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# One-way street main issue in TxDOT road plan

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

It's a project that will help bring people to safety and provide future development for Ozona.

The state is planning to fully fund the project in exchange for the county taking over two roadways.

It seemed like the plan was in place, but a one-way street is the kink that got people to come to the Crockett

13 and voice their opinion on a project involving the Texas Department of Transportation and Crockett County.

During the joint public hearing between TxDOT and the Crockett County Commissioners' Court, people from throughout the community voice their opinion, both for and against, the Interstate-10 Frontage Road Extension Proj-

TxDOT is proposing to

road extension on the eastbound side of I-10 in exchange for Crockett County accepting operation and maintenance of Ranch-to-Market Road 1973 Farm-to-Market Road 1964.

The project will extend the eastbound side of the I-10 frontage road and relocate the current 365 exit ramp to a point west of Johnson Draw to allow for more deceleration and weaving distance between

County Courthouse on March fund and construct a frontage I-10 and State Highway 163.

A bridge will also be constructed over Johnson Draw to allow for residents in the Chandlerdale West area a way to evacuate during flooding.

TxDOT officials said extension of the existing frontage road will necessitate its conversion to one-way opera-

The one-way road would end at the intersection of State

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OSCAR VARGAS (left) and Joe Tobar look over the proposed TxDOT I-10 Frontage Road Extension Plan during the March 13 Public Meeting in the **Crockett County Courthouse Main Courtroom.** 

# Annex reopens after health scare

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Courthouse Annex is reopened.

At noon Tuesday, County Judge Fred Deaton spoke with Texas Department of Health Officials in El Paso and San Angelo who stated that the building was safe and that there was no infectious connection between anybody that has been ill at the courthouse annex.

Deaton also said that the health officials told him that the medical cases of Justice of the Peace Evelyn Kerbow and the late Crockett County Treasurer Karen Webb were different and not related.

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# Dry weather causes multiple grass fires

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Just a few months after Texas endured the most rainfall ever recorded in the United States, at least 67 percent of the state is in some form of drought, including Crockett County.

The dry, windy conditions caused wildfires, including one that burned 150 acres on Sunday, to start over the weekend and last week.

Ozona and Sheffield Firefighters battled Sunday the Cox Ranch 2 Fire located off of County Road 406 (Mitchell Blacktop/Hoover Divide Road). The fire burned around 150 acres. Texas Forest Service did respond with heavy equipment and airplanes.

The fire was contained by Sunday night, but while firefighters were battling that blaze another small grass fire broke out one mile south off of State Highway 163.

Ozona Firefighters quickly extinguished that blaze Sunday afternoon.

Prior to those two fires, Ozona Firefighters responded

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A TEXAS FOREST SERVICE AIRPLANE dumps fire retardant over the Cox Ranch 2 Fire off of County Road 406 (Mitchell Blacktop/Hoover Divide Road) Sunday. The grass fire burned around 150 acres.



**ZEPHEN CUEVAS was selected to** the Class 2A All-West Texas Girls Basketball Team.

# Cuevas named to All-West Texas Team

Zephen Cuevas has been named to the San Angelo Standard-Times Class 2A All-West Texas Girls Basketball Team.

The 5-6, Senior Forward was a first team All-District 7-2A selection.

Cuevas averaged 12 points, five rebounds, four steals and 1.7 assists in getting the Lady Lions back into the playoffs.

# Lady Lions Powerlifting place at state

Two OHS Lady Lions competed at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association Girls State Meet in Class 1A/2A Saturday in Waco.

Kaitlyn Tambunga finished sixth in the 198 weight-class with a 330 in squat, 140 in bench press and 300 in dead lift for a total of 770. Her squat total of 330 and dead lift of 300 were both personal records, said Coach Paul Veirs.

Raelee Borrego finished ninth in the 105 weight-class with a 205 in squat, 130 in bench press and 230 in dead lift for a total of 565. Her 230 in dead lift was a personal record, Veirs said.

"Both girls had personal records. We are very proud of them," Veirs said.

OHS Lion Steban Flores will compete in the Texas High School Powerlifting Association State Meet Saturday in Abilene.



LADY LION POWERLIFTERS Kaitlyn Tambunga (center left) and Raelee Borrego competed at the state meet Saturday in Waco. They are pictured with Coaches Steve Jackson (left) and Paul Veirs.

# **OHS Students compete at TMSCA top meet**

OHS Students competed at the Texas Math and Science Coaches Association High School State Meet Saturday in San Antonio.

Ozona placed sixth overall for Sweepstakes.

The Calculator and Science Teams placed fourth, Mathematics Team fifth and Number Sense Teams 11th. **Individual Results:** 

Denise Rodriguez - 15. Number Sense; 7. Calculator; 18. Mathematics; 8. Science.

Samantha Torralba - 9. Calculator; 17. Mathematics; 21. Science. Chantz Elliott - 3. Calcula-

tor; 20. Mathematics; 7. Science. Josh Knaack - 19. Number Sense; 14. Calculator; 26. Mathematics; 17. Science.

Manuel Torralba - 6. Number Sense; 1. Calculator (State Champion); 2. Mathematics;



OHS STUDENTS competed at the TMSCA HS State Meet Saturday at San Antonio. Ozona placed sixth in Sweepstakes as an overall team.

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Humberto Torralba - 8. Number Sense; 3. Calculator; 5. Mathematics; 7. Science.

Citlalli Cano - 10. Calculator; 12. Mathematics; 3. Science. Michael Esparza - 11. Number Sense; 9. Calculator; 22. Mathematics; 2. Science.

Coach Jason Davis thanked all the students, the school district and administration and parents for supporting math and science activities and Mrs. Davis for helping organize and take the students to the San Antonio competition.

OHS LIONS POWERLIFTING AT THE STATE MEET FRIDAY & SATURDAY IN ABILENE



# Responsible ranching facts refute factory farming criticisms

Not long ago, I saw a newspaper article written by another livestock producer. The author warns of the "imminent dangers of industrial agriculture." Interestingly, the very next sentence of the article reveals its true nature, trumpeting the values of the author's own com-

It's unfortunate that some use these thinly veiled marketing ploys to the detriment of all the upstanding ranchers across our nation. I think it is time we dispel some of the misconceptions that are used by companies that are more interested in bettering their bottom line than in telling the full story.

The public deserves the full story, not marketing propaganda, so let's start with the phrases "industrial agriculture" and "factory farming." When you see these



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terms followed by someone espousing their own virtues you can be almost assured it is advertising hype. The truth? More than 98 per-

cent of Texas' farms and ranches are family-owned, partnerships or family-held corporations. Closer to home, here at Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), half of our 17,500 members have 45 head of cattle or less. You can draw your own conclusions from those statistics, but if you spend any time amongst ranchers, it's easy to see the tremendous influence family has across entire the agriculture industry.

Size and locality are also two factors that are used in defining "industrialized agriculture." Some assert that because they are small producers and sell only to local customers they are somehow better and do things more responsibly.

You'll find no argument here against buying local, and every producer, regardless of size, is vital to supplying our country with beef, but there's one important fact missing. Almost all the beef you find in supermarkets and restaurants across the county came from ranches nestled in rural communities. Those small towns dot our landscape, and in many cases, are supported primarily by area agriculture. It's great to support local business, but let's not degrade the millions of hard-working Americans who rely on distant consumers to support their own local communities.

Technological advances have been eagerly adopted by agricultural producers, just as in every other facet of modern life. Amid the hustle and bustle, it's easy to long for bygone days and romantic images of cowboys on a trail drive. Devious marketers use this to their advantage by painting those who use technology and new methods as "industrialized."

In reality, agriculture has always been a leader in innovation. I have friends who always embrace the latest technology and others who prefer more traditional methods. Most find a balance, innovating while still being mindful of the lessons passed down from previous generations. Remember, all of that innovation allows us to do

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# **Helping Women-Owned Businesses Thrive**

omen entreup a growing portion of our fact, the number of womenowned businesses in the United States increased five times over the last decade. Their presence is all the more evident in our backvard, as Texas is home to more than 890,000 women-owned businesses, the second most in the entire nation. Our great state is also ranked first for the economic clout" of womenowned businesses, which means that women-owned companies in Texas grow more quickly in volume, in employment and in revenues than those anywhere else.

At the same time, our female entrepreneurs overcome additional obstacles that their male counterparts don't face, including accessing capital. For example, according to the National Women's Business Council, men tend to start their businesses with nearly twice as much financial capital than women. They have historically received Ioans with Iess favorable terms, and obtain less than five percent of both government funding for small businesses and all venture capital funding.

Since March is Women's History Month, I'd like to spotlight a few resources available to ensure the growth and success of women-owned businesses, available here in the 23rd District of Texas.

A primary resource for all small businesses is the Small Business Administration (SBA) which works with lenders to provide loans for entrepreneurs to kick off operations. The SBA reduces risk for lenders and increases access for small business owners by setting guidelines for various lending partners such as community development organizations and micro-lending organizations. The SBA also serves as a centralized hub for training, government bidding, and other small business resources, including those specific to women entrepreneurs. There are offices throughout Texas, including in San Antonio and El Paso.

Another great option for funding and counseling resources are business accelerators. One such option is Alice, which has resources across TX-23 and was founded to integrate more women into the startup ecosystem. In fact, my office recently



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helped Alice organize an event in San Antonio to connect entrepreneurs with the knowledge and resources necessary to build their businesses. This event

was held at

the Maestro Entrepreneur Center, which was created in partnership with the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce's Hispanic Leadership Development Foundation to accelerate the development of small, minority, women, and veteran owned businesses in the San Antonio area. The Maestro Center provides businesses with individualized growth plans and matches entrepreneurs with an experienced business owner mentor.

One more resource is the Southwest Texas Border Small Business Development Center (SBDC) Network which provides counseling services for all aspects of starting a business, from loan assistance and tax planning to marketing and sales. They have a strong presence across TX-23. The SBDC at the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) serves the greater San Antonio area, the SBDC at Sul Ross State University serves the Alpine community and the SBDC at Sul Ross State University - Rio Grande College has locations in Eagle Pass, Del Rio, Uvalde and Carrizo Springs. The SBDC at University of Texas at El Paso (UTEP) is available for folks in Socorro and across the El Paso area. You can find out more at txsbdc.org.

Small businesses aren't just products and services. Rather, they are real people with big dreams who work hard to grow their business and provide for their families each day. And, as women continue to make history, it's important that we work together to ensure that their businesses can prosper. As your Representative, it's my job to make sure that Congress creates policies that foster innovation, entrepreneurship and job growth rather than stifle it. Our hardworking small business owners deserve nothing less.

WILL HURD represents the 23rd District of Texas, which includes Crockett County. Contact him at: http://hurd.house.gov

# Poco Not So Bueno

As we continue to unwind the double DNA helix, more and more genetic diseases like HYPP, GBED, HERDA and PSSM are popping up that can turn a valuable stud into horse meat for Frenchmen. For example, I used to think highly of the Quarter Horse Poco Bueno, but not after he was found to carry the recessive gene for HERDA, a genetic skin disease found in Quarter Horses. Researchers now think that Poco Bueno's sire line, going all the way back to the legendary foundation sire King, may be responsible for the genetic disorder. In other words, Poco is not so bueno any more. Whereas he used to be referred to in hushed, reverential tones by a pedigree reader at a horse sale, even if he was five generations back in a pedigree, now a reader or auctioneer doesn't dare mention

Genetic diseases have also popped up in previously valuable cattle which prompted a pedigree cleansing in which beautiful, high dollar cows ended up in someone's Big Mac. What we haven't realized yet is most of our politicians and bureaucrats have also been found to carry highly destructive genetic disorders. For example...

SICKO- This genetic disorder in politicians causes them to send nude photos of themselves to young interns. These career politicians can be found laying around and guzzling from the public trough. They are inefficient, eat more than their fair share, can't forage for themselves and originally crawled out of the quagmire of New York or California.



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HERDA- This isn't the horse disease of the same name but is a human disorder in which the afflicted blindly follows the herd, always voting the party line. Upon being autopsied they are found to have no conscience. They are more than willing to lay down YOUR life for their country and the disease can last anywhere from two to 65 years. They are easily identified because they refer to their col-

leagues as "The Honorable So and So." Even if they are only honorable imbeciles.

SPIDER- When I was in the club lamb business we bought a ewe one time to use for breeding only to find out later that she had spider syndrome, more formally known as ovine hereditary chondrodysplasia. This recessive disorder affects the growth of cartilage and bone in sheep and if you looked at the crooked front legs of our SPIDER ewe they looked like two parentheses: ( ). There are also glassy eyed, SPIDER politicians who are even more crooked. SPIDER politicians weave intricate financial webs and then spend most of their time trying not to get caught up in them.

SOB- These inbred SOB's care only about getting reelected and will do anything to keep his or her cushy job. They approach everything with an open mouth, speak stupidly and use wishy-washy words for hours on end without really saying anything.

ASS- Also known as the jackass gene, these inbred despicable people are easy to spot because they begin every sentence with, "Frankly, to tell you the truth," or, "Honestly, in all candor..." Some who've studied these blockheaded blowhards think it's actually swamp gases that caused their genetic deviation. They have oily skin, are really lazy, but should be considered dangerous. They spend most of their time lying on one side and then lying on the other.

OPM- Politicians and bureaucrats with this recessive trait are known primarily for participating in prepaid elections and spending other people's money (OPM). They make grunting noises, root around in the mud, are fat and lazy and squeal like a stuck pig when caught.

PPPP- This stands for "pandering pimps of political power" which pretty much tells you all you need to know about them. As Will Rogers once said in referring to others of their ilk, "Once they get the disease they are absolutely no good for honest work.'

There is no known cure for any of these diseases. Help is definitely NOT on the way. The only thing we can do is to never vote for a career politician who lives near, or has spent any time in, Washington DC. To paraphrase something else Will Rogers said about the swamp, "You can't get the water to clear up until you get the pigs out of the creek."

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# Appellate court's ruling on immigration law draws reactions

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick and Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 13 praised a ruling by a panel of the 5th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals upholding a new state law that bans sanctuary cities.

The Legislature enacted Senate Bill 4 in 2017 to set a statewide policy of cooperation with federal immigration authorities' enforcement of the nation's immigration laws.

"I'm pleased the 5th Circuit recognized that Senate Bill 4 is lawful, constitutional and protects the safety of law enforcement officers and all Texans," Paxton said. "Enforcing immigration law prevents the release of individuals from custody who have been charged with serious crimes. Dangerous criminals shouldn't be allowed back into our communities to possibly commit more crimes."

The ruling also drew reactions from several lawmakers, including state Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, who serves

as chair of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus.

"SB 4 will continue to jeopardize the safety of Texas communities by forcing our local police officers to enforce federal immigration laws instead of keeping families safe. From day one, this law was racially motivated for political gain against the will of local law enforcement and to the detriment of thousands of immigrants who work, live and call Texas home," Anchia said. "The decision today doesn't mean that SB 4 won't lead to abuse of power against Latinos and immigrants. In fact, it likely means citizens' civil rights will be violated before we can stop this unjust law in the courts."

A U.S. District Court in San Antonio granted a preliminary injunction of SB 4 on Aug. 30, two days before the law was scheduled to take

effect. On Sept. 25, a threejudge panel of the 5th Circuit ruled that Texas could enforce key provisions of SB 4 while it appealed the lower court ruling. On Nov. 7, Paxton's office presented its oral argument before a panel of the 5th Circuit in defense of SB 4. Paxton's office is the key enforcement agency for SB 4 and is accepting complaints regarding entities that violate the law.

Governor asks for tips

At least two deaths resulted from the detonation of explosive devices in packages placed at Austin residences. Investigations by law enforcement have been in progress since citizens unwittingly picked up or opened the packages, causing the deadly detonations.

Gov. Greg Abbott on March 12 issued a statement

following what he termed "multiple package bombings," saying, "As the investigation continues, the State of Texas will provide any resources necessary to ensure the safety of our citizens and quickly bring those guilty to justice." Abbott also



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# **CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS**

# **Business of the Month: Better Business Bureau of the Permian Basin**

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Our belief at the BBB is you can build trust and credibility with your customers as a BBB accredited business," said Heather Massey, Senior Regional Director for the BBB Permian Basin office. "One of the greatest strengths of our free enterprise system lies in the willingness of American business men and women to respect the rights of consumers while advancing their companies' interest."

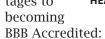
Former President, George H.W. Bush said this in a message during the 1990 Annual Assembly of Better Business Bureaus.

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solve company disputes. · Greater Exposure -BBB supports Accredited Businesses by establishing a presence in the community and works closely with the

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The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Heather and the BBB of the Permian Basin for their service and support of small businesses. We also thank Heather for the valuable information she has provided to our local businesses through our chamber educational programs.

We appreciate the partnership between our two organizations and look forward to strong and continued relationship.

For more information on becoming a BBB Accredited Business visit bbb.org/ central-texas.

Heather Massey is the Senior Regional Director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas. Heather is available for media interviews and speaking engagements. You can reach her by phone: (432) 741-2592 or email: hmassey@ permianbasin.bbb.org.

# **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

### Wednesday, March 21

- OHS Golf in the Christoval Invitational at Bentwood Country Club
- Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OES Pride Lunch for Pre-K, First, Third and Fifth Grades at OES Cafeteria
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Wool and Mohair Judging, 4 p.m. at the 4-H Office • Range Evaluation and Plant ID Meeting, 5:15 p.m. at the 4-H Office
- CCCCSD School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administrator Building

### Thursday, March 22

- OHS Track at Christoval
- OHS National Honor Society Induction, 8:35 a.m. at the OHS Auditorium
- 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, March 23

- OHS Lions Powerlifting at the State Meet in Abilene
- OHS Tennis at Sterling City
- Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OHS Baseball vs Mason, 5 p.m. at Mason • OHS Softball vs Junction, 5 p.m. at Junction

# Saturday, March 24

- OHS Lions Powerlifting at the State Meet in Abilene • OHS Academics at District UIL Meet in Mertzon
- OMS Golf at Odessa Tournament • Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Center

Sunday, March 25

Palm Sunday

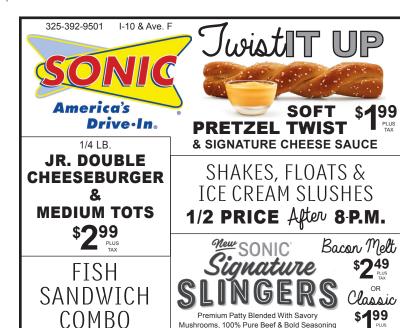
# Monday, March 26

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

- Juniors Clothing and Textiles Project Meeting, 4 p.m. at the 4-H Office
- OHS Baseball vs Harper, 6 p.m. at the OHS Baseball Field

### Tuesday, March 27

- CCCCSD Early Release Day
- OHS Tennis Team at Sterling City
- OHS Golf Teams at Round 1 of the District Meet at Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo
- 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.
- OMS Track Teams at the District Meet, 2 p.m. at Forsan
- Intermediates and Seniors Clothing and Textiles Project Meeting, 4 p.m. at the 4-H Office • OHS Softball vs Miles, 5 p.m. at the OHS Softball Field
- Wednesday, March 28
- West Texas Rehab 20th Anniversary Ozona Appreciation, 7:30-9:30 a.m. at town square • Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OES Pride Lunch for Kindergarten, Second and Fourth Grades at OES Cafeteria
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center • Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Wool and Mohair Judging, 4 p.m. at the 4-H Office
- Range Evaluation and Plant ID Meeting, 5:15 p.m. at the 4-H Office



# **OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

# Exercise Tuesday mornings with Niki Bishop

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Ok, am I the only one that is having a hard time keeping up with the fast pace of life this day and time? It seems that we get started on Monday and turn around twice

and it is Friday. We lost a very precious person last week. Karen stepped in with her knowledge and took the place of Burl and made it seem like he was still here. She will be missed as treasurer and a friend.

The center will be closed on Friday, March 30, for Good Friday.

Niki will be here at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, March 27, to exercise with the Wesley Nurse Program. Niki has really good exercises that are not hard but are very good for all of us. She takes your blood pressure and keeps a record of it for you. She comes on Tuesday morning each week and presents the good exercises for our age group. Give

it a try. We will have the afternoon bingo each Thursday at 2 p.m. Bring your nickels and play as many cards as you can handle at a nickel a card per game. If you bingo for that game, you get all the nickels. We serve Cokes

and popcorn and have a good

Our next Bingo Social will be 6:30 p.m. April 23. Please mark this on your calendar.

Sip your morning coffee with confidence because research has linked regular coffee consumption with longer life. Research credits coffee with a reduced risk of heart attacks and strokes. The reason: both instant coffee and regular coffee contain healthful antioxidant compounds called polyphenols, that might help regulate blood sugar and prevent blood clots. Coffee also contains magnesium and potassium.

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

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

Tuesday - 10:30 a.m. Exercise with Niki Bishop Wednesday - 1:30 p.m.

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ing; 2 p.m. Bingo Come on out, the coffee is

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# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

March 21 - Sooner Williams, Gary Krug, Antelia Sifuentes, Heather Price, Leandra Benson and Mela Flores

March 22 - Sebastian De La Cruz, Abel Rodriquez, Stella Rodriquez, Sevastian De La Garza, Joaquin R. Meza, Jeannine Fuller, Juan Villarreal, Alex Sanchez and Cynthia Bartley

March 23 - Hector Javier

Gonzales Jr., Melissa Hubbard, Tres Perez, Cynthia Flores, Barbara Guerrero, Tyra Branch, Michelle Medley

March 24 - Kari Renfroe, Alfred Enriquez, Vicki Stokes, Zachary Wright, Angela Moore, Kristine Flores and Austin Borrego

March 25 - Cynthia Hokit, Cameron Martinez, Rita Vasquez, Albert Talamantez

Sr., Taylor Newton, Alex Hopper and Emilio Tambunga

March 26 - Michael Joel Vargas Jr., Pife Borrego, Juan Molina Jr., Steve Hubbard, Jose I. Dominguez Jr., Albert Trevino, Chapo Leal, Enrique Delgado, Letha Allen and Vanessa Tobar

March 27 - Rodrigo Gonzales, Cynthia Castillo and Justin Rodriguez



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"The Woman in the Window

"The Great Alone"

by Kristin Hannah

and Candice Fox Little

"Agent in Place" By Mark Greaney "The Rooster Bar" by John Grisham "Dark in Death" by J.D. Robb "Night Moves"

by Jonathan Kellerman "The Wife Between Us" by Green Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen

 "A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

# Non-Fiction "Fire and Fury"

by Michael Wolff Holt "Astrophysics for People in a Hurry" by Neil deGrasse Tyson "All-American Murder" by James Patterson and Abramovich with Mike Harvkey • "When" by Daniel H. Pink

"Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann

# **HELPING HANDS NEWS**

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the elderly. If you have some time, or need some community service for school, come by or call (325) 392-5026.

### **MARCH 21**

Meatballs with gravy, fluffy rice, green beans, dinner roll, fruit cup and milk.

## **MARCH 22**

Hamburger patty on a bun, lettuce, tomato and onion, tater tots, baked beans, fresh banana and milk.

# **MARCH 23**

Monterrey chicken, potatoes w/parsley, cabbage and carrots, bavarian roll, key lime cloud squares and milk.

### **MARCH 26**

Meatloaf w/tomato sauce, mashed potatoes, okra and tomatoes, wheat roll, banana pudding with wafers and milk.

# **MARCH 27**

Lemon pepper chicken, smothered cabbage, carrots, dinner roll, bread pudding with lemon sauce and milk.

### **MARCH 28**

Barbecue riblet on bun, O'Brien, cucumber corn tomato salad, cherry crisp and milk.





# What can we do about chronic inflammation?

Inflammation is a perfectly evolved biological process that protects us from microscopic aggressors. Nevertheless, when we continually expose our body to injury, microorganisms and toxins, chronic inflammation occurs and is just as harmful as acute inflammation is not.

Acute inflammation is a normal bodily function for self-protection. It's how the body deals with harmful debris such as damaged or dead cells, irritants, and microorganisms. When an irritant affects any part of the body, its immune response to try to eliminate it. The symptoms of inflammation indicate the body is trying to heal itself, it is not "infection". Infection is caused by bacteria, virus and fungus ... inflammation

is the subsequent response. In a healthy organism, the immune system eventually deals with an issue. Not true in the case of low-grade chronic inflammation. There are toxins and malevolent microorganisms that can trigger our body's defenses daily. They are present in our food, water, environment,

and some are airborne. Most of the threatening contributors will be found in our foods... foods that have been present in our diet since we began eating... foods that have been passed from generation to generation. Regardless, they consistently trigger our defenses and our body continually deals with these toxins and invaders, until they cannot, until our body grows less efficient, or damaged to the point it can no longer function as it did before.

At some point, chronic inflammation becomes rampant, resulting in weight gain, drowsiness, skin problems, digestive issues, autoimmune conditions, and a host of diseases; like diabetes, obesity, and cancer. Neurologist, David Perlmutter, MD, says, "Chronic low-grade inflammation is the cornerstone for all neurological issues like Alzheimer's Disease, dementia, Parkinson's Disease, and



HERE'S TO **YOUR HEALTH** 

JIM FISH

are inflammatory to most people, sugar is by far the worse and responsible for

epilepsy; and

Diabetes and

many types

of cancer,'

Of the

foods that

Type-2

most of the ill-health and all-cause deaths in humans around the world.

"Processed sugar, flour, and high-fructose corn syrup (HFCs) are at the top of the list of inflammatory foods causing not only chronic inflammation but numerous other western diseases stemming from carbohydrate intolerance. Sugars activate the release of inflammatory messengers called cytokines," according to the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition.

Other inflammatory foods include vegetable (seed) oils, the foods fried in seed oils, refined wheat flour and other grains, artificial sweeteners, artificial additives, breakfast cereals, processed foods, alcohol products, trans fats (like vegetable shortenings and other hydrogenated plant products), omega-6 fatty acids, and fast foods... need I say more?

An estimated 70 percent of the body's immune system is in the digestive tract and comprised of various strains of healthy bacteria that is a major component in assuring our wellness. When malevolent toxins and organisms are introduced the gastrointestinal tract by way of consumed foods, the immune system and beneficial processes are maligned and can cause any number of threatening issues.

"Many of the body's immune cells cluster around the intestines. Most of the time, those immune cells ignore the trillions of healthy bacteria that live in the gut. But for some people, that tolerance seems to be broken and their immune cells begin to react to the bacteria,

creating chronic inflammation," says Timothy Denning, PhD, associate professor and immunology researcher at Georgia State University

"The immune cells can attack the digestive tract itself, an autoimmune condition known as inflammatory bowel disease (IBD), which includes ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease. The symptoms include diarrhea, cramps, ulcers, and may even require surgical removal of the intestines. [Doctors] aren't exactly sure why some people get IBD, but genetics, environment, antibiotics, diet, and stress management all seem to play a role."

The effects of inflammation extend to the skin, causing the accelerated aging of cells. Psoriasis is an inflammatory condition that happens when the immune system causes skin cells to grow too quickly.

Amanda McMillian, at Health.com, "Obesity and unhealthy eating increases inflammation in the body, but even otherwise healthy people who experience chronic inflammation because of an autoimmune disorder-such as rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, or celiac disease—appear to have a higher risk of heart disease, regardless of their weight or eating habits."

If you are interested in improving your health, know that inflammation is an initiator and driver for autoimmune and most all disease processes. It begins with the diet. Know that the food you eat now will either be nourishing or harmful. Most of us choose the foods we eat based on taste alone, with little or no concern for what lies within.

Remember; food will only satisfy your taste for about 20 seconds, but your body will have to deal with all that comes with it for the rest of your life. Choose wisely. Here's to your health.

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# **DEATH NOTICES**

# **Martin Diego Martinez**

Martin Diego Martinez, 60, passed away Tuesday, March 13, 2018. Rosary was Thursday, March 15, at Gutierrez Funeral Chapels. Funeral Mass will be Friday, March 16, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona with interment following in Lima Cemetery in Ozona.

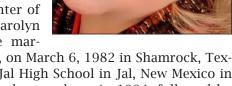
Survivors include his sons, Martin Martinez Jr., Steve Martinez and Joshua Martinez; sisters, Amalia Hernandez, Delia Leal, Anna Martinez and Mercedes Hernandez; brothers, Joe Martinez and Mario Martinez and grandchild, McKinley Martinez.

# **OBITUARIES**

# Karen Dianne Webb

Karen Dianne Webb, 53, of Ozona, Texas passed away Thursday, March 15, 2018 at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas after a very courageous battle with a sudden and unexpected illness. She was the beloved wife of Kevin Webb, and the two had just recently celebrated 36 years of marriage.

Karen was born on September 22, 1964 in Shamrock, Texas. She is the daughter of Edd Campbell, Jr. and Carolyn (Campbell) Smith. She mar-



ried her husband, Kevin, on March 6, 1982 in Shamrock, Texas and graduated from Jal High School in Jal, New Mexico in 1983. Her daughter Kendra was born in 1984, followed by her son Jonathon Kyle in 1987.

In 1989, she and her family relocated from Jal, New Mexico to Bloomfield, New Mexico and Karen worked as an Office Manager and in the school system before leaving the workforce to educate her children from home. It was during this time that Karen attended San Juan College in Farmington, New Mexico, concentrating in early childhood education. In 1997, relocation called again, and Kevin and Karen moved their family to Ozona, Texas. No place had ever felt more like home for the couple and they settled in quickly to what they knew would be their forever home. Both children were graduates from Ozona High School, Kendra in 2002 and Kyle in 2006. Karen worked for nearly 15 years in the private offices of Burl J. Myers, before accepting a position with Crockett County as his Deputy Treasurer.

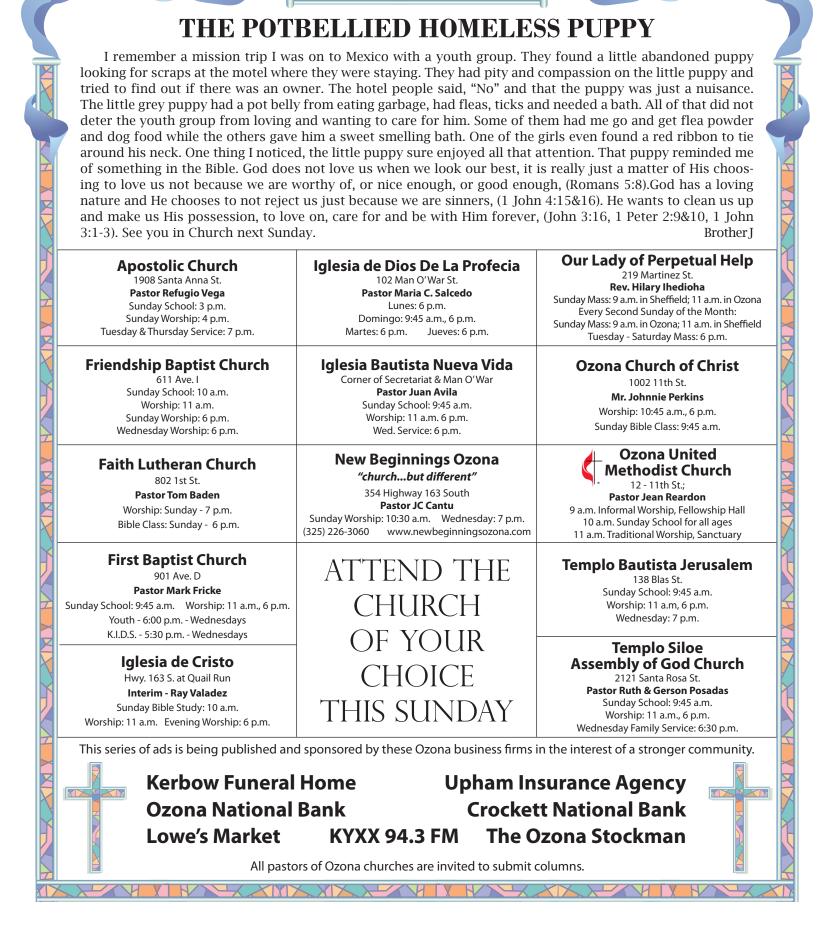
After Mr. Myers' retirement, Karen ran for election to the Treasurer's position and won in 2016. Just two weeks ago, Karen was reelected, and was looking forward to the opportunity to continue serving the citizens of Crockett County in her next term. Being the County Treasurer was more than just a job to her and she cared deeply about the county, the community of Ozona and all the people within it. She considered her position as one of the greatest accomplishments of her lifetime and cherished the many friends she had made while working there.

Besides her husband, Kevin, she leaves behind her father, Edd Campbell, Jr. of Shamrock, Texas, mother Carolyn Smith of San Angelo, Texas, her sisters, Debbie Bailey and husband Mark of Augusta, Georgia and Brenda Duncan and husband Monte of Midland, Texas, her daughter Kendra Hodges and her husband Anthony of San Angelo, Texas, her grandchildren Kiara, 16, Chastity, 14, Mariah, 11, Anthony Jr., 10, Halo 3, Enovy, 15 months and Draegan, 4 months, and numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and close friends. She was preceded in death by her son, Jonathon Kyle. The family takes great comfort in knowing that the two of them are now reunited in Heaven.

Karen was an incredibly beautiful soul who had a passion for helping others, no matter the task. She spent her free time watching her grandchildren grow, traveling with her husband, working on numerous craft projects and collecting purses and shoes.

Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

in her honor to the Crockett County Animal Control or the Crockett County Public Library so that others may have the opportunity to share her love of animals and reading.





# TXDOT: from page 1

Highway 163 and the frontage road. The left lane would be converted into a left turn only lane.

Examples of similar intersections were shown in Junction and Abilene.

Total cost for the project would be \$3.4 million and be fully funded through Tx-DOT. If approved by the commissioners, the project could start in August and be completed in about a year.

"We will proceed if the county agrees to it," said John DeWitt, director of transportation planning and development with TxDOT.

County officials started working on this project in 2016. TxDOT made a presentation a March 2016 commissioners' court meeting about the proposed project. All commissioners' court meetings are open to the public.

Since then, county officials have worked with State Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, State Rep. Drew Darby, R-San Angelo, as well as TxDOT officials in Austin to fine tune the project and come to a compromise, specifically on the one-way road.

At first TxDOT wanted all of the frontage roads to be one-way, said County Judge Fred Deaton.

"We have worked on this project a long time," Deaton said. "There has been a lot of work put into this project. It may not be pleasing to everyone, but we have come up with something. This is the last chance we will have to get people a bridge in this area, and it will allow us to develop the town."

While TxDOT officials stated they project traffic to increase with the new ramp location, as well as traffic exiting the interstate will now have to pass all existing businesses, some local citizens still didn't like the idea of a one-way road.

Many citizens asked about building a bridge in another area of Chandlerdale

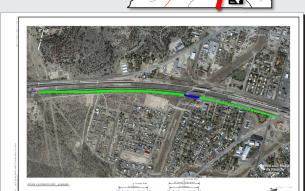
DeWitt said bridges cost around \$1 million to \$2 million and TxDOT is not willing to fund the structure.

TxDOT officials they are looking at mandating one-way frontage roads across the state.

"We fought this all we could. All I have ever said was this was about safety. It's going to flood again. I feel like Noah warning everyone about a flood," said Commissioner Eligio Martinez. "If I didn't care I wouldn't have proposed this. I'd rather people get out to safety than

# Option 3 - Extend Frontage Road to Rio Grande St. w/ramp







Projected 20 Year Maintenance Cost: \$1,940,000



ANTICIPATED

COST

Projected 20 Year Maintenance Cost: \$343,000

**Local Contribution:** \$300,000

ANTICIPATED \$3,416,000 CONSTRUCTION

# IH 10 Frontage Road Extension – Crockett Co. Commissioner's Court Public Meeting -- March 13, 2018

have my title."

"The only problem people have is the one-way road. People here in town are used to two-way," said Leticia San-

Citizens also spoke about possible increase traffic through neighborhoods due to the frontage road now being one-way.

The extension of the ramp and traffic being able to see the existing businesses from the interstate, as well as the cost to the county in maintenance of the new roads, was brought up by Michael Medina Jr., who is a candidate running for commissioner of precinct 4.

"To me why not use money to build a bridge. You would save money and have a better outcome," Medina said. "Increasing traffic and more accidents on Pecan Street? Do you realize the everyday struggles we're going to have compared to a 10year flood? We will find a way out."

TxDOT will sealcoat both RM 1973 and FM 1964 before turning them over to the county. Projected 20year maintenance cost for the 4.6 miles of FM 1964 will be \$343,000, and for the 17.2 miles of RM 1973 it will be

Deaton said with the sealcoat the maintenance to the two roads will be very little maintenance in comparison to a bridge the county would have to maintain over 25 years.

Other ramps and bridges in other locations were also suggested.

Mark Jones, with TxDOT, said the only way the state office will participate and fund the project is if the road is one-way. Jones said TxDOT no longer funds and builds two-way frontage roads.

"You have great commissioners and a great judge. They fought hard for a twoway road. The whole idea is to improve safety. Any project we do is going to have an impact on someone," Jones

The possibility of property values increasing along the frontage road, as well as development along the road, was also mentioned.

"Look at the opportunities here. Look at the economic development and growth," said Chamber President Shanon Biggerstaff. "Nobody likes change. Change is hard.

"It's community enhancement. Open your eyes. Tx-DOT will walk away from this. It's better than some other options we have," added Laurie Hale.

Martinez said the only way the project was a go was the compromise on the oneway street.

Martinez also said the community could petition the state to revert the road to change it back to a two-way street, but that it was a "very long shot."

"Either we let the state use funding to fix it or we take care of it. If we fund it, taxes will go up," said Commissioner Frank Tambunga said.

"This is a project important to our town. We need it in Ozona," said Commissioner Pleas Childress.

Deaton asked the 38 people in attendance, excluding TxDOT officials, for a show of hands of those in favor of the project. Twenty-three people raised their hands in favor of the project. No one raised their hand against the

project.

"We need a bridge. We need land to expand Ozona. Ozona needs to grow," said Joe Tobar.

"The interstate is the only thing we have left besides oil and gas. Every time it rains I get a steady flood of phone calls about this issue. The commissioners don't usually go looking for problems to solve," Deaton added. "The commissioners worked to get something better for the citizens."

The commissioners will consider adopting a resolution to go forward with the project at the April 9 regular commissioners' court meeting. The meeting starts at 9 a.m. and is open to the public at the courthouse annex.

Documents of the project are available for the public to view at Deaton's office.



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# BABY SHOWER SELECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY

Maria Villarreal

•Mrs. Mark Ybarra Taylor Oglesby Craighead

# **BRIDAL SHOWER**

SELECTIONS HAVE BEEN MADE BY

Lucy Vasquez BRIDE-ELECT OF Rodrick Tijerina

# School board regular meeting tonight

The CCCCSD School Board will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (March 21) at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda: Open forum/public comments

· Reports - Transportation and Maintenance; Principals; Athletic Director; Technology; Band; Cafeteria and Food Service; Special and Federal Programs; Superintendent; Financial and Bills: Bills, Board Report, Monthly Investment Report and Student Activity Funds.

· Policy Update 110, affecting local policies (see list) - BBA (LOCAL): BOARD MEMBERS - ELIGIBILITY/ OUALIFICATIONS; BBB (LO-CAL): BOARD MEMBERS ELECTIONS.

· Letter of Engagement -2018 Powell & Leon LLP Professional Services Proposal for Chapter 313 Agreement Reporting and Maintenance of Existing Value Limitation Agreements under Chapter 313 of the Property Tax Code.

· "Consider Adoption of an order approving the form of an order authorizing the issuance of Crockett Coun-Consolidated Common School District Number 1 Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2018, and ratifying the approval of such order on behalf of the district by the commissioners' court of Crockett County; accepting and consenting to all obligations of the district and district officials as set forth in such order; approving and authorizing the execution of a paying agent/registrar agreement related thereto; approving the sale of the bonds to the purchaser; and approving the notice of sale and bidding instructions, official bid form, preliminary official statement, and official statement; and containing other matters related to the subject."

· "Consider approving an agreement with Specialized Public Finance Inc. to serve as financial advisor to the district and authorize the president and/or superintendent to execute such agreement on behalf of the district."

· Budget amendment accept and approve funds from High Lonesome Wind Power for legal fees associated with wind farm project.

· Consent Agenda - Approve minutes from the Feb. 13 special meeting and Feb. 21 regular meeting.

· Executive/Closed Session - Texas Government Code Chapter 551.074 Personnel Matters and 551.072 Real Property - Consider Teacher Contracts as recommended.

· Possible action from executive/closed session consider administrator contracts as recommended.

Future business March Regular Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. April 18.

# **Marriage Enrichment** Conference

Saturday, April 7, 2018

First Baptist Church — 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Ave. D & Waterworks Dr. **Lunch Provided** Childcare provided for all ages

For those who have a strong marriage who would

like to enrich their relationship with their spouse.

If you are planning to get married in the near future and want your marriage to be encouraged by the word of God, then this conference is for you.

Please call the Church Office at 392-5555 by April 4th to let us know you are coming for a head count for lunch.

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He said the annex building is reopen. It will be up to the elected officials and department heads as to when each office will reopen, Deaton said.

"The building is safe," Deaton said.

Deaton closed the annex on Monday afternoon after receiving news that Kerbow had been transported to the Lubbock burn unit with similar symptoms that Webb experienced before she died on Thursday, March 13. Webb's family said when she was transported to Lubbock, she had blisters, bruises and sores on her body.

Deaton then contacted the Texas Department of Health stating it was best "to err on the side of caution."

Health officials told Deaton Tuesday that under the circumstances, they could see where the county had reason to call them to investigate. Health officials also offered their condolences to Webb's family.

Family members of Judge Kerbow have said her illness is possibly an allergic reaction to some medication and were informed by doctors Monday night that is was not the same illness that caused Webb's death.

County Court that was scheduled for Tuesday was canceled.

Thursday's grand jury

reassembled is still scheduled to proceed in the main courthouse.

Any further updates will be posted on The Ozona Stockman's website at www. ozonastockman.com and on the Stockman's Facebook





# 2017-2018 Ozona Youth Basketball



BBB: Valeria Garza, Faith Quiroz, Alondra Garza, Savannah De La Cruz, Ysabela Esparza, Maria Aranda and Yulissa Lopez. Coaches: Roman Esparza, Kaelan Savala and Lazaro Rodriguez. First Place Team in 5th-6th Girls Division.



LADY RAIDERS: Claire Bean, Mia Davidson, Audym Geary, Brylee Gutierrez, McKenna Luckie, Bayleigh Tinney and Mia Guttierrez. Coaches: Ryan Bean and Travis Davidson. Second Place Team in 5th-6th Girls Division.



STING: Evelyn Yeager, Avery Badillo, Kailyn Preddy, Raylynn Barrera, Cameron Ochoa, Jaylynn Tijerina and Sienna Tatum. Coaches: Joyce Caldera and Brian Badillo.



SPURS: T.J. Fluckers, Ezekiel Castillo, Aron Aguilera, Eddie Allsup, Olin Briggs, Westley Harris and Blaine Hernandez Coach: Kimberly Harris



ROCKETS: Arturo Rivera, Andon Silva, Carroll Hale, Stockton Bean, Jason

Borrego and Kendrick Tobar Coaches: Brandi Glosson and Vicki Treto.



HOT SHOTS: Brenda Hernandez, Christline Moran, Riley Hamm, Aubrey Villarreal, Mia Webb, Aubrey Rodriguez and Allison Landa. Coaches: Christy Rodriguez and Gabriela Rodriguez.



TOON SQUAD: Miya Renteria, Mckenzie Dalton, Ambrie Perez, Adonai Chavez, Cameron Asbill, Isabella Lopez, Khloe Esparza and Amelia Youngblood. Coach: Penny Dalton.



CAVS: Jose Mata, Landon Martinez, Jordan Moran, Kaleb Ramon, Coby Moran, Logan Heathcott and Austin Mason. Coaches: Chris Martinez, Lupe Ramon and John Heathcott.



BALL HOGGS: Kaseybel Smith, Kate Bunger, Kylie Martinez, Braylee Clark, Sadie Childress, Monika Salazar, Stormi Martinez and Brylea Moore. Coaches: Kimberly Childress and Bert Butler.



WINGS: Jakelynn Hernandez, Kadyn Dominguez, Camille Sifuentes, Hailey Longoria, Aaliyah Renteria, Mercedes Perez, Kirra Tijerina, Jadyn Dominguez and Taylor Hamm. Coach: Morgan Glosson.



WARRIORS: Sebastian Fullingim, Matthew Daniels, Jacob Guajardo, Rigoberto Treto, Gabriel Fullingim, Fernando Blanco, Kurt Bean, Michael Daniels and William Webb. Coach: Justin Rodriguez. First Place Team 5th-6th Boys Division.



LAKERS: Darrius Galindo, David Esparza, Thalen Roller, Jaython Perez, Riley Borrego and Joe Jurado Coaches: Markaus Galindo and **Tarrent Leonard.** 

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# 2017-2018 Ozona Youth Basketball



OKC: Andrea Torres, Bayea Porras, Jadlyn Hunt, Mia Cruz, Makaylee De La Garza, Mireya Rivera, Luna Hernandez and Jezebel Ramirez. Coaches: Gabriela Diaz, Kassidy Gonzales and Jacob Talamantez.



BASKET QUEENS: Mia Rodriguez, Avery Davidson, Ella Childress, Madelyn Bean, Kelynn Bean, Atleigh Morris, Maci Ramirez and Lillian Bunger. Coaches: Travis and Kayla Davidson.



RAPTORS: Tell Nowell, Nicholas Ramon, Robert Barrera, Hudson Fowler, Noah Veirs, Jakob Little, Tristyn Timms and Ryan Hurst. Coaches: Paul Veirs, Shane Timms and Lupe Ramon.



**CLUTCH CITY: Chris Ramirez, Moses Ramirez, Exander Whitby, Rico Es**trada, JP De La Garza, Corey Ybarra, Rogelio Estrada and Seth Childress. Coach: Bobby Jo Vargas.



HORNETS: Ariston Pratt, Valentino Castillo, Cole Wyatt, Jacoby Ramos, Leonel Blanco and Trey Preddy. Coaches: Brian Badillo and Jaime Ramos.



BULLS: J.P. Garza, Isaiah Porras, Aaron Garza, Rowdy O'Bryant, Jonathan

Borrego, Cameron Martinez and Andres Quiroz. Coaches: Lori Tambunga

SAVAGE: Kaidence Hernandez, Serenity Briggs, Kaydee Timms, Alison Allsup, Teagan O'Bryant, Avery Mendoza and Abygale Veirs. Coaches: Shane and Bonnie Timms and Kristy Veirs.



76ERS: Ty Davis, Miguel Hernandez, Dusty Smith, Bernardo Blanco, Felipe Cano, Ian Savala, Ryan Williams and Hunter Sertain. Coaches: Miky Savala and Jerold Savala. Second Place Team in 5th-6th Boys Division.



SPARTANS: Charles Harger, William Higginbottom, Nolan Martinez, Christian Gomez, Luis Romero, Wyatt Bean and Christian Treto. Coaches: Josh Santos and Josh Smith.

# Card of Thanks

Thanks to all the parents, players, sponsors, coaches and Crockett County CCSD for letting us use their facilities. Janina Savala

YOUTH CENTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

# **District 7 AA Junior High Track Meet**

Tuesday, March 27, in Forsan

1:15-2:00 Scratch Meeting

(Field House Weight Room, enter the south doors)

2:15 **Field Events** – 3 attempts, throws, and jumps

> Shot: 7B, 8B, 7G, 8G (pool shots) (North ring)

Discus: 8G, 7G, 8B, 7B (pool discs) (Southeast/west ring)

7B, 8B, 7G, 8G (West side of pole vault) Long Jump:

Triple Jump: 8G, 7G, 8B, 7B (North end of track)

High Jump: 8B, 7B, 8G, 7G (4'6", 4'2", 4'0", 3'8")

Pole Vault: 7G, 8G, 7B, 8B (5'0", 5'6", 5'6", 6'0")

3:15 2400 Meter Run 7G, 8G, 7B, 8B

# There will be a meal for coaches in the cafeteria from 4:15-5:15

5:30 Running Finals: 7G, 8G, 7B, 8B

4 X 100 Relay

800 m Run

100 Hurdles - 30"

110 Hurdles - 36"

100 m dash

4 X 200 Relay

400 m dash

300 Hurdles - Girls 30"/Boys 33'

200 m dash 1600 m Run

4 X 400 Relay

# Lions defeat Grape Creek

The OHS Lions Baseball Team defeated Menard, 18-3, on March 9.

Pitcher - Justin Yeager and Mark Ybarra; Catcher -Jesse Vega.

Leading Players - Ybarra, Jose Dominguez, Yeager and Kobe Rodriguez. Ozona lost to Sonora,

8-6, in a nondistrict game on March 13. Pitcher - Yeager and

Ybarra; Catcher - Vega. Leading Players - Yeager and Rodriquez.

The Lions defeated Sonora JV, 4-1, in Game 2 on March 13.

Pitcher - Marc Rodriguez, Dominguez and Vega; Catcher - Jacob Childress. Leading Players - Vega.

Ozona defeated Grape



**JACOB CHILDRESS looks to make** a move for the OHS Baseball Team.

Pitcher - Jacob Schroeder and M. Rodriguez; Catcher -Vega. Leading Players - Schroder had 14 strikeouts; Vega, Ryan Ramos.

Ozona is 9-3 overall and



**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.

# CCCCSD School Menus

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.

**Ozona Elementary School:** Breakfast is free for all students! Lunch is \$2.40 and Reduced Lunch is \$0.40

 $\underline{\textbf{Ozona Middle and Ozona High Schools:}} \ \text{Breakfast is $1.40 and Reduced Breakfast is $0.30}$ Lunch is \$2.55 and Reduced Lunch is \$0.40

Menus are subject to change. To learn more about school meals, call Ludy Vargas (325) 392-5501 ext. 5547

Wednesday, March 21 Breakfast

Chicken and Waffle or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.

Calzone, Marinara Sauce, Tuscan Vegetables, Salad, Peaches, Cookie and Milk.

Thursday, March 22 Breakfast

Pancakes and Sausage or Cereal Bar and Yogurt, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch

Grilled Cheese, Multi-grain Chips, Broccoli Bites, Fresh Veggie Cup, Snowball Salad and Milk.

Friday, March 23 Breakfast

Dutch Waffle and Bacon or Cereal and Chocolate Grahams, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.

Lunch Popcorn Chicken or Fish, Mashed Potatoes, Brown Gravy, Savory Green Beans and Roll.

Monday, March 26

Breakfast Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.

Lunch Taquito, Queso Blanco, Charro Beans, Salsa, Seasoned Corn, Fruit and Milk.

Tuesday, March 27

Breakfast Chicken and Biscuit or Cereal Bar and Yogurt, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.

Lunch Chicken Nuggets, Mac and Cheese, Green Beans, Salad, Pears and Milk.

Wednesday, March 28 Breakfast

Biscuit, Gravy and Bacon with Scrambled Eggs or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch Hamburger, Hamburger Garnish, Cucumber Slices, Carrots, Applesauce, Cookie and Milk.





MORGAN UPHAM (right) exhibited the Champion Dorper Ewe, Reserve Champion Ram and two first place pair of rams at the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo. She is pictured with Randy and Elizabeth Upham, her grandparents and breeders, of Ozona. Randy and Morgan also placed in the Open Breeding Show.

# **Upham Ranch Breeding Sheep Champions** at Houston Livestock Show

Upham Ranch traveled to the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo this past week competing in the Junior Open Show and the Open Show.

Morgan Upham exhibited Upham Ranch livestock in the Jr. Show placing Champion Dorper Ewe, Reserve Champion Ram and first place pair of rams.

In the Open Breeding Stock show, Morgan and Randy Upham placed Supreme Champion All Breeds Ewe (bred by Sharon Holman) Champion Dorper Ram (bred by Upham Ranch) and First Place yearling Ram (bred by Norman & Kathy Kohls).

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# **CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS**



BRENNA HALE (right) placed fifth in the Heavy Weight Medium Wool category at the Houston Livestock Show with a lamb raised by her brother Lane Hale (also pictured).



CLAIRE BEAN (left) placed fourth and WYATT BEAN (right) placed third in the Light Weight Fine Wool Cross

# 4-Hers place at Houston

Crockett County 4-Hers recently competed at the 2018 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Wyatt Bean placed third and Claire Bean placed fourth in the Light Weight Fine Wool Cross Class.

Brenna Hale finished her stock show career with a fifth place in the Heavy Weight Medium Wool.

In the Junior Market Goat Show, Grace Upham placed sixth in Class 1 Light Weight Market Goat.

### **CLOTHING** and TEXTILES

Clothing and Textiles Meetings: Juniors (3-5 grades) - 4 p.m. March 26; Intermediates and Seniors (MS and HS) - 4 p.m. March 27 at the 4-H Office.

### RANGE EVALUATION and PLANT ID

Range Evaluation and Plant ID practice will be Wednesdays at 5:15 p.m.

### **WOOL AND MOHAIR JUDGING**

Wool and Mohair Judging practice will be 4 p.m. Wednesdays beginning today, March 14. Please call or attend a meeting to learn more.

# 4- H CLUB MEETING

No 4-H Club Meeting in March. The focus this month will be on project meetings.

# 4-H OFFICE

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

KaileyRoberts, 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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OZONA FIREFIGHTERS were able to save nearby structures when a grass fire broke out Saturday night off of Secretariat Street.

# FIRE: from page 1

to a grass fire off Interstate-10 at the 334 milemarker where they quickly extinguished that blaze.

On Saturday evening, firefighters saved a structure when a small grass fire broke out at Secretariat and Appaloosa Streets.

Firefighters also responded to a grass fire on Farm-to-Market Road 1964 northwest of Ozona and to a car/grass fire at the 342 mile-marker on Interstate-10 Saturday night.

Ozona Fire Department officials said they have responded to 23 grass fire calls this year, with 13 so far in March. The fire department has had 16 grass fire, car fire and motor vehicle accident calls since Friday.

Warm temperatures, no rain and high winds made conditions ripe for wildfires.

Dr. Andy Vestal, AgriLife Extension director for emergency management at Texas A&M University, College Station, said the Energy Release Component, which measures how hot and long available fuel can burn if sparked, is at critical levels in some areas of the state. Conditions for wildfires are high when coupled with high winds, low relative humidity and other environmental factors.

not been regularly grazed or

managed have enough fuel to create high ERCs, and that is the threat," he said. "You add high winds like we've been seeing into the equation and you have the threat of a serious fire that could be extremely difficult to control."

Wildfire season typically starts around March and lasts through spring greenup in April and May, Vestal said, as dead grasses, warm, dry conditions and spring winds increase fire poten-This year, wetter conditions early in 2017 provided conditions for grasses to grow but were followed by drought.

"Be cognizant and aware of the potential threat from welding and cutting metal at work sites," he said.

The National Weather Service in San Angelo said Ozona has only received .02 inches of rain so far this month.

John Nielsen-Gammon, professor of atmospheric sciences at Texas A&M and Texas State Climatologist, said that Texans are suffering through some of the driest periods ever.

Especially hard-hit areas include the areas around Amarillo, Lubbock and Wichita Falls, he says.

Besides the 67 percent of Texas that is currently in moderate, severe or extreme drought, an additional 20 percent is abnormally dry, according to the U.S. Drought Monitor.

Crockett County is currently listed as both abnormally dry and moderate drought.

Last August, Harvey dumped more than 60 inches of rain in some parts of the state, but not long after it left, many parts of Texas started going into drought status. While August was the wettest August in Texas in the past 124 years, every month since then has been abnormally dry. Outdoor burn bans are in effect for at least one-third of the state.

Crockett County is not currently under a burn ban.

"The record rains from Hurricane Harvey flowed into the Gulf of Mexico within weeks and it only takes a few months for Texas to get dry again. That's where we are now."

Nielsen-Gammon says a La Niña - cooler than normal waters in the central Pacific Ocean that tend to impact weather patterns worldwide - has developed in recent months. These patterns are a partial culprit for the dry conditions, but models show that they are weakening and likely to continue weakening in upcoming months.

"But that may not be until May or June," Nielsen-Gammon said. "Most of the state needs rain. Our winter so far in Texas has been unwill likely continue."

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# DPS warns of private non-governmental websites

AUSTIN - The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans that there are only two official websites for conducting Texas driver license/identification card/driver record transactions: www.texas.gov and www.dps.texas.gov.

To prevent fraudulent use of your personal information and to avoid paying unnecessary fees, only conduct transactions on these two websites.

While many unofficial websites actually include a disclaimer that they are not in fact an official government website, these private non-governmental sites can still be extremely deceptive to customers and provide inaccurate information and charge unnecessary fees.

Customers seeking to conduct online driver license/ identification (ID) card/driver record transactions are ador www.dps.texas.gov directly into the URL address line to ensure they are visiting an official website (using a search engine can easily lead customers to a private nongovernmental website).

The following fees listed at www.texas.gov are the only fees a customer should be charged; any other fee amount would be an indication of an unauthorized website:

- · Renewal of driver license (with or without changing address): \$25
- · Renewal of ID (with or without changing address): \$16
- · Renewal of driver license with motorcycle (with or without changing address): \$33
- · Change of address only for driver license or ID:

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# **Dr. William Edmiston**

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**Eldorado Animal Clinic** will be in **OZONA** on

Thursday, March 22, 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





# Big Lake man killed in March 10 crash

A 28-year-old man from Big Lake was killed in a singlevehicle crash Saturday, March 10, in Crockett County.

Jesus Perez Jr. was traveling north on State Highway 137, about a mile north of Ozona, when his GMC Sierra struck a guardrail, lost control and rolled about 11:28 p.m., according to a Texas Department of Public safety news release.

Perez was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Evelyn Kerbow.

# **Ethics commission** fines Uresti \$500

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The wardens responded, dis-

covered two deer carcasses

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ty owner. The man stated he

had shot the deer with a .22

to keep them from eating his

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high fence. When asked why

he left the deer to rot on the

back side of his property, he

stated that he had heard if

he shot the deer, but didn't

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BY EMMA PLATOFF TEXAS TRIBUNE

On the heels of 11 felony convictions, bipartisan calls for his resignation, an intraparty challenger for his next election campaign and his wife of six years filing for divorce, state Sen. Carlos Uresti on Friday got insult added to injury with a \$500 fine from the Texas Ethics Commission.

The commission fined the San Antonio Democrat for failing to properly disclose on his personal financial statement income related to FourWinds Logistics, the Ponzi scheme that got him into legal trouble last year. The fine comes less than a month after he was found guilty on all counts of fraud and money laundering.

Uresti served as general counsel for FourWinds — a now-bankrupt oilfield servic-

Al-Anon **Meetings** 5 p.m. Tuesdays **Ozona** United **Methodist Church** 12 11th St. For more information, call

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# **CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT**

# **Weekly Activity Report** Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise

Juvenile/School

Alarms

3-15-18

3-17-18

Motorist assist/ locked vehicle

Minor/major traffic accidents

Reckless driving/ speeding complaints

**OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:** 

Hoover, of Ozona, for a warrant on credit/

debit card abuse to the elderly. Subject was ar-

raigned and sent to Mitchell County.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Stormy Rae

· Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal

· After a call of a disturbance on the inter-

state, sheriff's deputies arrested Johnny T. Costel-

lo, of Phoenix, Ariz., for assault/family member.

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Monthly Status Report - February 2018	
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otal Released	20
urrently Incarcerated - Ozona	0
currently housed outside county	23
lousing Cost - Mitchell Co.	\$0
lousing Cost - Upton Co.	\$15,750.00
otal Housing Cost	\$15,750.00
otal Civil Papers	9
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otal Dispatch Calls	289
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11 landline	13
11 wireless	283
Inavailable Calls	31
otal 911 Calls	265

Subject was arraigned and sent to Upton County. · Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud

argument on Walnut.

music call on Santa Ana Street.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Natasha Marie Gualy, of Houston, for possession of a controlled substance penalty group less than 1 gram and possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces. Subject is awaiting arraignment.

Type of Calls Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints 3 911 medical/fire assistance Civil complaints 5 Civil documents served

# FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

### **COUNTY COURT**

**Closed Cases - February 2018** · Jacob Josue Cazares, consumption of alcohol, dismiss - meets the ends of justice.

• Phillip Munoz Jr., driving while license invalid - enhanced, dismiss - completed obligations to county attorney.

• Juan Antonio Molina, failure to appear, conviction - fine \$322, court costs \$178.

· Aaron Alan Ponce, driving while intoxicated open container, one year pre-trial diver-

· Ezekiel DeHoyos, possession of marijuana less than two ouces, one year pre-trial

· Jacob Randall Helweg, possession of

marijuana less than two ounces, dismiss - completed obligations to county attorney.

• Juan Ignacio Mendez Jr., possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismiss meets the ends of justice.

• Jose Juan Trevino, driving while license invalid - enhanced, dismiss - meets the ends of justice. · Zane Ray Womack, assault bodily inju-

ry, dismiss - meets the ends of justice. · Gurcharan Singh, failure to appear,

conviction - fine \$322, court costs \$178. • Anthony Orozco, failure to appear, con-

viction - fine \$322, court costs \$178. · Hector B. Velasquez, failure to appear,

conviction - fine \$322, court costs \$178.

# **ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT**

### **FEBRUARY 2018** Animal related contacts 69 Animal disposal 7 Impounded dogs Animal traps set 14 56 **Animal Bite investigations** Wildlife caught 4 skunks, 2 possum, Animals guarantined 1 porcupine, 1 baby squirrel 0 Owner surrenders Dangerous animal reports 5 Written warning citations Number of animals surrendered 5 Impounded cats 30 Written citations Destroyed animals 34, owner requested 2 Welfare checks Livestock calls Call Ozona Animal Control at 392-3676

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up to \$15,000 for information leading to the identification and arrest of anyone involved in the deadly blasts.

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 Call the Texas Crime Stoppers hotline at 1-800-252-TIPS; or

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# **COUNTY LACKS JURISDICTION**

Attorney General Paxton on March 16 applauded the First Court of Appeals of Texas after it ruled that Waller County lacks jurisdiction to sue a private citizen who complained that the county unlawfully banned firearms from its government build-

Paxton's office filed a brief in the case, arguing that it should be dismissed.

In reversing a Waller County district court's rul-

ing, the Court of Appeals held that Terry Holcomb Sr. had a constitutional right to send a letter to Waller County asking it to comply with Texas' open carry laws without fear of a retaliatory and meritless lawsuit.

### **ZIKA CASES** ARE REPORTED

The Texas Department of State Health Services on March 13 received reports of the first Texas Zika cases of 2018, two cases involving residents of Williamson County who got sick while abroad.

People should remember to protect themselves from mosquito bites this spring as they travel, particularly to warmer climates where Zika is more prevalent, such as Central and South America and the Caribbean, the DSHS said.

Zika is a mosquito-borne virus that can cause fever, rash, muscle and joint aches and red eyes. Zika has also been linked to microcephaly and other poor pregnancy outcomes in babies of mothers who were infected with the virus while pregnant.

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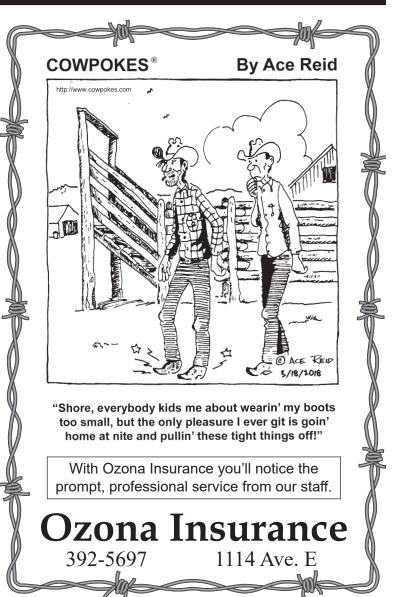
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