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VOL. 104, NO. 5 \$1 Wellness center construction bid

approved

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court approved the construction bid for the new wellness center project during Monday's regular meeting.

Lyness Construction LP, out of Cleburne, Texas, was awarded the bid for the project.

Frontera Construction, the company currently building the new health clinic, also bid on the project, but Lyness Construction's bid came in \$64,000 cheaper, said County Judge Fred Deaton.

Total estimated cost for the project is \$3.8 million. Crockett County Voters approved a \$4 million bond for a new wellness center in November 2015.

The building will include a 20-feet by 40-feet indoor swimming pool, open gym with various exercise equipment, two open exercise rooms with one that can be divided, locker rooms and a .1 mile walking trail on the outside of the building.

The pool will be four-feet on the edges and around 4.8-

In the open gym, the architects showed room for six treadmills, five stationary bicycles, a utility bench, four elliptical machines, 12 strength equipment machines, three adjustable benches and two

feet in the center.



MAIAH JURADO gives it all during a dead lift as Coach Paul Veirs (right) cheers her on during the Lake View Powerlifting Meet on Feb. 9. Jurado won the 148 weight class with a total of 775 pounds. Teammate Asia Lara also looks on. Lara was third in the same class. More OHS Powerlifting page 6.

2016 was a wet year for Crockett County

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

It was another wet year for Crockett County in 2016. Last year the county received 21.77 inches of rain, according to the Crockett County Groundwater District.

This is down slightly from 2015's total of 23.11 inches. The driest year still remains 2011 with a total of only 5.54 inches.

The wettest month in 2016 for Crockett County was June with 4.70 inches. May was second with 2.93 inches. The driest month was July with .09.

Rainfall in the Concho Valley and extended region reached above normal totals of more than 35 inches compared to average yearly rainfall levels around 19 inches.

Higher-than-normal temperatures made October one of the warmest on record, according to John Nielsen-Gam-

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mon, Texas state climatologist at College Station.

Nielsen-Gammon said there were 242 high temperature records reported around the state during October. The month was the fourth-hottest October on record and the hottest since 1947.

In the latest Texas Crop and Weather Report released by the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Nielsen-Gammon said a pattern of wet weather lies ahead for much of the state.

Monday's rains dropped 1.5 inches in the county.

Nielsen-Gammon said records show it was the warmest November through January for the state of Texas

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2016 WAS A WET YEAR for Crockett County with 21.77 inches of rain. June had the most moisture with 4.7 inches.

PLEASE SEE COURT, PAGE 8 President's

Day holiday closings

Monday, Feb. 20, is President's Day and several local businesses will be closed.

Crockett County Offices, the public library, local banks and the U.S. Post Office will be closed.

Many Crockett County Offices and the public library will close at noon Friday, Feb. 17.

Crockett County Schools will have a student holiday and staff development day Monday, Feb. 20.

The Ozona Stockman will be open on President's Day. Deadline for the Feb. 22 Ozona Stockman is noon Monday, Feb. 20.

The Family Health Center of Ozona will also be open on Monday, Feb. 20.





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What we talk about when we talk about school vouchers

t comes in with a different name every legislative session, this idea of letting students take their public school money with them if they decide to go to private schools instead.

Vouchers. School choice. Scholarships. Education Savings Accounts

It's not a complicated idea, but it's a controversial one. And it's not as partisan as you might think, in part because it mixes up each of the major political parties' ideas about how government works.

While it seems to be a fight about education, it's really a fight about money — about whether taxpayers should foot some or all of the tuition bill for private elementary and secondary education.

The Legislature remains split. Just last month, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick called out House Speaker Joe Straus to try to force a vote on what Patrick calls school choice. The Senate has anproved voucher legislation as recently as two years ago. The House didn't vote on that bill.

school? One option is to repair and/ or replace any failing public schools. a gnarly problem that has STATE proven to ANALYSIS be well bevond the capabilities ROSS RAMSEY of elected

state officials in Texas. Another is to allow the students to bail out, which has the advantage of allowing the kids to get on with their educations while the grownups are trying to sort things out.

The options on where a student can go open from there, to other public schools, to charter schools that are privately owned but run with public money, to private and parochial schools to kids educated at home by their parents.

The battle isn't really about whether the kids can move around, but about who pays for it and wheth-

There are many pros and cons of being me. The pros are I have a wonderful wife and a wonderful life, while my biggest cons are a sickly body and a terrible name.

A person's name is like a Knight's crest, a blue blood's coat of arms and the convention badge you wear that says, "Hello, my name is." While you may be proud of your name and write it with a big fat Sharpie marker, I write mine small and in fine point. You see, Lee is not my real name. It's bad enough but my real name is Leland. There, I've said it. Now the whole world knows my darkest secret. (I never could keep a secret.) The only people who've ever called me Leland were a couple aunts and my mom when she was really mad at me and called me all three of my bad names, as in, "Leland Warren Pitts, did you spill chocolate milk all over that cloth rocking chair I just finished upholstering?'

That's another story, but you see my problem. All three of my names are awfulfirst, middle and last. Does it get any worse than Pitts? As in, when someone in conversation refers to something bad they say, "It's the pits. Oh, I'm sorry, I forgot, that's your name isn't it?" And then they chuckle. Always with the chuckle. Ha, ha, ha. If I had a dollar for every time someone has said that to me I could afford to go into witness protection and adopt an entirely new identity AND A NEW NAME. I'd pick something simple like Tom Smith. Or Joe Williams. I see myself as a Tom or a Joe.

Identity Crises

IT'S THE PITTS

I apologize to reputable firms like Leland Red Angus who have great cattle and I'm sure they are proud of their name brand. In my defense, I think Leland sounds better as a last name than it does a first. I also apologize to Pitts Trailers of Pittsview, Alabama. Someone sent me one of their ads and I wonder if Pittsview is in reference to the shapely lass in the ad who is standing with

her derrierre to the camera along with their motto, "Your ahead with a Pitts behind." I wouldn't know about that.

There is also a trailer company in Spokane Valley, Wash. by the name of Leland Trailers. What is it with trailer companies and my name?

Your name is the first clue people have to judge you by and we form an opinion of someone based on their name alone. When you think of great names like John, Mike, Paul, Max, Tom and Mark, you tend to think nice thoughts about that person. Tell, me, what's the first thought you have when you hear the name Leland? It's always sounded a bit stuffy to me, like Reginald or Steph-on. Upon hearing my name people probably think I'm a snobbish, railroading robber baron from the

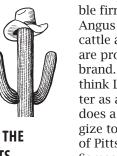
last century. I am anything but. I assure you I'm the most humblest of humans. (Oops, there I go bragging again.)

I often wonder if my parents were sober when they named me. They named me Leland and gave my brother the best name of all time: John. A good Biblical name. You hear it and immediately think that person is wholesome, trustworthy and worth knowing. By the way, although I'm not Catholic I'd like to congratulate the Catholic Church on the great job they've done in naming their Popes. The most popular Pope name of all time is John with 21. There have been 17 Benedicts and 16 Gregory's. I love the name Greg but don't really care for Gregory. I wonder, if any of the Pope Gregorys hated their name and just went by Pope Greg? Or Pope Ben?

Believe it or not, another one of the top ten Pope names is Innocent. Now there's a great moniker. Innocent Pitts rolls off the tongue quite nicely, don't you think? You naturally think quite highly of someone with that name. There have been 13 Pope Innocents, although none in recent history, which is a sad commentary about the times we live in.

Wouldn't you love to introduce yourself to someone and say, "Hi, I'm Innocent."

How does a person respond? "Well, we'll see about that." Or, "I suppose you could be, at least until you're proven Guilty."



LEE PITTS

We want a vote up or down in the Senate and in the House this session on school choice," Patrick told several hundred demonstrators last week at a rally in Austin. "It's easy to kill a bill when no one gets to vote on it.'

Gov. Greg Abbott told the same crowd he's ready to sign a choice bill into law: "I hope and I urge that that law reach my desk. And when it does, I will make the choice to sign it and authorize school choice in the state of Texas.

Both leaders have referred to school choice as a civilrights issue.

But some legislators from both parties — especially in the House — are split on vouchers. Patrick is hoping a public vote would force them to his side or at least into the open, where voters can see what's what. The public education establishment is against it, thinking vouchers would rob schools of critical resources. And the Trump administration is about to join the fray; Betsy DeVos, the new president's nominee for education secretary, is an outspoken advocate for vouchers.

It's all about the money, but this debate starts with a public education problem easily stated in the form of a question: What options are open to a student (and the student's parents) who is stuck in a lousy public

er the educators being paid are accountable to the taxpayers who pay them.

It's about money. This voucher argument is not as much about choosing schools as it is about paying for the schools where you'd like to see your kid get educated. Some state officials want to give you the money that would otherwise be used for your public education, and some of them don't.

Parents are already free to move their kids to whatever school they want, but if they can't afford private schooling, the argument goes, they might as well have no choice at all. If public money, raised from local and state taxpayers, goes to pay for those private schools, the questions and the political difficulties blossom.

Patrick, believing he has the support he needs in the Senate, wants a vote in the House. Abbott wants a bill. Straus is waiting to see what his members — the state representatives who elected him — want to do.

He's also got the upper hand, politically: The House has something the state's other two leaders want. At the beginning of a legislative session, that's a valuable card to have in your hand

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Legislation banning sanctuary city policies clears hurdle

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 8 praised the Texas Senate's approval of legislation to ban sanctuary cities, an item on his priority list for the current legislative session.

Senate Bill 4 by Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, passed after 16 hours of floor debate on a 20-10 party-line vote, with Republicans voting in favor and Democrats in opposition. The bill, if enacted, would prohibit a municipality, county or special district, campus police department of an institution of higher education, an employee of certain local entities and a district attorney or criminal district attorney from adopting rules, orders, ordinances or policies that prohibit enforcement of state and federal immigration laws. It also would void any local policy that currently prohibits law enforcement from inquiring about a person's immigration status and would require compliance with federal

detainer requests.

SB 4 now moves to the Texas House of Representatives for consideration.

Abbott said: "As governor, I will not tolerate sanctuary city policies that put the citizens of Texas at risk. Elected officials do not get to pick and choose which laws they will obey. Today's action in the Senate helps ensure that sheriffs and officials across Texas comply with federal immigration laws and honor Immigration and Custom Enforcement detainer requests that keep dangerous criminals off of our streets."

Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, voted against the bill. "It signals to many in our immigrant community that they are not welcome in Texas," Uresti said.

Last week, Immigration and Customs Enforcement

officers reportedly arrested more than 40 undocumented Mexican citizens in Austin alone. Similar sweeps, ordered by the White House, were conducted in other major cities in Texas and across the nation.

SENATE OKS ETHICS BILL

Also on Feb. 8, the state Senate unanimously approved Senate Bill 14, omnibus legislation to revamp ethics laws pertaining to elected officials. This was another issue tagged as an emergency item by Gov. Abbott.

Authored by Sen. Van Taylor, R-Plano, the bill would prohibit a registered lobbyist from serving in elective office and require any elected official convicted of a felony to be removed from office. The bill also calls for canceling any taxpayer-funded pension if the crime relates to abuse of office.

Other things the bill would require:

-Increased reporting of wining and dining by lobbyists;

– A moratorium of one full session before a former legislator could register as a lobbyist; and

Public disclosure of any ties officials or their

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



SHANON BIGGERSTAFF | OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

EPIC PERMIAN OPERATING LLC was welcomed as a new member of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce with a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Feb. 2. The event was attended by county officials, chamber board of directors, staff and ambassadors and representatives and employees of Epic Permian.

Chamber welcomes Epic Permian Operating

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

County officials, chamber board of directors, staff, and ambassadors all gathered at a Ribbon Cutting ceremony held Thursday, Feb. 2, to welcome Epic Permian Operating, LLC as a new member of the Chamber of Commerce and to the community of Ozona.

Guests were treated to a delicious barbecue lunch and celebratory cake.

Epic Permian Operating, LLC, an independent oil and gas company purchased the assets of Anadarko

"The Ozona field is the largest of our assets including roughly 200,000 gross acres, with 2,000 wells located in Crockett County," said

Petroleum Corporation.

President Chuck Farmer. Epic is a newly formed entity owned by Brent Morse and Chuck Farmer who have been partners in other oil and gas companies since 1993.

"We're just a new company with the same old guys," said Farmer.

Also attending the ceremony were representatives from the company's field office located in Midland.

Representatives present were Kyle Huckaba, senior vice president of operations and engineering, John Clifton, senior operations engineer, Peter Staub, engineer, and Reed Gardner-Landman.

"Epic is pleased to have Alliance Bernstein as its financial partner in this transaction. AB is a great partner with whom we share an excellent relationship. We have the financial capacity to wisely grow and expand our asset base," said Farmer.

Local Production Superintendent is Lannie Baggett. There are 24 company

employees at the Ozona field office, four contracted employees and the company is looking to add an additional eight employees. "Epic Permian Operating

is a privately owned company whose philosophy is to provide true business returns utilizing the skill and integrity of great people and best technologies. Our past entities have had excellent environmental track records. We want to be good stewards and neighbors." said Farmer.

For more information, call Epic Permian Operating, LLC at (325) 392-1450.

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Crockett County Museum

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 15

 Mock STAAR Practice Third and Fourth Grade Reading Exams OHS AG Class at San Angelo Stock Show

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Pride Lunch for Pre-K, First, Third and Fifth Grades at OES Cafeteria. • Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Ozona Youth Baseball Sign ups, 6:30-8 p.m. at the baseball concession stand
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7:30 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym

Thursday, Feb. 16

 OHS AG Class at San Angelo Stock Show OHS JV Tennis Team at Reagan County Meet in Big Lake

OHS Softball Team in the Monahans Tournament

- Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- · Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center

 Ozona Youth Baseball Sign ups, 6:30-8 p.m. at the baseball concession stand Friday, Feb. 17

 OHS Varsity Tennis Team at Reagan County Meet in Big Lake • Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center Crockett County Offices and Public Library will close at noon. • OHS Baseball scrimmage Sonora, 4:30 p.m. at Sonora

Saturday, Feb. 18

 OHS One Act Play at Eldorado OHS Lady Lions Powerlifting at Mertzon OHS Track Teams at the Comanche Relays in Fort Stockton

OHS Softball Team in the Monahans Tournament

Monday, Feb. 20

• President's Day - county offices, public library, local banks and U.S. Post Offices closed. Student holiday and teacher workday for CCCCSD. OHS Lions Golf Team at Mason • OHS Baseball vs Crane, 6 p.m. at Crane • Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center Tuesday, Feb. 21

OHS Computer Science at Sonora

• OHS Softball vs Lake View, 4:30 p.m. at San Angelo Sit Down Exercise, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center •Free Health and Wellness Program by Jim Fish, 2:00 p.m., Senior Center Wednesday, Feb. 22

 OHS Lady Lions Golf Team at Mason • Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center • Pride Lunch for Kindergarten, Second and Fourth Grades at OES Cafeteria. • Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center • Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center CCCCSD School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building

• Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7:30 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 15 – Desteny Quaid, Nathaniel Ortega, Jovita Perez, Jon Sanchez, Darolynn Webster, Cathy Huffman and Desa Ray Goff

Feb. 16 – Jacob Lara, Dylan Perez, Lana Sanchez, Abbie Hubbard, Willa Perry and Abby Zamarripa

Feb. 17 - Graham Childress, John Clayton Childress, Alyssa Rose Dominguez, Ray Martinez, Chris Gregory, Lacey Sanchez and Margaret Villarreal

Feb. 18 – Eddie Martin, Iosenh Hernandez Jackie Johnson, Idalia Adame, Leslie Flores and Phillip Munoz

Feb. 19 – Michael Solis, "Texas-T" Tommy Lee Seaton, Hilda Galindo, Inez Ortiz, Lando Pena-Alfaro, Raedene Flores, Gavino Flores, La-Donna Easley and Jeffrey Dyla

Feb. 20 - Tatum Lee Castro, Amy Newton, Scott Carson. Sasha Perez. Rav Don Myers, Anaya Leigh Treto and Michael Maldonado

Feb. 21 - Leanna Childress, Terel Seahorn, Corey Galindo and C.L. Graves

IN MEMORY OF: Roy Harrell, Juanita Mills

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SUBMITTED PHOTO **Ozona students** graduate from Lincoln Tech

Michael Hill and Emmanuel Oritz both graduated from the Lincoln Technical Institute on Feb. 4 in a ceremony held at the Arlington Convention Center in Arlington, Texas.

Michael and Emmanuel both graduated with degrees in diesel and truck with automotive technology.

Emmanuel also achieved patches in service shop procedures, outstanding shop foredrivability diagnostics, man,

air conditioning, electrical accessories and fuel and emissions.

Emmanuel is the son of Norma Nombrano. His sisters are Shelby Nicole Lozano and Shelly Ann.

Michael is the son of Ray and Sheri Hill and grandson of Arlene Clayton and Frank Hill.

Michael and Emmanuel are both 2015 graduates of Ozona High School.



Local scholarship nformation need

Ozona community organizations interesting in supporting the Class of 2017 with local scholarships need to contact Leanna Childress, OHS Counselor, with their

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You can reach Mrs. Childress at (325) 392-5501 ext. 5742 or email leanna.childress@ozonaschools.net.



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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.

FEBRUARY 15

Beef tips and gravy, egg noodles, seasoned spinach, wheat roll, chunky fruit medley and milk.

FEBRUARY 16

Turkey Tetrazzinl, green peas with red pepper, cheesy garlic bread, fresh fruit and milk.

FEBRUARY 17

Chicken drummies, potato wedges, savory carrots, tangy coleslaw, wheat roll, cranberry velvet and milk.

FEBRUARY 20

Beef lasagna, Italian vegetables, wheat roll, buttermilk cake and milk.

FEBRUARY 21

Soft beef taco, Spanish rice, salsa, pinto beans, fresh fruit, sugar cookie and milk.

FEBRUARY 22

Barbeque chicken breast, sauteed potatoes and onions, tangy coleslaw, wheat bread, onion slices, frosted spice cake and milk.

FEBRUARY 23

Country fried steak, creamy gravy, mashed potatoes, okra and tomatoes, wheat roll, rosy pears and milk.

FEBRUARY 24

Lemon pepper tilapia, great northern beans, sauteed kale crunch, cornbread, rocky road pudding and milk.

FEBRUARY 27

Chicken parmesan, pasta with sauce, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, pineapple pudding and milk.

FEBRUARY 28

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



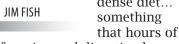
More than any other organ, the brain is the one body part that defines our humanness, with our unrivalled capacity for thought, feeling, language, philosophy, culture and art. The brain is the single part of ourselves we must protect, preserve and optimize to build our resilience for the toxic environment in which we live today.

The human brain is comprised of two hemispheres of fat in gray and white matter; up to 80 percent of fat by dry weight (+/-). Of this, roughly half is protective saturated fat and contains 25 percent of our body's total amount of cholesterol. A secret weapon of sorts, the human brain is unique in all of nature, with the ability to rely on special units of energy produced from fat, known as ketones, in an on-going basis. Only human brains are capable of this. And what does our brain do with all that fatty composition and unique fatbased energy? It solves complex sophisticated problems at lightning speed, which no computer can match, and it can philosophically ponder the sophisticated origins of our vast universe and very existence. What is extraordinary is

that we acquired these incredible neurological machines because we put down the bamboo leaves and picked up the marrow bones (and cracked them open). Without this fundamental shift 3.39 million years ago, we might have just been another potbellied primate, foraging for 14 hours a day along the forest floor and joining our social order by picking the tasty bugs off our neighbors' backs. Did our taste for meat and fat allow for our big, hungry brain? We don't know for sure (though it is likely), but we know that humans allocate a much higher proportion of their energy expenditure to their brain than any other mammal or primate our size.

And by developing (relatively) carnivorous digestive tracts and robust gallbladders,

we could fulfill this energy need by digesting meat and animal fat instead of plant matter, HERE'S TO thereby ensuring a **YOUR HEALTH** calorically dense diet...



foraging and digesting leaves and plants could never do.

David Perlmutter, MD, FACN, ABIHM - Board-Certified Neurologist advises, "Alzheimer's disease, far and away the most common form of dementia, now affects some 5.4 million Americans, representing the third leading cause of death in our country. This number is predicted to double in just the next 15 years! Moreover, women are disproportionately at risk, representing 65 percent of Alzheimer's cases. In fact, a woman's risk of developing Alzheimer's disease now exceeds her risk of developing breast cancer."

"Twenty percent of myelin [coating every nerve cell and fiber] is cholesterol. If you start interfering with the body's ability to produce cholesterol, you put the very structure of the brain and the rest of the nervous system under threat." - from "Cholesterol: Friend Or Foe?" by Natasha Campbell-McBride, MD, MMedSci (neurology), MMedSci (nutrition).

Along with statins, heart medications and other drugs marketed by the pharmaceutical industry, sugar is the 'leader of the pack' of the refined and simple carbohydrates we always thought were our friends. "Healthy grains", brown rice, bagels, whole grain bread are no different... refined sugar and flour lead the assault on our health and wellbeing. Biding their time over our lifetimes, they wreak havoc on our brain and mental health with disorders like dementia, Alzheimer's, ADHD, ADD, autism and chronic headaches; with thyroid com-

The brain, under attack and unattended? plications and more. These chemicals, grains and malnutrients are why our brain suffers its greatest threat today than at any other time in human history.

Like I've said many times before, given half a chance and the proper nutrients, the human body (and brain) will heal itself. We must increase the amount of fat and cholesterol recommended daily by the Standard American Diet (SAD). Not only will we protect but we can potentially reverse and undo years of damage contributed in our ignorance and by the misleading information disseminated by our public health officials since the 1950s.

The brain needs more than just calories... it needs the building blocks of a variety of amino acids. specific types of fatty acids, and lots of cholesterol. "Where chimp's brains use predominately omega-6 essential fatty acids derived from plant foods as their building blocks, our human brains are structured using two critical long chain fatty acids known as arachidonic acid (AA) and a key omega-3 docosahexaenoic acid (DHA), both of which are available only from animal source foods. This pair of pre-formed animal source fatty acids accounts for many of the human brain's unique cognitive capacities. They are the blocks that build our advanced brain structures with higher functions, such as our unique neocortex and prefrontal cortex. DHA in particular is the dominant storage form of omega-3s in the human brain; comprising fully one quarter of the brain, it is arguably the most critical fatty acid. We owe our human qualities in no small part to this wonder fat." - Primal Fat Burner, by Nora Gedgaudas. Here's to your health.

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April Graves made the Dean's List at Texas A & M at College Station for the fall semester.

Graves is majoring in Interdisciplinary Studies with a concentration in Special Education.

She is the daughter of Jonathan and Carol Jane Graves of Ozona.



OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS Free health and wellness program by Jim Fish Feb. 21

Graves makes Fall Dean's List at A&M

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

If you didn't get your sweetheart Valentine yesterday, I bet you are in trouble. It is hard to believe that Valentines Day has already come and gone. Time is flying by and I am having a hard time keeping up.

Do you remember last year that I asked to borrow movies to show in Thursday afternoons here at the center? Well, you guys were so sweet and brought me quite a few movies. I have stopped having the movies on Thursdays but I still have your movies. If you need them back please come and look through and find the ones that are yours. I would love for you to have them back.

Nikki Bishop is still having the sit-down exercise on Tuesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. She is the Wesley Nurse at the Methodist Church. She will take your blood pressure and keep a record of your progress. If you have any questions about diabetes or any other age related problems, giver her a call at the Untied Methodist Church. She is aware of all kinds of helpful tidbits that might be helpful.

There will be a Bingo Social on Feb. 20. Chicken salad sandwiches on croissants with ice cream sandwiches will be served. There will also be bina.m. is a good way to get those ole bones and muscles to do their job of holding you up. I have a couple of girls joining me and they always say that they are able to move more than they could before starting these exercises. They are not hard. Come try them out.

There will be free health and wellness programs at the Crockett County Senior Center put on by Jim Fish. Beginning on Feb. 21, these will be weekly programs on Tuesday afternoons at 2 p.m.

Personal health and wellness is quickly becoming a necessity as more and more people fall victim to the modern metabolic diseases like type 2 diabetes militias, heart disease, dementia, obesity, chronic inflammation and cancer; to name a few. Oddly enough, most are preventable. Learn what you can do now to assure your quality of life and use your retirement to travel and live your dreams...and be healthy enough to enjoy them.

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

Bridge - 1:30 p.m. Monday Crafts - 3 p.m. Monday

Sits down Exercise - 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Wesley Nurse Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Group - 3 p.m.

Wednesday Quilting - 9:30 a.m. Thursday

Balance Exercise - 9:30

GETTING GOD'S ATTENTION

She is disciplined and usually well-mannered but she has one habit that can sometimes be annoying. When I am sitting in the easy chair in the living room and she wants me to pet on her, she walk up and pus her cold nose on my arm or under my arm and will root like a hog until I pet on her. She doesn't just go away but persists until I give in to her wishes. I am talking about my wife's 70 pound dog. If I tell her no, she will stay there letting me know she wants something. Her persistence usually pays off and there I am stopping what I am doing and petting on her. Her behavior reminds me of something the Bible. There is a promise or important principle concerning our relationship to God. We may have access and the privilege to ask for certain things. God tells us to be persistent in our prayers and petitions, (Luke 18:1-8). The Bible tells us to seek God first, (Isaiah 55:6, Matthew 6:33). It also tells us to humbly ask or knock, (Psalm 3:4 &4:1, Matthew 7:7). There is one vital condition; we must have accepted Jesus Christ to be near or at peace with God, (John 9:31, Ephesians 2:12, 13). After we accepted Christ we can approach God humbly but with boldness also, (Ephesians 3:12).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother I

see you in Church next sunday	-	Brother J				
Apostolic Church 1908 Santa Anna St. Pastor Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m.	Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O'War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Martes: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. 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.				
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.	Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O'War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.	Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.				
Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.	New Beginnings Ozona "churchbut different" 354 Highway 163 South Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. (325) 226-3060 www.newbeginningsozona.com	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.				
First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Mark Fricke Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Youth - 6:00 p.m Wednesdays	ATTEND THE CHURCH	Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.				
K.I.D.S 5:30 p.m Wednesdays 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.	OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY	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.				
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go at 2 p.m. this Thursday. Try it, you'll like it.

The balance exercise on Thursday morning at 9:30

a.m. Thursday Bingo - 2 p.m. Thursday Come on out, the coffee is

KC Kitchen last Wednesday of the month

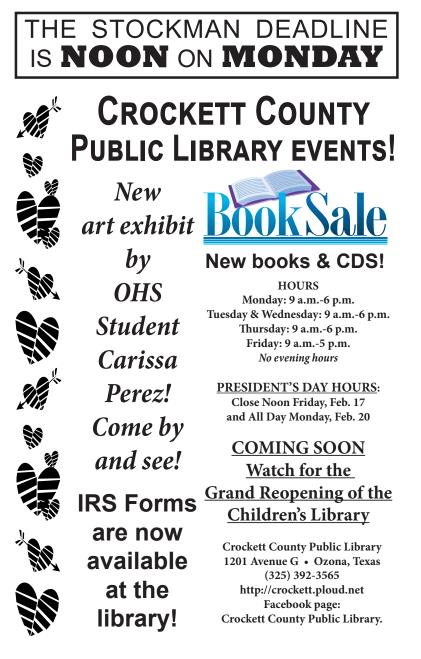
on.

The Knights of Columbus will begin the KC Kitchen on the last Wednesday of each month.

The meals will be served once a month.

The meals are open to anyone, no questions asked, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Anyone wanting to make a donation towards the KC Kitchen meals may do so to the Knights of Columbus an account is opened at the Ozona Bank.



OFFICIAL RAINFALL FOR THE TOWN OF OZONA

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1932	0.78	1.55	0.5	1.5	4.49	3.1	2.33	4.3	6.65	0.25	0.3	2.35	28.10		11.92	16.18
1933	0.5	0.3	0.15	0.2	0.31	0	0.18	3.05	0.05	1.35	1.95	0.15	8.14		1.46	6.68
1934	1.29	0.1	1.35	0.98	2.1	2.25	0.85	0	0.33	0	0.8	0.25	10.30		8.07	2.23
1935	0	1.75	0	0.78	7.28	2.4	4.13	0.9	7.53	0.85	1.05	0.63	27.30		12.21	15.09
1936	0.33	0.4	1.3	1.1	3.83	0	247	0	3.84	1.5	0.5	0.5	15.77		6.96	8.81
1937	0.2	0.4	1.95	1.5	2.1	2.25	1.4	1.4	3.8	1.5	1	2.84	20.34		8.40	11.94
1938	4.97	0.5	0.4	1.83	2.58	2.43	7.49	0.35	0.7	0.5	0	0.72	22.47		12.71	9.76
1939	2.23	0	0.47	1.13	2.12	0.47	5.13	2.38	0.47	2.2	2.7	0.95	20.25		6.42	13.83
1940	0.55	1.24	0.83	1.7	2.15	2.65	0.28	3.95	0.27	297	2.95	0.2	19.74	19.07	9.12	10.62
1941	2	1.57	2.58	4.1	2.14	6.2	2.5	3.21	4.78	7.65	0.28	0.98	37.99		18.59	19.40
1942	0.37	0.55	0	2.08	0.1	0.2	1.6	4.26	1.1	3.91	0.9	1.25	16.32		3.30	13.02
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1945	0.81	0.86	1.58	1.55	0.67	8.54	5.56	0.63	1.97	3.19	0	0.22	25.58		14.01	11.57
1946	1.8	0	0	0	3.9	2.7	0.8	0	1.1	3	03	03	14.30		8.40	6.30
1947	2.7	0	1.8	0	0.5	2.1	0.2	2.8	1.5	0.6	25	1	15.30		7.10	8.60
1940	0	1.5	0.1	0.7	1.9	0.1	2.3	0.3	0.5	1	0	0.3	8.70		4.30	4.40
1949	2	1.7	0.2	2.5	4.6	24	1.3	2.5	4.2	7.4	0	1.1	29.90		13.40	16.50
1950.	0.3	0.5	0	2.4	3.7	0.6	2.8	1.6	5.4	0	0	0	17.30	20.06	7.50	9.80
1951	0	0.18	1.26	1.39	1.04	1.31	0.33	1.4	0.05	0.27	0	0	7.23		5.18	2.05
1952	0	0	0.5	1.61	2.16	0.27	0.9	0	0.82	0	1.04	0.97	8.27		4.54	3.73
1953	0	0.2	1.26	0.41	1.32	1.73	0.5	4.4	0.17	2.45	0	0.33	12.77		4.92	7.85
1954	0.18	0.22	0.11	5.95	1.91	12.46	0.22	1.16	0	2.49	0	0	24.70		20.83	3.87
1955	1.09	0.59	0.13	1.41	2.54	1.55	2.15	1.68	124	0	0.63	0	13.01		7.31	5.30
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1961	2.09	0.56	0.81	0.13	1.38	5.08	2.99	0.93	3.84	0.44	1.28	0.19	19.81	10.10	10.14	9.67
1962	0.1	0.29	0.64	1.45	0.42	1.59	1.26	1.22	1.07	1.55	0.87	1.19	11.65		4.49	7.16
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1964	0.75	1.26	0.65	0.75	1.03	2.3	1.13	0.63	4.92	0.87	1	0.22	15.51		6.74	8.77
1965	0.29	2.38	0.42	0.65	2.76	3.87	0.25	1.14	1.32	1.61	0.08	0.98	15.75		10.37	5.38
1966	0.61	0.89	032	1.08	138	2.03	0.2	3.54	5.15	2.37	0	0	18.37		7.11	11.26
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LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE CLUB NEWS



THE LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS held their Valentine's Day on Feb. 11 at the Senior Center. Levis and Lace Square Dance Club hosts Valentine Dance

Fun and fellowship (as well as great food), highlighted this special Levis and Lace Square Dance Club Valentine dance at the beautifully decorated Senior Citizen Center on Feb. 11.

Tracey Dowell from Mc-Caully started the festivities with the Grand March. Then the dancers 'squared it up" to start dancing the first tip. The dancers tapped feet and swished skirts to calls such as "ladies chain 3/4, men promenade outside 1/4," "all promenade half way," and "ladies center, men sashay." Levis and Lace members attending were Frank Fred, Sydney Knaack, Robert Pena, Karan Heffelfinger, Bobby and Karen McDonald, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt.

Dancers from San Angelo attending were Karen and Wes Thiers, Shelia and

Gene Olson, Marilda Johnson and Wynn Alston. Wynn also

called a special tip for every-

and Joe Moran, Ana, Travis and Josh Knaack. It was wonderful to get to visit with them.

a special plus workshop on Sat., March 11 from 9

a.m.-noon, break for lunch noon-1 p.m. and return at 1 p.m.-4 p.m. for more work-

Special visitors were Tina

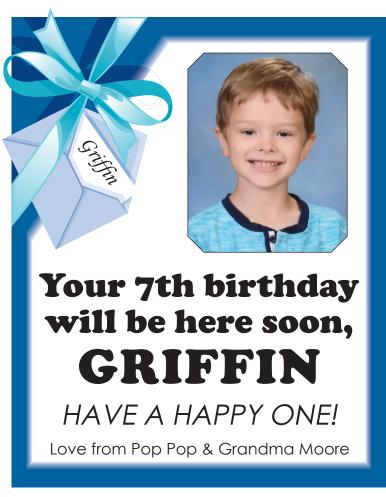
Tracey Dowell will hold

one's enjoyment.

shop. This plus workshop will not be a regular dance, but will be for those who have graduated from mainstream and want to go one step higher and learn the plus moves.

Next regularly scheduled Levis and Lace dance will be March 25 at 7 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center with Tim Mangrum calling.

Come join us for fun and fellowship set to music. For more information, call Carol Adcok (325) 650-0265 or Nell Wester (325) 392-3668.



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since the Dust Bowl of the 1930s. A few stations in the lower Rio Grande Valley recorded temperatures as high as 96 degrees in January. Many stations in that region and along the coast never recorded a low daily temperature below 70 degrees throughout the month.

On the cold side, temperatures did reach -9 degrees in the Panhandle at Dalhart, he said. But cold fronts were short-lived and intermittent for much of the state.

Rainfall was a mixed bag for Texas since November, Nielsen-Gammon said. Most of West Texas received higherthan-normal rainfall amounts, while North Central Texas and surrounding areas received below-normal rainfall.

"Forecasts earlier in the year called for the emergence of La Niña pattern going into fall," Nielsen-Gammon said. "But tropical Pacific temperatures did not cool off enough to meet the official criteria for a La Niña event.

"That means that the tropical Pacific is classified as neutral, neither excessively warm, such as with El Niño, nor excessively cool, such as with La Niña," he said.

"Persistent El Niño conditions were responsible for above-average rainfall in Texas over the past year. La Niña events typically favor warm and dry winters in Texas. But the Pacific is close enough to La Niña temperatures that this winter will still lean toward the warm and dry side," Nielsen-Gammon said.

The most recent U.S. Drought Monitor report shows 9 percent of the state in drought conditions. These areas include parts of the Panhandle, North Texas, the Rio Grande Valley and along the coast.

The majority of the drought areas are listed as abnormally dry.

According to the U.S. Drought Monitor's website, Abnormally Dry is short-term dryness of plants, crops or pastures. It is the lowest category on their scale.

While the conditions are something to monitor, there's no hint the state is slipping into another prolonged drought.

To put this in perspective, 68 percent of the state was in a drought three years ago and 100 percent of the state was in a drought six years ago.

"We haven't seen any substantial drought developing except maybe in the Corpus Christi area, but there have been lingering drought conditions in parts of the state from early fall," he said.

NASA and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported that 2016 marked three consecutive years of record warmth for the globe. It was Texas' third warmest year on record, according to Texas Climate News.

All states experienced above-average temperatures, compared to their 20th century averages. Climate scientists have said they expect global analyses by scientific teams in different nations will show 2016 was the warmest year worldwide.

NOAA reported that there were 15 weather and climate disasters with losses of at least \$1 billion, making 2016 the year with the second highest number of such events (2011 still ranks No. 1 with 16). The total financial toll of the billion-dollar disasters last year was \$46 billion. They claimed 138 lives in all.

Seven of the 15 billion-dollar disasters last year impacted Texas, either exclusively or along with other states, according to the NOAA report. The event names in the following list were assigned by NOAA. The cost figures for multi-state events represent totals for all affected states:

• Texas and Louisiana flooding (Sabine River basin), March 8-12, \$2.3 billion

• Southern severe weather (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi), March 17-18, \$1.2 billion

• North Texas hail storm, March 23-24, \$2.1 billion

North and Central Texas hail storm, April 10-12, \$3.5 billion

Houston flooding, April
 17-18, \$2.7 billion

• Plains tornadoes and Central severe weather (Texas, Nebraska, Missouri, Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado, Illinois, Kentucky, Tennessee), May 8-11, \$1.7 billion

• Rockies and Central tornadoes and severe weather (Texas, Montana, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri), May 21-26, \$1.1 billion

- San Angelo Standard-Times, the Dallas Morning News, Texas Climate News and the Texas AgriLife Extension Office contributed to this article.

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

OHS Powerlifting places at Lake View

The OHS Lady Lions Powerlifting Team placed fourth at the Lake View Meet on Feb. 9 in San Angelo.

Team standings – 1. Reagan County; 2. Midland; 3. Irion County; 4. Ozona; 5. Eldorado; 6. Grape Creek; 7. Lake View; 8. Odessa; 9. Central; 10. Christoval.

Maiah Jurado won the 148 weight class with a total of 775 pounds. Asia Lara was third with 710 total.

Kendra Sarabia was second in the 220 class with 680 total. Ashley Moran was sixth with 510 total.

In the 97 class, Azaylea Tovar was fourth with a total of 495. Raelee Borrego was sixth with 455.

Cierra Sanchez was fourth in the 105 class with a total of 475.

Kenzee Talamantez was fifth in the 114 class with 485 total.

Julie Marshall was third in the 123 class with a 645 total. Carissa Perez was seventh with a 525 total.

Rachel Mendoza was ninth with a 435 total in the 132 class.

Kayla Sarabia was third in the 259 class with 660 total.

In the boys meet, Aiden Fuentes was fifth in the 148 class with 845 total.

Anthony Perez was third in the 165 class with 1,100 total. Emmanuel Sarabia was eighth with 980 total. Austin Damian was 10th with 780 total. Lazaro Rodriguez was 11th with 755 total.

Esteban Flores was second in the 181 class with 1,155 total. Edgar Damian was sixth with 1,025 total.

Dylan Mendoza was eighth in the 242 class with 725 total.



ESTEBAN FLORES finished second in the 181 weight class at the Lake View Powerlifting Meet on Feb. 9.



ANTHONY PEREZ finished third in the 165 class at the Lake View Meet.



JULIE MARSHALL placed third in the 123 class with a total of 645 pounds.



AZAYLEA TOVAR finished fourth in the 97 class with a total of 495 at the Lake View Meet.

OHS Tennis



Youth Baseball sign ups

medals at San Angelo Tourney

The OHS Tennis Team competed in the Brandon Clark Tournament last week in San Angelo.

Marco Lozano won the boys' singles division.

Gavin Grannis was the consolation champion in boys' singles.

Autumn Villarreal and Isuara Lopez were the consolation champions in girls' doubles.

"We are still trying to fit people where they help the team. They are all gaining experience with every match played," said Coach Daniel Meija.

The OHS Tennis Team will compete in the Reagan County Winter Invitational Thursday, Feb. 16, and Friday, Feb. 17, in Big Lake.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

ISUARA LOPEZ and AUTUMN VILLARREAL were the consolation champions at the Brandon Clark Tennis Tournament last week.



MARCO LOZANO won the boys' singles division last week in San Angelo.

today and Thursday

Ozona Youth Baseball from 6:30-8 p.m.

sign ups will be today, Feb. 15, and Thursday, Feb. 16. They will be held at the baseball concession stand Thursday, Feb. 16. They will be held at the Pony league (13-14 years) sign ups will be at a later date.

For more information, call Jaime Ramos (325) 226-5940.

OHS Academic Team competes at Sonora Meet

The OHS Academic Team competed at the Sonora Invitational last week.

Results: First Place Journalism Team Editorial Writing - 3. Julie

Marshall; 4. Brenna Hale Feature Writing - 1. Brenna Hale

Headline Writing - 1. Julie Marshall; 4. Asia Lara

Ready Writing - 2. Julie Marshall Number Sense - 3. Manuel Torralba, Humberto Torralba and Jackson Abbey; 4. Manuel Torralba and Jackson Abbey; 5. Humberto Torralba

Mathematics - 1. Manuel Torralba, Humberto Torralba and Jackson Abbey

Current Issues and Events - 4. Brenna Hale

Calculator Applications -2. Manuel Torralba

Calculator Team - 3. Manuel Torralba, Humberto Torralba and Caleb Webb Computer Science Team - 1. Manuel Torralba, Chantz Elliot, Humberto Torralba and Josh Knaack

Computer Science - 1. Manuel Torralba; 2. Chantz Elliot; 3. Humberto Torralba; 4. Josh Knaack

Computer Applications -1. Danny Posadas; 4. Kassidy Gonzales; 5. Samantha Torralba

Novice Prose - 6. Greg Williams

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CCCCSD NURSE KAREN HUFFMAN (right) shows OES First Grade Students how to properly brush their teeth during a presentation on Feb. 9. The Ozona Masonic Lodge donated dental kits to all first grade students that included a toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss, a timer and games.

Ozona Youth Basketball



CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS



CROCKETT COUNTY 4-HERS MIA DAVIDSON (left) and EMMA CREN-WELGE each placed third at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo Food Challenge on Feb. 9. Emma in Fruits and Vegetables and Mia in **Nutritious Snacks.**

4-Hers place at San Angelo

Crockett County 4-Hers placed at the San Angelo Stock Show last week.

In the Junior Market Lamb Show, Timothy Maldonado placed second and 10th, Alondra Garza was 11th and Jaycelynn Rodriquez was 14th all in the Finewool Lamb Classes.

In the Finewool Cross Classes, Ethan Criswell was 15th and Brenna Hale was 11th.

In the Junior Market Goat Show, Miken Chandler-Fierro placed eighth in his class.

CLOTHING AND TEXTILES

Clothing and Textiles Project meeting dates: Monday, Feb. 27, March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 10, April 17, April 24.

Meetings are from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office.

Fashion storyboard, fashion show and Duds to Dazzle Competition in early May. Dates are subject to change.

For more information, call (325) 392-2721.

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

The 2017 Texas 4-H Photography Contest: for 2017

AND RANGE ID JUDGING Lookout for meeting dates to be announced soon. The District 6 contest will take place May 16 in San Angelo.

CONSUMER DECISION MAKING

In this project you will learn how to compare prices, test for quality and make purchases based on facts and research.

You will also improve your skills in: money management, decision making and smart purchasing. Let Kailey know if this is something you are interested in.

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

A 4-H Education Presentation is a fun way to share your 4-H project.

Some categories available to present on are beef, food and nutrition, clothing and textiles and shooting sports, among other categories.

All presentations should address current issues related to the topic category.

The District 6 contest is May 5-6 in Odessa. Let Kailey know if you are interested.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

HIGH SCHOOL:

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



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

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

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

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

Breakfast

Wednesday Biscuits and gravy with sausage and scrambled eggs or cereal with Texas toast Thursday Oatmeal with cinnamon toast or cereal with graham crackers Friday Muffin with yogurt or cereal with Texas toast Monday Student holiday

Tuesday Chicken and biscuit or cereal with graham crackers

Wednesday French toast or cereal with Texas toast Everyday - Fruit, fruit juice and milk.

Monday Student holiday

Tuesday Tangerine chicken, egg roll, brown rice, carrots, broccoli, pineapple, cookie and milk. Wednesday

Tex-Mex Stack, lettuce and tomato, refried beans, Spanish rice (OHS only), salsa, tomato cup, cinnamon apples and milk.

Did you know that you can apply for free or reduced meals at any time? Simply stop by the Ozona Elementary School Office and pick up an application. Or let us know and we will send one home with your child. We encourage everyone to fill out an application for free or reduced meals. This form needs to be completed yearly to determine your child's benefits. If your child is approved for free or reduced meals, you will be notified as soon as possible!

the theme is "Reflections." These are photos shot off any natural or artificial reflective surface. A well-executed shot will be able to show perfect symmetry or slightly distorted shot.

A Photography Workshop will be held from 9 a.m.-noon March 4 at the 4-H Office.

The workshop will cover lighting, composition, skill building and more.

Bring a camera if you own one. If not, there will be extra cameras to share.

Wear comfortable shoes and clothing as the class will be outdoors, bending, sitting and squatting.

District 6 contest will take place at the Midland County Fair in August 2017.

WOOL AND MOHAIR

TEXT REMINDERS

Text @cc4hclub to 81010 to receive text reminders on your phone.

4-H OFFICE

The 4-H Office will be closed Monday, Feb. 20, for the Presidents Day Holiday.

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

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

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

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

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Thursday, February 16	
Friday, February 17 Fried	d Fish and Shrimp
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Monday, February 20	Meat Loaf
Tuesday, February 21	Beef Tips
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Food handlers class March 15

BY KAILEY E ROBERTS TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

The "Texas Food Establishment Rules (TFER)" now requires all food employees to complete an accredited food handlers training program within 60 days of employment, effective Sept. 16, 2016.

A food handlers course accredited by the Texas Department of State Health Services is being offered by Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, Crockett County.

"Food Safety: It's In Your Hands" is scheduled for Wednesday, March 15, at 10 a.m. at the extension office at 1301 Avenue AA.

This 1-2-hour course will now be required for all food service employees to help promote the service of safe food.

The certificate is good for two years and is valid anywhere in the State of Texas.

The course is a basic overview of food safety practices that are necessary to ensure that safe food is served at your establishment.

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dumbbell racks.

Pricing for exercise equipment ranges from \$71,000 to \$108,000 depending on the type of equipment. The project has \$150,000 budgeted for exercise equipment.

Plans for the wellness center are available to the public at the courthouse annex.

If the project runs on schedule, the wellness center is estimated to be completed by March 2018.

JAIL PROJECT

The commissioners also opened and approved all the competitive sealed proposals for the new Crockett County Jail. Lyness Construction also

had the lowest proposal, around \$5.9 million, Deaton said.

The proposals will be sent to DRG Architects for evalua-

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints 1 911 medical/fire assistance 3 Civil complaints 2 Civil documents served 3 Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise 16 Juvenile/School 2 Motorist assist/ locked vehicle 5 Reckless driving/ speeding complaints 2 Minor/major traffic accidents 2 Alarms 2

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS: 2-6-17

• Bobby McGill of Houston turned himself in on a Crockett County warrant for assault. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Avenue E. 2-8-17

• Stripes on Avenue C reported a gas drive off. .

2-9-17 · Sheriff's deputies responded to a disturbance on Mulberry.

 Sheriff's deputies arrested David Munoz of Ozona for DWI, 3rd or more. Subject was arraigned and released on bond. 2-10-17

 Sheriff's deputies took a report of a break in at the Savannah Laundromat.

* Sheriff's deputies took a report of theft of property from a residence on Piedra. 2-11-17

 Sheriff's deputies took a report of criminal mischief at the Calvary Baptist Church.

· Sheriff's deputies took a report of a stolen bicycle from a residence on Willow.

• DPS Trooper arrested Raymond Dale Shirley of Carlsbad, NM for DWI with BAC >.15. Subject was arraigned and released on bond. 2-12-17

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument at the Crockett Apartments.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

JANUARY 2017						
Animal related contacts	87	Animal traps set	23			
Impounded dogs	5	Wildlife caught	24			
Animal Bite investigations 1 - 7 javelina, 9 skunks, 3 foxes, 5 raccoons, 1 possum						
Animals quarantined	1	Dangerous animal reports	0			
Owner surrenders	5	Written warning citations	3			
Number of animals surrendered	5	Written citations	4			
Impounded cats	9	- 3 unrestrained, 1 unvaccinated				
Destroyed animals	36	Welfare checks	10			
Livestock calls	4					
Animal disposal	7	Call Ozona Animal Control at 392	?-3676			

ANIMAL CONTROL PUBLIC NOTICE

We had a confirmed case of rabies in a skunk on February 7 here in Ozona.



PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR

something by their March 13 regular meeting. This is the second time

the county has solicited the project.

During the first round, the county chose to work with Lott Brothers Construction, out of Austin, as a construction manager at risk for the project. Those bids came in \$1.18 million over the \$6 million budget.

The county then terminated their agreement with Lott Brothers on Nov. 14 and are now seeking competitive sealed proposals, which will allow the county to negotiate when they select a company.

If the company selected does not meet the proposed budget, the county can then select another company from the proposals, said Wayne Gondeck, architect with DRG Architects.

In November 2015, Crock-

people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, national origin or genetic information or vet-

The class is taught in English but Spanish handouts are available if requested in advance.

Practices discussed in-

The cost is \$20 per person

clude good personal hygiene,

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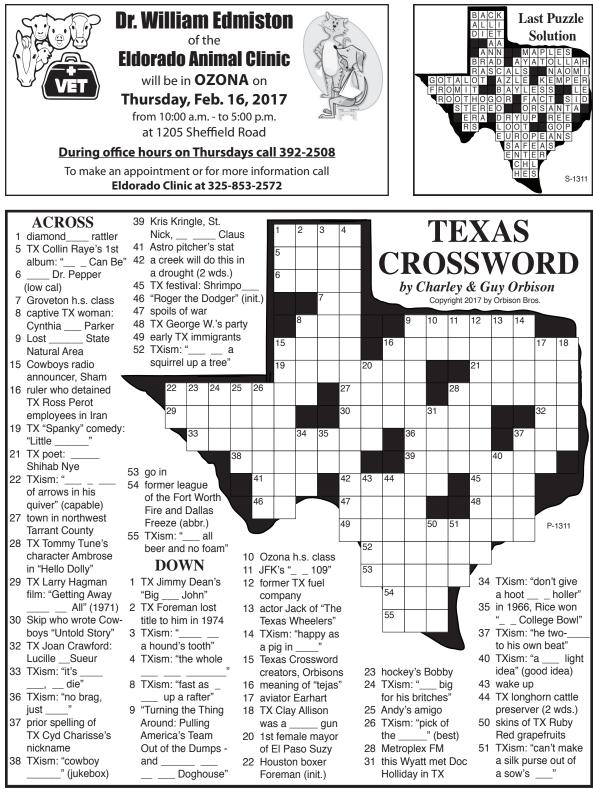
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tamu.edu for a \$15 fee.

For more information, or to register for the course, call the extension office at (325) 392-2721.

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ett County Voters approved tion and then a recommendaa \$6 million bond to build a tion will be made to the comnew jail. The facility is expectmissioners. Deaton said the ed to be 16,800 square-feet. commissioners should know

THE COMMISSIONERS **ALSO APPROVED:**

· Blanca Martinez as a member of the Senior Center Board. Building a kiosk at the Cedar and Lima Cemetery

that will have a map of the cemeteries.

• Replacing the door at the scale room at the DPS Office. · Contract with CTY Con-

nect for \$2,700 for one for the reverse 9-1-1 system. Hiring County Attorney

Jody Upham to get an easement through Daun Williams' property on Yucca Lane.

• Budget line item change for the library to purchase a laminator.

· Homeland Security Grant for the sheriff's office to purchase night vision equipment.

 Resolution in opposition to re:SearchTX, a state proposal that would provide public access to court documents by making them available online. Court clerks have stated that their departments will lose money with the public no longer having to head to a courthouse and pay copying fees. The resolution will be passed on to state representatives.

· 2017 Crockett County Resolution for the Indigent Defense Grant Program. The county receives \$43,000 a year from the state for indigent defense.

 Community Development Block Grant Program for new sewer lines to be installed on Heraclio and Monterrey Streets. The grant will be \$200,000.

· Resolution acknowledging the ownership of the cemetery by Crockett County and dissolution of the Cemetery Association.

 \cdot Computer software for the district courtroom.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. March 13 at the courthouse annex. The meeting is open to the public.

PET'S VACCINATIONS ARE UP TO DATE. **IF YOU HAVEN'T HAD YOUR** PETS VACCINATED FOR RABIES, IT'S TIME TO DO IT NOW. PLEASE TAKE THE PROPER PRECAUTIONS TO PROTECT YOUR PET AND LOVED ONES.

If you have any questions please call CCAC at (325) 392-3676.

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immediate family members have to contracts between private businesses and government agencies.

SPEAKER NAMES COMMITTEES

House Speaker Joe Straus on Feb. 9 announced chairs and members of 38 standing House committees for the 85th Legislature.

"These assignments reflect the diversity of the Texas House. Some very good members are taking on new challenges. I'm looking forward to their leadership. There is always a balance to strike between continuity and fresh thinking and I think we have the right mix," Straus said.

Lists of committee chairs and members can be accessed online at http://www. house.texas.gov/_media/ pdf/committee.pdf

MISSING JERSEY IS SOUGHT

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick on Feb. 6 asked the Texas Rangers, a division of the Texas Department of Public Safety, to assist the Houston Police Department in the hunt for New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady's Super Bowl jersey.

"Whoever took this jersey should turn it in. The Texas Rangers are on the trail," Patrick said.

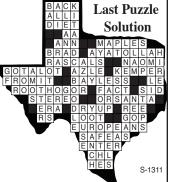
The jersey was reported missing from the Patriots' locker room at NRG Stadium in Houston. Brady wore the jersey in leading the Patriots to a come-from-behind victory in the Super Bowl Feb. 5.

ALLOCATIONS TO BE SENT

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Feb. 8 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$858.6 million in local sales tax allocations for February, 1 percent less than in February 2016.

These allocations, Hegar said, are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2016 sales by businesses that report tax annually.

"The cities of Houston, Midland and San Antonio saw noticeable decreases in sales tax allocations," Hegar said. "The cities of Round Rock, Frisco and Irving saw noticeable increases in sales tax allocations," he added.





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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF INITIATION OF THE SECTION 106 PROCESS: **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Mobilitie proposes the construction of a pole style telecommunications tower within existing road right-of-way at Ave AA, Ozona, Crockett County, TX. Members of the public interested in submitting comments on the possible effects of the proposed projects on historic properties included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places may send their comments to Andrew Smith, RESCOM Environmental Corp., PO Box 361 Petoskey, MI 49770 or call 260-385-6999.

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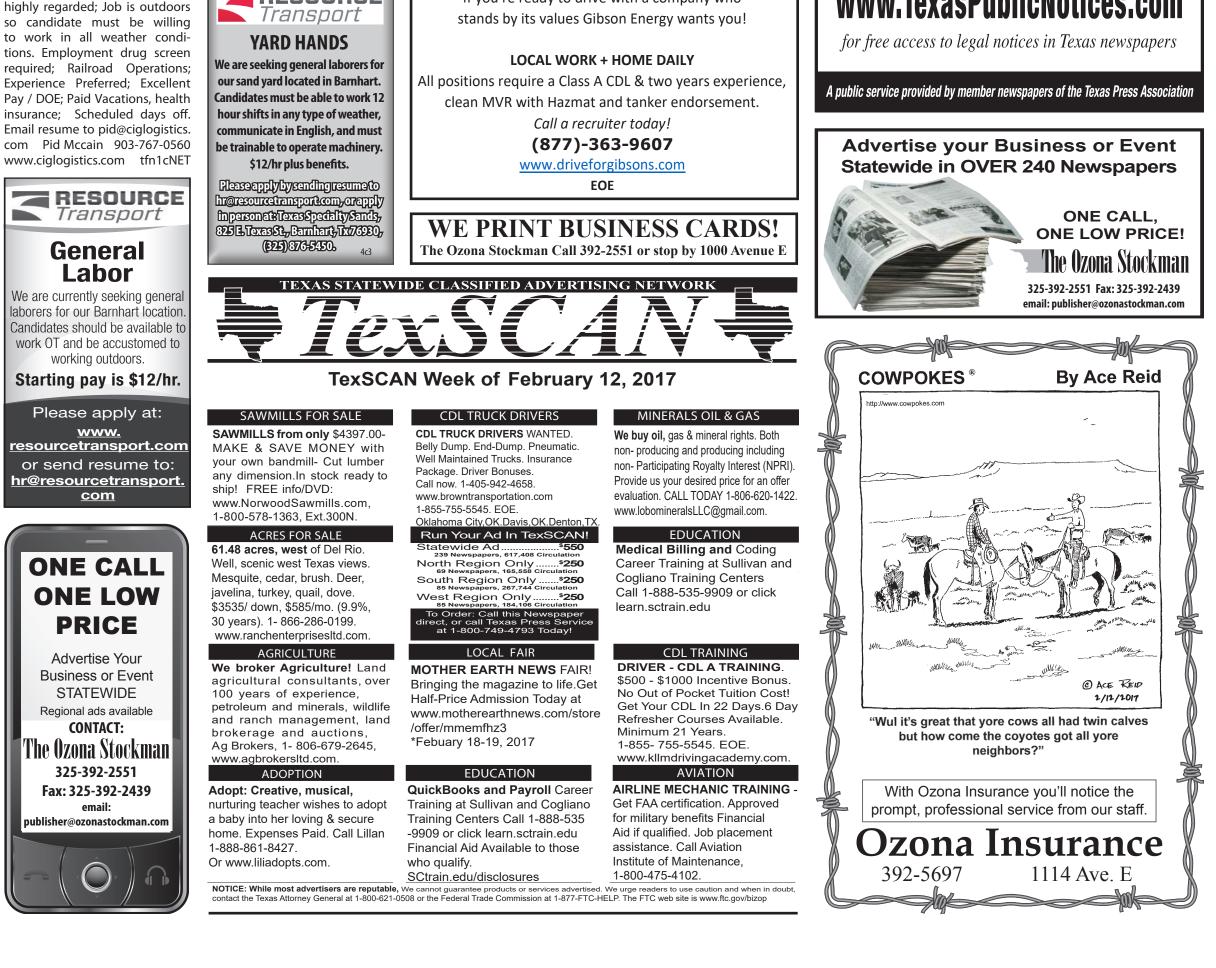
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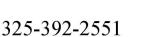
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