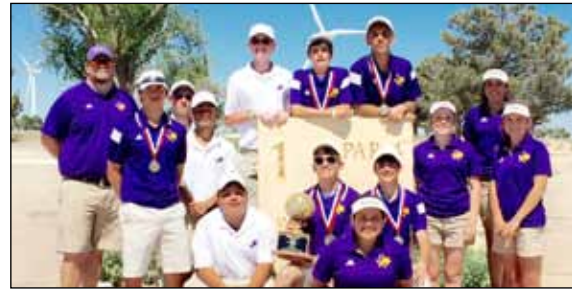




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DCP Midstream bomb threat forces school evacuation



OZONA ELEMENTARY STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND STAFF boarded buses Monday morning after a bomb threat at the DCP Midstream plant south of Ozona forced an evacuation of the school. Students were taken to the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center where parents and family members could pick them up. The bomb threat was cleared by 1 p.m. Monday.

Ozona man arrested for allegedly making false report

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

An Ozona man has been arrested for allegedly making a bomb threat at the DCP Midstream Plant in Ozona.

At 8:45 a.m. Monday, April 4, DCP officials reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office that after be-

ing terminated a former DCP employee allegedly made a threat of a bomb, said Sheriff Robert Rodriguez.

Ruben Cruz Jr., 38, of Ozona, was arrested by 9:23 a.m. Monday. He has been charged with false alarm or report, which is a Class A misdemeanor that carries a punishment of a fine up to

\$4,000 and a jail term of one year.

When Cruz was being escorted out of the DCP Midstream Office Monday, a DCP supervisor stated Cruz said "you're not going to find the bomb," according to a complaint affidavit filed by Crockett County Sheriff Deputy Sammy Longoria. The

supervisor then called the sheriff's office to report the incident.

Cruz told deputies that he said "you act like I'm going to place a bomb in the office" while he was being escorted out of the DCP Midstream Office, the affidavit stated.

Local emergency officials quickly put the county's

emergency plan into place.

"We knew we had plenty of people to help because there was not an explosion. We didn't hesitate to take it seriously," said County Judge Fred Deaton. "All key players were in place and we had what we needed in place."

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CCCCSD seeking new athletic director

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

CCCCSD is searching for a new Athletic Director and Head Football Coach.



EDWARD PEREZ

Superintendent Raul Chavarria announced Friday that Edward Perez was offered the opportunity to take an assistant principal position within the district and he has accepted.

"I am sad to say that my time as the athletic director and head football coach at Ozona is now done. I have very much enjoyed working with the student-athletes here and am very proud of the things our kids, my staff, our teachers, and I have accomplished in the past three years. Our coaches and I have worked diligently to prepare our athletes for athletic competitions and more importantly hope-

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Commissioners, TxDOT discuss I-10 extension

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A solution to a long time problem in the southwest part of Ozona is on the horizon.

At a special called meeting on March 29, Crockett County Commissioners and officials from the Texas Department of Transportation met to discuss a frontage road extension on Interstate-10 to provide access for residents in the Chandlerdale West addition during major flooding.

Currently, the area only has a small gate that can be accessed by emergency officials during a major flood.

TxDOT officials proposed three solutions.

The first would extend the frontage road, or 15th Street, across Johnson Draw to Man O'War Street.

The second option would extend out to Rio Grande Street where the emergency gate is now.

The third options would extend the frontage road to Rio Grande Street and add a new ramp coming off of I-10.

In order to complete the project, TxDOT is asking the county to take maintenance on Ranch-to-Market Road 1973 and Farm-to-Market Road 1964.

RM 1973 is located south of Ozona off of State Highway 163. FM 1964 is located north of Ozona off of State Highway 137.

If the county chose to go with option 1, Johnson Draw and Man O'War Street, the cost is estimated at \$1.94 million. That would be an even exchange with TxDOT deeding RM 1973 to the county.

If the county chooses option 2, Rio Grande Street to the emergency gate, cost would be \$2.283 million. That would be an even exchange with TxDOT deeding RM 1973 and FM 1964 to the county.

If the county chooses option 3, Rio Grande Street with a new ramp, cost will be \$2.583 million. TxDOT would deed the county RM 1973 and FM 1964, but the county would have to pay an additional \$300,000.

No matter which option is chosen, the plan will still have to be approved by the Federal Highway Administration, said John DeWitt, director of transportation planning and development with the San Angelo TxDOT office.

The new frontage road

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Jurado second at state

John Jurado placed second at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association Division III State Championships on April 2 in Abilene.

"It was a very tough meet, so tough that after the squat the top four lifters were only separated by five pounds each," said Coach Daniel Mejia. "We are very proud of how John represented our school, himself and our community."

The OHS Senior locked in his second place medal by dead lifting 490 pounds.

He also had 550 on squat and 270 on bench for a total of 1,310 pounds in the 165-pound division.

Javier Rodriguez, of San Diego, Texas, placed first with a total of 1,335 pounds.

Eric Lucio, of Louise, Texas, was third with 1,295 pounds.



JOHN JURADO (left) receives his second place medal at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association's State Meet on April 2 in Abilene.

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Texas students deserve better than STAAR

Once again another testing season is upon our Texas schools.

Last week, students took the first round of the STAAR tests for this school year. The next round will be in May and we hope our state is better prepared.

The STAAR is a state-mandated exam designed to measure proficiency and help determine whether students are ready for the next grade level. Each year teachers, students and parents pour their hearts and souls into getting ready for these tests.

Teachers and parents try to reassure their students that it is just a test, just like any other test, but students today have been brought up with STAAR and they know they have to do well.

As if the test pressure wasn't enough, last week students across the state, including nine at Ozona Elementary School, were marred by technical difficulties when the testing company's server couldn't handle the number of tests being submitted online. The tests were administered for the first time by New Jersey-based Education Testing Services, which took over the contract from Pearson Education.

The Texas Commissioner of Education Mike Morath called the situation "unacceptable." That is an understatement.

While the state called it a "glitch" in submitting the tests we see this as a major error with testing company.

If our teachers, students, parents, administrators and technology staff at our schools can be prepared then why didn't the test company prepare?

Fortunately for the OES students, all their information was saved and they did not have to retake the test.

Still, the state has once again failed our children with a system that needs to be changed.

We require our children to work hard, to study and do their homework, to get a good night's sleep and eat a good breakfast before they take their tests.

All of the OES students did just that. They were prepared. In fact, Principal Tammy McWilliams said

WHAT'S ON OUR MINDS

EDITORIAL

they were prepared to take it again if they had to. We are thankful they didn't.

Still, why couldn't the adults that run the testing perform their part accurately?

We have complained about the STAAR test before. Let's face it, nobody, educators included, like the test, but if something is going to change it's going to have to come from the top.

That means us as parents, educators and community members need to talk to our state representative, Andrew Murr, and our state senator, Carlos Uresti, about changing the ridiculousness of standardized testing in our public schools. Their information is located at the top of this page.

One test should not define every child. Every child is different. Every child learns differently. Yet, our state lawmakers created a cookie-cutter test doesn't accurately reflect each student's potential.

Since the STAAR was implemented in 2010, test scores have been flat across the state. That means the test isn't working.

However, instead of making changes the state made the test harder by increasing standards this year.

Also, teachers must keep track of how long it takes every student to take the test, even when they take a break, because the state wants to make the test shorter.

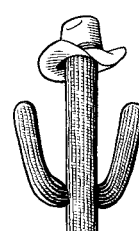
Instead of helping our children, our state is setting them up for failure.

Research shows that standardized tests are not a true measure of what a child knows. They certainly do not measure a child's worth.

The children in Texas deserve better than to be continually tested and experimented on by their state government.

It's time we all speak up for our children and their education. Talk to state lawmakers. Let Murr and Uresti, as well as their colleagues in Austin, know that Texas children deserve an A-plus education, not an F-minus test.

I W-W-Wasn't Afraid



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

We take a lot of things for granted in the cattle business, like a squeeze chute and a wife that both work, a dog that sleeps at your feet and a horse that doesn't. One of the biggest things we hardly ever appreciate is the lowly feedbunk. But not me, I haven't taken the feedbunk for granted ever since I had my first cowboy job out of college. In fact, I consider the feedbunk one of the greatest inventions of all time, right after the recliner and before long underwear.

I spent the better part of three years of my life, and all of my money, getting a BS degree in Animal Science only to get a job for \$600 a month as a chore boy on an Angus outfit. One of my jobs was to feed the bulls, the majority of which were two and three year olds because no one wanted them as yearlings. The feed room was located in the middle of the bull pen and every morning and every late afternoon I'd carry 50 pound feed sacks out of the barn and into the pen to throw the feed into several large flat feeders. And when I say "throw" I mean "throw" because I was surrounded by a throng of belligerent bulls who wanted to eat my lunch.

I don't know what happened to the slave who worked there before me but I suspect he was killed trying to feed the bulls.

I was an Angus enthusiast as a kid and all my show steers and heifers were

registered Angus. I mention this so that no Angus breeder will take offense when I say that some Angus cattle in the 1960's had what you might call an "attitude problem." I think most of that has been bred out of the Angus breed by now but the ranch where I worked was known far and wide as being THE top source for hot-headed Angus.

One of the reasons those bulls were hard to sell was they were short, wide and heavily muscled at a time when ranchers wanted long, tall and tasteless. (In hindsight, the cattle were more like what we should have been breeding.) There were about 35 left-over bulls in the pen and I sold a grand total of six during my tenure which left 29 cold-blooded assassins.

Although my ag teacher taught me to feed at the same time every day I would alter my times and go into stealth-feeding-mode hoping to catch the bulls off guard so I could deliver the feed without getting stomped to death. But it hardly ever worked. Once they saw me the only way I could save my life was to drop the bag and run for cover.

I tried creating a distraction by hav-

ing my lovely wife run through the pen with a flake of alfalfa but she only lasted one fun-run after she got stuck in the muck and only survived by ditching her boots. Next I tried getting on a horse with a sack of feed and riding into the pen but the horses on that ranch were all barely-broke youngsters and the minute the bulls started to attack those broncs came apart and dumped me faster than I could dump the pellets. I tried my best to hang-and-rattle but none of my associates back then ever called me Casey Tibbs. All they called was the ambulance.

I tried loading up the Jeep and having the wife drive next to the feeders while I dumped the feed but when one bull tried to jump in the driver's seat with her she hit the gas and I was thrown once again... by a Jeep. The ranch owner strongly requested that I no longer do that again because the bulls broke a headlight and dented a door. (Really.)

I toyed with the idea of asking the owner for some feedbunks so I could feed from outside the pen but although he had very deep pockets, he also had very short arms when it came to reaching for his wallet. Besides, I knew I'd be the one who would have to build them. Instead, I did what any intelligent person would do. I quit. Let the next guy worry about it.

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Senate Finance chair confirms behavioral health budget

AUSTIN — The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will have some \$6.7 billion to fund the state's behavioral health services efforts during the 2016-2017 fiscal biennium.

Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, at a March 30 meeting of the committee, confirmed the \$6.7 billion, using figures provided by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission and the 10-member Legislative Budget Board. In the 2014-2015 state budget the amount for behavioral health funding was an estimated \$6.2 billion.

One of the legislative interim charges assigned to the committee by the lieutenant governor is to monitor the state's progress in coordinating behavioral health services and expenditures across state government.

"We have serious challenges to address, but I want to make sure we have a true

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understanding of our commitment to mental health — by knowing not only how much we are spending — but also how we are spending the funds," Nelson said.

The budget includes a rider by Nelson coordinating the delivery of care among 18 state agencies.

Several members of the committee mentioned a shortage of "forensic beds" for patients assessed with mental illness, especially in Dallas and Harris counties, the state's highest-population counties. More forensic beds, they said, would help relieve the strain on jails, where people in need of behavioral health services may be placed when county facilities lack capacity for such purposes.

GRANTS AID COMMUNITIES

On April 1 the governor's

office announced the awarding of a second round of more than \$15 million from the Texas Military Preparedness Commission's Defense Economic Adjustment Assistance Grant program.

Under Gov. Greg Abbott's leadership, the Texas Legislature in 2015 allocated some \$30 million to the program to assist communities that may be negatively impacted by a future congressionally mandated Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) round.

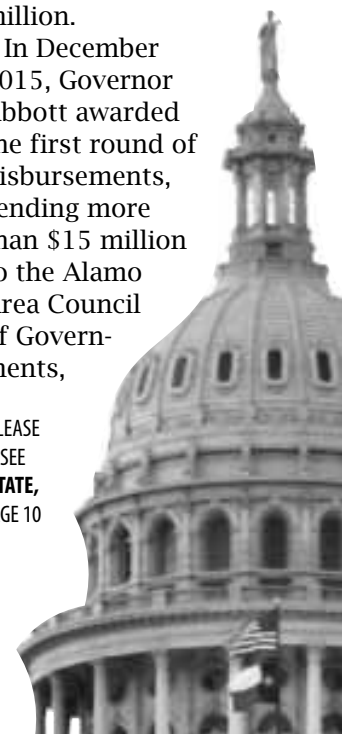
Named to receive funding in the second round of disbursements are:

- City of Killeen, Fort Hood, \$3.47 million;
- Bexar County, Joint Base San Antonio-Randolph, \$4.71 million;
- Tom Green County, Goodfellow Air Force Base, \$2.04 million;

- City of El Paso, Fort Bliss, \$2 million; and
- City of Del Rio, Laughlin Air Force Base, \$3.3 million.

In December 2015, Governor Abbott awarded the first round of disbursements, sending more than \$15 million to the Alamo Area Council of Governments,

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



PIZZA MIA ON THE SQUARE held a ribbon cutting with the Ozona Chamber of Commerce. Owners Dora Aiguier and Sandra Marmolejo were joined by family, county officials, friends, chamber officials and ambassadors.

Ribbon cutting held for Pizza Mia on the Square

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Family, County Judge Fred Deaton, Commissioners Frank Tambunga and Pleas Childress III and other county representatives, the Chamber President Shanon Biggerstaff, as well as Chamber Ambassadors, met for a Ribbon Cutting event hosted by the chamber on Wednesday, March 30, for Pizza Mia on the Square.

Dora Aiguier and Sandra Marmolejo were on hand to

talk to guests about their new business.

"With a wide variety of homemade specialty hamburgers and Neapolitan pizzas, we have something for everyone," Marmolejo said. "We specialize in 10-inch and 16-inch pizzas with flavors like pepperoni, Canadian bacon, Hawaiian, spinach mushroom and more."

"Our Facebook fans are raving about our Bean Burger and we've added a jalapeno popper burger," Aiguier said. "We also have sides like

fresh hand cut fries and onion rings."

Pizza Mia on the Square is located at 512 9th Street. You can call in orders at (325) 206-2634 or (325) 226-1314. Check out their Facebook page and watch for special menu items. You can follow them on Instagram or go to Ozona.com to print a menu with pricing.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. and 4-8 p.m. Open Saturdays from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Care Center Board meeting Thursday

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

Items on the agenda:

- Sign and approve the minutes of the March 10 meeting.
- EMS Report
- Care Center Report
- Old Business
- New Business
- Public comments
- Discussion of non-agenda items by members for the purpose of placing them on the next agenda.
- Review and authorization to pay Care Center/H.S.C./E.M.S. Financials.
- Executive session if needed.

Ohio choir performing May 17

The Ohio Northern University Choir will be performing May 17 at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Housing is needed. For more information, call Pastor Jean Reardon at (325) 392-3060.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 6

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Kindergarten, Second and Fourth Grades Pride Lunch at OES.
- KC Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

Thursday, April 7

- OHS Track Teams at the District Track Meet in Mertzon.
- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, April 8

- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Softball vs. Junction, 5 p.m. at Junction.
- OHS Baseball vs. Johnson City, 6 p.m. at the OHS Baseball Field.
- Spring Fling Family Date Night, 7-10:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Saturday, April 9

- OHS Prom, 8 p.m.-midnight at Ozona Country Club.

Monday, April 11

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Senior Bingo Social, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, April 12

- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Wesley Nurse exercise class, blood pressure and blood sugar checks, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OMS Track Teams at the District Meet, 4 p.m. in Mertzon.
- OHS Softball vs. Menard, 5 p.m. at Menard.

Wednesday, April 13

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Pre-K, First, Third and Fifth Grades Pride Lunch at OES.
- KC Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

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April 7 - Diane Allsup and Izac Adkins

April 8 - Marijah Tambunga-Ayala, Patty Villarreal, Marijah T. Ayala, Matthew Payne, Ben Badillo, Adam J. Martinez, Joe Patrick Borrego and Dawn Wilha

April 9 - Toby Perez, Christie Pena, Maleigha McDowell, Layne English, Amber Nicole Moran, David Landin Sr., Karen Bishop and Lisa Talamantez.

April 10 - Barbara Meador, Craig Deaton, Randy Upham, E.A. Wadsworth, Chiquita DeHoyos, Miky Savala, Lazarae Lorena Rodriguez, Alma Perez and Nila Kelley

April 11 - Autumn Villarreal, Hailey Vargas, Haley Forehand, Aiden Aiguier, Emily Marie Rodriguez, Weldon Nicks, Rachel Ybarra, June Knox Abbott and Michael Gonzalez

April 12 - Eddie Stewart, Blanca Castro, Glenna Burns, Zella Ruthardt, Ethan Dennis and Edward Gutierrez

Business startup seminar Thursday

The ASU-SBDC (Angelo State University Small Business Development Center) is excited to host the training event "Ready... Set... Go... Essentials to Business Start-up" Thursday, April 7, at 3 p.m. There is no cost for the training.

Ready to turn that business idea into a reality? Join the ASU-SBDC professional staff as they present a comprehensive, basics of starting a new business seminar for entrepreneurs and new business owners.

We will help answer your basic business start-up questions and share resources that will help you along the way.

At this training event, you will learn the basics of writing a business plan, how to estimate start-up costs, contacts and resources you will need, and more.

You will receive an "Essentials of Starting a New

Business" Workbook, "Starting a Business in San Angelo" guide, and a business plan summary to help you begin.

Register in advance for this event so that we can provide adequate seating and handouts for everyone.

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HELPING HANDS NEWS

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

APRIL 6

· Scalloped ham and potatoes, turnip greens, apricots, dinner roll, gelatin parfait and milk.

APRIL 7

· Chili with beans, tossed salad, dressing, cornbread, fruit cup and milk.

APRIL 8

· Grilled Moroccan chicken, rice pilaf, roasted carrots, whole wheat bread, streusel pound cake and milk.

APRIL 11

· Stuffed bell pepper, green pea salad, Capri vegetables, whole wheat bread, fruit crisp and milk.

APRIL 12

· Country ham, whipped sweet potato, seasoned vegetable, wheat roll, margarine, ambrosia cup and milk.

APRIL 13

· Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, cream gravy, vegetable medley, dinner roll, margarine, chunky fruit medley and milk.

APRIL 14

· Beef and pasta casserole, zucchini, tossed salad, dressing, garlic bread, seasonal fresh fruit and milk.

APRIL 15

· Lemon pepper chicken, green beans with pimento, tangy beets, white/wheat bread, chocolate cream pie and milk.



COUNTY JUDGE FRED DEATON (left) speaks at the retirement reception held March 30 for Crockett County Public Library Director Louise Ledoux. Ledoux retired after 30 years at the library.

Rocksprings cave event attracts statewide experts

BY JIM KENNEDY
TEXAS SPELEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

The weekend of April 22 to 24 will see cavers, cave scientists, cave explorers, and cave owners from all across Texas converge on the town of Rocksprings for the annual spring convention of the Texas Speleological Association. This year's convention focuses on the caves and karst of the Edwards Plateau, the 40-county area of central Texas underlain by limestones and having thin soils and little surface water. This vast area is mostly karst, a type of landscape dominated by soluble bedrock (such as limestone), and containing caves, sinkholes, pits, sinking streams, and springs.

For the first time, this normally-exclusive meeting will be open to the public. Local residents, ranchers, hunters, and land managers can attend to learn more about the known caves in the area and find out about the large potential for undiscovered and unreported caves. Currently, the Texas Speleological Survey (the state cave archives) lists 5,506 caves throughout

Texas, but mostly concentrated in the Edwards Plateau. A cave, as defined by the TSS, is "a naturally occurring, humanly enterable cavity in the earth, at least 5 m (15' 6") in traverse length, and where no dimension of the entrance exceeds the length or depth of the cavity."

Talks begin at 9 a.m. on the morning of Saturday the 23rd at the Edwards County Fairgrounds on Highway 377 in the northeast corner of Rocksprings. Presentations will cover the geology of the Edwards Plateau, how caves form, what lives in them, and what else makes them important, such as fossil deposits, archeological remains, and groundwater. After a break for lunch, presentations will continue through the afternoon, focusing on the exciting exploration and mapping of some of the Plateau's most significant caves.

Other activities on Saturday include live demonstrations and workshops on caving techniques, such as vertical (rope) work, cave mapping, and safety and rescue. There will also be various educational booths set up by our co-sponsors from Texas

Parks and Wildlife (Kickapoo Cavern State Park and Devils Sinkhole State Natural Area), the Devils Sinkhole Society, Caverns of Sonora, the National Speleological Society, Texas Speleological Survey, and Texas Cave Management Association. Caving gear, books, and related items will also be on sale from various speleovendors all day long.

The day concludes with a buffet-style banquet and a guest speaker. While admission to the talks is free to our non-caver visitors, guest tickets to the banquet will be on sale for \$10 to help offset the costs of the meal. The dinner program will be award-winning videographer Greg Passmore talking about his latest project, a virtual-reality caving adventure. Afterwards, for those wishing to stay a while longer, there will be a short fundraising auction to benefit the Texas Cave Management Association's efforts to purchase more caves.

More information can be found on the TSA website at <http://cavetexas.org/events/TSASC/index.html>, or on the 2016 TSA Spring Convention Facebook event page.

Take charge of your own health

"What if It's All Been a Big Fat Lie?"

Little did I know, when I first read the article by Gary Taubes in the late summer of 2010 that it would set into motion a life-changing, personal health journey. The New York Times had published it on July 7th, 2002 and I came across it in an internet search for nutritional science.

In an effort to recover my failing health, I'd began a vegetarian way of eating the first of June 2010. I weighed 310lbs., had heart disease, COPD, diabetes, high cholesterol and chronic fatigue among other things. It was clear by the first of September that the veggies were not helping and it had been a big mistake. I was looking for some reliable answers.

Taubes seemed like a credible journalist that supported all his information with citations to pertinent science and reputable studies that could easily be referenced for accuracy. He studied applied physics at Harvard University and aerospace engineering at Stanford University. He received a master's degree in journalism at Columbia University in 1981 and joined Discover magazine as a staff reporter in 1982. He is a bestselling author; "Good Calories, Bad Calories" (2007) and "Why We Get Fat: And What to Do About It" was released in December 2010.

"America has become weirdly polarized on the subject of weight. On the one hand, we've been told with almost religious certainty by everyone from the surgeon general on down, and we have come to believe with almost religious certainty, that obesity is caused by the excessive consumption of fat, and that if we eat less fat we will lose weight and live longer..." contends Taubes.

Taubes traced the origin of the hypothesis back more than 60 years; "It was Ancel Keys, paradoxically, who introduced the low-fat-is-good-health dogma in the 50's with his theory that dietary fat raises cholesterol levels and gives you heart disease.

Over the next two decades, however, the scientific evidence supporting this theory remained stubbornly ambiguous. The case was



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

JIM FISH

eventually settled not by new science but by politics. It began in January 1977, when a Senate committee led by George McGovern published its "Dietary Goals for the United States," advising that Americans significantly curb their fat intake to abate an epidemic of "killer diseases" supposedly sweeping the country."

The hypothesis that a low-fat way of eating assures weight reduction and good health has never been proven by scientific research.

"Grain products and concentrated sugars were essentially absent from human nutrition until the invention of agriculture," says David Ludwig, a researcher at Harvard Medical School who runs the pediatric obesity clinic at Children's Hospital Boston, "which was only 10,000 years ago."

Further research suggests the probability that humans were predominately hunter/gathers until about 5,000 years ago and used grain and grass cultivation to feed domesticated livestock. It wasn't until about 150 years ago when technology evolved enough to process sugar and grains suitable for human consumption. Unfortunately, our bodies are carbon copies of what they were 25,000 years ago and has yet to develop the biological processes to benefit from the ingestion of sugar, grains and grasses. In many cases, they are even toxic to the human.

I offer my experiences not to promote any individual, book or way of eating but to emphasize the reasons why every individual should take responsibility of their own health and be proactive in seeking out and providing your body with beneficial nutrients for a healthy wellbeing. Here's to your health.

JIM FISH is an Integrative Nutrition Health Coach. Contact him with your health related questions or citations to this article at (325) 276-2150, jimfish@usa.com or P.O. Box 905, Ozona, Texas 76943

Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M.
Next meeting 1st Monday in May at 7:30 p.m.

Bridal Selections
have been made by:
Kelsey Childress, bride-elect of Casey Kruse
Whitney Myrick, bride-elect of Matt Turland
Petals & Pearls
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WHAT HAPPENS AFTER DEATH?

Years ago after dinner with friends we were sitting around talking when one of their teenage boys asked me a question, "where do we go when we die?" I said that's a good question and went and got my Bible. I told him the only way we can know for sure is what God's Word (the Bible) says. God did not originally make man to die physically but after Adam and Eve disobeyed God sentenced them to a physical death (Genesis 3:17-19). One of my favorite stories concerning death and life after death is Luke 16:19-31. It tells of two men and how they lived and what happened after death. One, a rich man lived it up and had no regard for God. The other a poor man with many problems but had a regard for God. The question is not about wealth or poverty but what was in their hearts. They both died but went to totally different places. The poor man went to Abraham's bosom (near God) and was comforted. The rich man went to a place of great suffering and agony. Once physical death arrives we can't change where we will be in eternity (Luke 16:26). This is not Hell just the first stop on the way (Revelation 20:11) If God is in our in our life we don't have to worry about life after death, (revelation 21:1-8). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<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. Bernardito Getigan 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 Pastor Paul M. 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 Interim Pastor Lee Floyd Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Youth - 6:00 p.m. - Wednesdays 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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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo social Monday

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

I am sitting here trying to think of something to write and the light green of the new growth on the tree outside my window has caught my attention. I love spring! All the beautiful fresh colors of new leaves and flowers make me feel so good. I just want to go outside and look around. Trouble is, it is kind of cold outside. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining, just saying. We are blessed that we have missed the bad weather some of the southern states have had. Here's wishing them better days ahead and the thanking the good Lord for ours.

Do you want to come walk around the building with us at about 9 a.m. in the mornings? It is a nice short walk to listen to the birds make small talk.

Intrepid Health Services will be in town on Wednesday, April 20, and will be checking blood pressure and screening blood sugar at Ozona Senior Apartments at 11:15 a.m.-noon and Crockett County Senior Center at 1:30-2:30 p.m. Intrepid will be coming every third week of each month to provide these services. Mark these

dates on your calendar and take advantage of these free screenings.

The new Wesley nurse, Niki Bishop, will be joining us every Tuesday morning at 10:30 a.m. for an easy sit-down exercise class to keep us loose and agile. She will also be conducting free health screenings including glucose, blood pressure and BMI checks for participants.

We are having a great time playing Bingo on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. We would have even more fun if you could come join us.

Our Bingo social will be Monday, April 11. We will be serving Brisket on a bun with potato chips and chocolate sheath cake made by Corina Diehl. Come join us.

Weekly schedule of activities:

- Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Bridge - 1:30 p.m. Monday
- Balance Exercise - 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday
- Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday
- Prayer Group - 3 p.m. Wednesday
- Quilting - 9:30 a.m. Thursday
- Bingo - 2 p.m. Thursday
- Come on out, the coffee is on.



AUTISM AWARENESS DAY was celebrated at Ozona Schools on April 1. Pictured are: (left to right) Paige Stewart, guest speaker, Jennifer Dockal, OMS Life Skills Aide, OMS and OES Students J'Ce Schroeder, Sarai Meza, Dwayne Smith and Grizelda Mata, Kay Spurlin, guest speaker, OMS Students Mayeli Gutierrez, Rosa Maria Arredondo and Armando Mata and OMS Life Skills Teacher Lee Renfroe.

Ozona Schools celebrate Autism Awareness Day

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Kay Spurlin doesn't like the word "different" when it comes to describing people with Autism.

Instead, she sees them as "unique."

Spurlin, a veteran special educator and current ARD Facilitator for Georgetown ISD, spoke to Ozona Students Friday as part of Autism Awareness Day.

"I want all of you to try to look at everyone as unique," Spurlin said while speaking to OES Students.

Autistic children learn by seeing, Spurlin said.

"Their brains work like a movie," she said.

She also said people with autism sometimes have a hard time communicat-

ing and are very sensitive to loud sounds. They also are frightened by schedule or routine changes, and people they don't know.

Spurlin said students who have trouble communicating often learn to type on laptops or computers, or use tools like picture boards.

Also, people with autism are fascinated by one specific things, and very smart in one area like math or science.

Spurlin's former student, Paige Stewart, also spoke to the students. Stewart is from Florence, Texas and currently attends Central Texas Community College. She was diagnosed with Autism as a young child and has overcome many obstacles.

"If we had not helped Paige, she would not be in college right now," Spurlin said.

Stewart said she enjoys horses, reading and music. In fact she sang part of the Disney song "Let it go" for the students.

"People with autism don't make friends very well. They also like to talk with their hands like I'm doing," Stewart said.

"Paige notices everything right away. Autistic kids are very alert to all things around them," Spurlin added.

Autism is a puzzle to the medical field. Spurlin said doctors do not know exactly what causes autism.

"A lot of people don't understand how intelligent these kids are. Once they find the area they excel in then they just take off," Spurlin said. "If they can get the words out then they are able to tell us all these neat

things. Paige has been able to help me understand what goes on."

"There are tons of different kinds of autism out there," Stewart added.

Spurlin said the best thing to do with people with autism is to learn more about them and "be a friend."

"I try to look at how everyone is unique. Reach out to them," Spurlin said.

Spurlin and Stewart also spoke to the OHS and OMS students Friday as well.

The event was hosted by the OMS and OES Life Skills Classes.

The OMS Life Skills students will be promoting "Penny Wars" this month at the OMS and OES campus to collect money for a donation to Autism Speaks.

ASU homeland security programs nationally ranked

Angelo State University's bachelor's and master's degree programs in homeland security have both been ranked among the nation's top 10 "Best Online Homeland Security Degree Programs" by OnlineColleges.net, an educational resource guide that ranks online degree programs in all academic disciplines.

OnlineColleges.net ranked ASU's Bachelor of Security Studies in border and homeland security program No. 5 in the U.S. among bachelor's degree programs - and ranked ASU's Master of Science in homeland security program No. 6 in the U.S. among master's degree programs.

Criteria for the rankings include academic quality, online course offerings, tuition and fees costs, and availability of student financial aid.

Additionally, ASU's bachelor's degree program has also been ranked among the nation's top 10 "Best Online

Programs for Bachelor's in Homeland Security" by BestColleges.com, another educational resource guide that ranks online degree programs in all academic disciplines.

BestColleges.com ranked Angelo State's B.S.S. in border and homeland security No. 10 in the U.S. among bachelor's degree programs. Criteria for the rankings include academic quality, learning goals, online course offerings and students' online classroom experiences.

ASU was the only Texas school to have programs ranked in any of the three lists.

ASU's Department of Security Studies and Criminal Justice also offers bachelor's degrees in criminal justice and intelligence, security studies and analysis; as well as master's degrees in criminal justice, security studies, and intelligence security studies and analysis.

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fully for the rest of their lives. I am especially proud of the fact that a concerted effort throughout the district has brought our athletic program to a near 98 percent passing rate for all grades and that we have consistently had teams and individuals perform at the highest levels of competition. I am proud to say that I have had the honor of coaching at OHS," Perez said. "My family and I plan on accepting the new challenges the good Lord has placed in front of us and plan to trust in the fact that he is in control. Now that I move into a new role in the district I will embrace it and continue to

make good on the original promise I made to the board and that is to love the kids of Ozona and to work to the very best of my ability. After all, I believe our kids know that work wins."

Chavarria said the district will be seeking a new athletic director. Deadline for applications is April 15.

Perez took over the athletic program in 2013-2014. During his three seasons as head coach for Lions he was 17-16 overall with one district championship and three playoff appearances.

Prior to his years at Ozona, Perez was athletic director at Olton and Cumby. He also coached at Muleshoe, Kaufman High School and New Diana.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Proposed Filing of Statement of Intent to Increase Rates for Gas Service

To the Customers of NatGas, Inc. ("NatGas") in and around the unincorporated community of Ozona, Texas in Crockett County, Texas:

Pursuant to the public notice requirements of § 104.102 and § 104.103 of the Gas Utility Regulatory Act ("GURA"), TEX. UTIL. CODE CH.101 *et seq.*, NatGas hereby provides notice to the public that on February 12, 2016, NatGas filed with the Railroad Commission of Texas its Statement of Intent to Increase Rates in and around the unincorporated Community of Ozona, Texas. The proposed rates will affect all of NatGas' approximately 1,192 customers. Of this total, NatGas serves approximately 1,051 residential customers, 107 commercial customers, and 34 public authority customers. The proposed effective date of the rate increase is March 18, 2016.

The proposed rates and tariffs are expected to increase NatGas's annual revenues by \$35,504 or 5.3% including gas costs, or 9.5% excluding gas costs. The proposed change in rates constitutes a "major change" as that term is defined by Section 104.101 of the Texas Utilities Code. NatGas is proposing to divide the current Residential and Small Commercial tariff into separate Residential and Commercial tariffs. NatGas is also proposing to rename the current Large Commercial tariff the Public Authority tariff. Finally, NatGas is proposing to move all gas costs remaining in base rates to the cost of gas adjustment clause. This will result in a \$3.00 per Mcf reduction in the base rate commodity charge and a corresponding \$3.00 per Mcf increase in the cost of gas clause.

Based on the proposed rate design, the average monthly bills for a residential, commercial, or public authority customer will, excluding revenue related taxes, change by the amount and percent shown in the following table:

Customer Class (1)	Number of Customers Affected	Current Bill Including Gas Cost (2)	Proposed Bill Including Gas Cost (2)	Difference	Percent Change With Gas Cost/without Gas Cost
Residential	1,051	\$34.71	\$37.06	\$2.35	6.77% / 11.44%
Commercial	107	\$140.87	\$144.87	\$4.00	2.84% / 5.46%
Public Authority	34	\$148.38	\$152.38	\$4.00	2.70% / 5.07%

- (1) Residential and Commercial customers are currently served under the combined Residential and Small Commercial tariff. Public Authority customers are currently served under the Large Commercial tariff.
- (2) The calculation of bill impacts assumes monthly consumption of 3.9 Mcf for residential, 17.0 Mcf for commercial, and 20.3 Mcf for public authority customers. The annual average cost of gas for the twelve months ending September 30, 2015 was \$3.6770 per Mcf. Gas costs by class of service vary slightly from the average cost.

The next table provides by class a comparison of the rates currently being charged with the rates proposed by NatGas:

Charge	Residential Service (1)		
	Tariffed Rates	Present Base Rate (2)	Proposed Rate
Customer Charge \$/Month	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$7.35
Commodity Charge \$/Mcf	\$7.03	\$4.03	\$4.03

Charge	Commercial Service (1)		
	Tariffed Rates	Present Base Rate (2)	Proposed Rate
Customer Charge \$/Month	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$9.00
Commodity Charge \$/Mcf	\$7.03	\$4.03	\$4.03

Charge	Public Authority Service (1)		
	Tariffed Rates	Present Base Rate (2)	Proposed Rate
Customer Charge \$/Month	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$9.00
Commodity Charge \$/Mcf	\$6.64	\$3.64	\$3.64

- (1) Residential and Commercial customers are currently served under the combined Residential & Small Commercial tariff. Public Authority customers are currently served under the Large Commercial tariff.
- (2) Excludes \$3.00/Mcf base cost of gas.

In addition, the Company seeks to recover all rate case expenses as allowed by law. The exact amount of rate case expenses will not be known until the case is completed.

Complete copies of the filed Statement of Intent, including all proposed tariffs, are available for inspection at the business office of NatGas, located at 901 Avenue H, Ozona, Texas 76943. Affected customers may file written comments or protests concerning the proposed change in rates with the Docket Services Section of the Hearings Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967. The deadline to intervene in this proceeding is 45 days after the date this notice is filed, or **May 20, 2016**. Persons with specific questions or desiring additional information about this filing may contact NatGas at (214) 526-6273 or by written communication directed to the undersigned as shown below.

Mr. Norman Smith
NatGas, Inc.
3838 Oak Lawn Ave., Suite 1525
Dallas, TX 75219

Para una explicacion de este Aviso en Espanol, por favor visite la oficina de NatGas en Ozona.



SUBMITTED PHOTO | SHAWNA HOPPER

THE OHS LIONS GOLF TEAM WON THE DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP at Big Spring on April 4. Hunter Smith is the newly crowned district champion and Alex Hopper is the runner-up.

Lions golf wins district championship

The OHS Lions Golf Team won the district championship Monday at Big Spring.

The Lions had a total team score of 725. Christoval was second with 744 and Iraan third with 751.

Hunter Smith is the district champion shooting an 80 in the first round and a 75 in the second.

Alex Hopper placed second shooting an 84 and an 80.

Riley Williams shot a 104 and an 87.

Austin Hokit shot a 114

and a 109.

Donovan Hunt shot a 106 and a 110.

The team will compete at the regional meet Monday and Tuesday at Ratliff Golf Links in Odessa.

The Lions also had a second team of Everett Raymond, Andy Hernandez, Dylan Mendoza and Chantz Elliott that competed.

The Lady Lions also competed at the meet. Team members were Brenna Hale, Jackie Guerra, Makenna Fox, Samantha Torralba and Lisa

Jay Vargas.

"I am very proud of the kids, they competed very well. The boys won district, and we were able to have a second boys team for the first time since I have been here. The girls did an awesome job as well. I am very proud of them because they had the patience to stick with golf, as most of them had never touched a club before this year. I very much look forward to working with these kids in the future," said Coach Mitch Kay.

Lions beat Center Point

The OHS Lions Baseball Team defeated state-ranked Center Point 2-1 on April 1 for a big district win.

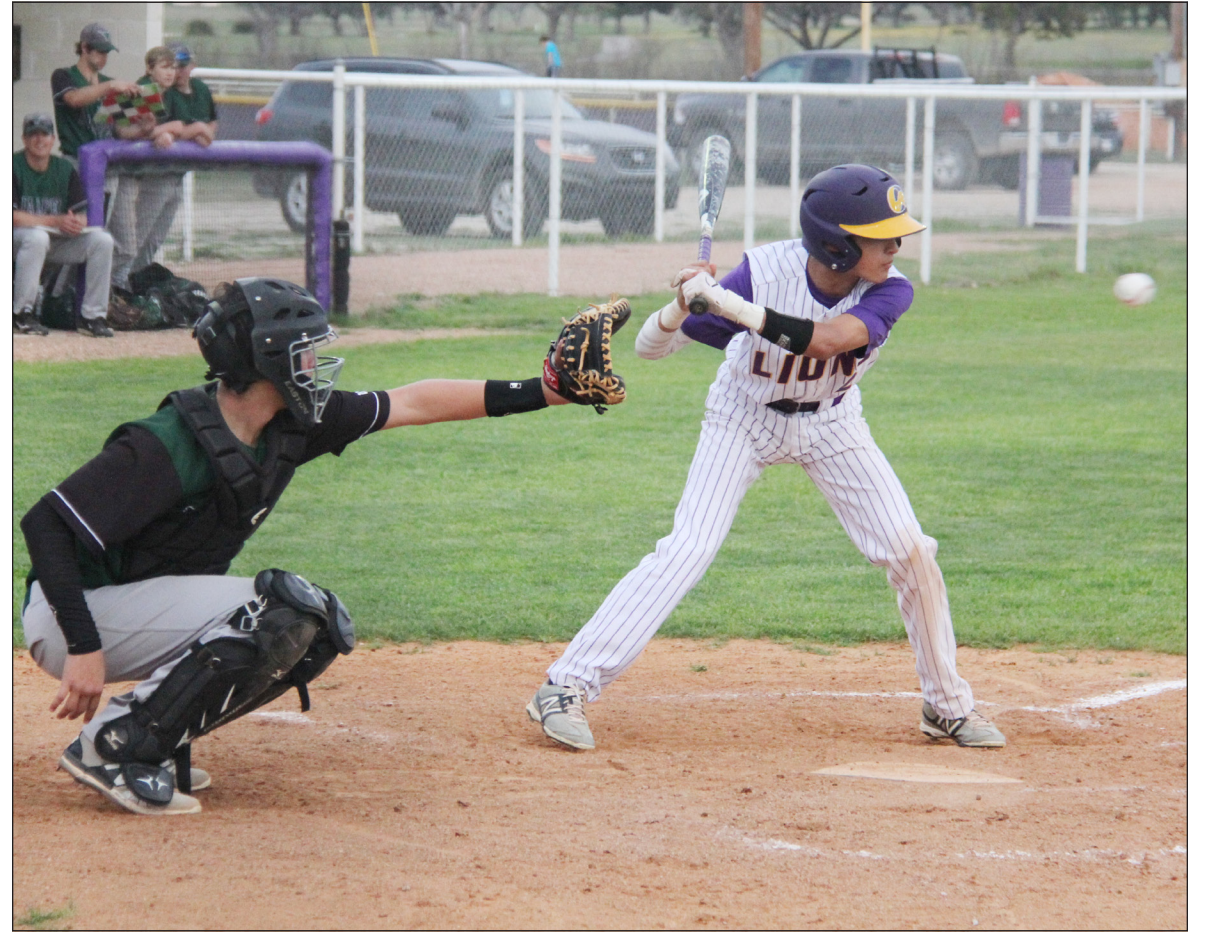
Catcher - Kalen Perez.

The Lions lost to Harper, 8-4, on March 29.

Pitcher - Aiden Fierro, Mark Ybarra and Jacob

Schroeder; Catcher - Perez.

The Lions will face Johnson City at 6 p.m. Friday, April 8 at the OHS Baseball Field.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

PRESTON McCUTCHEON IS POISED TO HIT THE BALL in the Lions game against Harper at home on March 29.

Lady Lions defeat Eldorado, Miles

The OHS Lady Lions defeated the Eldorado Lady Eagles 8-5 on April 1.

Rachel Mendoza had a

grand slam home run for the Lady Lions.

On March 29, the Lady Lions defeated Miles 10-0.

Asia Lara had a home run

for the Lady Lions.

Ozona will face Junction City at 5 p.m. Friday in Junction and Menard at 5 p.m. Tuesday in Menard.

OHS Academic Team competes at district

The OHS Academic Team competed at the District UIL Meet on April 2 in Mertzon.

Dalton Gunnels, Danny Posadas, Everett Raymond, Julie Marshall, Brenna Hale, Alyssa Newlin and Dacie Taylor all advanced to the regional meet that will take place Friday, April 22 in Odessa.

Ozona placed fourth over-

all as a team.

The Social Studies Team placed and the Journalism Team placed second.

Individual results:
Current Events - 5. Brenna Hale; 6. Alex Hopper
Computer Applications - 1. Dalton Gunnels; 2. Danny Posadas; 3. Everett Raymond
Computer Science - 2. Ev-

erett Raymond

Editorial Writing - 1. Julie Marshall; 3. Brenna Hale.

Feature Writing - 3. Brenna Hale

Headline Writing - 3. Alyssa Newlin; 5. Samantha Torralba

Literary Criticism - 5. Carrissa Perez

Number Sense - 5. Maria

Mejia

News Writing - 2. Alyssa Newlin; 6. Sidney Perez

Persuasive Speaking - 6. Madison Childress

Poetry - 6. Ivana Hernandez

Ready Writing - 5. Julie Marshall

Social Studies - 3. Dacie Taylor



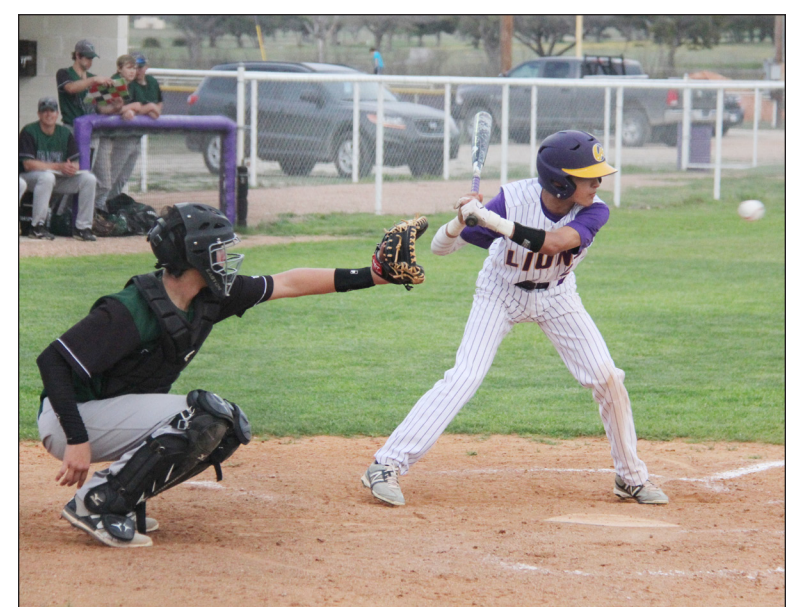
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THE OHS ACADEMIC TEAM PLACED FOURTH at the District Meet on April 2. The team also had seven regional qualifiers that will compete April 22 in Odessa.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

RACHEL MENDOZA HIT A GRAND SLAM HOME RUN in the Lady Lions 8-5 victory over Eldorado on April 1.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE STATE BOUND FLUTE TRIO of Brenna Hale, Estefania Torralba and Trystian Galindo performed at the CCCSD School Board meeting on March 29. The trio will compete at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Competition on May 28-30 in Pflugerville.

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CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

4-H judging teams start circuit with a bang

The Crockett County Judging Teams started off their judging circuit with a bang this year.

Eight 4-Hers attended the Kendall County Open competition on Saturday, April 2, and competed in Range Evaluation, and Wool & Mohair judging.

Junior judges Mia Cruz, Kailyn Preddy and Audrey Upham were the first place team in all three categories.

Placing individually were Audrey first in Range, Kailyn first in Mohair and Kailyn third in Wool.

The Intermediate team of Jenna Marshall, Taylor Babb and Leland Wellman took first in Range, and second in both Wool and Mohair.

Placing individually was Jenna, first in Range and third in Mohair.

Two seniors, Kinsey Chandler and Lanna Stapper, competed as individuals, since it takes three to make a team and their team members were at UIL contests on Saturday.

In Range, Lanna was third and Kinsey was first. In Mohair, Kinsey tied for third and Lanna was second. In Wool, Kinsey was first.

Kendall County also gave high point awards in each age group for judges who competed in all three

contests. Crockett County brought home all three of those awards. Kailyn Preddy was the junior winner, Jenna Marshall the Intermediate, and Kinsey Chandler took the senior division.

Range Project will meet every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. and Wool and Mohair Projects will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

The District 6 Range and Pasture Grass ID Contest will be held April 16.

The District 6 Wool and Mohair Contest will be held April 20.

HORSELESS GOAT ROPING

Another Horseless Goat Roping is being planned for April 30. Proceeds will benefit the Crockett County 4-H Horse Club.

For more information, call David McGuire at (325) 226-2599.

CLOTHING and TEXTILES

Clothing and Textiles will meet from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office on Monday, April 18.

For more information, call Lydia or Kailey at 392-2721.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Applications for the Dan Bean Memorial Scholarship, the Crockett County Fair Association Scholarship and the Crockett County 4-H Youth Show Association Scholarship are available at the extension office. Applications are due by noon Friday, April 29.



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CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H JUDGING TEAMS competed in Kendall County on April 2. Pictured are: (left to right) Jenna Marshall, Mia Cruz, Leland Wellman, Audrey Upham, Kinsey Chandler, Lanna Stapper, Kailyn Preddy and Taylor Babb with Coach Carlon Stapper (back).

For more information, call Lydia or Kailey at 392-2721.

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OZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

PTO meeting April 12

OES PTO will have their next regular meeting Tuesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. in the Ozona Elementary School Library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The organization will vote on officers and committee chairs.

For more information, email Kayla Davidson at kaydavids@yaho.com.

Community scholarship applications needed

Ozona community organizations need to contact Tisha Harrison, OHS Counselor or with their scholarship information and application forms.

Scholarships will be given at the OHS Academic Banquet

on May 9. Recipients for local scholarships need to be chosen a week before the banquet.

For more information, call Harrison at (325) 392-5501 or e-mail tisha.harrison@ozonaschools.net.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

- HIGH SCHOOL:**
Monday: 7-10 p.m.;
Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.;
Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.;
Thursday: 2-10 p.m.;
Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight
and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.
- 7TH & 8TH GRADE:**
Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.;
Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.;
Saturday: 7-10 p.m.
- 7TH & 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:**
Every other Tuesday -
7-10 p.m.
- OHS MEAL NIGHT:**
Mondays - 7-10 p.m.
- FAMILY DATE NIGHT**
FRIDAY, APRIL 8!
- CLOSED SUNDAYS**



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THE SEVENTH GRADE LIONS BASKETBALL TEAM was recognized at the CCCSD School Board meeting on March 30 for being district champions. The team also received recognition from U.S. Rep. Will Hurd's office.

Seventh Grade Lions receive congressional recognition

The Seventh Grade Lions Basketball Team were recognized at the CCCSD School Board meeting on March 29 for their district championship win.

They also received recognition from U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-San Antonio, including a letter and copy of remarks made to the Congressional Record on Feb. 10.

The following is the letter from Hurd: "To the 2016 Ozona Men's Seventh Grade Basketball Team, I am proud to represent a group of young men as determined and hard working as you. Ozona is fortunate to have such a dedicated team representing this town. In order to honor your district championship win, I submitted an extension of re-

marks to the Congressional Record on Feb. 10, 2016 and have included a copy for you to share with your friends and family. I look forward to seeing you all develop into outstanding community leaders. Again, congratulations on your championship and keep up the good work!

Sincerely, Will Hurd,
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STAAR test 'glitch' hits CCCSD

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A statewide computer glitch caused nine Ozona Elementary School students to almost lose their STAAR tests last week.

Students who took the STAAR (State of Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness) test tried submitting their tests and the tests would not go through on March 30.

The Texas Education Agency and Educational Testing Service (ETS), the vendor that administers STAAR statewide, reported that students' previously selected responses on an online test were not appearing. OES and OMS Principal Tammy McWilliams said the server on the ETS end "never accepted our submitted exams."

In some districts, students' online responses were not saved after they logged out, were timed out after 30 minutes of inactivity or lost connection to the Internet, according to the Texas Education Agency.

McWilliams said CCCSD Testing Coordinator Tonya Poindexter was on hold for two hours with TEA.

"At that point we realized it's not just us. All the documents were submitted to their server. They were not prepared to receive it all. We left the computers and no one was allowed to touch them," McWilliams.

Fortunately, when testing was allowed to resume on March 31 the students

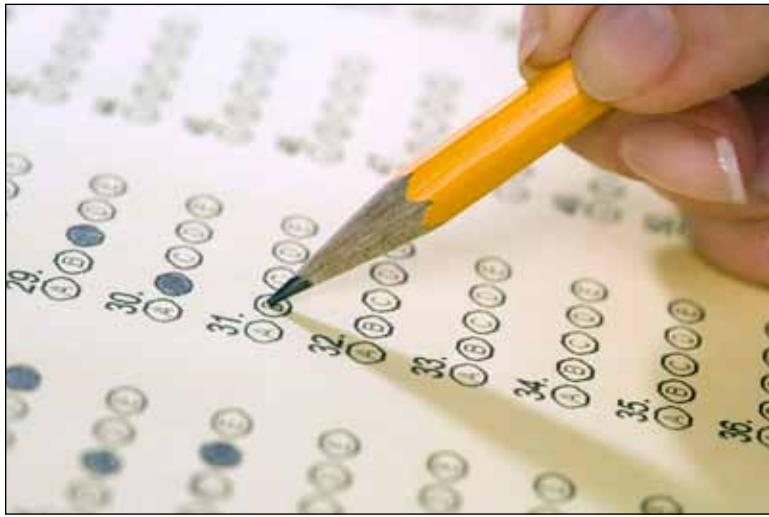


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were able to retrieve their tests.

"Students were able to go in, and for almost all of them, the entirety of the test was there on the computer. A couple of students had to go back and click on, at the most, four or five answers. It was a great ending to a difficult situation. We appreciate the latitude that TEA gave us to allow them to log back in and resubmit," McWilliams said.

TEA issued a statement, prior to the restart of testing, that school districts were not required to have the students complete the test because of technology issues.

Texas Education Commissioner Mike Morath called the online testing problems, affecting an undetermined number of students and districts across the state, "simply unacceptable."

"Kids in the classroom should never suffer from mistakes made by adults,"

Morath said in a statement. "Educational Testing Service is not new to administering assessments on a large-scale basis, so I cannot accept the transition to a new testing vendor as an excuse for what occurred."

The New Jersey-based company is in its first year administering the Texas exams, having won a multimillion-dollar contract over the state's longtime testing firm, Pearson.

"Our teachers have prepared our students for this test, and to have an error like this take place is unacceptable," said Superintendent Raul Chavarria.

Students in the fourth and seventh grades took writing exams last week, while fifth- and eighth-graders took math and reading exams. The high school English I and English II end-of-course exams also were administered last week.

High-schoolers can choose to take their end-of-course exams online. Some students with special needs also are given online exams with specific accommodations.

McWilliams said only nine students in OES were affected.

Last week isn't the first time that test takers have faced computer glitches. In 2012, Texas students retaking the STAAR had trouble launching the testing system or, if a student took a break, had difficulty logging back on.

School board approves teacher contracts

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The CCCSD School Board approved to renew teacher and professional staff contracts at their March 30 regular meeting.

At Ozona High School, the board approved Principal Ronny Clayton's recommendations of the following for one-year term contracts for the 2016-2017 school year: Lee Abbey, Thomas DeHoyos, Dottie DeLeon, Vincent DelVecchio, Mark Ellerman, Rick Fox, Emma Franco, Matias Gutierrez, Vanessa Gutierrez, Butch Hamer, Tisha Harrison, Lyon Lofland, Kim Maldonado, Danny Mejia, Veronica Newlin, Sally Oglesby, Jennifer Perez, Greg Raymond, Carlos Robles, Linda Thompson and Zach Youngblood.

The board also approved Clayton's recommendations of the following for one-year probationary contracts for 2016-2017: Beverly Emswiler and Jonathan Martin.

At Ozona Middle School, the board approved Principal Tammy McWilliams' recommendations of the following for one-year term contracts for the 2016-2017 school year: Ashlee Allen, Taylor Baker, Leanna Childress, Dana Criswell, Jonathan Graves, John Esparza, Sarah Gonzalez, Katrece Hale, Todd Harrison, Frankie Kay and Mitch Kay.

The board also approved McWilliams' recommendations of the following for one-year probationary contracts for 2016-2017: Christa Carrasco, Jason Davis, Lyndsey Gold, Daphnee Peterson

and Lee Renfroe.

At Ozona Elementary School, the board approved Principal Tammy McWilliams' recommendations of the following for one-year term contracts for the 2016-2017 school year: Rebecca Kain, Isabel Geary, Ann Harmsen, Jana Fox, Jodie Baggett, Jan Patterson, Kimberly Harris, Susan Williams, Jessica Luckie, Sara Tandy, Vicki White, Katie Ross, Peggy Logan, Brianna Clark, Linda Jones, Dena Porter, Tiffany Talamantes, Michael Gully, Jessica Cathey, David Porter, Connie Crenwelge, Cindy Hamer, Lynn Curry, Ray Talamantes, Katie Parker and Karen Huffman.

The board also approved McWilliams' recommendations of the following for one-year probationary contracts for 2016-2017: Kim Davis, Rita Rios, Hiram Carizales, Jessica Everett, Nathan Harris, Crystal Shaffer and Alyssa Young.

The following teachers' contract recommendations will be considered at the board's May regular meeting depending on certification, highly qualified status and program changes. Each of these teachers has been worked with individually and knows this: Kellan Jones, Susan Cantu and Jackie Martinez.

CALENDAR

The board approved the 2016-2017 school calendar.

In the past, school districts have planned their calendars using instruction days. This year, districts are planning new calendars based on instructional min-

utes due to House Bill 2610 that was passed by the Texas Legislature last year. For the 2016-2017 school year, the district will have to have 75,600 instructional minutes.

The 2016-2017 calendar will include President's Day, Feb. 20, off for students. It will be a teacher workday. This is a new holiday for the district.

Both bad weather days will be used on Easter weekend, April 14 and 17.

The first day of school will be Aug. 22.

Labor Day, Sept. 5, will be a school holiday.

Sept. 30 will be an early dismissal day for homecoming.

Thanksgiving will have an early dismissal on Nov. 22 and then holiday Nov. 23-25.

Dec. 16 will be an early dismissal day for Christmas holidays. Dec. 19-Jan. 3, 2017 will be the holiday break.

Jan. 13, 2017 will be a student holiday and teacher workday for the OHS Academic Meet.

Feb. 10, 2017 is an early dismissal day for teacher collaboration.

March 13-17, 2017 is spring break.

May 26, 2017 is an early dismissal for the last day of school. It is also graduation day.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The board will hold their next regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 27 at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the public.

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would also have to be one-way, instead of the current two-way flow of traffic, DeWitt said.

"TxDOT doesn't build new two-way frontage roads," he said. "This is the protocol we have to work with."

The commissioners said the county could extend Pecan Street to tie into State Highway 163 giving traffic a two-way road.

"It would be a big change for all the people that lived in that area. It would be a big change for everyone in town and the traffic off the interstate," said County Judge Fred Deaton.

The commissioners said if option three is chosen, with the new ramp, the current I-10 ramp at Exit 365 could be closed up.

"There's no sense having two exits that close together. It would help traffic all through the town. With the one-way street that's why Pecan Street becomes important," Deaton said.

Commissioner Eligio Martinez has been instrumental in working on this project. He said he has talked to residents and business owners in the area and said "just the fact knowing they will be able to get out makes them happy."

DeWitt said a formal public meeting will have to be held to receive input, as well as a decision on which option and a resolution by the commissioners, before the project can begin. He said 2018 is when TxDOT could begin work on the project.

"Realistically that's probably about when we could make it happen. We want to take the proper amount of time. Nothing is going to be unanimous support," DeWitt said. "The county needs to take point on this and get the pulse of the community, so we can come back with something more formal and build upon it."

Deaton said the commissioners would keep the issue on their agendas for upcoming regular meetings.

"This is a time sensitive issue. I envision at least a couple of months to give people time," Deaton said.

BUDGET CUTS

The commissioners also discussed upcoming planning on the 2017 county budget.

Deaton said the county is facing a \$3 million loss due to the drop in oil and gas rev-

enues for 2017.

Because of that Deaton and County Auditor Janie Chandler have already started working on the 2017 county budget.

Deaton said no personnel and no employee benefits have been cut.

Some of the areas Deaton and Chandler have discussed on making cuts include building maintenance, road and bridge and the fire department.

The 2016 building and maintenance budget is \$1.5 million, which includes \$552,817 for building projects. Those funds were used for new roofs at the care center and annex this year.

The 2016 road and bridge budget is around \$2.7 million.

The 2016 budget for the fire department is \$277,167.

"We have a unique set of challenges. There's not going to be an easy way to get over them. If it stays bad through next year, it's really going to be difficult to tackle the same problem," Deaton said.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga asked about the EMS and care center's budgets, particularly the monthly amounts the county contributes to each department.

The county has budgeted for 2016 \$2 million for the care center and \$354,350 for EMS.

Tambunga said if the departments were doing well, then the county may not need to fund them that month.

Deaton also suggested that the commissioners look at making cuts to the current 2016 county budget through amendments to start saving money.

"It would send a message to every department that we are having to tighten down," said Commissioner Pleas Childress.

Deaton said more will be discussed at the April 11 regular meeting, and that the commissioners will also have a special called meeting in April to go over the loss in revenues in more details.

"There will still be a chance for everyone in the departments to voice their opinions," Deaton said.

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PARENTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS stand outside the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center waiting to pick up OES Students Monday morning after the school was evacuated due to a bomb threat at the DCP Midstream Plant.

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County and school officials decided it was best to evacuate Ozona Elementary School and the Ozona Community Center due to its location. The DCP Midstream plant is located south of Ozona off of State Highway 163. Around 9 a.m. CCCCS School Officials and Ozona Community Center Officials began evacuating their buildings.

Around 450 OES students plus teachers and staff were taken by buses to the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center where parents and family members could pick them up.

The Ozona Community Center took their children to the Ozona United Methodist Church for parent pick up. "We felt the kids needed to be with family members," said Eddie Martin, county emergency coordinator. "It was all done in less than two hours, which I thought was pretty amazing."

"The kids were not panicked. They were all lined up ready to go. Everything went smooth," added Superintendent Raul Chavarria. "I would like to thank the OES Staff, Crockett County First Responders, and DPS for such a quick and orderly evacuation of OES. Most of all I want to thank all of the parents who were patient, calm, and allowed our evacuation procedures take place."

Chavarria said attendance had already been tak-

en, so the school will not have to make up the day.

Elizabeth Vargas, director of the Ozona Community Center, also commended her staff for their "outstanding job" in taking care of the children.

By 1 p.m. Monday, the bomb squad from Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo had announced all was clear at the plant.

Rodriguez said it took about an hour for officials from Goodfellow to sweep the area.

All employees, except for necessary personnel, were evacuated from the plant, Rodriguez said.

DPS Troopers from Ozona and the surrounding area were conducting a training class at the Ozona DPS Office at the time. They all helped with the emergency, along with the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Crockett County EMS, the Texas Ranger, Texas Game Warden and the Crockett County Sheriff's Office.

"I commend everyone involved for working together," Rodriguez said. "The school staff was also great. They worked wonderfully with us."

County officials did not issue any type of evacuation for the town because they did not feel it was necessary, Deaton said.

The last bomb threat to occur in Crockett County was March 10, 1995 when the CCCCS Administration Office received a phone call about a bomb at Ozona Middle School. Teachers and students were evacuated and no bomb was found.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls	Count
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	3
911 medical/fire assistance	4
Civil complaints	8
Civil documents served	1
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	9
Juvenile/School	0
Motorist assist/ locked vehicle	6
Reckless driving/ speeding complaints	3
Minor/major traffic accidents	2
Alarms	2

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:
3-25-16
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a report of stolen tires and rims for a ranch in northern Crockett County.

3-28-16
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Mulberry Street.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Myra Frusto, of Ozona, for driving while license invalid. Subject was released after payment of fine.

3-29-16
• Sheriff's deputies arrested Rocky Matthew Munoz, of Ozona, for burglary of a habitation and evading arrest and detention. Subject was arraigned and transported to Upton County.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Armando Zapata-Hernandez, of Eagle Pass, for driving while intoxicated with an open container. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

3-31-16
• DPS Trooper arrested Levi Cardenas, of

El Paso, for possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of drug paraphernalia. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

• DPS Trooper arrested Marie Goins, of Long Beach, Calif., on a charge of possession of a controlled substance in penalty group 1, amount greater than three grams but less than 28 grams. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

4-2-16
• DPS Trooper arrested Hector Manuel Ramirez, of El Paso, for driving while intoxicated. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

• DPS Trooper arrested Samantha Buchanan, of Midland, on an out of county warrant. Subject was arraigned and is awaiting pickup by the outside county.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Michael A. Galindo, of Midland, for driving while license invalid with a previous conviction. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

4-3-16
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Mulberry. The music was turned down.

4-4-16
• After an incident at a local oil services company that caused local emergency personnel to react to a possible bomb threat, Ruben Cruz Jr., of Ozona, was arrested and charged with false alarm or report. The subject was arraigned and released on bond.

FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

COUNTY COURT

Closed Cases - March 2016

• K.C. Ray, failure to appear, conviction - \$238 fine and \$262 court costs.

• Ryan Matthew Mapes, driving while intoxicated, conviction - 180 days in jail.

• Marlene Lopez, violate driver license restriction, conviction - \$238 fine and \$262 court costs.

• Ann R. Gregory, theft by check, dismissal - paid restitution and court costs.

• Victor H. Zamarripa, theft by check, dismissal - paid restitution and court costs.

• Frank Rodriguez III, failure to appear, conviction - \$238 and \$262 court costs.

• Librado Villarreal Palacio Jr., assault bodily injury, dismissal - pled in district court.

• Anthony Shawn Dominguez, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, conviction - \$300 fine and \$322 court costs.

• Christopher Jude Robles, burglary of vehicle, resist arrest, search and transport, unlawful carrying weapon, disorderly conduct, dismissal - pled in district court.

• Jose Vicente Ojeda, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismissal - completed obligations to county attorney.

• Verna Jean Carlin, possession of mari-

juana less than two ounces, dismissal - completed obligations to county attorney.

• Stephany Michelle Ceballos, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismissal - unable to make prima facie case.

• Ryan Austin Ehrig, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismissal - completed obligations to county attorney.

• Stormy Rae Hover, assault bodily injury family violence, conviction - 30 days in jail.

• Ernesto Villarreal, possession of a controlled substance penalty group a less than two ounces, dismissal - complete obligations to county attorney.

• Juan Ramon Salinas Jr., theft greater than \$100 less than \$750, six months deferred - \$200 fine and \$312 court costs.

• Alex Tobar Mitchell, theft greater than \$100 less than \$750 - six months pre-trial diversion.

• Abigail Morado Salinas, assault bodily injury family violence - one year pre-trial diversion.

• Paul Roland Sanchez, assault bodily injury family violence - one year pre-trial diversion.

• Armando Zapata-Hernandez, driving while intoxicated-first open container - one year pre-trial diversion.

Game Warden Field Notes

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CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Bowie County game wardens apprehended an individual for trespassing and deer poaching after the landowner captured evidence on game trail cameras he had placed on his property last November after multiple trespassing incidents. The landowner forward-

ed photos of the suspect, his vehicle and a harvested white-tailed deer to game wardens.

The landowner also had pictures of the suspect with a gun and deer stand walking on his property and of the suspect loading a deer into a truck.

Several cases are pending against the individual, who does not have a hunting license.

CAUGHT IN THE DARK

A Lee County game warden and a Burleson County warden checked on a tip they had received about people catching fish with nets at the spillway of Lake Somerville after dark. At the spillway, they saw two different groups keeping game fish they had caught with cast nets.

After making contact with both groups, the wardens seized 13 fish and wrote multiple citations.

STATE: from page 2

the city of Houston, Val Verde County and the city of Wichita Falls.

The Texas Military Preparedness Commission is part of the governor's office and advises the governor and the Legislature on ways to strengthen the position of Texas military installations in preparation for a potential BRAC and other defense-related issues. The commission's 13 members serve six-year staggered terms. Typically, each member represents an installation in his or her community.

EMPLOYMENT FIGURES IMPROVE

The Texas Workforce Commission on March 25 reported that Texas added jobs for the 11th consecutive month

in February, with a gain of 2,100 non-farm jobs.

Commission Chair Andres Alcantar said that over the past year Texas gained 170,900 jobs.

Also, Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate fell to 4.4 percent in February, down from 4.5 percent in January, and remained below the national average of 4.9 percent.

"Private employers have expanded their payrolls by 142,800 jobs in Texas over the past year," said Ruth R. Hughes, the workforce commissioner who represents employers. "We are pleased to see that trend continue because it reflects the strength and resiliency of our state's economy."

INITIATIVE TARGETS HOGS

The Texas Department of Agriculture on March 22 an-

nounced the 2016 Coordinated Hog Out Management Program (CHOMP), running for the entire month of May.

Through CHOMP, counties may apply for assistance grants to continue local abatement activities after the program ends. The effort is intended to reduce the feral hog population.

Feral hogs cause an estimated \$52 million in agricultural damage each year. Texas is home to 2.6 million feral hogs, the largest feral hog population in the U.S.

"Feral hogs are both an urban and rural problem, and there is no single solution that will solve it statewide," Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller said. "Through this partnership, local officials will have the flexibility to implement feral hog abatement efforts that work best in their areas."

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ACROSS

- TXism: "running ____" (spouse)
- TXism: "____ dog don't get no biscuits"
- steak order
- Texan, born & ____
- TX actor Tommy ____ Jones
- a math school subject
- this Waller was in 1949 film "Bandit King of Texas"
- TXism: "tie up the ____" (finalize)
- TX Shelley Duvall's "Popeye" role (init.)
- "house" south of the border
- longtime CBS anchor from TX. Rather
- TX Garner joke book: "How ____ Like Noodles?"
- 3-volley that is performed at military funerals, e.g.
- in Boerne: "____ Kendall Inn"
- seat of Webb Co.
- "rail" south of the border
- Houston restaurant: "____ of Texas"
- 19th century school near Baird: "Belle ____"
- common Mexican surname
- "input" south of the border
- ____ 90 runs through Uvalde, TX
- TXism: "cut me ____ slack"
- Sorcerer's Cave in Terrell Co. is the ____ in TX
- TXism: "leave ____ unturned" (search)
- TX Gay who was a champion bullrider (init.)
- tantalum symbol
- this booth is extinct
- in Howard Co. on I-20
- seaweed, e.g.
- TXism: "two-bit ____" (bad horse)
- flightless bird
- TXism: "is the Pope Catholic?"
- "mi casa ____ casa" (neighborly)
- "____ the punch"
- "regarding" abbr.
- TXism: "fought tooth ____ nail"
- TXism: "you're loading ____ bullet" (last chance)
- TX Kenny Rogers' ____ "Friends"
- Pea Jamboree
- Pacino of "Any Given Sunday" with TX Dennis Quaid
- western comedy: "Support Your ____ fighter"
- Dallas Stars' score
- Lime ____ Co.
- Astros headgear
- TX Robby Benson 1976 film: "____ to Billy Joe"
- the gullet
- state animal control assn.
- "if the ____ fits, wear it"
- San Angelo is seat of ____ Green Co.
- on Hwy. 79
- TXism: "boring as a fishing trip with ____ warden"

DOWN

- ____ Falls, TX
- TXism: "mad ____" (e-eyed cow)
- ____ "Night" has played at the TX State Fair
- Athens used to host the "Black-____ Pea Jamboree"
- Pacino of "Any Given Sunday" with TX Dennis Quaid
- western comedy: "Support Your ____ fighter"
- Dallas Stars' score
- TX Janis sang "____ Bobby McGee"
- corrected writing
- A&M student not in the Corps of Cadets
- nothing
- TX Kenny's "Eyes That ____ in the Dark"
- TXism: "plain as the ____ mule"

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