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## School board narrowly approves administrator contracts

BY MELISSA PERNER  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

By a narrow vote, the Crockett County CCSD School Board approved administrative contracts during their regular meeting on Feb. 16.

With a vote of 4-3, the board approved an offer of administrative contracts as recommended by the superintendent. Board members Grizz Medina, Harvey Sanchez and Roland De Hoyos voted against the motion.

Principals Benny Granger, Houston Hendryx and Amanda Jackson, along with Athletic Director Ray Brown, Technology Director Keith Harmsen and Elementary Assistant Principal Janina Savala, were all approved with contract extensions through the 2012-2013 school year.

OHS Dean of Students Matt Gutierrez received contract approval through 2011-2012 school year.

The board made this action after a long executive/closed session that also included consultation with the district's attorney Sara Leon regarding staffing and related policy issues, as well as considering staffing for 2011-2012.

In his superintendent's report, Chris duBois briefed the board about the current Texas Legislature. Under current school finance law, Texas owes its public schools \$10 billion more than the amount included

in the proposed budget, but the Legislature may keep that money to help balance an expected \$27 billion shortfall for the coming biennium.

duBois said school districts will not know what revenue will be coming in until the state passes a budget, possibly in May.

Also, there is the possibility that the amount of money CCCCS sends to the state for recapture may increase.

In preparation, duBois said school officials will be looking at preparing a budget that is 15 percent lighter than what the district is currently operating at now.

"We are really, really hampered right now," he said. "We don't want our staff to get concerned. We will be sharing information soon."

The board will be holding workshops soon to discuss the budget.

"Before we start doing anything, there will be plenty of information sharing," duBois said.

### GRIEVANCE HEARD

The board met in executive/closed session for two and a half hours for a Level III Employee Grievance filed by middle school teacher Shana Granger.

When the board came out of closed session, no action or motion was taken on the grievance.

The school district's lawyers Sara Leon, of Austin, along with the board mem-

bers were the only members in the closed session until the end when duBois, Shana Granger and OHS Principal Benny Granger were called into the board room.

Several members of the community were in attendance, along with teachers. The meeting was moved from the board room over to the high school library due to the amount of people in attendance.

OHS Teacher Linda Coates spoke in open forum in support of Benny Granger.

OHS Teacher Leanna Childress also spoke in open forum and gave positive statements about the school's administrators, teachers and students. She also stated that the "teacher up for discussion" had a 97 percent passing rate on her TAKS scores.

According to the district's policy, there are three levels an employee can pursue when they file a grievance.

If the board does not make a decision regarding the complaint by the end of the next regularly scheduled meeting, the lack of a response by the board upholds the administrative decision at Level Two, the district's policy states.

### ELEMENTARY GRANT

Ozona Elementary School has applied a \$200,000 grant from Texas 21st Century Community Learning Centers.

If they are approved, the campus will use the five-year grant to establish an after school program and provide more evening activities for working parents in order to increase parent contact.

"This grant would allow us to not only have opportunities for our students to stay after school for tutorials and homework sessions, but also allow more learning opportunities for our students because it will help off-set the cost of transportation from the center at the end of the day. This is a big plus because several of our students are unable to stay after school citing lack of transportation home. Most importantly, this funding would also provide opportunities for student enrichment activities; such as student-led club meetings, art and drama activities, cultural awareness activities, etc.," said Elementary Principal Amanda Jackson. "It will also allow us to have the center open at night for our parents to participate in adult learning opportunities. These opportunities could be a variety of offerings such as literacy classes, art and craft classes, technology classes, conversational English and Spanish classes, exercises and health awareness classes." The campus should be notified of the grant approval in late March.

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## Stuart chosen as new county road supervisor

BY MELISSA PERNER  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER



JEFFREY STUART

A new Crockett County Road Supervisor has been chosen.

Jeffrey Stuart was approved for the position during a special called commissioners' court meeting on Feb. 18.

Voting in favor of Stuart were Commissioners Pleas Childress III and Randy Branch. Commissioner Frank Tambunga voted against the motion, and County Judge Fred Deaton abstained from voting.

Commissioner Eligio Martinez was not in attendance due applicant and Assistant Road Supervisor Ruben Mendez being related to Martinez.

At the Feb. 14 regular commissioners' court meeting, County Attorney Jody Upham issued an opinion on nepotism that stated for Martinez to not participate in any deliberations or decisions regarding hiring a county road supervisor.

"I appreciate you all for your consideration and every one of your decisions I understand," Stuart said.

Stuart and Mendez were the two applicants interviewed during the meeting. Both interviews were conducted in executive/closed session before the commissioners voted on their decision in open court.

The county received around eight applications for the position. Commissioners reviewed the applications on Feb. 14.

"I feel like he has a lot of ability and a lot of education

and experience," Childress said about Stuart. "I feel he will fill the need we have in this county."

"The confidence Jeffrey exuberated was considerably more than Ruben. At this time I think that with the two applicants that we have that Jeffrey is high quality," Branch added.

The commissioners appointed Mendez as acting road supervisor after previous supervisor Eddie Moore retired in December. Mendez has worked for the road department for 26 years.

"I still feel that we have not given Ruben the opportunity to really show what he can do and what he is capable of doing. I voted against the fact that we did not give him the opportunity that he deserves," Tambunga said.

As for not casting a vote, Deaton said while he gathered the information and applications, he felt like the county road supervisor should be chosen by the commissioners.

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## Crockett County wins at San Antonio show

Crockett County 4-H and Ozona FFA took the San Antonio Stock Show by storm.

Russel Komechak placed second overall with his trailer project. He won a welder, welding helmet and other tools at the show.

In the Market Lamb Show, Kelbie Renfroe won Champion Finewool Cross Lamb.

Also placing: Murphey Black third place Finewool; Trace Justiss second place Cross; Allie Black first place Finewool and Weston Seahorn fourth place Finewool.

Allie Black also placed ninth in the Market Goat Show and made the sale.

The Crockett County Wool Judging team of Jadie Marshall, Linda Stapper, Kinsey Chandler and Erik Carrizales placed third out of 127 kids.

Erik was ninth place high individual, Kinsey 12th and Jadie 13th.

Also participating were Alex Hopper, Julie Marshall and Lanna Stapper.

Ozona FFA and Crockett County 4-H students will compete in the San Angelo Stock Show this week.



KELBIE RENFROE won Champion Finewool Cross Lamb (top photo) and Russel Komechak, pictured with OHS Ag Teacher Rob Phillips, won second overall with his trailer at the San Antonio Stock Show.

## Preparing for the future: College readiness, AVID programs focus on students

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Rebecca Hernandez wants to be a special education teacher.

Getting her to fulfilling that dream is one of the goals of AVID teacher Butch Gonzalez and OHS College Readiness Coordinator Susie duBois.

"Our goal is for all students finish college ready," duBois said.

Hernandez, an OHS Freshman, is one of 31 students participating in a new program aimed at motivating students toward a college education.

During the Feb. 16 CCCCS School Board meeting, Rebecca and Eric Duenes spoke about how AVID (Achievement Via Individual Determination) is changing their view of the future.

"This has helped me in my classes," Rebecca said. "I can now feel confident about going to college."

At the meeting, Gonzalez said the program's motto is "Engaging Minds, Inspiring Hearts."

The program has three phases: education, transformation and application.

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OHS AVID 1 STUDENTS Erik Duenes and Rebecca Hernandez (top) spoke at the Feb. 16 school board meeting with their teacher Butch Gonzalez. Bottom photo: Brock Jones and Fred Van Shoubrouek spoke to the AVID 2 class on motivation and overcoming obstacles.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## School district needs steady leadership

Dear Editor,

My respect for the job that a school board member must perform is extremely high. They get no pay, but obviously have to field complaints with very little positive input about our school district. However, I am disappointed in what our community has endured in the past several years.

I feel that the board, though certainly not all members, are playing politics with our chil-

dren. We absolutely have the best kids in West Texas. I have seen and been around a lot of students from other communities and they do not compare with most of ours. It pains me to see that politics has once again lowered our students' chances to be the best that they can be and reach their potential. Each successful school has successful programs, and it takes years to develop top notch successful programs. We have not given our students a consistent

foundation that can be utilized to build their success. Our district seems to interrupt the process each time a wheel squeaks. Maybe the wheels don't need to be greased anymore, but changed and put to the side.

Our last eight athletic directors have averaged 2.25 years. We have had four superintendents in the last seven years, including an interim. Only one of those could be considered to not be a good "hire." How can any vision be attained or

foundation built for our students when those individuals have to cow tow to every whim and complaint? Tough decisions have to be made for growth and progress whether popular or not. That is what great leaders do! It seems that in Ozona we fall for the manipulation and "howl" of a few individuals and make monumental decisions that affect all of our students based on that manipulation and opinion. Ozona has a reputation for running off

great educators and coaches on the whim of a few. Sometimes those few individuals may influence a major portion of the community because the community may truly be ignorant of the real facts and therefore, believe the rumors. The silent majority allowed a lot of this to occur. If an educator is unethical or lacking in character, that would be one situation, but that has not been the norm for our school. It is simply that a few individuals start grind-

ing an axe and human nature takes over in the rumor mill. How else could magazines like Star and National Enquirer keep selling? As humans, we naturally fight against being held accountable when we face difficult situations.

If we continually change leaders when we don't like their style, or for other personal reasons, we will never attain the potential for our students.

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## No easy votes when life and rights are on the line

None of the votes we take in the Texas Senate are easy, but none are more difficult than those affecting our most fundamental philosophies of human life and human rights.

I joined a majority of my colleagues this week in supporting a bill that makes sure women are provided with an opportunity to have the medical information they may need before making the most important decision of their lives — whether or not to have an abortion.

Under Senate Bill 16, women must be given an opportunity to see a sonogram, taken within two hours of the procedure, and listen to any detectable heartbeat. If that opportunity is declined, the doctor must describe what the sonogram shows — unless the fetus has irreversible medical conditions or if the woman was the victim of rape or incest.

The bill we sent to the House is fundamentally different from the version that was originally introduced and amended in committee. Before the debate, I met with the bill's author in a round of intense negotiations that resulted in significant changes that were imperative for my support.

First, the measure no longer contains a provision that would require a woman to provide documentation about being raped or other information about her family or personal life.

Second, because of the vast size of Senate District 19 and the limited availability of medical facilities, I insisted that the waiting period between the sonogram and the procedure be shortened from 24 hours to two hours. And once again, doctors can communicate with their patients via telephone.

Because of these amendments, which were adopted by overwhelming margins, the bill is consistent with legislation that I supported in previous sessions. It respects the rights of women and does not intrude on the doctor-patient relationship. Working with my col-



STATE SENATOR'S OP ED

CARLOS I. URESTI

leagues in the spirit of both compromise and determination, I helped craft a meaningful, compassionate policy that thoughtful people on both sides can accept.

I will stand against any significant changes that may be made in the House.

I also hope that as the session proceeds, my colleagues will move with equal caution in protecting other human and civil rights.

This week also saw the filing of another bill targeting so-called sanctuary cities in Texas. Under this bill, local governments could lose state grant money if they prohibit state or federal immigration laws from being enforced.

It is not clear, even from the bills' sponsors, that any Texas city would have to change its current policy to comply with such a law. Yet Gov. Perry declared the issue an emergency, giving it a special place in line ahead of other, more pressing issues.

If the sanctuary city bill is enacted, local law enforcement will be obliged to enforce federal immigration law, distracting from its primary mission — protecting local citizens against crime.

And the new focus on checking immigration status threatens to discriminate against citizens of Hispanic descent, legal immigrants and tourists.

As chairman of the Senate Hispanic Caucus, I am concerned about the potential discriminating effect of such a law. As a father, a grandfather and a homeowner, I worry that the officers who patrol our streets will be diverted to another watch.

As a citizen, I am fearful of the damage such a law could do to the Constitution and its guarantees of liberty.

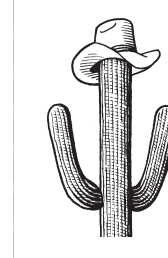
SENATOR URESTI represents Senate District 19, which includes Crockett County. It is the largest legislative district in the nation, spanning 23 Texas counties, including Crockett County.

Large animal vets are getting harder to find than a Martha Stewart bedspread in a bunkhouse. There is a shortage of large animal vets out in the country and I fault vet schools for putting so much emphasis on grade point average as a requirement for entry. Anyone who has a 4.0 grade point average is bound to figure it out sooner or later that they can make a lot more money spaying little Lhasa Apos than they can semen testing wild and dangerous bulls.

I think I came up with a solution the last time I was in my Doctor's office. He was complaining about Obamacare and how the insurance companies were driving him crazy and he said he was considering quitting the profession just as soon as he got all his college loans paid off. (He's about 45 years old and only has another ten years of payments left.) I'm not talking here about just another average sawbones or pill roller, he's a very good Doctor with a thriving practice. He told me a lot of his colleagues are talking the same way and that's when it hit me. Why not recruit large animal vets from the ranks of disgruntled MD's? I figure that if vet school requires four years of training, MD's should only require six more years of retraining to become qualified.

My Doc would make a great vet as he raises a few cows himself. In fact, during a typical appointment my Doc talks to me for two minutes about my problems and then he asks me questions about cows for 30 minutes. And then I pay him!

"Just think," I said as I explained my idea



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positives to becoming a large animal vet. No more credit checks, electrocardiograms, hypochondriacs or looking at grotesque human bodies. You wouldn't have to worry about how your sutures look or share your old magazines with cows impatiently twiddling their hooves in the waiting room. You could trade in your white coat and tie for more comfortable fitting clothes and there'd be no malpractice suits because horses and goats don't have lawyers.

"So far they don't, but I think it's only a matter of time," said my very astute Doc.

I ignored him and continued. "You wouldn't even have to give up on all the free stuff you get from drug company reps. Only, instead of free pens and a trip to Costa Rica you'd get deworming paste

and a trip to the NFR. You might get paid in beef, eggs or milk but at least you'd get paid."

"Would I still be able to play golf on Wednesdays?" my Doc asked.

"Heavens no! You'd be on call 24 hours, seven days a week and you wouldn't have nurses to do all your hard work for you. You'd have to trade in your Lexus for a pickup and you could catch an animal disease like wooden tongue or bloat. And forget about respect. Instead of "Doctor" you'll be given a catchy nickname like "Killer" or "Dr. Death." You'd also have to diagnose diseases yourself and you couldn't just act as a booking agent for your buddy specialists by ordering more tests. The only "lab" tests or "cat" scans you'd be doing would be on a Black Labrador or a Siamese. You can't tell your patient to turn his head and cough or tell a cow not to eat any more red meat because they're already vegetarians. Your patients can't tell you where it hurts or give you clues because they can't talk."

"That's a big positive right there," my Doc said, warming to the idea.

"And think about this," I said. "If you do happen to make a "grave" mistake, or can't figure out the simple something that your patient is suffering from, you just put them down or let them die. That's something you can't do as a people Doctor."

"You'd be surprised about that," my Doc said.

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## Senate, House committees tangle with state budget

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Last week, the Senate Finance and the House Appropriations committees were busy gathering input in daily hearings to fine tune their respective versions (Senate Bill 1 and House Bill 1) of the state budget for 2012-2013.

The committees have to figure out how to make ends meet on much less revenue, so it's all about what to cut. They are looking at a spending ceiling of perhaps \$160 billion for the two-year period, in the face of budget requests from all agencies totaling more than \$200 billion.

It's a monumental task to sort through compelling needs brought before them as they struggle toward decisions that will result in cuts to education, health and human services, prisons, transportation, law enforcement and more.

Meanwhile, the decennial United States Census figures for Texas arrived on Feb. 16. The information not only provides the basis for the Congressional seat allocation and redistricting, it generally determines how much federal

funding Texas rates. And that will play into state budget calculations Texans will see in the House and Senate bills.

### SONOGRAM BILL GETS APPROVAL

The Texas Senate on Feb. 17 passed legislation that would require a medical doctor who is about to terminate a pregnancy to make a digital image of the fetus and offer to show the sonogram image to the patient before the procedure continues.

Senate Bill 16, authored by Dan Patrick, R-Houston, tentatively approved on a vote of 21-10, now moves to the House for consideration.

The doctor also would be required to record the heartbeat of the fetus and offer the patient the opportunity to hear it; plus, the doctor would be required to give a verbal explanation of the images. That explanation would be optional if the pregnancy is a result of sexual assault or incest; or the fetus has an irreversible medical condition or abnormality, as

previously identified by reliable diagnostic procedures and documented in the patient's medical file.

And, among further requirements in the bill, there is a clause that authorizes a doctor to perform an abortion without obtaining informed consent in a medical emergency.

Gov. Rick Perry praised the Senate in regards to SB 16 and said, "I look forward to working with House members to pass this legislation quickly, to ensure Texans are fully informed when considering such an important decision."

### AG TESTIFIES AGAINST EPA ACTIONS

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott was in Washington, D.C., on Feb. 9 to testify before a subcommittee of the U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee.

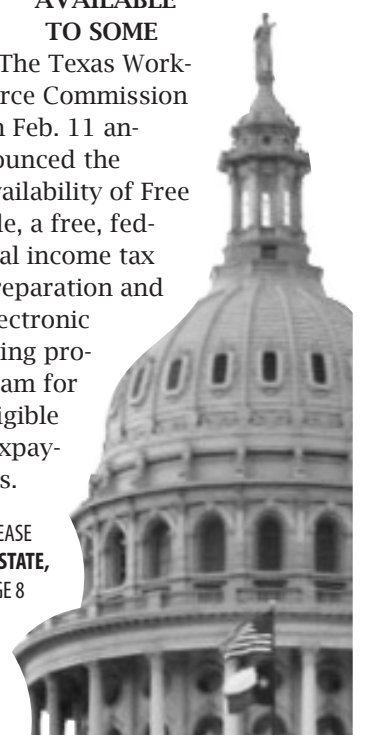
Abbott, while discussing the state of Texas' legal challenge to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's recent takeover of the greenhouse gas

regulatory role, said "Texas cannot support the EPA - and in fact must challenge it - when it pursues regulations that are contrary to the (Clean Air Act) and devastating to the economy."

### FREE TAX FILING AVAILABLE TO SOME

The Texas Workforce Commission on Feb. 11 announced the availability of Free File, a free, federal income tax preparation and electronic filing program for eligible taxpayers.

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JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

ARTIST STYLLE READ (left) and Ginger Perner stand in front of one of the Ozona Historic Murals. Read restored the mural during a visit last week.

## Artist restores historic mural

BY SUSAN CALLOWAY  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A part of Crockett County history that has been gathering dust in Gene Perry's garage at the old JW Motor building have been brought back into the light by Ginger Perner. The Ozona Historical Murals that were painted in 1990 by Jack Feagan for Ozona's Centennial in 1991 have been stored there for over 15 years. The murals were commissioned by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce, paid for by donations and placed on the west wall of the Perner Building at the corner of Ave. E and Eleventh Street and at JW Motors (now JW Measurement) on Ninth Street in 1990. The paint started to peel off and the artist rebuffed efforts to get him to repair them. After local endeavors to restore them also resulted in the paint peeling off again, they were taken down.

When Perner learned the murals were still being stored, she asked Gene Perry if she could take one to see if it could be repaired, and he gave her all of them and they were transferred to the old Brown Furniture Building.

Perner contacted the Historical Murals of San Angelo and they helped her get in touch with artist Stylle Read who had done work for them. Read had painted the "West Texas Ranching Mural located on the side of Bill's Man Shop and the Elmer Kelton Mural on a wall at 118 South Chadbourne in San Angelo.

The timing proved to be perfect as Read needed to travel back to San Angelo from his home in Cleburne to tie up a few loose ends from his San Angelo projects and coordinated a trip to Ozona on Tuesday, Feb. 8 to see the condition of the murals and see if he could restore them.

Of the seven original murals, it was determined that four could be restored and the other three were too far gone. Opportunity continued to knock when snowy weather in Elk City, Okla. postponed the next project. Read was to undertake and freed him to start work immediately. Perner decided to pay to commission Read to restore the most badly damaged one, with hopes that donations can be secured to finance the restoration of the other three murals at a later time. He began painting on Wednesday and finished on Saturday. The mural consists of four 12x12 panels depicting a frontier family traveling in a covered wagon.

"It was in really bad shape," said Read of the mural. "I sanded off the peeling paint and then went along with the artist's style to preserve the original art, not replace it with my own."

His best guess of why the original art peeled so quickly was the preparation of the

materials. "They should have been sanded to rough them up and then a high quality primer applied. Cheap primer on a smooth surface will peel every time, no matter what type of paint or sealant is applied, said Read. Sun exposure on a south or west wall will do it over time, but not to this degree."

The newly restored mural will be on display at the Brown Building after a two week curing period.

### MORE ON THE ARTIST

Stylle Read is Lone Star, tried and true... born in Lufkin, Texas, on to Tyler and Fort Worth, and now the dusty outskirts of Cleburne.

It was in college at the University of North Texas at Denton that he discovered his talent and love of mural painting.

Stylle comes by it naturally, born into a family surrounded by art. His artist father, Sleepy Read, painted abstracts and modern art, but also painted landscapes of rural Texas.

Stylle has 25 years of experience painting professionally. In 1979, he began painting scenes on vans, a hot item back then. A Remington scene adorned his own van. He painted scenes on Nashville musicians' touring busses, including Hank Williams, Jr.

History has always been a favorite with Stylle. His love of the Old West time period is apparent in his many infamous western scenes.

Stylle's forte is creating original historical recreations, such as "Milton Faver Crossing the Rio Grande, 1873", a 16 x 70 ft. mural in the Kiowa Gallery. The mural depicts Faver, an early Presidio County settler, driving 1,000 head of cattle by moonlight across the Rio Grande River from Mexico.

His largest mural is the 31 x 83 ft. Texas street scene for the Fort Worth Stockyard. He works quickly, sometimes completing a large mural in days. Airbrush, paint brushes, rollers and spray guns are his tools, using artist's paint, high gloss paint and house paint. Outside murals are then covered by a sealer for UV ray blockage to prevent excessive fading of color.

Perfectly matched to his love of travel, Stylle's work has brought him to many parts of the country, from California, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Missouri, Iowa, to Tennessee and all over his home state of Texas.

Although Western themes are his preferred subject to paint, he can paint anything, from angelic scenes to race cars, replicas of Remingtons and Russells, in commercial buildings as well as private homes. Recently, Stylle painted a series of 3 dimensional fiberglass longhorn steer for Timberland McClain Ad Agency. You name it, he can paint it.



## Castro-Huffman to wed in March

Mr. and Mrs. Jesus F. Castro would like to announce that their daughter, Cathy Lynn, will marry Edward L. Huffman on March 12, 2011.

Edward is the son of Mrs. Betty Huffman and the late Charles E. Huffman.

They will marry in the Faith Lutheran Church in Ozona.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OZONA COUPLES ate dinner and danced the night away during Happily Ever After Couple's Dinner at Circle Bar Restaurant, sponsored by New Beginnings Church.



## Happy Birthday

Feb. 23 - Mary Capps and Tonya Bullard

Feb. 24 - Billie Morris, Shana Granger, Jaylynn Tijerina, Billy Nowell and Jacob Moran

Feb. 25 - Emma Rebelez, Jazveth Gonzales, John D. Ramirez III, David Tijerina and Tammy Bunger

Feb. 26 - Jose E. Mata, Christian Kaleb Fuentes and Camille Allen

Feb. 27 - Paula Ramirez

Feb. 28 - Krislynn Harris, Brenda Venegas, Desiree Marshall and Alfredo Lopez

March 1 - Doug Williams, Anthony D. Hester-Smith, and Kiwi Davis

March 2 - Michael Flores, J.R. Ramirez, Sandra Tambunga, Laura Bloebaum, and Caitlin Mendoza

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## Countdown to Relay For Life

Crockett County is gearing up for their first Relay for Life. The relay begins on Friday, April 8, at 7 p.m. and ends on Saturday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at Lion Stadium. The next meeting will be held on March 10 at 6 p.m. at the elementary cafeteria.

Team captains, team members, and anyone interested in helping, is encouraged to attend this meeting.

Teams can register online at [www.relayforlife.org/crockettcotx](http://www.relayforlife.org/crockettcotx). Any individual, organiza-

tion, or business who would like to sponsor this event, call Shelly Childress at 277-5381.

Luminarias for the Luminaria Ceremony can be purchased from any of the relay chairs and at the public library, from Sylvia Longoria. Each bag is \$5.

All funds raised at this event are donated to the American Cancer Society, who in turn uses them various areas.

For more information, call any of the event chairs below: Maria Hendryx at 716-3291.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, Feb. 23

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCSD Board of Trustees meetings, 6:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

### Thursday, Feb. 24

- Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions Baseball in the Ozona Tournament at the baseball field.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at the softball field.

### Friday, Feb. 25

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Tennis Teams at Fort Stockton.
- Lady Lions Golf at Fort Stockton.
- Lions Baseball in the Ozona Tournament at the baseball field.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. McCamey, 5:30 p.m. at McCamey.

### Saturday, Feb. 26

- Lions Baseball in the Ozona Tournament at the baseball field.
- OHS Track Teams at the Junction Track Meet.
- OHS Tennis Teams at Fort Stockton.
- Lady Lions Golf at Fort Stockton.
- Lions to compete in Reagan County Powerlifting Meet.
- OHS Computer Science teams to compete in ACU Lifeline Challenge in Abilene.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

### Sunday, Feb. 27

- Guadalupe Society Enchilada Plate lunch, 11 a.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Bingo fund-raiser for Noel Fierro, 3 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
- FBC Youth Bash, 6:30 p.m. at the Hoover Building.

### Monday, Feb. 28

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. Reagan County, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Big Lake.

### Tuesday, March 1

- TAKS Testing: fourth and seventh grades writing and Exit Level English Language Arts retest.
- Eighth Grade students at college readiness program at ASU in San Angelo.
- Dominos, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. McCamey, 4:30 p.m. at McCamey.
- Lady Lion Softball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at the softball field.

### Wednesday, March 2

- TAKS Testing: Exit Level math retest.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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# Learning to eat heart healthy

BY MELISSA PERNER  
EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

Learning to eat more heart healthy was the subject of "The Heart Truth Red Dress Luncheon" last week at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

As the group of ladies, and Pastor Ron Shott, enjoyed their lunch, E.A. Wadsworth, of the Wesley Nurse Foundation, educated everyone on foods to eat and ones to avoid for heart health.

"Nutrition is the foundation of all our health," she said.

The meal prepared by Wadsworth and her helpers, consisted of lean roast beef, asparagus, salad with vinaigrette dressing, super sweet potato salad and dark chocolate dipped strawberries.

"Sweet potatoes are a good high amount of fiber," Wadsworth said.

Wadsworth also said not to buy any cooking oils except canola and olive oil.

One treat she suggested was popping popcorn in a skillet with canola oil and topping with parmesan cheese.

Also, beef can also be heart healthy, Wadsworth said.

"You can have beef. However, the leaner the beef the



VEVA VARGAS and LUPE GALVAN look over information at the Heart Healthy Luncheon on Feb. 16 at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

more careful you have to cook it to keep it from drying out," she said. "You don't want too much fat."

On the subject of salt, Wadsworth said for those under 50 2,300 milligrams per day is the recommended amount and 1,500 milligrams for those over 50.

Where many people get their salt is not from shaking it onto their food, but from processed foods like helpers and Raman noodles.

Also, Wadsworth said the popular energy drinks are not good due to the drinks causing heart rates to increase.

"These are not good for you at all. Be aware of these, especially if you have teens

or younger kids," Wadsworth said.

One suggestion to changing nutritional habits Wadsworth presented was "The Plate Method," where half of a dinner plate is vegetables, a quarter protein and a quarter grains.

"If you start gradually changing your habits, you are more than likely to stick with it," she said. "When you look at your plate, you should have more vegetables than anything else and corn and potatoes are not vegetables."

For more information, call Wadsworth at 392-3060 or visit <http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/educational/heart-truth/>

## OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL  
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

The Ozona Garden Club held its February meeting at the home of Miss Esther Williams who also served as hostess.

Fourteen members and one guest, Ms. Sarah Lanphier, enjoyed the program and refreshments.

President Jan Van Shoubrouek conducted the business meeting, and Secretary Charlotte Harrell read the minutes for the January meeting, which were approved.

Members voted unanimously to support the Crockett County Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer

Society, April 8-9, 2011.

Members were reminded to bring clippers and vases to the March meeting when floral arrangements to be given to the Crockett County Care Center, Crockett County Library, Crockett County Museum and other favorite charities will be made. Treasurer Carmen Sutton noted that a few National Garden Club calendars are still available for \$8 each.

Members enjoyed seeing many beautiful pictures of the Buchart Gardens in Victoria on Vancouver Island, Canada, presented by Mrs. Carmen Sutton and Mrs. Jan Van Shoubrouek who visited the gardens last August. Mrs. Jeannine Hender-

son had also visited the gardens and brought her pictures for all to enjoy. They highly recommend a visit to this historic 55-acre site, which has been open to the public for about a century.

The next meeting will be held Monday, March 14, at the Crockett County Civic Center kitchen.

Members in attendance were Tina Bean, Vivian Childress, Arlene Clayton, Nancy Forehand, Debi Hamilton, Charlotte Harrell, Jeannine Henderson, Pamela Maresch, Dorothy Montgomery, Kathleen Shott, Carmen Sutton, Jan Van Shoubrouek, Esther Williams, and Rosalind Williams.

## DEATH NOTICES

### Forest Ray Henderson

Forest Ray Henderson, 57, of La Porte passed away Friday, Feb. 11, 2011. He is survived by his father Harold, his wife Jimmie Laverne Henderson, sisters Nikki Dunn and Melissa Gustin.

A memorial service was held Monday, Feb. 21, at Paul U. Lee La Porte Funeral Home Chapel. Also a memorial service was held Saturday, Feb. 26, at Lawn Haven Memorial Gardens Cemetery in San Angelo. Arrangements by Paul U. Lee-La Porte Funeral Home, www.paululee.com.

## OBITUARIES

### Billie Madeleine Bush Edgerton

Funeral services for Billie Madeleine Bush Edgerton were held in Cortez, Colo., on Feb. 4 at Ertel Memorial Chapel with the Rev. Martin Graves officiating. Burial followed at the Cortez Cemetery.

Billie Madeleine Edgerton, 83, died suddenly on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at her home near Cortez, Colo. She was born May 14, 1927, in Harlingen, Texas, to Hulley Doyle and Lillie Dale Hines Bush. Billie graduated from Raymondville High School in Raymondville, Texas, in 1944, and from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, in 1947, with a BA in Spanish. In 1971, she completed her master of education degree at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas, and she received her Ed. Specialist Degree (principal's certification) from the University of Colorado.

Billie married Charles Bennett Edgerton in Raymondville on Dec. 24, 1947.

Billie was a Spanish teacher at Durango High School in Durango, Colo., when she retired in 1992. She was chairman of the Foreign Language Department there, but she also taught many other subjects at all grade levels since she had an all-level teaching certificate. She was named the Outstanding Foreign Language Teacher for the State of Colorado. She had also taught in Texas at Corpus Christi, Idalou, San Perlita and Ozona before moving to Durango. She taught school for 33 years.

Raising four children, Billie was very active in PTA, 4-H, Girl Scouts, and Cub Scouts, in addition to teaching an adult Sunday school class. She also helped her husband, Charlie, with their farming operation in Muleshoe, Texas, and San Perlita, Texas. She was a fantastic cook and was well known for her tamales. Many a home displays her beautifully cross-stitched pictures and pillows.

Billie was preceded in death by her husband of 58 years, her parents, and her sister, Imogene Wilson.

Billie is survived by her two daughters and two sons, Janie VanZandt and husband Joe of Mobeetie, Texas, Skookie Bailey and husband, Dave of Bivins, Texas, Don Edgerton of Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Bill Edgerton and wife Susan of Cortez, Colo. She also leaves behind nine grandchildren, Becky Reed of Justin, Texas, Jalyn Setser of Atlanta, Texas, Charlie Bailey and fiancée Tricia O'Neill both of Stillwater, Okla., Irby Bailey and wife Rudi of Ponca City, Okla., Dennis Bailey and wife Veronica of Lufkin, Texas, Doyle Edgerton of Cortez, Colo., Dorothy Edgerton and Quirt Edgerton of Portland, Ore., and Sam Edgerton of Mesa, Ark.; and one great-grandchild, Preston Setser of Atlanta, Texas.

Memorials may be made in Billie's name to First Southwest Bank, 1510 E. Main St, Cortez, Colo. 81321, to assist foreign language studies in the area.

### Guadalupe Society enchilada plate lunch Sunday

The Guadalupe Society will hold an enchilada plate lunch starting at 11 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, at the OLPH Parish Hall. Cost is \$6 per plate.

## OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The weather has been warm and many of us have enjoyed it. History has taught us that we will still have at least one more freeze, so don't uncover your plants.

Helen Owensby had a stroke and a broken hip and remains in a San Angelo hospital. Helen has been a volunteer here at the Senior Center ever since I have been here. Please remember Helen in your thoughts and prayers. Her son Michael Owensby and daughter Sue Owensby are by her side.

I assume that Eddie Moore was doing well and should be at home now. We are anxious to see him around town in the near future.

Dee Keilers should be at home now after having hip surgery. We have missed him and will be happy to see him in the future here at the Senior Center.

I just spoke to Helen Wall concerning Eddie since there were so many rumors going around. Eddie had a heart test and was found to have COPD. No surgery was needed. Eddie, you take care and we do hope you are getting along well.

Our next Senior Bingo Social has been moved up to Thursday, Feb. 24. We have to move it up because of a date conflict. Lasagna, salad, garlic

bread, ice cream sandwiches, tea, water or coffee will be served. Please plan to come for a fun night.

We still haven't heard from the Concho Valley Community Service. This organization helps those who qualify with their utility bills. They haven't received their budget and unsure since so many organizations budgets have been cut.

The people that meet to play domino games will be meeting on Tuesday every week after lunch. If you would like to join them in playing, come on in about 1 p.m.

The bridge game will be played on Mondays at 1:30 p.m. Those who attend have the best time playing bridge and they appreciate using our Senior Center.

On Wednesday, a group meets to play Mexican Train. These players get down and have a fun time playing this exciting game.

We have our regular activities: bridge, bingo, home health, pool, canasta, domino games and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines, a Wii game and two computers that are on the Internet for seniors to use.

We also have a projector with stand and screen and have added a wonderful keyboard.

Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults only.

### Card of Thanks

We wish to express our sincere thankfulness to anyone that brought by food, goods or just came to be with us during the loss of our baby girl Kensly Rae Dominguez. A special thank you to the EMT crew for getting our baby to San Angelo, to Jesus & Ginny Enriguez for being there to help me (Kim), to Preddy Funeral Home for their services, also to the Guadalupeans for the wonderful meal they prepared for the family and especially to all that kept us in your thoughts and prayers.

God Bless You All!  
With love, The Family of Kensly Rae Dominguez

### Card of Thanks

We extend a heartfelt appreciation to the Community of Ozona for the love and support that was shown to Felipe Ramirez during the fund raiser held Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011. Also, for all of the contributions and hard work shown by everyone involved. God's blessing to each and everyone of you who participated in any way.

With Gratitude,  
Viola Perez, Felipe and Alicia Ramirez.

## REPEATING THOSE VOWS

I recently noticed in a local newspaper where a couple celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary and renewed their wedding vows. My wife and I also went to a two day marriage retreat and there we reaffirmed or renewed our marriage vows to each other. Those two events reminded me of something in the Bible. First, marriage was not man's idea but God's and it was to be a binding permanent agreement, covenant or compact between two people made before God, (Genesis 2:24, Matthew 10:8). The idea of covenant or permanent agreement originated with God and was used for more things than marriage. Due to His very nature, (honest and a promise keeper) God has always kept His covenants. God promised Noah He would protect him and his family from the flood, (Genesis 6:17&18). Over the many centuries God has made many covenants with many people but today we live in the era of the new covenant, (Hebrews 9:15-17). The new covenant was inaugurated with the crucified body and sealed with the shed blood of Jesus Christ, (Luke 22:19&20, Hebrews 12:24). Everyone that has called upon Jesus Christ for forgiveness and made Him Lord and Savior has been set free from the penalty of sin and has the hope of eternal life with God. I think we should every now and then reaffirm or recommit our love and dedication to the Lord Jesus, (Hebrews 12:28).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

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| <p><b>First Baptist Church</b><br/>901 Ave. D<br/>Pastor Chris Johnson<br/>Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.<br/>Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b><br/>1002 11th St.<br/>Mr. Johnnie Perkins<br/>Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m.<br/>Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>   | <p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b><br/>12 - 11th St.<br/>Pastor Ron Shott<br/>Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.<br/>Wed. Worship - 5 p.m.-Meal, 5:30 p.m.-Study</p>  |
| <p><b>Templo Bautista Jerusalem</b><br/>138 Blas St.<br/>Rev. Esequiel Cervantez<br/>Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>   | <p><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b><br/>802 1st St.<br/>Pastor Tom Baden<br/>Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m.<br/>Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>  | <p><b>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church</b><br/>2121 Santa Rosa St.<br/>Rev. Dan &amp; Ann Rios<br/>Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> |
| <p><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b><br/>Corner of Secretariat &amp; Man O' War<br/>Pastor Juan Avila<br/>Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>                | <p><b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b><br/>102 Man O' War St.<br/>Pastor Maria C. Salcedo<br/>Lunes: 6:00 p.m.<br/>Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.<br/>Martes: 6:00 p.m.<br/>Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p> | <p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b><br/>219 Martinez St.<br/>Fr. Nilo Nalugon<br/>Sun. Mass: 11 a.m.<br/>Sat.: 7 p.m.<br/>Tues. - Fri.: 6 p.m.</p>  |
| <p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b><br/>601 Ave. I<br/>Sunday School: 10 a.m.<br/>Worship: 11 a.m.<br/>Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>   | <p><b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</b></p>  |  |
| <p><b>New Beginnings Church</b><br/>701 9th Street<br/>Pastor Carlos Cantu<br/>Sunday Worship: 10 a.m.<br/>Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>   | <p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b><br/>Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run<br/>Interim - Ray Valadez<br/>Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.<br/>Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>                                  |  |

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS**

# Ozona spotlighted in Texas Highways

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF  
CHAMBER EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The March 2011 issue of Texas Highways Magazine will spotlight Ozona, titled on the front page, "The Ozona Zone."

Travel Writer Rae Nadler-Olenick and her husband Walt were on their way home from Bakersville.

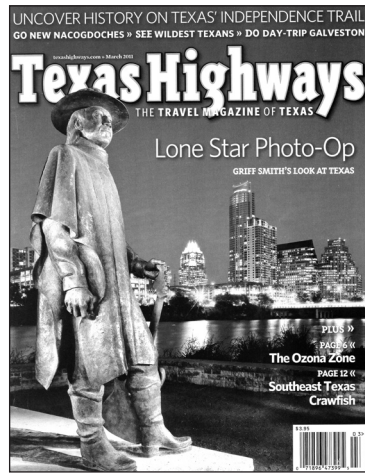
Traveling east, they veered off the interstate and found the scenic loop that led them to Fort Lancaster. They also found Ozona.

The article talks about Ozona Wool & Mohair, "Silk Stocking Row," the Davy Crockett Monument, the courthouse, the Crockett County Museum and the Emerald House.

Before leaving Ozona they stopped at the Village Drug for a banana split.

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"The Chamber of Commerce sends a letter out to all of our local civic and other organizations requesting dates for annual events they may host. Responses are sub-

mitted and included in the Texas Highways Events magazine, in addition to regional media. It is our hope that these activities will not only create interest but generate traffic into our community," Biggerstaff said. "The cost to advertise in this publication is significant, so we are very fortunate and truly appreciative of the opportunity to be highlighted. Over 563,000 subscribers will learn about Ozona, and this does not include their on-line subscribers."

Eighty-seven percent of Texas Highway readers traveled to a Texas destination that was written about, of which 94 percent travel by car. Eighty-five percent stay in hotels/motels during their travels. Fifty-four percent visit historic sites and 51 percent visit museums.

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**HELPING HANDS HIGHLIGHTS**

BY MELINDA KAY MALONE  
DIRECTOR

I missed being at Helping Hands last week. Thank you to the staff - Walter Tommy Harger, Mona Sanchez, Becky Ybarra; the Board members, the County and the volunteers for the prayers, support, and extra effort in preparing, delivering and serving the daily meals in addition to the extra preparation for the Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon while I was with my mother in Shannon Medical Center. It is wonderful to be back in Ozona and at Helping Hands.

I do want brag extra on everyone who made the annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon Feb. 17 Thursday a great success. There were

39 supporters of Helping Hands that enjoyed wonderful food and fellowship at the Crockett County Senior Citizens Center. We appreciate all those who have generously given of their time volunteering in the past and currently. Thank you, Judge Fred Deaton for the special words of support from Crockett County. Thank you also to the Ozona National Bank group for attending and expressing your support of Helping Hands.

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**MARCH 2**  
· Pork Roast, Mac & Cheese, Squash Mix, Wheat Roll, Lemon Cake

# Economic development funding, investing in rural America available through USDA

BY DANNY TORRES  
USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

TEMPLE, Texas - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that USDA is accepting applications for loans and grants to create jobs and spur economic development. Funding is provided through the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant (REDLG) program.

"In his State of the Union address, President Obama laid out a vision for 'winning the future,' with a call to 'out-innovate, out-educate, and out-build the rest of the world,'" said Vilsack. "These investment opportunities will promote business expansion and entrepreneurship by helping local businesses get access to capital, technical assistance and new markets for their products and services."

REDLG provides loan and grant funding for rural projects through local utility cooperatives. Under the program, USDA provides zero-interest loans and limited grant support to utilities. The funds are loaned to local businesses (ultimate recipients) for projects that will create and retain employment in rural areas.

For more information on this program, visit [http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP\\_redlg.html](http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/BCP_redlg.html).

"Our mission at USDA Rural Development includes the creation and preservation of jobs in rural Texas," said State Director Paco Valentin. "The REDLG program supports this mission by promoting entrepreneurship and stimulating business expansion."

Applications from the utility cooperative must be received by March 31 for third quarter funding and June 30 for fourth quarter funding.

Completed applications must be postmarked and submitted to the Texas USDA Rural Development Office, 101 South Main, Suite 102, Temple, Texas 76501 or submitted electronically at <http://www.grants.gov> by the provided deadlines.

An application must contain all of the required elements to prevent negatively impacting the overall score. For further details about eligibility rules and application procedures, see the Feb. 14, 2011 issue of the Federal Register, page 8334.

USDA, through its Rural Development mission area, administers and manages more than 40

housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs through a national network of state and local offices.

These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of nearly \$146 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

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**COLLEGE:** from page 1

The program is both an elective course and school improvement strategy aimed at teaching and motivating under-achieving students toward a college-going expectation. Students are selected by application and screening and receive state graduation credit for all four years of AVID.

Gonzalez teaches three sections of AVID, college training and AVID tracking. The school board approved implementing the program in March 2010.

"We don't want to lose ground with these kids," duBois said. "We are in the process of implementing AVID into the classrooms school-wide. There are some really good teaching strategies. Each year I hope we can add more."

Along with working with AVID, duBois also focuses in helping all students, staff and parents understanding what it means to become college ready.

"Everything I think ties into college readiness," she said. "Any job you get requires basic skills."

duBois' position is an extension to the OHS Counselor's office with Carole Stevens.

A state-wide and national push to ensure a strong focus on college readiness, has led these positions due to high school counselors having to spend so much time with mandated testing, student transcripts, meetings and other components required.

"My job is to enhance the office of the high school guidance counselor," duBois said. "Originally, this is what a counselor did. With the new additional requirements, we have to compensate to get to these things."

When students leave Ozona High School, duBois said the district wants to make sure they are ready for any type of higher education.

Trips and college visits are taken to two-year and four-year universities, as well as technical schools. Students have to earn points by completing different tasks to go on these trips, such as completing a prep ACT/SAT course.

This year, duBois said she sat down with freshman students and showed them their transcripts. She explained to each individual student what the transcript is about and how it will affect them in the future.

"By seeing that in black and white, many of them were like 'wow, I want my grades to look good,'" she said.

Parent awareness is also big in preparing students for college. Holding parent meetings and financial aid nights, as well as implementing a Walk for Success initiative where teacher and parent teams visit parents and families at home.

"That was an eye-opener for a lot of us," duBois said. "The kids and families that live here, we want them to have access to the money that is out there."

In the high school, duBois also oversees the Go Center where students and parents can pick up scholarship applications, use the computer to fill out applications online like the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or check

out books on how to write application essays.

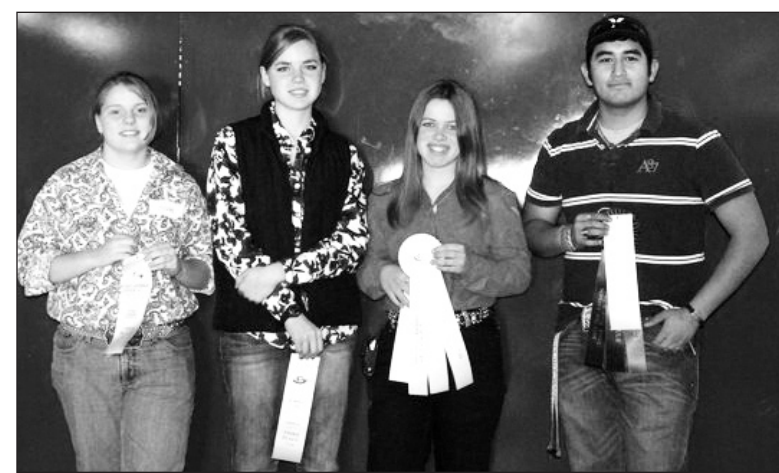
duBois said the interest in four-year and two-year universities, along with technical schools, joining the military and no college is about even among Ozona students.

With programs like AVID and focusing on college readiness, teachers at OHS are aiming for high numbers.

"We want to let them know when they graduate high school they still have choices.

We want to focus on being a good student and making sure we are developing these skills with all our students as early as possible," duBois said. "Parents be persistent and insist students do their best in the classroom."

For more on the AVID program or college readiness, call duBois at 392-5501 ext. 5740 or e-mail [susie.dubois@ozonaschools.net](mailto:susie.dubois@ozonaschools.net) or Gonzalez at 392-5501 ext. 5738 or [butch.gonzalez@ozonaschools.net](mailto:butch.gonzalez@ozonaschools.net).



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- TXism: "\_\_\_ a yarn" (lie)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ donkey fly?" (no)
- troubled CB Jones who played for Cowboys in '08
- TXism: "liquid \_\_\_" (perfume)
- ex-Dallas Spanish publication meaning "Echo Sports"
- "I \_\_\_ the Light"
- Toronto team that was in same confer. as Dallas Stars
- TX Roy Orbison's "\_\_\_, Pretty Woman"
- for an animal to lose skin or hair
- describing Valley-grown fruit
- "\_\_\_ Art Museum of Fort Worth"
- "Ralph" so. of border
- Gulf shark
- dir. to Fort Worth from Dublin
- TXism: "get \_\_\_" (hurry)
- TXism for "carry"
- TXism: "happy as a kid on Santa's \_\_\_"
- TXism: "worthless \_\_\_-card flush"
- historic TX spread: "\_\_\_ Bar Ranch"
- car window treatment
- in '84, TX Stevie Ray Vaughan went on "Fall \_\_\_"
- this Young led UT to national title in '06
- guitarist \_\_\_ Paul
- '67 sitcom with TX Paula Prentiss: "\_\_\_ She"
- "guitar \_\_\_"
- 1st TX president (init.)
- San Angelo may have been named after one
- words with skating & roller
- TXism: "let bygones be \_\_\_"
- film by TX rancher Chuck Norris: "\_\_\_ of Silence"
- TXism: "spread like gossip \_\_\_ church meeting"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ off at the mouth" (talked a lot)
- hallucinogenic drug
- popular Mexican beer
- slogan for TX-born pres.: "\_\_\_ lke"
- TX gov. power: legislative \_\_\_
- used to row a boat
- most TXns have to \_\_\_ their house
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- 26 \_\_\_ Smith County
- 27 Dallas Spanish newspaper: "\_\_\_ de Texas"
- 28 "Old San Antonio Road" was one of "caminos \_\_\_"
- 29 TX Gary Busey '97 miniseries: "\_\_\_ Riders"
- 30 tie up a boat
- 33 '88 film with TX Quaid & Meg Ryan
- 34 dull, heavy sound
- 35 Pittsburg, TX food: hot \_\_\_
- 37 "Last Night at the Alamo" ('83) starred \_\_\_ Davis
- 38 dog parasites
- 40 in Houston: "Ben \_\_\_ Hospital"
- 41 Grape \_\_\_ TX
- 44 East TX tree
- 47 \_\_\_ reel
- 49 TXism: "\_\_\_ much to do as a hibernating bear"

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- TXism: "fits like \_\_\_"
- seat of Cottle Co.
- TXism: "get your ducks \_\_\_"
- Miami, TX \_\_\_ for an Indian word for "sweetheart"
- TXism: "smoke \_\_\_" (find)
- TXism: "gave his \_\_\_ bears the slip" (recovered)
- word used with "in" or "out"
- \_\_\_ Thornton
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## Lady Lions win first game

The Lady Lions Softball Team won their first game 17-2 on Feb. 15.

Winning pitcher and catcher - RaeLynn Arredondo and Kodi Glosson.

Leading players - Kodi Glosson scored 1 run and defended the plate with no steals; Adrienne Sanchez scored 2 runs and anchored the middle infield; RaeLynn Arredondo scored 3 runs, and held the Lady Badgers to 2 runs and recorded 4 strikeouts; Britni Mitchel scored 3 runs and kept the corners tight; Melanie Miller scored 2 runs and 'quarterbacked' the outfield; Natalia Ortiz scored 1 run and shut'em down playing first base for the first time; Brianna Cervantez contributed great defensive play in the

outfield; Lexi Poindexter scored 1 run in her 'freshman' debut; Stacie Quiroz had an outstanding game scoring 2 runs, one of them an in the park homerun; Arleen Castillo scored 2 runs and played mistake free at second base. Also contributing to the Lady Lion success was Vivian Medina and Sabrina De La Garza.

"The Lady Lions played well in their first game and small amount of practice time. The team's motto this year is 'Unity+Passion = Team.' We will prepare with that in mind for every game this year and hope to see promising results. We would like to express our appreciation to our fans - 'The Lion Nation' and all our supporters," said Coach Butch Gonzalez.



NATALIA ORTIZ IS THROWN THE BALL AT FIRST BASE FOR AN EASY OUT AGAINST McCAMEY IN THE LADY LIONS FEB. 15 SOFTBALL GAME. JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

### 2011 Ozona Baseball Tournament February 24, 25, and 26



**Pool A**  
Ozona  
Rocksprings  
Kermit  
TLCA



**Pool B**  
Ozona JV  
Fort Stockton JV  
Big Lake  
Harper

**Thursday**

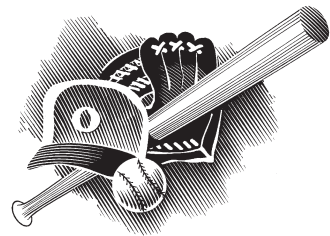
9:00 a.m. Fort Stockton vs. Harper  
11:00 a.m. Ozona JV vs. Fort Stockton  
1:00 p.m. Harper vs. Big Lake  
3:00 p.m. TLCA vs. Kermit  
5:00 p.m. Ozona JV vs. Harper  
7:00 p.m. Ozona vs. Rocksprings

**Friday**

9:00 a.m. Ozona JV vs. Big Lake  
11:00 a.m. Big Lake vs. Fort Stockton  
1:00 p.m. Rocksprings vs. Kermit  
3:00 p.m. TLCA vs. Rocksprings  
5:00 p.m. Ozona vs. Kermit  
7:00 p.m. Ozona vs. TLCA

**Saturday**

| Pool A     | Pool B  |
|------------|---------|
| 9:00 a.m.  | 4 vs. 4 |
| 11:15 a.m. | 3 vs. 3 |
| 1:30 p.m.  | 2 vs. 2 |
| 3:45 p.m.  | 1 vs. 1 |



### Lions and Lady Lions lift at Sweetwater Meet

Michael Vargas was the lone Lion powerlifter to win a medal at what turned to be a very competitive Sweetwater Meet.

Vargas was fifth in the 132 class with an 850 pound total.

Other lifters were: Robbie Sanchez - 515 total, A.J. Ramos - 470 total, Noah Tambunga - 700 total, Hazael Damian - 875 total, Mario Sifuentes - 885 total, Anthony Avila - 895 total, Andrew Sanchez

- 950 total, and Mark Galardo - 1010 total.

The Lady Lions managed to win two medals at the meet.

Dalia Hernandez was fourth in her weight class with a total of 555 pounds.

Nancy Rodriguez totaled 535 to take fifth place in her weight class.

Alex Rodriguez totaled 490 pounds and Nicloe Higgins lifted a total of 540 pounds.

### Crockett County Shotgun Shoot seeking entries for May 14 event

A Crockett County Shotgun Shoot, sponsored by Ozona Trap & Skeet, will be held May 14 at the Crockett County Shooting Sports Complex.

The event will feature 50 Five Stand, 50 American Trap and 50 American Skeet. Cost is \$75 per 150 birds and deadline to register is May 1. Late entries are \$85 per 150 birds.

Awards for top five places in all divisions: High Point Over-All Individual Awards 4 Divisions - Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1 and

Senior 2 Divisions.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and matches start at 9 a.m. Cut off for registration is 10 a.m.

Concession Stand will be open.

This is a "Whiz Bang" for 5 Stand and Sporting Clay qualifier.

Lunch will be available for purchase. Proceeds to benefit Crockett County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

For more information, call Tom Anderson at (325) 392-3774 or Ken Stokes at (325) 392-3282.

### Funds available for free ACT and SAT tests for eleventh grade students

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March 4. OHS will be a testing center for this particular ACT test date. The deadline to register for the first SAT test

date (May 7) is April 8.

Students may pick up vouchers to register for free online, from Mrs. duBois or Ms. Stevens in the Counseling Center.

If you have questions, call the high school at 392-5711.



THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL TEAM HELD SENIOR NIGHT WITH THEIR PARENTS ON FEB. 15 IN DAVIDSON GYM. The Lions are: (front, l. to r.) Richard Borrego, Eric Talamantez, Austin Suddreth, Abey Lara and Jose Aguilar. JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

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### Moore receives Excellence Award

Allison Moore, granddaughter of Janet and Brent Moore of Ozona, was recently awarded a Pursuit of Excellence Award by the Andrews Independent School District.

She was nominated by the faculty and recognized, along with other outstanding students, at the school board meeting on Feb. 8, 2011.

Allison is a seventh grade honors student at Andrews Middle School. She enjoys reading, helping work cattle on the family ranch and is in her seventh year of taking ballet.

## Middle school students compete in Math and science competition

Nineteen sixth, seventh, and eighth graders from Ozona Middle School participated for the first time in the Texas Middle School Math & Science Coaches Association meet held this past Saturday Feb. 19, at Coahoma Junior High School.

Students competing from Ozona Middle School were eighth graders Bryce Gutierrez, Jadie Marshal, Alan Salazar, Marissa Held, Keyanna Perez, Ricky Porras, and Dylan Perez. Seventh grade students competing from OMS were Dulce Rodriguez and Jeremy Munoz. Sixth grade students competing included Kamryn Lozano, Julie Marshall, Rachel Mendoza, Gabrielle Flores, Asia Lara, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Garry Held, Kabir Shaw, Thomas Cruz and Austin Elguea. These students competed in calculator competition, mathematics, and number sense.

Students from Alpine, Big Spring, Colorado City, Crane, Idalou, Lubbock, San

Angelo Lincoln, Slaton, Ozona, Pecos, Abilene Wylie, Sweetwater, and Coahoma.

Ozona sixth grader Kamryn Lozano placed 5th in her division with 161 points. Also, 6th grader Rachel Mendoza took 7th place with 146 points. Eighth grader Keyanna Perez scored 10th place in calculator competition with 166 points. Ozona Middle School took 5th place out of 13 in the team calculator competition. Ernie Rivera serves as academic coach for all three events. Mr. Rivera stated, "I am pleased with our students' performance today, especially since this is the first time they have ever competed in this particular competition. We have lots of work to do, but great kids that know how to work hard." Students have the opportunity to compete in three other Texas Middle School Math & Science Coaches Association competitions this spring. Students that score

## FBC to host Youth Bash Sunday

FBC is hosting a Youth Bash this Sunday (Feb. 27) in the Hoover building.

The event will start at 6:30 p.m. and it'll be Dinner and Movie theme.

All youth middle school and high school are welcome to attend.

### Ozona Middle School Track Schedule 2011

March 4 - Sonora  
March 24 - Harper  
April 1 - Junction

The Middle School District Meet is April 14 in Ballinger.

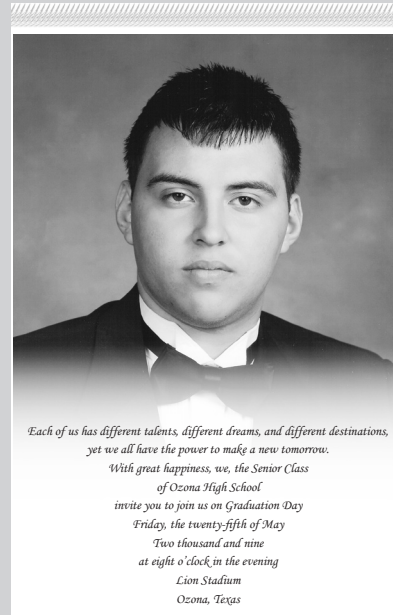
The Lady Lions Softball Team will take on Reagan County at 5 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 24, at the softball field and then McCamey at 5:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 25, at McCamey. Go Lady Lions!

### Bingo Fundraiser

Noel Fierro has the opportunity to travel to San Francisco with a group of students from Ozona Middle School. A fund raiser will be held on Sunday, Feb. 27 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Starting at 8:00 a.m. menudo, brisket burritos and more will be for sale. Bingo will begin at 3:00 p.m. Menudo, corn of the cob, brisket burritos and a sweet sale will also be held at that time.

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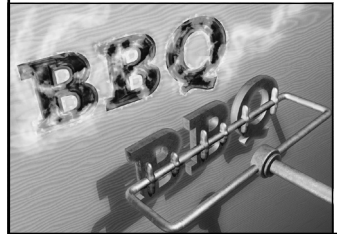
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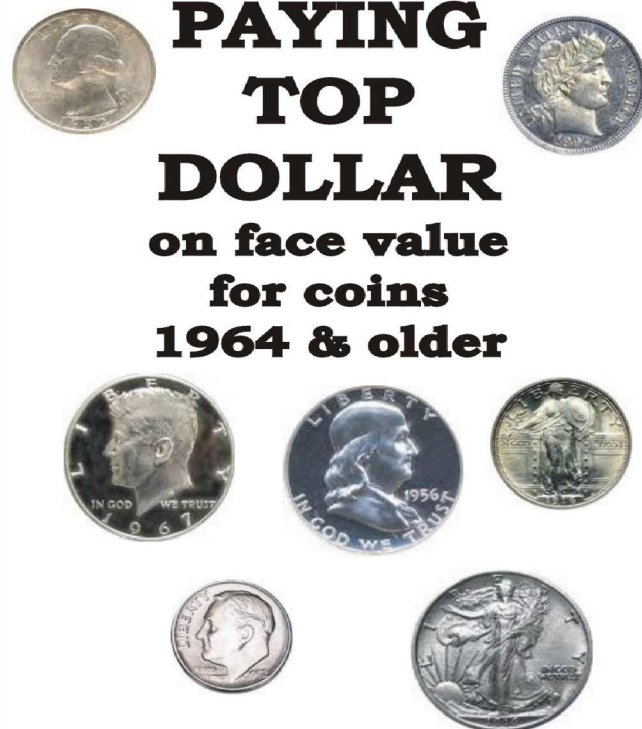
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# Hilderbran files bills for horseracing, reducing property tax fraud claims

BY MELISSA PERNER  
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State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, has filed four new bills that include reduction of fraudulent claims of homestead exemption and the creation of a Texas Derby horserace.

House Bill 252 would reduce fraudulent claims of homestead exemption from personal property taxes by requiring property owners to prove their state residency.

In Texas, a homeowner can apply for a "homestead exemption" on their primary residence, which removes part of the home's value from taxation. This lowers the homeowner's property taxes. However, non-Texas residents who own vacation homes in the state are able to claim the exemption because they are not required to show proof of their residency.

"Right now, residents of other states can claim the homestead exemption even if they only come to Texas one weekend out of the year," Hilderbran said. "The purpose of the homestead exemption is to reduce the amount of taxes Texans must pay on their primary home, and my bill will help enforce the intent of that law."

The bill would require a property owner to show identification that reflects the same address as the property for which they seek an exemption. Such identification would include a Texas-issued driver's license or identification card, proof of vehicle registration, as well as a current utility bill.

House Bill 254 would create the Texas Derby, an annual race for Texas-born thoroughbred and quarter horses that would boast a \$5 million purse.

To qualify for entry into the derby, House Bill 254 requires horses to compete and place in the top three at a Texas-based race. The legislation guarantees that at least two qualifying races would be held in or adjacent to a county with a population of at least 2 million.

"Basically, all of the horses competing in our derby would be Texas-born, Texas-trained, and Texas-raced, so we'll see economic incentives there, too," Hilderbran said.

The derby would be for three-year old horses, which Hilderbran said encourage the protection of race horses.

The track that hosts the inaugural derby would be chosen by a random draw-



**HARVEY HILDERBRAN**  
State Representative, Dist. 53

ing, and the race would alternate between the state's class 1 racetracks in the following years.

House Bill 251 would increase the amount of insurance required on dangerous animals to ensure their owners would be able to cover any property damage or bodily harm the animal may cause. The bill also prohibits owners from housing dangerous animals within five miles of a school, daycare, or church, and it requires them to provide at least two acres of property per registered animal.

While owners of dangerous animals are already required to file a permit application with their local animal control agency or sheriff's office, Hilderbran's bill would increase the information applicants must provide in their permit request. The current application asks for information regarding an animal's species, sex, age, distinct color or markings, and other identifying information. Hilderbran's bill would require owners to also include information on prior ownership and conditions of sale.

The representative said he will also add language to the bill to elevate inspection frequency and standards for rescue centers housing dangerous wildlife and to prohibit these centers from advertising themselves as both rescue and hunting facilities.

"The goal is to make sure that the operators of rescue centers have the means and the knowledge to protect these animals and the public," Hilderbran said.

Hilderbran added that his legislation has nothing to do with hoofed animals and that it would not alter the list of dangerous animals as listed within the Texas Health and Safety Code. That list includes lions, tigers, ocelots, cougars, leopards, cheetahs, jaguars, bobcats, lynx, servals, caracals, hyenas, bears, coyotes, jackals, baboons, chimpanzees, orangutans,

and gorillas.

Further, the bill applies only to private animal owners and does not affect zoos, aquariums, or research facilities.

Finally, House Bill 253 follows several cases of child abuse in the state where evidence showed that both parents were aware of the abuse but neither took steps to prevent it. The most well-publicized of these cases was a 2008 raid on a polygamist compound in Eldorado, where the state removed over 400 children amid sexual abuse allegations.

In that case, the Texas Supreme Court determined that Child Protective Services did not make all reasonable efforts to keep the children in their homes by considering an option to remove the alleged perpetrator rather than the children. The ruling came despite evidence that the non-perpetrator was aware of the abuse.

Hilderbran's bill would modify the Family Code to state that a court may only issue an order to remove the alleged perpetrator from the home, rather than the child, if all available facts indicate that the remaining parent or guardian is likely to abide by the terms of the temporary restraining order.

Hilderbran's bill would prohibit parents from accompanying or remaining with the child should social workers remove the victim from their home.

"In 2008, we saw cases of parents coaching their children on what to say and how to act in front of state social workers," Hilderbran said. "This is something that can and does happen in other abuse situations, but it can easily be prevented."

The bill also seeks to protect children by enforcing compulsory public school attendance requirements. It would allow attendance officers to visit the home of parents under investigation for child abuse whose children are not meeting school attendance requirements. Parents who deliberately and intentionally keep their children from school more than once could face third-degree state felony charges.

"The overall goal here is to make sure that we protect children at every turn and we make sure that child abusers don't slip through any cracks," Hilderbran said.

To contact Hilderbran's Austin office, call (512) 463-0536 or visit harvey.hilderbran@house.state.tx.us.

# Crockett County shows population decline in 2010 Census

While Census numbers for Texas were up statewide, Crockett County saw a decrease in its population.

The U.S. Census Bureau released more detailed 2010 population totals and demographic characteristics to the governor and leadership of the state legislature in Texas last week. These data provide the first look at population counts for small areas and race, Hispanic origin, voting age and housing unit data released from the 2010 Census.

For Crockett County, the 2010 population is 3,719. The 2000 total was 4,099, which is a loss of 380 people.

Area county 2010 population: Reagan County 3,367; Upton 3,355; Sutton 4,128; Schleicher 3,461; Terrell 984; Irion 1,599 and Pecos 15,507.

Along with Crockett County, Upton, Pecos, Terrell and Irion counties all showed population declines from 2000.

Reagan and Sutton counties showed a 0-5 percent increase and Schleicher County showed a 15-25 percent population increase.

The census data are used by state officials to realign congressional and state legislative districts in their states, taking into account

population shifts since the 2000 Census. This includes local school board and county commissioners' districts. Texas' population — which swelled 20.6 percent to 25.1 million over the past decade — grew faster in major urban centers and in the Rio Grande Valley while slowing significantly in rural areas of West Texas.

Data for Texas show that the five most populous incorporated places and their 2010 Census counts are Houston, 2,099,451; San Antonio, 1,327,407; Dallas, 1,197,816; Austin, 790,390; and Fort Worth, 741,206.

Houston grew by 7.5 percent since the 2000 Census. San Antonio grew by 16.0 percent, Dallas grew by 0.8 percent, Austin grew by 20.4 percent, and Fort Worth grew by 38.6 percent.

The largest county is Harris, with a population of 4,092,459. Its population grew by 20.3 percent since 2000.

The other counties in the top five include Dallas, with a population of 2,368,139 (increase of 6.7 percent); Tarrant, 1,809,034 (increase of 25.1 percent); Bexar, 1,714,773 (increase of 23.1 percent); and Travis, 1,024,266 (increase of 26.1 percent).

The state's population increase accounted for nearly 25 percent of the nation's total growth in population over the decade, 2010 census data released Thursday showed.

The explosive growth in the state's Latino population, as well as in other ethnic groups, accounted for much of the statewide increase.

"Texas growth is due to Hispanics," said Steve Murdock, former state demographer and former director of the U.S. Census Bureau. "We're seeing this very marked slowdown in the Anglo population, and the marked increase of the non-Anglo population. I don't think most of us expected the absolute amount of Anglo growth would be so low."

Statewide, the number of Anglos grew by 4 percent.

The Hispanic population, in contrast, grew by 42 percent, and the African American population rose by 22 percent.

Latinos now make up 38 percent of the state's population. Anglos dropped to 45.3 percent, while African Americans comprise 11.5 percent, and Asians, 3.8 percent.

- Information compiled from the U.S. Census Bureau and the San Antonio Express-News

## TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



EXAMPLE A

### NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT

AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 18643

**APPLICATION** DCP Midstream, LP has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit Number 18643, which would authorize modification to the Ozona Gas Processing Plant located at 372 State Highway 163 South, Ozona, Crockett County, Texas 76943. The facility will emit the following contaminants: organic compounds.

This application was submitted to the TCEQ on November 29, 2010. The application will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ central office, the TCEQ San Angelo regional office, and the Crockett County Library, 703 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Ozona, Crockett County, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The facility's compliance file, if any exists, is available for public review in the San Angelo regional office of the TCEQ.

The executive director has determined the application is administratively complete and will conduct a technical review of the application.

**PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC MEETING** You may submit public comments, a request for a public meeting, or request a contested case hearing to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below. The TCEQ will consider all public comments in developing a final decision on the application. **The deadline to submit public comments is 30 days after newspaper notice is published.**

The purpose of a public meeting is to provide the opportunity to submit comments or ask questions about the application. A public meeting about the application will be held if the executive director determines that there is a significant degree of public interest in the application or if requested by a local legislator. A public meeting is not a contested case hearing.

If only comments are received on the application, the response to comments, along with notice of the executive director's action on the application, will be mailed to everyone who submitted comments or is on the mailing list for this application.

The executive director will complete the technical review, issue a preliminary decision on the application, and a Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision will be published and mailed to those who are on the mailing list for this application. That notice will contain the final deadline for submitting public comments. If a hearing request is timely filed in Response to this Notice of Receipt of Application and Intent to Obtain Air Permit, the time period for requesting a contested case hearing will be extended to thirty days after the mailing of the executive director's response to comments.

**After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and**

**material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.**

**OPPORTUNITY FOR A CONTESTED CASE HEARING** You may request a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a legal proceeding similar to a civil trial in state district court. Unless a written request for a contested case hearing is filed within 30 days from this notice, the executive director may approve the application. A contested case hearing will only be granted based on disputed issues of fact that are relevant and material to the Commission's decisions on the application. Further, the Commission will only grant a hearing on issues raised by you or others during the public comment period and not withdrawn.

**A person who may be affected by emissions of air contaminants from the facility is entitled to request a hearing. If requesting a contested case hearing, you must submit the following: (1) your name (or for a group or association, an official representative), mailing address, daytime phone number, and fax number, if any; (2) applicant's name and permit number; (3) the statement "[I/we] request a contested case hearing"; (4) a specific description of how you would be adversely affected by the application and air emissions from the facility in a way not common to the general public; (5) the location and distance of your property relative to the facility; and (6) a description of how you use the property which may be impacted by the facility. If the request is made by a group or an association, the one or more members who have standing to request a hearing and the interests which the group or association seeks to protect, must also be identified. You may also submit your proposed adjustments to the application/permit which would satisfy your concerns.**

Following the close of all applicable comment and request periods, the executive director will forward the application and any requests for contested case hearing to the Commissioners for their consideration at a scheduled Commission meeting. **If a hearing is granted, the subject of a hearing will be limited to disputed issues of fact relating to relevant and material air quality concerns raised during the comment period.** Issues such as property values, noise, traffic safety, and zoning are outside of the Commission's jurisdiction to address in this proceeding.

**MAILING LIST** In addition to submitting public comments, you may ask to be placed on a mailing list to receive future public notices for this specific application mailed by the Office of the Chief Clerk by sending a written request to the Office of the Chief Clerk at the address below.

**AGENCY CONTACTS AND INFORMATION** All public comments and requests must be submitted either in writing to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at [www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us/about/comments.html). **If you choose to communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record.** For more information about this permit application or the permitting process, please call the Office of Public Assistance, Toll Free, at 1-800-587-4040. Si desea información en Español, puede llamar al 1-800-687-4040. General information regarding the TCEQ can be found at [www.tceq.state.tx.us](http://www.tceq.state.tx.us).

Further information may also be obtained from DCP Midstream, LP, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 400W, Midland, Texas 79705-4528 or by calling Mr. Doug Lowrie, Senior Environmental Specialist at (303) 395-4043.

Notice Issuance Date: December 7, 2010

## SCHOOL:

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### ATTENDANCE DOWN

Enrollment for the district is at 761 students with 189 at OHS, 164 at OMS and 408 at the elementary school.

The attendance rate for the district is at 94.02 percent, which is down from 95.38 percent last six weeks.

duBois said this has been the toughest attendance six weeks so far due to lots of students being sick with flu or viruses.

### ELEMENTARY CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Architect Douglas Koehne visited the elementary campus and discussed a list of 1,200 items that still need to be completed on the school building and grounds.

These items include bringing back Schurtz Nursery from San Angelo to replace the grass. The current grass is a fall/cool weather variety seeded to establish erosion control through winter, duBois said.

After two treatments, the grass is dying, so a professionally installed hydro-mulch solution appears to offer the best overall value for the results, duBois said. Cost for this will be around \$9,000.

Also discussed was \$3,000 for metal gates to control public access inside the building when the school is being used after regular hours. The gates

will be placed to block off access down the main hallways when the gymnasium or cafeteria are used for evening or weekend events.

A water softening system costing \$10,621 for the kitchen will also be installed. All of these additional costs are covered under warranty, duBois said.

The board did unanimously approve the Application for Payment No. 22 for the elementary school, which totaled \$603,023 to Waldrop Construction and Koehne.

This was the last payment for the school.

Next year, CCCSD will not have and interest and sinking tax rate, it is debt-free, duBois said.

### CHARTER SCHOOL NEGATIVE IMPACT STATEMENT

The board unanimously approved a Negative Impact Statement to be submitted to the State Board of Education regarding Paradigm Charter and Responsive Education schools.

These requests were affiliated with a projected large-scale expansion of these two open-enrollment charter schools, including potential enrollment from Crockett County, duBois said.

The schools currently have operating sites in De Rio. Unlike TLC Academy Charter School in San Angelo, which is run similar to a regular public school, these two charter schools allow students to work online and only attend half a day.

These charter schools do collect state-funding for stu-

dent attendance, which draws funding away from public schools.

In their letter, the board stated that any further support of charter schools in Texas should not be done by any schools boards.

### OTHER ITEMS APPROVED:

- Changes to local policy involving employment of contractual personnel. These changes are that the superintendent no longer has final authority to employ nonadministrative contractual personnel who hold degrees and are certified for the positions to which they will be assigned. The policy now states that the superintendent has sole authority to make recommendations to the school board regarding the selection of contractual personnel, and that the school board retains the final authority for employment of contractual personnel.
- The 2011-2012 Official School Calendar.
- Letter of Engagement for the district's financial audit for the year ending August 2011 with Eckert & Company L.L.P.

### FUTURE MEETINGS:

The board will meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Feb. 23) for a workshop on security, monitoring and facilities and then again at 7:30 p.m. tonight (Feb. 23) for a special meeting on the superintendent's evaluation.

The next regular board meeting has been set for 6:30 p.m. March 16. All meetings are at the Administration Building.



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| As of Feb. 18, 2011<br>Crockett County |                      |                        |                        |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| PTD                                    | OPERATOR             | LEASE                  | CONTRACTOR/RIG         |
| 7500'                                  | Reach Exp            | University 14-1 #2     | Heart Land Drilling #4 |
| 9000'                                  | Approach Operating   | West-A #228B           | Nabors Drilling #709   |
| 5500'                                  | Firm Natural Res     | Maggie Moore #382g     | Rings Drilling 1p #2   |
| 6600'                                  | Eg Resources         | University 40- #152H   | Patterson Ut #19       |
| 9000'                                  | Approach Operating   | University 42-23 #15   | Rings Drilling 1p #17  |
| 8300'                                  | Walther O & G Corp   | M Elliott #3 H         | Patterson Ut #471      |
| 6600'                                  | Eg Resources         | University 40- #1405 H | Cactus Drilling #102   |
| 7000'                                  | Approach Operating   | University 45-4 #3 H   | Nabors Drilling #714   |
| 9600'                                  | Bark Royalty Company | Harris #1              | Rings Drilling 1p #19  |

| Reagan County |                      |                      |                           |
|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| PTD           | OPERATOR             | LEASE                | CONTRACTOR/RIG            |
| 10000'        | Broad Oak Energy Inc | Sogg-C #206          | Precision Drilling #10    |
| 9000'         | Endowner Energy Res  | Sib-10- #1           | Big Dog Drilling #4       |
| 10000'        | Broad Oak Energy Inc | Sib-C #33c           | Union Drilling Texas #226 |
| 12000'        | Prime Operating      | Stanley #2           | Patterson Ut #169         |
| 10000'        | Broad Oak Energy Inc | Sib-B #6d            | Union Drilling Texas #206 |
| 10000'        | Broad Oak Energy Inc | Sogg-B #167e         | Patterson Ut #118         |
| 10700'        | Mariner Energy       | Sib-13- #132e        | Big Dog Drilling #24      |
| 10000'        | Broad Oak Energy Inc | Sogg-B #109i         | Precision Drilling #10    |
| 11500'        | Purley Energy        | Jameson 49- #2       | Metlock Drilling #4       |
| 9900'         | Endowner Energy Res  | Sib-12a- #1          | Big Dog Drilling #5       |
| 9500'         | Firm Natural Res     | Mustang Draw #2n     | Patterson Ut #742         |
| 12990'        | El Paso E&P Company  | University 8-12 #1 H | Helmerich & Payne #301    |

| Schleicher County |                  |                 |                       |
|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| PTD               | OPERATOR         | LEASE           | CONTRACTOR/RIG        |
| 8400'             | Highmount E&P Tx | Margilano #1609 | Rings Drilling 1p #16 |
| 9000'             | Highmount E&P Tx | Reynolds-25- #1 | Rings Drilling 1p #20 |
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**CROCKETT COUNTY COMMISSIONER AND LOCAL VETERAN FRANK TAMBUNGA spent Presidents Day hanging military banners around town that honor local service men and women.**

### Southwest Estate Buyers coming to Ozona

Southwest Estate Buyers will be in Ozona Feb. 24 through Feb. 27 at the Holiday Inn Express. They will be buying old coins as well as vintage collectibles.

The following is an article written by Kirk Kern, editor of the Collidge Examiner in Arizona after a recent Southwest Estate Buyers event.

A few months ago, Gene Nowell and Jerry Bolen decided to take a drive through Coolidge on their way from Apache Junction to Tucson. They noticed it was an agricultural community and made a mental note that Coolidge would be a good place to bring their Southwest Estate Buyers event in the future.

"I like farming communities," said Nowell, who has been in the coin buying business for 38 years. "Farmers seem to have more collections. When we drove through here, I knew we would come back."

The Southwest Estate Buyers event took place last week at the Grande Vista Motel. On the first morning, a customer came by to sell some silverware. Nowell weighed it all out and offered him a price.

"He actually told me I don't have to pay that kind of price here," Nowell said. "But we try to pay a fair price because we like to get repeat business."

Another customer came by with 10 silver dollars dated from the 1920s. Nowell offered between \$18 and \$20 apiece, but told the customer that if one of the coins had a "c" imprint, it would have been worth hundreds of dollars. Other similar coins have been valued at nearly \$500,000.

"I have a buyer for every coin I buy," he said. "I'd love to pay someone for one of those rare coins because I have people who will buy it immediately."

Nowell is originally from northern Illinois, but moved to Arizona last year to help his brother with a different business. He says buying and selling coins is his "No. 1 passion."

Bolen said he would like to attract between 25 and 30 clients a day.

Besides Coolidge, the two have had events in Fountain Hills, Sun City, Benson and Sierra Vista. They offer a competitive price for coins, along with buying jewelry and all kind of sterling silver products, because most customers don't sell everything at once.

"We want them to continue to sell to us in the future, so we make sure we treat everybody fairly," Bolen said.

Southwest Estate Buyers also purchases specialty items such as 45 record "picture sleeves," vintage post cards, historical documents and signatures, civil war items, old sporting goods, Tiffany & Co. collectibles items and more.

Those interested can call Southwest Estate Buyers at (480) 273-3041 or e-mail swbuyers@yahoo.com.

The company's website is www.swbuyers.com.

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Taxpayers with a 2010 Adjusted Gross Income of \$58,000 or less who meet additional requirements can qualify to use it. Visit IRS.gov for more information.

The Workforce Commission also encouraged qualified taxpayers to take advantage of the Earned Income Tax Credit allowing lower-income earners and families to pay less or no federal income tax, or receive cash payments.

**TUITION PROGRAM NEAR DEADLINE**

Feb. 28 is the deadline to enroll in the Texas Tuition Promise Fund, the state's prepaid college tuition program.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs last week reminded families to take advantage of the program, which offers a hedge against future increases in tuition and required fees at Texas public colleges and universities.

Participants lock in the cost of undergraduate tuition and required fees at today's prices and choose from a variety of options to prepay for those costs.

**LONGEST-SERVING JURIST LAID TO REST**

Former Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Joe Greenhill, 96, died Feb. 11. He joined the court in 1957 and served as chief justice from 1972 to 1982.

The Houston native's 25-year tenure on the high court is the longest of any Supreme Court justice in the history of Texas. Burial was in the Texas State Cemetery on Feb. 15.

### FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

**BAIL BONDS**

- Wayne Hudgens Jr., Austin, driving while license invalid with previous convictions, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
- Brett Hamm, Llano, violation of protective order, misdemeanor, \$5,000.
- Kenneth Smith, California, possession of controlled substance, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

## Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week is Feb. 20-26

The National Weather Service Office in San Angelo invites all schools to participate in our 12th annual Tornado Drill for Schools on Thursday, Feb. 24 at 9:30 a.m.

Feb. 20 - Feb. 26 is Texas Severe Weather Awareness Week.

Severe weather may strike with only a few minutes of advance warning.

Do you have more than one way to receive a warning? At approximately 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, Feb. 24, the National Weather Service in San Angelo encourages all schools to practice their tornado drills.

The National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit a special message about the drill through NOAA All Hazards Radio.

Some of the local radio and TV stations, and emergency management offices may also carry this message.

The National Weather Service in San Angelo will transmit the message for the following counties: Throckmorton, Haskell, Fisher, Jones, Shackelford, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Sterling, Coke, Runnels, Coleman, Brown, Irion, Tom Green, Concho, McCulloch, San Saba, Crockett, Schleicher, Menard, Sutton, Kimble and Mason counties.

**Tornado Safety:**

In homes and small buildings - go to the basement or a small interior room such as a closet, bathroom or an interior hallway on the lowest level. Protect yourself from flying debris with thick blankets, sleeping bags or mattresses.

**The Emergency Siren system in Ozona:**

- Three blasts - the fire department has an incident to respond to. The siren is used only from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and the department tries not to use the siren during church times and funerals.
- One long siren - weather alert and when this siren is used, it is too late to go anywhere. Everyone should take cover until the bad weather passes. Never try to outrun a storm.

At schools, hospitals, factories and shopping malls - Go to the designated shelter areas, usually an interior hallway on the lowest floor without windows. Kneel on the floor against the wall and place hands over your head to provide some protection for your head.

For mobile homes, portable classrooms or vehicles - leave them and go to a strong building for shelter. If there is no shelter nearby get into the nearest ditch or depression. Lie flat with your hands shielding your head.

For more information, contact Hector Guerrero at hector.guerrero@noaa.

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"I wanted the county commissioners to make their decision on road superintendent," he said.

Prior to conducting the interviews, Johnnie Perkins, a local minister and owner of JohnCo. Towing, spoke to the commissioners about the position and his concern of the lack of personnel management.

He said it seems the workers do not seem to have a coherent idea of what the supervisor is doing with them.

"I am concerned about personnel management more than anything else," Perkins said.

Stuart, an Ozona native, and his wife Ronda own Close to Our Hearts store in the Village Shopping Center.

Stuart also has previous experience working for Mike Williams Construction and J.Miller Construction, running a convenience store called the Quick Mart and working in management at the Circle Bar Truck Stop.

He said he has experience in dirt work and building roads and locations.

"I've been here a long time and I really take Ozona seriously," Stuart said.

### LETTER: from page 2

If we let go of an individual for being unethical or incompetent, again, that would be totally different. I don't know of any unethical behavior or poor educational choices that have been made by our superintendent. His job is to take each of our students to their greatest potential at this time in their lives. What we have been doing isn't working, or we wouldn't have two areas on our educational report card that could invite a Texas Education Agency monitoring team to come and "watch over" our district. He is aware of this and it is his goal, passion, and job to get us through that and raise our test scores and make our district more fiscally sound.

Change and growth is uncomfortable at the least, however, things must change in order for our students and our community to be the best that it can be. At this time we have a superintendent willing to make the hard choices, has the utmost integrity, and truly cares about each student, regardless of ability, talent, race or socio-economic level. He also knows more about educational strategies and best educational practices than most superintendents.

We now have an AVID program that helps those students that may need extra tutoring, confidence or attention. We have a college readiness program that is valuable to all of our students wanting to attain career training or a college education. Do we as a district want to interrupt the process again? Education is changing and we have to change with it or our students will leave here less prepared than their counterparts in other districts.

Our reputation in the region gives us a slim chance of hiring truly outstanding individuals. We have been very lucky as of late. We can take that chance or take a stand for what is truly the right thing to do. I feel that to keep quiet would be doing our students and our community a disservice.

David McWilliams  
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| DATE                      | CITY          | LOCATION   |
|---------------------------|---------------|--|
| Monday, February 28, 2011 | Fort Stockton | Pecos County Civic Center<br>1674 Airport Drive, Fort Stockton             |
| Tuesday, March 1, 2011    | Eldorado      | Schleicher County Civic Center<br>427 S US Highway 277, Eldorado           |
| Wednesday, March 2, 2011  | San Saba      | San Saba Civic Center<br>Mill Pond Park, San Saba                          |
| Thursday, March 3, 2011   | Killeen       | Killeen Civic & Conference Center<br>3601 South W. S. Young Drive, Killeen |

All meetings will include an open house beginning at 6:00 pm with a short presentation at 6:30 pm, followed by a continuation of the open house until 8:00 pm. The public is invited to provide comments and input on the corridor. Similar information will be available at all meetings.

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## ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners' Court of Crockett County, Texas, that outdoor burning is restricted in Crockett County for 30 days from the date of adoption of this Order, unless the restrictions are terminated earlier based on a determination made by the Texas Forest Service or this Court. This Order is adopted pursuant to Local Government Code 352.081, and other applicable statutes. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor burning activities related to public health and safety that are authorized by the Texas Natural Resources Commission for: (1) firefighter training; (2) public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations; (3) planting or harvesting or agricultural crops; or (4) burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the and/or Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station, or prescribed burn manager certified under Section 153.048, Natural Resources Code, and meet the standards of Section 153.047, Natural Resources Code.

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand.

This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times.

In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

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