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Cause of building fire 'suspicious'

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County Fire Officials are investigating a massive building fire that occurred early Sunday morning.

At 3:40 a.m. Sunday, Ozona Firefighters responded to the fire at the building on the corner of Monterrey and Santa Rosa Streets.

The fire started on the east wall of the building, where an office had been, said Ron Hawthorne, Ozona Firefighter. The fire then quickly spread to the attic.

Hawthorne said the cause of the fire is suspicious pending investigation.

Fire Marshal Steve Kenley said he plans on conducting a thorough investigation later this week.

When firefighters first arrived on scene, heavy smoke and flames were coming out of the building.

The fire causes interior damage due to heat and smoke. The east wall, where the fire started, had the most exterior damage.

Firefighters kept the flames from spreading to nearby house houses and structures.

Kenley said the building did not have an electric meter and the meter base was sealed.

The building is owned by Dr. Bryan Valdez, who also owns Bryan's Poco Taco and the laundromat.

The building was being



OZONA FIREFIGHTERS battled a massive building fire Sunday morning at the corner of Monterrey and Santa Rosa streets. The building was empty and no injuries were reported. The cause of the fire is being investigated as suspicious.

used for storage. At the time of the fire, the building was empty.

No one was injured in the fire.

Local citizens comment-

ed on The Ozona Stockman's Facebook that they saw items being moved out of the build-

ing a placed on a lot across the street earlier on Saturday, prior to the fire.

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Commissioners approve Hampton Inn project construction contract

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court approved a construction contract on the new Hampton Inn project during a Sept. 1 special meeting.

The commissioners awarded the construction contract to Roto Inc./Roberts Construction Company for installation of infrastructure improvements in support of the development of the Hampton Inn Motel. The 70-bed motel will be located on the property of the old intermediate school building.

Roberts Construction Company was approved to start work on the water and sewer lines on the property. The cost for the project is being assisted by a \$239,940 2014 grant from the Texas Capital Fund of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

The Texas Capital Fund provides grants for infrastructure development to create or retain permanent jobs in primarily rural communities and counties, accord-

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Rocksprings mayor arrested on misconduct charges

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Rocksprings mayor Pauline V. Gonzales was indicted on four counts of official misconduct as a result of hiring her husband, Romiro Gonzales Jr., to perform work for the City of Rocksprings.

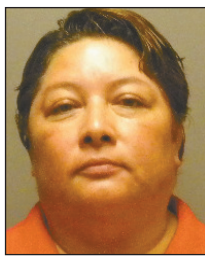
Pauline Gonzales hired her husband, without consulting or approval from the city council members, and without publishing or posting the job for bids and open to the public, according to a press release from the Edwards County Sheriff's Office.

Pauline Gonzales was indicted on Aug. 31 by an Edwards County Grand Jury on two counts abuse of official capacity and misapplication of fiduciary prop-

erty, the release stated.

She was also indicted on affidavit and abstinence from voting, local government code section 171.004 and 171.003, which states that a local public official commits an offense if the official does not abstain from voting and file an affidavit stating the reason from the abstention.

Punishment on the charges range from state jail felony, which a person can be sentenced to up to two years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine for each county, and class A misdemeanor, which carries a sentence



PAULINE GONZALES

of up to one year in jail and a fine of up to \$4,000 for each count.

Pauline Gonzales was arrested on Sept. 1 by the Edwards County Sheriff's Office and booked into the Edwards County Detention Center. Pauline Gonzales is originally from Ozona.

During the investigation conducted by the Edwards County Sheriff's Office, it was discovered that Ramiro Gonzales Jr. was hired by Pauline Gonzales to remodel the city transfer station office that is located in Rocksprings.

Ramiro Gonzales Jr. wasn't required nor did he attempt to furnish a bid for the remodel work prior to conducting the job, the release stated.

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Braves spear Lions



QUARTERBACK BEN BADILLO (middle) gets ready to hand the ball off to John Jurado (left) as Thomas Cruz blocks an Iran Brave. Ozona lost 56-6 Friday night. The Lions will take on Crane at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lion Stadium.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Coach Sewell's legacy lives on through his students

Dear Editor,

The CCCSD has tabled the vote on renaming the football stadium in memory of my father, L.T. Sewell. I have heard many, many comments and opinions on this and I must say the overwhelming majority are in favor of this memorial.

As for "Coach Sewell," the real story is exactly as Jay Hufstedler and Orlando DeHoyos have written. Many,

many people have come to me and have told me countless stories of students he tried to help, students that were not in athletics.

Most people don't know what really happened during those years he was teaching and coaching.

However, I have heard from countless people who told me how Coach Sewell had done some thing or advised them on some issue that helped them overcome a struggle in

their lives.

His personal crusade was to help every student gain an advantage in life, and for those students to be tough enough and savvy enough to take whatever the world could throw at them and turn it into a positive for their future.

Jay and Orlando were correct when they said Coach Sewell welcomed all cultures.

In fact, I distinctly remember the division that existed when we moved here in 1968.

It was disturbing to see that a simple road in this town separated two cultures that actually lived and worked side by side, with one being the lesser of the two because they lived on the other side of the road.

My dad realized this had to be different in school. Every kid that came through his classes, played on his teams or had contact with him

PLEASE SEE SEWELL, PAGE 9

Fundraiser for Ozona graduate

Dear Editor,

On July 25, 2015 a former Ozona Lion and resident, Juan Garcia, 32, Class of 2001 was admitted into Abilene Hendricks Hospital and diagnosed with APL AML M3 Leukemia.

During these past six weeks Juan has been going through some very intensive chemotherapy and has been in isolation during most of his stay.

He is trying to stay strong, both physically and mentally by continuing his daily physical therapy along with e-mailing and facetimeing friends and family, receiving daily pictures of his three beautiful kids and wife, and drawing up his daily/weekly goals on a board in his room.

On Tuesday, Sept. 1, Juan was finally able to leave the

PLEASE SEE JUAN, PAGE 9

A political summons with no answer

Texas Republicans are lucky they live in a one-party state: Some of their statewide officeholders are turning in early job performances that would make strong opponents dance a jig.

A viable political opposition would be making hay of the mistakes of top Republicans like the attorney general and the commissioner of agriculture, and — that "and" is the most important element here — its voters would be rallying to the call. Looking for signs of a long-awaited Democratic resurgence in Texas? Sorry.

Voters make parties work, and Republican voters so outnumber Democratic voters in Texas that the people who win statewide elections don't have to worry about what the Democrats might do.

You can see how competition works at the national level. Republicans rally around every real and imagined hiccup from the White House or the Clinton campaign or the regulatory agencies controlled by Democratic appointees. And Democrats go off every time they see or think they hear a burp from the House or Senate leadership, or the various campaigns of the GOP candidates for president.

Party leaders in Texas do what their national counterparts do, but can't put together a big enough audience to make it matter. When a Republican in Texas fumbles the ball, the Democratic voters aren't there to pick it up.

Some of the Republican advantage is baked into the state's political maps. It's impossible to turn most Republican seats in the Texas Senate or House — or in the state's congressional delegation — into Democratic seats. The same is true of virtually all of the seats held by Democrats: They were drawn for one party only. The trick, of course, is that the Republicans drew more Republican-only seats than Democratic-only seats. The Democrats, when they were in power, did the same thing. That's politics.

If Texas politics worked like national politics, the parties here might be making meals of their opponents' stumbles, hoping to benefit their own candidates up and down the ballot. Not here.

Eight months into a complete turnover in statewide



STATE ANALYSIS

ROSS RAMSEY

officeholders, Ken Paxton, the state's attorney general, faces criminal charges. And while a few partisans have jumped to his defense, his colleagues in the Republican firmament have

not, instead offering tepid, neutral comments like "let the system work" and "innocent until proven guilty."

They are practicing the fine art of not saying anything now that might make them look complicit or stupid later, as his legal troubles gestate and come to term. If Paxton is exonerated, they said nothing to hurt him. If he is not, they said nothing to remind voters they're on the same team.

Then there is Yosemite Sid — Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller — whose public appearances have delighted headline writers and some of his supporters while eliciting forehead slaps and silence from his fellow officeholders. The state's farmer-in-chief has, in his eight months with a taxpayer-funded megaphone, come out for cupcakes in classrooms and the return of deep fryers to public school cafeterias.

His campaign Facebook page shared a post featuring a picture of an atomic bomb blast and the words "Japan has been at peace with the US since August 9, 1945. It's time we made peace with the Muslim world."

His political staff removed it, said one of his workers had posted it and stopped short of an apology.

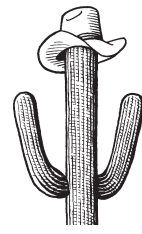
You can argue about what Democratic voters might think about Paxton and Miller. But those Democratic sentiments, whatever they are, apparently don't matter to the Republicans.

The Democrats would be making hay, stoking their partisan fires. The Republicans would be playing defense, disowning their errant officeholders.

If and when Texas becomes a two-party state, that's how you'll know.

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Wanna Be A Cowboy?



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LEE PITTS

If you want to be a cowboy you should never skip a neighbor's branding to attend a PTA retreat, a KISS concert, an aromatherapy workshop, baby shower, or ex-wife's memorial service.

A real cowboy would never show up for work with purple hair, a nose ring, pony tail, and multiple body piercings, wearing Birkenstocks, spurs without rowels and riding a flat saddle without a horn. If he or she is wearing a ball cap it better say King's Ropes and not Durocs Rock. He or she better not be driving a KIA with a bumper sticker that says "I Brake for Wolves."

A cowboy never writes a Christmas letter, wears a buckle from a gay rodeo, doesn't journal or scrapbook, would never read a Joan Didion book or rent the anniversary CD of Brokeback Mountain. Only a fake cowboy of the drugstore variety would ask, "Who is Larry Mahan?"

Other things a cowboy would never do include riding a mare, get off his horse to help a sickly sheep, make a flower arrangement, or feed and water himself before his horse. He never packs a lunch or carries a canteen if he's only going to be gone a day or two, and wouldn't be caught dead carrying a purse dog like a Shih Tzu named Penelope into the coffee shop. If you see an hombre wearing a cowboy hat at a farm equipment show looking at tractors he's no cowboy. Probably a dairyman or an ag teacher would

be more like it.

A cowboy would never order tofu takeout, tiramisu, or the fruit plate from a vegetarian deli. He most definitely would never order a fast food vegetarian burger in the middle of Cherry County, Nebraska, or Elko, Nevada. He or she would never think of asking "Don't we stop work for brunch or afternoon tea around this outfit?"

A real cowboy does not have a personal trainer, personal assistant or private chef. He would never ask another cowboy to shoe his horses, break his colts or eat his allocation of the prunes.

A genuine cowboy does not go "glamping" and he does not throw a rollaway or a futon in the bed wagon to sleep on during a roundup. And by the way, there are no 400 count silk sheets in his bedroll either. Around the campfire at night a real cowboy does not play the oboe or bassoon instead of a guitar and he can sing old cowboy songs at night without stampeding the herd. And he doesn't quit a cattle drive just because the cookie doesn't serve espresso, dainty finger sandwiches without crust, or

baked Alaska.

A cowboy doesn't go to a spa with his girlfriend, have a pedicure or get wrapped. The only wrap he's interested in is his dally. A cowboy sleeps in his underwear and never wears "jammies", especially the kind with those cutie booties for feet. He doesn't take off his hat and put it on an adjoining stool at the cattleman's cafe because he knows some 300 pound truck driver will sit on it. He'd put the watch his granddaddy gave him up for collateral before he'd pawn his saddle.

A real cowboy doesn't have an investment portfolio or a piece of modern art hanging over his cot in the bunkhouse. He or she doesn't like to get off his horse to open a gate, doesn't vacation in the Hamptons and he hardly ever rides his horse into a business establishment like you see them do in old cowboy movies. If he came into a little money he'd buy something practical like a pair of silver spurs before he'd replace the perfectly capable 1950 model Maytag wringer washer that his wife uses. He or she would never think of naming one of his kids Ikea, Pryce, Stonie or Younique.

A real cowboy wouldn't be caught dead on a combine and would never wear flat shoes, milk a cow, punch a clock or herd sheep.

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Abbott orders flags to half-staff to honor slain officer

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Sept. 2 issued a statewide call in honor of slain Harris County Deputy Sheriff Darren Goforth and all law enforcement officers.

Abbott asked that officers turn on their patrol vehicles' red and blue flashing lights for one minute at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 4, the start time for Deputy Goforth's funeral.

Goforth, 47, reportedly was targeted for wearing a uniform. He was gunned down on Aug. 28 while refueling his vehicle at a convenience store in the Houston suburb of Cypress. Surveillance video helped law enforcement trace, capture and arrest a suspect, Shannon J. Miles, 30. Investigators retrieved a .40 caliber handgun at the suspect's residence and ballistics testing matched the handgun to ammunition used in the shooting. The suspect has been charged with capital murder.

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Abbott ordered Texas flags in Harris County and at the state Capitol to be lowered to half-staff in honor of Goforth.

2 HONORED POSTHUMOUSLY

Gov. Abbott in an Aug. 26 ceremony at the Governor's Mansion posthumously awarded the Texas Legislative Medal of Honor, the highest military decoration that can be awarded to a member of the state or federal military forces by the State of Texas, to two Texans: U.S. Navy Chief Petty Officer Chris Kyle and Lt. Col. William Edwin Dyess.

Kyle's medal was presented to his wife, Taya Kyle. Dyess's medal was presented to his sister, Elizabeth Denman.

Kyle, a U.S. Navy SEAL from 1999 to 2009, served four tours in Iraq and earned many prestigious medals for his service as an elite sniper. After

returning to civilian life, Kyle wrote a best-selling book, American Sniper, recounting his service experiences. A fellow military veteran shot and killed Kyle and a friend, Chad Littlefield, at a shooting range in Erath County on Feb. 2, 2013. Kyle, 38, was buried with honors and ceremonies in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin on Feb. 12, 2013.

Dyess was a fighter pilot and later an infantry officer in the Pacific Theater of World War II. He was captured by Japanese forces in the Philippines in 1942 and survived the Bataan Death March. He and other prisoners escaped a penal colony on the island of Mindanao and aided by Filipino guerrillas boarded a U.S. submarine in mid-1943. He was returned to the states. He resumed flying and in December 1943 died attempt-

ing an emergency landing in a P-38 Lockheed Lightning fighter plane in California. He was 27. Dyess Air Force Base near Abilene is named in his honor.

DPS RELEASES GANG REPORT

A Texas law requires an annual report bringing together information from

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TEXAS PECOS TRAIL NEWS

Partners event Sept. 17 in Sanderson

BY SCOTT JORDAN
TEXAS PECOS TRAIL

SANDERSON, Texas - Please join us for the next bi-monthly Pecos Trail Partners Event, Sep 17, starting at 10 a.m., in Sanderson at their Convention Center downtown.

The public is welcome to attend, and we encourage the attendance of those involved in tourism and heritage preservation in the region.

Guests will tour the new Convention Center, native garden, and Papatote gift shop nearby.

There will also be a presentation on the photo exhibit commemorating the Flood of 1965.

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 Friday, Sept. 11, to Scott Jordan 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.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is the Texas Historical Commission's award-winning tourism initiative designed to help Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies, and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

Texas Pecos Trail Region Board Members: Bill Hodges (Chair), Sutton County; Ellen Crossland (Vice Chair), Upton County; Peggy Kelton (Secretary), Upton County; Sherry Phillips (Treasurer), Upton County; Betty Damron, Crane County; Russell Nowell, Kinney County; Bill Simon, Kimble County; Jefferson Spilman, Crockett County; Ruben Vargas, Midland County.

MUSEUM MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:
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FROM:
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IN MEMORY OF:
Betty Huffman,

Estelle Williams and Mary Najar

FROM:

Mr. and Mrs. Van Shoubrouek
*Crockett County Museum Memorials can be sent to:
P.O. Box 1444,
Ozona, Texas 76943*

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 needed.

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 p.m.

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!



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Davy Crockett Fall Festival Oct. 31

Davy Crockett Fall Festival will be held Saturday, Oct. 31, from 10 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the town square.

Vendors and booths wanted. Cost is \$20 booth fee. All proceeds benefit the Ozona Community Center.

For more information, or to request a booth, call Ozona Community Center at (325) 392-2710 or Ashlee Allen at (325) 226-0212.

Crockett County Youth participates in Texas Wildlife Leadership Camps

Crockett County resident Caleb Webb participated in the Texas Brigades summer leadership camp in July. He was among 165 high school students that took part in this award-winning leadership development program.

The Texas Brigades' mission is to educate and em-

power youths with leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.

For more information, visit www.texasbrigades.org, or call 855-TXBRIGS.

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 9 - Grizz Medina, Yvonne Williamson, Bethany Martinez, Estella Ramos, Dominique Perez and Jennifer Gandar

Sept. 10 - Tony Stewart, Angela Branch, Myra Dominguez and Kimberlee De La Garza

Sept. 11 - Leland Mendoza, Gina Hochreiter, Leland Mendoza, Gene Hood, Julia Ramirez, Patricia Canales, Anais Venegas, Lazaro Rodriguez, Carly Wilha, Bob Falkner, Mike Worley, Johnito Rodriguez, Madison Childress, Anthony Gutierrez, Adriel Zamarripa, Rogelio Estrada, David Sewell and Nathan Knox

Sept. 12 - Lacey Magness, Alex Borrego Sr., Nicole Kendrick, Shirley Alisch, Marvin Anderson, Eloy Gonzales and Anna Hernandez

Sept. 13 - Rigo Treto Jr., Tommy Longoria, Toby Ortiz, Jamie Knox, Lalo Longoria Jr., Andrea Borrego, Parrish

Aiguier, Amado Carrizales, Bryan S. Castro and Juanita Duran

Sept. 14 - Shauna Yeager, Linda Lopez, Pleas Childress III, Zac Myers, Ashley Lewis, Alysha Lara, Barrett Richie, JayLynn Vargas and Adrienne Sanchez

Sept. 15 - Marcos Perez, Bryan Branch, Lauren Gutierrez and Thomas Cruz



Bridal Selections
have been made by:
Jennifer Marquez, bride-elect of Michael Medina, Jr.
Christi Smith, bride-elect of Brandon Nichols
Niki Pressler, bride-elect of Wesley Bishop
Ashley Wallace, bride-elect of Cody Hunnicutt
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7 p.m. at the OHS Gym.

Thursday, September 10

- 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.
- OMS Lions vs. Crane, 5 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- OHS JV Lions vs. Crane, 6 p.m. at Crane.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, September 11

- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Pep Rally, 3 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.
- Knights of Columbus Pregame Dinner, 5 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- OHS Varsity Lions vs. Crane, 7:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

Saturday, September 12

- Living Proof Live Simulcast, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- Ozona Pee Wee Football vs. Sonora, 9 a.m. at the Irion County Football Field.
- Robotics Practice, 10 a.m.-noon at OMS.
- Ozona Heavy Weight Football vs. Sonora White, noon at Irion County Football Field.

Monday, September 14

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Number Sense Practice, 3:40-4:30 p.m. at OMS.
- 4-H Food and Nutrition Practice, 5 p.m. Juniors, 6:30 p.m. Intermediate and Seniors at the 4-H Office.
- CCCSD Open House, 6-7 p.m. OES, 6:30-7:30 p.m. OMS and 7-8 p.m. OHS.
- OHS Band Practice, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

Tuesday, September 15

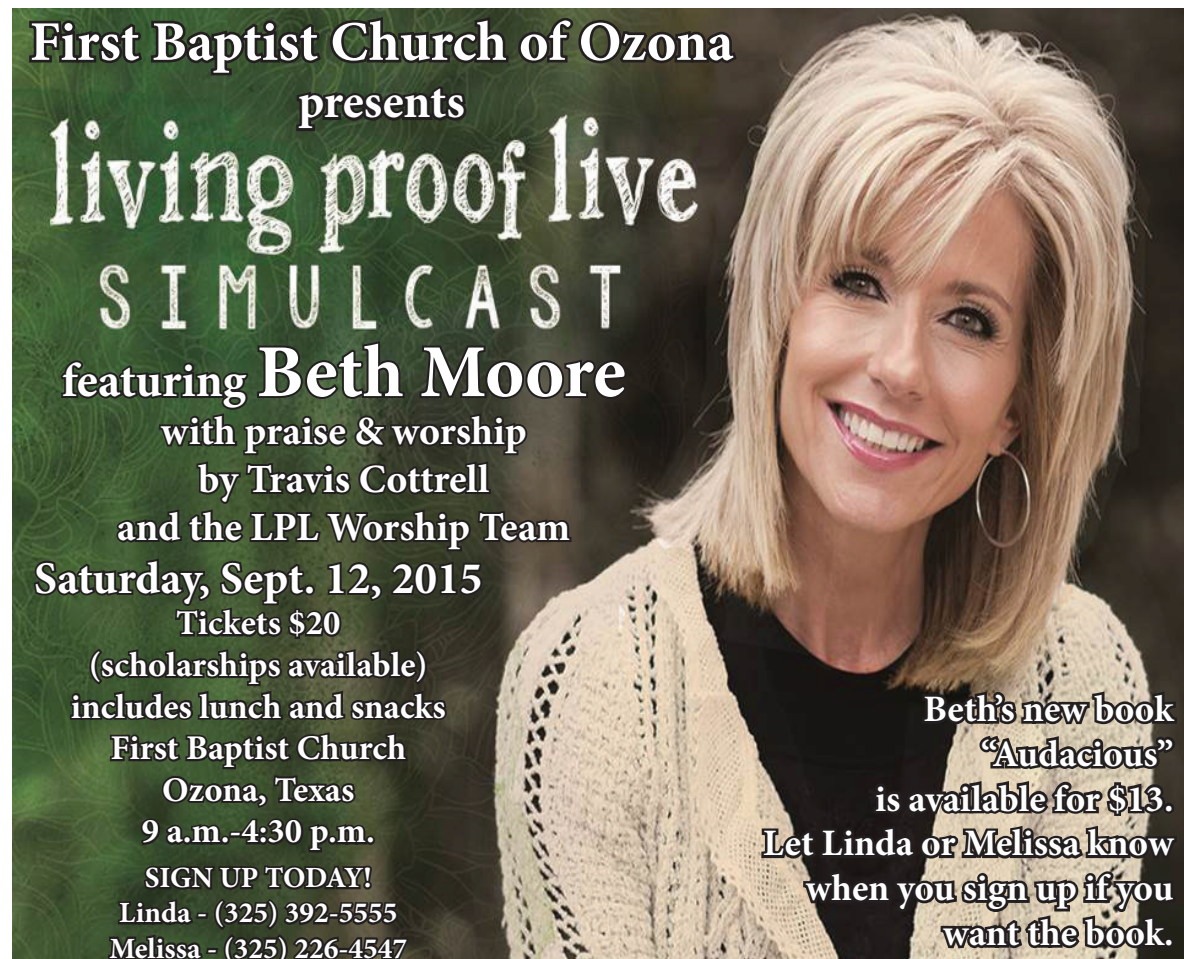
- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Calculator Practice, 3:40-4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 16

- 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.
- Robotics Practice, 3:40-5 p.m. at OMS
- AWANA, 5:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- Hog Barn Clean Up, 6 p.m. at the 4-H Hog Barn.

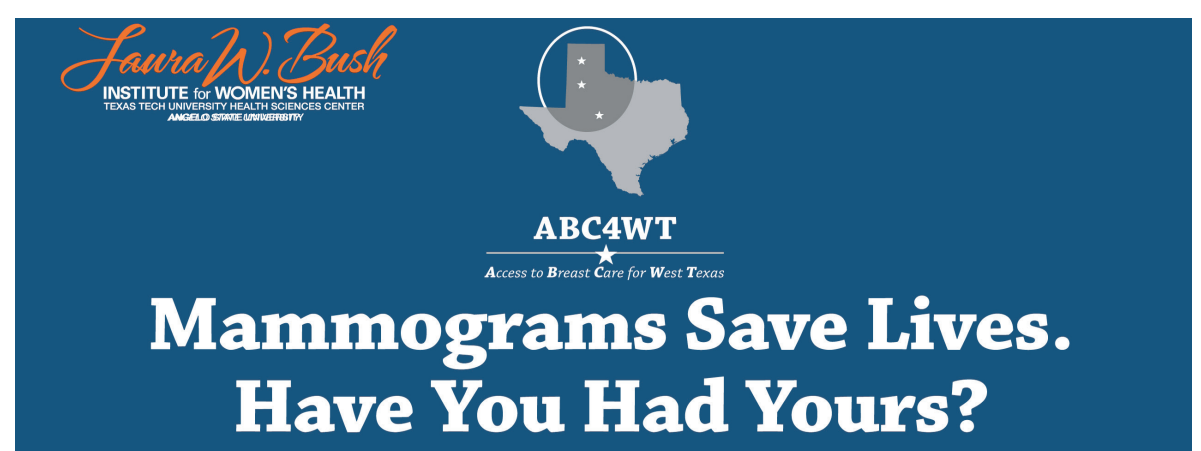


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SEPT. 9

· Taco salad, shredded cheese, tortilla chips, salsa, ranch dressing, melon cubes and milk.

SEPT. 10

· Barbecue chicken breast, potato salad, pinto beans, tangy coleslaw, black forest cake and milk.

SEPT. 11

· Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, okra and tomatoes, dinner roll, peach cobbler and milk.

SEPT. 14

· Tuna salad, cucumber tomato salad, split roll, seasoned fresh fruit, mandarian orange fluff and milk.

SEPT. 15

· Hamburger on a bun, French fries, chuck wagon beans, lettuce, tomato, onion, ketchup, mustard, strawberries and peaches and milk.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Movies every Thursday

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

I hope you guys had a great Labor Day weekend. It is always good to have a day off to celebrate. Labor Day in the United States is a public holiday celebrated on the first Monday in September. It honors the American labor movement and the contribution that workers have made to the strength, prosperity and well-being of their country. If you are working for the betterment of our country, you should be proud.

They are still working on getting a teacher for the GED classes that Howard College is furnishing for those that are 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 receive it.

Jason Luna came by Thursday morning to talk to us about the USDA Rural Development Program. Jason is the Area Specialist for USDA and has a lot of information on help that is available to low-income homeowners. If you qualify, the funds can be used to fix roofs, provide wheelchair access, remove health hazards and more. This sounds like a great program to help get your house winterized. If you need his help, stop by his office in the shopping center where Maria's Design Shop is located. If you do not need his help, pass the word to someone you know that does.

The movie for Thursday, Sept. 10, is "The Breakfast Club" starring Emilio Estevez, Molly Ringwald, Anthony Michael Hall and more.

Five strangers with nothing in common, except each

other. 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.

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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 - Wednesday 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.

OBITUARIES

Constance Jean Reeves Williams

July 2, 1927 - September 1, 2015

Jean Reeves Williams (Jeanie) was born July 2, 1927 in Munday, Texas to Elizabeth and James E. Reeves Sr., one of the first farming families of Knox County, Texas. She was raised with a strong work ethic and spent her early days in the home alongside her mother, father, and three brothers.

Jeanie graduated from Munday High School in 1944. She spent her college days in Denton, Texas attending Texas State College For Women. After graduating with a B.S. degree in Kindergarten-Primary Education in 1948, she accepted a position as a second grade teacher and after one year accepted the marriage proposal of Joe D. Williams Sr.

She and Joe lived on a ranch west of Ozona and were blessed with three children Joe David Jr., Charles Michael, and Karen Elizabeth. They enjoyed many happy times and moved into town when David started school and Joe eventually gave up ranching to become the sole owner of the Flying W Lodge.

Jeanie was a member of the Ozona United Methodist Church and cherished singing in the church choir. Because of her beautiful soprano voice she was asked to sing many solos for numerous funerals and weddings.

In their later years she and Joe enjoyed many years together at the ranch near Brownwood. She was an avid birdwatcher and loved to collect hummingbirds and butterflies. She loved people and never met a stranger.

Preceding Jeanie in death were her parents, two brothers James E. Reeves Jr. and Michael Perry Reeves and her husband Joe. Surviving Jeanie also are her brother Willard Reeves of Louisville, Kentucky, son Joe David Williams and wife Sher of Midland, son Charles Michael Williams and wife Sharon of Ozona, and daughter Karen Elizabeth and husband John Walsh of Odessa.

Grandchildren include Lori and Richard Gersbach and Lyndsey Williams of Midland, Daun Williams of Ozona, Taylor and Blaine Wilbanks of Ft. Worth, Ben and Haley Forehand of Ozona, Aaron and Dana Forehand of Amarillo, Wesley Walsh of Odessa, Katherine Walsh of Austin and James Walsh of Leander, and numerous great grandchildren and nieces and nephews.

We will all miss Granny J dearly.

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First Baptist Church collecting items for Operation Christmas Child

The First Baptist Church of Ozona is collecting items for their Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.

The following items are needed: non-liquid hygiene items, school supplies, small toys, T-shirts, socks, hats, hair clips, sunglasses, watches, jewelry and flashlights.

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samar-

itan's Purse, is the world's largest Christmas outreach of its kind. Since 1993, Operation Christmas Child has delivered gift-filled shoeboxes to over 124 million children affected by war, poverty, natural disasters, and other crises in more than 150 countries and territories.

The program partners with local churches to share

the Good News of Jesus Christ with those who receive shoebox gifts and offer a 12-lesson discipleship program, "The Greatest Journey," that helps boys and girls learn what it means to follow the Lord and share their faith with others.

For more information, call the First Baptist Church at 392-5555.

Community Christmas Program practice

The Community Christmas Program will be directed again this year by David Taylor at the First Baptist Church of Ozona.

The church is extending an open invita-

tion to anyone interested in participating.

Practices are 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays at the First Baptist Church. The program will be 6 p.m. Dec. 13 at the First Baptist Church.

Washer pitching tournament Sept. 26 at rodeo grounds

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

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.

Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board 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, Sept. 10, at the EMS Building. The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:
· Sign and approve the minutes of the Aug. 6 meeting.
· New Clinic Update.
· EMS Report
· Care Center Report

· Old Business
· New Business - discussion in reference of hiring a new D.O.N., internet service.

· Public comments
· Discussion of non-agenda items by members for the purpose of placing them on the next agenda.
· Review and authorization to pay Care Center/H.S.C./E.M.S. Financials.
· Executive session if needed.

THE WAKEUP CALL

I still remember the terrible disaster of 9-11. I do not think America will ever be the same since that day. We could not believe it as we watched the live news coverage. It was so sad to see thousands of people trying to escape with the looks of horror and fear in their faces. People being obliterated by the fire and others leaping to their death from tall buildings rather than face the fiery ordeal. The Bible talks about future events and Jesus explained to His disciples what things would be like in the end times. There will be great catastrophes and many terrible events take place (Matthew 24:3-13, 15-31, Mark 13:6-20). These tragic events are going to take place because of sin and disobedience toward God. Just as God sent punishment in Noah's time (Genesis 6:7) and He is going to do it again but not by water. The only way we can escape the destruction is to draw near to God, confess our sin and put our faith in Jesus Christ (John 1:12 & 5:24). The second is to stay near God (live for and obey, 2 John 1:6) and then he has the responsibility of protecting us (Romans 5:9) The people killed or maimed in the 9-11 attack were innocent, had no warning and did not deserve what happened to them. It will be different near the end.

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J (Jerry Davenport, Sheffield, Texas)

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O'War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>New Beginnings Ozona "church...but different" 354 Highway 163 South Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. (325) 226-3060 www.newbeginningsozona.com</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor John Curry Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 10 a.m. Awana - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays Wednesday Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY</p>	
<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy. 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>

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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.

Half of Texas has re-entered drought status, says State Climatologist

COLLEGE STATION - Don't look now, but Texas has entered another drought, with at least 50 percent of the state rated as either abnormally dry or in moderate to severe drought status. But that could change again in the next few months, and you can thank the developing El Niño in the Pacific for promising precipitation prospects, says a Texas A&M University professor.

John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences who also serves as the State Climatologist, notes that the El Niño (warmer water conditions than usual in the Central Pacific that tend to affect much of the U.S. weather patterns) could be one of the strongest ever recorded.

The strongest ever occurred in 1982-83 and 1997-98, and the current one is expected to rival those two.

"The El Niño now in the Pacific is being called 'Godzilla' because it is turning out to be so strong," Nielsen-Gammon says.

"But for Texas, I would term it more of a 'Goliath' because history shows that these strong El Niños can be disappointing. With a sustained El Niño all but guaranteed, history says that above-average rainfall is likely on a statewide basis. Of the 12 most intense El Niño events since 1900, 11 have produced above-normal precipitation from October through April."

But there could be a wild card this year, Nielsen-Gammon points out.

"The most intense El Niño events did not produce the greatest amount of precipitation, at least for Texas," he adds.

"During the two strongest El Niños, rainfall amounts

were only about 5 percent greater than normal. It's possible that there might be a 'sweet spot' for El Niños that produces the biggest effect on wintertime rainfall in Texas, and these strong events tend to overshoot that sweet spot. But with only two such events to look back on, it's difficult to know whether all super-strong El Niños will be Goliaths - big but not that effective."

He notes that the greatest amount of rainfall during a strong El Niño event occurred in 1991, when the Christmas Flood event hit the Brazos, Colorado and Guadalupe Rivers with heavy rainfall.

None of the state is in extreme or exceptional drought status, the two highest designations, though that

could change when the U.S. Drought Monitor is updated on Thursday.

Northeast Texas and much of Central and South Texas remain on the very dry side, with Rocksprings receiving barely half an inch of rain since May 30; Escobas, with only .03" since June 22; Thornton, with .01" since June 28, and Burnet with .25" since June 29.

Nielsen-Gammon adds that "drought relief will not come immediately, and it may arrive in different parts of the state at different times. In South Texas, elevated precipitation during El Niño years typically starts in December, while it may arrive as early as October in locations farther north."

Reminder to take hunter education before heading to the field

BY KATY SCHAFFER
TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

AUSTIN - With hunting season right around the corner, it's time to get your hunter education certification.

To hunt legally in Texas, anyone born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, must complete a hunter education training course or purchase a one-time 'deferral', good for one license year. Because the minimum age of certification is 9 years old, hunters under the age of 9 must be accompanied by a licensed hunter in the field.

Hunters ages 9 through 16 must either complete hunter education courses or be accompanied while in the field. Deferral purchasers must also be 'accompanied' which means to be within normal voice control of a licensed hunter 17 years of age or older who has com-

pleted hunter education or who was born before Sept. 2, 1971. Hunters 17 and up must complete hunter education courses.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department now offers the option of completing training courses completely online for Texas residents 17 years and older.

TPWD also offers other convenient methods of getting certified: the basic, enhanced and advanced courses, which involve classroom and/or field time.

The basic hunter education course is designed for novice and young hunters ages 9 and above and requires six hours of classroom instruction. The enhanced hunter education course is a combination of an online home study program and up to five hours of field training. The advanced hunter education course requires more than six hours of instruction

and includes more content than the basic and enhanced courses.

Each of the courses costs \$15, and the passing grade for all courses is 75 percent.

Since mandatory hunter education first started in 1988, the number of hunting accidents and fatalities has declined to fewer than 3 per 100,000 hunters.

For more information and to register for hunter education programs, visit <http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/outdoor-learning/hunter-ed-ucation>.

The certification is valid for life and is honored in all other states and provinces.

Some federally controlled areas require all hunters using that site to have hunter education certification.

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OHS VARSITY CHEERLEADERS and Lucky the Lion before the Ozona Lions first home game against Iraan on Sept. 4. They are: (l. to r.) Samantha Torralba, Makenna Fox, Toni Parker, Brenna Hale, Rachel Mendoza, Madison Galindo, Alyssa Newlin, Madison Childress, Lauren Miles, McKenna Moses and Aisa Lara.



JACOB CHILDRESS PERFORMS WITH THE OHS MARCHING BAND during half time of the Varsity Lions football game against Iraan on Sept. 4.

Congratulations from to our players of the week!

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OHS VARSITY LIONS PUSHING HARD ON DEFENSE ARE: (l. to r.) #55 Caleb Martinez, #64 Erbey Blanco, #61 Johnny Venegas and #62 Juan Mendez.

VARSBITY
Friday, Sept. 11
vs. Crane - 7:30 p.m. - at Lion Stadium

JUNIOR VARSITY
Thursday, Sept. 10
vs. Crane - 6 p.m. - at Crane

MIDDLE SCHOOL
Thursday, Sept. 10
vs. Crane - 5:00 p.m. - at Lion Stadium

CROSS COUNTRY
Saturday, Sept. 19
OHS & OMS Teams in Rocksprings

WEST TEXAS SCORES

Reagan County	12
Eldorado	8
Junction	41
Grape Creek	14
Colorado City	14
Crane	7
Irian County	40
Rocksprings	0
Coahoma	28
McCamey	9
Denver City	49
Sonora	28
Forsan	54
Plains	6
Christoval	56
Winters	14
Mason	35
De Leon	0
Alpine	55
Van Horn	28
Wink	35
Stanton	26



THE OHS VARSITY LIONS MOVE THE BALL DOWN IN FIELD in their Sept. 4 game against Iraan. Pictured are: (l. to r.) #15 Felipe Irlas, #2 Preston McCutcheon, #44 John Jurado, #33 Kobe Rodriguez, #10 Ben Badillo, #62 Juan Mendez and #61 Johnny Venegas



THE OHS VARSITY TRAINERS ARE: (l. to r.) Kelly Sewell, Paige Lewis, Megan Vasquez, Dulce Rodriguez, Shelby Rust, Audrey Gandar, Bobby Jo Vargas and Sierra Sanchez

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Lions first, Lady Lions second at Christoval

The OHS Cross-Country teams travelled to Christoval and competed against 15 teams last week.

The Lady Lions would come home as runners-up, with McKenna Moses taking the individual champion and Gabby Treto coming in fifth.

Itzel Esmerado was 12th, Madison Childress 15th, Brenna Hale 20th, Ebony Ramirez 22nd and Estefania Torralba 25th.

Also running for the Lady Lions were Alyssa Newlin, Madyson Hubbard, Jackie Guerra, McKenna Fox, and Karina Marmalejo.

On the boys side the Lions would claim the team championship with four runners in the top 10.

Adrian Rodriguez was second, Lane Rust fourth, Alex Hopper sixth and Roman Esparza eighth.

Also competing for the Lions was Danny Posadas 15th



THE OHS CROSS-COUNTRY TEAMS ran at the Christoval Meet last week. Lions placed first, Lady Lions second.

and Alan Landa 19th.

Others running for the Lions were Chantz Elliott, Juan Lozano and Noe Medina.

"This was a great race for both groups with some top notch competition that

included half of our district teams. We are really excited about the way the season has gone so far. We still have a lot of work to do, but we are on the right track. We are just so proud of how well

all our kids competed as always they represented our community well," said Coach John Esparza.

The OHS and OMS Lions and Lady Lions will run Sept. 19 at Rocksprings.



JULIE MARSHALL, CARISSA PEREZ AND GINA MARQUEZ (not pictured...band practice) baked cookies, brownies and sausage rolls last week for the Texas Forest Service Firefighters staying at the Holiday Inn. The firefighters were more than thankful for the goodies.

OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL TECHNOLOGY

Istation assessments start this week

BY JASON DAVIS
OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL

The second week of the 2015-16 has come to a close, and the students and teachers have enjoyed the long weekend. Students and teachers are back in the groove now, and it is time to buckle down and work hard to achieve great things this school year.

Students participated in a goal sheet and survey this last week in order to share with his/her teachers what he/she would like to accomplish in technology class this year. We have a plan and TEKS-based curriculum for the students to go through, but we also want to incorporate learning in a way that the students enjoy. Teachers are constantly finding new resources and ways to teach things, and when we can connect to students in a way that interests them on a personal basis then the lessons will tend to be more engaging. For example, a student who helps his/her dad at home working on cars is really going to appreciate assembling and disassembling computers.

This also brings up another element of learning which is learning styles. There are a variety of ways that people learn, and different people learn better in some ways than others. Some students like to read instructions, others are more visual learners and need illustrations and pictures, others like to hear or listen for guidance, and then there are the kinesthetic learners that need movement and a hands-on approach. Parents please take time to analyze your child and see what type of learner they are. Help your student be in tune with the way they learn things. This will help them to organize their studies so that they are able to get the most out of it.

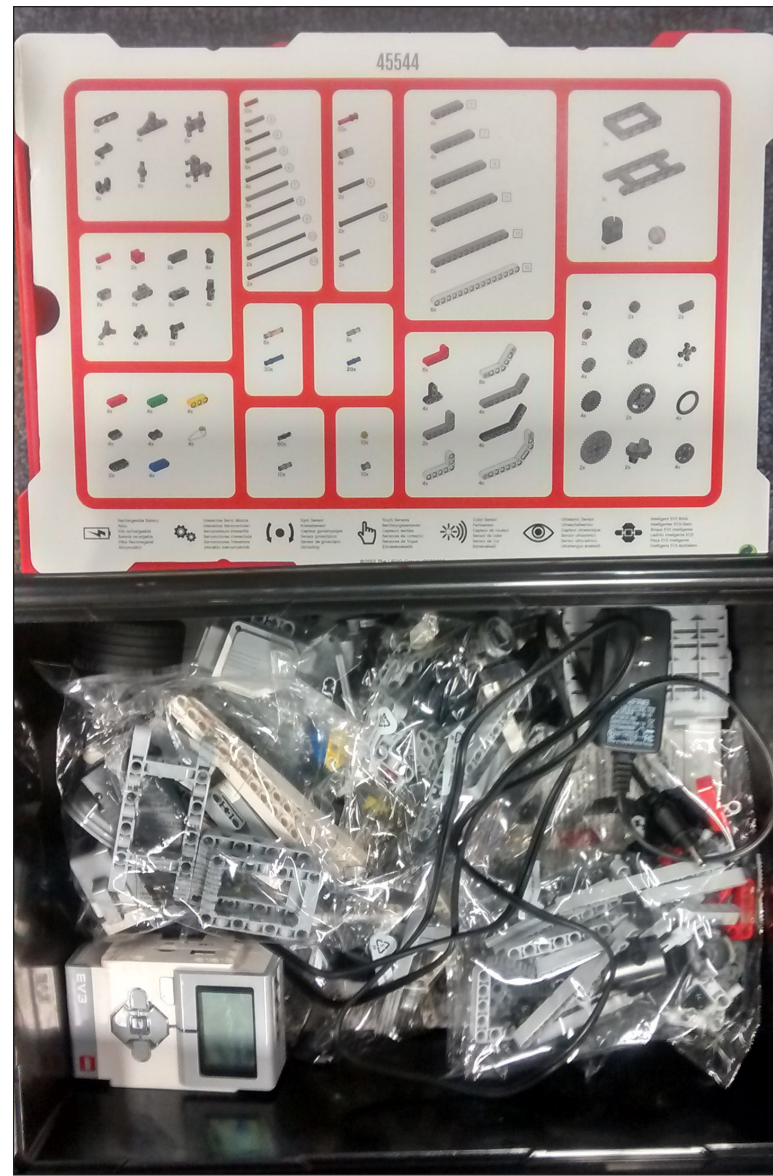
Week three is an important time for technology as we are taking the Istation ISIP Assessment. Istation is a program we use at Ozona Elementary and Ozona Middle Schools to help students with the fundamentals of reading. Istation is able to pinpoint the exact areas where a student is struggling in,

and it gives them practice in that area until they master it. We are also going to use Istation data to establish small group instruction where students who are struggling in the same areas of reading may work together and overcome those weaknesses. Parents and community please encourage the children of Ozona to do their very best on Istation. Please let them know that the community invests in them and that we love them and want their success! We want the best future possible for our kids.

This week at Robotics practice we had 27 students in attendance, and we worked on inventorying the robot kits. Each kit comes with hundreds of Lego pieces and a programmable brick which is the brain of the robot. The students take the kits and count the number of pieces they have and check it against how many they should have. They then come to our expansion kit storage and take what they need to make a full set again. Students are gathered into groups of 2 to 4, and they are learning a lot of basic warehouse and communication skills. Each group has a leader that helps all team members be involved and keep conflict at a minimum. After the students finish the inventory they are cleared to create their first robot.

UIL and TMSA practices are already beginning, and this is going to cause a change in Robotics scheduling. Starting Sept. 16 Robotics practice will change to Wednesdays from 3:40 to 5 p.m. Number sense practice is on Mondays from 3:40 to 4:30 p.m. Calculator will also start on Sept. 15 from 3:40 to 4:30 p.m. and will reoccur every Tuesday.

Additionally, there will be one Robotics Saturday morning practice per month. The dates for these are Sept. 12, Oct. 17, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5 from 10 a.m.-noon at Ozona Middle School. Please have your students be punctual. If you need to contact me for any questions or comments please call (325) 392-5501 and ask for Mr. Davis.



ONE OF THE ROBOTICS KITS that OMS Students are working with. Each kit comes with hundreds of Lego pieces and a programmable brick, which is the brain of the robot.

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
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CCCCSD will have their Open House 2015 Monday, Sept. 14, at all three campuses.

OES will be from 6-7 p.m., OMS 6:30-7:30 p.m. and OHS 7-8 p.m.

This will be a "come and go" event to allow students and families the opportunity to meet teachers, see classrooms, and receive an overview of the 2015-2016 academic year.

demical year.

Hot dogs will be served at OES for all of our families from all campuses from 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

NJHS will be having a bake sale at OMS that evening, so be sure to stop buy and purchase something from their table by the reception desk.

For more information, call 392-5501.

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 hones-

ty, good citizenship and respect.

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

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Hog barn clean up day Sept. 16

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.

County Food Show will be Oct. 24.

Food and nutrition meetings will be held on Mondays starting Sept. 14. Juniors at 5 p.m. and Intermediate and Seniors at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office.

Look out for Food Challenge Practice to begin Oct. 5.

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 Renfro 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 Renfro, CEA-AG/NR, can be reached at (325) 226-0761 or arenfro@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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Sales price disclosure debate may take a turn in Texas

BY AMAN BATHEJA
TEXAS TRIBUNE

When Texans head to the polls this fall, a constitutional amendment designed to cut property taxes is expected to draw the most attention. But tucked at the end of that 112-word proposition is another change in law that some see as the key to restarting a decades-old debate.

At issue is Texas' distinction as one of a handful of states that does not require the disclosure of real estate sales prices. Property appraisers and other officials argue that this missing data point makes it difficult to accurately value prop-

erties and fairly assess taxes. Amid past efforts to require disclosure of the sales prices, critics have cited a fear that future lawmakers would use the data to start taxing real estate transactions.

Enter Proposition 1, which, along with increasing the homestead exemption, includes a prohibition on state officials ever levying a tax on real estate transactions. That ban would undermine a key argument against requiring sales price disclosure in real estate transactions, according to proponents of mandatory disclosure.

"The major concern that's been cited in the past was that it would lead to taxes on

real estate transactions," said Travis County Chief Appraiser Marya Crigler. "We would hope that this removes that barrier."

Crigler's appraisal district is one of the defendants in a lawsuit the city of Austin filed last week against the state of Texas that contends that the property tax system is "unequal," in part because of a lack of mandatory sales price disclosure. The suit's backers also argue that changes in state law that have made it easier for commercial property owners to win large reductions in their values, which have shifted the tax burden toward homeowners over time. While Crigler disagreed

with some of the suit's allegations related to her office's appraisals, she said she backs its goal of pushing state lawmakers to implement sales price disclosure.

"If we could get that data up front, it would help us do that job and get our models right to begin with," Crigler said. "But that's not how it happens right now."

Aside from predictions of a new tax, critics of mandatory sales price disclosure have argued it would violate property owners' privacy without improving the accuracy of appraisals.

The combination of the lawsuit and the upcoming election are shining the brightest spotlight on the issue of real estate sales price disclosure since 2007, when a Task Force on Appraisal Reform appointed by Gov. Rick Perry recommended a package of proposals including mandatory sales price disclosure and limiting local budget growth to 5 percent annually absent voter approval. The plan never gained enough support among lawmakers.

The lead author of the property tax cut measure on the November ballot, Senate Finance Chairwoman Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, also added the language banning taxes on real estate transfers. Though some lawmakers expressed confusion at the insertion of the provision, there was little public debate over it or the impact it could have on future proposals to require sales price disclosure.

"People are literally being taxed out of their homes, so we felt it was important to make sure no future Legislature can enact a new tax on home ownership without

a vote of the people," Nelson said in a statement. "Mandatory sales price disclosure is a completely separate issue that, to date, has received insufficient support to advance in the Legislature."

A coalition of business interests including Realtors and various commercial property owners have long opposed efforts to mandate the disclosure of real estate sales prices but are supporting Proposition 1.

David Mintz, vice president of government relations with the Texas Apartment Association, agreed that a constitutional ban on real estate transfer taxes does mitigate a key point of opposition against mandatory sales price disclosure. But that doesn't suddenly make disclosure a good idea.

"I think it addresses that one concern," Mintz said. "It doesn't address other concerns with mandatory sales price disclosure, about it being proprietary information, how an older property may need different considerations than newer property sales, how the information can be cherry picked by appraisal districts when they're looking at how they use the information."

Daniel Gonzalez, the Texas Association of Realtors' legislative affairs director, said his organization's concerns are the same ones brought up in 2007 by Perry's task force. Though they supported sales price disclosure, they also questioned whether commercial sales data could be misinterpreted to inflate appraisals, according to their report.

"There are many appraisal districts in Texas that do not have the wherewithal to understand the complex data that's included in those commercial property transactions," Gonzalez said.

According to the International Association of Assessing Officers, at least 37 states have a mandatory price disclosure law. In some of the other states, like Missouri, large portions of the state fall under local disclosure laws.

"IAAO standards encourage the disclosure of real estate sale prices to assist assessors in fairly and accurately determining the value of property," spokes-

man Mike Ardis said. He noted that effective disclosure could constitute a price range rather than a specific sales price.

Even without mandatory sales price disclosure, Texas appraisers usually can find data on local residential prices through the private Multiple Listing Service, an inventory of houses for sale that some appraisal districts pay to access. But those listings often omit high-end homes, and the data on commercial properties can be tougher to get, according to appraisers.

Appraisal districts often get crucial additional information from commercial property owners when they appeal their original appraisals. Dallas County Chief Appraiser Ken Nolan said that tactic ensures that he manages to find out the necessary details of commercial sales in his area, though it sometimes takes a while.

"Basically, the property owner gets a year's discount if I don't know what it sells for," Nolan said. "We may not know all the details, but we're going to force all the details eventually out of the property owner or his representative. There's ways to work around this."

At the Texas Association of Counties' conference last week in Austin, both the city of Austin's lawsuit and the future prospects for sales price disclosure were hot topics. At a panel on property taxes, an attendee asked Crigler if Proposition 1 could pave the way for mandatory sales price disclosure. Crigler was skeptical because of the political power of the Realtors.

"Based on the comments we've seen most recently, the issues now are going to become 'It's a privacy issue, the appraisal districts are too unsophisticated to know what to do with the data,'" Crigler said. "They're changing tactics."

But Dick Lavine, chairman of the Travis appraisal district's board of directors and a fiscal analyst with the liberal Center for Public Policy Priorities, said he's more optimistic.

"I think it removes one of the primary objections that people have had to sales price disclosure, so it should smooth the way," Lavine said.

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24 HOUR ROAD CALL



SEWELL: from page 2

quickly learned we were all the same in school functions. He fought for this and eventually things changed, to the benefit of all generations since then.

Dad always had a smile and a laugh when he told of his years in the Ozona school system.

He truly loved this town, the school, the spirit we all have here, but most of all he loved

all of the kids that grew up here. He knew them all, and he knew how their home lives affected their successes. Those are the things that set him apart from others. His compassion, his love of all kids and his motivational efforts to help all of our kids beat the demons that haunted them and to eventually become productive, successful citizens.

My siblings and I all agree that we had to share him with everyone else in this town. That's just the way it

was. We knew it, we understood it and we were glad to see him helping others. Most of his work was done behind the scenes. Many times he was called at night to run interference and keep a boy or girl from making life changing mistakes.

He always encouraged the underprivileged to join and participate in any event that caught their fancy, and even motivating them to want to participate when they had no desire before. The thing

that caught my attention the most was the knowledge of all the kids he had in school. He knew what everyone was doing as they became adults and how they ended up with their current lives. Kids were his life. All of you and your kids were his life.

Dad gave the last 47 years of his life for the benefit of all young lives that grew up here and in many communities around the state. He never stopped helping anyone who needed him, and there were

several requests in the last few years of his life. He never hesitated to lend a hand.

I was having a conversation with an old classmate of mine a few weeks ago about renaming the stadium in memory of Coach Sewell.

The statement that caught my attention was when he said, "David, nobody will know who he was in fifty years." I pondered that comment for several days and I think it's time I respond to that. I ask you this: Isn't that

what memorials are all about, to remember the person and the contributions given to the community?

We are now the parents and grandparents of students attending our schools today. We all benefitted from his presence, and these youngsters today are the benefactors of what we learned from him. Never let it die, never forget how far we've come, and never forget him.

David Sewell
Ozona, Texas

JUAN: from page 2

hospital and go home to his wife and kids. He will undergo a series of tests around the second week of September to determine what type of treatment he will receive for the next several months.

Please keep him and his family in your prayers for positive results. If the tests come back positive with live Leukemia cells, Juan will start his previous six-week journey all over again.

Juan is a fighter and a strong-willed individual.

Quitting is not in a coaches' vocabulary.

In order to help Juan and his family conquer this detour in their lives I, Stephen Tarr, along with several of his family and friends are sell-

ing raffle tickets to raise money to help cover hospital expenses.

Tickets can be purchased at Triple C Lumber or you may contact me at (432) 238-6316.

The raffle consists of three items:

- First Prize - DPMS Oracle 5.56 AR-15
- Second Prize - Ruger American 30-06 rifle
- Third Prize - Engel 35qt "tan" ice chest.

Tickets are \$20 per ticket or six tickets for \$100. The drawing will be held on Nov. 17 with Juan drawing the three winning tickets.

I thank you in advance for your support and generosity, I know Juan and his family appreciate your prayers and support as well.

Stephen Tarr
Midland, Texas

MAYOR: from page 1

It was revealed during the investigation that Ramiro Gonzales Jr. just remodeled the building and sent an invoice to the City of Rocksprings after he was finished, which totaled \$3,000 for labor. Pauline Gonzales instructed one of the city employees to meet with her husband at the city transfer station so that he could figure out a material list.

The employee told the Edwards County Sheriff's Office Investigator that when he saw the list of materials from Ramiro Gonzales Jr., but he thought it was a lot of material and that Ramiro Gonzales Jr. didn't get all of it.

After Ramiro Gonzales Jr. ran out of materials for the work he was conducting at the city transfer station, Pauline Gonzales told the employee to give her the Lowe's Credit Card that be-

longs to the City of Rocksprings and she then handed the card to her husband who was then observed on video footage obtained during the investigation to have purchased additional materials from Lowe's without any representation from the City of Rocksprings or any employees, the release stated.

There was material invoices revealed during the investigation by the Edwards County Sheriff's Office totaling \$1,484.73. Each of the actions conducted by the mayor and her husband were accomplished without the knowledge and authorization of the city council members and the transparency to the public, the release stated.

The sheriff's office started this investigation in January after a complaint was filed to their office. The investigation was initiated by Captain Darrell Volkmann.

Explanatory Statements for the November 3, 2015 Constitutional Amendment Election

Proposition Number 1 (SJR 1)

SJR 1 - Current law provides an exemption of \$15,000 from the ad valorem taxation for public school purposes of a residence homestead. The proposed amendment would increase this exemption to \$25,000, starting in the tax year beginning January 1, 2015. In order to reflect the increased exemption on the homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or a disabled person, the proposed amendment would provide a reduction to the current limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes. The proposed amendment would protect school districts from all or part of the revenue loss by authorizing an appropriation of funds according to formulas set by the legislature. In addition, the proposed amendment would authorize the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision from reducing or repealing a homestead exemption adopted by the political subdivision. Finally, the proposed amendment would prohibit the imposition of a tax on the conveyance of real property, but would not prohibit the imposition of a business tax measured by business activity, a tax on the production of minerals, a tax on the issuance of title insurance, or a change in the rate of a tax in existence on January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment increasing the amount of the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation for public school purposes from \$15,000 to \$25,000, providing for a reduction of the limitation on the total amount of ad valorem taxes that may be imposed for those purposes on the homestead of an elderly or disabled person to reflect the increased exemption amount, authorizing the legislature to prohibit a political subdivision that has adopted an optional residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation from reducing the amount of or repealing the**

exemption, and prohibiting the enactment of a law that imposes a transfer tax on a transaction that conveys fee simple title to real property."

Proposition Number 2 (HJR 75)

HJR 75 - In 2011, voters approved a constitutional amendment to allow a surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran an exemption from ad valorem taxation from all or part of the market value on the disabled veteran's residence homestead, as long as the surviving spouse had not remarried. The amendment did not apply to surviving spouses of veterans who died before 2011. This amendment would extend the exemption in such cases. The proposed amendment would apply only to ad valorem taxes imposed for a tax year beginning on or after January 1, 2016.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to provide for an exemption from ad valorem taxation of all or part of the market value of the residence homestead of the surviving spouse of a 100 percent or totally disabled veteran who died before the law authorizing a residence homestead exemption for such a veteran took effect."**

Proposition Number 3 (SJR 52)

SJR 52 proposes a constitutional amendment to repeal the requirement for the Comptroller of Public Accounts, the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the Attorney General, and any other officers elected statewide to reside in Austin, Texas, the state capital. Under current law, these statewide elected officers are required to reside in the capital of the State of Texas while in office. This amendment would not apply to the residency requirement for the Governor.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment repealing the requirement that state officers elected by voters statewide reside in the state capital."**

Proposition Number 4 (HJR 73)

HJR 73 proposes a constitutional amendment that would grant the legislature the authority to pass statutes to allow a professional sports team charitable foundation to conduct charitable raffles under the terms and conditions imposed by general law. The laws passed under this authority may provide that the professional sports team charitable foundation may use proceeds from such charitable raffles to pay reasonable advertising, promotional, and administrative expenses. Any law enacted by this provision only applies to entities defined as professional sports team charitable foundations on January 1, 2016. Additionally, any law enacted by this provision may only allow charitable raffles to be conducted at games hosted at the home venue of the professional sports team associated with a professional sports team charitable foundation.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment authorizing the legislature to permit professional sports team charitable foundations to conduct charitable raffles."**

Proposition Number 5 (SJR 17)

SJR 17 proposes a constitutional amendment which would increase from 5,000 to 7,500 the maximum total population threshold of a county that is allowed to construct and maintain private roads as long as the county imposes a reasonable charge for the work.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment to authorize counties with a population of 7,500 or less to perform private road construction and maintenance."**

Proposition Number 6 (SJR 22)

SJR 22 proposes a constitutional amendment that would add the right to hunt, fish and harvest wildlife, including by use of traditional methods, in the Bill of Rights of the Texas Constitution. This right would be subject to laws and regulations intended to conserve

and manage wildlife and to preserve the future of hunting and fishing. The proposed amendment would establish hunting and fishing as the preferred method of managing and controlling wildlife in Texas. The proposed amendment is not intended to affect any law or provision related to trespass, property rights or eminent domain, and would not prevent the legislature from authorizing a municipality to regulate the discharge of a firearm in a populated area in the interest of safety.

The proposed amendment will appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment recognizing the right of the people to hunt, fish, and harvest wildlife subject to laws that promote wildlife conservation."**

Proposition Number 7 (SJR 5)

SJR 5 proposes a constitutional amendment to dedicate a portion of revenues from (1) the state sales and use tax, and (2) the tax imposed on the sale, use, or rental of a motor vehicle, to the State Highway Fund (SHF). Under current law, these funds would be deposited to the General Revenue Fund. Money deposited to the SHF is intended to be used only to construct, maintain, or acquire rights-of-way for public roadways other than toll roads; or to repay certain transportation-related debt.

The proposed amendment would appear on the ballot as follows: **"The constitutional amendment dedicating certain sales and use tax revenue and motor vehicle sales, use, and rental tax revenue to the state highway fund to provide funding for nontolled roads and the reduction of certain transportation-related debt."**

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ing to their website.

The firm of Carlos Colina-Vargas, AICP is the management firm and Hibbs and Todd Inc. as engineering firm for the Hampton Inn project.

Work on the project is expected to start later this month or early October. No specific date has been set yet on when construction on the motel will start.

Commissioner Eligio Martinez was absent from the meeting.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 14, at the courthouse annex. The meeting is open to the public.



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That I, Pedro Gomez, Jr., Judge of the 112th Judicial District of Texas, having jurisdiction of the County of Crockett, and the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority invested in me by law under the provisions of Subchapter 84 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Annotated, do hereby appoint Dolores Ramirez of Crockett County, Ozona, Texas, Assistant County Auditor in and for the County of Crockett and the State of Texas, for the full term of two (2) years, effective from and after the eighteenth (18th) day of August, 2015 and from the taking of the Oath within twenty days of her appointment and before she enters upon the duties of her office make bond with two or more good and sufficient Surety Bond in the minimum sum of Five Thousand Dollars (5,000.00), payable to the District Judge of the 112th Judicial District of Texas, conditioned for faithful performance of his duties, to be approved by the District Judge having jurisdiction for the County, and she shall also take the Official oath and an additional Oath in writing stating that she is in every way qualified under the provisions and requirements of this title and giving full the positions of private or public trust she has heretofore held and the length of service under each. She shall further include in her Oath that she will not be personally interested in any contracts with the County. It is further ordered and directed that this order be entered in the minutes of the 112th Judicial District Court of Texas, in and for Crockett County, Texas. Witness my official signature this 18th day of August, A.D., 2015. Pedro Gomez, Jr., Judge of the 112th Judicial District of Texas.

THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF CROCKETT

That I, Pedro Gomez, Jr., Judge of the 112th judicial District of Texas, having jurisdiction of the County of Crockett, and the State of Texas, do by virtue of the authority invested in me by law under the provisions of Subchapter 84 of the Local Government Code, Vernon's Texas Annotated, do hereby appoint Melissa Ybarra of Crockett County, Ozona, Texas, 2nd Assistant County Auditor in and for the County of Crockett and the State of Texas, for the full term of two (2) years, effective from and after the eighteenth (18th) day of August, 2015 and from the taking of the Oath within twenty days of her appointment and before she enters upon the duties of her office make bond with two or more good and sufficient Surety Bond in the minimum sum of Five Thousand Dollars (5,000.00), payable to the District Judge of the 112th Judicial District of Texas, conditioned for faithful performance of his duties, to be approved by the District Judge having jurisdiction for the County, and she shall also take the Official oath and an additional Oath in writing stating that she is in every way qualified under the provisions and requirements of this title and giving full the positions of private or public trust she has heretofore held and the length of service under each. She shall further include in her Oath that she will not be personally interested in any contracts with the County. It is further ordered and directed that this order be entered in the minutes of the 112th Judicial District Court of Texas, in and for Crockett County, Texas. Witness my official signature this 18th day of August, A.D., 2015. Pedro Gomez, Jr., Judge of the 112th Judicial District of Texas.

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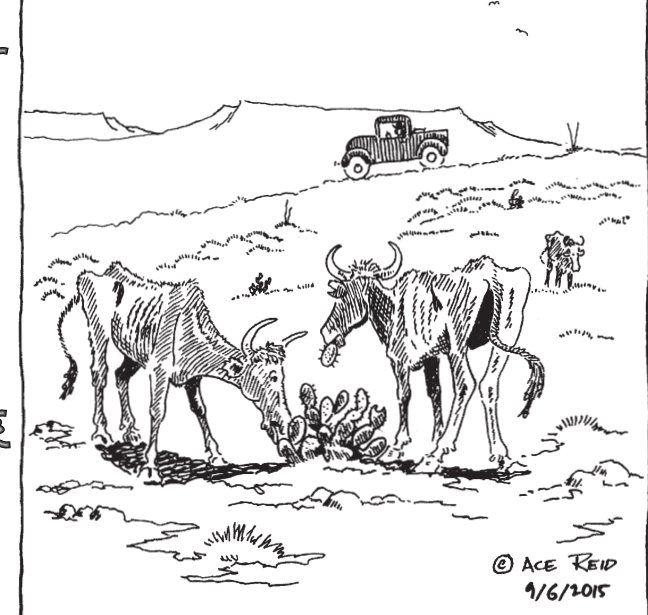
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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

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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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PUBLIC NOTICE
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