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OZONA, TEXAS

# State Bound Lady Lions Jurado, Lara, Mendoza and Tovar qualify

Proposal aims to limit increases in property tax bills **BY ALEX SAMUELS TEXAS TRIBUNE** 

Saying there needs to be more transparency in how property taxes are assessed in Texas, the head of the House Ways and Means Committee unveiled legislation Friday that would reduce the maximum increase allowed in taxes on individual properties.

House Bill 15, dubbed the "Property Taxpayer Empowerment Act" and authored by state Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, would reduce the maximum increase in taxes for a property - from 8 percent to 4 percent. The legislation would also require local governments to annually publish a "No New Taxes Rate" - which is the rate that would

raise the same amount

of money as the previ-

ous year — and restrict

debt service taxes to

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proved by voters.

OHS Lady Lions had four qualify for the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Meet after competing at the Region 1 Division 3 Meet last week in Mertzon.

Azaylea Tovar, Rachel Mendoza, Maiah Jurado and Asia Lara will compete at the state meet March 16-18 in Waco.

"I was very proud of the girls. We qualified four for state and ended up with five out nine girls receiving regional medals," said Coach Paul Veirs.

Mendoza won the 132 weight-class with a total of 785.

Tovar placed third in the 97 class with a total of 550. Raelee Borrego placed eighth in the class with a total of 465.

Jurado was fourth in the 148 class with a total of 735. Lara finished ninth in the class with a total of 695.







Julie Marshall placed fourth in the 123 class with a total of 665.

Kendra Sarabia was fifth in the 220 class with a total of 715.

Cierra Sanchez was ninth in the 105 class with a total of 525.

Kayla Sarabia was 11th in the 259 class with a total of 655.

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OHS LADY LIONS POWERLIFTERS (clockwise from top left) Maiah Jurado, Asia Lara, Rachel Mendoza and Azaylea Tovar all qualified for the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Meet during Friday's Regional Meet in Mertzon. The state meet is March 16-18 in Waco.

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# **OMS Students advance to TMSCA State Meet**

Ozona Middle School has 12 students that have qualified for the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association's State Meet on April 22 at the University of Texas at San Antonio in San Antonio.

In Eighth Grade, Michael Esparza qualified in number sense, calculator, math and science; Jorge Garcia in number sense, math and science; Jose Munoz in number sense, calculator and math; Arlie Hernandez in calculator and math; Jace Savala in number sense and science.

In Seventh Grade, Varun Kala in number sense, calculator, math and science; Esparanza Castillo in number sense, math and science; Ethan Gonzalez in calculator; Bryce Gray in number sense, calculator and science; Jaron Villarreal in math.

In Sixth Grade, Max Everett in number sense and science and Logan Thompson in number sense and science.

"We are so proud of these students for all their hard work. We will now try to im-



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Science Coaches Association's State Meet April 22 in San Antonio.

prove on individual scores to try to place top three in the state," said Deborah Ramon, OMS TMSCA Sponsor.

The students competed in two meets to qualify. At the Crane Invitation-

al Meet, in calculator Ethan Gonzalez placed seventh, Varun Kala was eighth and Michael Esparza was fourth.

In math, Varun Kala was seventh and he placed third in science.

At the March 4 Andrews Meet, the OMS team placed fourth out of 11 schools. In calculator, Bryce Gray placed fifth, Ethan Gonzalez sixth, Varun Kala 10th and

Michael Esparza 10th. In math, Varun Kala placed fifth and he placed seventh in science.

The OMS Team placed seventh in number sense, third in calculator, sixth in math and fourth in science. "We are so proud of

these students that represented OMS," Ramon said.



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HW CAR WASH held their official ribbon cutting on Friday. The HW Car Wash is located at 203 Avenue E. It is owned by Rick and Shannon Hunnicutt and David and Jana Wilson.

# **HW Car Wash holds ribbon cutting**

#### **BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF** OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

County officials, Chamber Board of Directors, staff and Ambassadors and a number of local residents gathered at a ribbon cutting ceremony held Friday, March 3, to officially welcome HW Car Wash to Ozona.

Mi Familia restaurant, com- He was really embarrassed pliments of the HW Car Wash owners, David and Jana Wilson and Rick and Shannon

Hunnicutt. "The question I get asked the most is how did Jana and

I become business partners with Rick and Shannon," said David Wilson.

He went on to say that the Afterward, guests were four friends were driving to treated to a buffet lunch at the JL Bar Ranch for dinner.

about how dirty his vehicle was and mentioned he wished Ozona had a working drive-thru car wash. Rick Hunnicutt said yeah he wished that too.

"By the time we got back to Ozona, we were partners and putting in a new car wash," David Wilson said.

Representatives Brandon

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## Counties visit capitol, finance committee gets specific

he Capitol has been a busy place, as my office has hosted leaders from Uvalde, Zavala, Kinney, and Maverick counties for county days. Each delegation provided me with meaningful insight on legislation that will directly impact their county. I appreciate our leaders for making the trip and sharing their legislative priorities, and I am eager to welcome more counties in the coming weeks.

Texas' troubled Child Protective Services (CPS) and foster care systems are back at the forefront. This past week, the Senate Health & Human Services Committee passed Senate Bill 11 on to the full Senate. SB 11 is a package of bipartisan reforms I am joint-authoring that would reform CPS in order to address the state's systematic failure to protect vulnerable youth.

For the second session in a row, I've been named to the budget workgroup on the Article 2 health & human services section of the state budget. Membership on a workgroup gives a Sen-



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coauthor of Senate Bill 7, because I believe we can't allow a handful of teachers to overshadow the great work going on in classrooms across the state by tens of thousands of teachers. We want to get this bill right the first time, so we've held in back in committee for an extra week to ensure we get the language of the bill exactly right. This is common. because in law. for example, the difference between "should have known" and "had probable cause to believe" could have profoundly different

# Bring Back The Blobs

Eighteen states have sued the feds over some new twists to the Endangered Species Act. A species no longer has to be few in number to be listed, only its habitat has to be "endangered". There might be trillions of some long-eared bat but if its habitat is "threatened" as deemed by the feds, the bat could be considered endangered. And it gets worse. According to the lawsuit, "The final rules allow the services to declare areas occupied critical habitat that are not occupied by the species and could not support the species were it moved there." In other words, a species can be listed as threatened or endangered in areas where there aren't any, and never were. They can also be considered endangered in places where they could not possibly survive. Under the new rules the Atlantic Ocean could be considered endangered habitat for tigers, even though tigers can't hold their breath underwater all that long.

Sadly, I'm not making this up. The rules are based on the supposition that some day the land, or water, might change and a species could theoretically live there. Think polar bears in the Amazon Rainforest.

When I first heard about this my head exploded but after much thought I see it presents a great opportunity to right a wrong. Currently there is a great imbalance in the number of endangered species each state must harbor. Hawaii has less than .2% of America's land mass but 25% of endangered species. Four hundred live in Hawaii while Maine only has 12. California has over 300 endangered species while



New Hampshire has nine. The Northeastern quadrant of this country, which has the highest concentration of liberal greenies, has the lowest number of endangered species. New York has 22, Rhode island has 8, Connecticut and Delaware both are home to ten, and Vermont has only five.

I'm sure easterners want to do their part in saving species instead of just passing crazy laws, so here's my plan. Idaho

has done more than their fair share in bringing back the wolf which is currently making endangered species out of Aberdeen Angus and Elk. I propose trapping those killer wolves and turning them loose in Chicago, a city that experienced a 72% increase in murders last year. The killings would stop, at least of humans anyway, because the gang members would be hiding in their houses, shaking in their shorts. It doesn't matter that wolves might not be able to survive there or haven't in the past.

Instead of giving federal aid to places like Philadelphia let's give them endangered species. After all, Pennsylvania only has 16 such species. We could start by giving them some star nosed moles, dugongs, blob fish and black faced honeycreepers. Whatever they are. the swamp in Washington which has only three endangered species, and one of those is the honest politician. A very rare species indeed! Instead of draining the swamp we ought to flood it and bring back the large tooth sawfish, which looks like a shark with a chainsaw for a nose. That ought to clear out the riff raff in Congress. If we turned loose millions of Aye Ayes in DC, which is a long-haired rat that looks like it just got electrocuted, and threw in a couple loads of Babirusa, which is a scary thing with four horns growing out its nose, that would put an end to anyone marching on Washington anytime soon.

Just because Miami currently doesn't have any mountain lions patrolling her mean streets doesn't mean some might not live there in the future. I say we give them a couple boatloads. If we turned some wolves and tigers loose in Hollywood, Ashley Judge and Madonna would become spokespersons for the NRA. Since Portland likes "weed" so much I suggest we give them a 100 endangered ones. Because San Francisco wants to be a sanctuary city so badly I say we ship them millions of Pink Fairy Armadillos and Dumbo octopus to protect.

I'd like to be an endangered fly on the wall in the oval office when Trump hears about this last proposal. Turn a few dozen cheetahs loose on Mexico's side of Trump's wall and the illegals will be running back to Central America in world record breaking time.

Wednesday, March 8, 2017

ator a greater voice on that respective article of the budget, and I intend to let our children's voices be heard in order to "get it right". I aim to ensure that our CPS case workers are well-trained, competitively paid, and motivated to work even harder to protect our kids.

The workgroup process is a relatively unknown – but important - phase of the budget writing process. After receiving the base budget outline and quickly reviewing each article as a full committee, the Senate Finance Committee breaks into workgroups of five Senators charged with reviewing individual articles of the budget in great detail, and reviewing budget riders, which are essentially change requests to the budget submitted by individual Senators. We leave no stone unturned – and within the next few weeks we will present recommendations on effectively allocating our budget in these areas back to the full committee.

No matter where you live in Texas, you've probably read news reports of an improper teacherstudent relationship in a school district. The Senate Education Committee met to discuss legislation to prevent improper relationships between teachers and students and ensure those teachers who violate our results in practice, so we want to take extra care to get it right.

More of my own bills have begun to be scheduled for hearings. Senate Bill 497 addresses low morale and high turnover among CPS staff by creating an office of workforce analytics, which would investigate workforce issues within the department and produce honest and transparent assessments. Maintaining a stable workforce will allow CPS to improve its ability to protect Texas kids, be a more efficient agency, and save the taxpayer money.

Lastly, Senate Bill 495 will improve a court's ability to take into consideration the risk of a parent or individual who under a mediated settlement agreement could have unsupervised access to the child. Essentially, SB 495 would allow judges to make more informed decisions to avoid putting children in homes with potential sexual abusers.

I hope to continue advancing these bills, as well as my other priorities, over the next few weeks. 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. Semper Fi!

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# House, Senate approve bills to protect children in foster system

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Both houses of the Texas Legislature last week passed bills to improve the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services in response to Gov. Greg Abbott's call for emergency action to improve child protection programs.

Tasked with protecting children, elders and people with disabilities from abuse, neglect and exploitation, the DFPS, part of the Texas Health and Human Commission, has attracted attention in recent years for inadequate funding and staffing to meet obligations.

Senate Bill 11, whose primary author is Charles Schwertner, R-Georgetown, was approved by the Senate on March 1. The bill would shift to private contractors the DF-PS's foster care management mission, but the state would remain the ultimate guardian over foster children, Schwertner said. The bill also contains oversight and ac-

countability provisions to enable close monitoring by the DFPS and the Texas Health and Human Services Commission.

Meanwhile, on March 2, the Texas House approved HB 4 by Cindy Burkett, R-Sunnyvale, to provide additional support for family members who care for a child who has been removed from his or her home. Also approved was HB 5 by James Frank, R-Wichita Falls, to give the DFPS more autonomy by making it a separate agency with its own

commissioner. In passing HB 4 and HB 5, the House has taken "important steps toward providing better protection and care for children in terrible circumstances," Speaker Joe Straus said.

SENATE OKS 'CON- CON' BILLS The Texas Senate on Feb. 28 approved Senate Joint Resolution 2, an application to the U.S. Congress to call a convention of the states, and SB 21, rules for selecting and controlling delegates to that convention. Joint resolutions must be approved by both chambers of the Legislature, but do not require approval by the governor.

Primary author Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, said eight other states have passed resolutions similar to SJR 2.

"It is abundantly clear to me," Birdwell said, "that the Congress is incapable of or unwilling to propose amendments that limit its own power or that of the other branches to return our nation to the original spirit of federalism intended by our founders. The mechanism for that is found in Article V of the U.S. Constitution, which requires Congress to call a convention for the purpose of amending the nation's founding document if 34 states formally petition for it. Any amendments approved at that convention are adopted if 38 states ratify it."



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# **Family Health Center** moving schedule

#### **BY SUSAN BILANO** FAMILY HEALTH CENTER OF OZONA

We are excited to announce that the new medbuilding is near ical completion, and the Family Health Center staff will soon begin the transition of moving into the new location.

We will soon begin the process of packing up everything in our current building, and March 22 is the date that we will move into the new facility.

Patient care is always our priority, but we do ask that you be patient with us during the week of March 20. Although we do not plan to completely close our facility during any of the move, we will be limited on some of the services that we can provide, especially x-ray and lab. On March 22 we will only have the urgent care area open in the new building, and we will have nurses triaging patients. We will only see trauma and very ill patients, and depending on the progress that we make while moving that may continue through March 23 as well.

If you normally see one of our providers monthly for routine care, or know that you need medication refills or lab work, please make an appointment with us and come in this week or the week of March 13. Also, if you normally have bloodwork done with us for out of town doctors, please make arrangements to have it done the week before or after our move. The building that we are currently in will be closed completely as of March 22.

We appreciate your understanding and patience, as this is a very big project for our staff. However, we are very excited, and hope to see all your smiling faces for open house on March 20 from 4-6 p.m.

It is a beautiful building, so please come and let us show you this wonderful facility that Crockett County has provided for the citizens of Ozona.

CARE CENTER STAFF (back row) Martha Flores, My Lasy, Jeannette Lazano, Elizzabeth Ann Wadsworth, Jenny Tollet, Kailea King; (front row) Linda Borrego, Nayra Moreno, Sylvia Mejia, Mary Helen Flores and Lisa Tijerina received thanks from local resident Vicki White and her sisters on the excellent care their mother is receiving.

# Family impressed with **Crockett County Care Center**

Vicki White, of Ozona, enjoyed the company of her four sisters as well as a niece during a recent sisters' reunion.

Their primary reason for gathering in Ozona was to visit their mother, Shirley Alisch, a resident of Crockett County Care Center since 2015.

Impressed with the loving care given their mother, they enjoyed baking cakes and decorating them for the caregivers at the center.

Vicki's sisters came from all directions: Judy Pedersen of Phoenix, Ariz., said, I am thankful for the quality of care I have seen here. This

care center is a gem and gives me a new send of "the heart of Texas.

Pat LaGrange of Columbia, S.C., called it a happy place and family friendly and said, "I hope the same staff is here if I need care!"

Cathy Alisch Staley of Portland, Ore., said, "The kindness shown our mother is unsurpassed and the staff is compassionate and loving." Becky Harris, of Ellijay,

Ga., said, "People really care here."

Vicki and her sisters thank everyone at the Care Center for embracing their mother and taking care of her as one of their own.

## **Donations needed for Easter Egg Hunt**

Donations for the annual Knights of Columbus Easter Egg Hunt are being accepted. Money, candy and priz-

es are needed. Eggs are not needed.

The annual hunt will be 2:30 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 16, at the Rodeo Park.

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

March 8 - Skylar Lacy, Martha Sewell, Brianna Maskill, Irma Tambunga, Kim Tambunga, Audrey Gandar, Marie Pierce, Murray Logan, Layla Perez Alexandra Bean, Brooks Long and Anthony Tambunga March 9 - Pon Seahorn, Twyla Harger, Destiny Perez, Sandra Childress, Jeannine Henderson, Teresa Yeager and Noe Alba

Tax-deductible monetary donations can be made out to the Knights of Columbus.

For more information, call Grizz Medina (325) 234-0718, Marta De La Garza at (325) 387-4126 or Frank Tambunga at (325) 392-2827.

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## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

## Wednesday, March 8

• 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

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

## **Thursday, March 9**

- OHS Tennis Team at Sterling City
- 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
- One Act Play Dinner Theatre, 6 p.m. at the OHS Cafeteria and OHS Auditorium
- Book Club, 6 p.m. at the Crockett County Public Library

### Friday, March 10

OES Honor Roll Party

• Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center

- OHS Lions Baseball vs. Rotan, 4:30 p.m. at Forsan
- OHS Lady Lions Softball vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m. at Eldorado

## Saturday, March 11

Saturday School at OHS

- 4-H Club Meeting and Spring Break Community Service, 9-11 a.m. at the **Community Garden**
- OHS Lions Powerlifting Team at Regional Meet in Sundown

## Sunday, March 12

Daylight Saving Time Begins - set clocks ahead one hour

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament, noon at the OHS Davidson Gym

Monday, March 13-Friday, March 17 CCCCSD Spring Break Holiday

### Monday, March 13

• Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center

 Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex Clothing and Textiles Project meeting, 5-6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office

## Tuesday, March 14

 Sit Down Exercise, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center Free Health and Wellness Program by Jim Fish, 2 p.m., Senior Center OHS Lions Baseball vs. Menard, 6 p.m. at the OHS Baseball Field

### Wednesday, March 15

 Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center • OHS Lions Baseball vs. Forsan, 1 p.m. at Forsan Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

## 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, scholarship information and application forms.

You can reach Mrs. Childress at (325) 392-5501 ext. 5742 or email leanna.chil-

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Special guided tour Saturday **BY WILSON WHITE** and stories.

FORT LANCASTER

FORT LANCASTER NEWS

Looking for something fun for the entire family?

Visit Fort Lancaster State Historic Site on Saturday, March 11, 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

The tour begins at the Visitor's Center at 10 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.

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

For more information, call (432) 836-4391 or visit www.visitfortlancaster.com.

## 3 on 3 Basketball Tourney Sunday

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held Sunday, March 12, at the OHS Davidson Gym.

nament starts at 1 p.m.

\$50 per team.

Check in at noon. Tour-

Four-man team. Cost is

and women. Proceeds benefit the Crockett County Youth Center Scholarship Fund.

The event is open to men

For more information, call Ruben Cruz at (325) 315-6440.





March 10 - Evelio D. Mata, Lillian Payne, Dean Fierro, Jolissa Ybarra, Gary Scacchi March 11 – Juan A.

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thony Gonzales, Ryan Bean, Steven Dorrough and Emily Moore

March 12 - Janie Chandler, Kaleb Borrego, Billy Tom Turland, Andy Wilson, Anna Lara, Andres Macias and Leandra Benson

March 13 - Morris King March 14 - Kay Stewart, Anthony Vasquez, Isabel Borrego, Robert Crain, Diego Pena, Yadira Diaz, Alexandra Cervantez and Mark Branyon

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## **HELPING HANDS NEWS**

#### MARCH 8

Chicken and broccoli stir fry, fluffy rice, spicy carrots, romaine salad with dressing, wheat bread, fruited cherry gelatin and milk.

#### **MARCH 9**

Meatloaf with tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, turnip greens, wheat bread, banana pudding with wafers and milk.

### MARCH 10

Chicken enchiladas bake, Spanish rice, spicy pinto beans, tossed salad, dressing, peaches and milk.

#### **MARCH 13**

Sloppy joe on bun, baked beans, herbed corn, pickle, onion, orange wedges and milk.

### MARCH 14

Italian meatballs, spaghetti with sauce, broccoli florets, garlic Texas toast, cinnamon peaches and milk.

#### MARCH 15

Hamburger on bun, spicy pinto beans, fiesta corn, lettuce, tomato, pickle, mustard, mayo, pudding parfait and milk.

#### MARCH 16

Lemon pepper chicken, cornbread dressing, herbed green beans, dinner roll, cranberry sauce, mandarin orange fluff and milk.

#### **MARCH 17**

Baked pork chops, potato wedges, tangy coleslaw, hush puppies, pear slices and milk.

## **MARCH 20**

Mexican chicken, Spanish rice, corn and black bean salad, saltine crackers, vanilla pudding and milk.

## **MARCH 21**

Beef steak fingers, garlic mashed potatoes, cream gravy, capri vegetables, wheat bread, cinnamon pears and milk.

## **MARCH 22**

Popcorn shrimp, fluffy rice, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fruit cup and milk.



**Dealing with the pharmaceutical industry** Of all the blatant and egregious lies we've been told about our health and wellbeing over the past 70 years, the pharmaceutical industry has profited from them in billions of dollars from almost every manufactured "remedy." Across our nation and around the world, people are taking medications for no other reason than, "the doctor told me to."

Right here in Ozona and around Crockett County, our citizens organize trays of numerous medications in pill boxes for daily intake. I wonder how many of them conflict negatively with one another on ingestion? I wonder how many are there because big pharma "educated" the doctor about their contrived diseases and conditions, just to sell a drug that reacted a certain way in the body, if the truth be known?

"That's exactly what Pfizer has done marketing Lipitor, Astra-Zeneca with Crestor, and Merck/Schering-Plough with Zetia. These prescription medications are meant to treat 'high cholesterol,' but has anyone stopped to ask the obvious question that is that gigantic elephant in the room... What is the proof that high cholesterol leads to heart disease?" - Jimmy Moore, from the "Livin' La Vida Low Carb" podcast, "My Total Cholesterol Is 326 And Why I Don't Need To Take Lipitor Or Crestor To Lower It.'

Of course, we now know that the "cholesterol/heart disease hypothesis" was just that, a "hypothesis;" a belief that was never supported by science then or since. Still, statins are a \$30 billion annual revenue to the drug industry. Is the scenario being repeated with psychotic drugs like Cipralex, Lexapro, Fluoxetine, Prozac, Sarafem, Paxil, Lustral, Zoloft, Trazodone, and others? They amount to more than \$70 billion in annual revenue. The global revenue for the pharmaceutical industry is over \$970 trillion dollars and the United States gets the lion's share, amounting to about 40 percent, or

more \$450 trillion. "Though not obvious, the relationship between physicians and the pharmaceuti-**HERE'S TO** cal industry **YOUR HEALTH** begins long before doc-

JIM FISH tors have the power to prescribe medication. Medical students are sub-

jected to a barrage of advertising that inevitably leads to a physician-industry connection that can be harmful to our health care system. Medical students' exposure to pharmaceutical marketing begins early, growing in frequency throughout their training. Students receive gifts such as free meals, textbooks, pocket texts, small trinkets and even drug samples. Forty to 100 percent of medical students report exposure to the pharmaceutical industry, with clinical students being more likely than preclinical students to report exposure," - in-Training, the agora of the medical student community, published on April 3, 2016, "The Pharmaceutical Industry's Role in U.S. Medical Education," by Priscilla Vu and Rijul Kshirsagar at the University of California, Irvine School of Medicine... but big pharma's relationship with physicians and medical authorities does not end there. It is on-going and, in most cases, perpetual.

My purpose is not to denigrate the pharmaceutical industry, they are us. However, such is the system we have created and are mired in for now. What started out as companies dedicated to researching and creating cures for whatever ailed us has developed into a monster whose very business model puts the world community's health and wellbeing in jeopardy.

The Los Angeles Times published an article in their Health & Fitness section on Jan. 23, 2015 reporting the projection of several nutri-

tion experts and writers: "People will come to realize that they have the power to control their health with nutrition and fitness. We're going to see the ability of the

individual to literally self-diagnose and cure through lowtech strategies, by adjusting diet and lifestyle." says Mark Sisson, author of MarksDailyApple.com and creator of "The Primal Blueprint Diet."

Gary Taubes, investigative science writer, author of "Good Calories, Bad Calories", "Why We Get Fat", "The Case Against Sugar" and founder of the nonprofit Nutrition Science Initiative believes, "What I see happening in the next year that will change our health is the continued focus in the public health community on sugars (sucrose and high fructose corn syrup, in particular) as the prime dietary suspects in the cause of obesity, diabetes and their related diseases. [I see] a continuing decrease in the amount of sugars that we consume and, more important, our children consume, particularly sugary beverages such as sodas and fruit juices."

Dr. Robert Lustig, pediatric endocrinologist at UC San Francisco and author of books including "Fat Chance: Beating the Odds Against Sugar, Processed Food, Obesity and Disease" predicts, ..."About five years from now, insurance companies are going to look at the amount of money they are paying out in treatment for chronic diseases, and they will determine that prevention pays better than treatment. They're already talking "wellness" (although they think that means "absence of illness," which is very shortsighted). In five years, they'll realize they can make more money from healthy clients than sick ones, and they will finally take the plunge.

Here's to your health.

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Survivors include his three children, Isaac Hall, Heather Richardson, and Juli Hall;

## **Miguel Damian** April 8, 1954 - March 2, 2017

Miguel Damian died Thursday, March 2, 2017. Funeral service was Monday, March 6, at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center with burial following in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife Maria, daughters Angelica Galindo (Jose), Lidia Dominguez (Jose), Carolina Ojeda (Armando) and Rosario Oviedo (Ivan), sons Apolonio (Laura), Miguel Angel (Ana) and Gene (Danielle). 12 grandsons, 12 granddaughters and three great-grandkids, brother Juan and sister Felicitas Damian.

## Hector Lloyd Etheridge

Hector Lloyd Etheridge, 64, was called home by our Heavenly Father on February 22, 2017. He was born on January 8, 1953 in Ozona, Texas to Joe and Lula Sanchez Etheridge. He was a Catholic and lived most of his life in Corpus Christi, Texas. He proudly served our country in the US Army. He was a loving and caring husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend who will be dearly missed.

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He goes home to the Lord to reunite with his parents; his son, Jim Etheridge; his daughter, Trisha Etheridge; his brother, Raymond Etheredge; his grandson, Aaron Etheridge and his niece Amber Sanchez who preceded him in death.

He leaves to cherish his

Richard E. "Dick" Hall, 65, of Ozona, passed away on Friday, February 24, 2017 in San Angelo. He was born to the late, Loy and Lottie Cook Hall on December 3, 1951 in Bristow, Oklahoma. He worked in the oilfield industry for a number of years, having retired almost 8 years ago. Dick was a man of few words, so when he spoke everyone listened. His "take it easy" and laid back spirit left a lasting impact on those around him. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends as well as fishing in his spare time. He will be missed greatly by all who knew and loved him. Dick was preceded in death by his parents and two siblings.



memories to his wife of 40 years, Alma Etheridge; his children, Jeannie (Juan) Ruiz, Tracy (William) McCall, and Denise Etheridge; his sister, Elizabeth (the late Raul) Gonzales. He will also be missed by his eight grandchildren and numerous other relatives and friends.

# **Richard E. 'Dick' Hall**



A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 11, 2017 in the Oakdale Cemetery, Depew, Oklahoma. A barbecue will be held at noon on Saturday, March 18, 2017 at Pandale Crossing in Ozona.

Family and friends are encouraged to share memories and sign the online guestbook at www.johnsons funeralhome.com. Arrangements are under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

## THE PLIGHT OF THE AMERICAN FAMILY

Things are changing so fast today and I do not totally understand the American family. It is very hard to relate to today's young adults and children. It is a shame and disgrace to see the broken homes, broken relationships, unwanted pregnancies, neglected children, rampant drug use and dysfunctional environments they reside in. Our country is serious trouble. When God created mankind He designed or planned that the couple, one man and one woman, would establish a loving God honoring marriage and home, (Mark 10:2-12). Another thing God hoped or desired that the couple would love Him and obey Him. The first couple, Adam and Eve, disobeyed God and it has had far reaching consequences that are still very much with us today, (Genesis 3:17-19). So much so that their first child, Cain killed his younger brother, Abel, (Genesis 4:6-8). We all have a sin nature that wants to do wrong and we must deal with that. The only way is to confess our sins and ask God to forgive us, (1 John 1:9&10). So what does God want or desire from us? He wants us to love Him and do what the Bible says, (Deuteronomy 6:5, an especially 10:12). One big problems our sins have separated us from God, (Romans 3:23, 6:23, 5:8). But God has provided a way for a new relationship with Him and that is in Christ Jesus, (John 3:16-18, 5:24). 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.
<b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I <b>Pastor Paul M. Ray</b> Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.	<b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat & Man O'War <b>Pastor Juan Avila</b> Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.	<b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. <b>Mr. Johnnie Perkins</b> Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
<b>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. <b>Pastor Tom Baden</b> 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.
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K.I.D.S 5:30 p.m Wednesdays <b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> Hwy. 163 S. at Quail Run <b>Interim - Ray Valadez</b> 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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randchildren, Mike, Matt, Dillon, Fisher, Gwen and Fletcher; six siblings; numerous nieces, nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

# **OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS Bingo social March 27**

## **BY BRENDA NEWTON** SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Last week was one of the saddest weeks the county offices have had. We lost a very special person in our business family. When you work with a big organization like this, you get to know a lot of special people. This tragic accident touched the hearts of all of us, and reminded us of just how fragile life is. Never forget to express your feelings to the one you love.

I have a couple of girls joining me on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. for sit down exercise. They always say that they are able to move more than they could before starting these exercises. Wouldn't that be worth it?

Nikki Bishop is still having the sit down exercise on Tuesday 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.

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. 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.

There will be a Bingo Social on March 27. Chicken Spaghetti with garlic bread and salad will be served along with cupcakes made by Elda Flores. There will also be bingo each Thursday afternoon. That means tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. Try it, you'll like it.

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.

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

Sit down Exercise - 10:30 a.m. Tuesday - Wesley Nurse Health and Wellness - "Jim

Fish," 2 p.m. Tuesday Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday

Prayer Group - 3 p.m. Wednesday

Quilting - 9:30 a.m. Thursday Balance Exercise - 9:30 a.m. Thursday

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

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# **Celebrating Texas Public Schools Week**, **Dr. Seuss's Birthday**



DACIE TAYLOR | THE OZONA STOCKMA



DACIE TAYLOR | THE OZONA STOCKMA THE CAT IN THE HAT, aka OES and OMS Principal Tammy McWilliams, reads during Read Across America.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMA OMS hosted a Community Helpers Reception at the end of the week.







THE WHO'S IN FIRST GRADE: OES Teachers Alexa Cervantez, Kaylie Ferguson, Jessica Luckie and Kimberly Harris.



ONE FISH, TWO FISH, RED FISH, BLUE FISH IN KINDERGARTEN: OES Teachers Jana Fox, Ann Harmsen, Isabel Geary and Jodie Baggett.



# Murr appointed to four house committees

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#### **BY REGAN ELLMER** OFFICE OF STATE REP. ANDREW MURR

State Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, was recently appointed to four committees by the Speaker of the Texas House in the ongoing 85th Session of the Texas Legislature.

He will serve on the Judiciary and Civil Jurisprudence Committee, the Ways and Means Committee, and the Local and Consent Calendars Committee, as well as serving as Vice Chair of the Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility.

Additionally, Murr was selected by his colleagues to serve on the Steering Committee for the House Research Organization.

This committee will review proposed legislation that affects our Texas court systems and judicial processes.

The Ways and Means Committee has jurisdiction over a wide range of topics, from state revenue sources to the state treasury. Murr is the only committee member from the Texas Hill Country.

The Committee on Local and Consent Calendars is a procedural committee that sets the schedule for hearing local bills on the house floor that, in the opinion of the committee, are in fact local or will be uncontested, and have been recommended as such by the standing committee of original jurisdiction.

The Select Committee on State and Federal Power and Responsibility will consider a variety of legislation, including whether Texas should request an Article V Convention of States to draft



**ANDREW MURR** nor Greg

included this topic in his list of emergency items this session.

As the Governor has explained to Texans, there are two ways to amend the U.S. Constitution; one by congress drafting amendments and submitting them to the states for ratification. The other provides that two-thirds of the states can call for a convention to draft amendments, which are then submitted to the states for ratification. If three-fourths of all states ratify an amendment, that amendment is approved.

Finally, the House Research Organization (HRO) provides impartial information on legislation and issues before the Texas Legislature. The HRO Steering Committee, of which Murr is now a member, sets policy for the organization, approves its budget and ensures that its reports are accurate and objective.

"I look forward to my work on each of these committees. With only three months left in the Legislative Session and a long list of challenges facing our state, time is of the essence. I am confident, however, that we will rise to the occasion and deliver real results for the people of Texas," Murr said.



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SUBMITTED PHOTO **OZONA COMMUNITY CENTER STUDENTS celebrated Dr. Seuss's** birthday with crafts, stories read by Sylvia DeHoyos-Longoria from the Crockett County Public Library and eating Green Eggs and Ham.

## **CROCKETT COUNTY** PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS! **BOOK CLUB** 6 p.m., Thursday, March 9, New books & CDS! at the Library HOURS Monday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. **EVERYONE** Tuesday & Wednesday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. WELCOME! Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m. New art exhibit No evening hours by OHS Student **COMING SOON Carissa Perez!** Watch for the Come by and see! **Grand Reopening** of the

**IRS** Forms are now available at the library!

**Children's Library Crockett County Public Library** 1201 Avenue G • Ozona, Texas (325) 392-3565 http://crockett.ploud.net Facebook page: **Crockett County Public Library.** 

**GOODIES FOR GRANDPARENTS: Tonya Poindexter and Maria Perez with** granddaughter Jazzelle.



# You're Invited! Family Health Center Ozona

Monday, March 20, 4 to 6 pm

102 Ave. H

Ribbon cutting at 4:30 pm

Please join Dr. Marcus Sims, Ike Whitten, PA, and our staff to tour our new facilities, enjoy refreshments, and celebrate our continued commitment to providing exceptional care for SHANNON CLINIC Ozona and the surrounding area.

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# Ag Mechanics Students show off projects



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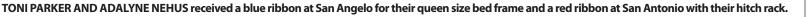
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TIMOTHY MALDONADO AND ZACH DOCKAL received blue ribbons at the San Antonio and San Angelo Stock Shows for their welding trailer.



ANDY HERNANDEZ AND CHRISTIAN YRUEGAS received a red ribbon with their barbecue pit trailer.









THOMAS CRUZ, EMMANUEL SARABIA, ANTHONY PEREZ AND GABRIEL TAMBUNGA received a blue ribbon at San Angelo and San Antonio, and placed sixth in their class in San Antonio, with their 5x10 shop table.



JACOB SCHROEDER received a blue ribbon at San Angelo and a red ribbon at San Antonio with his calling rack.



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THE OHS COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM (left to right) of Citlalli Cano, Josh Knaack, Chantz Elliott, Humberto Torralba and Manuel Torralba, along with Coach Jason Davis, compete at HP Code Wars over the weekend in Austin.

# Computer Science Teams compete in Code Wars

## **BY JASON DAVIS** OZONA HIGH SCHOOL

The Ozona Computer Programming team traveled to Austin on March 3 to prepare for HP Code Wars. Hewlett Packard sponsors this competition yearly. This year is the 20th anniversary of the event.

Friday afternoon we practiced programming in the hotel lobby for about three hours in preparation for the event the next day. The team arrived at Stony Point High School at 7:30 a.m. to set up for the contest. HP was very gracious in their sponsorship of the event.

There were 59 teams at the event with approximately 36 in the novice category. Many teams in attendance were from very affluent school districts in the Austin/San Antonio areas.

The teams competed in the novice bracket because it is their first year of programming.

Ozona team one had

as they could.

At the end of the day Ozona team one finished with 39 points and won third place. They completed around 10 of the 24 programs.

Ozona team two finished with 15 points completing 6 programs.

Each team did very well and is surpassing the expectations of a typical first year computer science student.

At the end of the contest HP raffled away some nice prizes like monitors, gaming mice and drones. Every students received a free Tshirt, backpack, note pad and poster.

GitHub also had a short presentation and gave away stickers to the kids. GitHub is an online depository of programs that software engineers and programmers use to share code. Registration to the event was also free (thanks to Hewlett Packard).

The students really enjoyed the competition and seeing the sites in Austin,

The Ozona programming team would like to thank the school board and administration supporting our trip to Austin.

PAIGE LEWIS had two hits in the Lady Lions win over Sonora.

# Lady Lions pounce Lady Broncos

The OHS Lady Lions Softball Team defeated Sonora, 16-5, on Feb. 28.

"We've been off to a great start this year. This was the perfect way to set the tone on our home field for the rest of the year," said Coach Christa Carrasco.

Kamryn Lozano, Asia Lara and Zephen Cuevas led the team with three hits each. Paige Lewis, Azaylea Tovar and Kelly Sewell contributed to the win with two hits each.

"Our defense is looking great and our pitching is starting to set pretty well," Carrasco said.

The Lady Lions will start district play against Eldorado at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Eldorado. JACOB CHILDRESS gets a hit for the Lions Baseball Team.

# Lions second at Crane Tourney

The OHS Baseball Team placed second at the Crane Tournament over the week-end.

In the first game, Ozona lost to Big Lake, 5-0. Pitcher - Jacob Schroeder; Catcher -Jackson Abbey.

The Lions then defeated Midland Christian JV, 10-0. Pitcher - Jackson Abbey; Catcher - Jacob Childress.

Ozona defeated Van Horn, 8-0. Pitcher - Aidan Fierro; Catcher - Jackson Abbey.

The Lions defeated Crane, 12-3. Pitcher - Hunter Smith; Catcher - Jacob Childress. Ozona defeated Midland

Christian JV, 14-2. Pitcher - Alec Lara; Catcher - Jacob Childress. The Lions then lost to

Forsan, 6-5, in extra innings in the championship game. Pitcher - Jackson Abbey and Alec Lara; Catcher - Jacob Childress.

The Lions are 8-3 overall. They will face Rotan at 4:30 p.m. Friday in Forsan. Manuel Torralba, Chantz Elliott, and Humberto Torralba as members, and Ozona team two had Josh Knaack and Citlalli Cano as members. There were 24 programs of ranging difficulties and point values, and the teams had three hours to complete as many

We would also like to thank the parents for pushing their students to work hard, and Mrs. Gallarzo for traveling as the female sponsor.

# Lions golf win Sonora Meet

The OHS Lions Golf Team won the Sonora Meet last week.

Dovovan Hunt was second place medalist with a score of 83.

Hunter Smith shot an 88, Austin Hokit and Jacob Childress each shot an 92 and Riley Williams shot a 99. The team had a total of 355.

The Lady Lions Golf Team also competed at Sonora.

Samantha Torralba shot a 112, Jackie Guerra shot a 115, Brenna Hale shot a 117 and Makenna Fox shot a 124.

The teams will compete in the Christoval Meet on March 22 at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.



RILEY WILLIAMS shot a 99 at the Sonora Meet last week.

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# **OHS National Honor Society induction ceremony**



OZONA HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY held its annual induction ceremony last week at the OHS Auditorium. Members inducted: (front row, left to right) Josh Knaack, David Landin, Ivana Hernandez, Gavin Mejia, Coulter McWilliams, Caleb Webb, Chantz Elliott, Pricila Rodriguez, Isaura Lopez and Juan Rangel. Current members: (second row, left to right) Kaelan Savala, Denise Rodriguez, Thomas Cruz, Kelly Sewell, Paige Lewis, Kamryn Lozano, Rachel Mendoza, Brenna Hale, Sydney Perez, Elizabeth rodiriguez, Trystian Galindo, Asia Lara, Edgar Damian, Christian Yruegas and Autumn Villarreal; (third row, left to right) Kassidy Gonzales, Madison Galindo, Carissa Perez, Jackson Abbey, Dacie Taylor and Julie Marshall and (back row, left to right) Josae Coy, Larissa Hernandez, Timothy Maldonado, Danny Posadas, Roman Esparza, Brandon Jara, Samantha Torralba and Makenna Fox.

# **OHS Track Teams place at Cactus Relays**

The OHS Track Teams competed in the Cactus Relays March 4 in Iraan.

#### VARSITY GIRLS

Team totals – 1. Crane; 2. Iraan; 3. Sonora; 4. Ozona; 5. Wink: 6. Rankin

100-meter - 1. Cierra Sanchez, 13.28; 2. Cameron Rutherford, 13.78; 5. Azaylea Tovar, 14.47 200-meter – 3. Cameron

Rutherford, 30.27; 4. Gina Garcia, 30.34

400-meter – 5. Lucy Rodriguez, 1:13.26

800-meter – 6. Bobbi Jo Vargas, 2:58.34

1600-meter - 3. Itzel Esmerado, 6:29.52; 4. Alyiah Ortiz, 6:39.59; 5. Karina Marmolejo, 6:55.27

3200-meter - 2. Itzel Esmerado, 13:34; 3. Roslynn Men-

dez, 14:26; 4. Karina Marmolejo, 14:56

100-meter hurdles – 3. Maiah Jurado, 19.55

400-meter relay - 2. Azaylea Tovar, Lucy Rodriguez, Cierra Sanchez, Gina Garcia, 54.93

800-meter relay – 4. Cameron Rutherford, Azaylea Tovar, Cierra Sanchez, Gabby Treto, 2:05.98

1600-meter relay – 4. Bobbi Jo Vargas, Xena Vargas, Itzel Esmerado, Roslynn Mendez, 5:01.09

Long Jump – 6. Gina Garcia, 10-5.5

Pole Vault - 3. Zoe Jones, 7-0; 4. Cierra Sanchez, 6-6

#### JV GIRLS

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100-meter hurdles – 1. Shel-

400-meter relay - 3. Ida

800-meter relay - 3. Alon-

1600-meter relay – 3. Norah

300-meter hurdles - 2. Gab-

Discus - 4. Reaghan Gonza-

High Jump – 3. Shelbie

Long Jump – 3. Dorisel San-

Shot Put – 3. Reaghan Gon-

Galindo, 4-6; 6. Gabby Rodri-

chez, 13-2; 4. Shelbie Galindo,

zalez, 27-8.25; Maddie Castro,

**SEVENTH GRADE BOYS** 

Ozona; 3. Sonora; 4. Iraan; 5.

Team totals – 1. Crane; 2.

100-meter - 1. Carlos Cantu, 13.59; 6. J.D. Ramirez, 14.85

200-meter - 2. Carlos Can-

400-meter - 5. Xaden Ba-

800-meter – 1. Matthew

1600-meter - 1. Matthew

dillo, 1:14.16; 6. Adam Hopper,

Delgado, 2:33.82; 2. Melvin Me-

Delgado, 5:52; 4. Gabriel Her-

nandez, 6:45; 5. Daniel Hernan-

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Gonzalez, Alondra Hernandez,

dra Hernandez, Ida Perez, Shel-

bie Galindo, Maddie Castro,

Rodriguez, Dorisel Sanchez, Ida

by Rodriguez, 1:05.92; 4. Jackie

Perez, Shelbie Galindo, 5:19.06

## **VARSITY BOYS**

Team totals – 1. Sonora; 2. Iraan; 3. Ozona; 4. Crane; 5. Wink; 6. Rankin

100-meter – 2. Steban Flores, 11.31

200-meter – 1. Sebastian De La Cruz, 23.49

800-meter - 3. Adrian Rodriguez, 2:08.98; 4. Roman Esparza, 2:13.78 1600-meter - 6. Danny Posa-

das, 5:23.06

110-meter hurdles – 4. Dario Rodriguez, 16.34

400-meter relay – 2. Steban Flores, Sebastian De La Cruz, Alberto Rodriguez, Preston Mc-Cutcheon, 45.50

800-meter relay - 2. Sebastian De La Cruz, Steban Flores, Dario Rodriguez, Preston Mc-Cutcheon, 1:34.84

1600-meter relay - 2. Pres-

# **CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS** Club meeting, project Saturday

#### **SCHOLARSHIPS**

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ation and Crockett County

4-H Youth Show Association. Both applications are

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The March 4-H meeting will be held in conjunction with a Spring Break Community Service at the Community Garden from 9-11 a.m. Saturday, March 11.

### **CLOTHING AND TEXTILES**

Clothing and Textiles Project meeting dates: Monday, 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.

Individual contests: Fashion Show and Fashion Storyboard.

Team Contest: Duds to Dazzle at District 6 4-H Spring Roundup in Odessa on May 5-6.

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

### 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.

Range contest will take place in Eldorado on April 29.

## **OHS Academic Team places at Eldorado**

A small band UIL academic students travelled to the Eldorado UIL Meet and the following students came home with awards

Computer Applications third place Samantha Torralba. Journalism Team - second place

Editorial writing - first place Julie Marshall; fifth place Brenna Hale

Feature writing - fifth place Brenna Hale

Ready writing - first place Julie Marshall

Headline writing - fourth place Rebecca Flores

## **CCCCSD School Menus**

## March 8 - 15, 2017

Cafeteria Costs: **Ozona Elementary School** Breakfast is free for all students! Lunch is \$2.30 and Reduced Lunch is \$0.40

Lunch Wednesday Pizza choice, baby carrots with ranch, broccoli, mixed fruit and milk.

**OMS Track Teams place at Iraan Relays** 2400-meter - 1. Jason Lo-1600-meter – 4. Norah Ropez, 9:38; 2. Melvin Mejia, 9:44;

guez, 2:33; 3. Raul Ramirez, 2:34; 6. Ethan Criswell, 2:44

Criswell, 6:21; 6. Joseph Hernan-

800-meter - 2. Jose Domin-

1600-meter – 4. Ethan

ton McCutcheon, Adrian Rodri-

guez, Dario Rodriguez, Roman

Long Jump – 2. Sebastian

Pole Vault - 1. Roman Es-

100-meter - 1. Anthony Per-

200-meter - 6. Lazaro Rodri-

400-meter relay - 1. Adrian

800-meter relay - 2. Eloy

1600-meter relay – 4. Aiden

Pole Vault - 2. Aiden Fuen-

**JV BOYS** 

ez, 12.06; 4. Adrian Whitby, 12.38

Whitby, Zachary Talamantez,

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lamantez, Marcus Perez, 1:44.24

Fuentes, Anthony Perez, Eloy

Soto, Zachary Talamantez, 3:59.59

Aiden Fuentes, Eloy Soto, 48.12

Esparza, 3:38.44

De La Cruz, 19-7

parza, 13-0

guez, 27.68

400-meter relay – 2. Carlos Cantu, Matthew De La Garza,

tes, 9-0

nora; 3. Ozona; 4. Iraan; 5. Wink. 100-meter - 1. Misti Mata, 14.90; 2. Siria Rodriguez, 15.28; 3. Jazmynn Barrera, 15.71.

The OMS Track Teams com-

Team totals – 1. Crane; 2. So-

peted at the Iraan Relays on

**SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS** 

March 3.

200-meter – 4. Esperanza Castillo, 31.65 400-meter – 5. Makayleigh

Martinez, 1:21.84 800-meter 2. Ysabella \_

Flores, 2:59.88 1600-meter – 4. Ysabella Flores, 6:53; 5. Harley Hernandez, 6:58

2400-meter – 6. Harley Hernandez, 11:04

100-meter hurdles - 5. Jacqueline Medina, 22.62

400-meter relay – 4. Siria Rodriguez, Misti Mata, Jazmynn Barrera, Lea Quigley, 1:03.14

800-meter relay - 2. Siria Rodriguez, Misti Mata, Lea Quigley, Jazmvnn Barrera, 2:12.46

1600-meter relay – 4. Jacqueline Medina, Ysabella Flores, Esperanza Castillo, Lea Quigley, 5:30.68

300-meter hurdles - 5. Jacqueline Medina, 1:08.12; 6. Genesis Venegas, 1:24.38

Shot Put – 6. Kaylee Hernandez, 23-5

Discus – 3. Kaylee Hernandez, 47-4

Triple Jump – 5. Lea Quigley, 21-3.5

Long Jump – 6. Siria Rodriguez, 12-8.5

Pole Vault – 1. Esperanza Castillo, 6-6

#### **EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS**

Team totals – 1. Crane: 2. Sonora; 3. Ozona; 4. Wink; 5. Iraan 100-meter - 4. Alondra Hernandez, 15.62 200-meter - 6. Andrea Garza, 32.90

800-meter – 5. Norah Rodri-

## **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.

**CLOSED SUNDAYS** 

Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.; Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.; Saturday: 7-10 p.m. **OHS MEAL NIGHT:** 

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

2400-meter – 3. Dorisel Kolton Thompson, Bryce Gray, 56.18

4. Daniel Hernandez, 11:09

800-meter relay – 3. Weston Hubbard, Matthew De La Garza, Kolton Thompson, Bryce Gray, 2:05.69

1600-meter relay – 2. Bryce Gray, Matthew Delgado, Melvin Mejia, Jason Lopez, 4:40.40

Long Jump – 1. Carlos Cantu, 14-1.25

Shot Put – 2. Juan Vega, 34-0

Discus – 3. Juan Vega, 87-8 Triple Jump – 2. Matthew Delgado, 28-3

High Jump – 3. Kolton Thompson, 4-6 Pole Vault – 1. Carlos Cantu, 7-0

#### **EIGHTH GRADE BOYS**

Team totals - 1. Crane: 2. Ozona; 3. Sonora; 4. Wink; 5. Iraan

100-meter - 2. Josh Mahannah, 12.56; 4. Jesse Vega, 12.75 200-meter - 2. Josh Mahannah, 26.81; 4. Joe Perez, 28.47; 6. Marco Rodriguez, 29.18

400-meter - 5. Colby Mendez, 1:02.02

# **Band Camp** donations needed

This year several students involved in the band program here in Ozona have shown an interest in attending a summer band camp. In an effort to help these students continue to grow as musicians, the band will be taking any donations that the community is willing to provide for these students. Money will be distributed evenly among all students who register to attend camp. Any donation is greatly appreciated as it is difficult to raise enough funds

to make the experience affordable for all students.

**Please contact Vincent Del Vecchio** at Ozona High School 325-392-5501 if you would like to contribute.



dez, 6:40 2400-meter – 3. Raul

Ramirez, 9:31 110-meter hurdles – 3. Jose Munoz, 21.56; 5. Michael Esparza, 23.78

400-meter relay – 4. Joe Perez, Michael Esparza, Jose Munoz, Colby Mendez, 53.22

800-meter relay - 1. Jose Dominguez, Josh Mahannah, Marco Rodriguez, Joe Perez, 1:48.78

1600-meter relay – 3. Raul Ramirez, Marco Rodriguez, Jose Dominguez, Jesse Vega, 4:17.05 Long Jump - 1. Jose Dominguez, 17-3.5; 3. Marco Rodriguez, 16-6; 4. Joe Perez, 16-3.5 Shot Put - 2. Colby Mendez, 32-10.5; 5. Arlie Hernandez, 30-

3.25 Discus - 3. Colby Mendez, 88-6; 6. Kevin Hernandez, 85-9 Triple Jump – 3. Josh Mahannah, 31-3; 5. Ethan Criswell,

29-8 High Jump - 2. Josh Mahan-

nah, 5-2 Pole Vault – 2. Jose Dominguez, 9-0; 4. Jose Munoz, 8-6; 6. Michael Esparza, 8-0

### **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

## Breakfast

Wednesday Cinnamon roll with sausage or cereal with Texas toast

Thursday Animal crackers with cheese stick or cereal with graham crackers

Friday Muffin with yogurt or cereal with Texas toast

Monday Sausage biscuit or cereal with Texas toast Tuesday Peanut butter and jelly sandwich or cereal with graham crackers

Wednesday Biscuit with gravy, scrambled eggs and sausage or cereal variety with Texas toast.

milk.

Pizza choice, garden salad, tiny tomato cup, fruit cup and milk.

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 vour child's benefits. If vour child is approved for free or reduced meals, you will be notified as soon as possible!

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Thursday, March 9 Friday, March 10	
Saturday, March 11	
Sunday, March 12 Hambur	5
Monday, March 13	
Tuesday, March 14	Mexican Gumbo
Wednesday, March 15	Chicken Strips
THE	Light Lunch Special



#### Thursday

Crunchy fish nuggets with Texas toast, coleslaw, pinto beans, orange smiles and

Friday

Popcorn chicken, brown gravy, potatoes, seasoned corn, green beans, apple-pineapple D'lite and milk.

Monday

Taquitos and queso, charro beans, garden salad, hot cinnamon apples and milk. Tuesday Meatball sub sandwich, tator tots, fresh veggie cup, fresh seasonal fruit, pudding

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## Food handlers class March 15

## **BY KAILEY E ROBERTS**

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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 set 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.

## **STATE:** from page 2

### **PERRY JOINS TRUMP CABINET**

The U.S. Senate on March 2 confirmed Rick Perry as secretary of the Department of Energy.

"America has been blessed with vast natural resources and the technology to utilize them," Perry told his new employees the next day. "I am committed to helping provide stable, reliable, affordable and secure sources of American energy. An America-first energy strategy is important to create jobs and grow the economy.'

Perry also took a moment to poke fun at himself for not remembering, during a presidential debate in late 2011, the name of the Department of Energy in a list of federal agencies he said he would eliminate if he were elected president. In his March 3 remarks, Perry expressed his

appreciation of the depart-

ment's work and pledged to

Perry served as gover-

be a strong advocate for it.

Practices discussed include good personal hygiene, cross contamination, and time and temperature abuse.

The cost is \$20 per person and must be paid in full before the course begins. Those unable to attend the in-person class may also take the course online at foodsafety. tamu.edu for a \$15 fee.

Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aide service or accommodation in order to participate in the event are encouraged to contact our office within five working days prior to the program.

Educational programs of Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are open to all people without regard to race, color, sex, disability, religion, age, national origin or genetic information or veteran status.

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

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

Weekly Activity Report **Type of Calls** Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints 4 2-28-17 911 medical/fire assistance 4 **Civil complaints** 5 Civil documents served 0 Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise 6 Juvenile/School 1 Motorist assist/ locked vehicle 9 2 Reckless driving/ speeding complaints Minor/major traffic accidents 1 0 Alarms

**CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT** 

## **OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:**

- Sheriff's deputies took a report of theft from a resident at Crockett Apartments.
- 3-1-17

· Sheriff's deputies responded to a domestic disturbance on Avenue A. 3-2-17

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music complaint on Nashua.

vacuums in the next two weeks," said David Wilson.

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### SALES TAX REVENUE GROWS

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on March 2 announced state sales tax revenue totaled \$2.4 billion in February, 4.4 percent more than in February 2016.

"While tax collections from oil and gas mining remain subdued, receipts from telecommunications, construction, services and retail and wholesale trade increased significantly," Hegar said.

Sales tax revenue is the largest source of state funding for the state budget, accounting for 58 percent of all tax collections in fiscal 2016. Total sales tax revenue for the three months ending in February 2017 was up by 2.8 percent compared with the same period a year ago, Hegar added.

## TAXES: from page 1

said Kati Wright.

CAR: from page 1

ed the ceremony.

and Kati Wright and Clay

Wilson of Lone Star Car

Wash from Lubbock attend-

ers that care, said Clay Wilson.

car washes. No expense has

been spared here, and Ozona

has the best product that we

offer," said Brandon Wright.

the local support by local res-

idents which always adds to

the success of the business,"

hours a day and we will have

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"We've put in over 100

"We are so pleased to see

"The car wash is open 24

transparency," Bonnen said in a news release. "Our property tax system is needlessly confusing and discourages citizens from taking an active role in the local ratesetting process. The Property Taxpayer Empowerment Act will give Texans the information and clarity they need about their tax bill to hold local leaders accountable."

While rates are often kept the same, climbing property values in Texas are rising, leading to higher tax bills for Texas property owners.

According to a Lincoln Institute of Land Policy study, the average per-capita property tax burden in the United States was \$1,441, compared with \$1,563 in Texas. Under Texas law, state lawmakers don't have the power to raise or lower property tax rates. Only local governments — like school districts. cities, counties and hospital districts — are allowed to tax property in Texas. The issue of property tax relief has been a common talking point among members of the House and Senate. Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick has said that property tax relief must be a priority, and Sen. Paul Bettencourt has filed Senate Bill 2, which also addresses property tax reform. Bettencourt complimented Bonnen's bill on Friday. "I'm really looking forward to seeing the debate progress in both the House and Senate because I think the proposals have a lot of commonality," Bettencourt said. "But more importantly, I think, [is] the recognition of just how important getting homeowners and business owners property tax relief is this legislative session." The offices of Patrick and Senate Finance Committee Chairwoman Jane Nelson didn't immediately respond to a request for comment for this article.

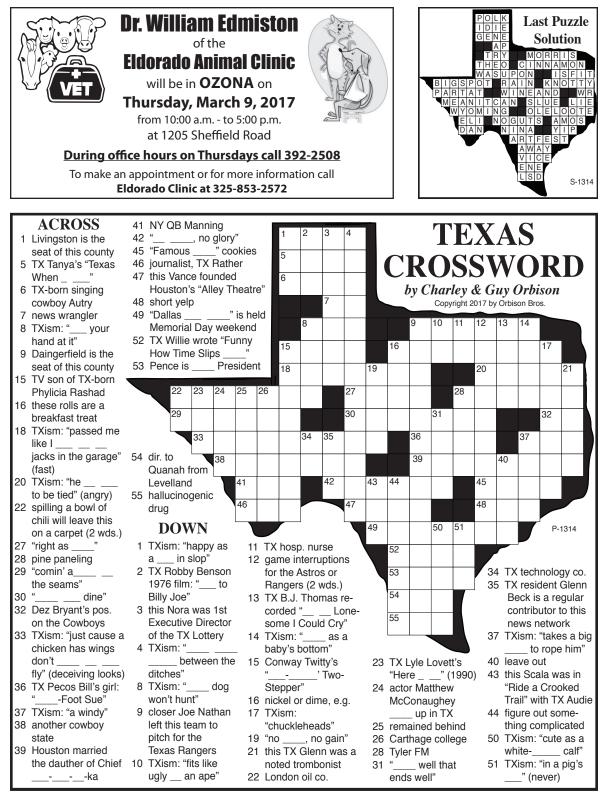
Last session, the Texas House voted 141-0 for House Bill 31, another piece of legislation authored by Bonnen. The bill contained a \$4.9 billion tax relief plan that would have cut the state sales tax rate from 6.25 percent to 5.95 percent. The House also backed legislation making cuts to the state's franchise tax.

The House legislation marked a clear line in the sand against the Texas Senate's strategy, which favored property tax cuts in addition to franchise tax cuts.

Bonnen had repeatedly dismissed the Senate's proposal as an inevitable letdown for Texans, predicting most won't see their property tax bills decrease because of increases in property appraisals and local tax rates.

In a compromise, the chambers signed off Senate Bill 1, which backed increasing the homestead exemption from \$15,000 to \$25,000 and also included property tax relief and cuts to the franchise tax. While he had yet to do a full review of HB 15, Manny Garcia, deputy executive director of Texas Democrats, told the Texas Tribune Friday that local counties are being put in a position where they have to raise their property taxes because Republican lawmakers have "choked education and health care and they've threatened massive cuts" this legislative session. "As a general principle, we agree that when you are choking education and health care and forcing local counties and school boards to make up the difference ... then you are in fact raising property taxes," Garcia said. "That is our general position on state budgets." Other components of Bonnen's bill include: Creating a searchable statewide database that allows property owners to see how each jurisdiction's proposed tax rates will directly affect their individual tax bill, along with detailed information about how they can make their voices heard in the local rate-setting process. Removing the "Estimate of Tax Due" on appraisal notices. Making a property tax rollback election automatic after a government taxing unit proposes a rate that exceeds the rollback rate, no longer requiring citizens to gather signatures to petition for a rollback election. In Friday's news release, Bonnen maintained his new bill will encourage people against rising property tax rates to fight back at the local level. "Texans who are tired of ever-increasing property taxes must take a more active role at the local level, where appraisals and tax rates are set," said Bonnen. "The Property Taxpayer Empowerment Act will give them the transparency and the tools they need to hold local officials accountable.

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## DSHS GIVES ZIKA UPDATE

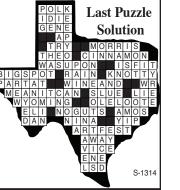
The Texas Department of State Health Services on Feb. 28 announced that as of Feb. 24, six Zika virus cases have been confirmed in Texas for calendar year 2017.

DSHS posts updates at TexasZika.org every Tuesday on the number of Zika virus disease cases in Texas by the patient's county of residence. Cases confirmed this year, by county, are: Bexar, 1 case; Brazoria, 1; Cameron, 2; Lubbock, 1; and Smith, 1. Statewide, some 310 cases were confirmed in calendar years 2015 and 2016.

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## **NOTICE FROM CROCKETT COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

We have many projects going on to preserve our history in Crockett County. We thought at one time we could publish another Crockett County History book from 1976. We collected many pictures and articles, but we simply do not have enough members to finish this project. If another organization would like to continue with the book project, please contact Bob Childress, President of the Crockett County Historical Commission.





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TAKING APPLICATIONS AT THE Crockett County Road Department: CDL preferred, pick up applications at the road department office or county auditor's office. CCCC is an EOE. tfc32

**CROCKETT COUNTY CARE CEN-**TER is accepting applications for all positions. Housekeeping position now available. Applicant chosen will undergo drug screen,

CROCKETT COUNTY IS ACCEPT-ING APPLICATIONS FOR THE **TEMPORARY SUMMER POSI-**TIONS OF LIFEGUARDS at the Crockett County Swimming Pool. Individuals who are eventually employed by Crockett County for these positions musty participate in Lifeguard Certifications classes. Complete certification as a lifeguard is a requirement for employment. Crockett County will provide the lifeguard certifications classes. Applications must be picked up from and returned to the Crockett County Road Department. APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL 4:30 p.m. on APRIL 14, 2017. All applicants must be at least 15 years of age. Crockett County is an equal opportunity employer. tdc6

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The residence of Guardian is in Reagan County, Texas, and the mailing address is: Michele Dodd, Guardian of the estate of Kenneth Deland, c/o The Dodd Law Firm, PLLC, P.O. Box 868, Big Lake, Texas 76932.

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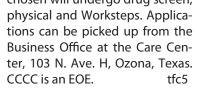
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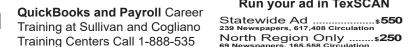
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