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# **Graduates look to the future**

**BY MELISSA PERNER** THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Diplomas were conferred on 57 students as the Class of 2017 graduated Friday night at Lion Stadium.

In her welcome speech, Salutatorian Jadie Lynn Marshall spoke about how competitive this year's class has been in academics and athletics, excelling at every level.

"I want to thank each and every one of you for that competitiveness because it pushed me to work hard every single day," Marshall said. "All of us here have the potential to accomplish many great things. Go out in the world and make each year better than the last." Amberlyn Dacie Taylor

spoke on the future. "Even now, most of us have

a plan for what comes next. It is expected of us to have a plan. The funny thing about that is, plans change," Taylor said. "Things will change, but some things won't. Ozona will always be here to welcome you back. That will never change. Remember that life isn't about finding your happy ending, it's about the journey to get there."

Asia Dawn Lara spoke on the past touching on memo-



MEMBERS OF THE OHS CLASS OF 2017 toss their caps after Friday's graduation ceremony at Lion Stadium.

created," Lara said. "One thing of our lives, because once we Timothy Shae Maldonado.

rissa Perez, Marshall, Lara, Tay-



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## Ozona mourns young man's death

**BY MELISSA PERNER** THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Ozona is mourning the loss of a young man known

for having a "heart of gold.' Michael Ybar



MICHAEL YBARRA JR.

ra Jr., 21, died Sunday as a result of injuries sustained in a vehicle accident Saturday afternoon three miles south of Barnhart on State Highway 163.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. today (May 31) at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Michael, or Mikey as he was known, is survived by his parents Maria and Michael Ybarra, brothers Albert Ramos Jr., Mark Ybarra and Matt Ybarra, sister Rosa Bella Ramos, grandparents Pete and Elma Ybarra and Alberto and Estella Ramos, aunts and uncles Belinda and Alberto Ramos Jr., Amy and Guadalupe Porras Jr., Timothy and Jasmine Porras, Armando and Tracy Trevino, Codie and Vanessa Porras and Melissa Porras, as well as many

to attend the old intermediate school to winning at district championship football game at 2 a.m. in McCamey.

how fast things are happening until it's over, and all you can do is pause and reminisce on

ries from being the last class that will never change are the good times, bad times, memories and friendships we have created throughout the years."

In her Valedictory address "You really don't realize Carissa Evarista Perez told her classmates "to do one thing every day that scares you."

"I want us to be able to cherall of the memories you have ish every second, every minute.

are done, and God calls us back home, I want us to be able to look back at our life and know in our hearts that we fulfilled God's purpose for us. That we lived, that we truly and completely lived boldly.

Giving the invocation was Rachel LaRae Mendoza, and the benediction was given by

Marshall, Perez and Taylor were recognized as the President's Academic Excellence Award winner.

Distinguished graduates were Lara, Maldonado, Marshall, Perez, Sidney Renee Perez and Taylor.

UIL Scholar Award winners were recognized. They are Ca-

lor, Mendoza and Maldonado.

Awards were also presented to the 18 honor graduates.

Military graduates were Elizabeth Rodriguez, Michael Thomas Fay, Maiah Areanna Jurado and Brandon Ali Meza. Ushers were Brenna Hale,

Samantha Torralba, Danny Posadas and Christian Yruegas.

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U.S. REP. WILL HURD (far left) stands with the crowd as Isabel Geary and Roman Tambunga sing the National Anthem at the annual Memorial Day Ceremony Monday at the Veterans Memorial between Lima and Cedar Hill Cemeteries. Hurd gave the address at the event. More on page 5.

## Memorial Day ceremony honors those who served

#### **BY MELISSA PERNER** THE OZONA STOCKMAN

U.S. Rep. Will Hurd spent his Memorial Day remembering those who served in Crockett County.

The San Antonio Republican visited Ozona during the annual Memorial Day ceremony Monday held at the Veterans Memorial between Lima and Cedar Hill Cemeteries.

Hurd gave the address at

the event, where he spoke of his friend Mike Spann who was the first American killed in combat during the 2001 invasion of Afghanistan.

"Mike put his life on the line to keep us safe and prevent another 9/11 from happening," Hurd said. "What we are doing here today as a community is honoring their story. It's great to see so many young folks here thanking men and women who served."

Crockett County Commissioner and Veteran Frank Tambunga, who organizes the annual ceremony, read the list of military serviceman and veterans that past away in Ozona since last year's Memorial Day. They were: Mark Tambunga, Roy Harrell, Sam Perner and Esequiel Cervantes.

"This is a special day made to take time to remember all our fallen heroes and their families," Tambunga said.

Isabel Geary, a veteran, and Roman Tambunga sang the National Anthem, as well as "Amazing Grace" and "America the Beautiful."

The ceremony also honored active military and current veterans. Those in attendance were Johnnie Perkins, Emilio Tambunga, Matias Gandar, Geary, Johnny Tambunga, Frank Tambunga and County Judge Fred Deaton.

# **State Golf**



NANCY SMITH | SUBMITTED PHOTO

HUNTER SMITH tied for eighth place at the UIL Class 2A State Golf Meet last week in Austin. Smith shot a 78 in the first round and a 72 in the second for a two-day total of 150.





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# Honoring those for making the most honorable sacrifice

With Fort Bliss to the West, Joint Base San Antonio to the East and Laughlin Air Force Base in between, the 23rd Congressional District of Texas has a very special relationship with our nation's military. For Memorial Day, there is an abundance of parades, concerts and commemorative events to honor those who did not return home because they made the ultimate sacrifice - giving their lives to defend our freedoms.

For many people in my district, every day is a reminder of the parent, sibling, child or bat-



end for these HURD ON families once the three-day THE HILL weekend is WILL over. For them, HURD they must continue on without a lov-

traded their

life to fulfill

United States

a life lost too

of America.

ing mother, a father to play catch with, or a brother to have their back. The tens of thousands of rolling gravestones at 135 National Cemeteries are a constant reminder of the souls who have laid down their lives for ours.

During WWII, 12 percent of the United States population served in the Armed Forces. Compare that to modern day, when only seven percent of all living Americans have served in the military at some point during their lives. Many Americans do not have a connection to anyone who has served and

one of the unintended consequences is misunderstanding what Memorial Day is really about: honoring the lives of our men and women in uniform, their families and reflecting on the sacrifices they have made to protect our way of life.

On Memorial Day I will be thinking of my friend Mike Spann. Mike was a paramilitary officer in the CIA. He was one of the first to be deployed to Afghanistan following the terrorist attacks on our country on 9/11. When I was helping him prepare for his assignment, I never

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would have thought a few weeks later he would be the first American killed in combat during our invasion of Afghanistan in 2001. His youngest daughter at the time of Mike's death was just a baby. Mike never got the chance to see her grow up into the phenomenal woman that she is now, because he put himself in harms way to defend our freedom and protect our way of life.

Now that I'm in Congress, I am committed to honoring the noble work of Mike and the thousands of men and women just like him. Our troops' decision to join

our Armed Forces has had a direct impact on our daily lives, whether we realize it or not. Let's celebrate Memorial Day by showing gratitude to our military, but also by reflecting on how we can give back to them and their families. Thank you are simple words that none of us say enough - especially to our sailors, soldiers, pilots and marines who have made the most honorable sacrifice.

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## Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick killed school finance

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t. Gov. Dan Patrick claims in his latest news release that he is "appalled that the Texas House" would reject the Senate's version of House Bill 21, a major piece of school finance legislation. State Rep. Dan Huberty, R-Houston, authored HB 21 in order to address the school funding system, which the Texas Supreme Court called "byzantine" and an "ossified regime ill-suited for 21st century Texas." HB 21 may not have been perfect, but it did provide significant additional funding to help schools through the next two years — until the system could, hopefully, be "upended" by the Legislature as suggested by the court.

But in the hands of the Senate and Patrick, HB 21 became nothing more than a vehicle for passing school vouchers, a major political item on Patrick's "to do" list this session. He claims to be appalled at the final result, but is he really surprised that the House is rejecting his version of HB 21?



majority of Texans in every demographic

group and both political parties.'

The fact is, according to a February 2017 University of Texas/Texas Tribune poll, 44 percent oppose vouchers and only 35 percent support them.

· Instead of supporting Texans who want vouchers, "those House members buckled under the demands of education bureaucrats."

The fact is, supporting public education - where 95 percent of Texas children are educated — does not make us bureaucrats nor does it make us wrong.

We are Texans, too, Mr. Pat-

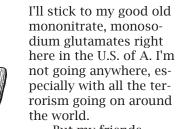
# Something To Chew On

I'm not much of a world traveler. Outside of a dinner in Juarez and a week of giving speeches in Alberta, the only other country I've been to is Australia. The only thing foreign to me there was vegemite, a salty, bitter, wood-putty-like substance that they slathered on everything they ate. It smelled like a pair of gym socks that haven't been washed in a month and tasted like what gets in your mouth when you work cattle with your mouth wide open.

On the opposite side of the worldtraveling spectrum we have some friends who are always bragging about how adventurous they are, as if Scotland is the New Frontier and they are Davy Crockett or something. I've heard their story numerous times about how they survived a week in Croatia, surviving on nothing but food and water.

My friends are always off gallivanting all over the world, trying to eat a bigger slice of life than us homebodies. They have scrapbooks documenting how they had their stomachs pumped on three continents. The cosmopolitan couple brag about having eating zebra, fried cockroaches, lutefisk soaked in lye, boiled sheep eyeballs and stewed pig intestines all while trying to make me feel small because the most gutsy and dangerous foods I've ever consumed were my mom's leftovers.

I have no desire to travel abroad or to



But my friends shrug it off and say, "But Lee you should have tasted the fried scorpions and grasshoppers we had in Thailand, the stink bugs we ate in Africa, the tuna

eyeballs, wasp crackers and fried spiders in Japan, the witchery grubs in Australia, the silkworms in Korea, the congealed blood in Europe, the birds-nest soup in Vietnam and the deep-dish haggis in Scotland.'

"That sounds like real throat ticklin' grub all right. I've never met anyone who enjoyed bad food as much as you two. But was any of that stuff any good?"

"Heck no." admitted my friend. "It was the most god-awful stuff I've ever tasted. But those dishes paled in comparison to how bad the camel hump and sweet and sour yak was.'

"Yuk.

"Not yuk. Yak," said my friend. "I'll tell you, traveling abroad is a great way to shed a few pounds we go to some exotic locale, eat what the natives do and she comes home at least ten pounds lighter."

"You may be on to something. Write a cookbook on the Foreign Food Diet and get rich. But seriously, what was the absolute worst food you ever tasted?'

"I'd say it was a toss-up between the deep dish dog, the refried locust larvae, or the rat we had in Laos.

"Refried locust larvae? My Grandpa would have called that eatin' the bait. That stuff sounds like it would kill a Duroc. How do you even eat it?'

"Well, in the case of the dog, rat and camel, the natives advise you to dig deep in the barrel because that's where the biggest hunks of dog, rat or camel are. So we ate the broth off the top. But some foreign food is delicious. Like the Foi gras we had in Paris.

"I make it a rule not to eat anything I can't pronounce. Do you have any other advice for would-be world travelers who want to enjoy bad worldwide cuisine like you two?'

"There's the "jungle rule" which states, "If you can't peel it or cook it, forget it.'

'Was there ever any food that you just flat-out refused to eat?" I asked. "Yeah, my mother's fried Spam sandwiches."

"Point well taken."

The lieutenant governor bombastically blamed the House for the death of HB 21, but it is he who administered the poison. He poisoned the process from the beginning, when he said he would not pass school finance without vouchers. I personally heard him say before the legislative session started that there would be no more money for public schools.

Let's set the record straight. Patrick claims:

• The reason the House is rejecting the Senate version "is simply because it included a program that might allow some disabled child somewhere in Texas to attend a private school that his parents believe would be better for him or her."

The fact is, a voucher will likely provide a child with a disability an education in a segregated, disability-only school since the majority of regular private schools will not accept them. Vouchers for students with disabilities allow the Legislature to continue to shirk its constitutional responsibility of ensuring adequate educations for all Texas children, especially those who have been denied adequate educations for so long. A better focus this session would have been on fixing the broken system.

The "House members who voted against HB 21 ignored the needs of disabled

rick. You may not agree with us, you may not even like us, but we are your constituents and we have a voice like anyone else. It is disheartening to hear a leader in Texas continue to speak so derogatorily about those of us who work for Texas' 5.2 million children every day.

• "Texas House leaders have been obstinate and closed-minded on this issue throughout this session." The "pot and kettle" analogy comes to mind here.

The fact is, in the disabil ity world, we usually view people who continue to try to segregate our kids as "closed-minded."

• "I simply did not believe they would vote against... disabled children." Please, sir, do not use my child as a political pawn to push your agenda.

My message to the House is, thank you for standing up for what's right and best for all kids instead of for what's politically expedient.

It appears that the lieutenant governor was unwilling to listen to the many ideas shared by voices from throughout our state, but instead plowed forward with his own political agenda.

Lt. Gov. Patrick refused to listen, and now that HB 21 is dead, he has no one to blame but himself.

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## Legislature completes regular session with main task accomplished

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

AUSTIN — The 140-day 85th regular session of the Texas Legislature ended on May 29 with hugs, tears and fanfare, plus demonstrations against "anti-immigrant" legislation and a scuffle involving members on the House floor.

Primarily, though, both chambers signed off on Senate Bill 1, the state budget for 2018-2019, and in doing so accomplished their only constitutionally required task.

The budget appropriates \$106.7 billion in general revenue and almost \$1 billion from the state's Economic Stabilization Fund. The budget totals \$217 billion, including federal funds and other dollars.

"We started with a sizable shortfall," said House Speaker Joe Straus. "But we are ending this session with a balanced budget that invests in some very important priorities. We're keeping overall spending low while improving child

protection and mental health care."

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the Senate, said, "This state budget is more than a billion dollars less in general revenue than our current budget. It upholds our commitment to spend taxpayer dollars wisely and to live within our means. It maintains almost \$11 billion in the Rainy Day Fund."

Fourteen House members and one Senate member voted against SB 1. Rep. Sergio Muñoz Jr., D-Mission, was one of them. The final version of the budget would spend almost \$1.4 billion less than originally appropriated and result in cuts of \$2.4 billion to Health & Human Services, \$1 billion to public education and reductions to other areas as well, Muñoz said.

Another House member to

vote in opposition to SB 1 was Rep. Shawn Thierry, D-Houston. "Almost every area of state spending was cut or underfunded, including \$1 billion in Medicaid payments, in favor of allocating \$800 million dollars for border security patrol, which is really a federal issue," Thierry said. "The budget now leaves nearly every state agency hanging on by a thread."

Sen. Sylvia Garcia, D-Houston, called the budget "inadequate" because it "leaves \$11 billion untapped" in the Economic Stabilization "Rainy Day" Fund. "There's no new money for pre-K, there's continued spending on more border militarization and it continues to shortchange education and healthcare. It doesn't represent the values of my district so I voted

Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound, who chairs the Senate committee that drafted the budget, said, "We passed a responsible budget that meets our essential needs. It continues the policies of fiscal restraint that have shaped our success, and it positions Texas for a

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against it."



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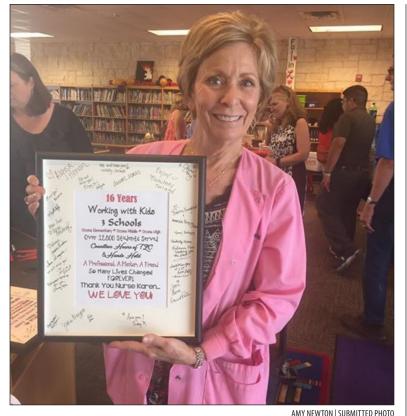
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#### Wednesday, May 31, 2017



MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMA THE OMS EIGHTH **GRADE CLASS hon**ored their classmate Anthony Hester-Smith, who died at the beginning of the school year, with a memorial stone at his gravesite on May 23. The Eighth Grade class also signed Anthony's passport to high school and presented it to Anthony's family.





KAREN HUFFMAN was honored with a retirement party last week after 16 years of service to CCCCSD as the district's nurse.



2017 OZONA HEAD START GRADUATES: David Perez, Miley Lara and Luis Lira.

## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### Wednesday, May 31

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

Thursday, June 1

 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

#### Friday, June 2

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

## Monday, June 5

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

• Summer Reading Program, 10 a.m. at the Crockett County Public Library Tuesday, June 6

• Sit Down Exercise, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center

## Wednesday, June 7

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

## **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

May 31 - Keyarah Carlson and Lexi Poindexter

June 1 – Stephen Maskill, Corey Mitchel, Silas Conner Garcia, Christy Vasquez Cruz, Royce Newton, Zay Gonzales and Stephanie Hansen

June 2 - Jodi Adcock, Angelina Morrow, Becca En-riquez, Erika Conner, Brandi Buchanan, R.J. Martinez, Clemon Sniffen and Raynaldo Martinez

June 3 - Cristy Dominguez, Kristen Mendoza, Josh Smith, Alyia Ortiz and

Frankie Garza

June 4 - Will M. Black, Will Seahorn, James Galindo, Jalen Lopez, Camille Hernandez, Peggy Logan, Ray Shaffer, Janet Thompson and Calib Bullard

June 5 - Wyatt Bean, Amber Batura, Dylan Castillo, Jo-seph Thornhill, Roylan Sullivan Greg Scherr

June 6 - Gregory Scherr, Ronnie Davis, Sharika Sheppard, Paula Sessom, Elisa Tambunga, Clint Perner and

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Dustin Trevino 

Crockett County Brídal Exhíbít

Come join us at the

## Crockett County Museum

*3 p.m. Thursday, June 15, 408 11th St. The museum will be open to the public as it features a* unique bridal exhibit. Refreshments will be served.



THE 9U ALL-STARS placed second in the First All Star Bash in Midland this past weekend.

## **Commissioners reject technology bids**

**BY MELISSA PERNER** THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court rejected technology bids during a May 23 special meeting.

The commissioners had received two bids for the county's technology contract at their May 10 meeting. One was from NewQuest Solutions for \$70,290.72. The other was from Snider Technology Services LLC for \$71,357.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the bids were quite a bit more than was anticipated. Also, the county approved to install a new \$33,000 voice over IP phone system with Snider Technologies at the April 10 meeting.

By converting to this phone system, Deaton said the county will save enough money to help offset the cost of the county's new fiber optic internet.

The new phone system will also eliminate individual bills for each department.

By rejecting the bids, each county departments will continue to be responsible for their own technology needs.

"We want one more year to see if the phone system

does give us some savings," Deaton said. "We need to take one step at a time.'

The commissioners also voted to remove a bump gate off of County Road 310.





**OZONA SENIOR** 

**Bingo social** 

June 12

**BY BRENDA NEWTON** 

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Memorial Day. I also hope you

remembered what this day is

for. It is not just a day off to

go have fun - It is to remem-

ber those that have fought

and died so that we all can en-

joy our outings and days off.

ets for the Thunderbird here

at the office. Come by and you

can have them as long as they

service provided by Concho

Valley Transit District and

our own Crockett County.

There are those that do not

have transportation available

for the medical services in

San Angelo, or for just a nice

trip to the city. They are not

aware that the Thunderbird

can take them to San Angelo.

Come on you younger ones

and look into these services

that are there and help your

parents and grandparents

Angelo paper on Sunday, May

13, there was a senior source

book in there that lists all the

If you did not get a San

The Thunderbird is a great

last. First come - first serve.

I have some free ride tick-

I hope you all had a nice

HAPPENINGS

## **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.

#### **MAY 31**

Baked pork chop, black-eyed peas, turnip greens, wheat roll, melon cubes, strawberry oatmeal bar and milk.

#### JUNE 1

Turkey salad, potato salad, two bean salad, wheat bread, fruit yogurt and milk.

#### **JUNE 2**

Fiesta chicken, garden blend rice, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit and milk.

#### **JUNE 5**

Barbecued chicken, seasoned succotash, cauliflower, wheat bread, pudding and milk.

## JUNE 6

Ham and beans, stewed squash, cucumber and tomato salad, cornbread, pineapple crisp and milk

#### JUNE 7

Barbecued hamburger, buttered corn, spinach salad, no bacon, cinnamon pears and milk.

### JUNE 8

Chicken fajitas, salsa, Spanish rice, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, corn tortilla, strawberries and peaches and milk.





## **OBITUARIES** Michael (Mikey) Ybarra Jr.

On May 30, 2014 Michael Ybarra Jr (Mikey) graduated from Ozona High School and three very short years later, on May 28, 2017 our beloved Mikey graduated from this life and was welcomed into the gates of Heaven.

Funeral Services will be held today, May 31, 2017 at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Lima Cemetery. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Mikey, 21, was born on October 2, 1995 in San Angelo, Texas. He was a member of OLPH Catholic Church where he was an alter server and member of the youth group.

As mentioned before, he was a graduate of Ozona High School Class of 2014. While attending school he was active in all sports: football, basketball, baseball and track. Upon graduating high school, he attended Howard College in San Angelo, Texas. After a year in San Angelo, Mikey decided his heart belonged home with his family. He began working alongside his dad, grandpa, and other family members in Barnhart, Texas.

Three things Mikey valued most in his life were: Faith, Family and Football. Through his love for God, he continuously had faith and believed anything was possible, and if there wasn't a way, he would make sure to make it work. There are not enough words to describe his love for his family. He enjoyed organizing family events, making and decorating cakes, always going the "extra mile" when family needed it, and though he had many things to do, he made sure his family came first. When it came to football season, he was ready to support his brothers and the rest of

the Ozona Lions in all sports.



He was his brothers biggest fan! He was always ready to support Mark by making special designed shirts for the family and always made sure to attend all of his little brother Matt's games. However, when it came to Sundays, you wouldn't see him in any other color but blue. He was one of the Dallas Cowboy's biggest fans. Even though family members would tease him the Cowboys wouldn't go far, he always supported them and had hope for a Super Bowl ring.

Mikey will always be remembered for his unconditional love and going above and beyond for his family and friends. He is survived by his parents: Michael and Maria Ybarra; brothers: Mark Ybarra, Matt Ybarra and AJ Ramos; sister: Rosa Bella Ramos; grandparents: Pete and Elma Ybarra; Alberto and Estella Ramos; aunts and uncles: Alberto and Belinda Ramos Jr., Guadalupe and Amy Porras, Jr; Timothy and Jasmine Porras, Armando and Tracy Trevino, Codie and Vanessa Porras and Melissa Porras; many cousins, great cousins, and great uncles and great aunts.

He is preceded in death by his great-grandfathers and great-grandmothers.

The family would like to thank all of the community for all the support and prayers during this difficult time.

## Eustolia Gutierrez Villarreal

Eustolia Gutierrez Villarreal, 86, died May 26, 2017 in Ozona. Funeral Services was held Monday, May 29, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Burial followed in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements are by Kerbow Funeral Home. Online Condolences can be made at www.kerbowfuneral-home.com

She was born April 16, 1931 to Pedro and Soledad Gutierrez.

Eustolia was a caring and loving wife, mother, grandmother and sister. She will always be remembered for her unconditional love and for always going the 'extra mile' to be there in time of need for her parents and all her siblings. She was 'Ama' to all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren and 'Tata' to her special niece, Blanca Martinez.

sister, Etelvina Villarreal; son, Ismael Villarreal, Sr.; daughters, Aurora Graham, Dora Aiguier, and Mari Sanchez; grandchildren, Charles Villarreal, Ismael Villarreal, Jr., Laken Villarreal, Nikolas Villarreal, Jason Graham, Christina Brownell, Albert Quintanar, Bianca Aiguier, Parrish Aiguier, Amanda Grider, Stacy Sanchez and Michael Sanchez; and 13 great-grandchildren.

## Ignacia Torres De Dominguez

Mrs. Ignacia Torres De Dominguez, 59, of Carl E. Hefner Lane, Taylorsville, passed away Thursday, May, 25, 2017 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center.

Mrs. Dominguez was born July 31, 1957 in Monterrey, Mexico the daughter of the late Nicolas Torres and Soccorro Villenuva Torres.

She had owned and operated her own restaurant and was a member of New Life Church of God in Ozona, Texas.

Including her parents, she was preceded in death by: her husband, Jose Domin-



She was preceded in death by her husband, Azael Villarreal; her brothers, Matias Gutierrez, Sr., Jesus Gutierrez, Heriberto Gutierrez, Rodolfo Gutierrez, Pedro Gutierrez, and Hector Gutierrez; her sister, Armandina Maldonado; and her greatgrandson, Andrew Villarreal.

Pallbearers are her grandsons; Charles Villarreal, Albert Quintanar, Ismael Villarreal, Jr., Jason Graham, Parrish Aiguier, Michael Sanchez and Nikolas Villarreal. Honorary Pallbearers are nephews; Matias Gutierrez, Jr., and Jesse Gutierrez.

We would like to give thanks to Crockett County Care Center and a special thanks to the care center staff members that truly touched our mother's heart and loved her as if she was their own.

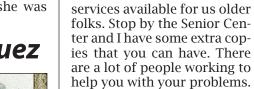


figure this out.

Take advantage of them. We are still doing balance exercises Monday and Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. These are simple exercises that are done very slowly so that most can do them. The ones that are joining in say that it helps them with the movements that they have had a lot of trouble with. All is slow and easy.

There will be bingo every Thursday afternoon. That means tomorrow afternoon at 2 p.m. Try it - you'll like it. Just a nickel a card per game. You win all the nickels if you bingo. Then we have a blackout game that has a little more for a prize. We have cold drinks and popcorn and



## **CAN WILTED PLANTS BE REVIVED?**

I remember a time my wife had to be gone for a few days to visit some of my family and she asked me if I would water her flowers every day. I tried to faithfully water all the plants but one evening I found some little ones that I had overlooked and they looked dead. I started to throw them away but I decided to put some water on them anyway. The next morning to my surprise most of them were standing up again. That experience reminded me of a Christian's relationship to the Holy Spirit. When we accept Christ, the Spirit of the living God comes to live in us, (John 3:3-7, Ephesians 5:18). We are then called the temple of God and the Holy Spirit dwells in us, (1 Corinthians 3:16 and 6:19). But we can become like those little plants without water if we drift away from God or leave Him out of our lives or we allow sin to continue in our lives, (Galatians 5:16,Ephesians 4:30, 1 Thessalonians 5:19). We become dry and almost lifeless spiritually on the inside. On the other hand how beautiful and full of life are the little plants that are getting all the water and sunlight they need. It is the same spiritually when we are doing what God wants us to and we are being filled and abiding in, and walking with the Holy Spirit, (Galatians 5:16-25). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

Apostolic Church 1908 Santa Anna St. Pastor Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m.	Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O'War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Martes: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6 p.m.	Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Bernardito Getigan Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona Every Second Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.
<b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I <b>Pastor Paul M. Ray</b> Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.	<b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat & Man O'War <b>Pastor Juan Avila</b> Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.	<b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. <b>Mr. Johnnie Perkins</b> Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.
<b>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. <b>Pastor Tom Baden</b> Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.	New Beginnings Ozona "churchbut different" 354 Highway 163 South Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. (325) 226-3060 www.newbeginningsozona.com	Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Mark Fricke Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Youth - 6:00 p.m Wednesdays K.I.D.S 5:30 p.m Wednesdays	ATTEND THE Church Of Your	Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.
<b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> Hwy. 163 S. at Quail Run <b>Interim - Ray Valadez</b> Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.	CHOICE THIS SUNDAY	Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Family Service: 6:30 p.m.
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lorsville; three grandchildren; three sisters, Romana Balderas, Paula Dominguez, Josephina Dominguez; a brother, Martin Torres.

guez; a brother, Ernesto Tor-

res; two sisters, Maria Puente

memory include: two daugh-

ters. Maribel Manosalva and

husband, William, of Ozona,

Texas, Beatriz Dominguez

and husband, Felipe, of Tay-

Those left to cherish her

and Apolinia Dominguez.

Funeral service was Tuesday, May 30, at Iglesia Bautisa Nueva Vida with burial following in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Condolences may be sent to: www.adamsfunerals.com. Adams Funeral Home and cremation services is honored to be serving the Dominguez Family.

it is kind of like a little party

Bingo Social for June will be on June 12 at 6:30 p.m. We will be serving chicken salad sandwiches on croissants with banana pudding made by Corina Diehl.

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

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.

## **Devil's Sinkhole tours** underway

The Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area is now in the midst of a big bat year.

Every evening Wednesdays-Sundays, volunteers with the Devil's Sinkhole Society, the Distinguished Park Friends Group of 2017, provide the famous evening bat tour.

Visitors get to see-at the height of bat season-between four and six million Mexican Freetail Bats arising from the Devil's Sinkhole National Natural Landmark. The bat show is often augmented by swooping cave swallows, massive Great Horned Owls, and curious jackrabbits.

The massive sinkhole is the largest one-chamber cave in Texas as well as the fourthdeepest cave in the state. During the main part of the bat season, the Devil's Sinkhole is home to the fourthlargest bat colony in Texas, producing a tornadic swarm of bats.

Because of numerous special features at the Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area, all Sinkhole visits (bat tours, day tours, and nature walks) require a guide, so all tours begin at the Rocksprings Visitors Center on the town square and reservations are necessary.

To sign up for any of the amazing tours, call (830) 683-2287, email devilssinkhole@ swtexas.net, or drop by the Rocksprings Visitors Center.

Bat season runs from May 1 through Oct. 31. Morning bat return tours are available August through October.

A very special combination bat viewing and star gazing event will be held Saturday, July 22.

Some years ago, a nature photographer from England proclaimed that the bat emergence at the Devil's Sinkhole is "the most amazing animal swarm anywhere" and he was comparing the Devil's Sinkhole bats to surfing penguins in Australia and ant birds in Tanzania.

## YBARRA: from page 1

cousins, great cousins and great uncles and aunts.

His father posted the following statement on Facebook Monday: "On behalf of Maria, Matt, Mark, Bella and myself, we want to thank each and every one of you for the outpouring of blessings and support at this time of sorrow. The Lord has taken a pot of gold. Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The family of Michael 'Mikey' Ybarra Jr."

According to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Ybarra was traveling south on State Highway 163, in his 2015 GMC Sierra Pickup, when he collided into the rear of a 2008 Peterbilt Truck Tractor that was stopped preparing to make a left turn.

Driver of the truck tractor, Ismael Huitron, 42, of Midland was treated and released, the report stated.

Ybarra was airlifted to Shannon Medical Center where family members said he underwent surgery before he died. He was pronounced dead at the hospital.

The accident was investigated by DPS Trooper Brandon Creech, of Mertzon, and assisted by DPS Troopers Michael Johnson, Cameron Petersen, Ryan Dalton and Christopher White, all of Ozona.

Crockett County EMS, Crockett County Sheriff's Office and the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department also responded.

Ybarra was a 2014 graduate of Ozona High School.

He was active in sports, including football, basketball, track and baseball.

In the 2014 Ozona Stockman Graduation Edition, Ybarra said his best high school memory was his senior year making it to the football playoffs.

Ybarra was also active in band, where he was a Band Beau nominee. He was also nominated for Mr. OHS.

He was also a member of **OLPH Catholic Church where** he was an alter server and member of the youth group. Ybarra was currently

orking in Barnhart.



THE OZONA STOCKMAN FILE PHOTO

MICHAEL YBARRA JR. (#72) played offensive line for the Lions when he was high school. Ybarra enjoyed his time on the field with his teammates.

Clayton also said Ybarra was a hard worker and very dedicated to his family. He attended every game his younger brother Mark, a junior at OHS, participated in.

"He was very supportive and proud of Mark. I would take 100 kids like Mikey any day," Clayton said.

Coach Former Ozona Todd Harrison said he gave Ybarra the nickname "Chicken Wing" because he used his arms instead of hands on the Lions' offensive line.

"He always worked hard and always had a smile on his face, no matter if he had a bad day or a good day," Harrison said. "Mikey is a kid that touched many lives through his big personality, smile and heart. I know he will be looking down from heaven and saying 'Every Step...Lion Pride.'

Cousin Sierra Trevino, also an OHS graduate, remembers a special day she planned with Ybarra for her quincenerra.

"We practiced and practiced and when that day came, we hugged each other afterwards because we were happy we pulled it off. How I wish I could dance with him one last time and give him a hug. There are so many memories that I wish we could relive, but I'll hold onto them for the rest of my life. He was like a brother to me and I just want him back," Trevino said. Classmate Lazarae Rodriguez said Ybarra loved to draw and bake, and was very good at it. "I also remember him

helping my mom and I bake at all hours of the night to finish projects that we had," Rodriguez said.

Samantha De La Garza, also a classmate, said Ybarra had a "heart of gold" and was always the friend that could give great advice in any situation.

"Mikey would be the buddy you could call or rant to about anything. He would always have a listening ear for you. After you got done, he would kind of just smile and chuckle and that's when you knew it was all going to be okay," De La Garza said. "He sure will remain in our hearts forever."

Classmate Nancy Rodriguez said after a friend of hers died, she stayed with Ybarra and his family and he helped her through her griev-

"He would encourage me to feel better, and kept checking on me," Nancy Rodriguez said. "God knows that he was a good friend and if it was possible to do he'd try his best to do so. In life you only find a few that are willing to do things without nothing in return. He was a good man. Now the Lord know it too and he will take him under his wing and give his family the strength and peace they need."

**TRAILBLAZER** 



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN TOP PHOTO: Veterans (left to right) Johnnie Perkins, Emilio Tambunga, Matias Gandar, Isabel Geary, Johnny Tambunga, Frank Tambunga and County Judge Fred Deaton stand with U.S. Rep. Will Hurd during Monday's Memorial Day Ceremony. RIGHT PHOTO: Alex Trujillo proudly waves the American Flag during the National Anthem at Monday's ceremony. Alex (below photo) also led the crowd in saying The Pledge of Allegiance.

## **Memorial Day** By Tom Morrow

As I reflect upon Memorial Day, I think about my Dad. I think about all the warriors who didn't make it back.

As I reflect upon Memorial Day, I reflect upon my time. It hasn't been easy, But Ill be just fine.

As I reflect upon Memorial Day, One thing we all agree, "God Bless America," Our flag means a lot to me.





## **CROCKETT COUNTY**

OHS Principal Ronny Clayton said he first met Ybarra at a baseball camp.

"At the time he was bigger than the other kids. Since he was bigger, solid and very strong for his age, I nick named him Cherry Tree," Clayton said.







Starting Monday, June 5 10-11 a.m. **Every Monday** 

and Thursday in June!

3-12 years accompanied by parents if needed! All are welcome!

Safari Greg Thursday, June 8 11 a.m. at the library 6 p.m. at the Civic Center

Safari Greg and his "Amazing Urban Safari!" show is a state-of-the-art magic show written especially for children, that combines amazing magic, big laughs, and hilarious surprises!

Kailey Roberts will be on hand for the FRED (Families Reading Every Day) Program!

Library Board Meeting 6 p.m. Monday, June 5.

The Library will be closed on Friday, June 9, for carpet cleaning.

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







TAME's traveling Trailblazer is a 40-foot exhibit trailer that houses a variety of engineering and science exhibits targeted at students in grades 3-8. The Trailblazer is the only interactive science and engineering museum-on-wheels in Texas.

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**Crockett County Public Library** 

9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, June 14

1201 Avenue G Ozona, Texas

Iwasn't really into science because l literally thought it was boring, but now, I want to be a SCIENTIST. So, thank you TAME Trailblazer!)

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All "As" for FIVE YEARS: Claire Bean, Grant Childress (not pictured), Emma Crenwelge, Mia Davidson, Sebastian Fullingim and Audrey Upham.



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A HONOR ROLL SECOND GRADE: Mark Alvarez, Wyatt Bean, Leonel Blanco, Lillian Bunger, Mara Crenwelge, Avery Davidson, Darrius Galindo, Christina Geary, Charles Harger, Avery Mendoza, Ciera Morales, Atleigh Morris, Ariston Pratt, Nicole Rojo, Machaih Rosendaul, Emily Shaffer, Kirra Tijerina, Kaydee Timms, Grace



A HONOR ROLL FIRST GRADE: Cameron Asbill, Sadie Childress, Cavin Geary, Rylee Hamm, Mikell Moran, Kaleb Ramon and Mia Webb.



Upham and Cole Wyatt.



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A HONOR ROLL FOURTH GRADE: Gabriel Fullingim, Jakob Little, Sienna Tatum, Cariss Thomas, Tristyn Timms and Kaitlynn Trujillo



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ACCELERATED READER AWARDS: Leara Thomas, third runner-up, Audym Geary, third runner-up, Tristyn Timms, second runner-up, Mia Davidson, second runner-up, Carissa Thomas, first runner-up, Emma Crenwelge, first runner-up, Sienna Tatum, fourth grade top reader, Audrey Upham, fifth grade top reader third year in a row.

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A HONOR ROLL THIRD GRADE: Kelynn Bean, Madolyn Childress, Maria Damian, Luna Hernandez, Jaycee Maldonado, Mercedes Perez, Timothy Porras, Michael Preddy, Jacoby Ramos, Juliet Rodriguez, Thalen Roller and William Webb.



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A HONOR ROLL FIFTH GRADE: Claire Bean, Bernardo Blanco, Grant Childress, Seth Childress, Emma Crenwelge, Mia Cruz, Mia Davidson, Asa Forehand, McKenna Luckie, Kailyn Preddy, Audrey Upham and Ryan Williams.



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PRESIDENTIAL EXCELLENCE: Claire Bean, Mia Cruz, Sebastian Fullingim, Audrey Upham, McKenna Luckie, Emma Crenwelge, Mia Davidson, Asa Forehand (not pictured), Ryan Williams, Bernardo Blanco, Grant Childress (not pictured), Kailyn Preddy and Seth Childress.

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CITIZENSHIP: Matt Ybarra, Angel Radican, Jakelynn Hernandez, Alejandro Guerra, Joey Arredondo, Trey Ruiz, Kaidence Hernadnez, Shelby Venegas, Gabriel Fullingim, Kaitlyn Trujillo, Moses Ramirez, Vania Ramirez, Jezebel Ramirez, Macailee Blanco, Luz Carranza, Yulissa Lopez, Grant Childress (not pictured), Lauren Albers, Nicholas Ramon, Jesus Aranda-Avila, Kaden Ruiz, Rigoberto Treto, Kaitlyn Venegas and Ryan Williams.

PRESIDENTIAL ACHIEVEMENT: Michael Preddy, Bill Webb, Isaiah Porras, Mareli Rodriguez, Sofia Elizondo, Abygale Veirs, Jetsi Flores, Mercedes Perez, Madolyn Childress, Jaycee Maldonado, Maria Aranda, Kailyn Longoria, Luz Carranza, Catherine Geary, Mireya Rivera, iran Elizondo, Ysabella Esparza, Rico Capetillo, Leara Thomas, Evelyn Yeager, Luke Puckett, Miguel Angel Hernandez, Laramie Nowell, Alondra Garza, Audym Geary, Robert Barrera, Ashlyn Gomez, Felipe Cano, Jaylynn Tijerina, Rigoberto Treto and Christopher Ramirez.





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PERFECT ATTENDANCE: Hillary Mashay Alvarez, Mark Alvarez, Maria Aranda, Jesus Aranda-Avila, Cameron Asbill, Addison Badillo, Bernardo Blanco, Fernando Rodrigo Blanco, Joshua Camarillo, Sebastian Camarillo, Rico Capetillo, Savannah Dalton, Ysabella Esparza, Gabriel Fullingim, Sebastian Fullingim, Darrius Galindo, Lindsey Galindo, Christina Geary, Coby Gonzales, Brylee Gutierrez, Rylee Hamm, Zury Hernandez, Aaron Juarez, Maddac Luna, Jose Mata, Delany McGee, Avery Mendoza, Cameran Ochoa, Francisco Ozuna, Cora Perez, Mercedes Perez, Chrstopher Ramirez, Moses Ramirez, Ethan Ramon, Nicholas Ramon, Aaliyah Renteria, Casandra Rios, Mia Rodriguez, Vanesa Rodriguez, Alexia Salazar and Nikolas Villarreal.

A-B HONOR ROLL

First Grade - Madison Albers, Michael Bennett, Addisyn Chavez, Dylan Gallarzo, Monika Salazar, Ivan Mata, Josse Mata, Ace Mejia, Hy-Leh Merrified, Avaree Perez, Bella Perez, Malakai Rodriquez, Anna Shaffer, Andon Silva and Aubrey Villarreal.

Second Grade - Jocelynn Ayala, Addison Badillo, Rielee Barrera, Jonathan Borrego, Aden Cervantes, Marina Con-

gel Elizondo, Lindsey Galindo, Alexas Garza, Victoria Guajardo, Ayumi Hernandez, William Higginbottom, Destiny Locklear, Joshua Manosalva, Nolan Martinez, Jesus Mendoza, Tommy O'Bryant, Dorian Perez, Jaython Perez, Nickolas Perez, Robert Puckett, Rikki Radican, Aaliyah Renteria, Alyiah Rodriguez, Bryan Serrano, Snayjder Soto, Alejandro Tello, Skylah Thomas, Christian Treto and Jordan Vega.

nett, Serenity Briggs, Ella Childress, Charles Claburn, William Claburn, Destiny Dominguez, Sofia Elizondo, Yesenia Escalante, Graciano Garcia, Ademari Garza, Osvaldo Gonzales, Adrian Guerra, Taylor Hamm, Jakelynn Hernandez, Kaidence Hernandez, Joe Jurado, Wilbert O'Bryant, Maci Ramirez, Mareli Rodriguez, Monica Rodriguez, Trey Ruiz, Bradyn Scherr, Colt Scroggins, Dwayne Smith, Ian Smith, Abygale Veirs and Shel-

Fourth Grade - Hillary Alvarez, Maria Aranda, Avery Badillo, Kurt Bean, Macailee Blanco, Sebastian Camarillo, Rico Capetillo, Rogelio Capetillo, Alexandrea Cervantes, Michael Daniels, Savannah De La Cruz, Serena Diehl, Iran Elizondo, Ysabella Esparza, Michael Flores, Corey Galindo, Catherine Geary, Zury Hernandez, Adrian Jara, Kailyn Longoria, Yulissa Lopez, Maddac Luna, Delany McGee, Yesenia Mitchell, Israel Perez, Luke Puckett, Jezebel Ramirez, Moses Ramirez, Mireya Rivera, Jae Rodriquez, Leara Thomas, Bayleigh Tinney, Exander Whitby and Evelyn Yeager.

Fifth Grade - Lauren Albers, Jesus Aranda-Avila, Raelynn Barrera, Roberto Barrera, Jack Paul De La Garza, Robyn Dominguez, Salomon Duron, Esmeralda Fraga, Sebastian Fullingim, Valeria Garza, Audym Geary, Alexia Salazar,

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treras, Caden Dominguez, An-Third Grade - Jaden Ben- by Venegas. Mendez, Sarai Meza, Blayk Ashlyn Gomez, Jacob Gua- Nikolas Villarreal.



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2016-2017 PRE-K GRADUATES: Mrs. Martinez's Class - Sterling Asbill, Kevin Barron, Jason Borrego, Christopher Carson, Joaquin Cuevas, Alaina Fay, Ximena Mata Fraga, Zaylee Garcia, Abel Martinez, Ivan Mata, Joshua Mendoza, Jordana Perez, Leonardo Pinon, West Richardson, Vanessa Robles Sanchez, Zyra Hernandez, Kinzley Tinney, Maddox Villarreal and Madelynn Villarreal. Mrs. Kain's Class - Jesus Aranda, Marlen Blanco, Kendrie Hernandez, Jessica Herron, Mason Luckie, Adriel Mata, Jazzelle Poindexter-Perez, Alonso Quiroz, Ethan Ramon, Cataleya Ramos, Roque Sanchez Robles, Gustavo Rodriguez, Jake Rodriquez, Ayleen Torralba, Anaya Treto, Jazlynn Vega and Jesslyn Vega. Ms. Davis' Class - Zander Almaguer, Easton Clark, Savannah Dalton, Shae Everett, Kamilah Hernandez, Kayliegh Nowell, Atli Oglesby, Jose Pedro Reyes Rodriguez, Andres Rodriguez, Pedro Rodriguez, Nickolaus Talavera, Ethan Tambunga, Jessica Tambunga, Kristlyn Villarreal, Jackson Wyatt and Kinley Wyatt.



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2016-2017 KINDERGARTEN GRADUATES: Ms. Geary's Class - Isaac Aranda, James Damian, Coby Gonzales Moran, Alexis Gonzalez, Colby Gotcher, C.J. LaChance Jr., Sammy Martinez, John Austin Mason, Paisleigh Puryear, Miya Renteria, Casandra Rios, Aubrey Rodriguez, Jae Soto and Jadon Vega. Mrs. Harmsen's Class - Aron Aguilera, Braylee Clark, Rylan Galindo, Matthew Gandar, Westley Harris, Riley Munoz, Mason Odom, Maddlyn Parks, Yesenia Rodriguez, Aleah Sarabia, Jonathan Serrano, Kendrick Tobar and Amelia Youngblood. Mrs. Baggett's Class - Ezekiel Castillo, Adonai Chavez, Jaelyn Chavez, Christapher Guerra, Cort Hale, Logan Heathcott, Isabella Lopez, Landon Martinez, Briley Moore, Jordan Moran, Amado Rodriguez, Lilah Rutherford and Jaydlen Valdez. Mrs. Fox's Class - E.A. Allsup, Stockton Bean, Kate Bunger, Valente Cerna, John Michael Coy, Luiz De La Cruz, Mackenzie Fierro, Alec Guajardo, Hector Hernandez, Wyatt Hill, Jacquelyn Mendoza, Keilyn Tambunga and Tytus Tollett.

# Ozona Bands Spring Concert 2017



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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN PATRICK S. GILMORE AWARD: Denise Rodriguez



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN DIRECTOR'S AWARD FOR BAND: Brenna Hale



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN NATIONAL SCHOOL MARCHING AWARD: Coulter McWilliams



REGION BAND QUALIFIERS: Humberto Torralba, Brenna Hale, Denise Rodriguez and Trystian Galindo



MUSICIANSHIP AWARD: Greg DeHoyos, Trystian Galindo, Gavin Grannis, Brenna Hale, Idaly Ledezma , Murray Logan, Gavin Mejia, Denise Rodriguez, Humberto Torralba, Manuel Torralba and Joseph Vitela.





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MERIT AWARD: Chantz Elliott, Donovan Hunt, Brandon Jara, Josh Knaack and Coulter McWilliams.

SIXTH GRADE BAND



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**EIGHTH GRADE BAND** 





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OMS EIGHTH-GRADERS met with State Rep. Andrew Murr at the Capitol Building in Austin last week.











2017 OHS PROM KING AND QUEEN: Ornaldo Meza and Kelly Sewell

**THE DEVIL'S SINKHOLE AWAITS YOU!** See the amazing bat swarm as it emerges from Texas's largest one-chamber cave, a National Natural Landmark.

Tours of the Devil's Sinkhole State Natural Area start at the ROCKSPRINGS VISITORS CENTER.

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Day Tours and Nature Walks available, too. Tours are held wednesdays through sundays





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Breakfast 7-9 a.m. Lunch 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Breakfast and Lunch is free for all students ages 0-18. Adults - Breakfast is \$1.60, Lunch \$3.30. at OES Cafeteria

> BREAKFAST Monday, June 5

Waffles with bacon or cereal with Texas Toast.

**Tuesday, June 6** PB&J sandwich or cereal with graham crackers.

Wednesday, June 7 Cinnamon roll with sausage or cereal with Texas Toast.

Thursday, June 8 Animal crackers with cheese stick or cereal with graham crackers.

Friday, June 9 Muffin with yogurt or cereal with Texas Toast.

Monday, June 12 Sausage biscuit or cereal with Texas Toast. Tuesday, June 13 PB&J sandwich or cereal with graham crackers.

Wednesday, June 14 Chicken and waffle or cereal with Texas Toast. Everyday fruit cup, fruit juice and milk.

June 5-14 LUNCH Monday, June 5 Steak fingers, gravy, potatoes, carrot coins, .30. roll, apple slices, cookie and milk. Tuesday, June 6 Tangerine chicken, egg roll, rice, tomato and cucumber cup, garden salad, fruit and milk.

> Wednesday, June 7 Pizza choice, baby carrots, ranch, mixed fruit and milk. Thursday, June 8 Crunchy fish, Texas Toast, cole slaw, pinto beans, oranges and milk. Friday, June 9 Popcorn chicken, brown gravy, potatoes, corn, green beans, apple-pineapple d'lite and milk.

Monday, June 12 Taquitos, queso, charro beans, salad, hot cinnamon apples and milk.

Tuesday, June 13 Meatball sub sandwich, tator tots, veggie cup, fruit, pudding and milk. Wednesday, June 14 Pizza choice, salad, tomato cup, fruit cup and milk.

To learn more about school meals, call Ludy Vargas (325) 392-5501 ext. 5547

## **Youth Center Calendar of Events**

## HIGH SCHOOL:

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

**CLOSED SUNDAYS** 

Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.; Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.; Saturday: 7-10 p.m. <u>OHS MEAL NIGHT</u>:

Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

**<u>TTH AND 8TH MEAL NIGHTS</u>**: Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.



Crockett County C.C.S.D. will be offering Summer School to our students in the district Grades 1st thru 12th. Our dates for Adventure Summer Camp will be Monday, June 5th thru Friday, June 30th from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Students will be provided a <u>FREE</u> breakfast and lunch. Drop-off and pick-up will be by the OES cafeteria doors. We will offer our students the opportunity to travel the world through our library and the experiences that we are planning. We will be learning about the following destinations: **Germany, Spain, Greece and Egypt.** Please remember that students must continue to follow school dress code.

We hope to see you there!





Crockett County C.C.S.D. estará ofreciendo classes del verano a nuestros estudiantes del distrito desde el primer grado al doce. La fecha para la Aventura del Verano será desde el lunes, 5 de junio al viernes 30 de junio, de las 8:30 a.m. hasta las 11:30 a.m. Los estudiantes dispondrán de un desayuno y almuerzo GRATIS. Favor de dejarlos y recogerlos por la puerta de la cafeteria de OES. Vamos a ofrecer a nuestros estudiantes la oportunidad de viajar por el mundo a través de nuestra biblioteca y las experiencias que estamos planeando. Vamos aprender sobre los siguientes lugares: **Alemania, España, Grecia e Egipto.** Recuerde que los estudiantes deben sequir el codigo de vestimenta de la escuela.

Esperamos verte ahí.



## Grand jury indictments

jury handed down indictments on May 1.

Daniel Joseph Jacobs, 26, of Rancho Santa Margarita, Calif., was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony.

According to the indictment, Jacobs allegedly on or about Dec. 19, 2016, did then and there intentionally or knowingly possess a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in the amount of less than one gram.

Leonel Mata Rodriguez Jr., 21, of Ozona, was indicted for theft of firearm, state jail felony, and escape while arrested/confined felony, third-degree felony.

According to the indictment, Rodriguez allegedly on or about April 4, 2017, did then and there unlawfully appropriate by acquiring or otherwise exercising control over property, a firearm, without the effective consent of the owner, and with the intent to deprive the owner of the property.

Also, Rodriguez allegedly on or about April 19, 2017, did then and there intentionally and knowingly escape from custody of a Crockett County Sheriff's Deputy when Rodriguez was under arrest for the offense of theft of a firearm, a felony.

Robert Charles Sanchez, 49, of Ozona, was indicted for endangering a child, state jail felony.

According to the indictment, Sanchez allegedly on or about May 25, 2016, intentionally, knowingly, recklessly, or with criminal negligence, engage in conduct that placed a child younger than 15 years of age in imminent danger of death, bodily injury, or physical or mental impairment, by driving his truck and pushing the vehicle occupied by the child down the driveway. The indictment also states that Sanchez did not voluntarily deliver the child to a designated emergency infant care provider.

Anthony Duane Spurger, 51, of Ozona, was indicted for driving while intoxicated third or more, first-degree felony enhanced. According to the indictment, Spurger allegedly on or about Oct. 26, 2016, operated a motor vehicle in a public

A Crockett County grand placed while he was intoxicated. Prior to the charged offense, on Aug. 11, 1992, in the county court of Hamilton County, Texas, Spurger was convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated, and on Feb. 1, 1995, in the county court of Comanche County, Texas, Spurger was convicted of an offense relating to the operating of a motor vehicle while intoxicated. Spurger was also convicted on May 14, 2007 in the 220th District Court of Comanche County, Texas for felony offense of driving while intoxicated third or more. After this conviction, Spurger com-

mitted the felony of driving while intoxicated third or more and was convicted in January 2012 in the 27th District Court of Lampasas County, Texas.

Alexander James Wallace, 20, of Phoenix, Ariz., was indicted for possession of a controlled substance, state iail felony.

According to the indictment, Wallace allegedly on or about June 28, 2016, intentionally or knowingly possess a controlled substance, methamphetamine, in an amount of less than one gram.

Following is a glossary of legal terms in the records.

*Indictment:* To bring an indictment the Grand Jury will not find guilt, but only the probability that a crime was committed, that the accused person did it and that he/she should be tried.

> - Source: Black's Law Dictionary

Punishments: State Jail Felony - shall be punished by confinement in a state jail for any term of not more than two years or less than 180 days and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Third-degree Felony shall be punished by imprisonment in the institutional division for any term of not more than 10 years or less than 2 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000.

Second-degree Felony shall be punished by imprisonment in the institutional **STATE:** from page 2 division for any term of not more than 20 years or less than 2 years and a fine not to bright future." exceed \$10,000. First-degree Felony shall be punished by imprisonment in the institutional division for life or for any term of not more than 99 years or less than 5 years and a fine not to exceed \$10,000. - Source: Texas Penal Code SHOF PHE EDC San Bernardo Avenue, Laredo's original main street, boasts the largest collection of import merchandise along forty-plus city blocks.

## **CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT**

## Weekly Activity Report

Effective June 1, Crockett County Sheriff's Office will be charging \$6 for each copy of a requested crash report.

#### **Type of Calls** Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints 1 911 medical/fire assistance 2 **Civil complaints** 2 Civil documents served 1 Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise 9

luvenile/School 0 Motorist assist/ locked vehicle 1 Reckless driving/ speeding complaints 4 Minor/major traffic accidents 0 Alarms 1

#### **OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:** 5-22-17

• Sheriff's office took a report of theft of property from a residence on Sunset. 5-23-17

• Sheriff's office took a report of theft of property from a residence on Mesquite.

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a call

### ject was apprehended and the phone recovered. 5-24-17 • After a call of a vehicle striking D's Li-

from Lowe's about a stolen purse. The sub-

quor Store, sheriff's deputies arrested Leslie Darrell Long, of Ozona, for driving while intoxicated, evading arrest/detention and unlawful possession of a firearm. Subject was arraigned and sent to Upton County. 5-25-17

 Sheriff's deputies escorted an unwanted subject from a residence on Man O War.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Reynaldo Velasquez Blanco, of Ozona, for an assault by contact. Subject was arraigned and released after payment of fine. 5-26-17

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud noise complaint on Man O War.

## FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

#### **COUNTY COURT Closed Cases May 2017**

• Kadar Hassan-Osobie, failure to appear, conviction – fine \$322, court costs \$178.

· Eusebio Milanes Igarza, failure to appear, conviction – fine \$322, court costs \$178. • Rafael H Tomes Hechavarria, failure

to appear, conviction – fine \$322, court costs \$178.

• Amy Borrego Rodriguez, possession of a dangerous drug in a drug-free zone, pled in district court.

 Robert Charles Sanchez, assault/bodily injury/family violence, resisting arrest, search, transport and possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismissed - will meet the ends of justice.

• Myra Siller Dominguez, driving while intoxicated - first, one year pre-trial diversion. Todd Derek Brewster, driving while intoxicated/blood alcohol level great than .15, one year probation – fine \$500, court costs \$178.

· Jonathan Daniel Borrego, assault/bodily injury/family violence, one year probation, fine \$500, court costs \$213.

• Justin Wayne Dougherty, driving while license invalid – enhanced, conviction – fine \$500, court costs \$213.

· Jesus Antonio Estrada, failure to appear, conviction – fine \$322, court costs \$178. · Gustavo Andres Flores, fail to identify/giving false/fictious information, dismiss – will meet the ends of justice.

• Ramiro Martinez Jr., driving while li-

cense invalid - enhanced, dismissed - completed obligations to county attorney. • Mehulkumar H. Patel, driving while in-

toxicated – first/open container, one year pretrial diversion

• Raul Perez, failure to appear, conviction - fine \$322, court costs \$178.

• John Antonio Rodriguez, theft greater than \$100 and less than \$750, dismissed without prejudice to meet the ends of justice.

 Brandi Michelle Williams, driving while license invalid – enhanced, conviction – 10 days in jail.

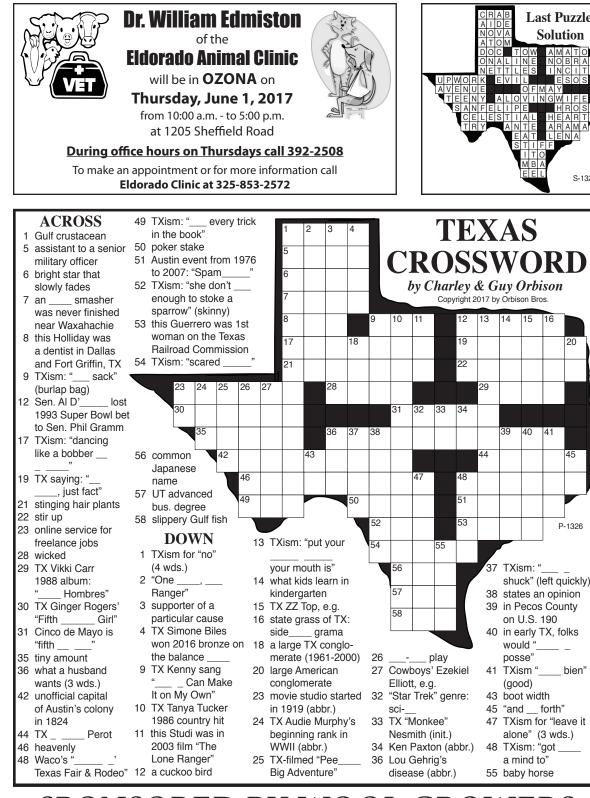
### DISTRICT COURT May 2016

• Manuel Cierra, 61, of Gardendale, Texas, pled guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, third-degree felony. Sentenced to 10 years in prison, \$2,000 fine, \$60 DPS Lab Restitution, \$375 court costs and state agrees to drop the enhancement paragraph.

• Marcus Christopher Reed, 40, of London, Texas, pled guilty to three counts of forgery, state jail felonies. Sentenced to jail for 540 days (time served), \$1,215 restitution and \$370 court costs.

· Amy Borrego Rodriquez, 42, of Ozona, pled quilty to possession of a controlled substance, third-degree felony. Sentenced to two years deferred adjudication community supervision, \$500 fine, \$180 restitution, 160 hours community service, \$295 court costs and state agrees to drop the drug-free zone enhancement.

## The Stockman Deadline is NOON ON MONDAY



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Nelson also mentioned the passage of House Bill 2, supplemental appropriations legislation to cover shortfalls in the current 2016-2017 budget, which she said "protects the most vulnerable among us: our children. It balances the ledger for

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## **MEMBERS' TEMPERS FLARE**

Visitors poured into the Capitol on May 29, occupying the south steps, the rotunda floor, balconies of the upper floors of the rotunda and the House gallery to witness the closing hours of the legislative session.

A majority of the House gallery crowd wore red shirts printed with statements in opposition to Senate Bill 4, legislation passed earlier this spring and signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott. SB 4 bans sanctuary cities and toughens laws allowing law enforcement to identify, detain and deport undocumented residents.

As the crowd chanted "SB 4 is hate" and other slogans, a scuffle among several representatives erupted on the House floor, reportedly triggered by the sentiments expressed by the crowd. Other House members and staff broke up the disturbance and state troopers on guard duty cleared the gallery.

## SOME MAJOR BILLS FAILED

Property tax reform and the so-called "bathroom bill" concerning the accommodation of transgender students created enough division between the House and Senate to stop, slow down or otherwise result in the demise of hundreds of other pieces of legislation.

Gov. Abbott, who named those issues high-priority, said he would decide this week if there is enough reason to call legislators back to Austin for a special session to act on his priorities. Meanwhile, Abbott has until June 18 to sign or veto bills. If he does neither, they become law without his signature. He can leave Texans on pins and needles over the fate of bills by pushing those decisions right up to the deadline.



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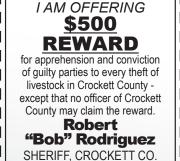
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## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

THE CROCKETT COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD **OF DIRECTORS** will receive applications from area Banking Institutions for a Depository for the Crockett County Appraisal District until 10:00 a.m. June 5, 2017. On that date, a public meeting of the Board of Directors will convene at 12:00 p.m. and the applications will be reviewed and a depository selected. For further details regarding the application and selection of the Depository Contract, contact Fred Deaton, Chairman Crockett County Board of Directors. 2c19





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