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DISTRICT CHAMPIONS

OHS Academic Team advances 13 to regional meet

The OHS Academic Team won the District 7-AA UIL Academic Saturday in Mertzon.

This is the first time since 2002 that Ozona has won the district meet.

Team totals - 1. Ozona 378 points; 2. Eldorado 345; 3. Forsan 249; 4. Christoval 206; 5. Irion County 172; 6. Miles 165; 7. Winters 127.

Individual and team results:

Mathematics - First Place team; 1. Manuel Torralba, 2. Humberto Torralba, 3. Chantz Elliott and 6. Citlalli Cano.

Journalism - Second Place

Headline Writing - 2. Samantha Torralba; 5. Braeden

Feature Writing - 1. Brenna Hale; 4. Makenna Fox.

Editorial Writing - 3. Brenna Hale; 4. Holly Munsell. Ready Writing - 3. Lexi

Montgomery; 4. Rebecca Flores.

Informative Speaking - 6. Isaura Lopez.

Number Sense - First Place Team; 1. Manuel Torralba and 2. Humberto Torralba. Other team members are Braeden Gutierrez and Citlalli Cano.

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OHS ACADEMIC TEAM won the District 7-AA UIL Academic Meet Saturday in Mertzon. The team has 13 individuals advancing to the Region I Meet April 13-14 in Odessa.



JACOB SCHROEDER was selected to the Class 2A All-West Texas Boys Basketball Team.

Schroeder named to All-West Texas Team

Jacob Schroeder has been named to the San Angelo Standard-Times Class 2A All-West Texas Boys Basketball Team.

The 6-9, Senior Center/ Forward was the tallest player in the area in all classifica-

Schroeder had a phenomenal senior season. He averaged 14.8 points, 12.9 rebounds, 1.6 steals and 2.4 assists per contest. He set the bar high for the Lions' future big men.



J.L. MANKIN | THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT

STEBAN FLORES took third at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association Boys State Meet Saturday in Abilene in the 181 weight-class in Division 3.

Flores third at state

Steban Flores placed third at the Texas High School Powerlifting Association Boys State Meet Saturday in Abilene.

Flores came in third in

the 181 weight-class in Division 3.

He had 540 in squat, 390 in bench press and 550 in dead lift for 1,480 total.

"I would like to thank

all the people that have supported me throughout the year. I'm blessed that I got to end my senior powerlifting season at state with a third place finish," Flores said.

Good Friday closings, Easter events

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The Ozona Stockman will be closed for Good Friday, March 30. Deadline is noon Monday, April 2, for the April 4 edition.

Also closed for Good Friday are Ozona Schools, Ozona Community Center, Ozona Head Start, Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District #1, Crockett County offices, Crockett County Senior Center, Crockett County Civic Center, Crockett County Extension Office, the Crockett County Public Library and the Crockett County Museum. Some county offices, the senior center, extension office and the library will close at noon Thursday, March 29.

Ozona Bank will close at noon Friday, March 30. Crockett National Bank will have regular hours Friday.

The Family Health Center of Ozona and the U.S. Post Office will be open Friday.

Lowe's Grocery Store will be closed Easter Sunday, April 1.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Ozona Community Center will have their annual Easter Party at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 29, at the center.

Ozona Elementary School will host Easter Egg Hunts on Thursday, March 29.

Pre-K will be at 12:30 p.m. in the area by the Pre-K back doors.

Kindergarten will be at 2 p.m. in the playground area by the kindergarten wing.

First Grade will be at noon at the Swimming Pool Park across from OES.

Second Grade will be 2 p.m. at the Skateboard Park across from OES.

The annual Knights of Columbus County Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 1, at the town square park. If there is bad weather, the hunt will be under the pavilion by the rodeo arena.

The Easter Egg Hunt is county wide for children up to 10 years old.

"Our goal is to have all plastic and individual candy eggs," said Frank Tambunga, organizer. "We will have

Anyone wanting to donate eggs may bring plastic or candy eggs by 1 p.m. on Sunday, April 1, at the town square. For more information, call Tambunga at (325) 392-

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Back burning



OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT CHIEF JOE BRADFORD conducts a back burn on the White Ranch Grass Fire Saturday located off of North Taylor Box Road east of Ozona. The fire started Friday and burned around 300 acres. Firefighters had it out by Saturday morning. The Crockett County Road Department, Pike's Peak Energy and local citizens also responded. Rain relief came Monday and Tuesday with 1.5 inches reported as of press time Tuesday.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS EASTER EGG HUNT 2 P.M. SUNDAY AT THE TOWN SQUARE PARK



That Facebook quiz might be a big data company mining your personal information

In light of the recent revelation that Cambridge Analytica allegedly mined personal information from more than 50 million Facebook users, the Better Business Bureau is reminding consumers that what they share online can be used for illegal or unethical rea-

Personality quizzes are especially popular these days on social media platforms such as Facebook, and generally seem innocent enough. However, you might be giving away more information about yourself, and even your friends than you thought.

These quiz-

zes ask seemingly silly or useless questions, but hackers can use that information to penetrate your social accounts and gain access to your personal information or the



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information of your friends and family.

But the latest news shows that it isn't just scammers who are interested in your quiz answers. It turns out, your personal information is big business.

"We always knew someone was trying to trick us with social media quizzes, because they are free" says BBB's chief security officer Bill Fanelli, CISSP. "If there is no charge, then the value is the data they can collect. We also knew that it was for a use we probably

would not like, because they went to such great lengths to hide their purpose. Now we know we were right on both counts.'

Not all social media quizzes are about unprincipled data collection, but BBB cautions users to be careful about what they share online. Profile data, quiz answers, and more can be used to steal your money, or let a scammer pretend to be you in order to steal someone else's monev. And now we know that seemingly innocent information can even be used to build a profile on you that can be sold to anyone trying to influence society.

Tips to avoid social media scams:

· Be skeptical. Before you take a quiz, figure out who created it. Is it a brand you trust?

· Adjust privacy settings. Review your social media account's privacy settings and be strict about what information you share.

· Remove personal details from your profile. Don't share information like your phone number or home address on social media accounts.

· Don't accept friend requests from people you don't

To report a scam, go to BBB Scam Tracker (BBB.org/scamtracker). To protect yourself from all kinds of scams, visit the BBB Scam Tips page (BBB. org/scamtips).

HEATHER MASSEY is the regional director for the Permian Basin office of Better Business Bureau serving the Heart of Texas. Contact her at (432) 563-1880 or email: hmassey@permianbasin.bbb.org.

The local newspaper makes a difference

hese past few weeks have been tough on our local community, especially on those in our county government.

The loss of long-time county worker Harold Shaw and the sudden death of County Treasurer Karen Webb has been a blow to our community

As if this wasn't enough, we were all on edge when Justice of the Peace Evelyn Kerbow became ill and was sent to the same hospital as Webb. County Judge Fred Deaton, under caution, chose to close the courthouse annex until we received the all clear.

For a small town, all this has been a bit much at once to handle.

So, when an outside news organization decided to write an article that made it sound like our community was infested with some kind of plague, it just gets to be too much.

I feel like I need to address this, since the articles published by this organization cited information that was reported in this paper.

For the record, San Angelo Live did not have permission to use any of the Stockman articles on their website.

Last week, The Ozona Stockman did report about the closing of the annex and about Kerbow's health. I thank Kerbow's family for keeping me informed and I

am grateful she is doing well. However, when I spoke with San Angelo Live publisher Joe Hyde, I explained to him how I was not a fan of his news organization and how I was surprised he had not been sued with the type of reporting he does.

San Angelo Live is not what I would call good journalism. In fact, after research the organization, I have discovered all they care about is making money.

Now, you may ask "Melissa, isn't that all you care about at the Stockman?"

Yes, we do need to make money to stay in business, but unlike San Angelo Live we care about Ozona. We care about the community and the people in it.

I'm not saying we are perfect, but we do work hard at covering our town.

When I heard about the possibly closing of the annex, I waited until I had received all the information from Judge Deaton before informing the public. I felt



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

received it. What San Angelo Live did my article,

best. I also

did not

write my

article in

a way that

would en-

sue panic.

I reported

the infor-

mation as I

twist my words and stick on their website. I tried contacting their publisher, but no such luck.

I stand behind my article and behind my newspaper. The Ozona Stockman cares about Ozona. We not only report the bad, but also the good.

Look at what our students did this past weekend. District champions in UIL Academics, third place at the state powerlifting meet, track teams winning meets and golf teams showing their talents.

We report the "good news" and recognize the efforts of hometown people who make a difference.

We also report about local government. At nearly every commissioners' court meeting or school board, I am sitting there with my laptop.

We were the only newspaper to cover the recent public meeting with TxDOT over the proposed I-10 frontage road extension project.

We were one of the first newspapers to report about the Kinder Morgan pipeline project coming through our county.

San Angelo Live doesn't care about Ozona. It's evident in their final article posted Friday where they couldn't even get our county judge's name correct.

The Ozona Stockman cares about Ozona. We are your neighbors. We understand your issues, your challenges and we share your values.

We live in a country where we have choices, and that is a great privilege. I'm not saying for our readers to stop reading San Angelo Live. You

have a choice. I'm just saying, however you get your news, make sure The Ozona Stockman is in the mix.

We are The Ozona Stockman. We make a difference.

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If Butt For A Name

deal. Or even a free pair

of pants, for that matter.

I've also heard of

kids being named Buck,

Rope, Riggin and Sorrel.

for a gal? I personally

Isn't Sorrel a pretty name

know a Bronc and a Bull,

he'd already improve the

There's a fad occurring in the western world that I'd like to encourage. Ranch people are naming their kids rodeo-inspired words. I'm not talking about names like Freckles, Ote, Tibbs Ty, Tuff, Trevor, Tomkins, Luke, Lane, Beaver, Monty, Mahan, Shoulders, Charmayne, Ace, Jake or Walt. Although all of these are excellent names. (My personal favorite is Shoulders. With a name like Shoulders the kid is already half way to winning the world in steer wrestling.)

What I'm referring to is the use of nouns for names. What inspired this column was a Christmas card I got from my good friend Jimmy who named his daughter Dally. From her photo I can tell she's as beautiful as her name. It's got a good ring to it, don't you think? And if Dally decides to become a rodeo star, and she's already on her way, can't you see what an advantage it will be at the pay window? There won't be a rope, saddle, boot, or hat company that won't be offering Dally big bucks to promote their products.

I've met a couple youngsters recently with the first name "Cinch" and I can see the dollar signs roll like the wheels on a slot machine in the eyes of their parents. This is great strategic thinking and I can see Cinch Jeans throwing dollars at their namesakes in the future. Of course, this would also hold true for any kids name Levi. But you have to pick the right company, after all, my name is Lee and I've never had the jeans company of the same name offer me a multimillion dollar endorsement being the daughter of the one and only



IT'S THE **PITTS**

LEE PITTS

although I've yet to meet a Bodacious. I think Bull is the perfect name for a bouncy twelve pound baby boy who looks like

offensive line for Cleveland when he learns to walk. Especially if he has CRL's. (Charging rhino legs.) But while Bull is a good name for a boy, under no circumstances should a young girl be named Cow. Years ago I worked for a livestock publication who had a Patty on the staff and she chose Cow Patty as her byline, thinking

another story. While I like the name Rope, or even Wope which was the nickname of the great rodeo star Dean Oliver, I absolutely adore the name Reata. I think it's the prettiest name I've heard recently and it doesn't seem to have held Buck Brannaman's daughter back any as Reata Brannaman was the youngest professor at Montana State in their history. She may have been the voungest person in her class but Reata

it was clever. I never saw her name on

Horse Whisperer, certainly has a doctorate in Horse, I also like the names Calgary and Cheyenne, but not Pendleton. That sounds too hoity-toity.

For the life of me I've never understood why an Angus breeder didn't name their child Angus if it was a boy, or Aberdeen if it was a girl. I love the name Angus and Galloway is also an acceptable name, although Belted Galloway is not. My accountant is named Galloway and I certainly hope he wasn't belted when he did my taxes. Breed names like Dexter, Devon, Brangus, Brahma and even Charolais might be good names if you happen to breed those kind of cattle, but I don't care for Pinzgauer or Waygu as first names.

We must be careful with this trend that we don't go too far and start naming our kids after diseases and other cattle related nouns. For example, while Bruce is a good name I really don't care for Brucellosis as a first name. Corpus Luteum isn't good either and neither are names like Warbles, Rump, Burdizzo, Coccidiosis, Freemartin, Afterbirth, Bangs, Butt, Grub, Lepto, Creep, Dewlap, LumpJaw, Ringworm or Rhinotracheitis.

Believe me, I have deep personal knowledge of how something as simple as a name can make or break you. If my name was anything other than Leland Pitts I'd already be as rich and famous as Alice Addertongue, which was Benjamin Franklin's pen name.

www.LeePittsbooks.com

Bombing suspect ends own life as officers approach him

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — The primary suspect in a string of terrorist-style bombings died in his pickup truck on March 21. Mark Anthony Conditt, 23, of Pflugerville, detonated explosive devices in his truck on an Interstate 35 access road in Round Rock as two law enforcement officers approached the vehicle on foot. One officer was injured in the explosion. The other officer reportedly fired a rifle at the suspect.

Intensive search and surveillance operations began on March 2, when a bomb later traced to Conditt exploded and killed an Austin man who picked up what appeared to be a normal package delivered to his residence. Similar packages exploded in the Austin area on March 12, one killing a teen and injuring his mother, and another injuring a 75-year-old woman. On March 18, two men were injured by a tripwire-triggered improvised explosive device in Austin.

On March 19, two days

before Conditt was tracked down, Gov. Greg Abbott announced the release of \$265,500 in emergency funding for the Austin Police Department and the Texas Ranger Bomb Response Team to purchase seven portable x-ray systems for use in bomb detection and responding to suspicious package investigations.

Abbott said his office has provided nearly \$1 million over the last two years to enhance the capabilities of the Austin police department's bomb squad. He said the grants provided for purchases of bomb disposal robots, robotic arms and bomb suits that allow technicians to approach potentially explosive devices and render them harmless.

On March 20, the day before Conditt's death, the Texas Department of Public Safety reminded Texans to remain vigilant and to report any suspicious activity or suspicious packages to authorities.

The DPS stressed that Texans should not approach any unknown or suspicious packages or items, to keep a safe distance and then to notify the authorities by calling 911.

BIG CROWD JOINS MARCH

An estimated 20,000 people participated in the Austin "March for Our Lives" event on March 24.

Similar marches were held some 900 cities around the globe. At the main march, in Washington, D.C., participants memorialized the mass shooting at high school in Parkland, Florida, on Feb. 14, and other mass shootings, such as the ones at an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut in 2010, and Sutherland Springs, Texas, in 2017.

Marchers and speakers at these events mainly called for an end to mass shootings through federal, state and local gun law reforms.



The Texas Workforce Commission on March 23 announced that the Lone Star State's economy added 40,500 seasonally adjusted nonfarm jobs PLEASE SEE STATE, PAGE 10

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Texas A&M expert: 'Monarch numbers down again'

BY KEITH RANDALL TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY

The number of Monarch butterflies is down once again this year, following a trend that has seen declining numbers of the colorful creature over the past decade, says a Texas A&M University Monarch butterfly ad-

Craig Wilson, director of the USDA Future Scientists Program and senior research associate in the Center for Mathematics and Science Education and longtime butterfly enthusiast, says early figures show fewer Monarch numbers for 2018. Early estimates show that their numbers are down almost 15 percent from a year ago in the breeding grounds in Mexico.

Cold weather and some winter storms may be to blame, he points out. Fewer Monarchs made it to the overwintering grounds.

Wilson says numbers of Monarchs passing through Bryan-College Station last fall in October 2017 seemed to be down and there were late arrivals even into December. This would seem to be supported by the latest figures released from Mexico showing that 2.48 hectares were used by overwintering Monarchs in Mexi-



A MIGRATING MONARCH BUTTERFLY defrosts and hangs on a branch until it can warm up in a part of the Sanctuary of Chicua, Mexico. Texas A&M Expert Craig Wilson said early figures show fewer Monarchs for 2018.

can reserves. "Estimating 50 million Monarchs per hectare would give a total population of 124 million," he

The low point occurred in 2013-14, when only 34 million Monarchs were estimated. Experts suggest that 6 hectares of overwintering monarchs by 2020 might allow the migration to be sustained in the long run.

Wilson says it is critical that Monarchs have access to milkweed, the only type of plant that Monarch caterpillars will digest as the multiple-generational migration heads north. Habitat in Texas is critical as the Monarchs funnel through the state in the spring and have to find milkweed on which to lay their eggs. Wilson says more milkweed is needed for the Monarch's long-term survival.

"Texas A&M is doing its part through Craig Coates, who teaches a Monarch butterfly service project that will engage 520 Texas A&M University students from 90 different majors in group projects to work on Monarch habitat restoration including planting milkweeds and related activities," Wilson adds.

In addition, both Bryan and College Station are taking the Mayors' Monarch Pledge seriously and making both cities Monarch-friendly environments, he says.

Wilson recommends the following sites for Monarch followers: Journey North (www.learner.org/jnorth), Texas Monarch Watch texasento.net) and Monarch Watch (www.monarchwatch. org).

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 28

- West Texas Rehab 20th Anniversary Ozona Appreciation, 7:30-9:30 a.m. at town
- 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

Thursday, March 29

- OHS Tennis at Wall/Lake View Meet in San Angelo
- OHS Track Teams at Eldorado • 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
- · Lady Lions Softball vs. Mason, 5 p.m. at Mason Lions Baseball vs. Center Point, 6 p.m. at Center Point

Friday, March 30

- Good Friday Crockett County Schools, County Offices and The Ozona Stockman
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, noon at the town square gazebo
- Good Friday Services, 6 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church and the First **Baptist Church**

Sunday, April 1

- Easter Sunday
- April Fools' Day
- County wide Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m. at the town square

Monday, April 2

- CCCCSD Bad Weather Day No School
- OHS Golf Team at Round 2 of District Meet in San Angelo
- Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Juniors Clothing and Textiles Project Meeting, 4 p.m. at the 4-H Office

Tuesday, April 3

- Exercise with Niki Bishop, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center • Intermediates and Seniors Clothing and Textiles Project Meeting, 4 p.m. at the
- Lions Baseball vs. Eldorado, 4:30 p.m. at Eldorado
- · Lady Lions Softball vs Eldorado, 5 p.m. at Eldorado

Wednesday, April 4

- OHS Track Teams at the District Meet in Mertzon
- Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- 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



FRY A FISH SANDWICH COMBO TODAY!

Skehan honored by Texas Bar Foundation

Catherine Paige Skehan, with the Upton County Attorney's Office, has been elected to membership in the Fellows of the Texas Bar Foundation. Fellows of the Foundation are selected for their outstanding professional achievements and their demonstrated commitment to the improvement of the justice system throughout the state of Texas. Election is a mark of distinction and recognition of Skehan's contributions to the legal profession.

Selection as a Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation is restricted to members of the State Bar of Texas. Each year one-third of 1 percent of State Bar members are invited to become Fellows. Once nominees are selected, they must be elected by the Texas Bar Foundation Board of Trustees. Membership has grown from an initial 255 Charter Members in 1965 to more than 9,500 Fellows throughout Texas today.

Skehan is an OHS Graduate and is currently the Upton County Attorney. She is the daughter of Wendy and Robert Tambunga, of Ozona.

Skehan and her husband, Bryan, live in Rankin and have two children, Stanton and Allie.

The Texas Bar Foundation is the largest charitably funded bar foundation in the

Founded in 1965 by lawvers determined to assist the public and improve the profession of law, the Texas Bar Foundation has maintained its mission of using the financial contributions of its membership to build a strong justice system for all Texans.

To date, the Texas Bar Foundation has uted more than \$18 million throughout Texas to assist nonprofit organizations with a wide range of justice-related programs and services.

For mroe information, visit www.txbf.org.

CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS!



Charge your tablet or phone while at the Library on our new Courtesy **Charging Station!**

The Library will close at noon Thursday, March 29, and be closed all day Friday, March 30, for the Good Friday Holiday! Happy Easter!

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



6 p.m. Thursday, April 12. **Everyone Welcome!**

HOURS Monday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday & Thursday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY March 28 - Marie Maskill, Roky Vega, Leonel Rodriguez Jr., Wendy Wilson, Charlie Branch, Amber McClanahan,

March 29 - Edna Tambuna, Diane Phillips and Maria

Santiago

Romeo Perez III, Veroinica

Talamantez and Donavon

March 30 - Fernando Galvan, Alice Borrego, Doug

Meador Jr., Sydney Fierro, Bill

Seale, Allan Stover, Amber DeHoyos and Stephanie Borrego

March 31 - Margaret Longoria, Britni Alex Gonzalez, Simon J. Garza, Linda Stapper, April Trevino and

Patricia M. Tambunga April 1 - Nathan De-Hoyos Jr., Nathan Anderson, Roman Esparza, Rusty Harris, Edmond H. Jenkins Jr.

and Aidan L. Chipman

April 2 - Felix Rivera, Beverly Preddy, Jana Wilson, Vicki Davis, Dalton Weddle, Jose Flores, Johnny Venegas, Erik Estrada, Jacob Childress and Caitlyn Upham

April 3 - Autumn McWilliams, Katy Churchill, Harvey Otamendi, Lisa Dorrough, Sarah Stewart, Lazaro Rodriguez Jr., Norah Dolores Rodriguez, Millie Granis and Chago Vargas



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 28

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

MARCH 29

Beef pepper steak, stir fried rice, egg roll, fortune cookie, mandarin oranges and milk.

MARCH 30 CLOSED - Good Friday APRIL 2

Pork fritter, yams, steamed cabbage, wheat roll, fruited gelatin and milk.

APRIL 3

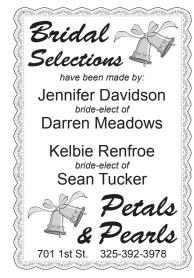
Beef tips, brown gravy, egg noodles, Tuscan blend vegetables, breadstick, lemon iced cookie and milk.

APRIL 4

Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, okra and tomatoes, wheat roll, tropical fruit and milk.

APRIL 5

Chicken and dumplings, two bean salad, spinach salad, dinner roll, chocolate mousse and milk.





Low cholesterol; a greater risk of death

We now know that high cholesterol levels are not considered a factor contributing to heart disease, but did you know that people with low cholesterol (less than 170 mg/ dl) are at a 60 percent greater risk of death than those with normal cholesterol levels (200 to 250 mg/dl)?

Sarah Pope, The Healthy Home Economist blogger, and renowned author reported "The relationship between a higher all cause risk of death and low cholesterol was published in May 2012 by Scientific World Journal. The results of the large epidemiological study examined the relationship between overall mortality and low cholesterol in individuals aged 60-85 for a period of 12 years.

"Analysis revealed that higher total cholesterol levels (greater than 200 mg/dl) were associated with a 24 percent reduced risk of mortality over the 12-year study period. Moreover, lower cholesterol levels (less than 170 mg/dl) were associated with a 60 percent increased risk of death."

According to Dr. John Briffa MD, top honors graduate of the University College London School of Medicine. low levels of cholesterol are associated with an increased risk of cancer (predicting risks many years before diagnosis), hemorrhagic stroke (bleeding in the brain), and now even a higher overall risk of mortality.

The rise of cholesterol limiting drugs is a prime example, though a drop in the bucket, of all the issues we face in relying on conventional nutritional science and dealing with our own health and wellness savvy, or lack thereof.

Sayer Ji, founder of Green-MedInfo, LLC. advises, "You've heard for decades about the dangers of high cholesterol, but did you know that LOW cholesterol can lead to violence towards self and others, and has been linked to premature aging, death and other

adverse health effects? "In a world gone mad with



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JIM FISH

and where gobbling down pharmaceuticals designed to poison the body into no longer synthesizing it is somehow consid-

ered sane

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terol anxiety,

behavior, it is refreshing to look at some of the research on the health benefits of cholesterol, or conversely, the dangers of low cholesterol."

In an article published in the British Journal of Psychiatry in 1993: "One of the functions of serotonin [involved in sleep, depression, memory, and other neurological processes] in the central nervous system is the suppression of harmful behavior impulses... Low membrane cholesterol decreases the number of serotonin receptors. Since membrane cholesterol exchanges freely with cholesterol in the surrounding medium, a lowered serum cholesterol concentration may contribute to a decrease in brain serotonin, with poorer suppression of aggressive behavior."

Cholesterol isn't simply a natural nutrient in our food, it's a vital component carried by the blood for brain function and physiology, to fight cancer, prevent hemorrhagic stroke, for memory, longevity and to fight infection. Among its numerous other functions is the production of almost all hormones such as Vitamin D, cortisol, estrogen and testosterone. It is found in every cell of the body and is key in establishing its complex and cohesive homeostasis.

If serum cholesterol is diminished, it could jeopardize the core of our health and wellness, and many of our vital functions could not be achieved by the body. Because cholesterol is indispensable for all animal life, we shouldn't be surprised by its

significance in human health benefits. Not to mention, cholesterol-lowering drugs have many debilitating issues.

I am amazed at how we have allowed ourselves to be lead away from the path of optimum health over these past 70-plus years. Looking back over the sequence of decisions and events, one could easily cry, "conspiracy!"

We are victims of a system where corporate growth around the world has been allowed to control the direction of world community health, for the benefit of their investors alone. We have put our unquestioning faith in medical authorities supported by these corporate entities since the 1950s. Some of their 'authoritative advice' has perpetrated the very causes of death for millions of people around the world. As a result, we are only now discovering that what we thought we knew about nutritional science is rife with myth, dogma, misinformation and lies.

Our conventional medical practices would do well to take another look at our everevolving understanding of the straightforward principles of biology and nutritional science. Rather than the pharmaceutical industry's marketing narrative, to which they are most exposed and lured into accepting as science, our medical authorities need to be skeptical and critically review all claims made by these vested interests.

Once again, I offer that we have a recourse. We can reclaim the responsibility of our own health and wellness by educating ourselves concerning our own issues, being skeptical of one-size-fitsall regimens, prioritize our health above the way we eat and always accept drugs and chemicals into our bodies as an absolute, last-resort.

Here's to your health.

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OBITUARIES

Jesus (J.J.) Perez Jr.

On Saturday, March 11, 2018, Jesus Perez Jr. (J.J.) was called home by the Lord. He was born on October 1, 1989 to parents Jesus Perez Sr. and Graciela Gonzalez.

It has broken our hearts to lose him. We are finding comfort in the memories that he left us with. J.J. was a son, brother, fiancé, nephew, cousin, friend and most importantly a father. He had a heart of gold and that was truly expressed in the love he had for his three children Nickolas, Noah, McKinley and fiancé Jaclyn. His world revolved around his little family, especially his children. Practicing and playing baseball with his



boys was one of his favorite things to do. He found an immense amount of joy in his little girl. The love that he and Jaclyn had for each other is indescribable. He enjoyed all sports and had his alltime favorite teams the Dallas Cowboys and San Antonio Spurs. In the spring and summer time you would always find him playing softball with friends.

He treasured his mother Graciela and late father Jesus. His sisters Erica, Lacee, Katelyn and brothers Aaron, Jayden were his best friends. They were always confiding in each other whether it was getting advice from one another or just calling simply to just talk about what they did throughout their day. He was full of life and you never saw him without his beautiful smile! He will be dearly missed by many and though God has him in his arms we will always carry him in our hearts.

He is preceded in death by his father Jesus Perez Sr, grandfather Jose Gonzalez and his grandparents Jorge and Sarah Perez. He is survived by his children Nickolas, Noah and McKinley Perez; fiancé Jaclyn Rodriquez, mother Graciela Gonzalez, sisters Erica Hinoios (and husband Rafael), Lacee Gallego and Katelyn Gallegos; brothers Jayden Reyes and Aaron Gallegos; nieces Alison Perez and Lindsey Hinojos; and aunts, uncles, cousins and many friends.

Services were held Thursday, March 15, at Roc Eterna Church in Big Lake with graveside services following in Glen Rest Cemetery. Arrangements by Johnsons Funeral Home of San Angelo.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Center closed Friday for holiday

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Got your Easter eggs colored? That bunny is going to be coming around this Sunday to hide them for you. We used to have so much fun coloring eggs and playing with the kids on Easter morning when they looked for where the Easter Bunny had hidden them. Have you seen some of the new ways to color the eggs in the magazines? How fun! No reason why we can't color a few for ourselves. They are good to eat in salads or just by themselves. How many of you found eggs in mysterious places a few days after Easter? Those were fun times!

The center will be closed on Thursday at noon and all day Friday, March 30, for Good Friday. Have a great Easter Holiday.

Niki will be here at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 3, 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 not have afternoon

bingo this Thursday because the center will close that day at noon for Easter holiday. It will open Monday, April 2, and afternoon bingo will start again at 2 p.m. Thursday, April 5. 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 time.

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

Cruciferous vegetables: broccoli, brussels sprouts, cabbage, cauliflower and kale contain large amounts of several possible cancer-fighting substances. Pears: People who eat a medium-size pear each day are 52 percent less likely to have a stroke over 10 years than people who consume less or none.

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. Exer-

cise with Niki Bishop Wednesday - 1:30 p.m. Mexican Train; 3 p.m. Prayer Group

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

Come on out, the coffee is on.

Card of Thanks I want to thank the community of Ozona for all your acts of kindness, your prayers

and your concerns during my recent hospital stay and at home as I recover. I am so thankful to live in a community that is so caring and so loving. I want to thank my staff at my office for continuing to operate the office in a very professional manner. A special thanks to my family for being by my side the entire time. God bless all of you and God bless the town of Ozona.

Evelyn C. Kerbow

Marriage Enrichment

Saturday, April 7, 2018

Conference

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.



CCCCSD School Board approve teacher contracts

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The CCCCSD School Board approved to renew teacher and professional staff contracts at their March 21 regular meeting.

After meeting in executive/closed session for at least two hours, all personnel presented for rehire were approved by the board.

BONDS

The board approved an order authorizing the issuance of the school bonds. The board approved this as a formality on the \$5 million school bond that was passed in November 2017 by Crockett County Voters.

Since Crockett County is the taxing entity, the school district "piggybacks them," Chavarria said.



The county commissioners were unable to approve the sale of the bonds due to a lack of a super quorum, four members of the commissioners' court. The item will be placed on the April 9 commissioners' court agenda for ap-

"As a formality we are approving this authorization of this certification as authority," Chavarria said.

Chavarria said this approval, along with approving an agreement with Special-

bonds, this will allow any purchases the district makes to be able to be paid back when bond funds become available.

AG MECHANICS

OHS Ag Teacher Dustin Martin gave a report on the Ag Mechanics class and their recent competitions.

He said the class will have an Ag Mechanics Day on May 8 where the students will showcase their projects and raise money for the program.

Martin told the board that he is working on getting grants for a plasma cutter for his program. He also thanked the board for purchasing his new pickup for the program.

THE BOARD ALSO:

· Approved annual policy updates for BBA (Local) Board Members - Eligibility/Qualifi-

ized Public Finance to sell the cations and BBB (Local) Board Members - Elections.

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

Budget Approved Amendment of \$75,000. The funds are from the High Lonesome Wind Power for legal fees associated with wind farm project.

Approved instructional materials allotment and TEKS Certification 2018-2019.

FUTURE MEETINGS

The board's next regular meeting will be 6:30 p.m. April 18 at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the public.

Knights of Columbus hosting Fish Fry Friday

The Knights of Columbus are working on making improvements to their build-

They are raising funds to do some improvements to the building so that the community can better benefit from it.

This month due to Holy Week, the Knights will not have their monthly community meal.

Also, it is due to our building in construction.

Instead, the Knights will be having a Fish and Fries plate on Good Friday at noon by the town square ga-



The plates will be \$8 per plate.

"We are asking for everyone's support as the proceeds will go towards our building," said Frank Tambunga, organizer.

For more information, call Tambunga at (325) 392-

USDA helps cotton producers maintain, expand domestic market

SUBMITTED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced at the 66th Annual Mid-South Farm and Gin Show the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is taking action to assist cotton producers through a Cotton Ginning Cost Share (CGCS) program in order to expand and maintain the domestic marketing

"America's cotton producers have now faced four years of financial stress, just like the rest of our major commodities, but with a weaker safety net," Perdue said. "In particular, cotton producers confront high input and infrastructure costs, which leaves them more financially leveraged than most of their colleagues. That economic burden has been felt by the entire cotton market, including the gins, cooperatives, marketers, cottonseed crushers, and the rural communities that depend upon their success.'

The sign-up period for the CGCS program runs from March 12, 2018, to May 11,

Under the program, which is administered by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), cotton producers may receive a cost share payment, which is based on a producer's 2016 cotton acres reported to FSA multiplied by 20 percent of the average ginning cost for each production region.

Perdue said, "I hope this will be a needed help as the rural cotton-growing communities stretching from the Southeastern U.S. to the San Joaquin Valley of California prepare to plant. This infusion gives them one last opportunity for assistance until their Farm Bill safety net becomes effective "

The CGCS payment rates

for each region of the country

Southwest (Alabama. Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia) \$116.05 costs of ginning per acre and \$23.21 CGCS Payment Rate.

· Mid-South (Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Tennessee) \$151.97 costs of ginning per acre and \$30.39 CGCS Payment Rate.

Southwest (Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas) \$98.26 costs of ginning per acre and \$19.65 CGCS Payment Rate.

West (Arizona, California, New Mexico) \$240.10 costs of ginning per acre and \$48.02 CGCS Payment Rate.

CGCS payments are capped at \$40,000 per producer. To qualify for the program, cotton producers must meet conservation compliance provisions, be actively engaged in farming and have adjusted gross incomes not exceeding \$900,000. FSA will mail letters and pre-filled applications to all eligible cotton producers.

The program was established under the statutory authority of the Commodity Credit Corporation Charter

CGCS program, visit www.fsa. usda.gov/cgcs or contact a local FSA county office. To find your local FSA county office, visit the USDA's new website:



BRIDE-ELECT OF

Rodrick Tijerina

Card of Thanks!

We would like to express our gratitude and thanks to all for your words of comfort and support, on the death of our beloved brother Rosendo Ramirez. To father Hilary for the beautiful Mass, to the choir, the minister of communion, lector, to the ladies for the wonderful meal, for the flowers, nhone calls and prayers. Thanks for all the support given in our time of sorrow. To the ladies that helped with the rosary and to all who came from out of town, thanks.

From the Ramirez Family and Refugia Luna



Sheep Scanning Certification School April 10-11

BY STEVE BYRNS TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

The Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in cooperation with North Dakota State University and the National Sheep Improvement Program will conduct a Sheep Scanning Certification School April 10-11 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center at San Angelo, 7887 U.S. Highway 87.

The school will be from 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m. each day. Individual registration is \$200 due upon arrival.

Dr. Reid Redden, AgriLife Extension state sheep and goat specialist at San Angelo, said measuring loin eye and fat depth of live animals using ultrasonic technologies is an accurate tool to predict carcass merit in animals selected for breeding stock.

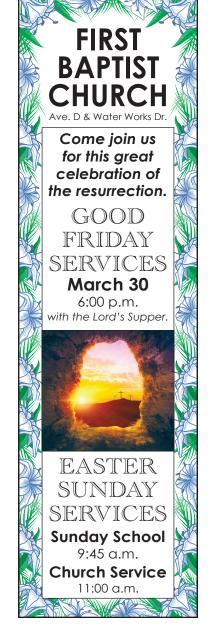
"The technology is not particularly new, but it has not been widely used in the sheep industry. Consequently, there aren't many trained technicians around who are certified to collect this information for seed stock sheep producers," Redden said.

Training and certifying new technicians to do this work for producers is the primary goal of the program, thus encouraging more seed stock producers to collect the information on their sheep, he said.

Redden said this is a handson program. Participants will receive educational material on sheep scanning and be shown how to collect loin-eye area, loin-eye depth, back fat and body wall thickness measurements. Participants will also have the opportunity to test their skills to become certified

to collect ultrasound carcass data, which can be submitted to the National Sheep Improvement Program to produce carcass-estimated breeding values or EBVs.

For more information, and registration, call Redden at (325) 653-4576, email reid.redden@ag.tamu.edu, or visit the National Sheep Improvement Program at http:// nsip.org/ and the North Dakota State University Hettinger Research Extension Center, https://www.ag.ndsu.edu/ HettingerREC.









OZONA HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY INDUCTION CEREMONY was held Thursday at the OHS Auditorium. New members inducted were: Riley Williams, Esperanza Ramirez, Manuel Torralba, Humberto Torralba, Citlali Cano, Lazaro Rodriguez, Tyler Webb, Kayla Sarabia, Kendra Sarabia, Braeden Gutierrez, Sebastian De La Cruz, Roslynn Mendez, Holly Munsell, Alec Lara, Jacob Childress, Wendy Mata, Rebecca Flores, Kenzee Talamantez, Lexi Montgomery and Carlie Ramos. Junior members are: Chantz Elliott, Ivana Hernandez, Josh Knaack, David Landin, Isaura Lopez, Coulter McWilliams, Juan Rangel and Caleb Webb. Senior members are: Josae Coy, Roman Esparza, Steban Flores, Makenna Fox, Kassidy Gonzalez, Brenna Hale, Larissa Hernandez, Brandon Jara, Danny Posadas, Denise Rodriguez, Kaelan Savala, Hunter Smith, Samantha Torralba, Autumn Villarreal and Christian Yruegas.

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Current issues events - 6. Carson Childress.

Calculator - First Place Team; 1. Chantz Elliott; 2. Manuel Torralba; 3. Josh Knaack; 4. Denise Rodriguez.

Computer application -1. Danny Posadas, 4. Samantha Torralba. Science - 2. Manuel Tor-

Poetry - 1. Ivana Hernan-

dez, 6. Gavin Grannis. Prose - 3. David Landin, 6. Wendy Mata.

Computer science - First Place Team; 1. Manuel Torralba; 2. Chantz Elliott; 3. Humberto Torralba; 4. Josh Knaack.

Students advancing to Region I Meet April 13-14 in Odessa: Brenna Hale, David Landin, Ivana Hernandez, Manuel Torralba, Humberto Torralba, Chantz Elliott, Josh Knaack, Danny Posadas, Lexi Montgomery, Denise Rodriguez, Samantha Torralba, Braeden Gutierrez and Citlalli Cano.

A special thank you to all of the coaches who worked with the students to



OHS ACADEMIC REGIONAL QUALIFIERS will compete at the Region I Meet April 13-14 at Odessa.

achieve this great success: Matt Gutierrez, Vanessa Gutierrez, Beverly Emswiler, Linda Thompson, Lisa Her-

ring, Tiffany Esparza, Jason Davis and Dottie De Leon.



ISAURA LOPEZ placed second at the Sterling City Tennis Invitational last week in girls' singles. It was her first time to play singles, said Coach Frankie Kay.

Varsity, JV Lions win Christoval Relays

The OHS Track Teams com- Cruz, 23.62. peted in the Christoval Relays on Thursday, March 22. The Varsity and JV Lions won the

all teams in their district including four other schools, said Coach Kyle Freeman.

VARSITY BOYS

Team Totals - 1. Ozona 147.8333; 2. Miles and Winters 80; 4. Christoval 73; 5. TLCA 53.3333; 6. Eden 50.3333; 7. Eldorado 33.5; 8. Forsan and 22; 11. Irion County 19. 100 - 2. Steban Flores,

11.20.

800 - 1. Roman Esparza, 2:12.52; 2. Humberto Torralba, 2:12.53.

Ozona competed against ba, 5:01.02; 3. Roman Esparza, 5:01.49. 3200 - 4. Danny Posadas,

1600 - 2. Humberto Torral-

11:54; 6. Humberto Torralba, 12:28.

110 Hurdles - 3. Abraham Rodriguez, 16.33. 300 Hurdles - 2. Abraham

Rodriguez, 43.17. 400 Relay - 1. Steban Reagan County 30; 10. Menard Flores, Sebastian De La Cruz, Eloy Soto and Zachary Talamantez, 44.92.

800 Relay - 1. Steban 200 - 1. Sebastian De La Flores, Sebastian De La Cruz, Eloy Soto and Zachary Tala-

mantez, 1:35.52. 1600 Relay - 2. Josh Mahannah, Manuel Torralba, Abraham Rodriguez and Zachary

Talamantez, 3:42.06. Long Jump - 1. Sebastian De La Cruz, 19-11.

Triple Jump - 5. Abraham Rodriguez, 37-9.5. High Jump - 4. Sebastian

De La Cruz, 5-6. Pole Vault - 1. Roman Esparza, 13-0.

VARSITY GIRLS

Team Totals - 1. Christoval 110; 2. Eldorado 89; 3. Winters 84.5; 4. Reagan County 68.5; 5. Forsan 68; 6. Miles 61; 7. Iri-

on County 47; 8. Ozona and guez, 7-6. TLCA 31; 10. Eden 20; 11. Menard 10.

400 - 4. Kenzee Talamantez, 1:03.48.

800 - 3. Kenzee Talamantez, 2:45.74.

1600 - 4. Roslynn Mendez, 6:35.43. 3200 - 6. Roslynn Mendez,

14:57. 100 Hurdles - 4. Gabby Ro-

driguez, 17.96. 1600 Relay - 5. Norah Rodriguez, Shelbie Galindo, Gabby Rodriguez and Paige Sanchez, 4:55.21.

High Jump - 4. Shelbie Galindo, 4-6. Pole Vault - 5. Norah Rodrinoz, 52.14.

JV BOYS

Team Totals - 1. Ozona 105; 2. Winters 96; 3. Christoval 95; 4. Menard 94; 5. Irion County 54; 6. Reagan County 49; 7. Forsan 41; 8. TLCA 13; 9. Miles 13; 10. Eldorado 3; 11. Eden 0.

100 - 2. Jose Dominguez, 11.92.

200 - 4. Julian Dominguez, 26.58.

1600 - 5. Isaiah Gonzalez, 7:07.10. 110 Hurdles - 6. Jose Mu-

noz, 19.90. 300 Hurdles - 2. Jose Mu-

400 Relay - 1. Joe Perez, Jose Dominguez, Jesse Vega, Marcus Perez, 48.58.

800 Relay - 1. Jose Dominguez, Jesse Vega, Marcus Perez and Joe Perez, 1:42.15. 1600 Relay - 1. Jadon Fay,

Jesse Vega, Julian Dominguez and Marcus Perez, 4:03.90. Long Jump - 1. Jose Domin-

guez, 17-7.75; 3. Julian Dominguez, 17-2; 5. Marcus Perez, 16-10.5.

Triple Jump - 4. Julian Dominguez, 35-0; 6. Jose Munoz, 32-5.5.

The track teams will compete in Eldorado Thursday, followed by the District 7-AA Meet April 4-5 in Mertzon.

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SUSAN CALLOWAY | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

MADISON CASTRO celebrates making it to first base with Coach Britni Duarte during the Lady Lions' March 20 game against Menard. Ozona won 18-0. Ozona defeated Junction 11-3 on March 23. The Lady Lions will play Miles at 5 p.m. today (March 28) at the OHS Softball Field.



MARCO RODRIGUEZ is determined to the get the out during Monday's game against Harper. Ozona lost a tough battle 4-2.

Lions beat Junction, fall to Mason and Harper

The OHS Lions Baseball Team defeated Junction, 10-2. on March 2.

Pitcher - Jacob Schroeder; Catcher - Jesse Vega.

Leading players - Schroeder and Justin Yeager with a double.

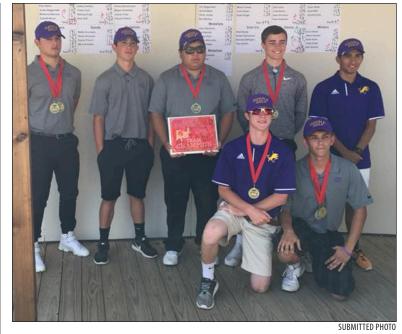
Ozona lost to Mason, 8-0, on March 23.

Pitcher - Yeager and Mark Ybarra; Catcher - Vega.

Leading players - Ybarra had a double.

The Lions lost to Harper, 4-2, on Monday, March 26. Pitcher Schroeder;

Catcher - Vega. Ozona is 10-5 overall and 3-2 in district play heading into Thursday's game against Center Point. Game time is 6 p.m. at Center Point.



THE OHS LIONS GOLF TEAM won the Christoval Tournament held at Bentwood Country Club on March 21. The team of (back row, left to right) Hunter Smith, Justin Yeager, Dylan Mendoza, Riley Williams, Michael Esparza, (front row, left to right) Jacob Childress and Donovan Hunt are sitting in first place after the first round of the district meet held Monday at Bentwood. Round 2 will be April 2 at Quicksand in San Angelo. Makenna Fox is also competing for the Lady Lions.



THE OMS GOLF TEAM competed at Odessa on Saturday. The team played hard and scored just below placing, said Coach Joe Moore. Pictured are: (left to right) Daniel Hernandez, 58, Carlos Cantu, 60, Adam Hopper, 56, Max Everett, 57, for a team total of 231, and Skylar Lacey, 65, who placed eighth as an individual.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

OHS MEAL NIGHT:

Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

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

MEAL NIGHT:

Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

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

The Youth Center will be CLOSED Friday and Saturday for the Easter Holiday!

Card of Thanks

Thank you to the Board of Directors, participants and sponsors of the 3 on 3 Youth Center Basketball Tournament. A special thank to G.L. Bunger for sponsoring this year's T-Shirts and to Ruben and Christy Cruz for coordinating the event.

\$100.00

.\$175.00

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Summer camps registration open

Registration for summer camps at the Texas 4-H Center at Lake Brownwood, Texas is open.

Camps range from fishing to wildlife, robotics vet science and woodworking adventures, mentoring and

Participants must be in third grade and up. All camp enrollment is based on grade in 2018-2019 school year.

4-H membership is not required.

Pay deposit by June 14 or pay full amount. Late fee 10 percent.

All adult volunteers must enroll as a 4-H volunteer, have verified background check and complete child protection training in 4-H Connect prior to camp.

For dates and camps, visit texas4hcenter.tamu.edu.

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.

HOLIDAY HOURS

The 4-H Office will close at noon Thursday, March 29, and be closed Friday, March 30, for the Good Friday holiday.

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. Like the Facebook page at

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





CCCCSD School Menus

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

Ozona Middle and Ozona High Schools: 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 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.

Thursday, March 29 **Breakfast**

Pancake and Yogurt or PBJ, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch

Pizza Choice, Seasoned Corn, Tiny Tomato Cup, Fruity Gelatin and Milk.

Friday, March 30 and Monday, April 2 No School

Tuesday, April 3 Breakfast

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

French Bread Pizza, Marinara Sauce, Salad, California Blend Veggies, Fruit Cup, Chocolate and Vanilla Pudding and Milk.

Wednesday, April 4 Breakfast

Biscuit, Gravy and Bacon with Scrambled Eggs or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk. Lunch

Texas Chili, Cornbread, Celery Sticks, Carrot Sticks, Orange Smiles, Cookie and Milk.

Thursday, April 5

Breakfast Pancake Wrap and Yogurt or PBJ Sandwich, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.

Mexican Combo Plate, Taco and Tamale, Corn, Salsa, Refried Beans, Spanish Rice (OHS

Lunch only), Lettuce and Tomato, Peaches and Milk.

Friday, April 6 **Breakfast**

Cinnamon Roll and Sausage or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.

Lunch Popcorn Chicken, Oven Fries, Broccoli Bites, Roll, Fruit and Milk.



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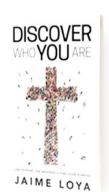
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A TWISTED PIPELINE stretches above Wink Sink No. 1, showing the force of the collapse of tons of dirt.

Large portions of West Texas sinking at alarming rate, new report finds

BY SYDNEY GREENE TEXAS TRIBUNE

Nearly two years after a pair of giant West Texas sinkholes gained national attention, new research in the area shows they likely won't be the last in the region.

A report released Thursday by geophysicists at Southern Methodist University says a 4,000-square-mile area near the "Wink Sinks" is showing signs of alarming instability.

"The ground movement we're seeing is not normal. The ground doesn't typically do this without some cause," SMU geophysicist Zhong Lu said in a statement.

The Wink Sinks — two gaping sinkholes that sit between the small towns of Wink and Kermit atop the largely tapped out Hendrick oilfield — gained national attention in 2016 after a study revealed they were at risk of collapsing into each other as they grew and the land around them sank.

But the new report says the damage could be much more widespread. Over almost three years, researchers tracking geological activity over four oil patch counties in the Permian Basin found that decades of oil activity and its effects on rocks below the earth's surface has contributed to the area's ground sinking and uplifting — including one area where the ground sank almost 40 inches.

The report warns that the area of instability could be larger than the surveyed land — and that the entire region is vulnerable to human activity because of its geology.

"This region of Texas has been punctured like a pincushion with oil wells and injection wells since the 1940s, and our findings associate that activity with ground movement," study co-author Jin-Woo Kim said in a statement.

A previous SMU report focused on the Wink Sinks, warning that they were continuing to grow while the land around them was sinking. Kim said Texans in the area should pay special attention to roads, like FM 1053 near Imperial, that are experiencing rapid sinking.

"When residents take the roads, they may need to be alerted. Also, the rapid subsidence will not be stopped in a few years, creating cracks and potholes," Kim told The Texas Tribune. "Therefore, Texas [Department of Transportation] may need to suspend the use of the roads, or if needed, they have to consider relocating them."

The Texas Department of Transportation could not be reached for comment as of Thursday afternoon.

Cattle Raisers Convention brings record attendance, leadership changes

BY JEREMY FUCHS TEXAS AND SOUTHWESTERN CATTLE RAISERS ASSOCIATION

FORT WORTH. Texas — The 2018 Cattle Raisers Convention wrapped up today at the Fort Worth Convention Center. Attendees from across the state and country gathered to hear industry experts, engage in educational opportunities, connect with other ranchers and browse an enormous trade exposition featuring the latest and greatest products available to cat-

tle raisers. The Cattle Raisers Convention and Expo is the largest ranching event of the year in the Southwestern United States. This year's convention had more than 4,700 people in attendance, a new record for the 141-year-old event.

The event featured programs and activities of interest to cattle raisers, landowners and the general public, with opportunities for everyone to participate.

"If you own land or livestock in Texas or the Southwest, the Cattle Raisers Convention is an excellent investment of your time," said TSCRA outgoing president Richard Thorpe. "The event offers opportunities to furdustry information, make useful business connections and have some fun."

In addition to the trade show, the renowned School for Successful Ranching provided producers an opportunity to gain valuable knowledge from industry experts. Numerous informational sessions were also included throughout the event. Among the highlights were the Washington, D.C. issues update, which was opened by Congressman Steve Scalise and Roger Williams. "Give everyone a shot at the American dream, that's what we're working for" said Whip Scalise in his remarks. The opening session was keynoted by Congressman Mike Conaway, who challenged attendees to continue to "be the keepers of the republic."

The closing general session concluded the 2018 Convention and Expo on Sunday, March 25. That session featured Nick Adams, author of Retaking America: Crushing Political Correctness, who believes that we have the cure for political correctness.

Also, at the convention, TSCRA announced a change in the officers within the board of directors. Following the clos-

ther your education, gain in- ing session, current president Richard Thorpe, of Winters, Texas, will rotate off the officer team after serving as an officer for six years, two of those as president. Robert McKnight, Jr. of Fort Davis, Texas, was elected president and Hughes Abell of Austin, Texas, was elected first vice president. Arthur Uhl of San Antonio, was elected to become the second vice president.

TSCRA has played a critical role in preserving the strength and stability of the Texas cattle industry and the property rights of landowners for the past 141 years," said Thorpe. "It is a great honor to have served as president of this great organization and I know I leave the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association in very capable hands."

"Richard has continually exhibited tremendous passion, dedication and commitment to TSCRA, and more importantly, to the cattle raisers and landowners of Texas, Oklahoma and beyond" said TSCRA incoming president Robert McKnight, Jr. "On behalf of the entire TSCRA board of directors and membership, I would like to sincerely thank Richard Thorpe for his service to the association,"

New Executive Committee members, directors and honorary directors were also selected.

New Executive Committee members are: Stephen Diebel of Victoria, George Harrison of Bay City, and Heath Hemphill of Coleman.

New directors are: Cody Fry of Armstrong, D.A. "Day" Harral of Fort Stockton, James Oliver of Ozona, Gilly Riojas of Hebronville and Jessica Tate of Marfa.

New honorary directors are: Nixon Dillard of Pleasanton, Tom Moorhouse of Benjamin, Rick Peebles of Baytown and M.R. "Mike" Wirtz of Brenham.



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EASTER SERVICESLocal churches will be holding special services and events this week.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will have Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29.

On Friday, March 30, the OLPH Youth will conduct the Live Stations of the Cross at 5 p.m. This will be followed by the Good Friday of the Lord's Passion at 6 p.m. at the church.

On Saturday, March 31, the Resurrection of the Lord Vigil Mass will be held at 8:30 p.m. with confessions at 9 a.m.

On Sunday, April 1, the Resurrection of the Lord Easter Day Easter Vigil Mass will be held at 9 a.m. at Good Shepherd Mission Church in Sheffield and at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Ozona United Methodist Church will host a Good Friday Service at 6 p.m. in the chapel.

Easter Sunday, April 1, the church will have Sunday School at 10 a.m. followed by Worship Service at 11 a.m. The usual 9 a.m. Worship Service will not be held on this day.

On Easter Sunday the children will decorate the cross with fresh flowers. Anyone that has any in their yards are welcome to bring them

The annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt will take place after the 11 a.m. Worship Service. For those participating bring Easter baskets with a dozen plastic eggs. Place baskets in the foyer of the church when you arrive that day.

An Easter Pot Luck Dinner will follow. Meat and rolls will be provided, sidedishes and desserts are needed.

The First Baptist Church will hold a Good Friday Service at 6 p.m. with the Lord's Supper.

Easter Sunday, April 1, Sunday School will be at 9:45 a.m. with Easter Worship Service following at 11 a.m.

New Beginnings Ozona will have a Candlelight Good Friday Service at 7:30 p.m. including communion.

On Saturday, March 31, they will host their Eggstravaganza Easter Egg Hunt at 11 a.m. at the Rodeo Park.

Easter Service will be 10:30 a.m. Sunday, April 1.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF RATE INCREASE

Crockett County Water and Improvement District No. 1 Board of Directors approved a rate increase on March 12, 2018 to cover increases absorbed by the District over the last few years. The last increase was in November 2014.

Current Rate		New Rate	
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Commercial Sanitation will also increase 9%.



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

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Crockett County Appraisal District by April 15, 2018.

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

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

You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of your property. "For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The appraisal district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2018," said Thompson.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15, 2018. If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed. Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a written request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day. The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

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



Texas teens join TxDOT to urge young drivers to buckle up

AUSTIN – Texas teens have an important message for their friends and fellow students: Always buckle up. The message is part of the Texas Department of Transportation's annual "Teen Click It or Ticket" campaign, in partnership with high school students, to urge young drivers and their passengers to wear their seat belts every time they're in a vehicle

"In Texas, 42 percent of all teenagers killed in traffic crashes in 2016 weren't buckled up," said TxDOT Executive Director James Bass. "We know seat belts save lives, but only if motorists use them. We want to make sure this message gets through to teens, and no one knows how to reach teens better than other teens."

Partnering with students from the Texas-based group Teens in the Driver Seat, Tx-DOT's "Teen Click It or Ticket" campaign will reach teens through radio and TV public service announcements, social media and peer-to-peer outreach at statewide high schools. The initiative kicks off Thursday with an entirely student-run press conference at Memorial High School in Houston.

Teens also will lead interactive events at high

schools and sporting events this spring to convince their peers that seat belts are their best defense against being killed or badly injured in a crash. A mangled truck involved in a rollover crash will be on display at each event. Two Texas teens survived that crash with only minor scratches thanks to their seat belts. The campaign also will offer teens the digital experience of wearing virtual reality goggles to test their reaction times.

"Research from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration tells us that new teen drivers are twice as likely to be in a fatal crash as adults," said Bryce Cunningham, co-chair of the Teens in the Driver Seat national Teen Advisory Board and a senior at Chisum High School in Paris, Texas. "It just doesn't make any sense to not wear your seat belt when you're in a vehicle."

In Texas in 2016, one in five vehicle crashes involved a teen driver. Of the 269 teen drivers and passengers killed in crashes that year, 114 were unbuckled.

Texas law requires drivers and all passengers to wear a seat belt. Unbuckled drivers and passengers — even those in the back seat — face fines and court costs up to \$200.

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- 2. If commissioner's court approves the 1-10 Project, I will immediately petition to revert it back to a 2-way upon its completion if that is what Precinct 4 wants me to do.
- 3. I will implement a 15-20 mph speed limit on Pecan Street with the appropriate signs and work with commissioners court and the sheriffs department to help control the traffic. No speed bumps.

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Texans reminded to stay vigilant, report suspicious activity state should always report AUSTIN - In the wake of

the recent bomb explosions in Texas that have killed two and injured several other victims, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is urging all Texans to remain vigilant and to immediately report any suspicious activity to authorities. If a situation requires an emergency response, call 911.

Do NOT approach any unknown or suspicious packages or items - keep a safe distance and notify the authorities immediately.

Anyone with information related to the recent bomb explosions is urged to contact the TIPS Hotline 512-472-TIPS (8477)or 1-800-893-TIPS (8477).Tips can also be submitted online via Austin Police Department's free mobile app (on iPhone and Android). provide Individuals who information may remain anonymous and could collect reward money. For information about the ongoing investigation and reward money being offered, visit the FBI website.

Here are some examples of behaviors/activities that Texans anywhere in the

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- · Chemical smells or fumes that are unusual for the location.
- · People requesting sensitive information, such as blueprints, security plans or VIP travel schedules, without a need to know.
- · Purchasing supplies that could be used to make bombs or weapons, or purchasing uniforms without having the proper creden-

· Taking photographs or videos of security features, such as cameras or checkpoints.

Texans throughout the state can report suspicious activity to their local law enforcement or through iWATCH (Texas' suspicious activity reporting program) - either online or by calling in an anonymous report at 1-844-643-2251.

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Game Warden Field Notes

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls

Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints 4 911 medical/fire assistance 10 Civil complaints 5 Civil documents served 2 Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise 12 Juvenile/School Motorist assist/ locked vehicle Reckless driving/ speeding complaints 5 Minor/major traffic accidents 2 Alarms

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument at the Sonic.

 Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Avenue F.

 Sheriff's deputies arrested Sarah Ramirez, of Ozona, for possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

argument on Diablo.

· Sheriff's deputies arrested Rocky Matthew Munoz, of Ozona, for public intoxication, evading arrest and resisting arrest. Subject was arraigned and sent to Upton County.

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Gary D'Wayne Moore, of Austin, for out of county warrants. Subject was arraigned and is awaiting transport. 3-24-18

• Sheriff's deputies removed an unwanted subject from the main Stripes Store.

· Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal

- · Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud
- music call on Man 0 War Street.
- · Sheriff's deputies took a report of a broken window at a residence on 5th Street.
- · Sheriff's deputies arrested Matthew Ray Gore, Dayton, Texas, for assault. Subject is awaiting arraignment.

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The basics of writing a business plan, how to estimate startup costs, contacts and resources and more will be covered.

Participants will also receive an "Essentials of Starting a New Business" Workbook, and a "Starting a Business in San Angelo" guide.

This seminar is free.

For more information, or to register, call (325) 942-2098 or visit www.sbdc.angelo.edu.

Correction

In the March 21 edition, we reported Jesus Perez Jr. was from Big Lake. This was according to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety. His family has informed us that he has been a resident of Ozona for four years. We apologize for the error.

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in February, marking 20 consecutive months of employ-

Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate remained unchanged at 4.0 percent in February and remains below the U.S. unemployment rate of 4.1 percent. Industries noted for adding jobs in February included professional and business services, 13,200 positions; followed by trade, transportation and utilities, 11,800 jobs; and mining and logging, 6,500 positions.

TXDOT: BUCKLE UP, TEENS The Texas Department of Transportation on March 19 posted a message urging

teen-agers to "always buckle up.' The message is part of TxDOT's annual "Teen Click It or Ticket" campaign, conducted in partnership with high school students, to urge young drivers and their passengers to wear their seat

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According to statistics compiled by TxDOT, in Texas in 2016, one in five vehicle crashes involved a teen driver. Of the 269 teen drivers and passengers killed in crashes that year, 114 were unbuckled.

AG ASKS PROGRAM REVIEW

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 22 sent a letter to U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar asking him to reverse the Obama administration's exclusion of Texas from programs that provide family planning and related preventive health services to low-income women across the state.

Paxton wrote that in 2013 the Obama administration removed Texas from the eligible list of Title X program recipients because it refused to provide taxpayer funds to abortion providers.

"A precursor to participation in federal programs should not be an uncompromising commitment to abortion providers. The freedom of conscience should never be demoted to second-class status among our civil liberties," Paxton added.

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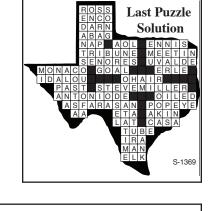
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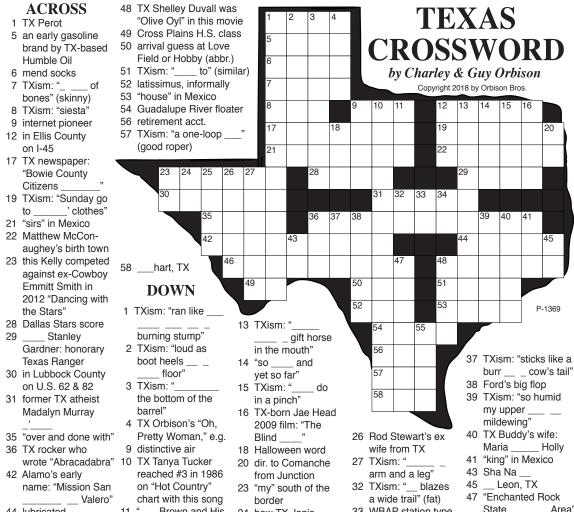
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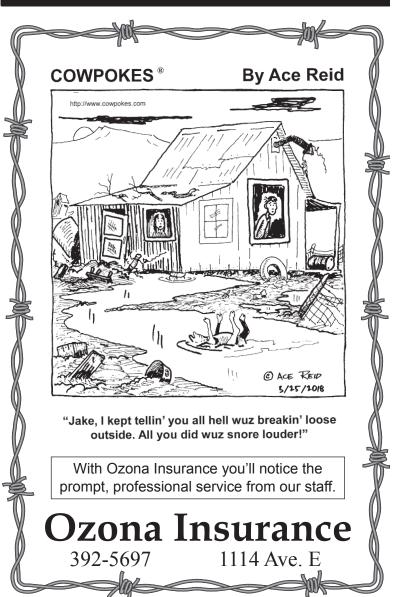
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