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## Wellness center breaks ground



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**CONSTRUCTION ON THE J. CLEO THOMPSON WELLNESS CENTER** is underway after a ground breaking ceremony was held Monday morning at the location across from the Crockett County Care Center. County officials and members of the Wellness Center Board attended the event. Lyness Construction is the company building the center.

*The \$3.8 million facility is expected to be completed within a year*

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Work has started on the new J. Cleo Thompson Wellness Center.

Monday morning a ground breaking ceremony was held for the new facility. County officials and members of the wellness center board attended.

"It's wonderful. I can't believe it. I have to pinch myself," said Shirley Kirby, who was instrumental in creating the idea of the

wellness center.

Kirby, along with other board members, began the idea of the wellness center in August 2008.

After years of fundraising, the board members solicited a petition for a bond.

In November 2015, Crockett County Voters approved a \$4 million bond for the facility.

"We want to thank everyone for their patience and hard work. This is a great opportunity for

Crockett County.

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

Total estimated cost for the project is \$3.8 million.

The location of the building is across from the current Family Health Center of Ozona and the Crockett County Care Center. The land was donated by the J. Cleo Thompson Family.

The building will include a 20-foot by 40-foot indoor swimming pool,

open gym with various exercise equipment, two open exercise rooms with one that can be divided, locker rooms and a .1 mile walking trail on the outside of the building.

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

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

benches and two dumbbell racks.

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

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

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

## School board approves teacher contracts

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The CCCCS School Board approved to renew teacher and professional staff contracts at their March 22 regular meeting.

After meeting in executive/closed session, the board approved to rehire everyone at all campuses throughout the district, said Superintendent Raul Chavarria.

### CALENDAR

The board approved the 2017-2018 school calendar.

Important dates on the calendar are:

- Aug. 28 - First Day of School.

- Holidays - Sept. 4 Labor Day, Nov. 22-24 Thanksgiving, Dec. 20-Jan. 1 Christmas and New Year, Feb. 19 President's Day, March 12-16 Spring Break and March 30 Good Friday.

- Early Release Days - Sept. 15, Nov. 21, Dec. 19, Feb. 16 and May 25.

- Teacher In-Service Days/Student Holiday - Jan. 2, Jan. 12 and April 13.

- Graduation - May 25.

- STAAR/EOC Testing Days - Oct. 16-20, Dec. 4-8, March 5-8, April 3-6, May 7-11 and June 25-29.

Copies of the district calendar can be found on the Ozona Schools Twitter page or obtained at the Administration Office.

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## OHS Academic Achievers

The OHS Academic Team competed at the District Meet Saturday in Eldorado.

Thirteen students in 11 events advanced to the Region I Meet Thursday, April 6, in Odessa.

The Computer Science Team placed first. Chantz Elliot was the district champion. Teammates Manuel Torralba placed second, Humberto Torralba third and Josh Knaack sixth.

Elliot also placed sixth in mathematics.

Manuel Torralba also placed second in mathematics and third in number sense.

The Mathematics Team placed second.

The Journalism Team placed first. Brenna Hale is the district champion in feature and editorial writing. Hale also placed fifth in current events.

Sidney Perez placed third in feature writing.

Samantha Torralba placed second, Julie Marshall third and Rebecca Flores sixth in headline writing.

The Literary Criticism Team



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**THE OHS ACADEMIC TEAM** competed at the district meet Saturday in Eldorado. Thirteen students advance to the Region I Meet in 11 events.

placed third. Carissa Perez placed third in the event.

The Social Studies Team placed third. Dacie Taylor placed second and Caleb Martinez placed fifth in the event.

Danny Posadas placed sec-

ond in computer application.

Ivana Hernandez placed third in poetry interpretation.

Kassidy Gonzales placed second in persuasive speaking.

Holly Munsell placed sixth in ready writing.

## State powerlifter



J.L. MANKIN | THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT

**ANTHONY PEREZ** placed 12th in the 165-pound weight class Saturday at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association's State Meet in Abilene. Perez had 395 on squat, 290 on bench, 420 dead lift for a 1,105 total.

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## Becoming a Historically Utilized Business is beneficial

Small businesses in Texas have a great opportunity by being a Historically Utilized Business (HUB) and it is free of charge. State agencies and universities are always looking to work with businesses certified as HUBs. The goal of this effort is to actively involve HUBs in the Texas procurement process and ensure they receive a fair share of state business.

Only certified HUBs are listed in the online Texas HUB Directory. State agencies use the HUB Directory in conjunction with the Central Master Bidders

List (CMBL) to solicit bids from certified HUBs for state purchasing and public works contracts. Prime contractors also use the HUB Directory to identify HUBs to whom they will send notification of their subcontracting op-



**BUSINESS TIPS**  
PAUL HOWARD

portunities. For purchases of \$5,000 or less, state entities can directly contact a business to buy goods and services.

The Texas HUB Directory is also searched by vendors looking for certified HUBs to include in their subcontracting plans for projects of \$100,000 or more. With this kind of exposure to the general public as well as other entities that have a supplier diversity program, and are searching for minority owned, women owned and service disabled veteran owned businesses.

To qualify to be a HUB certified small business, it has to be a for-profit entity and its principal place of business be in Texas. It also has to be 51% owned by an Asian Pacific American, Black American, Hispanic American, Native American, American women of any ethnicity and or Service Disabled American, who reside in Texas and actively participate in the control, operations of management of the entity's affairs.

Additionally, be sure you have the following information readily available to enter as

part of the registration process:

- An Employer Identification Number (EIN) issued by the IRS is required for registration
- Your company business structure and ownership details
- The list of purchasing class and item codes closest to the actual product or service which can be provided
- The relevant Texas highway district(s) where your product or service are available/deliverable

If you do not meet the qualifications, any small business can be listed on the CMBL. Being in this directory requires an annu-

fee of \$70.

If you want assistance with this certification or any other contracting opportunities, the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center would be happy to help with this process. Give us a call or come by the Business Resource Center at 69 N. Chadbourne Street.

"BUSINESS TIPS" was written by Paul Howard, Business Development Specialist and Certified Business Advisor III of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact him at paul.howard@angelo.edu.

## Don't end NAFTA, fix it

When looking for a model economy, Washington would be wise to look no further than Texas. The "great American jobs machine," as we're affectionately known, has been the economic engine that pulled our country out of the recent recession, adding more than one million jobs to the American economy. In fact, if Texas were its own country, we would be the 10th largest economy in the world.



**U.S. SENATOR GUEST COLUMN**  
JOHN CORNYN

Now, with pro-growth Republicans in control of Congress and the White House, leaders are beginning to consider proposals to lift our economy out of a sluggish recovery. But as we work together to jump start our factories and farms across the country, let's keep in mind what my state has gotten right.

As our largest export market, Mexico has an extraordinary economic relationship with Texas. Trade with our southern neighbor supports hundreds of thousands of jobs in my state and provides more goods at a better price for Texas families. More than a third of all Texas merchandise is exported to Mexico - meaning our farmers, ranchers and small businesses have found no shortage of customers south of the border too.

Thanks to trade pacts like the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), goods and services flow more freely among the three North American countries, growing jobs across Texas and stretching paychecks further. A majority of exports coming from Michigan and Ohio, for example, are bound for our NAFTA partners too.

Last week I led a congressional delegation to the border to see this economy in action. We visited the Pharr International Bridge in the Rio Grande Valley - a bridge that facilitates about \$30 billion in trade a year. We also visited Laredo, a port that handles about a third of all international trade in Texas, with 14,000 trucks passing through daily. The Texas border moves more freight along its 1,200-plus miles of southern border than any other border state.

But like anything that's dated, there's room for NAFTA to be improved. It's now more than 20 years old. Texas and the United States as a whole would benefit from a revised agreement that makes trade freer and fairer. Consider the nation's en-

ergy landscape. It has changed dramatically since the trade deal was hammered out in the 1990s.

With the recent lifting of the U.S. crude oil export ban and

Mexico's energy reforms, a renegotiated deal should account for regulatory cooperation and capacity-building provisions that promote investment and the free flow of American energy, particularly a streamlined approval process for LNG exports. There's room to bring the services trade into the 21st century, strengthen intellectual property rights and eliminate non-science barriers to trade, too.

As the administration and Congress look to improve existing trade deals, such as NAFTA, we would also be wise to focus on strengthening the Southern border. Securing the border is an essential part of that equation.

But as we do, we must be quick to engage community leaders and business-owners along the border.

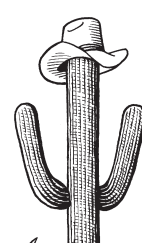
That means keeping legitimate trade and travel flowing, while simultaneously screening criminal elements and contraband to keep them out. In other words, the border ecosystem demands a careful balance.

It's our job to consider how to gain complete control of the border, while equipping our Customs and Border Patrol agents with the resources they need to keep our economy up and running. That way, everyone can benefit from access to markets on the other side.

Texas - where taxes are low, regulations are sensible and trade is encouraged - has proven time and again that we're a blueprint for growing the national economy. In my state, border security, trade and the economy are intimately connected. So as Congress considers whether to revisit agreements like NAFTA and how to best secure the border, we must take great care to advocate for smart policies that drive growth here at home and enhance our partnerships abroad.

JOHN CORNYN, Republican, is the senior U.S. senator for Texas. Contact him at: www.cornyn.senate.gov.

## Cover Up



**IT'S THE PITTS**

LEE PITTS

Every dry cloud has a silver lining. I have been very lucky these past seven years in that it hasn't rained and I haven't had to cover the hay! I have a friend who hasn't been so fortunate. John lives in a wetter climate and he and his wife got divorced last year and he blames all their arguments on having to cover the hay stack.

Recently the ducks have relearned how to swim around our place as the storms have been coming every other day. This means of course that the hay has to be covered every other day after loading the feed truck. During a recent break in the weather I took the time to explain the proper method for covering the hay stack to my recently divorced friend in case he should ever want to remarry.

"The trick to spreading the tarps while balanced precariously atop a hay stack in the strong winds that always precede a storm is tires," I explained to John. "Basically you need three things to cover a hay stack; heavy tires, a good tarp and an even better wife. With our proven method I get on top of the stack while my wife stands in the bed of the truck and lifts the heavy old truck tires up to me. Then I strategically place them on the tarp to keep it from blowing."

"But why not let the wife be on top of the stack and you lift the heavy tires up to her?" asked my stupid friend. It's no wonder his wife left him!

"Because my wife is afraid of heights," I explained. "Oh, sure I used to put her on top of the stack but that was before the little incident when she discovered a mice nest in the top of the hay stack and tried to run from them. It was a nasty fall and she had to take the rest of the afternoon off to do housework. Ever since she's been afraid of heights."

"I can certainly understand that," said a sensitive John. "Have you ever considered building a hay barn?" he asked, as if I was made of money.

"Oh, sure we have but my wife is afraid she'd have to roof it. I wanted a pole barn for Christmas but we're trying to put some money aside for all the back operations I'm sure my wife will have to have in the future. Maybe next year we'll get a hay barn."

"I'm sure your wife would like that." "Yeah we're getting tired of covering hay. The worst part is about the time you get the hay all snugged down and covered up it's time to feed and all the hay is underneath the tarp that is covered with heavy tires. One by one I have to drop those heavy tires off the stack. Here's a

handy hint for you, John. If you decide to use the tire method please be advised that it is never possible to get the rain water out of the tires so when they hit the ground it's like a ten megaton water bomb. I can tell you from personal experience that your feeding partner does not want to be standing too close when they hit."

"The problem that my wife and I had," explained John, "was who would be on top and who would be on the bottom."

"Well, since my wife hates heights when we load the feed truck I stand on top of the stack and roll the bales off the stack into the bed of the truck. It is my wife's job to pick up the bales that miss the bed of the truck and buck them up on to the truck. Gravity is at work here and an occasional bale will break upon impact. Those are especially hard to load but it keeps my wife in great shape."

"I wish I'd have known all your secrets when my ex-wife and I were feeding," said a far wiser John.

"Yeah, it might have saved your marriage. I suppose I'm glad that the drouth broke but I do have to admit that sometimes I wish it would stop raining so we wouldn't have to keep covering the hay."

"Well you have no control over that," said John wistfully. "There's a higher power than us that controls that."

"Yeah, I suppose she's doing the best she can."

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## Senate panel OKs budget for upcoming two-year period

AUSTIN — A state budget for fiscal years 2018-2019 cleared the first in a series of hurdles when the Senate Finance Committee unanimously approved committee substitute Senate Bill 1 on March 22.

The legislation next moves to the full Senate for consideration.

"This budget remains a work in progress, but we will continue our work to make the most of every dollar, meet our priority needs and keep Texas moving in the right direction," said Senate Finance Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound. "This committee left no stone unturned looking for savings, examining our budget drivers and looking for ways to make smarter use of our limited resources."

Nelson said the bill establishes a \$106.3 billion two-year state budget. Just a few things the measure would do, if enacted, are:

- Continue the current

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funding formulas for public education;

- Dedicate approximately \$5 billion for transportation, as required by a recent amendment to the state constitution;

- Provide \$3.4 billion for Child Protective Services, an increase of \$430 million over current levels;

- Add \$2.65 billion to cover student enrollment growth, which is projected to be more than 80,000 per year over the next two years;

- Maintain the \$800 million earmarked for border security approved by the 2015 Legislature;

- Provide a \$780 million commitment for new construction and significant repairs to the state hospital system, plus \$145 million for other critical life and safety capital needs at state hospi-

tals and state supported living centers;

- Add \$316 million to mitigate a funding shortfall in the Teacher Retirement System; and

- Increase funding for Medicaid to provide caseload growth at fiscal year 2018 levels. The Medicaid budget assumes over \$400 million in cost containment initiatives.

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, commended Nelson and her committee for passing the budget bill on a 15-0 bi-partisan vote.

### COUNTY TOPS ICE LIST

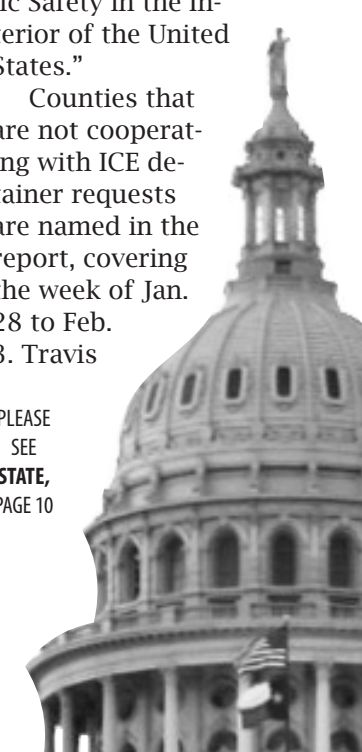
The U.S. Department of Homeland Security on March 20 issued its first weekly U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Declined Detainer Outcome Report.

The document was produced in accordance with

President Donald Trump's Jan. 25 executive order, which was titled "Enhancing Public Safety in the Interior of the United States."

Counties that are not cooperating with ICE detainer requests are named in the report, covering the week of Jan. 28 to Feb. 3.

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**LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE CLUB NEWS**



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LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCERS held their monthly dance Saturday at the Senior Center.

**April 22 special anniversary dance**

BY CAROL ADCOCK  
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE

Levis and Lace Square Dance Club held their monthly dance Saturday, March 25, at the Senior Center.

Tim Mangrum, from Stephenville, was the special caller for the night.

Tim worked on some special plus moves, such as relay the dency, spin chain the gears and all 8 spin the top.

He also called special plus tips so everyone could brush up on the calls they learned two weeks ago.

In between tips, line dances, such as Cuban Shuffle, Elvira and Waltzes were danced.

Levis and Lace Members attending were: Karan Hef-felfinger, Robert Pena, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Frank Fred, Danny Monzingo, Tammi Monzingo, Raul De La Rosa and Carol Adcock.

Dancers from Promenade Squares attending were: Marilda Johnson, Wynn Alston, Randy Kennedy, John Geen and Nora Geen.

Tim's lovely wife also attended and danced several

tips. Special visitors were Rudy Huereca and Elma Buckner.

A great time was had with fun, food and fellowship all set to music.

Next regular scheduled dance for Levis and Lace will be their special yearly anniversary dance April 22 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

Events will start at 11 a.m. with Tracey Dowell from McCaulley doing the calling.

A special meal of bris-ket, sausage and all the trim-mings will be served at lunch.

**KC Kitchen featuring health programs**

The Knights of Colum-bus are serving lunch today, March 29, 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 open to anyone, no ques-tions asked.

This month's meal will feature representatives from the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health with An-gelo State University.

Any woman that needs to schedule a mammogram or pap smear can come by and make arrangements. These are very important tests that can save a life.

This program is for peo-ple with no insurance, high deductible, large co-insur-ance, high co-pay, large out of pocket costs or too much income to qualify for other programs.

Crockett County FCS Ex-tension Agent Kailey Roberts will also present "Balance Your Day" that focuses on how meal planning can as-sist to reduce budget stress and increase fruit and vege-table consumption.

This is Lesson 2 of the "Fresh Start to a Healthier You" program, which in-cludes research-based les-sons that integrate the im-portance of healthy nutrition with an emphasis on increas-ing fruit and vegetable in-take, physical activity, food safety, and food resource management.

The Texas Health and Human Services Commis-sion, the USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Pro-gram, and Food and Nutri-tion Services sponsor this program.

Representatives from the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank will also be on hand for application assistance for SNAP food benefits, Medic-aid and CHIP, women's health program, TANF cash help and Medicare Reduction Program.

For more information, call Andrea Eaton at (325) 234-8577.

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.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, March 29**

- STAAR Testing: Fifth Grade and Eighth Grade Reading
- ASVAB Test for OHS Juniors at OHS
- First Grade Field Trip
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- No Pride Lunch at OES
- KC Kitchen, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7:30 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym

**Thursday, March 30**

- EOC Testing English II at OHS
- 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
- OMS Track Teams at the Colt Relays, 4 p.m. at Sonora
- Ozona Youth Baseball Opening Ceremonies, 5:30 p.m. at the North Baseball Fields

**Friday, March 31**

- OHS Tennis Team at the District Meet in Mertzon
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Retirement Reception for Armando Arredondo, 2-4 p.m. at AEP Office, 5-7 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center
- OHS Lions Baseball vs. Center Point, 4:30 p.m. at the OHS Baseball Field
- OHS Lady Lions Softball vs. Mason, 5 p.m. at the OHS Softball Field

**Saturday, April 1**

- April Fool's Day
- OHS Tennis Team at the District Meet in Mertzon
- Saturday School at OHS

**Monday, April 3**

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Clothing and Textiles Project meeting, 5-6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Office

**Tuesday, April 4**

- OHS Students attending ASU Job Fair
- Sit Down Exercise, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Concho Valley Community Action Utility Assistance and Weatherization Program, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Free Health and Wellness Program by Jim Fish, 2 p.m., Senior Center
- OHS Lady Lions Softball vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m. at OHS Softball Field
- OHS Lions Baseball vs. Eldorado, 6 p.m. at the OHS Baseball Field

**Wednesday, April 5**

- OHS Track Teams at the District Meet in Mertzon
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OES Pride Lunch for Pre-K, First, Third and Fifth Grades
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

**Crockett County Treasurer completes basics of county investment course**

AUSTIN - Karen D. Webb, Treasurer of Crockett County, has completed the Basics of Count Investments Course presented by the Texas Association of Counties (TAC).

The Course meets the educational requirements of the Texas Public Funds Investment Act and includes presentations on products and services in the public funds markets and updates on the latest laws and strategies.

Course topics include identifying cash flow needs, analyzing factors affecting the Texas economy and the Public Funds Investment Act.

Course graduates are in a better position to ensure the safety of principal, portfolio liquidity and ap-



KAREN WEBB

propriate returns - three key areas of concern for county investments. This training is required for membership in TAC's County Investment Academy.

The Academy provides investment education through a variety of confer-ences and workshops.

Through the training, at-tendees have access to accu-rate, in-depth information as well as a network of experi-enced county investors from across the state.

Overall objective of the

program is to safeguard public funds through the introduction of modern opera-tional techniques that provide the county with ap-propriate yield from taxpayer dollars.

The McCoy College of Business Administration at Texas State University is a cooperative partner with TAC in producing the Basics course and in running the TAC County Investment Academy.

TAC began its public in-vesting educational program in 1992. It remains one of the premier programs or its kind in the country.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**March 29** - Edna Tambu-na, Diane Phillips and Maria Jose

**March 30** - Fernando Galvan, Alice Borrego, Doug Meador Jr., Sydney Fierro, Bill Seale, Allan Stover, Amber De-Hoyos and Stephanie Borrego

**March 31** - Margaret Longoria, Britni Alex Gon-zalez, Simon J. Garza, Linda Stapper, April Trevino and Patricia M. Tambunga

**April 1** - Nathan De-Hoyos Jr., Nathan Anderson, Roman Esparza, Rusty Har-ris, Edmond H. Jenkins Jr. and Aidan L. Chipman

**April 2** - Beverly Pred-ry, Jana Wilson, Vicki Davis, Dalton Weddle, Jose Flores, Johnny Venegas, Erik Estrada, Jacob Childress and Cait-lyn Upham

**April 3** - Autumn Brown, Katy Churchill, Harvey Ota-mendi, Joe Ortiz Jr., Lisa Dor-rough, Sarah Stewart, Lazaro Rodriguez Jr., Norah Dolores Rodriguez, Millie Granis and Chago Vargas

**April 4** - Linda Ruiz, Irma Flores, Madye Hubbard, Omero Rodriguez, Amber Sanchez, Julie Moore and Stanley Maresch

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Our son Roy Tambunga, and senior girl wrestler Katerina Pena for finishing 4th place in the USAW Girls Folk Style National Championship in Oklahoma City, which earned her All American status. So proud of all the wrestlers! May God Bless you all.  
Your Mom Edna, Dad Coy Tambunga and the Family in Ozona, Texas

*Happy Birthday to my Wife Edna on Wednesday March 29! Love You Forever! Your Husband, Coy Tambunga*

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**OPEN HOUSE**  
**Family Health Center of Ozona**  
**Monday, April 10, 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 Ozona and the surrounding area.  
**SHANNON CLINIC**

## 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.

## MARCH 29

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, sliced beets, dinner roll, mixed berry parfait and milk.

## MARCH 30

Chicken bowtie pasta, Parmesan roasted broccoli, cucumber, onion, salad, garlic toast, fruit cup and milk.

## MARCH 31

Tortilla soup, taco salad with shredded cheese, tortilla chips, salsa and dressing, banana and milk.

## APRIL 3

Glazed baked ham, whipped sweet potatoes, mixed California blend, whole wheat roll, chunky fruit medley, lemon white chocolate cookie and milk.

## APRIL 4

Hamburger steak, corn O'Brien, baby carrots, wheat bread, orange bavarian gelatin and milk.

## APRIL 5

Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, green peas with red pepper, whole wheat bread, angel food cake and milk.

## APRIL 6

Mongolian beef, rice pilaf, roasted brussels sprouts, whole wheat roll, scalloped apples and milk.

## APRIL 7

Pulled pork on bun, baked steak fries, pineapple coleslaw, pickle, onion, fruit cobbler and milk.

## APRIL 10

Santa Fe pork cutlet, scalloped potatoes, broccoli florets, wheat roll, vanilla berry pudding and milk.

## APRIL 11

Teriyaki chicken, brown rice pilaf, oriental vegetable, whole wheat bread, orange zephyr whip, fortune cookie and milk.



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1st Monday in  
April at 7:30 p.m.

## Contemplating the death of a family member

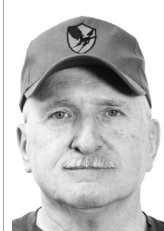
It's early Thursday morning, March 23, and I can't sleep. A thousand erratic thoughts, like meteors in the darkened sky, seem to be all over the place, heading toward unknown points and forming no real logic. I'm contemplating the death of my uncle, more specifically the events leading to his death, which mirrored the scenario surrounding the heart attack I had at my home here in Ozona, in August of 2004.

About 10 days ago, I hauled a couple couches from Brownwood to Lewisville for my daughter, Cami. On the way back, I picked-up my uncle from the Baylor Hospital in Dallas and brought him back to his home in Brownwood. Well, he died yesterday after smoking four cigarettes out of his first pack since having two stents inserted into the clogged veins around his heart almost three weeks ago.

Stents are designed to help keep coronary arteries open and reduce the chance of a heart attack. A stent is inserted into the clogged artery with a balloon catheter. The balloon is inflated and the stent expands and locks in place. This holds the artery open and allows blood to flow more freely, unless they are sabotaged.

Even before he left his room, my uncle asked me to stop so that he could buy a pack of cigarettes at the first convenience store we could find. At that time, he hadn't had a cigarette since his heart attack 12 days earlier. I cautioned him not to go back to smoking, echoing what my cardiologist told me in 2004, "It may take one cigarette or it may take a thousand but, at some point, the nicotine from a cigarette will cause your veins to constrict enough to collapse the stents and all the work you have just had done to extend your life will be for nothing."

He seemed to take heed of my warning and wasn't bothered by the usual withdrawal from smoking, and he appar-



**HERE'S TO  
YOUR HEALTH**  
**JIM FISH**

ently held out another 10 days. His children tried for years to convince him to take care of himself.

I tried many times after I improved my status and became a health coach, to persuade him to adjust his dietary habits to a more health-sustaining way of eating.

His reply was... "I ain't gonna eat no twigs an' berries for the rest of my life. I'm gonna eat what I wanna eat and if it kills me... oh well!"

Well, his choice of nutrition and use of tobacco killed him. It's not that I feel I failed him... I tried. It reminds me how limited I am to really help anyone. It also reminds me that all persons have the right to decide for themselves what they put into their body and how they conduct their own life.

That said, a person's greatest obstacle to optimum health and wellbeing is themselves. I still feel I need to hone my skills of persuasion to penetrate that barrier of ill-conceived beliefs with which most people surround themselves and remove the veil of misinformation to which we've been subjugated for some 70 years. While I respect every responsible person's right to choose, I wonder if maybe I did fail my uncle, and maybe I have failed others in their journeys. I really don't assume responsibility; rather, I feel I can do better.

Even though I was at the cross-roads he was 10 days ago, when I had my heart attack in 2004, it seemed natural to me that he would learn from it. His last six years were spent, pretty much at the mercy of family who took care of him. He was not able

to walk more than a few steps at a time and spent most of his time alone, in an electric mobility chair or in bed.

Now, he's dead and my health is such that I'm contemplating a 26-mile marathon march while carrying a 35-pound rucksack next March (2018) with my son, Kyle. The event commemorates soldiers that died in the Bataan Death March, in the Philippines during World War II.

It isn't that I am better or smarter than my uncle, but I am better and smarter because of him. He still had a lot to offer his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. My issue is that I simply cannot fathom why he chose the path he did.

Only now do I realize my reconciliation of his death is less about him... and more about me.

As a young man, my life seemed as if it were headed to no good but I sought the help of some positive role models and absorbed the influence of those who lived before me. Mostly, I invented and reinvented myself until I came up with a personality I could live with and would "play well with others", as it were. My many mistakes and failures became my greatest mentors and I finally started to cultivate a modicum of wisdom. I've learned the futility of attaching labels to myself and others. We all are human beings with various characteristics, likes, dislikes, dreams, desires and beliefs; and I am only one of seven billion in the world.

Still, I am in command of one body and one life, and I'm gonna live it as fully as I possibly can, enjoying every aspect of what it is to be a human... and I hope to inspire others to do the same.

Here's to your health.

**JIM FISH** is a certified Integrative Nutrition Health Coach. Contact him with your health related questions or for citations to this article at: (325) 276-2150, [JimFishNHC@usa.com](mailto:JimFishNHC@usa.com) or Jim Fish, P.O. Box 905, Ozona, Texas 76943

## OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

## Utility assistance program April 4

**BY BRENDA NEWTON**  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Wow! Powerlifting girl Rachel Mendoza put our little town on the map with a win at Waco and Anthony Perez went to state in Abilene this past weekend in powerlifting. We are so proud of these kiddos getting to go to state. There were many more great accomplishments in different fields that our young people have done this year. I picked on these two because Anthony's sweet mom works here at the center with me, and I have watched Rachel since she was a little kid in baseball. We are proud of all of the ones that have worked so hard and have done such a good job.

My apologies to Elda Fierro for my mistake in the paper last week. I have found that you can't fix stupid and I have a bad case of it.

The Tuesday morning sit down exercise with Nicki Bishop is still going on at 10:30 a.m. We also have the Thursday morning balance exercise for you to join and keep yourself in balance.

Jim Fish is still trying to get some action for the free health and wellness programs here at the Senior Center. These will be weekly programs at 2 p.m. each Tuesday. He is very interesting to hear. He will tell you what to watch for and what to do if you fall victim to the modern metabolic diseases like type 2 diabetes, militias, heart disease, dementia, obesity, chronic inflammation and cancer. Oddly enough, most are preventable. If you haven't read Jim's

articles in the paper, or come by to listen to him on Tuesdays, you should. He has put a lot of time and research into this.

There will be bingo at 2 p.m. Thursday. Try it, you'll like it.

On Monday, April 10, at 2 p.m. The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will be sponsoring a program teaching us how to prevent Fraud and Scams. The Agency is very serious about making us aware of the horrible things that can happen if we are not careful.

The Concho Valley Community Action Council will be in Crockett County Tuesday, April 4, to help with utility assistance and taking applications for the Weatherization Program. The location and time will be Crockett County Senior Center from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Please take notice of this.

Facts you may now know: It takes glass one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times.

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.

## CAN WE TELL IF SOMETHING IS COUNTERFEIT?

Years ago my dad had to go down to the bank and talk to the bank president and the FBI because he was given some counterfeit money by one of their tellers. We kidded my dad about that for years. That event reminds me of a big problem that we face in life. How can we tell if something is truly from God or counterfeit? Remember, Satan is called a deceiver and liar, (John 8:44, Ephesians 6:10&11) and he wants us to believe or be involved in something that looks good, just not the real thing, (Matthew 7:15, 1 John 4:1). Knowing the Bible from cover to cover will help us spot counterfeit religions, (2 Timothy 3:16). I have learned two ways to spot Satan's counterfeit Christianity or false religions. One, he and man will always attack the word of God. Satan used this approach in the Garden of Eden, (Genesis 3:1-5). Two, Satan and man will try to discredit, change or modify or add other books to Bible. Another way is to attack the person or deity of Jesus Christ. If God's word, The Bible, (Isaiah 40:8) and Jesus Christ are not who or what they claimed to be we are in great trouble because our sins are not forgiven, (John 14:6). Recently a new book and movie came out attacking on both of those points. I will not see them, they are counterfeits. 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. Bernadito Getigan**  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona  
Every Second Sunday of the Month:  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield  
Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.

## Calvary Baptist Church

601 Ave. I  
**Pastor Paul M. Ray**  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.

## Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida

Corner of Secretariat & Man O'War  
**Pastor Juan Avila**  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service: 6 p.m.

## Ozona Church of Christ

1002 11th St.  
**Mr. Johnnie Perkins**  
Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

## Faith Lutheran Church

802 1st St.  
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## Ozona United Methodist Church

12 - 11th St.  
**Pastor Jean Reardon**  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

## First Baptist Church

901 Ave. D  
**Pastor Mark Fricke**  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. - Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
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## Templo Bautista Jerusalem

138 Blas St.  
**Rev. Esequiel Cervantez**  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

## Iglesia de Cristo

Hwy. 163 S. at Quail Run  
**Interim - Ray Valadez**  
Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

## 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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All pastors of Ozona churches are invited to submit columns.

## Hector (Tito) Obituary

Our Sister Irma Fierro was left out. Last year we lost our brother Ray, he passed the same month as Tito. It was my mistake.

Since we were little, Tito would always say my sister, Ray and I would tell him she was our sister too. He would just laugh.

When Tito want to live in Ozona, and we'd talk on the phone, he would always tell me my sister Irma came by, brought me this or that. She is always checking up on me. He would say he was very thankful for that, to her.

I went to stay in Ozona for three days, about two months before he got sick, so he was very well dressed. He'd show up wherever I was, smelling very nice and with a different outfit every time. I think he was just trying to show me he was doing well because I didn't want him to live there, I wanted him to go to Corpus Christi.

The day I left, I told him "you look so nice. Your cologne smells great."  
He said Lujita had given it to him, and that this sister took good care of him. I said "well thank God for your sister, Irma."

We laughed.

He loved her with all his heart.

A very special thank you. Love you all to our sister Irma Fierro, her husband Lujita, and Lujita and Molly and family for being there for Tito in Ozona and in the San Angelo hospital.

Thank you with all my love to Diana, who he loved very much, and to Jimmy Munoz, Oscar and Edward for being there for him.

A very special thank you to Irma and Frank Tambunga and Bear for going to Corpus Christi for the funeral and watching out for him in Ozona.

And with all my love to Patty Lara, Sylvia Lara and Sylvia Sosa for being there at the hospital for Tito and me. I needed that so very much, and to Bobby and Kasey. With all my love to Mike and Connie Robledo and family for being there for him at the hospital, and to the family at the funeral.

Thank you for whoever else went to the hospital in San Angelo to see him. He knew who had been there at the hospital to see him before he left with family back to Corpus Christi.

And all my love with all my heart to my dad's sister and the girls. Thank you for the prayers.

God Bless, with all my love.  
Lizzie and Tito's family

God saw him getting tired  
and a cure was not to be  
He wrapped him in his arms  
and whispered "Come with me."

He suffered much in Silence  
His spirit did not bend  
He faced his pain with courage  
Until the very end.

He tried so hard to stay with us,  
but his fight was not in vain.  
God took him to his loving home  
and freed him from the pain.

For Tito, with all my love, Lizzie

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

# Business of the Month: Shannon AirMed1

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF  
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

We've all heard the hum of the approaching rotors. We shift our gaze upward and see the green and gold helicopter soaring through the sky on the way to or from downtown San Angelo.

A medical service helicopter, such as Shannon Medical Center's AirMed1, responds to an accident every 90 seconds, according to the American Association of Air Medical Services. The air medical industry combines the great powers of aviation and healthcare to provide what is essentially a flying emergency department, trauma and critical-care unit.

Shannon partners with Med-Trans Corporation to supply AirMed1 to provide expedited quality care to our family, friends and neighbors here in the vast region that is West Texas. Since becoming part of the Shannon family, the AirMed1 crew has responded to numerous emergencies. They have been referred to as "life savers," "angels from heaven," "wonderful people" and "heroes." AirMed1 transports cardiac, trauma, medical, pediatric, and burn patients. Transportation via AirMed1 of critically ill or injured patients can significantly reduce time en route to the hospital and allow patients to receive definitive care within the "Golden Hour," the first hour following injury, heart attack or another critical or life-threatening condition. This is especially crucial due to Shannon's expansive service area, most of which is rural.

Jody Babiash, AirMed1 pilot and base aviation manager for Med-Trans, has been a pilot for 13 years. He began flying with Shannon AirMed1 nine years ago.

"I enjoy the challenges that come with flying a medical service helicopter," Babiash said. "Every day is something new and EMS is such a rewarding career— knowing we are out there saving people's lives. I am always in awe of how our crew at AirMed1 performs their jobs and I am proud to be a part of this team."

AirMed1 is staffed 24 hours a day with an experienced crew that includes a registered nurse, paramedic and pilot. The crew is specially trained in Advanced Life Support techniques for adult and pediatric patients. AirMed1's service area covers 30 counties, or more than 130,000 square miles, making the flight times longer than average. Therefore, the crew utilizes state-of-the-art medical technology to ensure their patients are already receiving the best care possible before arriving at the hospital.

"At AirMed1, we have a highly-trained crew who are talented in what they do and very safety-minded," Judge Garrett, RN, CCRN, Shannon AirMed1 coordinator and flight nurse, said. "I am never uncomfortable with the decisions they make. I also know that we all come to our occupations with a particular set of strengths. I feel strongly that it is our obli-



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SHANNON AIRMED1 has been named the Business of the Month by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

gation to the people in the areas that we serve, to use those strengths and be ready to provide the highest level of medical care available."

The aircraft is equipped with a 12-lead EKG which can transmit digital results of the cardiac test before the crew takes off to transport patients back to the hospital. In the case of a heart attack, this allows the Cath Lab team to be ready and waiting when the patient arrives. The aircraft also boasts night vision goggles and enhanced vision systems that allow the crew to see properly when dispatched at night. Previously only used for military purposes, the goggles obtain any available ambient light, such as the moon and stars, and multiply it thousands of times, turning darkness into "near daylight" conditions. AirMed1 is also one of very few flight services to carry blood on every flight.

Other equipment on the helicopter includes radar altimeters, GPS navigation, satellite tracking, auto-pilot for safety measures in the event the aircraft is caught in unsuspected bad weather, terrain alert warning system (TAWS) and traffic alert and collision avoidance system (TCAS).

The crew does not operate by themselves; they have plenty of necessary on-ground support at Shannon's 24-hour Communication Center. The Communication Center expedites patient transfers and transports and is always aware of physician availability, bed status, blood availability, and other critical information to emergency and trauma response. Area hospitals, with limited personnel, have to make only one phone call to arrange further care for their patient, whether they need an accepting physician, air transport, or ground transport.

At the beginning of a call, the Comm Center may only be able to tell the crew where they need to go. A communication specialist stays in continuous contact with the flight crew, relaying additional information throughout the flight. While in flight, the crew begins the "resource management" process. They discuss the "if, but, and what" could happen when they land.

"We don't know if we are going to be the first to respond or not," Cindy Gurley, RN, AirMed1 flight nurse,

said. "We use the information we have received to make a game plan and prepare for the worst case scenario."

Communication specialists are in contact with people at the scene and they let the crew know who to talk to when they land. Depending on the call, the Comm Center may also dispatch other helicopters and coordinate the landings at the scene.

"The Comm Center is essentially our air traffic control when we fly, especially when we are dispatched to rural areas," Joey Huffman, AirMed1 flight paramedic, said. "They coordinate the flight from the time a call is received to the time we land back at the hospital and they do a fantastic job. The better the picture they paint for us while we are in the air, the better off we are when we land."

Each Shannon communication specialist holds a National Air Communica-

tion Specialist certification. AirMed1 and the Comm Center work closely with area emergency medical services, law enforcement agencies, and fire departments to bring mobile intensive care unit capabilities into the service area.

One way AirMed1 helps support the community and the region served is through proceeds from the annual Shannon Sporting Clay Shoot. Held each July, and now in its eighteenth year, the largest charity shoot in Texas attracts more than 700 shooters and 1,500 spectators with programs at Shannon, such as AirMed1, benefiting from the proceeds. AirMed1 uses the funds received to provide equipment and education to the outlying EMS services and hospitals with the goal of further improving patient outcomes. The crew holds landing zone and free continuing education classes for the rural partners and par-

ticipates in countless health and safety events.

AirMed1 is a four-time winner of the Air Medical Service award given by the Texas Department of State Health Services. The award honors a public or private air medical service in Texas that demonstrates the highest standards in providing patient care to the citizens of the service region. A committee assembled by the department selects the winner. AirMed1 also received several letters of recommendation for the award, including support from area schools, emergency services, patients and hospitals. AirMed1 is also certified by Commission on Accreditation of Medical Transport Systems.

A flight on a medical ser-

vice helicopter is no joyride and an experience we hope to live a lifetime without, but we can seek comfort in the fact that those heroes in the West Texas sky will always be there when we need them.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Shannon AirMed1 as an asset to our business community and for the quality service provided to their patients.

"We are blessed and honored to have had such a strong community partnership throughout the past 23 years," Gurley said. "We are glad to be here when needed and hope to continue doing so for many years to come."

For more information about Shannon AirMed1 visit [www.shannonhealth.com](http://www.shannonhealth.com).

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Kathy Keaton, Humor Therapist and Clown was awarded "A Woman to Watch" by the Texas Business Women & Professional Organization. She is an award winning humorous Toastmaster and Texas Clown.

With 34 years of experience, Therapeutic Clown, humorous speaker and entertainer, Kathy belongs to a unique group of health and wellness pioneers in a growing field of humor and laughter professionals. "Piccolo" is putting her positive big red clown footprint everywhere she can spread the word.

Employed as a Hospital Humor Therapist and Therapeutic Clown since 2003, Kathy skillfully delivers the appropriate type of humor to each person she meets. Her presentation focuses on the power of humor on our health and well being and the detrimental effects of long term stress.

Outside the hospital she is both funny and entertaining, as she weaves a serious message about stress into true life stories and her hilarious hospital experiences. She reminds her audiences not only how to spot laughable moments, but why during our most stressful times sometimes laughter is more important than ever.

If you're open to an upbeat and positive evening that will have you and the whole audience smiling and nodding their heads as they listen intently, then this event is a must for you!

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THE VARSITY LIONS TRACK TEAM won the Alpine Fightin' Buck Relays Saturday.

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# Lions win Alpine Relays

The OHS Varsity Lions Track Team won the Alpine Fightin' Buck Relays on Saturday.

Team totals - 1. Ozona; 2. Alpine; 3. Presidio; 4. Crane and Kermit; 6. Wink; 7. Balmorhea; 8. Sanderson; 9. Marfa; 10. McCamey; 11. Valentine and Van Horn; 13. Marathon; 14. Fort Davis and Terlingua; 16. Latter Rain; 17. Fort Stockton, Grandfalls and Pecos.

110-meter hurdles - 2. Abriham Rodriguez, 17.03  
800-meter - 4. Roman Esparza, 2:13.25  
300-meter hurdles - 4. Abriham Rodriguez, 44.24  
400-meter relay - 4. Alec Lara, Sebastian De La Cruz, Tommy Fay and Zachary Talamantez, 44.90  
800-meter relay - 2. Alec Lara, Tommy Fay, Sebastian De La Cruz and Zachary Talamantez, 1:33.93  
1600-meter relay - 1.

Sebastian De La Cruz, Alec Lara, Roman Esparza and Zachary Talamantez, 3:35.59  
Long Jump - 2. Tommy Fay, 19-9  
Triple Jump - 1. Tommy Fay, 41-8.5  
Pole Vault - 1. Roman Esparza, 13-6; 4. Aiden Fuentes, 10-6

### Varsity Girls

Team totals - 1. Fort Stockton; 2. Kermit; 3. Presidio; 4. Ozona; 5. Alpine; 6. Van Horn; 7. Wink; 8. Marfa; 9. Latter Rain; 10. Crane and Fort Davis; 12. McCamey; 13. Terlingua; 14. Balmorhea, Grandfalls, Marathon, Pecos, Sanderson and Valentine.  
100-meter - 5. Cierra Sanchez, 13.84  
1600-meter - 3. Itzel Esmerado, 6:07.96; 4. Kenzee Talamantez, 6:17.34  
3200-meter - 1. Itzel Esmerado, 13:18.47; 2. Gabby

Treto, 13:50.24; 4. Roslynn Mendez, 14:02.66  
800-meter - 3. Kenzee Talamantez, 2:41.34  
1600-meter relay - 5. Gina Garcia, Bobbi Jo Vargas, Xena Vargas and Roslynn Mendez, 5:08.09  
800-meter relay - 4. Cierra Sanchez, Lucy Rodriguez, Cameron Rutherford and Zoe Jones, 1:59.59  
Pole Vault - 1. Cierra Sanchez, 8-0; 2. Zoe Jones, 7-6; 3. Kenzee Talamantez, 7-6

### JV Boys

100-meter - 4. Adrian Whitby, 12.52  
200-meter - 5. Alberto Rodriguez, 26.62  
400-meter - 6. Adrian Whitby, 1:00.76  
Discus - 6. Lazaro Rodriguez, 78-1.5

### JV Girls

Shot Put - 5. Marisol Medina, 24-3



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

RACHEL MENDOZA (right) slides into home as teammate Paige Lewis looks on during the Lady Lions game against Junction on March 24. The state-ranked Lady Lions won 11-1.

# Lady Lions roll past Menard, Junction

In an emotional game, the OHS Lady Lions defeated Junction 11-1 on March 24.

Pitcher Kamryn Lozano was on fire out pitching rival Emily Vanckhoven with a total of 12 strikeouts to Vanckhoven's five.

Rachel Mendoza, Zethany Cuevas and Paige Lewis ended the night with three hits each.

Mariana Garza and Zephen Cuevas contributed to the night with two hits.

Other contributions from Azaylea Tovar, Lozano, Kelly Sewell and Asia Lara made the night a collective

team win.

A sacrifice squeeze bunt by Sewell in the first inning to score in Ozona's third run for the game really helped the momentum and set the pace for the rest of the night.

Lara was outstanding on the bases with four steals to add to her year total of 23.

"Offensively, I was very happy with the way our sticks are looking. Everyone is hitting which is exactly what a coach wants and needs come district time. Being able to be disciplined and selfless at the plate is key in a high stake game and something

we: Coach Kay, Coach Sanchez and I, enforce all season long," said Coach Christa Carrasco.

Ozona defeated Menard, 24-7, on March 21.

Lozano and Roslynn Mendez pitched.

Zephan Cuevas had three RBIs and Lozano had two.

The Lady Lions are 14-2 overall and undefeated in district play.

They are ranked 10th in the Texas Girls Coaches Association Softball Poll.

The Lady Lions will face Mason at 5 p.m. Friday, March 31, at the OHS Softball Field.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

THE OHS COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM of Chantz Elliott, Manuel Torralba and Humberto Torralba won the Wall Meet on March 20.

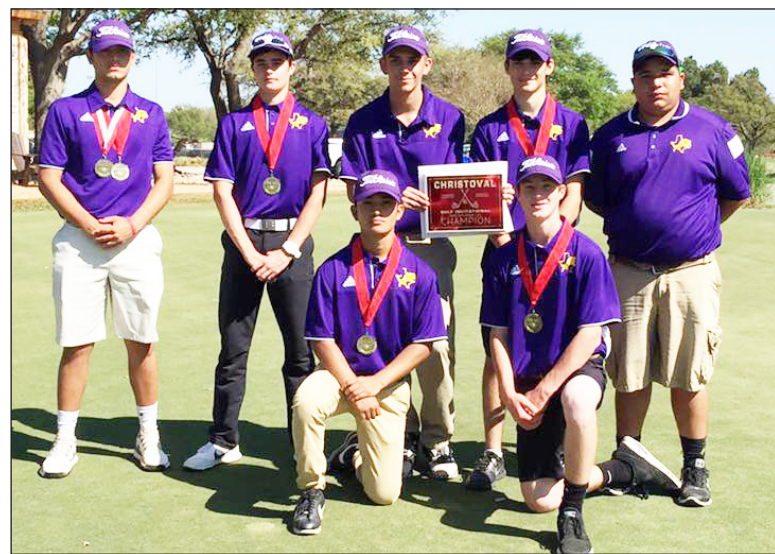
## Computer science team competes at Wall

The OHS Computer Science Team competed at the Wall Meet on March 20.

The Ozonal Team of Manuel Torralba, Humberto Torralba and Chantz Elliott won the meet over both Wall teams.

The Ozona2 Team of Josh Knaack and Citlalli Cano was fourth.

Manuel Torralba placed second, Chantz Elliott was third, Humberto Torralba was fifth, Citlalli Cano was seventh and Josh Knaack was eighth.



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THE OHS LIONS GOLF TEAM won the Christoval Meet last week at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo. The team is currently sitting in first place after Round 1 of the District Meet Monday in San Angelo. Round 2 will be April 10 in Big Spring.



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OHS TENNIS: Xena Vargas and Kameron Ortiz placed third at the Sterling City Tournament last week, and Rachel Mendoza placed second. The District Tournament will be Friday and Saturday in Mertzon.

# Lions beat Eagles, fall to Punchers

The OHS Lions Baseball Team defeated Junction 10-7 on March 21.

Pitching - Aidan Fierro and Alec Lara; Catcher - Tommy Fay.

Fierro had six strikeouts and Lara had five.

Fierro also got a home run and a double.

Jackson Abbey hit a grand slam home run.

The Lions lost to Mason, 9-5, on March 24.

Pitching - Jacob Schroeder and Abbey; Catcher - Fay.

The Lions are sitting third in district behind Mason and Center Point.

They are 13-4 overall and 3-1 in district play.

Ozona will face Center Point at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the OHS Baseball Field.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

TOMMY FAY is safe at second during the Lions game against Mason on March 24. Ozona lost 9-5. They will face Center Point this Friday.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

ONE ACT PLAY AWARDS: (left to right) Caleb Martinez received All Star Technician, Coulter McWilliams Honorable Mention All Star Cast and David Landin All Star Cast at the District Meet last week.

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**CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS**



TIMOTHY MALDONADO (left photo) placed first at the Houston Stock Show. Claire Bean (right photo) placed second in the Junior Market Lamb Show.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

# 4-Hers place at Houston, Austin

Crockett County 4-H members exhibited livestock at the Houston and Austin Stock Shows recently.

At Houston, Timothy Maldonado placed first with his Light Weight Fine Wool Lamb and Claire Bean placed second with her Medium Weight Fine Wool Lamb.

Brenna Hale placed 12th with her Heavy Weight Fine Wool Cross Lamb.

Audrey Upham placed ninth with her Class 2 Medium Weight Market Goat.

At Austin, Claire Bean placed third with her Fine Wool Lamb.

**SCHOLARSHIPS**

The following applications are available: Crockett County Fair Park Association and Crockett County 4-H Youth Show Association.

Both applications are due to the 4-H Office by noon Friday, April 28.

**WOOL AND MOHAIR JUDGING**

The District 6 Wool and

Mohair Judging contest will take place May 16 in San Angelo.

Range contest will take place in Eldorado on April 29.

**CLOTHING AND TEXTILES**  
Clothing and Textiles Project meeting dates: 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.

**TEXT REMINDERS**

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

**4-H OFFICE**

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

Aaron Renfro, CEA-AG/



SUBMITTED PHOTO

CLAIRE BEAN placed third at the Austin Stock Show.

NR, can be reached at (325) 226-0761 or arenfro@ag.tamu.edu.

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

ag.tamu.edu.

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

Like the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/crockettextension.

## Youth range workshop June 18-23

The Texas Section Society for Range Management will host their 62nd Youth Range Workshop from June 18-23 at the Texas Tech University Campus in Junction.

The workshop is open to youth who are 14-18 years old and have completed the eighth grade but have not graduated from high school.

Cost is \$350 and includes all meals, lodging and educational materials needed during the week.

Participants are encouraged to seek out sponsorships from various sources, including soil and water conservation districts or local ranches, and are then asked to go back after the workshop to present what they learned to those sponsors.

At the workshop, participants gain useful knowledge and skills in the areas of ecology, inventory practices, management and evaluation of resources.

Experts from across the state are recruited to teach the participants in fields ranging from watershed management, to prescribed burning, to soil health and many areas in between.

Additionally, youth are trained in the areas of public speaking, advocacy and leadership, so that they are armed with the knowledge they need to effectively educate others in the area of rangeland management, regardless of the career path they ultimately choose.

Applications can be found at <http://rangelands.org/texas/youth-education/>

They are also on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/TSSRMYouth-RangeWorkshop/>

For more information, call Jenny Pluhar at (806) 679-8729 or email [tssrmyouthrangeworkshop@gmail.com](mailto:tssrmyouthrangeworkshop@gmail.com).

## 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**

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

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

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

## 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.**



## Orders being taken for Special Olympics T-Shirts

Orders are being taken for 2017 Special Olympics T-Shirts.

Cost is \$12 per shirt with additional costs for 4XL and 5XL. There is a minimum order of 12 for youth small and extra small. There is a possibility those can't be ordered if not enough orders are received for the sizes.

T-shirts orders and money are due by April 3. Cash and

checks are accepted. Checks need to be made payable to Crockett County CCSD. All money and order forms need to be turned in to Whitney Brockman at Ozona High School.

Order forms can be picked up at The Ozona Stockman.

For more information, call Whitney Brockman at (325) 392-5501.

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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

**Breakfast**

**Wednesday**  
Biscuit, scrambled eggs and sausage or cereal with Texas toast  
Everyday - Fruit, fruit juice and milk.

**Thursday**  
Oatmeal with cinnamon toast or cereal variety with Texas toast

**Friday**  
Muffin with yogurt or cereal with Texas toast

**Monday**  
Pancake wrap with yogurt or cereal with Texas toast

**Tuesday**  
Chicken-n-biscuit or cereal with graham crackers

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

**Lunch**

**Wednesday**  
X-Treme burrito, seasoned corn, fresh veggie cup, lettuce and tomato garnish, mandarin orange smiles, salsa and milk.  
**OHS and OMS:** Chicken sandwich with fries.

**Thursday**  
Salisbury steak, biscuit, brown gravy, roasted potatoes, salad, fruity gelatin and milk.

**Friday**  
Pizza, broccoli salad, baby carrots, fruit, cookie and milk.

**Monday**  
Chicken nuggets, potatoes, Tuscan veggies, salad, roll, fruit and milk.

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

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

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

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300.....	\$390.00
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# U.S. Reps. Hurd, Castro rally for bipartisanship on the border

BY MARIANA ALFARO  
TEXAS TRIBUNE

In sweltering heat, U.S. Rep. Will Hurd and the mayors of the border towns of Del Rio and Ciudad Acuña held hands — presumably sweaty ones — with residents from both sides of the U.S.-Mexico border on Saturday. It was a gesture they hoped would represent the unity and interdependency between their cities.

About 150 people joined Hurd and the mayors in a “bilingual, binational, bipartisan” rally at the International Bridge, which connects both towns, in an event during which the Helotes Republican reaffirmed his position against President Donald Trump’s border wall.

Hurd said his time as a CIA officer taught him that “building a wall from sea to shining sea” is not going to secure communities. Rather, he said, working together “against your common threat” will make Mexico and the U.S. safer.

“As the member of Congress who has the most



LOCAL DIGNITARIES, including (l.-r.) Héctor Arocha, mayor of Ciudad Acuña, Mexican Consul Carlos Gustavo Obador Garrido Cuesta, Roberto Garza, mayor of Del Rio, Texas, country music singer Radney Foster and U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-Helotes, form a human chain on the International Bridge between Ciudad Acuña, Coahuila and Del Rio, Texas during the Border Unity Rally on March 25.

border ... this is a message I take to Washington,” he said. “I’ve been trying to bring my colleagues down to the border as well. A lot

of folks who talk about the border have never seen the border.”

The border rally was billed as a “demonstration of unity” between both countries. Mayors Hector Arocha from Ciudad Acuña and Roberto Garza from Del Rio encouraged crowds on both sides of the border to remain supportive and understanding of each other.

An hour into the rally, most of the attendees walked part of the bridge and held hands, forming a human chain as mariachis played in the background.

While the human chain formed, crowd members joked about how this is the kind of barrier they want on the U.S.-Mexico border, instead of Trump’s proposed wall. After a few pictures, residents from both sides of the border shared pallets and drinks with the Rio Grande River and some U.S. Border Patrol pickup trucks in the background.

During his speech, Hurd said, in Spanish, that a lot of people who talk about the border don’t recognize or don’t realize that Ciudad Acuña and Del Rio aren’t just two cities, but “a community.” He thanked U.S. Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-San Antonio, for being at the rally. Citing his famous road trip to Washington, D.C.,

with El Paso Democratic Rep. Beto O’Rourke earlier this month, Hurd said bipartisanship isn’t a “dirty word.”

“People are expecting us to focus on what unites us, not what divides us,” said Hurd, who returned to Texas this weekend after U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan pulled the American Health Care Act — the supposed GOP replacement from Obamacare — from consideration on Friday when there weren’t enough votes to pass it. “We can disagree without being disagreeable.”

Castro also emphasized the important relationship between Ciudad Acuña and Del Rio. Trump’s criticisms of Mexican immigrants, he said, only hurt the relationship between both countries.

“This is a place that makes a big difference to our country and we have to make sure that people understand that the prosperity of our nations depends on the success of each other,” he said.

Garza, the Del Rio mayor, said the International Bridge brings \$7 million annually in revenue for his city, mostly due to the trade partnership between Ciudad Acuña.

“It is my hope and desire that all of our efforts be focused on building bridges and not walls,” Garza said.

## Landowner groups back bill for groundwater rights

AUSTIN — The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Farm Bureau today announced their support of HB 3028 to provide regulatory certainty for groundwater ownership rights. The bill, authored by Representative DeWayne Burns (R-Cleburne), addresses the state’s water priorities while protecting private property rights guaranteed under the Texas Constitution.

A 2012 Texas Supreme Court decision, *EAA v. Day*, affirmed that groundwater, like oil and gas, is regulated by the “fair share” doctrine. This means the purpose of groundwater regulation is to afford each owner of water, in a common subsurface reservoir, a fair share of the water in place under their land.

“HB 3028 will codify into state law a principle that has been well established by 80 years of court cases,” said Rep. Burns. “Our state prides itself on providing regulatory certainty, and groundwater owners are long overdue in seeing their rights codified into law.”

The principle of fair share has long been the law of the land for oil and gas production in Texas. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and Texas Farm Bureau, two of the state’s leading landowner and agricultural groups, agree that it is time for

groundwater regulators to recognize the court also apply this law to groundwater.

“Landowners should not have to continue going to court to assert their constitutional right to their groundwater,” said Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association President Richard Thorpe. “HB 3028 works to address this issue, and I would like to thank Rep. Burns for his unwavering leadership in the effort to protect the groundwater rights of Texas landowners.”

Water is of ever-increasing importance to the future of Texas and its 27.8 million residents.

“Landowners and agricultural producers shouldn’t be in legal limbo for decades while groundwater districts and users with an agenda discriminate between landowners and re-litigate what fair share means for groundwater,” said Texas Farm Bureau President Russell Boening. “The courts have already told us what fair share means, and HB 3028 recognizes that law.”

Texas Farm Bureau and the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association pledged a unified effort with Rep. Burns and other legislators to secure the passage of HB 3028, providing regulatory certainty on groundwater rights.

## Farm bureau creates technical school scholarship

WACO - Looking to careers that help build communities, Texas Farm Bureau (TFB) is investing an initial \$35,000 in scholarship funds to help its members achieve their dreams at Texas State Technical College (TSTC).

The TSTC system has 10 campuses across the state, offering degrees in a variety of fields from agricultural technology to biology, culinary arts, diesel equipment and welding.

To help as many students as possible, TSTC is matching \$25,000 of TFB’s donation.

The scholarship funding will be used in three different ways.

A percentage of the funding will also be used for a “helping hands” scholarship.

The fund is meant to help students with unexpected costs that are not usually covered by traditional scholarships.

To help students stay in school, there will also be a scholarship for TFB members entering their second year at TSTC.

TFB members may apply for the scholarship through their TSTC campus.

TSTC campuses are located in Abilene, Breckenridge, Brownwood, Fort Bend County, Harlingen, Marshall, North Texas, Sweetwater, Waco and Williamson County.

TFB offers other scholarships to its member-families. Information on those programs can be found at <http://texasfarmbureau.org/youth/youth-opportunities>.

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2017 Easter Activities

Please join us as we celebrate the Miracle of Easter...

**Palm Sunday, April 9**  
As a ritual of remembrance of Jesus’ triumphal entry led by the children into Jerusalem, we will sing and wave palm fronds to open both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. services.

**Friday, April 14**  
**Good Friday Service**  
6:00 p.m. in the Chapel

**Easter Sunday, April 16**  
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - Worship Service  
(Our usual 9:00 a.m. Worship Service will not be held on this day)

Easter Sunday our children will decorate the cross with fresh flowers.  
(If you have any in your yard please bring them)

ANNUAL CHILDREN’S  
**Easter Egg Hunt**  
After the 11:00 a.m. worship service.  
For those participating please bring your basket with a dozen plastic eggs.  
(Place your basket in the foyer of the church as you arrive for church that day)

**Easter Pot-Luck Dinner to Follow**  
(Meat provided by the church...side dishes and desserts are welcome)

**PLEASE JOIN US!**



**BOARD:** *from page 1*

**EARLY RELEASE**  
Chavarria said all campuses will dismiss early at noon on April 11 due to the OMS Track Teams traveling to Forsan for the district meet.

UIL rules state that middle school events can't begin until all schools are dismissed for the day.

Chavarria said all the schools in the district agreed to this so the meet wouldn't run so late.

**EASTER BREAK**  
Ozona Schools will be closed for Good Friday, April 14, and that Monday, April 17, for Easter.

**STAAR/EOC TESTING**  
Campus principals reported that teachers and students are gearing up for STAAR and End-of-Course testing.

Testing begins this week at all three campuses.

More testing will take place the first two weeks in May.

OHS Principal Ronny Clayton said his campus has been utilizing Pride Time to focus on English I and II EOC tests.

He said students have been bench marking during Pride Time, as well as measuring where they are and what they may need to brush up on before testing.

After English I and II, the students will then focus on Algebra I, Biology and U.S. History.

"Our goal is for every student to improve by 10 percent," Clayton said.

At OMS and OES, Principal Tammy McWilliams said they are having tutorials each day after school, as well as Count Down to STAAR going on in all classrooms.

Staff and students have looked at mock STAAR data to help make individual and classroom preparations as student centered as possible, McWilliams said.

**SUMMER SCHOOL**  
McWilliams said her campuses are working again to put together a more comprehensive summer school program for grades third-eighth for students that are not successful on STAAR, as

well as a reading program available to all other students.

Summer school takes place in June, along with the Summer Feeding Program.

**BLENDED LEARNING**  
As a member of the Raise Your Hand Texas Leadership Symposium, McWilliams said she is learning more and more about Blended Learning.

Blended Learning is a formal education program in which a student learns at least in part through delivery of content and instruction via digital and online media with some element of student control over time, place, path or pace.

"Blended Learning is an instructional method that meets students where they are and takes them where they need to go using technology tools that can offer activities at exactly their level and provide immediate feedback on their work," McWilliams said. "There are several aspects of Blended Learning that would benefit our students in Ozona. During our professional development time on both campuses, we are looking for ways to explore the idea for our schools. We have several teachers interested in exploring the concept, and are piloting some aspects of the idea this spring through online programs. I think that we have much of the structure already in place to implement a larger pilot program in our schools next year."

More information can be found at [www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/programs/blended/what-is-blended/](http://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/programs/blended/what-is-blended/) or [www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/programs/blended/blended-learning-resource-portal/](http://www.raiseyourhandtexas.org/programs/blended/blended-learning-resource-portal/).

**OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:**

- Renewal of student insurance.
- Renewal of workers' compensation insurance.
- Instructional materials allotment and TEKS Certification, 2017-2018.

**FUTURE MEETINGS**  
The board will hold their next regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. April 19 at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the public.

**DPS seeks leads to solve 2007 murder in Fredericksburg**

AUSTIN – The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is asking for the public's help in solving the 2007 murder of Linda Muegge, 55, in Fredericksburg, and a reward up to \$6,000 is being offered for information that leads to the arrest of those responsible, if the tip is received before next month's featured case is announced. The Gillespie County Crime Stoppers also is offering a reward up to \$10,000 associated with this case.



LINDA MUEGGE

On May 14, 2007, investigators believe Muegge returned to her home on Franklin Street at approximately 5:30 p.m., and then around 7:50 p.m. that evening, witnesses reported her house on fire.

Muegge was found deceased in the residence after the fire was extinguished, and an autopsy determined blunt force trauma was the cause of death. At the time of her death, Muegge was the owner of The Peasant Kitchen catering business in Fredericksburg.

To be eligible for the cash rewards, tipsters must provide information to au-

thorities by calling the Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS (8477). All tips are anonymous.

Individuals also can submit information through the Texas Ranger Cold Case website or contact us by telephone at 1-800-346-3243 (DPS Missing Persons Hotline).

The DPS Texas Rangers' Unsolved Homicides website provides information on more than 75 cases in an effort to help garner public interest in unsolved or "cold cases." Texas Crime Stoppers recently began offering rewards (funded by the Governor's Criminal Justice Division and administered by DPS) of up to \$3,000 for information that leads to the arrest of those responsible for any cold case listed on the website. For more information, visit the Texas Ranger cold case website at: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/TexasRangers/UnsolvedHomicides/index.htm>.

As part of a DPS public awareness program, one case from the Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigation (Cold Case) Program is featured each month in an effort to generate new investigative leads and bring attention to these cold cases.

The Texas Crime Stoppers reward is increased up to \$6,000 for the featured case in hopes that the higher reward money will generate additional tips.

The higher reward amount will only be paid if the tip is submitted before the next case is featured.

The Texas Ranger Unsolved Crimes Investigation Program was created to assist Texas law enforcement agencies investigating unsolved murders or violent serial crimes. Since there is no statute of limitations for the offense of murder, investigators pursue these cases to a successful resolution or until no viable leads remain.

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**2:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

Afterward, join the family for dinner at the Crockett County Civic Center from 5 to 7 p.m. Come help us wish Armando a happy retirement!

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## DPS helps rescue more than 70 endangered children in 2016

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) announced today that DPS Troopers - with the support of the DPS Interdiction for the Protection of Children (IPC) program, the Texas Rangers and DPS Special Agents - rescued 76 missing, exploited or at-risk children and initiated 42 related criminal investigations in 2016.

"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. "For this reason, the department's IPC program is an indispensable tool; it has helped law enforcement across Texas, the nation and internationally to protect vulnerable victims, and ensure the criminals who target children face the full force of the law."

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.

As part of the 2016 totals, 19 children were rescued and 11 DPS IPC investigations

were initiated in December alone. Additionally, DPS Victim Services counselors also provided emotional support and referrals to other resources to 181 of the rescued children and family members last year.

The 42 criminal investigations initiated in 2016 focused on various alleged crimes, including:

- 20 cases of sexual assault of a child;
- 10 cases of possession of child pornography;
- Two cases of human trafficking;
- Two cases of indecency with a child; and
- Three cases of potential registered sex offender non-compliance.

Since the program's inception, DPS has initiated more than 100 criminal investigations, and rescued more than 250 children as a result of this training. DPS partners with various law enforcement, victim services and Child Protective Services agencies to provide IPC training. To date, DPS has provided IPC training to its own officers as well as more than 6,500 other law enforcement and child protective service professionals in Texas, across the country and internationally. This training has also assisted other agencies in implementing similar programs within their own jurisdictions.

## CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls	Count	Notes
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	2	Sheriff's deputies arrested Diana Yvette Lara, of Ozona, on a parole violation warrant. Subject was arraigned and sent to Upton County.
911 medical/fire assistance	2	3-22-17
Civil complaints	5	Sheriff's deputies escorted an unwanted subject from Lowe's Supermarket.
Civil documents served	3	3-23-17
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	9	Sheriff's deputy took a report of theft of service from the Crockett County Water Department.
Juvenile/School	2	3-24-17
Motorist assist/locked vehicle	5	Sheriff's deputy arrested Dylan Jae Perez, of Ozona, for assault. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	2	Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Live Oak.
Minor/major traffic accidents	8	3-26-17
Alarms	0	Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Avenue J. The music was turned down.

**OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:**  
3-20-17  
• DPS Trooper arrested Simon Israel Barraza, of Odessa, on an out of county warrant for failure to appear on a driving while license invalid. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.  
3-21-17

## Game Warden Field Notes

COMPILED FROM TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS.

**UNABRIDGED VIOLATION**  
Game wardens in Limestone and Freestone counties filed cases on multiple individuals for fishing from a bridge in clear violation of signs indicating the act was illegal. They were using a cast net to catch crappie, an illegal means and method for taking game fish in Texas. The netters were also in possession of undersized crappie and had no fishing licenses. In addition to citations, the individuals were educated on species identification and the definition of fishing.

**CAUGHT IN A CAST NET**  
Game wardens have been actively pursuing cast net violations at the Lake Somerville spillway. An OGT (Operation Game Thief) hotline tip lead local wardens to catch several groups of violators over the first few days of March. The violators were intentionally cast netting and possessing game fish. Numerous cases have been filed.

**STATE:** from page 2  
County, Texas, tops the list with 142 declined detainer requests.

Gov. Greg Abbott referred to the report as "deeply disturbing" and reiterated his short-list emergency item wish for the Texas Legislature to pass a ban on sanctuary cities.

On Feb. 8, the Texas Senate passed Senate Bill 4, the sanctuary cities measure, on vote of 20-10, with Republicans in favor and Democrats in opposition of the heavily amended legislation.

On March 15, the House State Affairs Committee considered SB 4 in a public hearing in which amendments

were considered and testimony was given but no vote was taken.

The legislation, if passed by the House and signed into law by the governor, would require sheriff and police departments to detain undocumented arrestees or face criminal penalties and funding cuts.

### FRANCHISE TAX BILL MOVES

The full Senate on March 21 passed legislation to phase out the state franchise tax over time if sufficient revenue is available. SB 17 now moves to the House for further consideration.

Sen. Jane Nelson, primary author of the bill, said, there is widespread support to eliminate the franchise tax, and that her bill "responsibly phases out the franchise tax while ensuring we retain the revenue necessary to meet the needs of our state."

SB 17 aims to reduce the franchise tax every biennium if the Texas comptroller certifies that the state will experience at least 5 percent revenue growth.

If that occurs, half of general revenue-related funds over the 5 percent growth would be dedicated to reducing the franchise tax rate.

### FISCAL CHALLENGES DETAILED

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on March 21 announced the availability of a special edition of his office's Fiscal Notes publication, highlighting long-term financial obligations facing Texas state government.

Prior to the legislative session, Hegar sent a letter to lawmakers outlining some of these obligations.

If left unaddressed, the obligations could negatively impact the state's credit rating and limit the amount of revenue available for general spending.

The report examines the funding of state employee pensions; TRS-Care, the program that provides health care coverage for retired public school employees and their dependents; the Texas Guaranteed Tuition Plan; and deferred maintenance projects for state buildings.

Fiscal Notes may be accessed by clicking the "See What's New" tab at [Comptroller.Texas.gov](http://Comptroller.Texas.gov).

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**ACROSS**

- zoo enclosure
- TXism: "hot as \_\_\_ of mesquite coals"
- spare \_\_\_
- Dallas-based "\_\_\_ USA Energy, Inc."
- A&M Drill Team was in "A Few Good \_\_\_"
- comedian Costello
- Abilene was founded 136 \_\_\_ ago
- TXism: "critters"
- Spanish meaning of Lampasas
- stays behind
- TXism: "weak \_\_\_ day-old kitten"
- Chevy model
- Grand Ole \_\_\_
- female sheep
- TXism: "plain as the \_\_\_ a mule"
- in Falls County on FM 434
- one who gives blood cavern near Boerne: "\_\_\_ a Name"
- "East TX Yamboree" has a sweet \_\_\_ contest
- TX chili: "bowl \_\_\_"
- Waco's "Texas State \_\_\_ College"
- this is placed on a race at "Lone Star Park" (2 wds.)
- \_\_\_ Leon, TX
- Houston space agcy.
- TX Pete who was 20th Secretary of the Army

**DOWN**

- TX "Ruff Rider Regatta" (2 wds.)
- Taylor County seat
- noted Apache leader
- in Concho County on U.S. 83 and 87
- wild animal shelter
- TX Charley Pride hit: "My Eyes Can \_\_\_ You" (1976)
- active nuclear sub: "\_\_\_ Texas"
- TX Tejano group: "Little Joe \_\_\_ Familia"
- this "ike" was born in Denison, TX
- TX legislative enactment (2 wds.)
- TX-based "The Last Picture Show" was a "\_\_\_ of passage" film
- stitches
- you can get a free one at a Texas Travel Information Center
- TX Willie tune: "Ain't Necessarily \_\_\_" (1990)
- "that is" abbr.
- TXism: "hopping \_\_\_" (very angry)
- aircraft propeller, informally
- TXism: "likely \_\_\_" (probable)
- plundered
- good root beer
- big TX electronics co.
- TX Kristofferson's "Help Me Make \_\_\_ Through the Night"
- pro and \_\_\_
- "could hear \_\_\_ drop"
- Catholic priest, e.g.
- in Orange: "Stark Museum \_\_\_"
- encourages \_\_\_
- an early band for TX Roy Orbison: "The \_\_\_ Kings"
- this Henke was a former closer for the Rangers (init.)
- \_\_\_ Pepper
- firemen tools
- a whoopee cushion is \_\_\_ gift
- TX Jordan Spieth won golf's U.S. \_\_\_ in 2015

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# CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

## Crockett County Appraisal District Reminds Businesses to Render their Taxable Property by April 15

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Crockett County Appraisal District by April 15, 2017.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. Property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property, such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

"The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values," said Janet M. Thompson, Chief Appraiser.

You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of your property. "For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The appraisal district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2017," said Thompson.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15, 2017. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Crockett County Appraisal District at 909 Avenue D Ozona, Texas. Information is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/).

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New Listing - 100 acres, Rim Rock Ranch, Tract 83, includes bunkhouse & travel trailer	\$160,000
42 acres, 8 miles NW of Ozona, w/5 bedroom, 3 bath house. No Restrictions	\$325,000
2004.7 acres - Working ranch w/3 bedroom, 2 bath house.	Price Reduced - \$2,140,935
5,500 acres - Kincaid Ranch, working ranch, 3 water wells, deer camp, excellent hunting	\$4,125,000

**Acres - Sutton County**

New Listing - 238 +/- acres, Holcomb Ranch, Tract 17 & 18, unimproved	\$275,000
105.38 acres - North I-10 Service Road, unimproved	\$144,898
Rancho de Las Vistas - Tracts from 129 acres to 384 acres	\$192,000 - \$536,740
150.01 acres - Rolling Hills Ranch subdivision, Tract 5	\$250,000
184.8 acres - Rolling Hills Ranch subdivision, Tract 4	\$300,000
178.86 acres - Rolling Hills Ranch S/D, Tract 6, house, water, electricity	Price Reduced - \$350,000
200 acres - Loop 467, water, electricity, pond - <b>SOLD</b>	\$450,000
334 acres - SCR 410, w/house, water & electricity	Price Reduced - \$475,000
120 acres - 3435 Loop 467, 4 bedroom/2 bath house	\$545,000
600 acres - South I-10 Service Rd.	Price Reduced - \$957,000
772.35 acres - SCR 403 - Off of Hwy. 277 South	\$984,746
655.41 acres - SCR 204 - Baker Road, w/house - <b>SOLD</b>	\$1,045,379
400 Acres - 680 RR 864 - Ft. McKavett Rd., 3BR/2B home, pens, barn	\$1,225,000
2424 acres - FM 1691, Bond Rd. - 4 water wells, 3 ponds & house	\$3,400,000
3934 acres - PR 4412 - some minerals included, pens, barns, utilities	\$4,307,730
3242 acres - PR 4412, 3 homes, barn, shop, pool	\$4,800,000

**Acres - Val Verde County**

5.46 acres - Rough Canyon at Lake Amistad, commercial lot	\$85,000
26.27 acres - Juno Road, house, cabin, barn	\$295,000

**Acres - Other Areas**

1.7 acres - Tract 12 - San Rio River, Menard Co.	\$69,500
99.857 acres - Mertzon, river property w/house, barn and more	\$1,595,000
996 acres - Schleicher County - house, 3 water wells, some minerals	\$2,200,000

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- 2000 F250 Vin 1FTNF20L2YEC74227

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**902 6th St.** - 3 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas, 3,800 sq. feet, carport - \$250,000

**103 11th St.** - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, w/additional 2 bed, 1 bath home on Ave. A - \$245,000

**101 Hummingbird Lane** - 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on two lots - \$235,000

**210 Sunset Drive** - 5 bedroom, **SOLD** - 3 bath - **PRICE REDUCED - \$195,000**

**2113 Santa Ana** - 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas, large lot - **PRICE REDUCED - \$148,000**

**201 Ave. G** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, large corner lot, 2-car carport - \$120,000

**904 Almond St.** - 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath - **PRICE REDUCED - \$95,000**

**204 Ave. J** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath home, 1 car garage, large backyard - \$94,500

**28 Crockett Heights Dr.** - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled, carport - **PRICE REDUCED - \$84,500**

**210-A 14th St.** - 2 bed, 1 ba. - **SALE PENDING** - home I-10 frontage - \$59,000

**406 Young St.** - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, attached garage - \$45,000

**DEL RIO - LAKE AMISTAD**

**New Listing - 7164 Texas R2** - 3 bedroom, 2 bath condo - lake views - \$252,500

**New Listing - 103 Alamo Dr.** - 4 bedroom, 2.5 bath - \$225,000

**COMMERCIAL**

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**Country Club View Apartments** - Newly Remodeled - 20 Unit Apartment Complex - \$595,000

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**400 Acres** - Tracts 99-102 located on - **SOLD** - Rim Rock Ranch, electricity - \$350,000

**200 Acres** - High Lonesome Ranch, Tract 22 & 23 - \$170,000

**130 Acres** - Dog Canyon Ranch, Tract 3 - **SALE PENDING** - w/house - **PRICE REDUCED - \$155,000**

**100 Acres** - High Lonesome Ranch, Tract 20, house & electricity - \$150,000

**33 Acres** - Pandale, electricity & water, 3 trailer houses - \$110,000

**100 Acres** - Deer Canyon Ranch, Tract 26 - \$80,000

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