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# DPS Troopers will be seen on Ozona Campuses

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OZONA, TEXAS

As the new school year begins, students and teachers will soon see some new personnel walking the halls of Ozona campuses.

During the Aug. 15 Crockett County CCSD School Board heard from Texas Department of Public Safety Sergeant Brian Benny about how DPS Troopers will be patrolling the halls at Ozona school sporting events.

This is part of a statewide effort to improve school safe-Abbott called for districts to increase the presence of law enforcement.

Superintendent Raul Chavarria said the increase in visibility by the DPS will be at all schools statewide.

buildings, as well as at school presence of our DPS and will add to what the Crockett County Sheriff's Department has been doing. The ty. In his School and Firearm presence of law enforcement Safety Action Plan, Gov. Greg at our schools increases the with us being there, our prescomfort level of us all," Chavarria said.

Benny, who was born and raised on Big Lake, said that most people think "it's unheard of" that an active shooter situation might hap-

"CCCCSD welcomes the pen in Ozona. However, he told the board that four months ago, Uvalde had students that were planning an active shooting.

> "It can happen. I think ence, might help," Benny said. "We feel like it's important to be seen. My troopers will be walking the schools. We will be at football games. Teachers will be seeing us, kids seeing us."

Benny said he has seven DPS Troopers in Ozona.

"The sheriff's office is busy. We're busy, but we don't have a choice," Benny said. "I have to keep tabs on my guys. People won't know when we are coming and going. It's going to be random." Benny said the DPS, along with the Crockett County Sheriff's Office, participated

PLEASE SEE **COURT,** PAGE 5

# School board filing ends with no contested races

Filing for the Crockett County CCSD School Board Nov. 6 Election ended Monday, Aug. 20.

All three current school board members filed for reelection and did not receive any opponents.

Those members are: Roland DeHoyos, single member district 3, Ryan Bean, SMD 4 and Dwight Childress, SMD 5.

# The school year begins



MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN THE LOZANO and GARZA FAMILIES walk Kierlyn Lozano (left with bow) to her first day of Pre-K and Drew Garza to his first day of Kindergarten on Tuesday at Ozona Elementary School.

CCCCSD state rating doesn't tell full story

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County CCSD received their grade last week from the latest 2018

For the first time, Texas graded schools under an A-F rating system that state officials argue will be more transparent.

Despite all three Ozona campuses receiving the highest rating possible of "Met Standard," and Ozona High School and Ozona Middle School receiving distinction designations, the district as a whole received a "C" rating from TEA.

"I do want to point out that we are not satisfied with our rating. Although we passed overall, we strive for our students to excel. I want to commend our kids and staff for the excellent work they are doing. Our students are showing growth in all ar-

PLEASE SEE **RATINGS**, PAGE 5

# Wellness center hosts grand opening, ribbon cutting



THE J. CLEO THOMPSON WELLNESS CENTER and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce hosted a grand opening and ribbon cutting ceremony on Aug. 16. County officials, chamber board members and ambassadors and residents and guests, including members of the Thompson Family, attended.

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF 070NA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

County officials, Chamber Board of Directors, ambassadors, and a large number of residents all gathered at a Ribbon Cutting ceremony held Thursday, Aug. 16, for the J. Cleo Thompson Wellness Center.

"On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, we thank you all for responding and coming out today to help the Chamber welcome a new business and its services to Ozona, and to celebrate the opening of the J. Cleo Thompson Wellness Center" said Chamber President,

Shanon Biggerstaff. "I would like to introduce the staff of the J. Cleo Thompson Wellness Center that I have become to love and appreciate so much, Jim Fish, webmaster and nutritionist, Melissa Lozano, trainer and fitness instructor, Zeke Martinez, health and wellness coach, and Elva Vasquez, house keeper and maintenance. We are becoming a close and diverse team with a lot to offer," said Stormi Oglesby, Director.

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Triple C LUMBER INC. OZONA LIONS SCRIMMAGE COAHOMA 5 P.M. THURSDAY AT COAHOMA



# Beginning Sept. 21, consumers can freeze their credit reports

In this digital age, we use technology to access all areas of our life. Everything from Google home and Alexa controlling our thermostat to online banking. Because of this more and more of our personal information is subject to online predictors. At this point, we have to work to protect ourselves. The Federal Trade Commission has helped us to implement procedures to assist in keeping our information safe.

In May, a new federal law, Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act was passed. Beginning Sept. 21, you will be able to Freeze

your credit file. You will be able to contact each of the three major credit reporting agencies and direct them to



**BUSINESS TIPS** 

DEZARAY JOHNSON

place a freeze on your credit file. This will be a free service with no charge to the consumer. Once your credit report is frozen it will restrict the access which makes it harder for identity thieves to open new credit accounts or make purchases under a false identity.

If you have a freeze on your credit information it will not be accessible to run a credit check. So if you have a freeze on your account you will have to submit a request to unfreeze the information if you are wanting

to make a purchase that will require a credit check. The process of unfreezing your information is also laid out in the new bill. The three major credit reporting agencies are required to unfreeze your account at your request at no cost.

The time frame for freezing and unfreezing is relatively fast. Credit reporting agencies are required to place the requested freeze on your account no later than one business day following the day of the request. If you are ready to make

a purchase and your credit report is frozen you will have to make a request to unfreeze. The unfreezing process should take effect within an hour of the request being made.

As a consumer, this process will help keep you safe. As for businesses, this process will take some adjustments in the process of filling out credit applications and closing sales. Your sales team should be coached on how to have these conversations with potential customers and be able to effectively communicate how

long a sale will take when using a credit application. In accordance with the new law credit reporting agencies are required to have online portals to assist consumers in making these requests online in a timely fashion. These online methods are scheduled to be available by Sept. 21, when the law takes effect.

"BUSINESS TIPS" was written by Dezaray Johnson, Certified Business Advisor of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at dezaray.johnson@angelo.edu.

# The Stockman has an app

■he Ozona Stockman has an app. That's right, not only can you now find your local news in print and on our website at www.ozon astockman.com, you can now have easier access on your phone through our new app.

With the new app, you can access breaking news, local news, sports and photos. The app is available for both Apple and Android devices.

The app is essentially an extension of The Stockman's website providing the same news and articles

However, one of the unique features of the app is the ability to receive breaking news alerts to your mobile device, by allowing the app to send you push notifications on your phone.

This feature will allow The Stockman to get breaking news, local sports updates and other alerts out to the public quickly.

Some of those alerts can be as simple as school starting yesterday, or reminding parents about upcoming

school events. It also alert the public to other news, such as when jury duty is canceled, weather delays school or work, or how the Lions played Friday night.

As a weekly paper, we do have a bit of a disadvantage in that when news breaks, we can't immediately get it in our print edition. With digital formats like our website and app, the Stockman can daily provide the news of Crockett County to its readers.

I know many of you all are asking, "Don't you already do that on your Facebook and Twitter pages?

Yes, we do, and we will continue to do that. However, with Facebook and Twitter constantly changing how people see things on their newsfeed, we felt like it was time to expand.

Many people have also told us, they don't look at Facebook or Twitter, but they do look at apps, or push notifications from apps.

This is why we decided to expand our digital coverage. While our print product is still our main priority, we are continually looking to the future. We know the majority of people, especially

from their phones. As times change, so must we change if we are going to keep up and keep readers informed.

young people, get their news

As journalists we play an



WHAT'S ON

**MY MIND** 

MELISSA PERNER

ty Commissioners' Court meetings.

In fact, the Stockman was the only place where readers

essential role

in informing

the public. No

let reports on

other news out-

Ozona's school

board meetings

as much as

we do, or our

Crockett Coun-

could read about county employees attending two meetings to ask for raises.

It's our job at the Stockman to not only write about what our local officials are doing, but to also report on our local students and their involvement in sports and academics.

We also report community news, such as workshops, the Feeding Ozona program, what's going on at our local Senior Center and, just last week, the grand opening of our new wellness center.

We're not the enemy of the people and we do not print "fake news." We work hard to put out the best newspaper each week and to daily keep readers informed of everything going on in Crockett County.

Do we write articles that people disagree with? Sure we do. Do we get criticized on social media, in letters and to our face? Sure we do.

That's part of our job to bring your articles that may make you uncomfortable, upset or call us "unfair."

Our readers should know what our county officials and school officials are doing. They should know what happens in our local courts, where their money is being spent and how much.

They should know why our school district received the grade it did from the state, and why it's in a budget

crunch. We care about these issues because we are your neighbors. We're taxpayers, we worship beside you at church and we volunteer alongside you in our fire department and local organizations.

Anyone with ideas on how to enhance our app, can call me at (325) 392-2551 or email melissa@ozonastockman.com.

What are you waiting for? Get the app, support local journalism and stay informed about what's going on in Crockett County.

> MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman.

# A Losing Battle

We've turned the corner on beef consumption and it's back on the rise after more than a decade of falling like a sack of hammers. I attribute beef's decline to the plethora of diets urging folks to skip the meat in favor of melba toast, coffee enemas and colonic cleansings.

Sometimes it seems like half the world is starving to death while the other half is on a diet. It is estimated that 80% of ten year old girls in this country are on some sort of diet. And they have so many to choose from. There's the diets named after places where no one is fat, like the Hollywood, Beverley Hills, Scarsdale and South Beach diets. A lot of good the Scarsdale diet did its inventor, Herman Tarnower, whose so called "friend" lost 185 pounds of lover when she murdered Herman, probably because he made her eat too many pineapple chunks with cottage cheese and kept telling her how fat she was.

We also had the no-white-food diet, eat only when hungry diet, the milk diet, and the drinking man's diet, which consisted of martinis and whipped cream. Actually, the drinking man's diet has been with us for centuries because in 1087 William the Conqueror only consumed alcohol in order to lose weight. Forever after he was known as William the Drunk.

Most of the diets were dreamed up by doctors who had something to sell and wanted to appear on Oprah. (She purchased Weight Watchers not long ago,



IT'S THE **PITTS** 

LEE PITTS

Weight Watchers cream puffs.) There were diet books by Robert Atkins, The Doctor's Weight Loss Book by Dr. Irwin Stillman, and the No Breakfast Plan by Dr. Edward Hooker Dewey. Some people got seriously rich from fat, like Jennie Craig, and the people behind Nutri-Systems and Metrecal, which was all the rage when I was a kid. And in 1961 Royal Crown Cola introduced the first diet soft drink,

Diet Rite, which started a flood of diet drinks. I had an uncle who was hooked on Diet Rite and he offered me a taste one time. That was over 50 years ago and I still haven't got the bad taste out of my mouth.

There's a long history of folks creating new food in order to get rich. In the 1830's Reverand Sylvester Graham said being fat made people full of lust and so he invented Graham Crackers as a solution. The Good Reverand was known as "Dr. Sawdust" after that. When Dr. Harvey Kellogg became a Doctor at the Battle Creek Sanatorium in Michigan he pushed a vegetarian diet and invented granola and toasted flakes of grain to help patients lose weight. We now refer to them as Corn Flakes and the company as Kelloggs.

minced meat and water to help people lose weight, thus giving us the Salisbury Steak.

There were diet gadgets too, like the fork that lit up when too much food was on it, a headband that filled your brain with negative thoughts about food when you sat down to eat, and a suit you filled with crushed ice which was supposed to burn calories by increasing metabolism.

Some of the diets the quacks came up with were deadly. In 1976 Dr. Robert Linn invented "The Last Chance Diet" and for many who drank his protein drinks it was. There were 58 deaths associated with the drink before it was pulled from shelves. In the 1980's The Cambridge Diet, so named because a Cambridge professor heartily endorsed it, was a pyramid scheme that caused at least 30 people to have heart attacks.

Although I don't need to lose any weight I have considered writing a diet book as a way to get rich. Among the titles I've toyed with are: "The Prison Diet: Living on bread and water on death row while waiting for Old Sparky to warm up; The Beer Diet: how to lose weight by switching from craft beer to Coors Light; The Bangladesh Diet: Go live there for two months. And my favorite: The Mob Diet. Two Chicago hit men will come to your house, beat you up so your jaws have to be wired shut and you'll have to drink out of a straw for six months.

I guarantee you'll lose weight.

# Texas Education Agency releases two sets of ratings

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

AUSTIN — The Texas Education Agency on Aug. 15 released 2018 campus accountability ratings and, for the first time ever, A-F district accountability ratings.

More than 8,700 independent school campuses received a rating of Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard or Improvement Required. Some 7,260 public school campuses and 558 charters were rated Met Standard or Met Alternative Standard, while 293 public school campuses and 56 charters were rated Improvement Required. Some 86 campuses would have received an Improvement Required rating but were affected by Hurricane Harvey to an extent that they were labeled Not Rated: Harvey Provision. Also, 506 campuses received a Not Rated label for reasons other than Hurricane Harvey.

Top performers lauded Some 153 Texas school districts and district charters received an "A" rating under the A-F state accountability system, Education Commissioner Mike Morath announced.

"Achieving an A rating reflects the hard work and commitment of everyone within a school district, starting with our classroom teachers," Morath said. "We should all celebrate the outstanding work of these dedicated educators. Districts with high levels of poverty who attain this high level of performance are proof positive that poverty is not destiny. With strong instruction and curriculum, all students can succeed."

The A-F ratings are based numerical grades in three areas:

 Student Achievement, showing how much students know and are able to do at the end of the school year;

 School Progress, showing how students perform over time and how that growth compares to similar schools; and

— Closing the Gaps, showing how well different student groups within a school are performing.

School and school district report cards can be viewed at TXschools.org.

## **PAXTON PRAISES 5TH CIRCUIT**

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Aug. 16 commended a panel of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 5th Circuit for upholding a lower court's dismissal of a lawsuit by three University of Texas at Austin faculty members.

The UT professors challenged Senate Bill 11, the campus carry law, claiming that the legislation passed by the Texas Legislature in 2015 would have a "chilling effect" and stifle discussion in their

classrooms. SB 11 took effect Aug. 1, 2016.

"The right to keep and bear arms is guaranteed for all Americans, including college students, and the 5th Circuit's decision prevents that right from being stripped away by three individuals who oppose the law enacted by the Legislature," Pax-PLEASE SEE STATE, PAGE 8



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# CORRECTIONS

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# **CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS**

# Babb represents Crockett County at Texas Sheep and Goat Expo

Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador, Taylor Babb, represented Crockett County at the Texas Sheep and Goat Expo in San Angelo on Aug. 17.

At the "Path To The Plate" session, Taylor conducted a live demonstration of Cabrito Bell Peppers highlighting the nutritional benefits of goat meat and bell peppers, as well as the proper way to chop a bell pepper, and food safety.

Anyone interested in becoming a Healthy Texas Youth Ambassador, contact Kailey. Positions are available for high school students willing to be trained and conduct educational programs.

The next recruitment period begins in 2019, but it's never too early to start talking about it.

## LAMB AND GOAT S **TATE VALIDATION TAGS**

4-H Livestock Exhibitors, contact the Crockett County Extension Office to let them know how many Lamb and Goat State Validation Tags you will be needing for the 2019 major stock show sea-

Tag order are due Friday, Aug. 24.

For more information, call (325) 392-2721.

**FUTURE EVENTS** 



HEALTHY TEXAS YOUTH AMBASSADOR TAYLOR BABB represented Crockett County at the Texas Sheep and Goat Expo on Aug. 17 in San Angelo. Taylor conducted a live cooking demonstration.

Aug. 28 - Community Service and Leadership Applications are due to the office.

Sept. 11 - 4-H Achievement Banquet at 6 p.m.

Sept. 22 - 4-H will work the concession stand for the West Texas Rehab event from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Please let office staff know if you can help.

# **4-H OFFICE**

The Crockett County 4-H Office can be reached at (325) 392-2721.

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# **TEXT REMINDERS**

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Makayla Badillo, Juanita Sandate, Jason Santiago, Ben English, Jared Spence and Lisa G. Gonzalez

Allison Skehan, Ray Ramos Jr., Cody Gotcher, Rianne Martinez, Mayra Rios, Virginia Cotton, Josh Knaack and Madalyn Harris

Aug. 25 - Matthew Delgado, Margie Diaz, Tell

# **Thursday, August 23**

Wednesday, August 22

• Crockett County Commissioners' Court Public Hearing on the 2018

• Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center

Proposed Tax Rate, 5:30 p.m. at the courthouse annex

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

• Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR** 

- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center
- OHS JV and Varsity Lions scrimmage Coahoma, 5 p.m. at Coahoma
- Military Veteran Peer Network Support Training, 6-8 p.m. at 509 11th St.

# Friday, August 24

• Jewelry Making, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center

# Saturday, August 25

- OHS Cross-Country Teams at Sonora
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center

# Monday, August 27

- CCCCSD School Board Final Budget Workshop, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building
- OHS Band Practice, 7-9 p.m. at Lion Stadium

# **Tuesday, August 28**

- Community Service and Leadership Applications due at the 4-H Office
- Exercise with Niki, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OHS Band Practice, 7-9 p.m. at Lion Stadium

# Wednesday, August 29

- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

# **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

Aug. 22 - Alonso Quiroz. Edward Borrego, Wendy Tambunga and Albert Talaman-

Aug. 23 - Kevin Vargas,

Aug. 24 - Alex Delgado,

Churchill, Joe Torres, Hilda

Carrasco, Stefani Bush, Lupe Castro, Carol Adcock, JoAnn Babbitt and Jim Couch

Aug. 26 - Stockton Bean, Amy Conner, Bryan Skehan, Shelby Kathryn Wilson and Chris Sanchez

Aug. 27 - Brenda Talamantez, Mark Marshall, Chad Poindexter, Jacob Santiago, Serria Rodriquez, Bryce Anthony Gray, Juan M. Castro and Nancy Rodriguez

Aug. 28 - Mylin Hernandez, Gabe Longoria III, Johnny Porras Jr., Connie Fowler, Annie Luna, Weston Fay and Marcus Badillo

# **CENTER:** from page 1

"There have been a number of people and organizations involved in getting the center open wno i would like to thank. Randy Huggins with O'Connell Robertson and Sarah Luna, project manager, Jim Barns, Sam Blundt, and Joe D. Fuller with Lyness Construction, Chip Thomas with Marathon Fitness, Total Office Solutions, NewQuest, Ozona Broadband and Cable. Ozona Stockman, and so many more! The county commissioner's and all of the county employees that have been so patient and kind helping me learn how the system works. I have a newfound respect for every person that works for Crockett county and what it takes to make it run efficiently and how much effort and hard work goes into that.

My board of directors have been amazing and instrumental throughout this entire process and thank you to the Thompson's (Dorothy, Christie. and Linda) for the generous and much appreciated donation of the land. Without these ladies this possibly would not have happened. I hope this facility would have made Jimmie proud and are so happy you were able to be here today.

Finally, a special and well deserved thank you to the woman who has made this vision and much needed facility become reality, Shirley Kirby. Her persistence and tenacity paid off in the end. It has been a true inspiration to know that through the years of adversity and one shut door after another she never once gave up. I am honored to have been a part of





WELLNESS CENTER DIRECTOR STORMI OGLESBY thanks everyone for coming to the Aug. 16 grand opening and ribbon cutting and also thanks everyone who made the wellness center possible.

than a jog on a treadmill or lifting weights. It's a balance, not only physically but emotionally and spiritually. No

Wellness is much more

this experience with her.

matter one's age, gender, or situation the mind, body, and soul need to be fed with something positive. This wellness center allows our community a place to come whether for a workout or a cup of coffee and a conversation. We are a support system and a stepping stone for reaching goals, re-

lieving stress, and simply doing something nice for yourself which everyone deserves.

The J. Cleo Thompson Wellness Center is located at 103 Medical Drive and open Monday through Friday from 5-9 a.m., and Saturday from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Pool hours are Monday through Friday from 5:30 a.m.- 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:30 a.m.- noon.

Facility amenities include Precor equipment treadmills, elliptical machines, recumbent bikes, dual muscle group weight machines and free weights. Additional accessories include balls, bands, steps, mats and kettle bells.

The center includes an indoor pool, refreshment area. exercise room with mirrors, walking trail, locker rooms, handicap accessible showers and a variety of classes for all

To learn more about the J. Cleo Thompson Wellness Center, its services or to become a member. call (325) 392-4620 or visit www.ozonawellness.com

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# "The President is Missing"

by Bill Clinton and James Patterson

"The Outsider" by Stephen King "Cottage by the Sea"

by Debbie Macomber

"The Perfect Couple" by Elin Hilderbrand

"All We Ever Wanted"

by Emily Griffin

"When Life Gives You

Lululemons"

by Lauren Weisberger "Before We Were Yours"

by Lisa Wingate

"The Good Fight"

by Danielle Steel "There There"

by Tommy Orange "The Woman in the Window"

by A.J. Finn

# **Non-Fiction**

 "Astrophysics For People In A Hurry" by Neil deGrasse Tyson

# what family built the first home in Crockett County? **FIND** OUT AT THE CROCKETT COUNTY HISTORY FEST Saturday, September 15 9:00 a.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center

Sponsored by the Crockett County Historical Commission

# **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-

#### **AUGUST 22**

Beef steak fingers, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, corn O'Brien, wheat bread, plums, milk. **AUGUST 23** 

Hamburger patty, wheat hamburger bun, baked beans, oven baked French fries, lettuce, tomato, onion, mustard, apple slices,

## **AUGUST 24**

Beef tips, brown gravy, fluffy rice, stewed tomatoes, cornbread, mandarin oranges, milk.

**AUGUST 27** Breaded pork chop, navy beans, carrots, wheat bread, apricots,

## **AUGUST 28**

Rosemary chicken breast, yam patties, French cut green beans, biscuit, pineapple chunks, milk.

## **AUGUST 29**

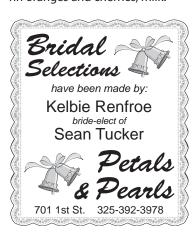
Beef stroganoff, parsley noodles, Brussels sprouts, saltine crackers, angel food cake, strawberry topping, milk.

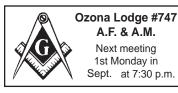
# **AUGUST 30**

Salisbury steak with gravy, herb roasted potatoes, broccoli cauliflower medley, dinner roll, cinnamon apples, milk.

#### **AUGUST 31**

Coconut chicken, fried rice, oriental vegetables, vegetable egg roll, honey mustard sauce, mandarin oranges and cherries, milk.





# You think oatmeal is safe, think again

courts.

Scott

dent, told

The New

last week

that hun-

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validated

the safety of glyphosate and

that it doesn't cause cancer.

He called the Environmental

"They have an agenda," he

said. "They are fear-monger-

The products tested by the

EWG showed levels dramati-

cally lower than current EPA

standard for glyphosate. For

example, the amount allowed

in grains is 30 parts per mil-

lion. Most of the products

tested by the group showed

glyphosate levels that mea-

California, which is known

for its robust cancer warn-

ings, has determined that

there is a one in 100,000 risk

of cancer from glyphosate

when more than 1.1 milli-

grams is consumed per day.

The Environmental Working

Group says it has calculated

a 1 in 1 million risk if more

than 0.1 milligram is con-

sumed and a similar risk for

children if even 0.01 milli-

However, California regula-

tors are taking a pivotal step

toward requiring Roundup to

come with a warning label. The

state's Office of Environmen-

tal Health Hazard Assessment

announced Monday, June 26,

2017, that the weed killer's

main ingredient, glyphosate,

will be listed in July as a chem-

The worst offenders were

Quaker Oats products, which

regularly clocked in at 400

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Working Group an activist

studies had

Glyphosate is the active ingredient in Monsanto's Roundup, the most heavily used pesticide in the United

It is widely used for growing "Roundup Ready" GMO oats, corn, wheat, soybeans, sugar beets, and other ingredients of highly processed foods.

It is not surprising that residues remain in products made from these GMO ingredients. However, Monsanto strongly disputes the finding that glyphosate is a probable carcinogen.

Several popular breakfast foods, including cereals, granola bars and instant oats, were found to contain potentially dangerous amounts of cancerlinked glyphosate, the main ingredient in the weed killer.

The Environmental Working Group (EWG), an environmental advocacy organization that conducted the study, said Wednesday, Aug. 15, that glyphosate was found in all but five of 29 oatbased foods that were tested.

Roundup is the nation's most heavily used pesticide. Monsanto notes that over four decades the EPA has consistently supported the safe and effective use of glyphosate.

Every year, according to the EWG, more than 250 million pounds of glyphosate is sprayed on American crops.

The World Health Organization has determined that glyphosate is "probably carcinogenic to humans." The Environmental Protection Agency has set a safety level for the chemical.

Just last week, Monsanto was ordered by a court to pay nearly \$300 million to a grounds keeper who alleged his use of the weed killer on the job had given him cancer, specifically due to his exposure to Roundup.

Hundreds of other cases are working their way



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organization.

through the or more glyphosate parts per billion, the group said. A single packet of Quaker's Partridge, a dinosaur eggs instant oatmeal contains more than Monsanto three times the group's daily vice presisafe limit for children, and there are concerns for all the "Roundup Ready" GMO York Times grains used to manufacture all breakfast cereals.

Alexis Temkin, an EWG toxicologist and author of the glyphosate in breakfast foods study, said the research was prompted by a U.S. Food and Drug Administration official at a 2016 conference mentioning the development of methods to determine glyphosate levels in food products, and noting it was being found in oat products.

FDA emails obtained under the federal Freedom of Information Act also showed references to glyphosate being found in several foods... but none of the information had been made public, she said.

Glyphosate is bitterly debated around the world and Monsanto appears too big to fight for many individual consumers. If you are feeling like you are at the mercy of corporate domination, you can vote your conscious by simply not buying or indulging in their products.

If we are to "Let medicine be thy food, and food be thy medicine," as Hippocrates advised some 2700 years ago, it would stand to reason that our food should be beyond reproach and not to be compromised for profit.

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# **OBITUARIES**

# Stanley P. Najar Jr.

Stanley P. Najar Jr. was born in Ozona, Texas on September 18, 1942. He went to be with the Lord on August 17, 2018 in the comfort of his own home. He was preceded in death by his Mother, Patsy Najar and his wife, Mary R. Najar.

Survivors include his Father, Stanley Najar Sr. of Ozona, his sister Aurora P. Najar of Ozona, two sons, Stan Najar III of Ozona, Rodney and Haley Najar of San Antonio, three daughters, Mylene Najar and Jim Kaiser of Watauga, Texas, Marisa Najar of Ozona, and Dawn Hanson of Austin, one grandson, Stanton Najar and Lindsey Gallegos of Okatie. S.C., two granddaughters, Lauren Najar and Eli Treto of Ozona, Chelsey Najar of San Antonio, seven great-grandchildren, all of whom he loved dearly, Inesia Najar, Ceigan Najar, Alex Najar, Sienna Najar, Adelina Najar, Navaya Najar, all of Okatie, S.C. and Anaya Treto of Ozona.

Services were held Tuesday, Aug. 21, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Hospice of San Angelo, (325) 658-6524, or www.westtexasrehab.org: In Memory of: Stanley P. Najar Jr.; Acknowledgment: The Najar Family - PO Box 573 - Ozona, Texas 76943. Online condolences can be made at: www.kerbowfuneralhome.com.

# FROM THE PULPIT...

# License to sin?

Romans 3:8 "And not rather, (as we be slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say,) Let us do evil, that good may come? whose damnation is just."

The last time I checked, everyone was doing an amazingly good job at sinning without permission. Every time we sin, we do so without a license and humans don't require the assistance of the grace of God to sin. If I wanted to sin freely, I would never hang around God, I would run as fast and far from Him as I could.

I don't want grace as a license to sin, I want grace because I sin way too much. I don't want the grace of God so I can sin without restraint. I want it because, as a dumb sheep, it affords me the ability to follow my Good Shepherd's voice.

So, how does one preach the marvelously scandalous grace of God without it sounding like a license to sin? You don't, because you can't. Someone has said that if our preaching of grace doesn't sound like a license to sin, then we have not truly preached the gospel.

Christ died for sinners, and i nave never met a iost man or woman, who upon hearing the gospel of the grace of God for the first time, have



PASTOR TOM SLOAN and wife MONA

accused it of being a license to sin. But sadly, I have met many a religiously clean person who happily labels God's unconditional grace as nothing more than heresy. Look, God only offers His grace to those who are not confused about their need.

So, while the awesomely redeeming grace of God may sound horribly dangerous to certain folks, it is the best and safest news this sinner has ever heard.

grace?

TOM SLOAN is the pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in Ozona, Texas.

Chiapas, Mexico. Mona and Tom have been married being 22 and the youngest being 10.

# A LOOK AT WOMEN'S MAGAZINES

Last week I was standing in a checkout line of a major grocery store when I happened to notice a number of different magazines. As I stood there looking at the different covers I noticed several topics or recurring themes. There were some that mentioned romance and others that mentioned food and meal preparation but two major themes seemed to be the clothes they wore or attire and the shape or weight of their body. There were all kinds of articles on how to lose this or how to lose that. Other article majored on dress and how to make you more appealing. The undertone of most of the articles was how to make you more attractive or appealing to men. Women used to have a dress code or standard but today it seems to have been thrown out the window. The Bible has a lot to say about women's dress and beauty. Women can dress and behave improperly, (Isaiah 3:16-23). Christian women should not let our culture or the world dictate their style of dress. They should dress in a way that pleases God, (1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Peter 3:1-5). There is a special beauty that women can have and it is not just external, (1 Timothy 2:9&10). God created women special but they are to dress and behave in a special way and men are to treat them with honor, (1Peter 3:7) See you in Church next Sunday.

## **Apostolic Church** 1908 Santa Anna St. **Pastor Refugio Vega** Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m.

# Friendship Baptist Church

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

# **Faith Lutheran Church** 802 1st St. **Pastor Tom Baden**

# Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

**First Baptist Church** 

#### 901 Ave. D **Pastor Mark Fricke** Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Youth - 6:00 p.m. - Wednesdays K.I.D.S. - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays

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

# Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O'War St.

Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Martes: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6 p.m.

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

# Wed. Service: 6 p.m. **New Beginnings Ozona** "church...but different"

354 Highway 163 South **Pastor JC Cantu** Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. www.newbeginningsozona.com

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# **Ozona Church of Christ**

1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins

Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m. Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

# **Ozona United Methodist Church**

**Pastor Leigh Lloyd** 9 a.m. Informal Worship, Fellowship Hall 10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages 11 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

#### **Templo Bautista Jerusalem** 138 Blas St.

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.

### **Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church** 2121 Santa Rosa St.

Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Family Service: 6:30 p.m.

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Mona and Tom have been missionaries in Mexico since 1994. She was raised in a preacher's home in Ausfor 24 years and they have five children with the oldest

# **OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

# Jewelry making Friday

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Hope all of you are having a wonderful week. Time is passing fast. School has started and all the teams are practicing and getting ready for the first game. We had a nice slow rain over the weekend and everything is really green and beautiful. The wellness center is open and is really something wonderful to see. It's always fun to see something new bring some life to our little town. Drop by and see it for yourself. We should be proud of this addition. It will keep us healthy and strong.

We did try the jewelry fixing on Friday at 10 a.m. If you have broken jewelry or something that you don't like anymore, bring it with you and we can all work together to get it fixed. I have some tools to work with and a piece of material to spread it out on and the thread to string it on and you can have a new piece of jewelry to wear. Lisa and I have tried it and had a really good time. Come join in!

Please use the new exit on the south side of the center. It is a little hard to see, but it is the crossing that is across from Avenue D. It has been paved so it is really smooth. The exit in from of the center is dangerous because of truck traffic. There will be signs put up on this new entrance shortly. We do not want any of you to be in an accident leaving this facility. Please pay closer attention to traffic when leaving from town. Remember there is a curve there that blocks vision until it is too late.

We had a visit from the Concho Valley Community Action Agency which is the agency that helps you with Utilities. They left some applications for utility assistance. Come by the center and we will give you an application to fill out and send in to the agency. They said they would not be coming to the area facilities anymore and they only way to receive help is through their office in San Angelo or through mail-in applications. Please check the website for the required documents or call the number listed: http:// cvcaa.org or (325) 653-2411.

We will have afternoon bingo each Thursday. 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. Then we have blackout bingo for a little prize for the lucky winner.

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

Exercise with Niki 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Mexican Train at 1:30 p.m.

on Wednesday Prayer Group at 3 p.m. on

Wednesday Quilting at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday.

Balance exercise at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday Bingo from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday.

Jewelry repair 10 a.m. Friday. Come on out, the coffee is on.

# RATINGS: from page 1

eas and exceeding in several key areas at all grade levels," said Superintendent Raul Cha-

This is the fourth year in a row for all three campuses to receive the Met Standard rating. Just four years ago, Ozona Elementary and OHS were named to the improvement required list. Districts, campuses, and charters receive one of three ratings under the accountability system: Met Standard, Met Alternative Standard, or Improvement Required.

"Going back over the last 5-7 years, our district has made tremendous strides in the area of school improvement, especially student performance," said OHS Principal Tammy McWilliams, who was principal at OES last year and has also been principal at

McWilliams pointed out that in years past, the district has had campuses rated "Academically Unacceptable" or "Improvement Required."

OMS was first in 2011. Then OES and OHS were hit in 2013 and 2014.

'School Turnaround' is a term we use in education to describe the process by which we take a low-performing school and turn the campus around to be a met standard then high performing school. The turnaround process can be slow, but as long as it is steady, we know the process is working. The process is definitely working in Ozona," Mc-Williams said.

For the second year in a row, OHS received two distinction designations. This year they were for English and Reading and, once again, Social Studies.

OHS received 72 out of 100 for overall performance; 75 out of 100 on Student Achievement, whether they are ready for college and careers; 62 out of 100 on School Progress, which show how better the students performed on the STAAR test this year versus last year and 65 out of 100 on Closing the Gaps, how well schools are boosting scores for subgroups such as students with special needs and English lan-

guage learners. OHS scores were above the Region 15 scores in English I (66 percent), English II (75 percent) and Biology (89 percent), and just below the region in U.S. History (89 percent) and Algebra I (71 per-

"Overall, our kids are succeeding in the 'approaching' domain but need to improve in the 'masters' domain," Chavarria said.

OMS received a distinction designation for Top 25 percent: Comparative Academic

OMS received 80 out of 100 on overall performance; 72 out of 100 on Student Achievement; 83 out of 100 on School Progress and 72 out of 100 on Closing the Gaps.

Eighth Grade Math had a 96 percent rating at Approaches Grade Level, meaning nearly every student passed the test. The region score was 79 percent and state were 83 per-

"OMS scores overall are solid and are at or above the regional scores. Our math scores are outstanding and clearly above the region and state scores," Chavarria said.

OES received a 71 out of 100 on overall performance; 72 out of 100 on student achievement: 69 out of 100 on school progress and 67 out of 100 on closing the gaps.

"OES students have made great strides in their growth from one grade level to the next in all subject areas. The OES staff can take great pride in our scores being at or above our entire region in all subjects," Chavarria said.

The district as a whole received 74 out of 100 for overall performance; 75 out of 100 Student Achievement; 79 out of 100 School Progress and 61 out of 100 in Closing the

"Closing of the gaps tells us how all the different populations, our Anglo population, our Hispanic population, our ELL population, our Special Needs population, all those different populations within our school district, how well or not so well they are doing on these exams. We need to work on closing that gap. That's where we received our lowest score," Chavarria said.

The calculation behind the overall grade is complicated: 70 percent is based on "student achievement" and "school progress" categories, with the state only counting the better score of the two categories. The "closing the gaps" category makes up the other 30 percent.

"We are certainly not content with a C, but we know that this letter grade only marks a point in time for the history of our school. We have structures and plans in place to take our district to the 'A' status, but more importantly we have structures in place in our district to encourage student growth and success. Our campus vision says that we will provide a successful school experience for each child, (building success one Lion at a time), and as a staff, we work toward this each and every day. We also teach our students, 'Every Step Lion Pride,' and by that we declare that with every step we do our very best to meet the expectations of our community and district, both staff and students," McWilliams said.

CCCCSD is implementing a new Blended Learning program that will allow teachers to target students exactly where they are and measure growth, McWilliams said.

The program will allow teachers and administrators to have an even better structure to track performance and close gaps in student learning, McWilliams said.

"I think the Blended Learning program we are going to do will address a bunch of those gaps in meeting every students' needs. I think what we're going to be doing this year will really help us. I'm excited to see what this year is going to do," said OMS Principal Cash Jennings.

tricts and charters received an "A" rating, 356 received a "B," 247 received a "C," 57 received a "D" and 16 received a "F." Ninety-two school districts did not receive ratings due to meeting at least one of the Hurricane Harvey criteria announced in June.

"There's some level of understanding about what A-F means, and that's part of the reason of what makes this easy for families," said Penny Schwinn, TEA deputy commissioner, at a briefing for business and legislative officials last week.

School superintendents and educator advocates vehemently disagree. They argue state officials are stuffing numerous important metrics into a single, simplified letter grade, ultimately misleading parents about how a single school or district will serve their children. Since last year, more than 50 school districts are organizing to create their own "community-based accountability' systems, which include measures beyond state standardized test scores, such as parent survey results and the availability of student clubs.

"Today's A-F accountability labels provide few meaningful insights regarding our public schools and students. As we have seen in past years, accountability labels are generally better at tracking economically disadvantaged students than they are at measuring how much our children are learning. Educators already know which students need help. We should be focused on providing resources and opportunities to students and their teachers that are needed for their success rather than developing additional ways to focus on a standardized test or gimmicky labels," according to statement released by the Texas Association of School Boards.

Since Florida became the first state to adopt an A-F accountability system in 1999, several other states have followed suit — sparking similar debates about whether a graded system is clear for parents or fair to schools. Each state calculates its grades in different ways.

Texas has gone through multiple rounds of retooling its calculations across two legislative sessions.

Schools will not receive official grades until August 2019, a compromise lawmakers made last spring to appease critics of the new system. But the state last week did release numeric scores for schools, which can be easily translated to grades.

The rating system's heavy reliance on state test scores as a measure of student performance has angered educators, who want less overall emphasis on those tests.

But the state argues that standardized tests, which are tailored to the Texas curriculum standards, offer one of the only consistent statewide metrics and must be included

For more information about the ratings, or to see how other districts compare to CCCCSD, visit txschools.org.

# **BOARD:** from page 1

in an active shooter drill on Aug. 11 at Ozona Elementary School.

The Active Shooter Level I training was part of the Texas State University's Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training.

The course was to prepare law enforcement officers to isolate, distract and neutralize an active shooter, according to the website.

The school district has been discussing implementing a Guardian program, where staff members can conceal carry on campuses.

Chavarria said the board will place the Guardian Plan on the agenda at a future board meeting.

"If it is approved, the district will move forward in creating a plan. The arming of teachers is not something we take lightly. We want to explore all options and research area plans to come up with one that fits our needs. First things first is to wait on our legal firm to assist us with the legalities before a board decision is made," Chavarria said.

Benny said his office would work with the school district on the program, but that his office, like school administrators, would have to know the identities of the Guardians.

He also suggested that when an incident occurs, Guardians put on a sash that says "Guardian" so they can be identified to law enforcement, as well as receive active shooter training.

"I would rather see your (Benny) presence than a teacher being a Guardian," said Board Vice President Orlando DeHoyos. "I would rather have law enforcement show their presence."

Chavarria said the DPS Troopers patrolling is separate from the State Marshall Program or a Guardian program.

"Your presence is certainly welcome, and we appreciate it," Chavarria said to Benny.

# STAFF SURVEYS

In his report, Chavarria presented the board the results of staff surveys he conducted in May. All teachers, staff and administrators all had a chance to respond.

The first survey focused on school climate.

When asked if Ozona campuses are headed in a positive direction, 20 percent strongly agreed, 51 percent agreed and 21 percent disagreed.

In regards to leadership on the campus, 28 percent strongly agreed they felt good about the leadership, 34 percent agreed and 22.6 percent disagreed.

When it comes to understanding the goals of their campuses, 33 percent said they strongly agree that they understand them, 50 percent agreed and 11 percent disagreed.

When it comes to having the tools, supplies and equipment to conduct their jobs, employees responded 17 percent strongly agree, 54 percent agreed, 20 percent dis-

Asked if they get the information they need from campus leaders, 25 percent strongly agree, 48 percent agree and 19 percent disagree.

If they can express their concerns to their campus leaders 34 percent strongly agree, 50 percent agree and 14 percent disagree.

The second survey concentrated on administration. Does the principal or supervisor set clear goals and objectives? 29 percent strongly agree, 45 percent agree and 17 percent disagree.

Principal or supervisor makes timely decisions? 30 percent strongly agree, 44 percent agree and 19 percent disagree.

or supervi-Principal sor provides me the support needed to do the job? 36 percent strongly agree, 37 percent agree and 15 percent dis-

Communicate openly and honestly with the principal or supervisor? 43 percent strongly agree, 43 percent agree and 7 percent disagree.

Believe my principal or supervisor strongly values the employee? 40 percent strongly agree, 39 percent agree and 10 percent disagree.

The third survey concentrated on self-reflection.

Employee follows the goals and directions of the supervisor, 70 percent strongly agree, 26 percent agree and 1 percent disagree.

Employee makes every effort to contribute to the goals of the students, 80 percent strongly agree, 19 percent agree and 0 percent disagree. Employee feels they are up to

date on professional development, 49 percent strongly agree, 32 percent agree and 14 percent disagree.

The staff feels they are loyal to their peers and administration, 73 percent strongly agree, 25 percent agree and 0 percent disagree.

Paying benefits are competitive with other districts in the area, 5 percent strongly agree, 52 percent agree and 23 percent disagree.

Comments were also made by the staff on the survey questions. The responses were anonymous.

"We're using these answers to self-reflect and focus on our goals for this year. The comments are greatly appreciated, those are a big help," Chavarria said.

The information is being shared with teachers and staff. Chavarria said he would like to run another survey before Christmas to see the district is making strides in some of the areas.

## THE BOARD ALSO:

 Approved local policy updates.

· Approved option 3 of the Chapter 41 agreement for purchase of attendance credits.

· Approved to designate the superintendent, business manager and the board president to make final budget amendments for 2017-2018 school year.

· Approved the 2018-2019 Appraisal Calendar and appraisers as listed.

· Reviewed and accepted property insurance bids.

· Reviewed all handbooks.

# **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The board will have a final budget workshop at 6:30 p.m. Aug. 27. The next regular board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Sept. 19.

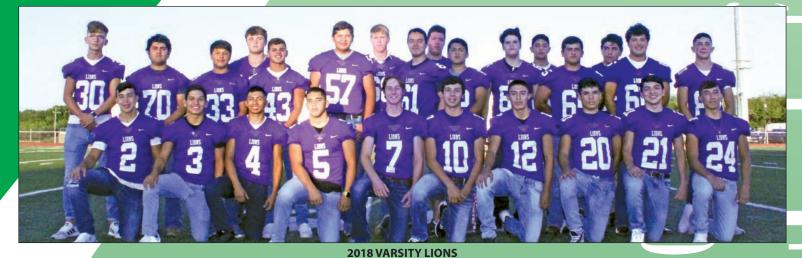
Both meetings will be at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D. The meetings are open to the public.

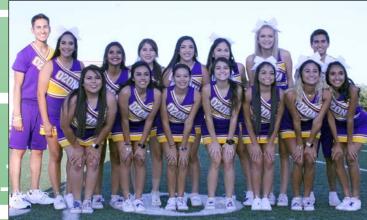






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**2018 JV CHEERLEADERS** 



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# 4-H takes aim on shooting sports

BY TARYN MITCHELL TEXAS 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS AMBASSADOR

Along with the beginning of the new school year also comes the beginning of the 4-H year and the opportunities go far beyond the livestock projects everyone is familiar with. The 4-H shooting sports projects allow you to learn how to safely handle firearms or bows responsibly for target practice and hunting while gaining respect for the natural environment. I encourage you to join your local 4-H club and learn safe shooting techniques for shotgun, rifle, air pistol, muzzleloader and archery.

Hunting and shooting are rich American traditions and 4-H shooting sports programs help continue this tradition. Additionally, 4-H is a great family activity which offers the opportunity to bond generations and siblings in unique ways. Firearm safety is always the number one priority while focusing on fun activities and competitions.

The 4-H shooting sports programs are valuable for helping young people develop self-confidence, personal discipline, responsibility, teamwork, self esteem and sportsmanship. The discipline and self-control required for responsible firearms use carries over into many aspects of life.

Starting out, it's common to focus on the proper and safe handling of a gun or bow while developing the skills necessary to properly care for a firearm or bow. Over time, the 4-Her will explore the mechanics involved in shooting while preparing for competitive shooting events. There is always something new to learn in shooting sports.

One person may become fascinated with the trajectory of a bullet or arrow and focus their attention there while another enjoys the mechanics of the sport and hones in their gunsmith skills for improved maintenance of their firearm of choice

Goal setting and record keeping are life skills which are woven into every 4-H project and are proven ways to prepare youth for a productive future. The shooting sports program is open to those in third through 12th grades.

For more information, call the Crockett County Extension Office at (325) 392-2721 or visit texas4-h.

# 2018-2019 Ozona First Day of School

















# **Youth Center Calendar of Events**

# 7TH & 8TH GRADE:

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

# **OHS MEAL NIGHT:**

Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

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

# **STARTING AUG. 1:**

- 1. Graduated Seniors memberships have expired.
- 2. Sixth graders entering seventh grade may attend the youth center with eighth grade.
- 3. Eighth graders entering ninth grade may attend the **YOUTH CENTER WITH THE** HIGH SCHOOL.

# **CCCCSD** School Menus

**Ozona Elementary School:** Breakfast is free for all students! Lunch is \$2.45 and Reduced Lunch is \$0.40

**Ozona Middle and Ozona High Schools:** Breakfast is \$1.45 and Reduced Breakfast is \$0.30

Lunch is \$2.60 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, Aug. 22 Breakfast

Scrambled eggs, biscuit, gravy and bacon or cereal and toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch

Chicken nuggets, mac and cheese, savory green beans, garden salad, strawberries, milk

#### Thursday, Aug. 23 Breakfast

Pancake wrap and yogurt or cereal bar and yogurt, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch Pizza, seasoned corn, tiny tomato cup, fruity gelatin, milk.

Friday, Aug. 24 Breakfast

Donut holes and sausage or cereal and toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Hamburger, hamburger garnish, cucumber slices, baby carrots, applesauce, cookie, milk.

# Monday, Aug. 27 Breakfast

Pancakes and bacon or cereal and toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk. Lunch

Steak fingers, gravy, roll, mashed potatoes, carrot coins, strawberries and bananas, milk.

# Tuesday, Aug. 28

Breakfast Cheesy toast or PB&J, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch French bread pizza, marinara sauce, salad, California vegetable blend, fruit cup, pudding, milk.

# Wednesday, Aug. 29

**Breakfast** French toast and sausage or cereal and toast, fruit, fruit juice, milk.

Lunch Texas Chili, cornbread, celery and carrot sticks, orange smiles, cookie, milk.

# or sack lunch with deli sandwich. Thursday, Aug. 30

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Lunch Mexican combo plate, corn, charro beans, Spanish rice (high school only), salsa, lettuce

# and tomato garnish, fresh fruit, milk. Friday, Aug. 31

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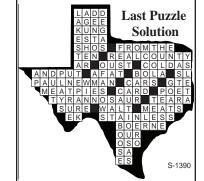
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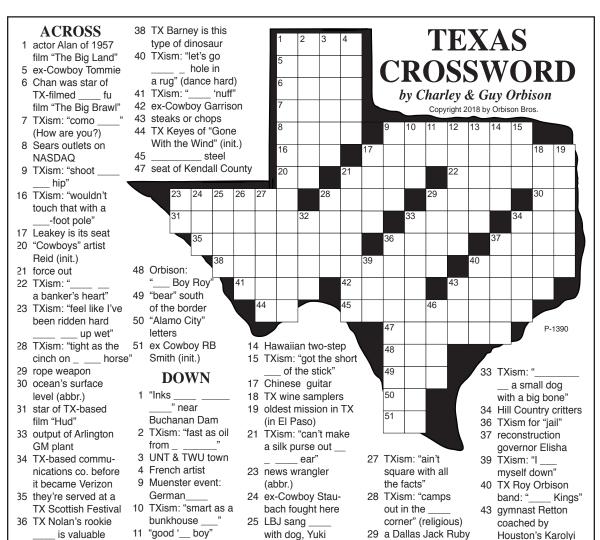
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# **District Judge questions** commissioners about employee raise

**BY MELISSA PERNER** THE OZONA STOCKMAN

employee raise.

Gomez asked if his employees, his court administrator and court reporter, were also going to receive the

At a July 30 meeting, the commissioners approved a salary increase of \$2,700 for all full-time employees and

The 112th District is comprised of Crockett, Sutton, Reagan, Pecos and Upton Counties.

Gomez said he thinks his employees should receive the full raise because that is what the court voted on, and that his office is stationed in Ozo-

Deaton told Gomez that as district judge he has the power to set salaries for his employees, as well as the county auditor and assistant auditor.

"To be fair we should only have to pay one-fifth,"

> Al-Anon **Meetings** 5 p.m. Tuesdays **Ozona** United **Methodist Church** 12 11th St.

112th District Judge Pete Gomez addressed the Crockett County Commissioners' Court Tuesday morning in regards to the recent county

elected officials.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the employees would receive one-fifth of the raise (\$540), since their salaries are split between five counties.

Deaton said.

Eligio Commissioner Martinez said the Gomez's employees were not full-time county employees, since the county only pays one-fifth of their salary, and that the raise was for full-time em-

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ployees.

Gomez said his employees are paid from Crockett County and one of his employees receives benefits from Crockett County.

Deaton said in the county budget Gomez's employees are considered full-time.

"So why can't they receive the \$2,700?" Gomez asked. "If I chose to give them the full \$2,700 Crockett County raise, does the county have funds to provide for that?"

Deaton said the county has budgeted for the employees to receive one-fifth of the raise, which is what has been done with previous raises.

Deaton also said that there were statutory limits on what Gomez can pay his employees and the auditors.

Gomez has scheduled a public hearing on proposed compensation for the County Auditor, Assistant Auditors and Court Reporter of Crockett County for 8:30 a.m. Aug. 31 in the district courtroom of the Crockett County Courthouse.

## **JAIL PAVING**

The commissioners rejected a proposal from Lyness Construction regaring the paving at the new Crockett County Jail.

The county is currently advertising for bids for the project.

In a letter, Lyness Construction proposed to do the compacted subgrade work and then have the county finish with chip seal. Lyness Construction would also finish the concrete at the Sallyport entrances.

Total cost would be \$160,000.

The county has \$150,000 budgeted for the project.

Deaton said company officials out of Del Rio have been down looking into the project.

"I think we will get a better bid when bids come in. I don't consider this as good of a deal," Deaton said.

Bids will be taken at the Crockett County Auditor's office until 2 p.m. Sept. 6.

## THE COMMISSIONERS ALSO:

Approved paying of bills.

· Approved installing a bump gate on County Road 209.

· Approved to allow the Crockett County DeerFest Association to place a storage container and barbecue pits at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center and Arena.

· Approved internet for the Ozona Airport.

· Approved to allow a budget line-item change in the county court budget from court reporter to bailiff with

a voucher.

# **CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT Weekly Activity Report**

Type of Calls Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints 3 911/fire assistance Civil complaints Civil documents served Criminal complaints/ disturbances/loud noise Juvenile/school Motorist assist/locked vehicle Reckless driving/ speeding complaints Minor/major traffic accidents

# **OFFENSE REPORTS/ ARRESTS:**

· A walk in complainant reported a theft of firearm from his vehicle.

• Sheriff's deputies recovered a stolen vehicle from Lubbock. Arrested were two juveniles from Lubbock. Both juveniles were processed and released to their parents.

• A juvenile listed as a runaway from San Angelo was located and returned to San Angelo. · Sheriff's deputies arrested John Joel Lozano and Adrian Isai Falcon, both of McAllen, Texas, for failure to appear on possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Both subjects appeared before the magistrate and sent to Upton County.

8-14-18

• Sheriff's deputies took a report of possible credit card abuse from a resident on Avenue F. 8-15-18

• After responding to the Dollar General in response to an unruly customer, sheriff's deputies arrested Robert James Hurt, of Ozona, for disorderly conduct. Subject was arraigned and released after payment of fine. 8-17-18

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Man 0 War. 8-18-18

· Sheriff's deputies took a report of a burglarized vehicle from a resident on Avenue F.

· Sheriff's deputies took a report of a possible assault on Man O War.

# United Way now in Crockett County

BY PATTI BREITREITER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Karen Huffman of Ozona, Texas was recently named to the United Way of the Concho Valley Board of Directors. She will represent Crockett County in her new position and provide information regarding the needs of its residents

to the Board.

The United Way of the Concho Valley supports 17 program providers that render assistance to individuals in the fourteen county area known as the Concho Valley. They include Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Reagan, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Mason, Sutton and Kimble Counties.

Agency programs that serve Crockett County are Alcohol & Drug Abuse Council for the Concho Valley, Adult Treatment Program; dren's Advocacy Center, Court Appointed Special Advocate & Hope House Programs; Concho Valley Regional Food Bank, Hunger Relief Program; Texas Southwest Council, Boy Scouts of America, Nurturing Youth for Success through the Cub Scouts Program; The Salvation Army, Emergency Assistance Program, and West

Texas Counseling and Guidance, Veterans Outreach & Communitywide Reduced Fee Counseling Programs.

"Since many of our agencies offer services to people living in the surrounding areas, we will expand our fundraising efforts to include all of the 14 counties. We will be presenting information about the programs to civic organizations, asking businesses to run work place campaigns and residents to make donations," said John Austin Stokes, United Way of the Concho Valley's 2018 Campaign Chair. "It makes a difference when people know that the United Way is providing services right in their hometowns."

Funds raised during the United Way of the Concho Vallev's Annual Campaign, which runs from August through

December, are used to support non-profit agency programs. Applications from qualifying non-profits for funding support from the United Way may be submitted to the United Way from August through October.

For more information about the United Way of the Concho Valley or to apply for funding, call (325) 949-3716.

# **STATE:** from page 2

ton said.

In July 2017, a U.S. District Court dismissed the professors' complaints on the grounds that they were baseless and without legal standing.

# 'WATCH APP'

The Texas Department of Public Safety and Gov. Greg Abbott on Aug. 16 encouraged school staff, parents, students and community members to download the new "iWatchTexas" mobile application "to help law enforcement protect Texans."

At the direction of Gov. Abbott, DPS launched the mobile application in June to make it easier for the public to report suspicious activity, including criminal, terroristic or school safety-related threats.

# SAFE DRIVING IS PROMOTED

The Texas Department of Transportation has renewed its annual effort to prevent drunken driving during the Labor Day holiday weekend.

**TxDOT Executive Director** James Bass on Aug. 16 said, "It's completely irresponsible and absolutely inexcusable to drink and drive. Finding a sober ride is easy, and it can save you from being arrested or from injuring or killing yourself or others. Make an effort to plan ahead for a sober ride this Labor Day weekend. You owe it to yourself and ev-

eryone else on the road.' Bass promoted the agency's anti-drinking and driving "Plan While You Can" campaign and recommended the website SoberRides.org as a source of alternatives to drinking and driving, such as:

 Designating a sober driver or calling someone for a sober ride home;

 Contacting a taxi or ride-share service;

> – Using mass transit; and —Spending the night.

# **BOND RATING IS HIGHEST**

Texas has received the highest credit ratings for this year's Texas Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes, allowing the state to manage its cash flow needs for fiscal 2019.

State Comptroller Glenn Hegar made the announcement on Aug. 10, saying the ratings issued by the financial services companies Standard & Poor's, Fitch, Moody's and Kroll are the result of "conservative economic leadership and sound policies."

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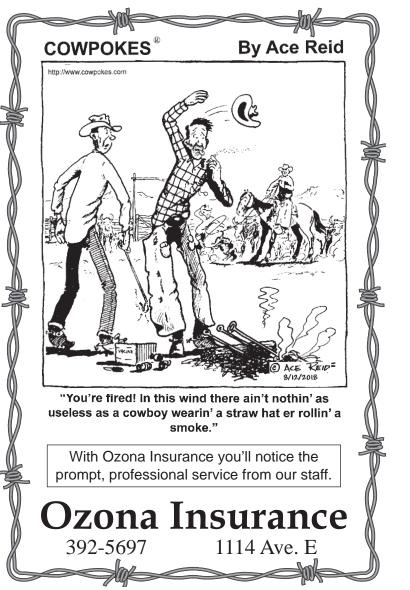






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