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State Senator Carlos Uresti's law offices raided by FBI, IRS agents

BY JIM MALEWITZ AND EDGAR WALTERS THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

OZONA, TEXAS

FBI and IRS agents raided the San Antonio law offices of state Sen. Carlos Uresti the morning of Feb. 17, confiscating documents and other items.

A law enforcement source told the San Antonio Express-News, which first reported the raid Thursday, that it was connected to Uresti's involvement with a now-bankrupt fracking sand company that he held a financial stake in.

"Law enforcement agents with IRS and FBI are lawfully present conducting a law enforcement operation," FBI spokeswoman Michelle Lee told the Texas Tribune. "No further details have been released at this time." Lee confirmed that no arrests had been made.

Uresti, a San Antonio Democrat and personal injury attorney, has been entwined in a complicated saga involving FourWinds Logistics, which sold sand used in hydraulic fracturing, a process that extracts oil and gas from shale rock.

A lengthy investigation published by the Express-News in August first detailed Uresti's involvement in the company and fraud allegations it faces.

ed to re-election, winning his San Antonio seat with 56 percent of the vote against Republican and Libertarian challengers. Uresti is among the Legislature's most powerful Democrats. He is vice chair of the Health and Human Services committee and sits on three other high-profile committees: Finance, Education and Veteran Affairs & Border Security.

In a statement late Thursday morning, Uresti said the federal agents were "reviewing our documents as part of their broad investigation of the Four

Winds matter. I have instructed my staff to fully cooperate with the federal investigators. I will help them in whatever way I can." Uresti added that he was at the Capitol Thursday "conducting the people's business.'

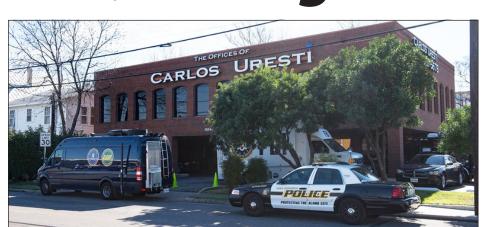
There did not appear to be any law enforcement activity at his Cap-

FourWinds' purported intent was to buy sand and sell it at a markup to oil and gas companies, but some investors have accused the company's leadership of misrepresenting its financial health and spending their money on frivolous, personal expenses. It now faces millions of dollars in claims from investors and other com-

Denise Cantu, whom Uresti represented in a wrongful-death case, said she lost most of the \$900,000 she invested in the now-bankrupt company in 2014 at the suggestion of Uresti, according to the Express-News. She has said she was not initially aware that Uresti would get a piece of her investment, though Uresti has suggested otherwise.

With allegations of serious financial mismanagement detailed in bank-Three months later, Uresti coast- ruptcy court, the FBI last year opened an investigation into FourWinds, the Express-News reported. In August, Uresti told the paper that he was a "witness" in that investigation but not its target.

> On Nov. 4, four days before Election Day, Eric Nelson, the former marketing director for FourWinds, was indicted for his role in an alleged scheme to defraud investors. He later pleaded guilty to one felony charge of conspiracy to commit wire fraud. Federal attorneys accused Nelson of altering company bank statements to "grossly" inflate its account balance.



LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS from the FBI and the Internal Revenue Service raid the San Antonio office of state Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, on Feb. 16, 2017.

At least two more former FourWinds ruptcy proceedings list Uresti as owner employees have been indicted since the election: Shannon Smith, who held a 48 percent stake in the company, and Laura Jacobs, who worked as its comptroller. They face similar charges to Nelson's.

FourWinds had paid Uresti to attract investors before it filed for Chapter 11 reorganization in August 2015 beset by allegations of fraud and misused funds.

Cantu's 13-year-old daughter, fouryear-old son and two friends were killed in 2010, when a tire on her SUV blew out, causing the vehicle to roll over. Her legal team, which included Uresti, secured the wrongful-death settlement in 2013, and about a year later, she said she decided to invest the bulk of the money into FourWinds at Uresti's urging.

Stan Bates, the company's CEO and majority owner, told Cantu in text messages that Uresti was sharing 10 percent of the profits from her \$900,000 investment, court records show.

Documents in the company's bank-

of a 1 percent stake in FourWinds. Also, the company granted Uresti a \$40,000 loan in June of 2014, and hired him to perform legal services, the documents

In August, Uresti told the Express-News that the company never transferred stock certificates to him, and the transfer was never registered by the Secretary of State.

But on his 2015 Personal Financial Statement, a document Texas lawmakers must file to the Texas Ethics Commission to shed light on their sources of income and affiliations, Uresti listed owning between 100 and 499 shares of FourWinds stock.

That document, first filed in February of last year, did not originally disclose the \$40,000 loan. Nor did it show that he served on the board of one of the company's joint ventures.

Uresti corrected the document in August, following the Express-News investigation. He called it an "oversight" that "won't happen again," the newspaper reported at the time.

School Board meeting at 6:30 tonight

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The CCCCSD School Board will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Feb. 22) in the Administration Office Board Room, 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the

Items on the agenda: ·Open forum/public com-

· Presentation - Invenergy - Santa Rita Solar Project

· Media Honor Roll Nominations - Approval to nominate the local newspaper and local radio station through the TASB Media Honor Roll for their efforts to report school news in a manner that is fair, accurate and balanced; and give a high-profile position to good news about our school.

·Reports: Transportation; Maintenance; Principals - OES/ OMS, OHS-No Report; Athletic Director; Technology; Band; Cafeteria/Food Service: Special and Federal Programs; Superintendent; Financial and Bills -Bills, Board Report, Monthly Investment Report and Student Activity Funds.

· Consider Letter of Engagement for the district's financial audit for the year ending Au-

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It's a girl!

With money tight, some Texas lawmakers eyeing billions approved by voters for roads

BY BRANDON FORMBY AND JIM MALEWITZ THE TEXAS TRIBUNE

More than a year after Texas voters approved routing billions in state sales taxes to roads and bridges, some lawmakers are questioning whether the first payment of \$5 billion should move forward as planned.

Texans voted in 2015 to boost funding for state's public roadways and bridges, which have strained under the state's growing population. Proposition 7 — loudly cheered by top Texas leaders and supported by 83 percent of voters — changed the state constitution to route some taxes collected on car sales to the State Highway

But in an unusually tightfisted legislative session, some Texas lawmakers are raising the prospect of reducing that initial cash infusion to free up money for other state programs.

No one has publicly backed such a move, but key budget writers have privately discussed the option. And at a Senate Finance Committee hearing Monday, Sens. Kirk Watson of Austin and Charles Schwertner of Georgetown asked Legislative Budget Board staffers about how it might work.

Lawmakers could reduce the \$5 billion transfer by up to 50 percent through a two-thirds vote in both the House and Senate. That's through a provision of Senate Joint Resolution 5, the legislation that sent the issue to voters in 2015.

"As we're thinking through all these budget items, we have a number in our head," Watson, a Democrat, said when he learned such a maneuver could ultimately free up \$2.3 billion in revenue for other purposes. "We purposely put in a failsafe."

Schwertner, a Republican, questioned whether the Texas Department of Transportation has already allocated money expected from Proposition 7.

The Texas Transportation Commission, which oversees TxDOT, last year approved a long-range planning document that assumed it would receive Proposition 7 funds through 2026, according to its Unified Transportation Program.

And at the Texas Transportation Forum, an event hosted by TxDOT in Austin this month, Transportation Commission Chairman Tryon Lewis said the agency is already counting on the money in long-

PLEASE SEE **ROADS**, PAGE 5

Crockett County CCSD celebrates 2017 Texas Public Schools Week

Crockett County CCSD has a series of activities planned in conjunction with the annual state-wide observance of Texas Public Schools Week. Great things are happening on our campuses, and we want you to be a part of them.

MONDAY, FEB. 27

— Fox in Socks Day (wear your favorite socks dav)

OMS OPEN HOUSE - 6-7 p.m. Parents and community members are invited to an Interactive Open House. Come participate in some live middle school lessons and activities.

TUESDAY, FEB. 28 — Grinch Green Day (wear

green day)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- Wacky Wednesday (wear your wackiest red and white outfit)

OES - Muffins For Moms in the cafeteria. Please come and have breakfast with your child. 7:30 a.m. for First-Fifth Grade Students; 8 a.m. for Pre-K and Kindergarten Students.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

Dr. Seuss Character Day (dress up as your favorite Dr. Seuss character)

OES - Funnel Cakes For Fathers in the cafeteria. Please come and have breakfast with your child. 7:30 a.m. for First-Fifth Grade Students; 8 a.m. for Pre-K and Kindergarten Students.

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Elizabeth Hart Perner was born on Feb. 16, 2017 at 12:49 p.m. at San Angelo Community Medical Center. Elizabeth weighed 8 pounds, 2.7 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Proud parents are Melissa and Paul C. Perner IV, of Ozona. Big brother is Paul Christian Perner V.

Grandparents are Ginger and Paul C. Perner III and Allen and Susan Williams, all of Ozona.

Aunts and Uncles are Clint and Amy Perner, of Creedmore, Texas and Ray and Michelle Young, of Midland. First cousins are Katie Perner, of San Marcos, and Desiree' Young, of Midland.

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Emergency items hit the Senate floor

s we complete the first month of the 85th Legislative Session, the Senate has passed several pieces of legislation relating to the Governor's emergency items. Bills that address those emergency items are the only bills that may be heard during the first 60 days of the legislative session.

This session, Governor Greg Abbot proclaimed 5 emergency items in his State of the State Address. A few items that were widely expected to be included, such as private school vouchers, were left off the list.

Items named include: banning "sanctuary cities", overhauling Texas' broken child welfare system, implementing ethics reform, and approving a resolution to support a convention of states to change the U.S. constitution.

Ethics reform was the first legislation to hit the Senate floor in the form of Senate Bill 14, which I co-authored. The Senate unanimously approved the ethics reform package which will curb conflicts of interest and take pensions away from politicians who are convicted of certain felonies, and a variety of other ethics improvements. SB14 is now headed to the Texas House.

I believe meaningful ethics reform will serve the public interest by making political activities increasingly transparent. My constituents deserve as much information as possible about elected officials, such as myself, who they send to the Capitol to represent their interests every two years. Disclosure laws provide voters with greater confidence that elected officials keep sight of who they really work for Texans.

The Senate Finance Committee continues to blaze forward on our quest to finalize the state budget. The budget is broken up into a number of articles, including school finance, health care, public safety, and criminal justice. In the tough budget cycle we are



STATE SENATOR'S OP ED

CARLOS I. URESTI

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The Senate Health and **Human Services Commit**tee met last week to hear testimony on Senate Bill 11, a bill that I am joint-authoring. SB11 is a sweeping bill that tackles the many troubles facing our Texas Child Protective Services (CPS) system, including capacity, accountability, better tracking of repeated neglect incidents, and strategic planning, to drastically improve the quality of foster care. Our foster care system has failed to give our children the safety and security they deserve. Several of my legislative priorities are contained within SB11, and I am determined to protect our most vulnerable children.

Committee hearings will begin to pick up pace as we begin to hear and craft more legislation. The House just assigned committee membership on February 9th, and they will begin to meet early in the morning and attempt to catch up with the Senate, which has been meeting for several weeks. The days will be long, and the nights will be late, but there will always be time to hear valuable insight from my constituents on the issues facing our state.

If there is an issue that you would like to provide feedback on, I hope you will email my office at carlos.uresti@senate.texas. gov, or call (512) 463-0119.

I look forward to hearing from you, and continuing to update you bi-weekly through my Session Watch column. Semper Fi!

SENATOR URESTI represents Senate District 19, which includes Crockett County

The Funnies

handwriting.

As a youngster I never dreamed I'd one day make my living as a writer, but that doesn't mean I didn't hope to be syndicated in newspapers and magazines nationwide. What I really wanted to be was a cartoonist. There was only one problem... I can't draw. I know what you're thinking, I can't write either but that hasn't stopped me from being a cowy columnist.

I grew up on the funny papers. Although we really couldn't afford it, my mother always made sure we subscribed to two newspapers. She knew it was important for our education. All my life I've read three things religiously every day: the sports and business sections and the funnies. It's no accident that I grew up to be an entrepreneurial sports loving humorist.

During the week the comics were in black and white but on Sundays the funny pages were expanded and in full color. These days many newspapers have dropped the funnies because they contained no advertising and were a loss leader for them, but in my childhood the funnies were the only reason many people bought the Sunday

I grew up trying to draw my favorite characters including Nancy, Sluggo, Snoopy, Andy Capp, Tarzan and more. Dick Tracy was one of my favorites because he was the easiest to draw. I doodled and drew my own comics and because I had to write my captions in really tiny spaces I've always had really good printing, although my writing is not that great, as you all know. But in this



IT'S THE

PITTS LEE PITTS

In high school ag class I discovered Ace Reid who has to be considered the Godfather of the cow comedians. I had his cartoons pinned up all over my room. Although

case I was referring to my

he's been dead a long time many ag papers still carry his weekly cartoon and some relative is still raking in the royalties. I was sorry I never got to meet Ace because I hear he was a real hoot.

Today my favorite cow cartoonists include the recently retired Jerry Palen, Earl and Mad Jack Hanks. One of my prized possessions is an original Jerry Palen cartoon that Jerry sent me with a note saying thanks for the idea my column had inspired. I also have several full color Mad Jack cartoons framed and on a wall that he sent me. I've always felt there should be a Cow Cartoon Hall of Fame somewhere in Texas in Ace's honor and those gentlemen I mentioned would be the first inductees. There would be retrospectives on the cartoonists and include self drawn portraits. I can't imagine there being a Hall of Fame for cow columnists but if there was it would probably consist of a filing cabinet in someone's house somewhere stuffed with Baxter Black and John Erickson columns. Speaking of

John, I saved every one of his columns that appeared in the back of the Texas Cattlemen every month.

Although there have been many lovable cartoon cowy characters, (I like Jerry Palen's Flo and Elmo the best, and not just because they remind me of my wife and I), John was the only writer I know of who created a long-lasting and lovable character in Hank the Cowdog. Hank catatpulted John to well deserved fame and fortune. The only character I've managed to develop in 40 years of writing was my horse Gentleman who was always a lot funnier than I ever was.

Cartoonists are different than columnists. They are artsy and speak in shorter and often incomplete sentences. Sometimes I wonder if they skipped that day in English class when they taught us every sentence must have both a noun and a verb. Cartoonists are not politically correct and can get away with things that a columnist never could. And something I'm very jealous of, cartoonists rarely get edited. What's an editor going to do, erase and redraw an arm or a leg? And there is far more pressure on a cartoonist to perform because they only get one shot at being funny, whereas a columnist can take several stabs in one column in an attempt to make someone smile.

There's only one person I know who has been both a wildly successful cow columnist and cartoonist and that's Mad Jack. Does that make him a bi-humorist? If so, does he get his own public restroom now?

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Paxton files brief in support of president's immigration order

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton has filed a legal brief supporting President Trump's executive order for an immigration crackdown.

In his Feb. 15 brief with a San Francisco federal appeals court, Paxton defends President Donald Trump's Jan. 27 executive order titled "Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States.'

The states of Washington and Minnesota filed a complaint in a Seattle federal district court and were granted a nationwide temporary restraining order that blocked key provisions of the executive order regarding Trump's proposed ban on travelers from several Muslim-majority countries considered to be terrorism hotspots. On Feb. 9, a three-judge panel of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco upheld the temporary restraining order.

Soon afterward, feder-

al agencies under the U.S. Department of Homeland Security conducted White House-ordered sweeps in major U.S. metropolitan areas, resulting in the arrests of hundreds of undocumented residents.

"The law," Paxton said, "makes it very clear that the president has discretion to protect the safety of the American people and our nation's institutions with respect to who can come into this country."

State Sen. Sylvia R. Garcia, D-Houston, said on Feb. 16 that the executive order's ban on travelers from several Muslim-majority countries was "ill-conceived, unconstitutional and poorly executed in the first place."

"Now," Garcia continued, "our state tax dollars are being spent trying to defend

the exclusion of people based on false claims of security. It's wasted money when we need to focus on the things that matter to Texas." Garcia serves as chair of the Texas Senate Hispanic Caucus.

U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly confirmed that U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement launched a series of targeted enforcement operations in which more than 680 individuals were arrested. He said those arrested "pose a threat to public safety, border security or the integrity of our nation's immigration system."

ACCREDITATION LIST IS POSTED

The Texas Education Agency on Feb. 17 released accreditation status reports for school districts and charters for academic year 2016-2017.

Accreditation is based on state academic accountability ratings, the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, data reporting, special program effectiveness and compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements. The state is home to 1,199 public school districts PLEASE SEE STATE, PAGE 8

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OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS



VICKI STOKES AND CARMEN SUTTON with the flower arrangements that the Ozona Garden Club members prepared to decorate tables at the Crockett County Care Center to celebrate Valentine's Day.

Garden Club brightens Care Center

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL

Eleven members of Ozona Garden Club met in the kitchen of the Crockett County Civic Center for their February meeting.

Mrs. Willa Perry and Mrs. Jeannine Henderson were hostesses, serving a delicious hummingbird cake. President Vicki Stokes conducted the business meeting.

Mrs. Tina Bean purchased roses of various colors, which members arranged in small vases to decorate the tables of the Crockett County Care Center for Valentine's Day.

Suzi Marshall of San Angelo will present a program on the progress of the San Angelo Botanical Garden at the March 31 meeting.

Members in attendance were Vivian Childress, Mary Anne Deaton, Gilda Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Jeannine Henderson, Pamela Maresch, Jean Odam, Willa Perry. Rev. Jean Reardon, Vicki Stokes and Carmen Sutton.

Local scholarship information needed from community organizations

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

scholarship information and application forms.

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

ASU-SBD to host Cybersecurity & Payment Fraud event Feb. 23

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center is excited to host the training event "Cybersecurity & Payment Fraud: Minimizing Your Risk", on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 11:30 a.m. for a fee of \$15.

As society becomes more connected and dependent on technology, users are increasing their vulnerability to cybersecurity risk. This presentation will focus on payment fraud and cyber security to inform local lenders and small business owners on how to minimize their organization's risk.

This guest speaker will be

Matt Davies, Assistant Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

Lunch, catered by Kenny Blanek, is included.

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

The event will be held at ASU's Business Resource Center located at 69 N. Chadbourne, Suite 110 in San Angelo.

To find out more about this program or to register please call the ASU-SBDC at (325) 942-2098 or register online at www.sbdc.angelo.



OUMC WESLEY NURSE

Heart Truth for Women program Mon., Feb. 27 at Methodist Church

BY NIKI BISHOP WESLEY NURSE

Please join us for a free health information session about heart disease and will learn about women's risk factors and steps to take for heart healthy living.

The Heart Truth For Women event will be held on Monday, Feb. 27, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall located at 12 E 12th St.

The program will be given by Wesley Nurse Niki Bishop. It is sponsored by the Methodist Healthcare Ministries and is open and free to the public. Everyone is invited to attend.

Get the facts Know your risk. Be motivated to take action Heart disease is the #1 killer of women.

For more information contact Niki Bishop, Wesley Nurse at 325-392-3060.

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Photography workshop on Saturday, March 4

PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP

The 2017 Texas 4-H Photography Contest: for 2017 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.

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.

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

WOOL AND MOHAIR AND RANGE ID JUDGING

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

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.

TEXT REMINDERS

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

4-H OFFICE

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 22

- 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
- OHS Lady Lions Golf Team at Mason
- School Board Meeting, Administration Building Board Room, 797 Ave. D
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7:30 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym

Thursday, Feb. 23

- 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 Middle School Track Meet, 4:00 p.m., Lion Stadium
- OHS Baseball Tournament, OHS Baseball Field
- OHS Varsity Lions and Lady Lions Tennis Team at Fort Stockton • OHS Lions Powerlifting at Reagan County

Friday, Feb. 24

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OHS Baseball Tournament, OHS Baseball Field • OHS Lady Lions Softball, Stevie Smith Memorial Classic at Sonora

Saturday, Feb. 25

- OHS Baseball Tournament, OHS Baseball Field
- OHS Lady Lions Softball, Stevie Smith Memorial Classic at Sonora
- Lions and Lady Lions, Ozona Relays, Lion Stadium • OMS 7th and 8th Grade Girls, Stem Conference, ASU

Monday, Feb. 27

- OHS Lady Lions Golf Team at Sonora
- OHS Baseball vs Crane, 6 p.m. at Crane
- Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Ozona Girls Softball League Registration, 6-8 p.m., OHS Softball Field • Heart Truth for Women, 5:30-6:30 p.m., Wesley Nurse Niki Bishop, at Ozona United Methodist
- Church Fellowship Hall, 12 E 11th St. in Ozona
- 4-H Clothing and Textiles Meeting, 5 p.m., Crockett County Extension Office

Tuesday, Feb. 28

- 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
- OHS Varsity Lady Lions Softball vs. Sonora, 4:30 p.m., OHS Softball field

• OHS Varsity Lions Baseball vs. Ingram, 6:00 p.m. at Ingram Wednesday, March 1

- 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 • OHS Lions Golf Team at Sonora

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 22 - Kyle Lewis, Kaylenn Elston, Gloria Onate, Henry Delgado and Kambri Preddy

Feb. 23 - Mary Capps and Tonya Bullard

Feb. 24 - Jaylynn Tijerina, Billy Nowell and Jacob Moran Feb. 25 - David Martinez, Greg Hopper, Jazveth Gon-Azales, John D. Ramirez III,

David Tijerina, Levi Little and

Kaleb Fuentes, Jazzelle Taye Poindexter Perez and Camille Allen **Feb. 27** - Juan Matthew Garza, Paula Ramirez and

Guerra, Jose E. Mata, Christian

Feb. 26 - Adrian Thomas

Jonathan Tambunga Feb. 28 - Brenda Venegas, Jimmy Ruiz, Joise Ann Castro, Sydney Knaack, Krislynn Harris, Desiree Marshall, Teresa G.





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 22

Barbecued 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.

MARCH 1

Smothered pork chop, rice pilaf, Italian green beans, romaine salad with dressing, dinner roll, cinnamon apricots and milk.

MARCH 2

Chicken Stew, fluffy rice, carrot coins, cornbread, cherry dump cake and milk.

MARCH 3

Crunchy baked fish, spicy pinto beans, red and green coleslaw, hush puppies, tartar sauce, fruit cup and milk.

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Our transition into agriculture has not gone well

Evidence suggests Man's intolerance of carbohydrate seems to have manifested itself immediately upon his transition from his predominately animal fat and protein ways of eating some 10,000 years ago, to an agricultural based society. Unbeknownst to our ancestors, tooth decay and adverse genetic expressions from their increasing carbohydrate consumption was quick to take its toll. Signs of arteriosclerosis and advanced arthritis were discovered, uncovered by archeological investigations, as well as other infirmities.

"Over the next 9,950 years, Man continued to make minor changes in his victuals as new plant substances were discovered and cultivated. These changes contributed nothing nutritionally but a more abundant supply of calories. They did promote cultural progress from feeding to eating. However, few if any of the novelties introduced to his palate during the following centuries of dietary experimentation were sufficiently indigestible, or eaten in so great a quantity, as to incite rebellion by his digestive tract." - The Stone Age Diet, by Walter

L. Voegtlin, MD, FACP, (1975).
Our ancestors were oblivious of the molecular melee being subtly waged inside their bodies, or the resulting adulteration of their genetic expression. As they continued to experiment with grains and combinations of grains, they grew to like some of them, especially when they became hungry and there was no meat to eat.

According to Dr. Voegtlin, "... about a half-century ago, toward the end of World War I, there began a strange and unnatural alteration in the human diet. This modern tampering with man's hitherto quite satisfactory diet was undertaken to improve man's hitherto quite satisfactory nutritional state. These changes were initiated by a new type of bio-scientist: the nutritionist. They were soon taken over by commercial interests which, with superb subtlety, today virtually control the dietary thinking of most teachers, physicians, patients and all of the public at large capable of reading an advertisement or



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viewing television."
It all would have been just fine had refined, processed, uncooked plant foods and cheap carbohydrates been among

the foods that

comprised more of our ancestor's ways of eating since the dawning of Man's rise on Earth. Instead, carbs came way too late in Man's evolution to help in his evolution and their substitution of animal fats and proteins is not resulting well in the survival of his present-day progeny... us.

In 1991, a pair Germans hiking the Ötztal Alps, near Hauslabjoch on the border between Austria and Italy discovered the frozen remains of a mummified man, in the melting glacial ice at nearly 11,000 feet in altitude. Researchers came to call him "Ötzi, The Ice Man", and considered him the discovery of the century... a complete, frozen semi-prehistoric man, believed to have been killed there some 5,300 years earlier.

"His body and possessions were almost perfectly preserved. He was about 46 years of age, 5'2" (fairly average height for his day) and evidently a person of some higher status due to the quality of his possessions. His likeliest cause of death, as forensic researchers determined, was actually murder... but his health was anything but stellar the day he died." - Ötzi, The Ice Man: Agriculture Didn't Do Him Any Favors, by Nora Gedgaudas, CNS, NTP, BCHN.

"Even though he lived several thousand years ago, Ötzi was already quite clearly a neolithic (agricultural era) human, even as he may have also hunted for some of his food along the way. Let's just say that agriculture didn't do Ötzi any favors. For starters, he apparently suffered severe tooth decay and even had the grains that helped cause that still stuck in his teeth when they

discovered his body. Along with lousy oral health he also showed signs of suffering arteriosclerosis and advanced arthritis. He may be portrayed by the media as a prehistoric human, but his state of health was decidedly forged by the dietary pitfalls of an agricultural-based society. According to his stomach contents, bread was part of his last meal. Despite whatever hunting and gathering he may have done along the way he clearly wasn't "Paleo" in many of his dietary choices. He was basically modern enough to have suffered some of the earliest diseases of modern civilization. In short, Ötzi was an agriculturally-influenced, medical mess.'

Hippocrates, the "Father of Medicine", devoutly believed in Nature's a power to govern Man's nutritional requirements. Daniel Le-Clerc, MD, in his "History of Physick" expertly describes this indispensable governor:

"Nature is of itself sufficient to every animal, and that in all respects. She performs everything that is necessary to them, without needing the least instruction from anyone how to do it - that is the faculty which gives nourishment, preservation and growth to all things."

As such, the animals of the wild do not require instruction or frequent announcements from the Department of Agriculture to tell them what their choice of food should be, nor should we. Each of us should rise to the responsibility of our own health and well-being. Daniel Le-Clerc, MD reminds us, "The grazing animals seek and eat plant food; the carnivorous animals hunt and devour the plant eaters. It's as simple as that, and the wild animals are perfect examples of optimum nutrition resulting from their respective balanced di-

Here's to your health.

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OBITUARIES

Alicia Lombraña

Alicia Lombraña, 52, of Ozona, went to be with the lord on Feb. 16, 2017.

Services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, Feb. 20 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, with burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona.

She was preceded in death by her father Gilbert Lombrana and brother Gilbert Lombrana, Jr.

She is survived by mother Margaret Fay; stepfather Roosevelt Fay; brothers Danny Lombrana and Johnny Lombrana; sisters Anna Villegas, Irma McCutcheon and Christy Lombrana, as well as var-



ious nieces, nephews, uncles and aunts.

Arrangements were under the direction of Kerbow Funeral Home.

the date of the Bingo Social

this past Monday. There will

on croissants with ice cream

this Thursday. That means to-

morrow afternoon at 2:00 p.m.

Thursday morning at 9:30

a.m. is a good way to get

those ole bones and mus-

cles to do their job of hold-

ing you up. I have a couple of

girls joining me and they al-

ways say that they are able to

move more than they could

before starting these exercis-

Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday,

Try it, you'll like it.

sandwiches will be served.

Chicken salad sandwiches

There will also be bingo

The balance exercise on

be a Bingo Social on Feb. 27.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo Social Monday, Feb. 27

BY BRENDA NEWTON

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

There will be free health and wellness programs at the Crockett County Senior Center put on by Jim Fish. These will be weekly programs every Tuesday afternoon at 2 p.m.

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.

Do you remember last year that I asked to borrow movies to show on 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 look through them and find the ones that are yours. I would love for you to have them back.

Sorry about the mix-up on

Wednesday and Friday. Sit down Exercise - 10:30

a.m. Tuesday - Wesley Nurse Health and Wellness - 'Jim Fish," 2:00 p.m. Tuesday

Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Group - 3 p.m.

Wednesday Quilting - 9:30 a.m. Thurs-

Balance Exercise - 9:30 a.m. Thursday

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

KC Kitchen serving lunch today at KC Hall

The Knights of Columbus are serving lunch today, February 22, at the KC Kitchen from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Knights of Columbus Hall.

The meals are served once a month at the KC Hall on the last Wednesday and are

are now

available

at the

library!

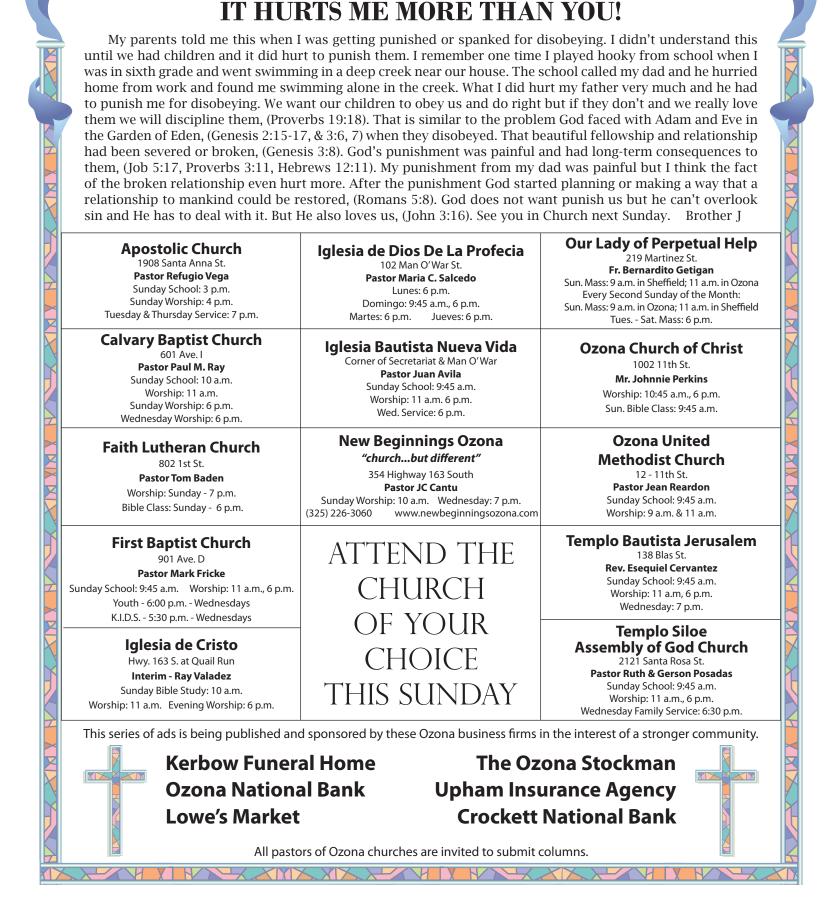
open to anyone, no questions asked.

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

Card of Thanks

The family of Alicia Lombrana would like to thank everyone for their prayers, food and arrangements at our time of need. Also, thank you to the hospice staff, Ronnie Fierro, and the Care Center staff.

The Lombrana Family



CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS! New art exhibit by New books & CDS! **HOURS OHS** Monday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday & Wednesday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Student Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Carissa No evening hours Perez! **COMING SOON** Watch for the Come by **Grand Reopening** and see! of the IRS Forms Children's Library

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one area where they agreed.

Both bodies initially budgeted

for TxDOT to receive more

than \$28.1 billion over the

next two years. In each pro-

posed budget, that figure in-

cludes \$5 billion from Propo-

sition 7's sales tax revenues.

Moody's argued that the new

TxDOT funding approved by

voters in recent years leaves

the Legislature with less

money to work with than it

nomic and population growth

is expected to increase faster

than the nation," the report

said. "Balancing the govern-

ment service demands of

growth against a smaller

general fund budget now is a

nomic growth in a state with

a litany of pricey needs — in-

cluding widespread concerns

about the state's child wel-

fare system — some lawmak-

ers appear to be lamenting

whether too much money has

been guaranteed for trans-

of that money could face ma-

jor opposition in the Legisla-

House sponsor of Senate Joint

Resolution 5, suggested law-

makers should only use the

clawback mechanism in case

of a major economic down-

turn or if the state found it-

self in some other unforeseen

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Paso Democrat told the Tri-

Abbott released his proposed

budget to lawmakers that in-

cluded sending the full Prop-

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sures the promise is kept,"

-Mariana Alfaro contributed to this report.

his budget says.

"A promise to invest in

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Last month, Gov. Greg

A move to get back some

State Rep. Joe Pickett, the

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"Simultaneously,

In a report last week,

Fort Lancaster hosts special guided tour

BY WILSON WHITE
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Looking for something fun for the entire family? Visit Fort Lancaster State Historic Site on Saturday, Feb. 25 for a special guided tour of the historic fort ruins followed by a hands-on history display with period weapons, uniforms, and soldier equipment.

"The special tour will allow visitors to imagine what it must have been like to live and work at Fort Lancaster during the mid-1800s" said Jefferson Spilman, Fort Lancaster Site Manager.

Upon arrival, a soldier will greet visitors and serve as their tour guide. Visitors can walk the trails around the ruins of Fort Lancaster learning about the site's fascinating history and stories.

The tour begins at the Visitor's Center at 10:00 a.m. Visitors are asked to arrive

a few minutes early. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 per child.

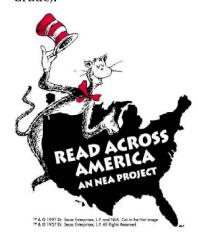
Fort Lancaster State Historic Site, a Texas Historical Commission property, spans 82 acres and commemorates the remnants of a fort built in the 1850s to protect the road between San Antonio and El Paso. The site contains the ruins of what once constituted a sizable military installation as well as an interpretive trail. The site recently completed a two-year renovation that includes a new Visitors Center with a substantial new gallery exhibit on the north side.

The new exhibit presents the story of Fort Lancaster through artifacts, images, scale models, a life-sized camel replica, and introductory video. For more information, call 432-836-4391 or visit www.visitfortlancaster.com.

SCHOOL WEEK:

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OES READ ACROSS AMERICA – 5:30-6:30 p.m. come listen to a variety of stories read by community members and school staff; 6:30 p.m. – Read Across America Program (performance by Fourth Grade).



FRIDAY, MARCH 3
— Crazy Hat day (wear a silly hat)

OES - Goodies For Grandparents in the cafeteria. Please come have breakfast with your grandchild. 7:30 a.m. for First-Fifth Grade Students; 8 a.m. for Pre-K and Kindergarten Students.

OMS - 12:30-1:30 p.m. - All public servants and community helpers current and retired, first responders and helpers (sheriff's office, courthouse employees, county commissioners and elected officials) Reception. Let us treat you and thank you for all you do for us.

OHS will not be having any activities due to their athletic schedule.

CROCKETT COUNTY CCSD CELEBRA LA SEMANA DE ESCUELAS PUBLICAS DE TEXAS 2017

Crockett County CCSD tiene unas actividades previstas en relación con la celebración anual de todo el estado de Texas Semana de Escuelas Públicas. Grandes cosas están sucediendo en nuestros campus, y queremos que seas parte de ellos.

LUNES, 27 DE FEBRERO

— Fox in Socks (Usa calcetines favoritos)

OMS – 6-8 p.m. Los padres y miembros de la comunidad están invitados a un sistema interactivo de la casa abierta. Ven a participar en algún de las lecciones y actividades de la escuela secundaria en vivo.

MARTES, 28 DE FEBRERO

— Grinch Green Day (Usa ropa verde como el Grinch)

MIÉRCOLES, 01 DE MARZO
— Miércoles loco (Usa tu ropa

loca de rojo y blanco)

OES - Muffins Para Las Madres en la cafetería. Por favor, ven y almuerce son su hijo/a. 7:30 a.m. para las madres de los estudiantes de 1-5 grado; 8 a.m. para las madres de los estudiantes de Pre-K y Kínder

JUEVES, 02 DE MARZO

— Dr. Seuss Character Day
(Vestirse como su favorito
carácter de Dr. Seuss)

OES – Funnel Cakes Para Los Padres en la cafetería. Por favor, ven y almuerce son su hijo/a. 7:30 a.m. para los padres de los estudiantes de 1–5 grado; 8 a.m. para los padres de los estudiantes de Pre-K y Kínder

OES Read Across America – 5:30-6:30 p.m. Ven y escucha a una variedad de cuentos leídos por los miembros de la comunidad y el personal escolar. 6:30 p.m. Programa del cuarto grado.

VIERNES, 03 DE MARZO

— Día de sombrero loco (Usa una gorra loca o un sombrero loco)

OES - Articulos Para Los Abuelos en la cafetería. Por favor, ven y almuerce son su Nieta/o. 7:30 a.m. para los abuelos de los estudiantes de 1-5 grado; 8 a.m. para los abuelos de los estudiantes de Pre-K y Kínder.

OMS - 12:30-1:30 p.m. Recepción para todo los Servidores Públicos y Comunidad Ayudantes Actual y Retirado, socorristas y ayudantes (la oficina del Sheriff, empleados de la Corte, Comisionados del condado, y funcionarios electros). Vamos a darles gracias por todo lo que hacen por nosotros.

OHS no va a tener ninguna actividad debido a su horario.

ROADS:

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range plans. "We'll be getting the projects out," he said.

On Monday, Lewis told the Senate Finance Committee that parts of the agency have been reorganized "to make sure money is used immediately."

Local governments are already submitting proposals to TxDOT for how to tap the Proposition 7 money, Marc Williams, the agency's deputy executive director, told The Texas Tribune. The Transportation Planning Commission will discuss those and other proposals during a Feb. 22 workshop before voting on them in March.

TxDOT's main source of revenue — the gas tax drivers pay at the pump — hasn't seen an increase since 1991, years before the Dallas Cowboys last won a Super Bowl. Twenty-two states in recent years have increased their gas taxes to help pay for transportation projects, according to credit ratings agency Moody's. Such a move has been largely considered a nonstarter in the tax-averse Texas Legislature.

Meanwhile, as cars become more efficient, most drivers are paying even less in per-mile gas taxes.

On top of that, inflation, increased construction costs and cars becoming more fuel efficient have prompted years of warnings from TxDOT officials that it can't keep pace with the demand for additional highway capacity needed to keep up with the state's booming population. In some parts of the state, particularly in North Texas, transportation officials and planners began relying more heavily on tolls to fund new highways or expansions of existing ones. Residents eventually began pushing back against their proliferation.

During the past two legislative sessions, lawmakers came up with a number of mechanisms to send more money to TxDOT that avoided raising taxes, including two constitutional amendments that voters overwhelmingly approved.

Though the Texas Senate and House kicked off this session with proposed budgets that are nearly \$8 billion apart, funding for TxDOT was



CONCHO VALLEY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY UTILITY ASSISTANCE The Concho Valley Community Action Agency will be in Crockett County on April 4 to help with Utility Assistance. We will also be taking Weatherization Applications.

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gust 2017 with Eckert & Company, CPA Firm.

•Interlocal Participation Agreement with Texas Educational Employers Benefit Cooperative (Employee Insurance Benefits).

•Proposed Revisions to Policy DNA (LOCAL) – Performance Appraisal Evaluation of Teachers.

·Policy Update 107, Affecting Local Policies: CDC (LOCAL) – Other Revenues-Gifts and Solicitations; CJ (LOCAL) – Contracted Services; DC (LOCAL) – Employment Practices; DEE (LOCAL) – Compensation and Bene-

Compensation and Benefits-Expense Reimbursement;
 DFAA (LOCAL) - Probationary
 Contracts-Suspension/Ter-

mination During Contract; DFBA (LOCAL) – Term Contracts-Suspension/Termination During Contract; FEA (LOCAL) – Attendance-Compulsory Attendance; FFA (LOCAL) – Student Welfare-Wellness and Health Services; FJ (LOCAL) – Student Fundraising; GE (LOCAL) – Relations with Parent Organizations.

·Consent Agenda - Approve minutes from Jan. 18 regular meeting and Jan. 27 special called meeting.

• Executive/Closed Session for personnel matters and real property.

 Possible action from executive/closed session - consider administrator contractors as recommended.

·Future Business - March Regular Board Meeting, suggested date March 22 at 6:30 p.m.

STOCKMAN DEADLINE IS NOON MONDAY





OZONA YOUTH BASKETBALL



2017 BULLS - Grades 1& 2 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Freddy Chavez, Alexander Mata, Leonel Blanco, T.J. Fluckers, Brendyn Smith, Jace Dominguez, Kaleb Ramon and Cole Wyatt. Coaches: Dwayne Smith and Lupe Ramon



2017 COMETS - Grades 1 & 2 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Brenda Hernandez, Emily Shaffer, Avery Davidson, Mara Crenwelge, Aubrey Villarreal, Anna Shaffer and Cierra Morales. Coaches: Travis and Kayla Davidson



2017 SPURS - Grades 3 & 4 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Matt Ybarra, Ryan Hurst, Christian Gomez, Israel Perez, Gabriel Fullingim, Isiah Porras, Thalen Roller and Jakob Little. Coaches: Timothy Porras and Michael Ybarra



2017 SPURS - Grades 1 & 2 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Christian Treto, Nolan Martinez, Rylie Barrera, Andon Silva, Ace Mejia, Jonathan Borrego and Ariston Pratt. Coach: Josh Smith



2017 ALLEY OOPS - Grades 1 & 2 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Avery Mendoza, Destiny Locklear, Kaydee Timms, Skylah Thomas, Mia Webb, Jocelynn Ayala, Bella Perez and Rylee Hamm. Coaches: Frankie Moran and Cody Webb



2017 ROCKETS - Grades 3 & 4 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Joe Jurado, Kurt Bean, Hunter Sertain, Bradyn Scherr, Lleland Mendoza, Corey Galindo and William Webb. Coaches: Wesley Bean and Cody Webb



2017 LAKERS - Grades 1 & 2 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Michael Bennett, Cameron Martinez, Darrius Galindo, Jordan Vega, Charles Harger, Elijah Veirs, Alejandro Tello and Kohlton Munoz. Coaches: Markaus and Rebecca Galindo



2017 DRIBBLING DIVAS - Grades 1 & 2 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Teagan O'Bryant, Lillian Bunger, Atleigh Morris, Kirra Tijerina, Isabel Bor-



2017 BASKET BEES - Grades 3 & 4 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Delaney McGee, Mireya Rivera, Bayleigh Tinney, Faith Sifuentes, Jetsi Flores, Abygale Veirs, Mercedes Perez and Ella Childress. Coaches: Chelsea Tinney and Mingo



2017 MAVERICKS - Grades 1& 2 ${\it TEAM\ MEMBERS\ ARE: Aden\ Cervantes, Snaygder\ Soto, William\ Higginbottom, Jaython\ Perez,}$ Blaine Hernandez, Olin Briggs, Arturo Rivera and Jose Mata. Coaches: Cody Porras and Josh Santos



2017 BULLS - Grades 3 & 4 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Rowdy O'Bryant, Michael Flores, JP Garza, Exander Whitby, Tristyn Timms, Moses Ramirez, Ian Smith and Valentino Castillo. Coaches: Alex Ochoa, Lori Tambunga, Shane Timms



2017 SHOOTING STARS - Grades 3 & 4 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Kaidence Hernandez, Kelynn Bean, Madolyn Childress, Yulissa Lopez, Sofia Elizondo, Taylor Hamm, Vania Ramirez and Mia Rodriguez. Coach: Kimber Childress



2017 SPURS - Grades 1 & 2 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Alyiah Rodriguez, Aaliyah Renteria, Jessica Ybarra, Stormi Martinez, Christline Moran, Cameron Asbill and McKenzie Dalton. Coaches: Penny Dalton and Brandi



2017 KINGS - Grades 3 & 4 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Trey Preddy, Andres Quiroz, Jaden Bennett, Michael Daniels, Rico Estrada, Maddac Luna, Rogelio Estrada and Jacoby Ramos. Coach: Jaime Ramos



2017 SPARKS - Grades 3 & 4 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Tessa Albon, Bayea Porras, Serenity Briggs, Blayk Mitchell, Yesenia Escalante, Jezzie Ramirez, Evelyn Yeager and Maci Ramirez. Coaches: Ruben Talamantez and

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2017 FIREFLIES - Grades 3 & 4 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Avery Badillo, Kadyn Dominguez, Jadyn Dominguez, Sienna Tatum, Ysabella Esparza, Alison Allsup and Maria Aranda. Coach: Brian Badillo



2017 BULLS - Grades 5 & 6 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Bernardo Blanco, Ian Savala, Miken Chandler-Fierro, Seth Childress, Nicholas Sanchez, Chris Ramirez and Ricky Velasquez. Coach: Jerold Savala



2017 RAPTORS - Grades 5 & 6 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Miguel Hernandez, Logan Fay, Max Everett, Ty Davis, JP.. De La Garza and Ryan Williams. Coach: Jerold Savala



2017 THUNDER - Grades 5 & 6 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Hudson Fowler, Noah Contreras, Sebastian Fullingim, Nikolas Villar real, Noah Veirs and Ivan Lopez. Coach: Clem Contreras



2017 KNICKS - Grades 5 & 6 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Matthew Daniels, Rigoberto Treto, Nicholas Ramon, Tell Nowell, Jadon Martinez and Bryce Hokit. Coaches: Justin Rodriguez and Jimmy Nowell



2017 HUSTLIN' HONEYS - Grades 5 & 6 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Christa Montgomery, Kattie Rodriguez, Cameran Ochoa, Mia Guttierrez, Faith Quiroz, Raelynn Barrera, Cora Perez and Audym Geary. Coach: Joyce Caldera



2017 LADY RAIDERS - Grades 5 & 6 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Brylee Gutierrez, Mia Davidson, Skylar Lacy, Charli Olgesby, Claire Bean, McKenna Luckie, Natalie Rodriguez and Mia Venegas. Coaches: Travis Davidson and David Bean



2017 PURPLE REIGN - Grades 5 & 6 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Andrea Torres, Alondra Garza, Kaitlynn Poindexter, Shania Fluckers, Kaitlyn Venegas, Jadlyn Hunt, Valeria Garza and Hailey Salinas. Coaches: Kassidy Gonzalez, Kaelan Savala, Emilio Porras and Jaden Fay



2017 TRIPPLE THREAT - Grades 5 & 6 TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Jaylynn Tijerina, Makaylee De La Garza, Mia Cruz, Ivey Rodriguez, Rianna De La Rosa, Makayla Flores and Elyssa Trujillo. Coaches: Gabriela Rodriguez and Christy Rodriguez



2017 'LIL OWLS - Grades 5 & 6

TEAM MEMBERS ARE: Abygail Narvaez, Javdyn Reves, Abigail Rodriguez, Makayla Smith, Aleyda Flores, Jennifer De La Cruz and Anahi Narvaez. Coaches: David De La Cruz and Luis Narvaez and David De La Cruz

YOUTH CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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.

CLOSED SUNDAYS

7TH & 8TH GRADE: Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.; Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.; Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

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

Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:

CCCCSD School Menus

Feb. 15-22, 2017

Cafeteria Costs: **Ozona Elementary School** Breakfast is free for all students!

Lunch is \$2.30 and Reduced Lunch is \$0.40

Ozona Middle & Ozona High Schools Breakfast is \$1.20 and Reduced Breakfast is \$0.30

Lunch is \$2.45 and Reduced Lunch is \$0.40 Menus are subject to change. To learn more about school meals, call Ludy Vargas (325) 392-5501 ext. 5547

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

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Girls softball registration Mon. and Tues., Feb. 27-28

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Ages are: 4-6 years for T-Ball, 7-8 years for 8U, 9-10 years for 10U. 11-12 years for 12U and 13-14 years for 14U.

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For more information contact Frankie Moran at (325) 226-8355 or Butch Gonzalez at (432) 978-3820.

Lady Lions place second in Irion County's Last Qualifier Meet

The OHS Lady Lions placed second at the Irion County Last Oualifier Meet on Saturday.

Team totals - 1. Eldorado; 2. Ozona; 3. Reagan County; 4. Irion County; 5. Grape Creek; 6. Sonora; 7. Central; 8. Junction; 9. Hermleigh; 10. Lake View.

Raelee Borrego placed third in the 97-pound weight class with a total of 450 pounds.

Cierra Sanchez won the 105 class with a total of 515. Addie Nehuss was fourth with a total of 375.

Kenzee Talamantez came in fourth in the 114 class with a total of 465.

Paige Villarreal was fourth in the 123 class with a total of

Jade Borrego was fourth in the 165 class with a total of 585.

Kendra Sarabia won the 220 class with a total of 675. Ashley Moran was third with a total of 550.

Kayla Sarabia was second in the 259 class with a total of 680.



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Monarch numbers appear to be down

By Keith Randall, TEXAS A&M MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

COLLEGE STATION - After rising surprisingly last year, Monarch butterfly numbers appear to be down once again this year, a trend that has seen declining numbers of the colorful creature over the past decade, says a Texas A&M University expert.

Craig Wilson, a senior research associate in the Center for Mathematics and Education and longtime butterfly enthusiast, says early figures show fewer Monarch numbers for 2016-17. Last year, about 100 million Monarchs were estimated - almost double the amount from the previous year - in their breeding grounds in Mexico, but this year it appears another decline is likely.

"Their breeding grounds were hit by late winter storms that blew down trees and damaged their habitat severely, enough to kill many millions of them," he explains.

"That means fewer made it to the breeding grounds last year and so fewer made it to Mexico in the fall of 2016."

Monarchs have had a rough time of it in recent years.

Wilson says their numbers are less than one-tenth of what they were in 1996, when it was estimated that 1 billion Monarchs would be present. A low point occurred in 2013-14 when only 34 million Monarchs were estimated.

Wilson says that Monarchs overwinter and breed in Mexico and then have three more generations as they travel north to Canada.

"Texas is a crucial place

for them - they have to pass through the state on their way north in the spring and lay eggs," he points out.

It is critical that Monarchs have access to milkweed, the only type of plant that Monarch caterpillars will digest as the multiple generational migration heads north.

But declining milkweed habitat linked to the increase of herbicide-resistant crops, very dry conditions over much of Texas and numerous wildfires have hampered their 2,000-mile journey to Canada in recent years. A study from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service says that about 900 million Monarchs have vanished since 1990.

Wilson says more milkweed is needed for the Monarch's long-term survival.

"There are still plenty of reasons to be concerned, mainly because the number of milkweed plants, the one plant that is vital to their existence, has been decreasing in the past decade," he notes. "There are new programs to establish milkweed planting, and the public is urged to become involved and to plant milkweed. The Monarch's miraculous migration depends on it.

"The mayors of numerous Texas, cities like College Station and Bryan, have committed to the Mayors' Monarch pledge to plant Monarch friendly habitats within city limits with milkweeds to feed the nascent caterpillars. They are supporting efforts to help Monarchs along with citizen scientists.'

He recommends the following sites for Monarch followers: Journey North, Texas Monarch Watch and Monarch Watch.

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· Sheriff's deputies arrested Emily Mendoza Galindo of Ozona for possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

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• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud noise complaint on 11th St.

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument at a residence on Hwy. 137. 2-18-17

· Sheriff's deputies took a report of a possible stolen vehicle from a residence on Swaps. 2-19-17

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Santa Ana.

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and charter school districts. Of those, 1,180 — or 98 percent — received a status designation of Accredited, which means they have met academic and financial standards, the TEA reported.

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TxDOT Executive Director James Bass, in a Feb. 6 news release, invited the public to visit www.txdot.gov where they can "Track the Truck" to locate a traveling exhibit that tells the district-by-district story of the agency's history in a refurbished, 27-foot-long 1918 Liberty Truck making its way across the state.

"Our traveling centennial exhibit affords us a great opportunity to thank the public and share a uniquely historical perspective of how our roadways have evolved from their early beginnings into the expansive network we know today," Bass said.

DPS HELPS IN RESCUES

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Feb. 15 announced that state troopers, with the support of the DPS Interdiction for the Protection of Children program, the Texas Rangers and DPS special agents, rescued 76 missing, exploited or at-risk children and initiated 42 related criminal investigations in 2016.

The IPC program was implemented in 2009 to teach law enforcement officers how to recognize indicators of endangered children who do not actively seek out help or exhibit obvious signs of abuse. As a result of receiving this specialized and targeted training, law enforcement officers can more readily identify and rescue children and arrest suspects, according to the DPS news release'

"Children who go missing, who are abused or at risk of being abused don't always make an outcry for help when they encounter an officer," said DPS Director Steven McCraw.

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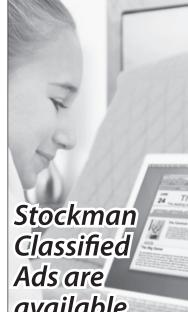
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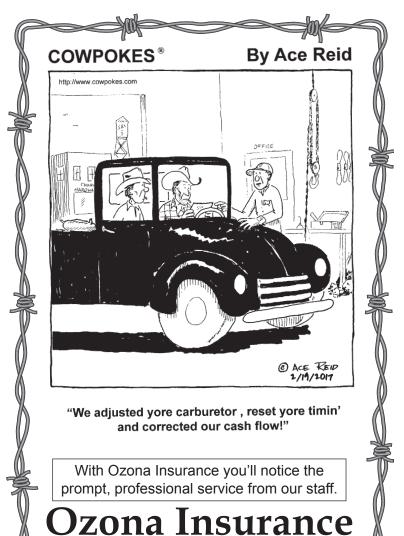
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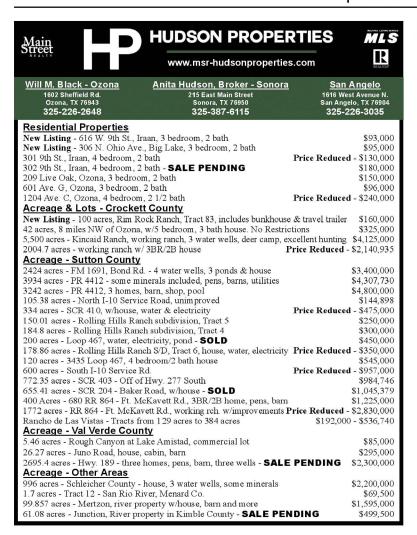


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