

March 6 Primary Election

Early Voting: Feb. 20-March 2 8 a.m.- 5 p.m. Courthouse Annex

March 6 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Pct. 1 Courthouse Annex; Pct. 2. Senior Center; Pct. 3 Civic Center; Pct. 4 Chamber of Commerce

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Presidents' Day holiday closings

Monday, Feb. 19, is Presidents' Day and several local businesses will be closed.

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

Many Crockett County Offices and the public library will close at noon Friday, Feb. 16.

CCCCSD will have a student holiday and staff development day Monday, Feb. 19.

Most federal and state government offices will also be closed Monday, Feb. 19, for the holiday.

The Ozona Stockman will be open on President's Day.

Deadline for the Feb. 21 Ozona Stockman is noon Monday, Feb. 19.

The Family Health Center of Ozona will also be open on Monday, Feb. 19.

New county auditor takes oath



DOLORES RAMIREZ (right) was sworn-in on Feb. 8 as Crockett County Auditor by 112th District Judge Pete Gomez.

Oglesby named Wellness Center Director

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The J. Cleo Thompson Wellness Center has a director.

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court approved the hiring of Stormi Oglesby as the director during Monday's regular meeting.

"I feel very blessed and thankful to have been considered as a candidate and chosen for director of the up and coming wellness center. I have specialized in this field for the past 11 years, and throughout my journey as an adult. My cup overflows with excitement and joy knowing the citizens of Crockett County will now have access to a facility that offers multiple options for anyone in any phase of their own journey to becoming happier, healthier and having a better quality of life," Oglesby said. "I take this opportunity to heart as I do this community that has always accepted me and my family with open arms and support. Truly, I am honored to be a part of this incredible vision. I will treat this wellness center as I treat clients, with respect, with hope, with motivation and with compassion. Putting effort toward better nutrition, fitness and overall health and wellness are keys to achieving the utmost quality of life. And who wouldn't want that?"

A committee of Commissioners Frank Tambunga and Wesley Bean, along with Wellness Center Board Members interviewed applicants and made the recommendation to the court.

Oglesby will begin her new position March 1.

Wellness Center Board Member Nancy Hale presented a revised salary budget for the director and three part-time assistants. The revised budget showed the director starting out a \$16 an hour for the first six months and then receiving an increase to \$17 an hour for the final four months of the year.

The three part-time positions were budgeted at \$14.50 an hour for 25 hours a week for nine months.

Total salary budget presented, including benefits for the full-time director, was \$89,378.54.

The county had budgeted \$98,388, which was for one full-time director and two part-time assistants for 12 months. This leaves a cushion of around \$9,000.

"This is such an investment for the whole county. We have got to take care of it. We want to take care of this building and this program," Hale said.

Commissioner Eligio Martinez said what Hale presented was just suggestions, and that the county had originally budgeted the director's salary at around \$15 an hour.

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Early voting begins Tuesday in Primary Election

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Early voting begins Tuesday, Feb. 20, in the March 6 Primary Election.

Crockett County Voters can cast their ballots from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday at the courthouse annex until March 2.

Election Day voting will run 7 a.m.-7 p.m. March 6. Polling locations are: Precinct 1 Crockett County Courthouse Annex, Precinct 2 Crockett County Senior Center, Precinct 3 Crockett County Civic Center and Precinct 4 Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor's Center.

The primary election will determine which candidates will appear on the ballot as the nominees from the Republican and Democrat parties in the November general election. Texas voters may vote in either the Republican or Democratic primaries, but not both.

The forms of approved photo ID are:

- Texas Driver License



- Texas Personal Identification Card
- Texas Concealed Handgun License
- United States Military Identification card containing the person's photograph
- United States Citizenship Certificate containing the person's photograph
- United States Passport
- Election Identification Certificate - issued free by Texas DPS

With the exception of the U.S. citizenship certificate, the approved photo ID must be current or have expired no more than four years before being presented for voter qualification at the polling place.

As provided by court order, if a voter does not possess and is not reasonably able to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, the voter

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MEET THE CANDIDATES VOTE Crockett County Judge

Editor's note: The Ozona Stockman is featuring Q&A articles with local candidates in contested primary races. This week features the three candidates for Crockett County Judge in the Democratic Primary.

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?

I am currently serving as the Crockett County Judge. I have completed 132 hours of County Commissioner Continuing Education, 300 hours of County Judge Continuing Education; qualifying me as a Fellow of "The Texas Judicial Academy." Upon graduation from Ozona High School in 1971, I attended Texas State University for one year.

I reside in Ozona with my wife Mary Anne Deaton. We have raised four daughters: Jessica Truitt and children Trinity and Calvary, Jana Smith with her husband Jarad and son Gus, and daughter EV, Kristen Han and her husband Spencer and daughters Addison, and Emerson, Kayla Davidson with her husband Travis and daughters Mia and

Avery.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?

My county government experiences include the following: 11 years service as Crockett County Judge and eight years as a Crockett County Commissioner. I have served 11 years, one as the chairman, one as vice chairman, and one as secretary of the Concho Valley Council of Governments Executive Board which oversees millions of dollars of funding for law enforcement, emergency preparedness, Transa rural

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FRED DEATON

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?

I am currently ranching with my wife Elaine in the north part of Crockett County. I attended school in Ozona, San Marcos Academy, Texas A&M and Sul Ross. I have taught school briefly, been a fur buyer throughout West Texas, contracted unloading corn in several counties, operated a bonding company, operated a construction company and currently oversee several family holdings.

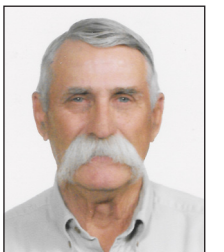
Our family consists of two sons and their families. John lives in San Antonio with his wife Pattie and their son Conner. Tom Ben is currently stationed overseas in Germany with his wife Autumn and daughter Keenie Jo.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?

I have worked with many companies and people to get things done sometimes with limited resources.

My various work experiences give me the opportunities to see many pitfalls that others do not see. I know many judges and commissioners throughout West Texas, even though I have never served as one. I have these resources available to help me serve the people of Crockett County.

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LARRY WILLIAMS

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2018 Elections offer unique opportunities in voting for candidates

Having served as a Cattle Raisers officer for almost six years now, I have had the privilege of meeting many of our state and federal elected officials.

I've been impressed with the commitment that many have shown to protecting the property rights of ranchers and landowners, and have been confounded by the lack of understanding others have had on this fundamental issue.

I can honestly say that I have seen and worked with the consequences of elections and I am more convinced than ever that

every election is worthy of our participation.

It is so important that we vote men and women into office who recognize the importance of private property rights and the value ranchers and landowners provide to the public.

On Feb. 20, early voting



CATTLEMAN'S COLUMN
RICHARD THORPE

opens for the Republican and Democratic primaries. The actual election day for the primaries is Tuesday, March 6.

The winners of these primaries will go on to run in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

Up for election are Democrat and Republican candidates for: U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, Texas House of Representatives, Texas Senate, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, General Land Office Commissioner, Agricultural Commissioner, Railroad Com-

missioners and the Texas Supreme Court.

If you kept up with political news from the Texas Capitol last year, you'll remember that Texas House Speaker Joe Straus and a number of other legislators have taken the opportunity to retire and move to the next part of their lives.

That means there are a number of open seats to fill in this election. In some districts in Texas, we won't be voting for an incumbent versus a challenger. We will have two or more fresh faces competing for office. In those races, it's even

more important to vet the candidates who will represent you to ensure they share your values.

As with the Texas Capitol, there are also vacancies in Washington, especially in the U.S. House of Representatives. We have a similar situation taking place on the national level, where retirements and resignations are opening the door for new candidates.

The primary election allows voters to learn about the fundamental differences between candidates within the same party. We get to decide if that can-

didate's views complement our views, and if that candidate's personality indicates his or her effectiveness as a negotiator on our behalf. The primary elections are an opportunity to get to know your candidates and influence who within your party goes to the general election.

When you are considering who you'll support with your vote, I ask you to consider using the eminent domain issue as one of your deciding factors. We will continue to work on

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A cloudy day for sunshine laws in Texas

It might deflate your confidence in the state of Texas to find that the people protecting your access to government information have their thumbs on the scale. That they're playing favorites. That they put requests from their enemies on the slow track. Or that they advise the agencies who come to them for advice to act that way.



STATE ANALYSIS
ROSS RAMSEY

But that might be your takeaway from a remarkable 10-minute-21-second video of Marc Rylander, director of communications for Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, talking to a crowd at an open government seminar put on by the AG's office in San Marcos last month.

Rylander seems to be joking at the beginning of the video, but he's persistent — what communications pros call "on message" — for the whole time. That message? He doesn't trust the news media, and you shouldn't, either.

He's not alone in that sentiment, even in the communications business. But Rylander seemed to jump the tracks with his suggestion — delivered with a smile, but delivered without rebuttal — that the people in front of him could use their bureaucratic wiles to follow the state's open information laws, which require responses to requests within 10 business days, as slowly as possible.

"You ask the question, what's the one piece of advice you give on dealing with the media?" he said in response to a question. "Know who you're dealing with. That's it."

He says he's got a beef with the Dallas paper and that it doesn't extend to everybody else he deals with in the press. "As a public official, do you have an ethical responsibility to answer the media?" he said a little later, repeating a quiet question from somewhere in the room. "My answer to your question is yes, and absolutely, unless that reporter doesn't have the ethical responsibility to report fairly and honestly. At that point, I'll never talk to you again. Call the open records office."

"Communications guys love it when reporters make a request and you all wait until the 23rd hour of the tenth day to send it back to them," Rylander said. "So it all works out both ways, right?"

"I'm supposed to tell you not to do that," Rylander said, laughing. "It depends on who the reporter is. Can we name names? I promised the attorney general I would not say anything bad about The Dallas Morning News, so I'm not gonna do it. I'm not gonna call any paper by name."

It's fair to say The Dallas Morning News has been particularly persistent, though certainly not alone, in reporting on criminal securities charges against Paxton, Rylander's boss. And it's fair to say that Rylander used his time on stage to punch back at the paper.

The Morning News got a copy of the video and wrapped a scathing editorial around it. Here's a sweet little detail: The AG's office shot the video in question, and Rylander's office handled the open records request that put

it in the paper's hands.

On stage, Rylander spent several minutes ripping the news media, directing most of his wrath at newspapers in general and his local paper — he's from the Dallas area — in particular.

Rylander and the AG's office are relatively responsive to requests for information, and Texas laws requiring government employees to give information to their masters — that would be the citizens of Texas — are better than the laws in most states. And the vast majority of information requests to the state government don't come from the media. They come from citizens, companies, accountants, lawyers, you name it.

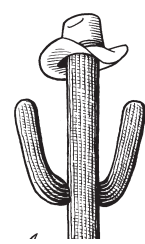
The problem with what Rylander said is really about who he was talking to when he said it. State agencies and local governments get their advice on how to treat requests for information from the state's attorney general.

Railing at the news media is one thing. Telling a bunch of government officials how to stall out a request for information that belongs not to the government but to the public is another.

Listen to the last thing he said on the video: "The problem with our culture today is that journalists and reporters no longer have ethical responsibilities, but they demand everybody else does."

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Fake News



IT'S THE PITTS
LEE PITTS

Did you hear the American Angus Association has just bought out all the other breed associations in a multi-billion dollar all-cash deal? Henceforth ALL the other beef breeds will NOT be referred to as Hereford, Simmental, Beefmaster, Brangus, Charolais, etc., but will instead be called "other breeds". Henceforth if you want to raise beef cattle they must be at least 50% Angus and if you use anything other than an Angus bull you must have a VBD (Veterinary Breed Directive) from your buried-in-bookwork veterinarian.

Johns Hopkins announced that after the completion of a multi-generational study they have discovered that a vegetarian diet will stunt both your physical and mental growth. Not eating meat, especially beef, could cause acne, diarrhea, rash, hives, peeling skin, wheezing, tightness in the chest or throat, unusual horse-ness, swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat, chest pain, fast heartbeat, dizziness, passing out, very bad headache, coughing up blood, upset stomach or throwing up, weakness on one side of the body, trouble speaking or thinking, change in balance, drooping on one side of the face, blurred eyesight, ringing in ears, loss of memory and reduced IQ. The researchers also found that vegetarians don't live one day longer than someone who ate ten pounds of beef per day... it just felt like it. In fact, the researchers found that many vegetarians died from depression and sheer boredom.

As you may know, the Bautista brothers who own JBS and are now in jail for bribing Brazilian politicians and other crimes. That didn't stop them from signing a billion dollar deal with Brazilian prison officials to use Brazilian prisoners in their packing plants as slave labor. From their plush prison home on the grounds of the Club Med Prison in Sao Palo, the Bautistas said they have also obtained a multi-billion dollar loan from the Brazilian government to implement their new scheme. The Bautistas hope to implement a similar plan in the United States and Australia and a certain Senator from Kansas has called their plan "brilliant" and is now shepherding the JBS plan through Congress. It's been put on a fast track and we could see full implementation by next year.

The People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) has announced that it will no longer use nude Hollywood stars to promote their animal rights agenda after pressure from feminists who complained that the clothing-optional campaign was sexist and demeaning to women. At least that's what PETA officials are saying. A deeply embedded Cowbelle from Arizona however found that PETA really stopped

their campaign because they couldn't find any more vegetarian women who looked all that appealing with their clothes off due to pasty and scaly skin, emaciated torsos, and sunken eyeballs. Washed up, 300 year-old actress Betty White volunteered to take her clothes off for the animals but PETA officials grimaced at the thought.

The beef business is all a-Twitter about a female beef industry executive who was caught having an affair with a male sheep industry big shot. The husband of the female beef industry exec came home and caught them in the act. Later he told CNN that maybe he could have forgiven his wife for having an affair, but with a sheep-herder? "Never."

The MegaBall lottery announced today that there was only one ticket that won the first-ever billion dollar lottery. The winners were Lee and Diane Pitts. The winners chose the immediate check option rather than a yearly payout and they will take home two hundred million from the billion dollar lotto after taxes. When asked what they plan to do with all that money Lee said that he wanted to buy a nice cow ranch where it doesn't snow that would run 300 pair all year long without having to put up one bale of hay. He also plans on buying a new pickup, a decent cow dog, and a horse that won't run away or back to the barn after it bucks him off. They plan on ranching until what's left of the money runs out.

www.LeePittsbooks.com

Legislation passed by Congress includes hurricane relief funds

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott on Feb. 9 lauded Congress' passage of budget legislation that contains nearly \$90 billion in hurricane and wildfire disaster relief funding for Texas, Florida, California and Puerto Rico.

Hurricane Harvey pounded Texas from Aug. 25-31, resulting in disaster status for some 60 counties. The federal Office of Coastal Management has estimated the total cost of Harvey at \$125 billion. Cost estimates by various other organizations have reached as high as \$200 billion.

"Today's passage of disaster funding marks another crucial step forward as Texans continue to recover and rebuild in the aftermath of Harvey, and I thank the Texas delegation and leaders in Congress for taking action to pass this critical recovery package," Abbott said.

"The much-needed funding included in the bill for flood mitigation projects,

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housing and infrastructure repairs will provide a meaningful benefit to Texas. While Texans will continue to struggle in Harvey's wake long after today's vote, our resilient spirit remains strong, and we will continue working at the federal, state and local levels to ensure we emerge from this disaster stronger than ever," Abbott added.

U.S. Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas, commented, saying: "While long overdue, this bill is a big step forward for Texans impacted by Hurricane Harvey up and down our coast. We know the recovery process is far from over, but these resources will go a long way for Texas families, small businesses and communities who are still rebuilding. I will continue to stand shoulder to shoulder with Gov. Abbott and our congressional delegation to ensure Texans impact-

ed by this once-in-a-lifetime storm aren't left behind."

Cornyn said the disaster relief part of the Bipartisan Budget Act:

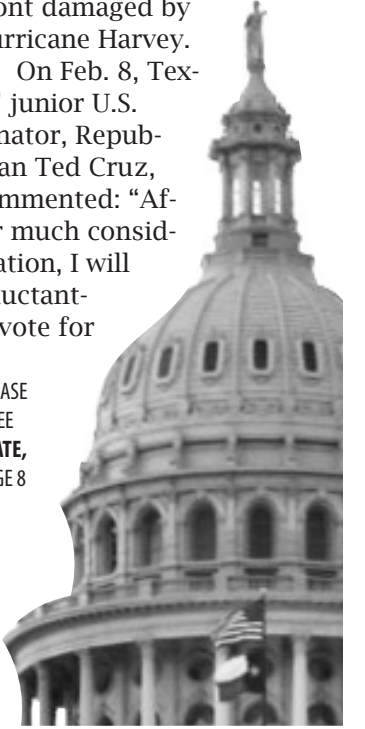
- Ensures Texas will have increased access to Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery funds;
- Ensures that \$15 billion of U.S. Army Corps funding will go directly toward construction in high-priority areas impacted by flooding;
- Provides flexibility to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to allow them to carry out necessary projects in Texas;
- Includes funding to help Texas address lingering transportation issues resulting from Hurricane Harvey;
- Allows the Federal Transit Administration to distribute formula money using 2000 Census data for areas that temporarily fell below a population of 50,000 as a re-

sult of a major disaster (this applies to Galveston); and

- Authorizes \$10 million for the Ready Reserve Fleet port facility in Beaumont damaged by Hurricane Harvey.

On Feb. 8, Texas' junior U.S. senator, Republican Ted Cruz, commented: "After much consideration, I will reluctantly vote for

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Kinder Morgan pipeline coming through Crockett County

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Kinder Morgan's new West Texas pipeline project will be making its way through Crockett County.

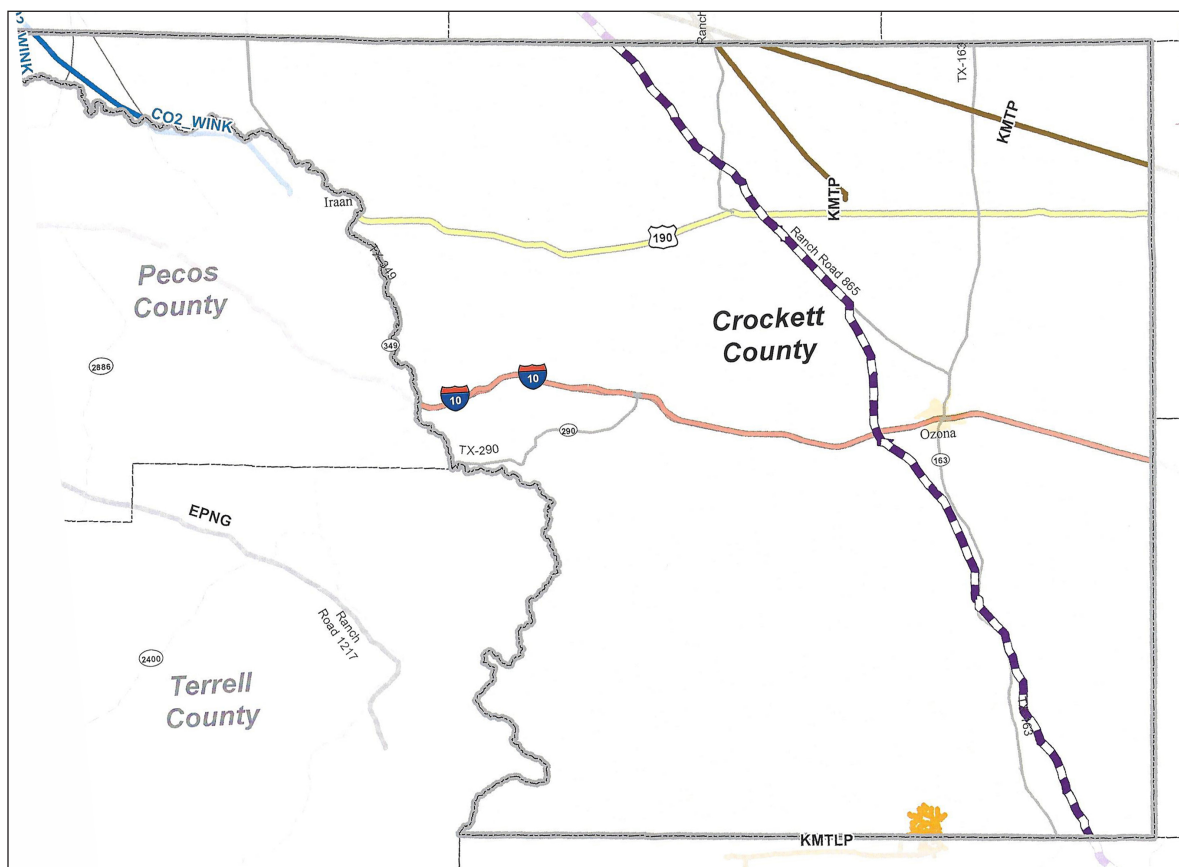
The \$1.7 billion Gulf Coast Express (GCX) Project is designed to transport 1.92 billion cubic feet per day of natural gas from the Midland area down to the Corpus Christi area, including a 66-mile stretch in Crockett County.

The Crockett County portion of the pipeline will run from the northern part of the county along Ranch Road 865 and State Highway 137, go west of Ozona and head south along State Highway 163 before entering into Val Verde County.

The GCX Project Mainline portion consists of around 82 miles of 36-inch pipeline and 365 miles of 42-inch pipeline originating at the Waha Hub near Cayanosa, Texas and terminating near Agua Dulce, Texas.

Additionally, the Midland Lateral portion consists of around 50 miles of 36-inch pipeline and associated compression to serve gas processing facilities owned by Targa, as well as facilities owned jointly by Targa and Pioneer Natural Resources, and provide a connection with the GCX Mainline, according to information provided by Kinder Morgan.

"The project is a go and is fully underway," said Allen Fore, vice president of public



THE GULF COAST EXPRESS PIPELINE PROJECT will come through Crockett County. The project is headed by Kinder Morgan starting in the Midland area and ending in the Corpus Christi area.

affairs for Kinder Morgan. Currently, the project is in the survey stage right now in Crockett County and officials are negotiating with landowners, Fore said.

Kinder Morgan has eight employees in Crockett County.

TRC is the land contractor, which has an office at 1102 Avenue I. The construction office will be located at 606 State Highway 163 south.

PumpCo has been hired to be the general contractor, Fore said.

In 2017, Kinder Morgan

paid more than \$110,000 in Crockett County taxes. With this new pipeline, Fore said that is expected to increase significantly.

The goal of the project is to ship the gas to industrial and port hubs near Corpus Christi and Houston, where the gas can be shipped to power plants for electricity generation, to liquefied natural gas export terminals, or to Mexico, which is increasingly importing more American gas for its power generation, according to an

article in the Houston Chronicle. Apache Corp. has been signed as a major customer.

The project is 50 percent owned by Kinder Morgan with the other 25 percent belonging to Targa Resources and DCP Midstream.

Construction on the Midland Lateral is expected to begin in May.

Construction on the GCX Mainline is expected to begin in October with completion by October 2019.

For more information, visit www.kindermorgan.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 14

- Ash Wednesday
- Valentine's Day
- Pride Lunch for Kindergarten, Second and Fourth Grades
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

Thursday, Feb. 15

- OHS Lions Golf Team at the Llano River Golf Course
- OHS Tennis Teams at the Reagan County Winter Tournament at Big Lake
- OHS Lady Lions Powerlifting Team at Midland Greenwood
- OHS Lady Lions Softball at the I-20 Kickoff Classic in Monahans
- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center
- CCCCSD District of Innovation Meeting, 4:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Friday, Feb. 16

- End of the Fourth Six Weeks at Ozona Schools
- OHS Tennis Teams at the Reagan County Winter Tournament at Big Lake
- OHS Lady Lions Softball at the I-20 Kickoff Classic in Monahans
- Crockett County Offices, Crockett County Public Library and the County Extension Office closing at noon.
- OHS Lions Baseball scrimmage Sonora, 4:30 p.m. at the OHS Baseball Field
- OMS Valentine's Dance at Ozona Middle School

Saturday, Feb. 17

- OHS Tennis Teams at the Reagan County Winter Tournament at Big Lake
- OHS Lady Lions Softball at the I-20 Kickoff Classic in Monahans
- Fort Lancaster Special Guided Tour, 2 p.m. at Fort Lancaster

Monday, Feb. 19

- President's Day - Crockett County, local banks and U.S. Post Office closed. CCCCSD Student Holiday and Teacher Workday.
- Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center

Tuesday, Feb. 20

- Beginning of Fifth Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- OHS Tennis Teams at the Fort Stockton Invitational in Fort Stockton
- Exercise with Niki Bishop, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Living Well Through Lent 2018: "Loving with all your heart, soul, strength and mind," noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- OHS Lady Lions Softball vs. Sonora, 4:30 p.m. at the OHS Softball Field
- OHS Lions Baseball vs. Crane, 6 p.m. at Crane
- Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

Wednesday, Feb. 21

- 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



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BY WILSON WHITE
FORT LANCASTER

Visit Fort Lancaster State Historic Site on Saturday, Feb. 18, for a special guided tour of the historic fort ruins followed by a hands-on history display with period weapons, uniforms, and soldier equipment.

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

The tour begins at the Visitor's Center at 2 p.m., visitors are asked to arrive a few minutes early. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$3 per child.

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 14 - Kara Bird, Kaleigh Rae Thomas, Kimberly Borrego, Amparo Hernandez, Matilda Ortiz, Lisa Jay Vargas, Melonie Williams, Janet Talamantez, Jesus Vega Jr., Connie Robledo and Jesse Ramos Jr.

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

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

Feb. 17 - Graham Childress, John Clayton Childress, Alyssa Rose Domin-

guez, Ray Martinez, Chris Gregory, Lacey Sanchez and Margaret Villarreal

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

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

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

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FEB. 14

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FEB. 15

Chicken spaghetti, squash medley, garden salad, Italian dressing, garlic bread, escalloped apples and milk.

FEB. 16

Pork carnitas, pinto beans, Mexican squash, tangy coleslaw, chocolate brownie, wheat roll and milk.

FEB. 19

Pulled pork on a bun, Capri vegetables, green peas, wheat roll, fruit crisp and milk.

FEB. 20

Country ham, whipped sweet potato, seasoned vegetables, wheat roll, margarine, ambrosia cup and milk.

FEB. 21

Chicken tenders, cream gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, vegetable medley, dinner roll, chunky fruit medley and milk.

FEB. 22

Chicken parmesan, zucchini, tossed salad, dressing, garlic bread, seasonal fruit and milk.

FEB. 23

Potato crusted cod, greens, cornbread, chocolate cream pie and milk.

FEB. 26

Smoked sausage, green beans, seasoned cabbage, whole wheat bread, hot cinnamon apples and milk.

FEB. 27

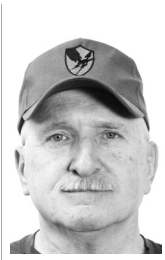
Chicken noodle casserole, seasoned green peas, dinner roll, citrus salad and milk.

FEB. 28

Salisbury steak, baked potato, Capri vegetables, dinner roll, banana pudding with wafers and milk.



Are you a drug-company 'cash-cow'?



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH
JIM FISH

Entities with vested interests have done a really good job of confusing people and playing on their ignorance about what normal cholesterol levels should be. They have generated a huge amount of needless fear concerning their cholesterol numbers... solely for turning healthy people into patients... or, "cash-cows."

Cholesterol is a waxy substance present in nearly every cell of the human body and is essential to our good health. Our bodies use it to make hormones, protect your cell membranes, digest food and manufacture vitamin D after our exposure to the sun. Our liver manufactures most of the cholesterol the body requires from nutrients processed from our food.

Normal cholesterol levels before statins varied worldwide from about 105 mg/dl to 343 mg/dl (or 2.8 to 8.8 mmol/L) in healthy people, making the average about 230 mg/dl. These levels of cholesterol have been seen in people both with heart disease and those without, as per data from the Framingham Study, one of the largest studies ever done on cholesterol. These worldwide levels were the same before the advent and hyped 'need' for statins. They remain the same now.

Based only on the erroneous, 1950s diet-heart hypotheses, pharmaceutical companies formulated a pill and funded studies that claimed cholesterol levels above 200 mg/dl put people at risk of heart disease. This 'adjustment' of more than 30+ mg/dl down from the near worldwide average is a big, fat lie. Nevertheless, it increased the industry's annual profits on statin drugs progressively to its present-day, thirty-billion-dollar mark.

"Pharmaceutical companies and those people in the pockets of pharmaceutical companies have altered the definition of high cholesterol in order to increase the

number of people who are eligible to take cholesterol medications... how many people who have been told they have 'high' cholesterol, in fact have a normal cholesterol level."

- Justin Smith, May 28, 2016, from his article, "Creating the 'High' Cholesterol Myth - Why Your Cholesterol Level is Normal and NOT High."

For millions of years, cholesterol has been key in the production of most of our body's hormones. Ever constructing and repairing cells and nerve fibers in our brain and throughout our body, it facilitates optimum health and homeostasis. We would not have survived these 2.5 million years without it.

Cholesterol has a more complicated chain of fatty acids than the usual simple fats in our food and stored in our adipose tissues. There are varying types of particles that differ in size, density, and function like low density lipoproteins (LDL), high density lipoproteins (HDL), and a few in between variations, the intermediate and very-low density lipoproteins.

Every cell of the human body is protected by a 'skin' or membrane made largely of cholesterol, fat and protein. It is porous, not solid, to allow nutrients and hormones to pass into the cell while holding toxins and waste at bay. If cholesterol were somehow removed from its cell's membranes, they would simply disintegrate, and the host would die.

That LDL is "bad" and HDL is "good" is not exactly true, nor is the myth that cholesterol is responsible for heart disease. When we take statins to limit its production, it's like taking away half the fire brigade and the resources on

its way to put out the fire.

HDL is largely protective but not in every case. As with LDL particles, HDL particles also vary in size and density, and smaller size particles can be damaging. Nevertheless, HDL particles can enter and leave cell walls without causing damage, unlike LDL particles, and carry oxidized derivatives of cholesterol back to the liver for cholesterol equilibrium or neutralization.

The brain is composed of 22 percent cholesterol. "Myelin coats every nerve cell and every nerve fiber like the insulating cover around electric wires. Apart from insulation, it provides nourishment and protection for every tiny structure in our brain and the rest of the nervous system. People who start losing their myelin develop a condition called multiple sclerosis. Well, 20 percent of myelin is cholesterol. If you start interfering with the body's ability to produce cholesterol, you put the very structure of the brain and the rest of the nervous system under threat." - from "Cholesterol: Friend Or Foe?" by Natasha Campbell-McBride, MD, MMedSci (neurology), MMedSci (nutrition).

Every nerve cell and fiber in the human body is made with cholesterol. All the steroid hormones, including Vitamin D, the sex and adrenal hormones are as well. Drugs that reduce the liver's production of it will affect the hormonal balance and result in damage to the body in general. Cholesterol is the solution, not the problem. In most cases inflammation is the problem to which the body's immune system is dispatched to counter. Cholesterol is its messenger, agent and watchdog for our good health and wellbeing.

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 or Jim Fish, P.O. Box 905, Ozona, Texas 76943

OBITUARIES

Jimmie Gwynne (Langford) Jacoby Cloudt

Jimmie Gwynne (Langford) Jacoby Cloudt, 96, of Ozona passed from this Earth to join our Lord on Sunday, February 11. She had been a resident at the Crockett County Care Center for 5 years.



Jimmie Gwynne was born on August 26, 1921 in Sonora and was a member of the 1939 class of Sonora High School. She briefly attended Texas Christian University in Fort Worth before marrying Pete William Jacoby of Menard County on December 28, 1940 in Austin. The couple lived briefly in Houston before the outbreak of WWII. While Pete was on military duty in the Army, Jimmie worked in the purchasing department at several Army Air Corps bases in San Antonio where her parents resided. In 1946, the couple reunited and moved to Junction and later moved to Ozona in 1952 where Pete served as the County Agricultural Agent until his retirement in 1974. Jimmie worked as an accountant at South Texas Lumber Company before beginning a career as third grade teacher in the Ozona Public School system. She received her Bachelor degree and Master degree in Education from Sul Ross State University in Alpine through correspondence and summer residencies. The couple resided the rest of their lives in Ozona and Pete passed away in 2000. The couple raised two sons, Pete, Jr. and David, both of whom graduated from Ozona High School before leaving to attend college. In 2007, Jimmie married her former high school sweetheart, Jim Bill Cloudt, of Edwards County, and they resided in Ozona prior to his passing in 2008.

Jimmie was a life-long member of the Methodist Church and she supported it until her passing.

Jimmie is survived by two sons, Pete William Jacoby, Jr. (Bill) and wife Pattie of Pullman, Wash., and David James Jacoby of Austin; three grandchildren, Joseph David (J.D.) Jacoby of Manhattan, Mont., James William Jacoby (Jim) and wife Patricia of The Colony, Texas, and Haley Rose Jacoby of Austin.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 60 years, Pete Jacoby, her second husband, Jim Cloudt, and grandson Brandon Dale Jacoby.

Services will be held at Ozona United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 17 at 10:30 a.m., followed by graveside services at Cedar Hill Cemetery, south of Ozona.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo Social Tuesday

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Senior Sourcebook for 2017 that lists all the services available for us older folks.

Happy Valentine's Day! Here's wishing you all health, wealth and happiness on this day.

I'm sending Melissa a great big thank you for taking care of me last week. I crashed and burned for five days and did not get my article to her on Monday. It is amazing how quickly this flu, or whatever it is, can hit you and put you down. I am over it now, thank the Good Lord. I do hope none of you come down with it. If you do, I wish you a quick recovery.

Our February Bingo Social will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 20. We will be serving chicken salad on croissants, chips, lettuce and tomatoes, jalapenos and ice cream sandwiches.

We still have Bingo on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. Bring your nickels and play as many cards as you can handle at a nickel a card per game. We serve Cokes and popcorn and laugh and hope we get a bingo. I still have copies of the

Good news about coffee. Coffee does not appear to harm the heart. Healthy people can enjoy a cup or two a day without worrying about side effects like erratic heartbeats. Caffeine boosts pain relief. Five-10 percent more people who took pain relievers that included caffeine for headaches or dental pain reported pain relief compared to people who took pain relievers without caffeine. Caffeine is found in pain relievers like Excedrin.

The center will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m.

Monday - 9:30 a.m. Balance Exercise

Tuesday - 10:30 a.m. Exercise with Niki Bishop (skip next week)

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

Thursday - 9 a.m. Balance Exercise; 9:30 a.m. Quilting; 2 p.m. Bingo

Friday - Open Come on out, the coffee is on.

LET THE SUN SHINE IN!

I remember the time I had to make a trip by myself. I put two of my favorite Christian tapes and some memory verses in the truck and headed out. It was very cold and a heavy overcast that day. When I get the chance to be by myself it gives me time to think about a lot of things, like my wonderful wife, and how fortunate I am in so many ways. I find myself thinking about my children and about my relationship to God. Later on that day it started clearing up and I finally saw the sun breaking through a small hole in the clouds and it looked like a giant flashlight beam hitting the earth. Further down the road I saw the sun shining through in other places but the holes were all different sizes. That sight reminded me about mankind's relationship to God. There were many places the sun couldn't get through (John 3:19 & 20). But there were a few places that it did (John 3:21). Seeing the different sizes of the sunbeams breaking through the overcast sky reminded about how some Christians barely let God into their lives (1 Corinthians 3:1-3) while others open their hearts very wide to let God in. Oh when we do the love, joy and peace of mind and heart, (John 10:10, Galatians 5:22). How much of God have we let into our lives (Psalms 89:15 & 16)? See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m.

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Martes: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6 p.m.

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Friendship Baptist Church

611 Ave. I
Sunday School: 10 a.m.
Worship: 11 a.m.
Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.
Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida

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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.
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

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11 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

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Pastor Mark Fricke
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Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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DEATON: *from page 1*

transportation, the Area on Aging, and Headstart early childhood education. I was appointed by the Governor of Texas to the Concho Valley Regional Review Board (two years), Crockett County Hospital Board (four years - one as vice-president, one as president), Crockett County Library Board (two years). I also served on the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District #1 as a director, and as a director of the Ozona Chamber of Commerce. My 24 years of self-employment with Ozona Butane, Co. Inc., and five years self-employment with Deaton Mechanical helps bring a business experience to the position.

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED?

The three things that I would like to accomplish, if I am re-elected as your Crockett County Judge, would be as follows.

- My top priority is to listen to the needs of the citizens of Crockett County which ensures continuity between the governing body and the people. The needs of our citizens stretch over a broad spectrum. These needs include existing services, and new services balanced with the condition of our economy.
- I will administer the desires of the Crockett County Commissioners' Court.
- I pledge myself to preside as a fair and impartial judge when considering the issues of the Crockett County Court.

DURING THE PAST BUDGET SESSION, MONEY HAD TO BE MOVED FROM THE COUNTY'S FUND BALANCE TO MAKE UP A DEFICIT. WILL THE COUNTY HAVE TO DO THIS FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET OR WILL TAXES HAVE TO BE RAISED?

The commissioners' court did budget to use some of the Fund Balance in the 2017 budget. However, the treasurer's year-end report reflects that we did

not use from the Fund Balance and stayed under budget. Thank God the Crockett County Citizens, the commissioners' court, the elected officials, along with the Crockett County Employees came together to make this happen through sacrifice, dedication, determination, and hard work.

Maintaining our existing infrastructure and services, along with insuring a steady budget and conservative tax base for our county are major issues facing the commissioner's court. At this time, 95 percent of our taxes are based on a volatile commodity; oil and gas revenues. Our tax base has been affected due to an oil and gas production decline, while our taxes have increased through the building of a new clinic, wellness center, and jail.

- I am not able to accurately predict the future of oil and gas prices for the next year. The commissioners' court has prudently used foresight in saving a Fund Balance (or Rainy Day Fund) to smooth out the volatility of our tax base, to overcome any disturbances in services, and to maintain a constant budget. I will vote to use from this fund if necessary.
- The Crockett County Tax rate cannot exceed the current rate of \$.80 cents per hundred dollar valuation on General Fund or \$.15 cents per hundred dollar valuation on Road and Bridge Fund.
- On the brighter side, oil and gas prices seem to be trending upward, several pipelines are boring through our county, along with

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO VOTERS:
Serving the citizens as Crockett County Judge has been a great honor, privilege, and responsibility. I sincerely desire to be sensitive to the needs of all of the people of Crockett County. If you choose to vote for me to serve you in this position, I pledge myself to use this experience to serve our citizens with honesty, integrity, and fairness. This responsibility would not be taken lightly. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.

FOR NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET OR WILL TAXES HAVE TO BE RAISED?
It is not unusual to have to make adjustments to a budget or accounts. But it needs to be done in open county commissioners' court so everyone knows what is going on. Any adjustments need to be on the agenda and to be addressed by the whole commissioners' court.

There seems to be too many building projects going on at the same time. The big ticket items should have been presented to the public just ahead of the oil boom in order to take advantage of the increase in tax base not on the downhill side of the bust. Taxes may have to be adjusted because of several oversight items that were not included in the bond election. These items are being absorbed as we go. I can only hope that taxes do not have to be raised.

WILLIAMS: *from page 1*

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED?

I want to be above board on all county activities and operation. When and if policies need to be changed, it should be given a lot of forethought and notice to those who will be affected. We all realize times warrant changes. I will be as honest, fair and respectful to the county's employees, volunteers and voters as I would want to be treated. We are very conservative and plan to continue while I am in office.

DURING THE PAST BUDGET SESSION, MONEY HAD TO BE MOVED FROM THE COUNTY'S FUND BALANCE TO MAKE UP A DEFICIT. WILL THE COUNTY HAVE TO DO THIS

ELECTION: *from page 1*

may vote by (1) signing a declaration at the polls explaining why the voter is reasonably unable to obtain one of the seven forms of approved photo ID, and (2) providing one of various forms of supporting documentation: certified birth certificate (must be an original), a valid voter registration certificate, a copy or original of one of the following: current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck, or other government document that shows the voter's name and an address, although government documents which include a photo must be original and cannot be copies.

CANDIDATES ON THE BALLOT IN THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY:

- U.S. Senator - Beto O'Rourke, Edward Kimbrough and Sema Hernandez.
- U.S. Representative District 23 - Angela "Angie" Villescaz, Gina Ortiz Jones, Jay Hulings, Judy Canales and Rick Trevino.
- Governor - Adrian Ocegueda, Andrew White, Cedric Davis Sr., Demetria Smith, Grady Yarbrough, James Jolly Clark, Jeffrey Payne, Joe Mumbach, Lupe Valdez and Tom Wakely.
- Lieutenant Governor - Michael Cooper and Mike Collier.
- Attorney General - Justin Nelson.
- Comptroller of Public Accounts - Joi Chevalier and Tim Mahoney.
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- Commissioner of Agriculture - Kim Olson.
- Railroad Commissioner - Roman McAllen.
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 - Steven Kirkland.
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4 - R.K. Sandill.
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6 - Kathy Cheng.
- Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals - Maria T. (Terri) Jackson.
- Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7 - Ramona Franklin.
- State Representative District 53 - Joe P. Herrera and Stephanie Lochte Ertel.
- Justice, 8th Court of Appeals District, Place 2 - Yvonne Rodriguez.
- Justice, 8th Court of Appeals District, Place 3 - Gina M. Palafox.
- District Judge, 112th Judicial District - Pedro (Pete) Gomez Jr.
- County Judge - Fred Deaton and Larry R. Williams.
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- County Commissioner, Precinct 4 - Eligio M. Martinez, Michael Medina Jr. and Patricia Hernandez.

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- U.S. Senator - Bruce Jacobson Jr., Geraldine Sam, Mary Miller, Stefano de Stefano and Ted Cruz.
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- Attorney General - Ken Paxton.
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- Railroad Commissioner - Christi Craddock.
- Railroad Commissioner - Weston Martinez.
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 2 - Jimmy Blacklock.
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 4 - John Devine.
- Justice, Supreme Court, Place 6 - Jeff Brown.
- Presiding Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals - David Bridges and Sharon Keller.
- Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 7 - Barbara Parker Hervey.
- Judge, Court of Criminal Appeals, Place 8 - Dib Waldrip and Jay Brandon.
- State Representative District 53 - Andrew Murr.
- County Commissioner, Precinct 2 - Slate Williams.

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OHS BASKETBALL SENIOR NIGHT: Lions and Lady Lions were honored on Feb. 6. Players and managers honored with their coaches and parents were: (top row, left to right) Itzel Esmerado, Zephen Cuevas, Zethany Cuevas, Samantha Torralba and Kaelan Savala; (bottom row, left to right) Jacob Schroeder, Roman Esparza and Ryan Ramos.

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Lady Lions win Lake View Powerlifting Meet

The OHS Lady Lions Powerlifting Team won the Lake View Ironworks Invitational Meet on Feb. 8 in San Angelo.

Team Totals - 1. Ozona, 37 points; 2. Midland, 32; 3. Reagan County, 25, 4. Sonora, 24; 5. Irion County, 21; 6. Lake View, 21; 7. Kermit, 16; 8. Odessa, 11; 9. Grape Creek, 9; 10. Midland Lee, 9; 11. Central, 5; 12. Roscoe Collegiate and Christoval, 0.

Kayla Sarabia won the 259 weight-class with a 315 squat, 170 bench press, 275 dead lift for 760 total.

Victoria DeHanis was second in the 114 class with 260 squat, 140 bench press, 240 dead lift for 640 total.

Kassidy Gonzales was second in the 132 class with 245 squat, 140 bench press, 250 dead lift for 635 total.

Krista Dominguez was second in the 181 class with 280 squat, 145 bench press, 250 dead lift for 675 total.

Kendra Sarabia was second in the 220 class with 245 squat, 160 bench press, 280 dead lift for 785 total.

Norah Rodriguez finished third in the 97 class with a 200 squat, 95 bench



THE OHS LADY LIONS POWERLIFTING TEAM won the Lake View Ironworks Invitational Meet on Feb. 8 in San Angelo.

press, 180 dead lift for 475 total.

Raelee Borrego was third in the 105 class with 235 squat, 145 bench press, 210 dead lift for 590 total.

Kenzie Talamantez was fourth in the 114 class with 245 squat, 105 bench press, 250 dead lift for 600 total.

Roslynn Mendez was fifth in the 185 squat, 95 bench press, 210 dead lift for 490 total.

Kaitlyn Tambunga was fifth in the 220 class with 320 squat, 130 bench press, 280 dead lift for 730 total.

Zoe Jones was seventh in the 114 class with 225 squat, 125 bench press, 205 dead lift for 555 total.

Ashley Moran was seventh in the 220 class with 300 squat, 125 bench press, 250 dead lift for 675 total.

The OHS Lions also competed at the meet.

Steban Flores continued his gold medal streak winning the 181 class with 500 squat, 400 bench press, 510 dead lift for 1,410 total.

Adrian Whitby was fourth in the 132 class with 300 squat, 185 bench press, 290 dead lift for 775 total.

Jacob Childress was sixth in the 132 class with 280 squat, 150 bench press, 280 dead lift for 710 total.

Marcus Perez was sixth in the 148 class with 315 squat, 185 bench press, 340 dead lift for 840 total.

Jonathan Jurado was sixth in the 242 class with 275 squat, 165 bench press, 315 dead lift for 755 total.

Austin Damian was 13th in the 181 class with 380 squat, 225 bench press, 385 dead lift for 990 total.

OHS Academic Team second at Sonora

The OHS Academic Team competed in the Sonora Invitational Meet on Feb. 9 and finished second behind Mason.

They will next compete Feb. 24 in Eldorado leading up to the district meet on March 24 in Mertzon.

Computer Applications - 1. Danny Posadas; 5. Paige Sanchez

Ready Writing - 4. Rebecca Flores

Calculator Applications - 2. Chantz Elliott; 3. Manuel Torralba; 4. Denise Rodriguez; First Place Team of Chantz Elliott, Manuel Torralba and Denise Rodriguez.

Feature Writing - 5.

Kaelan Savala
Computer Science - 1. (three-way tie) Manuel Torralba, Humberto Torralba and Chantz Elliott; 4. Josh Knaack; First Place Team of Manuel Torralba, Humberto Torralba, Chantz Elliott and Josh Knaack
Mathematics - 1. Manuel Torralba; First Place Team of Manuel Torralba, Citlalli Cano and Humberto Torralba.
Number Sense - 2. Manuel Torralba
Editorial Writing - 2. Brenna Hale
Prose - 1. David Landin
Poetry - 6. Ivana Hernandez
Novice Prose - 5. Wendy Mata

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

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

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

OHS MEAL NIGHT:

Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:

Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

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OMS TMSCA Team wins third at Andrews

OMS TMSCA Team won third place Sweepstakes Honors at Andrews Meet. The team scored a total of 1968.6 points.

"We are very proud of their performances this weekend. This was a great way to kick-off our spring schedule," said Coach Deborah Ramon.

The TMSCA team travels to Crane on Feb. 24 for their next competition.

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Eighth Grade:

Varun Kala - fourth Number Sense, first Calculator, third Math and second Science.

Bryce Gray - eighth Number Sense, ninth Calculator and ninth Science.

Ethan Gonzalez - fifth Calculator.

Seventh Grade:

Logan Thompson - eighth Calculator

Sixth Grade:

Mia Davidson - fifth Number Sense, Fifth Calcula-



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THE OMS TMSCA TEAM won Third Place Sweepstakes Honors at the Andrews Meet. Pictured are: (back row, left to right) Jaron Villarreal, Max Everett, Bryce Gray, Sebastian Fullingim and Audrey Upham; (front row, left to right) Varun Kala, Logan Thompson, Ethan Gonzalez and Mia Davidson.

TEAM RESULTS

Third Place Number Sense - Varun Kala, Bryce Gray, Sebastian Fullingim and Audrey Upham

Second Place Calculator - Varun Kala, Ethan Gonzalez, Bryce Gray and Logan

Fourth Place Math - Varun Kala, Ethan Gonzalez, Bryce Gray and Mia Davidson

Fourth Place Science - Varun Kala, Bryce Gray, Sebastian Fullingim and Mia Davidson

Fourth Place Math - Varun Kala, Ethan Gonzalez, Bryce Gray and Mia Davidson

CCCCSD District of Innovation Plan public meeting Thursday

The CCCCSD District of Innovation Committee will hold a public meeting at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the CCCCSD Administration Office, 797 Avenue D.

Items on the agenda include a public meeting to review the District of Innovation Plan and accept the CCCCSD District of Innovation Plan.

Innovative districts can exempt themselves from certain laws, including hiring instructors for career and technical classes based on years of experience, but not teacher certification, and make changes to the school calendar like the start date. Those are the two main areas CCCCSD is considering.

The District of Innovation Committee is the school district's site-base committee, which is comprised of teachers, administrators, parents and local citizens.

The committee must come up with a five-year plan for the district, post it online for 30 days and hold a public meeting to consider the final plan. Once the plan receives a majority vote from the committee, it is presented to the board who may vote to approve it.

For more information on a District of Innovation, visit the TEA website at https://tea.texas.gov/Texas_Schools/District_Initiatives/Districts_of_Innovation/

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CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Crenwelge second at San Antonio Food Challenge

Emma Crenwelge placed second in the Junior Bread and Cereal Category last week at the San Antonio Stock Show.

The Food Challenge gives both FFA and 4-H students from across Texas the chance to showcase their cooking skills, but also requires the students to know preparation, nutritional facts, and origins of ingredients. Exhibitors compete as individuals in this competition in which they are randomly assigned into one of four categories: Bread & Cereal, Fruit & Vegetable, Main Dish, and Nutritious Snacks.

CLOTHING and TEXTILES

The Clothing and Textiles Group will meet at 5:15 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 22 at the 4-H Office to discuss available projects and contests, Fashion Show and Fashion Storyboard. Parents are encouraged to join.

CLUB MEETING

The 4-H Club Meeting will be held 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 15, at the 4-H Office.

RIFLE COACH

Many youth continue to express an interest in shooting sports. We are looking for one or more adults interested in leading the rifle project. Our 4-H club already has the tools and shooting



SUBMITTED PHOTO

EMMA CRENWELGE placed second in Junior Bread and Cereal at the San Antonio Food Challenge last week.

range. All we lack is a dedicated volunteer to help make a successful project.

Training is available and we are flexible to work with your schedule. Please contact us at (325) 392-2721 if

you are interested.

D6 SPRING EVENTS

Shooting Sports Coaches Training - March 3-4 in Fort Stockton.

Livestock Judging Con-

test - April 20 in Lubbock.

Range Evaluation and Grass ID Contest - April 28 (tentative) in Eldorado.

Clothing and Textiles Contests (Duds/Dazzle, Fashion Show, Fashion Storyboard) - May 8 in Andrews.

Wool and Mohair Judging Contest - May 11 in San Angelo.

D6 4-H Senior Leadership Lab - June 20-22 in San Angelo.

D6 4-H Junior High Leadership Lab - June 21-22 in Lenorah.

Recordbook Judging - July 5 in Fort Stockton

Photography - Aug. 22.

Recordbooks and photos will be due earlier than event dates.

4-H OFFICE

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

Kailey Roberts, CEA-FCH, can be reached at (210) 705-2887 or kailey.roberts@ag.tamu.edu. Lydia Munoz, secretary, lydia.munoz@ag.tamu.edu.

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Menus are subject to change.

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

<p>Wednesday, Feb. 14</p> <p>Breakfast Biscuit, Gravy and Bacon with Scrambled Eggs or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.</p> <p>Lunch Hamburger, Hamburger Garnish, Cucumber Slices, Baby Carrots, Apple Slices, Cookie and Milk.</p>
<p>Thursday, Feb. 15</p> <p>Breakfast Pancake wrap and yogurt or PBJ, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.</p> <p>Lunch Pizza Choice, Seasoned Corn, Tiny Tomato Cup, Fruity Gelatin and Milk.</p>
<p>Friday, Feb. 16</p> <p>Breakfast Cinnamon rolls and sausage or cereal and toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Nuggets, Mac and Cheese, Savory Green Beans, Garden Salad, Apples and Milk.</p>
<p>Monday, Feb. 19 - STUDENT HOLIDAY</p>
<p>Tuesday, Feb. 20</p> <p>Breakfast Cheesy toast or cereal bar and yogurt, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.</p> <p>Lunch French Bread Pizza, Marinara Sauce, California Blend Veggies, Fruit Cup, Pudding and Milk.</p>
<p>Wednesday, Feb. 21</p> <p>Breakfast French Toast and Sausage or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.</p> <p>Lunch Texas Chili, Cornbread, Celery Sticks, Carrot Sticks, Oranges, Cookie and Milk.</p>

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Dr. William Edmiston of the Eldorado Animal Clinic will be in OZONA on Thursday, Feb. 15, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - to 5:00 p.m. at 1205 Sheffield Road
During office hours on Thursdays call 392-2508
To make an appointment or for more information call Eldorado Clinic at 325-853-2572

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Commissioner Wesley Bean said the director's salary should start at \$17 an hour. "If they (Wellness Center Board) have it where it works, we need to make sure we can retain the employee," Bean said. "We're hiring somebody to run this. I feel strong that we need someone that is capable to take care of that facility."
"We start at the bottom and then wait until next budget season. They all have the same job descriptions. They all have the same duties," Martinez added.
The commissioners approved the Wellness Center Salary Budget as presented starting the director's salary at \$17 an hour with Martinez voting against the motion.
The commissioners also approved to take applications for three part-time assistants at \$14.50 an hour. All voted in favor.
"The director may change this. There is some flexibility in the part-time," Hale said.
The commissioners tabled any action on the bylaws and membership handbook due more research needed and waiting on director.

THE COMMISSIONERS ALSO:

- Approved the contract between the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Crockett County.
• Adopted Crockett County Tax Abatement Guidelines and Criteria.
• Took no action to close small property off of Piedra Street behind 1705 Santa Rosa which is by the Ybarra Residence due to more survey information needed.
• Approved to cease operations on the western tower on Taylor Box Road and recover equipment by March 1 and to not enter into a contract with Western Towers on the Taylor Box Tower.
• Approved AirMed Care Network Site Membership for Crockett County.
• Approved a budget line item change to move funds from Parks and Pools to Care Center for one personnel position for the Wellness Center.
• Approved to do away with the Blackboard Connect Reverse 911 system due to not a lot of participation and better notifications through local media.
• Tabled any action on the Litter Abatement Act and cleaning up of abandoned properties. Tambunga said he would have specific properties to list for future meetings.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Table with 2 columns: Type of Calls, and count. Includes categories like Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints, 911 medical/fire assistance, Civil complaints, Civil documents served, Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise, Juvenile/School, Motorist assist/locked vehicle, Reckless driving/speeding complaints, Minor/major traffic accidents, Alarms.

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

2-5-18
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of burglary of a vehicle from a work site on County Road 102.
2-7-18
• Jabari Salter, of Hobbs, N.M., turned himself in on a Harris County warrant on a failure to appear. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument at Stripes.
2-8-18
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of a

burglary a residence on Willow and Walnut Streets.
2-9-18
• Sheriff's deputies arrested Miranda Justine Flores, Alma Antonia Jimenez and Patrick James Giles, all from Victoria, Texas. Flores was arrested for an out of county warrant, Jimenez and Giles were arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Subjects were arraigned and sent to Upton County.
2-10-18
• After responding to a disturbance call on Interstate-10, sheriff's deputies arrested Luis Gerardo Aguirre, of Del Rio, for public intoxication. Subject was arraigned and released after payment of fine.
2-11-18
• Sheriff's deputies picked up two illegal aliens from the westbound roadside park on I-10. Both subjects were released to the U.S. Border Patrol.
• Sheriff's deputies arrested Humberto Contreras Chavez, of San Antonio, for driving while license invalid. Subject is awaiting arraignment.

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this legislation. This bill contains major victories; if hurricane relief and restoring vital defense spending were the only elements of this bill, I would be supporting it energetically and enthusiastically. Unfortunately, in addition to funding those critical priorities, this bill also unnecessarily balloons the deficit.

COMPTROLLER TO SEND REVENUE

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Feb. 7 announced he would send cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose taxing districts \$911.9 million in local sales tax allocations for the month of February.

The amount is 6.2 percent more than was distributed in February 2017. The allocations are based on sales made in December by businesses that report tax monthly; October, November and December sales by quarterly filers; and 2017 sales by businesses that report tax annually, Hegar said.

AG SEEKS ELECTION SAFEGUARDS

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Feb. 5 sent a letter to state Sen. Bryan Hughes, R-Mineola, chair of the Senate Select Committee on Election Integrity, announcing a voter-fraud initiative.

nouncing a voter-fraud initiative.

The letter mentions the Office of the Attorney General's "brief investigative survey" of four counties where "165 unlawfully registered non-citizens had been removed from the voter rolls after casting 100 illegal votes in Texas elections in the last two years."

And, after stating that the Office of the Attorney General "is unable to determine the scope of non-citizens voting across Texas," Paxton refers to "the lack of safeguards in the voting system to detect ineligible voters." He suggests additional measures to address mail-in ballot fraud and the use of public funds for political activity.

ACCREDITATIONS ARE RELEASED

The Texas Education Agency on Feb. 9 released accreditation statuses for school districts and charter schools across the state.

These statuses are based on state academic accountability ratings, the Financial Integrity Rating System of Texas, data reporting, special program effectiveness and compliance with statutory and regulatory requirements.

Statuses for the 2017-2018 school year for 1,201 Texas school districts and charter schools are as follows: Accredited (1,185); Accredited-Warned (9); Accredited-Probation (2); Not Accredited-Revoked (4); and Pending (1).

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We can settle that later, over a cup of coffee or a beer. But remember that first thing he said on the video, about running the clock and not delivering open records to requesters until the last minute. "I'm supposed to tell you

not to do that," he said. "It depends on who the reporter is."

Actually, it doesn't — and in a conversation later, he made it clear that he knows that. But thanks to his presentation, a roomful of public officials have reason to think it does.

ROSS RAMSEY is executive editor and co-founder of The Texas Tribune. E-mail him at rramsey@texastribune.org.

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eminent domain reform in the 2019 session of the Texas Legislature.

One of the lessons we learned from the 2017 effort on eminent domain reform is that we need legislators to support additional protections to ensure ranchers and landowners are not taken advantage of in the eminent domain process.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) Political Action Committee has proposed a list of recommended candidates for TSCRA members to consider. These recommendations are available to members online, or you can email tscra@tscra.org to request the link.

Whether you're a Democrat or a Republican, the recom-

mendations have something to offer. TSCRA volunteer leaders and staff work on both sides of the aisle to accomplish what is necessary, and to protect ranchers and landowners.

Voting in the upcoming primary election is important. It will determine, in large part, the issues that are discussed in the 2019 Texas Legislative Session, and our ability as ranchers and landowners to influence the outcome of those issues. Especially when it comes to eminent domain reform and other private property right issues. We as ranchers and landowners need to take advantage of this valuable opportunity to ensure our property rights and our way of life are protected for future generations. I urge everyone to make your vote count, both in the primaries and again in the general election this November.

RICHARD THORPE is the president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association.

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ACROSS
1 in Tarrant County on highway 199
5 TXism: "take a ___ off" (sit)
6 TXism: "getting ___ in the tooth" (aging)
7 elected criminal prosecutor (abbr.)
8 TXism: "cling like a tick to a dog's ___"
9 grown-ups
15 seat of Jackson County
16 TXism: "I'm ___ trouble"
19 ___-Odessa metro area
21 TX Larry who sang "Junk Food Junkie"
22 TX Dabney Coleman 1982 comedy film
27 old TV sitcom: "I Love ___"
28 shred of torn cloth
29 Texas A&M "Corps of ___"
30 gas additive
32 'ween MD and XL
33 Houston about Austin's death: "The father of ___ more"
36 TXism: "___ spitting' on the handle" (get to work)
37 TX Charley Pride's "Where ___ Put Her Memory"
38 song from "Dallas" series: "___ for Lost Time"
39 best imaginable
41 honky tonk light
42 ___ tree County, TX
45 the star atop the San Jacinto Monument weighs 220 of these
46 fed. ID no.
47 stats for Astro pitchers
48 TXism: "that ___ won't float" (disagree)
49 expelled from a property
52 TXism: "as numerous as oil ___ in Texas"
53 actress Gardner
54 Hawaiian "howdy"
55 this "Dutch" coached Sammy Baugh at TCU (init.)
10 Henry Wade was the ___ who prosecuted Jack Ruby (abbr.)
11 3rd largest univer. in TX
12 a deed gives this as to property (2 wds.)
13 sharp taste
14 TXism: "hits the ___" (satisfying)
15 EPA sets ___ standards for cars
16 pipeline from TX to New Jersey: "The Big ___"
17 wild cats in southern Texas
18 Sarah, Duchess of York
20 car
22 "best little puzzle in TX" (abbr.)
23 horse morsel
24 in San Patricio County on U.S. 77
25 Houston NFL team
26 TXism: "pull up ___" (move)
28 "nothing ___"
31 "___ and void"
34 "Fanthorp ___ State Historic Site"
35 "mi casa es ___ casa"
37 TX-born Roger Miller's "___ Me"
40 "I'm in the ___ for Love"
43 short haircut: "___ cut"
44 Little Texas sang "Some Guys ___ the Love"
50 "___ to fame"
51 TXism: "dot the i's and cross the ___"

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CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FULL TIME JAILER/DISPATCHER: The Crockett County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for the position of Corrections Officer/Dispatcher.

Annual starting salary approximately \$29,000, at \$14.00 per hour. State licensed applicants preferred, but not required. All pay raises subject to Sheriff's and County Commissioner's Board approval.

Applicant should be prepared to work 8 to 12 hour rotating day/night shifts. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen, Possess a High School Diploma/GED, at least 18 years old. Applicant must pass a background check, never been on court ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense above the grade of Class B misdemeanor, or currently under indictment for any criminal offense; not been convicted of an offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years; never been convicted of any family violence offense; is not prohibited by state or federal law from operating a motor vehicle or possessing firearms or ammunition. Applicant must pass a County drug test, physical agility tests, pass a physical, and psychological exam. Applicant agrees to complete state required training for Corrections Officer, and Dispatcher within 1 year of employment.

Pick up applications/job description details at the Crockett County Sheriff's office at 903 Ave D, Ozona, Texas or call 325-392-2661. tfn44

MECHANIC OPPORTUNITIES - Ozona, TX (FTS International) - Join our FTS International Team in Ozona, TX as a Mechanic! ** Schedules currently include working (12) hour days - (5) days a week, but can adjust based on business need. Position Summary: The ability to perform repair and maintenance of vehicles and equipment with no supervision. Performs complex tasks of equipment in any condition; including fuel, air, coolant, electrical, and drive systems. This includes all types of machinery as applicable. Essential Duties and Responsibilities: -Diagnoses, rebuilds, and repairs vehicles and equipment with no supervision. -Performs inspections and preventive maintenance of vehicles and equipment. -Performs advanced troubleshooting and diagnostics on all components. -Assists, mentors, and trains other maintenance and/or Mechanic I and Mechanic II employees. -Prepares and maintains records and reports accurately. -Performs other related duties as required. Educational and Other Requirements: -High school education or equivalent preferred. -Must have minimum two years' work related skill, knowledge, and hands on experience or vocational training preferred. -Heavy equipment experience highly recommended. -Must possess the ability to work in a fast-paced environment. -Must be knowledgeable of safety practices and procedures. -Must work independently and as a member of team. -Sensitive to confidential information ** Please apply directly online at: www.ftsi.com/careers or contact the local Ozona Office at: (325) 392-3036 4p2

JOB ANNOUNCEMENT - The J. Cleo Thompson Wellness Center is accepting applications for Part-Time employees that will work up to 25 hours a week. Application and Job Description may be picked up at County Auditor's Office. Applicants must be able to pass a Drug Test and Work Steps Physical. Applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Wed, February 28, 2018. Crockett County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. 2c5

HELP WANTED - Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative is seeking qualified applicants for the position of Lineman Apprentice. Successful applicant will work and train with senior linemen to construct and maintain power line, respond to power outages and customer problems, and troubleshoot electrical problems. Must be able to obtain Texas "CDL" Drivers License within 90 days of employment. Must be an eager learner and safety conscious. Successful candidates will be subject to call-out 24 hours a day and must live, or be willing to relocate within five miles of Ozona, Texas. Must be able to meet certain physical requirements as described in the job description. Position open until filled. Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative is an equal opportunity employer: We offer an excellent benefits package with full time employment. Wages commensurate with experience. All contacts should be directed to: LP Nixon or Dobs Lively, Southwest Texas Electric Cooperative, 101 East Gillis, Eldorado, Texas: E-MAIL: lpnixon@swtecc.com or call 325-853-2544. 6c52

BULK PLANT / RAIL OPERATORS: Fast Growing Texas Company looking for qualified dry bulk materials plant operator in Big Lake Texas; Duties of Plant Operator will include, Unloading bulk railcars and loading pneumatic trucks, routine equipment maintenance, rail operations and commitment to safety and quality of the work being done. The Ideal Candidate will possess: Excellent communication and organizational skills with attention to detail. Proactive Attitude; Must be able to lift 100 lbs. consistently; Able to work as part of a team; Conscientious and self-motivated approach to work; Promptness and accountability; Process manufacturing or heavy equipment; Experience will be highly regarded; Job is outdoors so candidate must be willing to work in all weather conditions. Employment drug screen required; Railroad Operations; Experience Preferred; Excellent Pay/DOE; Paid Vacations, health insurance; Scheduled days off. Email resume to pid@ciglogistics.com Pid McCain 903-767-0560 www.ciglogistics.com tfn1cNET

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CROCKETT COUNTY CARE CENTER is accepting applications for a **Medication Aide** and also for a **C.N.A. Class** (February 20 - March 8). Applicants chosen must pass drug screen, physical and Worksteps. Applications can be picked up from the Business Office at the Care Center, 103 N. Ave. H, Ozona, Texas. CCCC is an EOE. 2c5

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

CROCKETT COUNTY, TEXAS (Owner) is requesting lump sum competitive sealed proposals from Utility Contractors for the construction of the Crockett County Force Main Sewer Line at the new Crockett County Jail on State Highway 163 South in Ozona, Texas, 76943.

Proposals will be received at the Office of the Crockett County Auditor, 907 Ave. D, Crockett County Courthouse Annex, Ozona, Texas 76943, until 2:00 p.m. local time on March 1, 2018. Proposals will then be opened and read aloud in the Crockett County Commissioners Courtroom in the Crockett County Courthouse Annex.

5% Bid Bond. 100% Performance and Payment Bonds may be required depending on proposal amount. Construction budget is \$50,000.00. Payments will be made to the Utility Contractor upon completion of the work.

Proposals will be ranked according to the selection criteria in the documents. Award of contract will be based on best value to the Owner. Owner may hold bids for 60 days. Refer to Contract Documents for additional information and requirements.

Contract Documents may be examined at the Architect's Office and Area Plan Rooms; Electronic sets of Contract Documents may be obtained by Utility Contractors from the Architect: DRG Architects, LLC, 13300 Old Blanco Rd., Suite 175, San Antonio, TX 78216, (210) 349-7950, wayneg@drgarchitects.com. 2c4

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE STATE OF TEXAS

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Crockett County County Clerk, TX
By: Ana Knaack

TO: The Unknown Heirs of Jettie Lee Adcock, Deceased, defendants in the cause described in this citation.

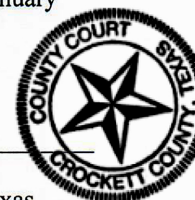
You and each of you, are commanded to appear and to answer before the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, Courthouse in Ozona, Crockett County, Texas, at or before 10 a.m., on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, being at or before 10 a.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018, then and there to answer the petition of LaDawn Adcock and Gary Adcock in cause Number 18-01-01297-PR, styled Estate of Jettie Lee Adcock, Deceased, filed in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas.

LADAWN ADCOCK and GARY ADCOCK (Applicants) and the UNKNOWN HEIRS of Jettie Lee Adcock, Deceased, are defendants. The petition, filed on January 10, 2018 discloses that the nature of the suit is as follows: Application to Declare Heirship.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on January 18TH, 2018 at Ozona, Crockett County, Texas.

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NINFA PREDDY, Deputy Clerk
County Clerk, Crockett County, Texas

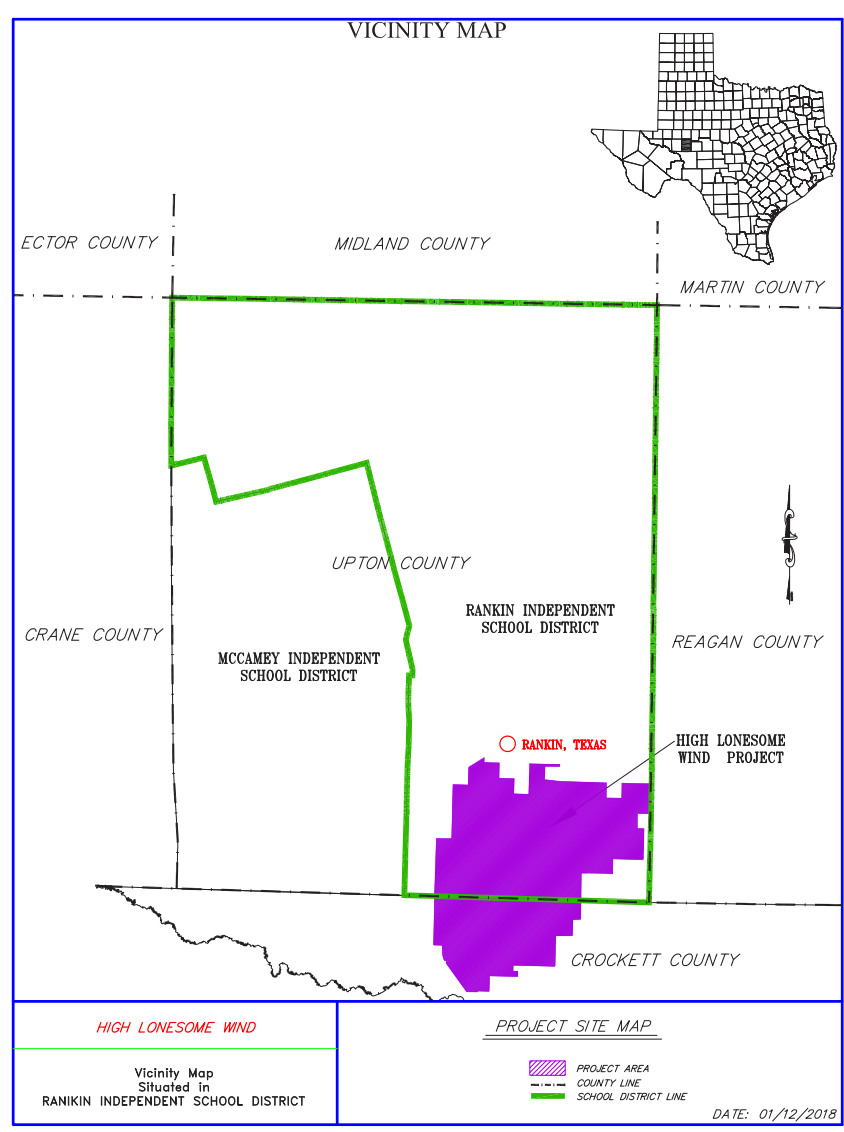


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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioners Court Of Crockett County, Texas will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, Feb. 26, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in the Crockett County Courthouse Annex Courtroom at 909 Avenue D, Ozona, Texas, to consider the application of High Lonesome Wind Power, LLC to create the High Lonesome Wind Power Reinvestment Zone, at which time all interested persons are entitled to speak and present evidence for or against the proposed designation of the High Lonesome Wind Power Reinvestment Zone, under Chapter 312 of the Texas Tax Code. The proposed zone is located in Crockett County, Texas and as described in the attached.

A map of the area is available for viewing at the office of the County Judge. If you have any questions regarding the proposed designation of the reinvestment zone, please call Crockett County Judge Fred Deaton at 325-392-2965.



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