at Lion Stadium JV LIONS Thursday, Sept. 3 vs. Iraan - 6:30 p.m. - at Lion Stadium <u>Saturday, Sept. 19</u> OHS & OMS Teams in Rocksprings





JV LION DARIO RODRIGUEZ PAUSES TO SIDESTEP A MASON DEFENSIVE PLAYER AS #50 BRANDON JARA moves up to assist on the play in the JV Lions game against the Punchers on Aug. 27 in Lion Stadium.

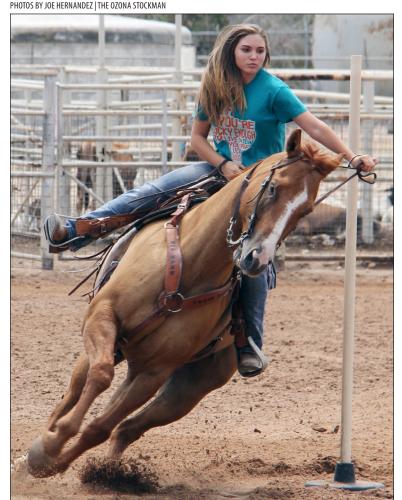
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Crockett County 4-H Playday











Youth Center Calendar of Events

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

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

HIGH SCHOOL:

Monday: 7-10 p.m.; Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.; Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.; Thursday: 2-10 p.m.; Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

OHS MEAL NIGHT:

CLOSED SUNDAYS

Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

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

YOUTH CENTER BOARD MEETING 5 p.m. Teens 5:30 p.m. **Adult Board** Today (Sept. 2)

at the Civic Center

5TH QUARTER for all high school students Friday after the football game Sponsored by the Youth Center







Elementary PTO meeting Tuesday, September 8

Ozona Elementary School PTO (Parent Teacher Organization) meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8 at the OES Cafeteria.

ALL ELEMENTARY PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!

Cub Scouts sign-up Sept. 22

Sign-ups for Ozona Cub Scout Pack 153 will take place at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22, at the OES Cafeteria.

Cub Scouts is for boys ages 7-10 (grades first through fifth).

Cub Scouts combines outdoor activities, sports, academics and more in a fun, exciting program that helps teach ideals such as honesty, good citizenship and respect.

The Boy Scouts of America is composed of more than 1 million volunteers working together for the sole purpose of helping its nearly 3 million

youth succeed in life. For more information, call Melissa O'Bryant at (325) 226-5025 or Larry Lee at (432) 940-9223.

OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

Robotics competition practice every Tuesday

BY JASON DAVIS OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL

The first week at Ozona Middle School is under wraps, and the teachers and students are off to a successful start.

My name is Jason Davis, and I am the technology teacher at the middle school.

I was raised in Ozona and studied math at Angelo State University. This is my second year of teaching, so I am growing in knowledge and experience alongside your students.

In technology this week the students learned the how's and why's of good password usage.

We want to teach the students that they have a right to privacy when using computers and the internet, and it is important to be smart about how they protect it.

Using symbols, numbers, and capital letters in your password strengthens them and makes it harder to guess. We know as adults and

teachers that identity theft has harsh consequences such as money stolen, credit ruined, lots of time and effort and paperwork to correct, etc. Please encourage your students to be mature and take responsibility of his/her data.

Robotics Competition practice will be held every Tuesday from 3:40 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the main technology lab at OMS.

Any students in sixth through eighth grades are welcome to join.

I have high expectations for any student who does join.

This means I expect them to stay out of trouble and to keep their grades up. Students should come to practice as much as possible to learn and be a part of the team.

I am blessed to have some eighth-graders such as Humberto and Manuel Torralba, Jacob Childress, and Tyler Webb who are experienced robotic users that willingly mentor and help the students in the lower grades.

These gentlemen handle their school work well, are polite and respectful towards others, and have a great passion for learning. I really feel encouraged when I am around students with such great spirits.

The first Robotics competition is to be held (tentatively) in December 2015 or January 2016.

We needed a competition arena to be built in order to practice, and the school provided the materials, and Jim White has helped me to build it. Jim is a woodworking legend around these parts, and his knowledge and experience served us well building this project. Thank you Jim for serving your community.

There will be more and more technology happenings at the middle school as the year progresses, and I hope that the community will encourage the students to take on difficult learning challenges and succeed.

If you have any questions or inquiries about any of the technology programs at Ozona Middle School please feel free to call at (325) 392-5501.





OZONA FIREFIGHTERS fought grass fires last week and over the weekend off of County Roads 106 and 107.

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that the guys are wore out."

"The fire smoldered for a day following another blaze on the Bob Buchholz Ranch, south of the VIP, and on Friday it burst out with low humidity and strong winds," Pierce Miller said. "Thanks to the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and the Texas A&M Forest Service with all their personnel and equipment, the fire was contained on Saturday.

"About half of the fire was on land that burned in 2011. Interestingly, much of the cedar that died from the drought did not burn to the ground, only blackened. No structures were lost, and most of the fencing was metal posts and wire," Miller said.

Sonora and Eldorado Volunteer Fire Departments fought a large grass fire that started north of Eldorado on the Willoughby Ranch. Sonora VFD officials reported protecting at least one structure in this fire.

By Monday, the forest service had reported that fire was contained.

"About 30 pieces of equipment and 200 firefighters were working the blaze," said Steve Mild, Tom Green County emergency services manager. "Fire units included brush trucks, tankers, engines, four dozers and eight graders. The fire destroyed a barn and one unoccupied dwelling."

Irion County also fought a grass fire off of State Highway 67 about 5 miles outside of Mertzon.

The White Ranch Fire, 8 miles southeast of Sheffield, burned 2,500 acres and was contained by Monday, the forest service stated.

Ozona firefighters also responded to grass fire calls last week off of County Roads 406 and 205, as well as U.S. Highway 190 north of Ozona and to Pecos County, Barnhart, Sheffield and Big Lake for mutual aid grass fires.

Crockett County and surrounding counties are currently under a burn ban, but the main cause of last week's fires was due to lightning with small storms moving over the area.

The Pecos County grass fire was started by a truck catching fire and that fire caused a grass fire.

According to Morgan Russell, range specialist at San Angelo's Texas A&M Extension Center, the Texas A&M Forest Service responded to 68 fires on 22,519 acres in August.

"With hunting season starting and the onslaught of off-road vehicles — pickups, utility task vehicles or UTVs and ATVs - driving through pastures," Russell said, "hunters should be aware that idling the vehicle in tall, cured grass can quickly spell disaster. Also, know that grass seed heads impacting the exhaust manifold can start fires."

Record rainfall earlier in the year has led to lots of grass and brush. When the rains ended, temperatures

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Morgan Russell

Range Specialist at San Angelo's Texas A&M Extension Center

soared into triple digits causing the land to become dry.

"We've had a phenomenal year for rainfall, and we're really grateful for it to help our rangeland recover from the drought and give cattle plenty to eat," said Tim Steffens, AgriLife Extension range specialist in Canyon. "But the downside is we've built up fuel loads where wildfire can travel fast across the countryside and across roadways once the kochia weeds and Russian thistle dry down and begin tumbling across the country. Those can scatter fire all over in high winds. So we have to be careful about how we manage before, during and after drought."

The question, he said, is "what needs to be done about fuel loads and how do we manage wildfire damage?"

On his list are: mowing or grazing large weeds at the right time and creating firebreaks around pastures so that if a wildfire breaks out, it will be on a smaller scale and can burn to those breaks and die out.

"So things like a light disking around fence lines or burning out or mowing that center part of the feeding road to create a wider nonvegetative strip will help. Another thing we can do through grazing management is decrease the overall fuel, making it patchier across the pasture so a fire will not be able to build up the intensity and momentum as it goes across the landscape."

In some cases, Steffens said, the firebreaks might be isolated for grazing, but that is limited to ranchers who have intensive grazing management systems in place.

The other option is to use prescribed fire to change the overall fuel load, change the structure and change the continuity of fuels across the landscape, he said.

"A lot of people are really scared of prescribed fire. But the thing you need to keep in mind, as we know from several years ago when we had the huge wildfires in this part of the country, is this country will burn. We have plenty of people smoking cigarettes and automobiles backfiring or have bearings go out and dry lightning strikes. The country will burn.

"What we need to concentrate on is do we want to have any say in when, where, how hot, how fast, how big that fire is going to be? The only way we can do that is to create a fire under prescribed conditions that will accomplish goals that we want."

Steffens said producers need to look at using fire to manage the vegetation by limiting brush and weeds and freshening up decadent

"I use the term prescribed, because we don't have controlled burns like people talk about," he said. "The minute you strike that match, your control is over. But you can do it under prescribed conditions and achieve the results you want.

"I hope people will start to consider prescribed fire a little more as a management option. We can do a lot of things with fire," Steffens said. "It's a tool in the tool box. We just need to know how to use it safely."

By employing both fire and grazing management that provides adequate recovery between defoliations, he said, "We can go a long way toward getting the type of vegetation we want without a lot of expense."

> - Texas AgriLife Extension Service and Jerry Lackey contributed to this article.

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solidly opposed to the plan that Congress is set to vote on next month.

"I'm trying to work hard to end this deal. This is about the safety of the United States and the safety of the world," Hurd said. "How good is our intelligence on the plans and intel of trying to pursue nuclear weapons? The answer is not very good."

Hurd also talked about border security.

"I am the only member of congress to stamp Visas. We can do a better job of securing our borders if we enforce our laws. We need to fix our broken Visa system. We need to have incentives to come here legally and punishments for coming illegally," Hurd said.

Hurd said security on the border is "flawed" because there is not a unity of command with U.S. Border Patrol and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

A new bill that Hurd helped pass in May will help with overtime pay for border patrol agents.

Hurd recently had a second bill become law. The IT Duplication Reduction Act forces the Department of Homeland Security to identify and propose reductions on duplicative information technology systems within the agency.

Hurd is the first Congressional Representative of Texas 23 to have a bill signed into law in eight years.

"There is a lot of old and outdated data," Hurd said. "We're spending money on this and not on our infrastructure."

Hurd also spoke on cybersecurity and how the federal government infrastructure needs to be upgraded.

"The overreach in the federal government is horrific," he said. "The house is passing a lot of things right now. It's trying to get them through the senate that's the problem."

Local citizen John L. Henderson asked Hurd about increases in the Affordable Healthcare Act that are coming up in 2016.

Hurd said he doesn't know what the increases will be, and that things will "get worse before they get better" in health insurance.

"The house has tried to repeal Obamacare. It takes away the competition in the market. I wish I had better news," he said.

Hurd also addressed the problems with the Veterans Affairs Department. He said in 2015 if a person leaves the department of defense they have to pay to get their medical records out before going to the VA.

"We need to have one system. If any business ran the way the VA does, it would be out of business," Hurd said. "I wish we had a magic wand to fix it right now."

Hurd is facing Alpine Democratic Pete Gallego for his seat in 2016. Gallego previously held the position be-



MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

U.S. REP. WILL HURD (right) visits with CCCCSD School Board President David McWilliams. Hurd stopped in Ozona last week at the Dairy Queen.

fore losing to Hurd in 2014. Released on last month,

a joint Rice University and University of Houston study found that 13 percent of those registered in the 23rd Congressional District and did not vote stayed home, at least partly because they thought they lacked proper ID under a state law considered the strictest in the nation. And nearly 6 percent did not vote primarily because of the requirements.

But most of those discouraged Texans had the proper documents to vote, says the study, which came one day after a federal appeals court ruled that the four-year-old Texas law has a "discriminatory effect" on Hispanics and African-Americans.

The researchers surveyed 400 people who registered but did not vote in the 29-county district, which stretches from San Antonio to El Paso and along a large slice of the Texas-Mexico border. The study found that less than 3 percent lacked

proper identification during November's election.

Researchers focused on CD-23 largely because of its demographics and the neckin-neck congressional race it held. CD-23 is seen as the state's only U.S. House district that's competitive between Republicans and Democrats. Roughly two-thirds of the voting age population is

Just 118,000 voters cast ballots in the race that saw Hurd edge out Gallego. The difference was about 2,400

Of those who said the state ID law discouraged them from voting, four to five times more said they would have voted for Gallego.

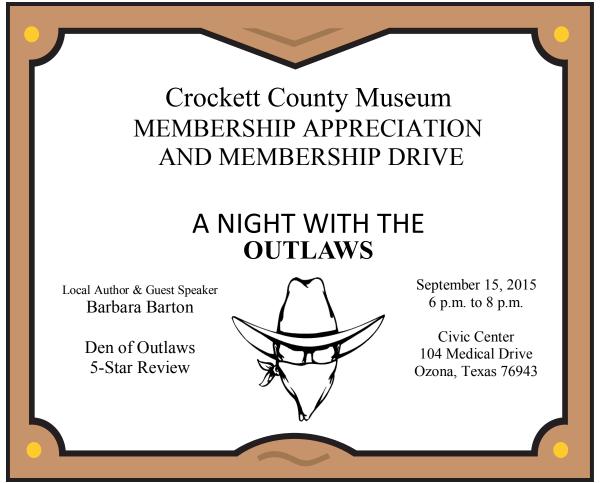
Gallego is calling for the state to provide more information and education to vot-

"Voting is a right everyone should have access to. We are making sure that everyone understands how to vote." Hurd said.

- The Texas Tribune contributed to this article.







CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

New 4-H Officers elected

Congratulations to the 2015-2016 4-H Officers: President - Julie Marshall, First Vice President - Brenna Hale, Second Vice President - Thomas Cruz, Secretary -Addie Niehues, Parliamentarian - Dalton Gunnels, Reporter/Public Relations Officer -Tyler Gunnels, Intermediate Delegates - Taylor Babb and Jenna Marshall, Junior Delegates - Mia Cruz and Claire Bean.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 15 - Showmanship Clinic for Lambs and Goats. Sept. 16 - 6 p.m. Hog

Barn Clean Up. Sept. 17 - 5:30 p.m. 4-H Meeting.

FOOD & NUTRITION

The District 6 Food Show will be held Nov. 14 in Fort Stockton.

Food and nutrition meetings will be held on Tuesdays starting Sept. 15. Juniors at 5 p.m. and Intermediate and Seniors at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office.

2015-2016 **OPEN ENROLLMENT**

Enrollment for the 2015-2016 year is open on 4-H Connect. Be sure to logon to texas.4honline.com to complete/update your 4-H Family profile.

All member profiles changed to inactive on Aug. 15, therefore, all adults and youth are required to re-enroll for the new 4-H year.

Profile items change every year so it is important to update all information before submitting.

ONE DAY 4-H

Crockett County will celebrate One Day 4-H on Oct. 10 from 8:30 a.m.-noon.

4-Hers will be beautifying the Interpretive Trail at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitors Center.

Bring gardening gloves and a hand shovel if you have them.

One Day 4-H T-shirts are available. Deadline for ordering is Sept. 18.

Order online at www.barefootathletics.com/cof and enter code: COF106138.

LAMBS, GOATS and HOGS

Crockett County 4-Hers who plan to show hogs, lambs or goats, call Aaron Renfroe at (325) 392-2721 or (325) 226-0761 as soon as possible.

It is time to star purchasing projects.

All participants who intend to feed their hogs at the county barn must be at the barn at 6 p.m. Sept. 16 for help clean.

4-H OFFICE

The Crockett County 4-H Office can be reached at (325) 392-2721 or crockettcounty@ag.tamu.edu.

Aaron Renfroe, CEA-AG/NR, can be reached at (325) 226-0761 or arenfroe@ ag.tamu.edu.

Kailey Roberts, CEA-FCS, can be reached at (210) 705-2887 or kailey.roberts@ ag.tamu.edu.

Lydia Munoz, secretary, lydia.munoz@ag.tamu.edu.

Crockett County 4-H also has a Facebook page at www. facebook.com/crockettextension.

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fund balance to pay off half the Qualified School Construction Bond.

The district currently has around \$5 million in the fund balance. This will leave \$3.7 million in the fund balance. The state requires an optimum fund balance of \$3.1 million.

In April 2011, the board unanimously approved a resolution authorizing around \$3.4 million funding from the Qualified School Construction Bond (QSCB) program.

While the name is misleading, the QSCB is not a traditional school bond, but instead a low-interest loan program through the federal government stimulus program.

The district used the funds for repairs and renovations around the district.

The QSCB loan is a 14vear loan that the district plans on having paid off next year.

McWilliams said that Business Manager Cynthia Hokit did an excellent job in working on this new budget.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Chavarria said as of Monday the district had 836 students enrolled, which is 10 more students than this time last year. First day enrollment was 822 students.

Chavarria said he anticipates enrollment increasing after Labor Day.

Attendance rates are 99 percent for OES, 98 percent for OMS and 98 percent for OHS.

The next regular board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Sept. 15 at the Administration Building. The meeting is open to the public.

51st Annual Harper Frontier Days HARPER,TX Labor Day Weekend



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in the discussion is invited.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The	Crockett County Consolidated C	common School D	istrict will hold a publi	ic
meeting at	6:30 p.m., August 31, 2015	in	Board Room, Administration Building, 797 Ave D	_
	Ozona, Texas	The	e purpose of this meeting is to discuss th	e
school district's	budget that will determine t	he tax rate t	hat will be adopted. Public participatio	n

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.06	/\$100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	\$.036	/\$100 (proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	-	% increase	or	1.32	_% (decrease)
Debt service	100	% increase	or		_% (decrease)
Total expenditures	100	% increase	or	1.32	_% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under Section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Prece	ding Tax Year	Current Tax Year		
Total appraised value* of all property	\$	2,560,199,630	\$	2,145,530,790	
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$	48,684,750	\$	23,755,671	
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$	2,273,146,910	\$	1,846,356,720	
Total taxable value*** of new property**	\$	48,684,750	\$	23,755,071	

- "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
- "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
- *** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

3,000,000 Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness* \$

* Outstanding principal.

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates										
		ntenance perations			<u>Total</u>		Local Revenue <u>Per Student</u>		State Revenue Per Student	
Last Year's Rate	\$	1.06	\$	*	\$	1.06	\$	10547	\$	1990
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue &										
Pay Debt Service	\$	1.07852	\$	*	\$	1.07852	\$	9165	\$	3372
Proposed Rate	\$	1.06	\$.03 *	\$	1.09	\$	9964	\$	3372
* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both.										

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	<u>Last</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>This</u>	This Year		
Average Market Value of Residences	\$	42,690	\$	40,650		
Average Taxable Value of Residences	\$	20,700	\$	19,690		
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100 Value	\$	1.06	\$	1.06		
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$	219.42	\$	208.72		
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes			\$	-1070		

The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rat	e: The highest tax ra	ate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an
election is	1.06	This election will be automatically held if the district adopts
a rate in excess of the	rollback rate of	1.06

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

> Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s) 5,030,000

Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)

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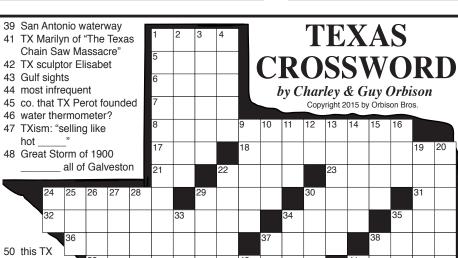
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New driver education program now required for teens

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety today announced the implementation of the Impact Texas Teen Driver program (ITTD), which is a new requirement for driver license applicants who complete a teen driver education course. The two-hour ITTD program contains several videos that provide awareness about the dangers of distracted driving.

'Driving is one of the most dangerous things teens do on a daily basis, and it should command their undivided attention," said DPS Director Steven McCraw. "This new component of teen driver education underscores the risks of distracted driving, and is designed to provide young and inexperienced drivers with additional information and skills to help keep them and others safe on the road."

Beginning Sept. 1, 2015, anyone who takes a teen driver education course - including Parent Taught Driver Education – must also complete the ITTD program, which consists of watching the video and printing out the ITTD completion certificate. ITTD should be completed after the classroom hours and all behind-the-wheel instruction, and it is the last step before taking the driving skills examination. (Individuals aged 18-24, who choose to complete a teen driver education course, must also complete the ITTD program.)

In order to take the driver skills examination, student drivers must present the ITTD completion certificate along with their driver's education course certificate of completion. The skills examination must be completed within 90 days of date on the ITTD certificate of completion. DPS has been providing information about ITTD when student drivers apply for their learner's permit.

For more information about ITTD or to complete the course, visit https://impacttexasteendrivers.dps. texas.gov/. You can also visit http://www.dps.texas.gov/ DriverLicense/ittdPrgm.htm.

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cluding robbery, homicide,

and assault/terroristic threat.

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and Tango cliques (estimated 15,000 members), Texas

Syndicate (3,400 members),

Texas Mexican Mafia (4,700

members), Mara Salvatrucha

(MS-13) (800 members), and

Latin Kings (2,100 members).

These groups pose the greatest gang threat to Texas due

to their relationships with

Mexican cartels, high levels

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Gang Threat Assessment, vis-

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DPS releases 2015 Texas Gang Threat

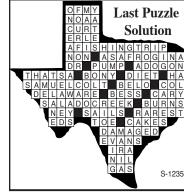
AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) has released the 2015 Texas Gang Threat Assessment, which was developed to provide an extensive overview of gang activity in the state of Texas.

The report is based on the collaboration between multiple law enforcement and criminal justice agencies across the state and nation, whose contributions were essential in creating this comprehensive overview of gang activity in Texas.

The report estimates that current gang membership across the state may exceed 100,000 individuals.

Additional significant findings include:

· Gangs continue to represent a significant public safety threat to Texas due to their propensity for violence and heightened level of criminal activity. Of the incarcerated gang members within Texas Department of Criminal Justice prisons, more than 60 percent are serving a sen-



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CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS: 8-26-15

 Sheriff's deputies responded to a dispute between an auto repo company and the vehicle owners on Owens Street.

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of an unwanted subject at the Senior Apartments. The subject was issued a CTN and left the property.

8-27-15 · A walk in complainant came in to the sheriff's department to file a report of a possi-

ble assault. 8-29-15

· Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of loud music on Santa Rosa, the music was turned down. 8-31-15

 Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal agreement at a residence on Santa Ana. The issue was resolved.

LETTER: from page 2

His ability to cause students and athletes to give more than they thought they had is very rare in any profession. His impact will live on in hundreds of former students and athletes and the following example illustrates this point.

Working with students and athletes in Taichung, Taiwan this past summer it was very upsetting to be 7,000 miles away, and not to be able to be present at the services for this great man. Shortly after receiving the news I was comforted by observing some incredibly tough NTUS (sports college in Taichung) students training in the mid-afternoon

southeast Asian heat.

Coach would have loved coaching them regardless of their ethnicity; language; gender; family background etc. Why? Because the athletic fields for our youth is one of the last remaining bastions of reward based on merit. Every one of his football and track and field teams played for each other, which is amazing when one realizes the segregated cultural background they all knew existed.

CCCCSD needs to find a way to honor him. Personally I thank God for him and for the many who have benefited from his influence.

> Jay Hufstedler OHS Class of 1979 Amarillo, Texas

STATE: from page 2

COMPTROLLER SEEKS **OPINION**

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Aug. 26 announced he is seeking an opinion from the Office of the Texas Attorney General regarding Gov. Greg Abbott's June 20 veto of certain items in the 2016-2017 state budget.

Abbott cut some \$295 million from House Bill 1, the General Appropriations Act, for a wide range of items, such as contingent riders for bills that did not pass, projects that could be funded through other sources and duplicative appropriations.

his announcement, Hegar noted that the Legislative Budget Board's staff had raised questions as to whether the vetoes exceeded the governor's authority under the Texas Constitution. The LBB staff's job is to serve the fiscal policy and analysis needs of the Texas Legislature.

"I am seeking clarity and requesting guidance from the Attorney General's Office. This is a constitutional issue that goes to the heart of separation of powers within Texas government," Hegar said.

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TAKE ACT

Texas Education Agency on Aug. 26 announced that more Texas Hispanic students in the 2015 graduating class took the ACT college admission test than any other student demographic, according to a report released by ACT, the Iowa City, Iowa-based organization that owns and controls the test.

Of the 124,764 Texas students who took the test, almost 40 percent (48,934) were Hispanic. "It's the second consecutive year where the number of Hispanic students represented the highest number of examinees of any racial ethnic group. according to the announcement.

Also, since 2011, Texas has seen a 22.8 percent increase in ACT test-taking graduates among all student groups.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING REQUIRED

Texas Department of Public Safety on Aug. 28 announced the Sept. 1 launch date of the new Impact Texas Teen Driver program, requiring driver's license applicants who complete a teen-age driver education course to watch a two-hour program that promotes awareness of the dangers of distracted driving and afterward print a certificate of completion.

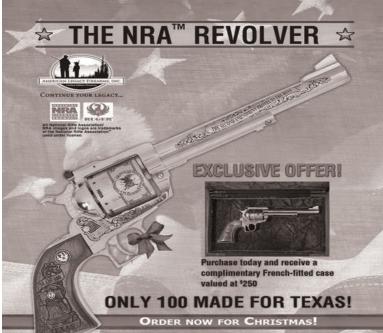
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TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION FOR WATER QUALITY LAND APPLICATION PERMIT FOR MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER RENEWAL

PERMIT NO. WQ0010059003

APPLICATION AND PRELIMINARY DECISION. Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, P.O. Box 117, Ozona, Texas 76943, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of TCEQ Permit No. WQ0010059003, which authorizes the disposal of treated domestic wastewater at a daily average flow not to exceed 9,000 gallons per day via evaporation. This permit will not authorize a discharge of pollutants into water in the state. TCEQ received this application on February 3, 2015.

The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located approximately 0.5 mile north of Interstate Highway 10 at a point approximately 5 miles east of the intersection of State Highway 163 and Interstate Highway 10, in Crockett County, Texas 76943. The wastewater treatment facility and disposal site are located in the drainage basin of Devils River in Segment No. 2309 of the Rio Grande Basin.

The TCEO Executive Director has completed the technical review of the application and prepared a draft permit. The draft permit, if approved, would establish the conditions under which the facility must operate. The Executive Director has made a preliminary decision that this permit, if issued, meets all statutory and regulatory requirements. The permit application, Executive Director's preliminary decision, and draft permit are available for viewing and copying at the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 Office, 511 Eleven Street, Ozona, Texas. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For the exact location, refer to the application. https://www.tceq.texas. gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=30.707222&lng=-101.116111&zoom=13&type=r

PUBLIC COMMENT / PUBLIC MEETING. You may submit public comments or request a public meeting about this application. The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or to ask questions about the application. TCEQ holds a public meeting if the Executive Director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING. After the deadline for submitting public comments, the Executive Director will consider all timely comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. Unless the application is directly referred for a contested case hearing, the response to comments will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments and to those persons who are on the mailing list for this application. If comments are received, the mailing will also provide instructions for requesting a contested case hearing or reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in a state district court.

TO REQUEST A CONTESTED CASE HEARING, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN YOUR REQUEST: your name; address, phone number; applicant's name and permit number; the location and distance of your property/activities relative to the facility; a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the facility in a way not common to the general public; and the statement "[l/we] request a contested case hearing." If the request for contested case hearing is filed on behalf of a group or association, the request must designate the group's representative for receiving future correspondence; identify an individual member of the group who would be adversely affected by the proposed facility or activity; provide the information discussed above regarding the affected member's location and distance from the facility or activity; explain how and why the member would be affected; and explain how the interests the group seeks to protect are germane to the group's purpose.

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the Executive Director will forward the application and any requests for reconsideration or for a contested case hearing to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

The Commission will only grant a contested case hearing on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decision on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues that were raised in timely filed comments that were not subsequently withdrawn. TCEQ may act on an application to renew a permit for discharge of wastewater without providing an opportunity for a contested case hearing if certain criteria are met.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTION. The Executive Director may issue final approval of the application unless a timely contested case hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed. If a timely hearing request or request for reconsideration is filed, the Executive Director will not issue final approval of the permit and will forward the application and request to the TCEQ Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting.

MAILING LIST. If you submit public comments, a request for a contested case hearing or a reconsideration of the Executive Director's decision, you will be added to the mailing list for this specific application to receive future public notices mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk. In addition, you may request to be placed on: (1) the permanent mailing list for a specific applicant name and permit number; and/or (2) the mailing list for a specific county. If you wish to be placed on the permanent and/or the county mailing list, clearly specify which list(s) and send your request to TCEQ Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

All written public comments and public meeting requests must be submitted to the Office of the Chief Clerk, MC 105, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html within 30 days from the date of newspaper publication of this notice.

AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION. If you need more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the TCEQ Public Education Program, Toll Free, at 1-800-687-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687- 4040. General information about the TCEQ can be found at our web site at www.TCEQ.texas.gov.

Further information may also be obtained from Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1 at the address stated above or by calling Mr. Doug Meador, General Manager, at 325-392-2730.

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EMPLOYMENT

LILLY CONSTRUCTION INC. is now accepting applications for ALL PO-SITIONS. Pick up applications at Lilly Construction Inc., 603 Avenue H.

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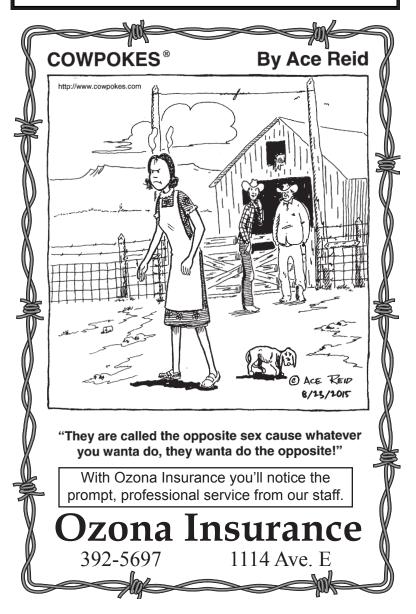
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DISPOSAL WELL PERMIT

Approach Operating, LLC (6500 West Freeway, Suite 800, Fort Worth, Texas 76116) is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres/Clearfork formations, Baker B Lease Well No. 110. The proposed Baker B Well No. 110 disposal well is located 13 miles north of Ozona, Texas in the Holt Ranch (Consolidated) Field in Crockett County. The waste water will be injected into San Andres/Clearfork formations in the subsurface depth interval from approximately 2,300 feet to 3,140 feet. LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, TX 78711-2967, (Telephone 512/463-6792).

ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

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

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times. In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of August, 2015

- Crockett County Commissioners' Court



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