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## 'New law enforcement center needed'

*County Jail  
can only  
house inmates  
for 72-hour  
period*

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Building a new jail is not something most people want to think or talk about, but Crockett County Sheriff Robert Rodriguez said it's a subject that needs to be discussed.

With a jail that can only hold inmates for 72 hours, and having to transport prisoners to other counties, Rodriguez said a new jail is not a "want" but a "need."

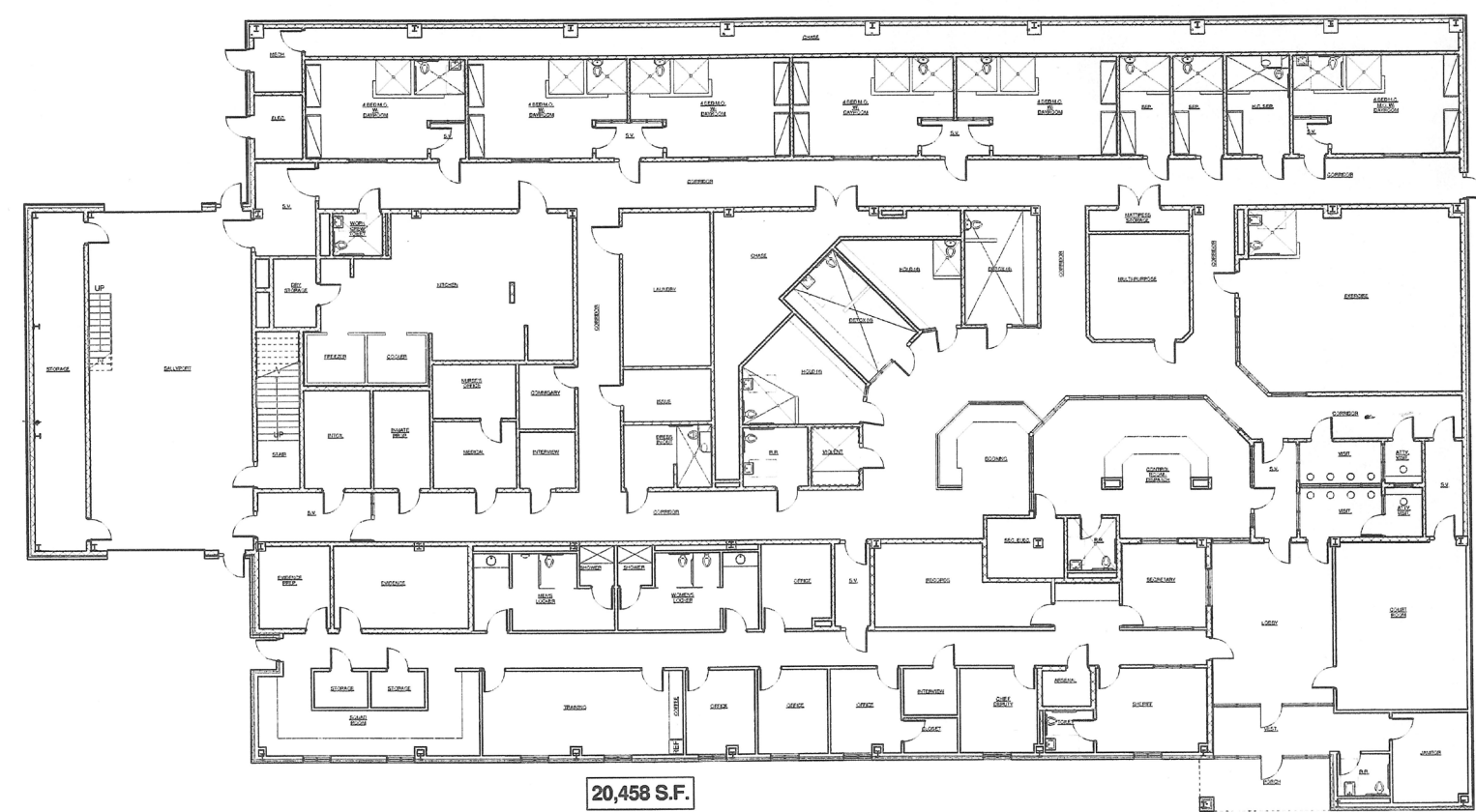
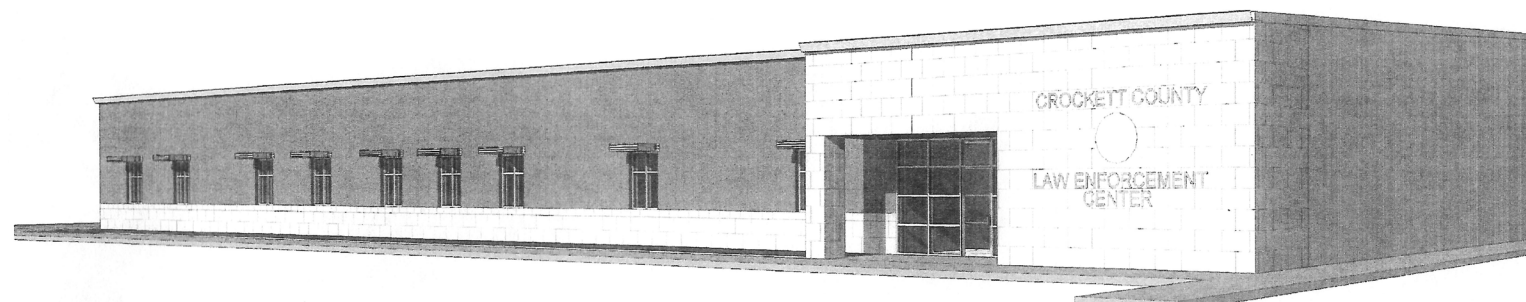
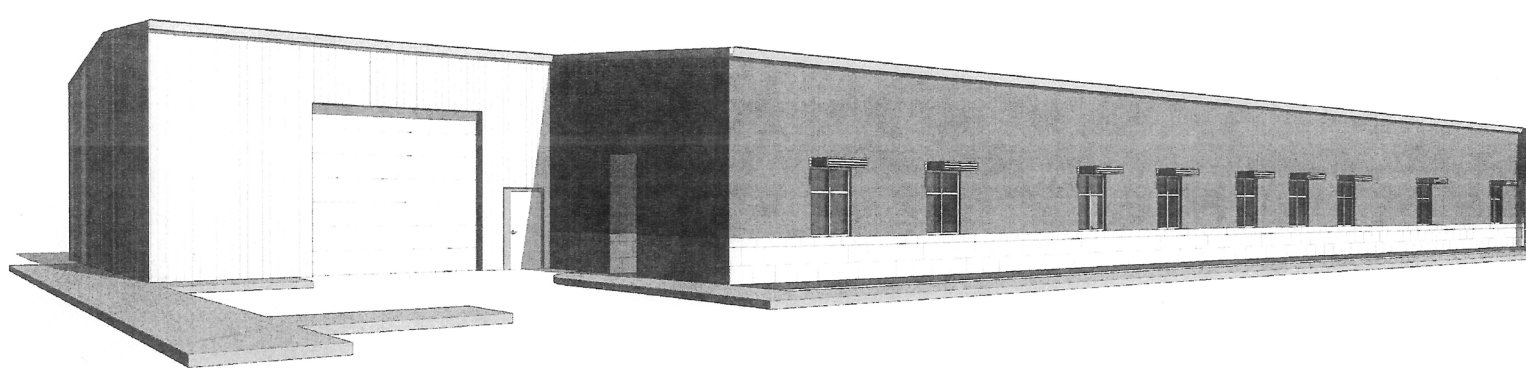
"This is rough on us. We need a new facility in order to properly be able to do our job efficiently," Rodriguez said.

Through Burns Architecture LLC in Austin, Rodriguez has conceptual plans in place for a 27-bed Crockett County Law Enforcement Center.

These plans were presented at the July Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting. Sheriff's office officials have also passed out copies of the plans to the public and The Ozona Stockman.

Rodriguez said the public is also welcome to see the plans in his office.

To build a new facility, the Crockett County Commissioners' Court has said it will be up to local voters to pass a bond. Rodriguez said based on his conceptual plans, the



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**CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF ROBERT RODRIGUEZ has a conceptual plan for a new Crockett County Law Enforcement Center. Copies and the original plan is available to the public at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. Rodriguez said the facility is needed due to a shortage of housing inmates in area counties and due to the Crockett County Jail being able to house inmates for a 72-hour period.**

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## Commissioners pursue road funding

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County Commissioners' took a step forward in pursuing state funds for county roads.

During a Sept. 12 special meeting, the commissioners approved hiring GrantWorks, out of Austin, to help the county pursue state funds that will be used to repair county roads that have taken heavy toll due to oilfield traffic.

County Judge Fred Deaton said Crockett County could receive up to \$1 million in funding through the Texas Department of Transportation.

"I am a little bit leery about waiting too long. I would hate to miss out on this," Deaton said.

The county has worked with GrantWorks before on other funding projects.

Cost for using the company will be around \$20,000.

"We are already familiar with them. Let's go ahead and get going. I don't mind working on it because it's going to be a good deal for Ozona and Crockett County," said Commissioner Frank Tambunga.

The commissioners also canvassed the 2013 Ad Valorem Tax Ratification Election in the CCCSD. The election passed 175 for to 156 against.

Commissioners Pleas Childress III and Eligio Martinez were absent from the meeting.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. Oct. 14 at the courthouse annex. The meeting is open to the public.

## Lions overwhelmed by Cranes



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**OZONA LIONS** Ricky Porras, Kalen Perez, Ryan Porras, Zack Taylor and Hazeal Damian bring down a Golden Crane. Lions lost to Crane 48-0 Friday at Lion Stadium. More sports, pages 6 and 7.

## CCCCSD School Board meeting tonight

The CCCCSD School Board will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Sept. 18) at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:

- District spotlight - Nurse Karen Huffman, School Health Advisory Council Report.
- Open forum/public comments.

- Reports: Transportation and Maintenance; Principals; Athletic Director; Technology; Food Service Report; Special and Federal Programs; Superintendent Report.

- Consent Agenda: Financial - bills, board report, monthly investment report, budget amendments to the 2012-2013 official estimated budget and approve minutes from the regular board

meeting held Aug. 28.

- Executive/closed session: personnel matters - resignations (if any have been received) and consider professional teacher contracts.

- Possible action from closed session: approval of resignations (if any have been received) and approval of professional teacher contracts.

- New business: consider/ approval for Easement Agreement for Water Drainage Facilities. (This is an easement across the triangular tract of land that extends from the Ozona Community Center rent house out toward the driveway and parking lots on the south side of the Ozona Elementary School.)

- Future business: Regular October CCCCSD School Board meeting Oct. 16.

## OLPH Diez y Seis



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**MEMBERS OF THE OLPH SWAG YOUTH GROUP** ride in the Diez y Seis Parade in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. The church had a parade and festival Sunday.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Obamacare employer mandate needs to be implemented

Dear Editor,

Being a senior citizen causes some, if not all, people to be acutely sensitive to the costs of and need of health care. Health delivery costs are astronomical. No one really doubts the quality of our health care system but the delivery of health care services has been one of long standing debate. In earlier years I served on the boards of three health care providers and at that point in time the em-

phasis was on providing health care coverage solely and exclusively to the middle and upper echelon but not the secretaries, clerks and others who keep most if not all organizations functioning.

On Jan. 1, the health care system will be transformed-at least that was the intent of the Affordable Care Act which was signed into law. Today it is labeled Obamacare. There have been an inordinate number of difficulties: two months ago, the

White House said that a key requirement, that companies provide health insurance for their workers or pay a fine, would be postponed until 2015. Yet curiously the boards on which I sat at the same time decreed that bonuses for upper level executives would be implemented at the end of 2013.

Implementing such a gargantuan law certainly was never going to be easy-this country is one of the few in the world without a national health sys-

tem. Each step has proved more difficult than planned. One realizes that the health market is maddeningly complex, and political opposition has been fierce, just as it was when health delivery benefits were delivered to secretaries and clerks. Important provisions of the law are due to take effect next year, namely the mandate that individuals buy insurance, the creation of state health exchanges on which they can buy it, and the expansion of MEDICAID, the

existing public health program for the poor. Yet there is not a week which goes by that new doubts do not arise about when or even whether any of these things will happen.

After reading through the law on the books, the main goal, to expand insurance, relies on myriad programs and regulations. In order to help the poor obtain coverage, the new law sought to expand MEDICAID. It also plans subsidies for people to buy insurance. In or-

der to encourage small employers to insure their staff, the law authorizes small business exchanges where firms could shop for health plans, just the way government workers did some years ago. And to prod big firms to offer insurance, from 2014 those firms with more than 50 ore more full-time staff would have to insure them or pay a fine amounting to \$2,000 per employee.

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### Let's not wait for a court ruling to address the needs of foster kids

A federal judge has certified a class-action lawsuit against the state's foster care system, once again casting state policy on at-risk children in an unflattering light. Texas has a poor track record when it comes to winning such cases in the courtroom, but there's an opportunity here to come out on top in another way.

In her Aug. 27 ruling, U.S. Judge Janis Jack of Corpus Christi granted class-action status to a lawsuit that claims abused and neglected children are being harmed by the very system that was designed to protect them.

In a written statement provided to the Houston Chronicle, the plaintiffs' attorneys said they will prove that "the state fails to monitor children's safety, putting them in understaffed group homes and uncensored homes of relatives who are not given the same training or support as foster parents or inappropriately placing them in congregate care when they could be properly served in a more family-like setting. ... These deficiencies lead to damaging consequences, including high rates of maltreatment, frequent and repeated moves between placements, and unnecessary separation of children from their siblings and communities."

Judge Jack blamed much of the problem on overburdened caseworkers at the Department of Family and Protective Services, whom she called "these children's fire alarms."

High caseloads and the job pressures they bring are behind the soaring staff turnover rate at DFPS — more than 24 percent in fiscal 2012.

"There is ample evidence that caseworkers are overburdened, that this might pose risks to the children ... and that ... state officials had actual or constructive knowledge of these risks and have not acted to cap or otherwise limit caseloads," the judge said in her ruling.

With Judge Jack's decision, attorneys for the 12,000 Texas children in permanent foster care have won the right to present their case in court. In the meantime, the state agency responsible for these kids should begin implementing solutions immediately.

Fortunately, some solutions have already been identified. Earlier this year,



STATE SENATOR'S OP ED

CARLOS I. URESTI

by DFPS.

I passed a new law requiring special training for Child Protective Services employees who are hired for or promoted to supervisory positions. The goal is to ensure that supervisors are well equipped before they begin their new responsibilities, which in turn will help reduce the agency's staff turnover rate.

I also established a pilot program in Bexar County that will provide specialized training to foster parents of children with severe mental health needs or those who have experienced extreme trauma.

But new money and programs by themselves won't solve all the problems. We need activism from outside the government, from dedicated child advocates in groups like the Blue Ribbon Task Force, United Way, TexProtects, the Center for Public Policy Priorities, Any Baby Can, St. PJ's Children Home, CASA, ChildSafe, and many others.

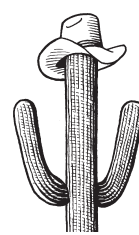
There must also be a change in the culture at DFPS that will encourage caseworkers to stay on the job. Fortunately, the two people most responsible for the agency are up to the task.

Dr. Kyle Janek, executive commissioner of the Health and Human Services Commission; and DFPS Commissioner John Specia, Jr. care deeply about children in foster care. I have worked with both men on these issues, and I know they are committed to this goal.

Too often in the past — in lawsuits challenging the state's prison system, school finance system, and mental health system — the state chose not to act until it had a legal ruling pointed at its head. Working together with Dr. Janek and Judge Specia, we can get in front of the court this time and keep foster children out of harm's way.

SENATOR URESTI represents Senate District 19, which includes Crockett County.

## Pencil Breakers



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I was reading a couple western lifestyle magazines recently and I really must say, I've never seen so many ugly boots and beautiful ranches in my life. The reason I read these magazines is to see the real estate ads for ranches I'll never be able to afford, like the Granite Peaks Ranch in Durango, Colorado, that only costs 18 million dollars for 565 acres. The beautiful ad doesn't say how many cows you can run on it but with a little back-of-the-napkin math I figure that I'd need to generate about a million dollars per year to pay the interest on my note, which means I'd need to sell 1,125 calves per year, which equates to roughly 20 cows per acre. It's a great looking ranch but I doubt it would carry that many cows without a hefty hay bill.

A lot of the ads didn't list the price and it's probably for the best as I'm running the pencil sharpener 24/7 trying to find a ranch that will pencil out as a cow outfit. There are lots of places that realtors call "ranches" but most of them are 20 acre spreads with four million dollar homes. Who wouldn't want to own the amazing Lake Jacksonville Ranch that comes with a 4,700 square foot house, salt water pool, lighted tennis court, 1.2 mile motocross track, a two story boat dock and a stocked fishing pond, all for only 2.4 million. With all that amazing stuff there'd hardly be enough room to run a single cow, and if she came up open one year how would I pay for the place?

I'm not saying the ranches aren't worth it. I'd love to own the S.E. Schuman Ranch in Albert, Texas, with 215 acres and "endless possibilities for both relaxation and recreation." But how could I relax with a 2.5 million dollar note on the place? I'm torn between the Beaverhead Ranch in Wyoming, a 700 acre "retreat" for \$3,850,000 and the 310 acre spread near Okanogan, Washington, which is the most beautiful place I've ever found on this planet. It has a nice barn too, and all for only \$2,500,000.

If I wanted a horse ranch I'd buy either the 50 acre spread in Castle Rock, Colorado, for only \$2,750,000 or one in New Castle, Colorado that costs \$6,900,000. For that kind of money they better have a castle on them, and it sounds like the latter one does: a 6,814 square foot house and a 48,000 square foot barn and arena big enough to hold all of my junk.

All these ranches seem like bargains compared to the Canyon Ranch in Montrose, Colorado, which has 1,733 "plus or minus acres" for 15 million. To make that one work it had better be a big plus, like maybe 200,000 more acres. But I haven't

even mentioned the pricier places, like the Big Creek Ranch in Steamboat Springs that comes with an 11,000 square foot house and a \$59,900,000 price tag. Let's just call it 60 million. I wonder what's in the house, Fort Knox? There's also the gorgeous Walton Ranch in Jackson, Wyoming, that costs \$68,700,000 for 1,848 acres.

Believe it or not, I learned how to make one of these showplaces work years ago when my wife and I leased a multimillion dollar ranch. Mind you, I never did figure it out while we leased it, but years after we gave up the lease there was an article in the paper about the ranch. It seems that some "guerilla growers" were propagating marijuana in a far corner of the ranch where there was a spring that ran sporadically. (Note to law enforcement: I swear, I have never smoked, sold or grown the stuff.)

The picture in the paper showed narcotic task force officers holding garbage bags filled with the illegal grass. The article said the plants and their costly buds had a street value of a quarter of a million and I think it said the weed sold for \$5,500 per pound, which compares very favorably to the price currently being received for cattle. So, if there's a banker anywhere willing to take a small chance on an ambitious, hard working, creative cowman please call me and I'll show you how I can pencil in a profit on that gorgeous 68 million dollar heaven of a showplace in Jackson Hole.

www.LeePittsbooks.com

## Governor goes on business-luring trip

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Maryland is the next state in Gov. Rick Perry's sights. He's already been to California, Connecticut, Missouri and New York to court businesses, hoping they will pull up stakes and head to the Lone Star State.

Perry announced on Sept. 12 that he would be in Maryland on Sept. 18 to make his pitch.

To prepare Maryland for his arrival, a 60-second radio ad and 30-second TV ad are running in several markets.

"The ads showcase the opportunities and freedom available to families and businesses thanks to Texas' smart fiscal policies," the governor's office stated, adding, the nearly \$500,000 television and radio ad buys and the governor's trip are paid for by "TexasOne" and "no state tax dollars were to be used for his travel and accommodations, or for the ad buy." TexasOne, according to

information at texasone.com, raises money to fund "special events, outreach programs, and other exciting and highly visible marketing and communications programs. These programs are directed at a targeted audience of corporate decision makers and site selectors."

An excerpt of what Perry says in one advertisement is this: "Unfortunately, your governor has made Maryland the tax and fee state, where businesses and families are paying some of the highest taxes in America. Since taking office in 2007, he's approved 40 new taxes and fees, projected to cost you \$9.5 billion more through 2014. That's a job killer. ..."

The Baltimore Sun, in a Sept. 12 news article about Perry's planned visit, quoted a spokeswoman for Maryland

Gov. Martin O'Malley. She referred to the visit as a "job-poaching expedition."

### JUSTICE HECHT GETS PROMOTED

Gov. Perry on Sept. 10 announced the appointment of Justice Nathan L. Hecht of Austin as chief justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, effective Oct. 1.

Hecht, set to serve as the court's 27th chief justice, succeeds Wallace B. Jefferson, who announced his resignation earlier this month.

Hecht was first elected to the Supreme Court of Texas in 1988 and is the senior justice on the court. He has won re-election four times.

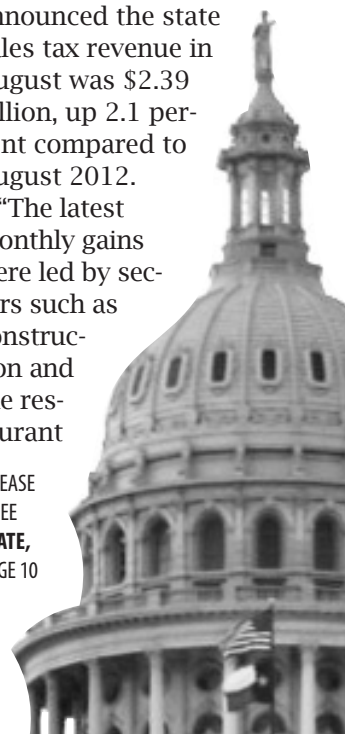
He previously served as a justice of the Texas 5th Court of Appeals and as judge of the 95th Judicial District Court in Dallas County.

### TAX REVENUE TREND CONTINUES

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 11 announced the state sales tax revenue in August was \$2.39 billion, up 2.1 percent compared to August 2012.

"The latest monthly gains were led by sectors such as construction and the restaurant

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**DOGS KASE AND MEG** won the Junior Iron Dog Challenge, goats, sheep and cattle, and the All Around Cattle in the Novice Division at the Periman Basin Fair and Expo in Odessa. Owner is Lisa Spurger Pool, of Ozona.

**OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS**

**BY HEATHER CLABURN**  
OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE

Ozona Woman's League held their first business meeting of the year at the home of Rachel Bean on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Hostesses provided a delicious taco salad meal.

Twenty woman's league members were in attendance at the meeting.

President Andie Richardson welcomed new members: Julia Henderson, Frankie Skinner Kay, Shelly McGee and Robin Conner Campbell.

The barbecue committee chairperson announced the Ozona Woman's League Homecoming Barbecue Dinner will be held before the game Friday, Oct. 11.

Ozona Woman's League will have a booth at the Davy Crockett Days Sept. 28 to sell barbecue tickets and Diamond in the Desert cookbooks.

General Club Redbooks were distributed to members and a general business meeting was conducted.

The next scheduled meeting will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1.

**OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

**BY VICKI STOKES**  
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

The Ozona Garden Club held its first meeting of the 2013-2014 year at the Circle Bar Restaurant on Sept. 9. The new president, Rosalind Williams, began the meeting with a prayer given by the Rev. Jean Reardon.

Planning for the district meeting to be hosted by the Ozona Garden Club on Nov. 1-2 was the main topic of discussion. The hostess schedules and programs list for the

year were passed out to everyone in attendance.

New member, Heidi Williams, was welcomed to the club. Everyone is looking forward to a new year of learning and fellowship.

The October meeting will be held at Marolyn Bean's home on the 14th.

Members attending were Jean Reardon Esther Williams, Vicki Stokes, Jeannine Henderson, Arlene Clayton, Carmen Sutton, Tina Bean, Rosalind Williams Marolyn Bean, Nancy Forehand and Heidi Williams.

**Sonora wine tasting event Saturday**

Sonora's Premier Wine Tasting event will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Mercantile on Main, 323 E. Main St., in Sonora.

The event will feature wines from Val Verde Winery, Wedding Oak Winery, West Cave Cellars and William Chris Vineyards.

Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door.

Tickets are available at the Main Street office in Sonora, Mercantile on Main, Hodgepodgees, Sew Addict-

ed, Gypsy Chix, Main Street Salon, Bronco Salon and Serendipity Beauty Boutique.

The first 50 people will receive a complimentary wine glass. Also there will be gift baskets and door prizes.

Sponsors are the Sonora Main Street Program, Mercantile on Main and High Cross Vineyard.

For more information, call the Friends of Historic Main Street Office at 387-2248 or e-mail fhsmainstreet@verizon.net.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Annual meeting and program**

**BY LOUISE LEDOUX**  
CROCKETT COUNTY LIBRARIAN



"How Do Wind Turbines Fit Into The Land?"

The opinions of ranchers in four states about wind turbines and transmission lines and how they fit—or do not fit—with the ranchers' philosophies of land use have been published in a new book by Scott White titled "Viento - Wind, Turbines and Ranchland: Exploring the Impacts of Wind Energy in the Southwest."

The 72-page, full-color book contains photos of many of the ranchers interviewed and is the result of interviews recorded by White, who is oral historian and curator of art at the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University. Published by the NRHC museum and the Ranching Heritage Association, "Viento" is available for \$20 at the NRHC, 3121 Fourth Street, Lubbock, and on the NRHC website, www.nrhc.ttu.edu.

Information gleaned in the three-year social research project provides insights into why the ranchers and landowners have chosen to have wind turbines on their land, while others oppose them being anywhere they might even be seen. "Wind turbines have altered many landowners' perceptions of the future of ranching, particularly of how the presence of turbines, transmission lines and construction crews on their land might fit in with the traditions, culture and ideology of the ranching culture," White said.

Scott White from the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech will discuss his book, "Viento: Wind, Turbines & Ranchland." The book, which covers the pros and cons of wind turbines, is based on interviews with a number of ranchers from Texas and other states, including

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, Sept. 18**

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCCS School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

**Thursday, Sept. 19**

- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lions vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. at Grape Creek.
- Ozona Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5:15 p.m. at the Visitor Center.
- JV Lions vs. Grape Creek, 6:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.

**Friday, Sept. 20**

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- 42, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County 4-H Swine Tag orders due by 4 p.m. at the Crockett County AgriLife Extension Office.
- Lions vs. Grape Creek, 7:30 p.m. at Grape Creek.

**Saturday, Sept. 21**

- OMS Cross-Country at Christoval.
- OHS Cross-Country at Lubbock.
- Sonora's Premier Wine Tasting event, 2-5 p.m. at the Mercantile on Main, 323 E. Main St., in Sonora.

**Monday, Sept. 23**

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Senior Center Bingo, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Tuesday, Sept. 24**

- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County 4-H Cooking Class, 4 p.m. at the Crockett County AgriLife Extension Office.
- OHS Band practice, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.

**Wednesday, Sept. 25**

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Due to lack of participation the Crockett County Museum Board of Directors has opted to cancel this event.**

*We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone and look forward to seeing you at the Davy Crockett Days Festival.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**Sept. 18** - Shawna Hopper, Pablo Talamantez Sr., Elsa Vasquez, Raven Perez, Kelsie Ramirez and Monica Schwartz  
**Sept. 19** - Kellan Carlson, Inez Gutierrez, Aimee Longoria, Linda Conner, Ethan English and Nancy Vannoy  
**Sept. 20** - Cheryl Bricken, Jana Fox, Natalia Rodriguez, Jackie Necessary, Kaitlynn Poin-dexter, Stephen Lara, Felipe F. Castro Sr. and Chandler Jones  
**Sept. 21** - Debra Fred, Christian Felix Castro, Larry Glosson, Bear Borrego, Mark Ramirez, Gil Komechak, Sky Munoz, Alec Ingraham, Cory Galindo Jr., Matthew William Fuentes and Raymond Estrada  
**Sept. 22** - Susie Bishop, Karen Webb, Ruben Talamantez, Teresa Torres, Wes McGuire and Sam Perner  
**Sept. 23** - Michael Medina

Jr., Maria Oritz, Kaitlyn Tambunga, Mariah Gallardo, Jennifer Venegas and Eva P. Bordan  
**Sept. 24** - Jennifer Perez, Bobby Bryson, Bryce Martin, Joe Bean, Tina Bean, Pep Talamantez, Olga Talamantez, David De La Rosa, Francisco Vasquez, Ariana Huerta, Romaldo Cervantez and Alejandra Cruz

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1 TXism: "Nuff \_\_\_\_"  
5 TX Vikki Carr song: "Cosas del \_\_\_\_"  
6 Boerne has "Kid \_\_\_\_" fiber festival  
7 early TX gunfighters had a fast \_\_\_\_  
8 TXism: "he shoots from the \_\_\_\_"  
9 "that's a tough \_\_\_\_ to follow"  
12 Houston Zoo has rare \_\_\_\_ elephant  
17 TX Johnny Nash "72 hit: "Clearly Now"  
19 Rogers, a hooper from Fort Worth  
21 this Stephens was in Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders films  
22 overabundance  
23 Alamo's Travis: "\_\_\_\_ never surrender or retreat"  
28 Midland FM station  
29 in 2010, this incumbent Edwards was beaten by Bill Flores for U.S. House  
30 Canada's largest province  
31 Teddy trained his "\_\_\_\_ Riders" in San Antonio  
35 lion sound (2 wds.)  
36 Alamo aggressor: Antonio Lopez \_\_\_\_  
42 1st Sun Bowl game was between "\_\_\_\_ Stars" and Ranger H.S.  
44 a civil rights org. in TX  
46 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ the river til you come to it"  
48 TXism: "sling it on the wall \_\_\_\_ if it sticks"  
49 Santa \_\_\_\_ TX  
50 "take \_\_\_\_ of"  
51 Betty Lou \_\_\_\_ was executed in TX in 2000 for killing husband in 1983  
52 TXism: "big biscuit in the \_\_\_\_" (boss)  
53 friend or associate  
54 Tammy sang "\_\_\_\_ by Your Man"  
56 TXism: "call \_\_\_\_ day"  
57 a TXn created comic "Alley \_\_\_\_"  
58 nat'l gun org.  
12 grow older  
13 San Antonio's IMAX has a "\_\_\_\_" sound system  
14 one twelfth of a foot  
15 Cowboy RB, Tommie (1990-94)  
16 TXism: "I stirred up a hornet's \_\_\_\_"  
18 arrest or seize  
20 great Cowboy QB, Roger (init.)  
23 smart TXns have a high one \_\_\_\_  
24 act of a court on its own: "\_\_\_\_ sponte"  
25 TXism: "skeedaddle out of \_\_\_\_"  
26 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ face lie (big lie)"  
27 TX Steve Martin '92 film: "\_\_\_\_ Faith"  
32 TX Buddy Holly song: "Rave \_\_\_\_!"  
33 Austin univer.  
34 state where Cowboy Herschel Walker played college ball  
36 "\_\_\_\_" Holiday  
37 "\_\_\_\_ your keep"  
38 one-masted sailboats  
39 longtime Ranger announcer, Eric  
40 filthy  
41 holes in one  
43 \_\_\_\_ Jo, TX  
45 Phys. Ed.  
47 TX Ted Cruz or TX John Cornyn  
48 TXism: "\_\_\_\_ hombre" (mean)  
55 one place where TXns can get auto parts

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**HELPING HANDS NEWS**

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the elderly. If you have some time this summer, or need some community service for school, come by or call (325) 392-5026. For applications, call Weldon Nicks at (325) 392-3600.

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**SEPTEMBER 23**  
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**SEPTEMBER 24**  
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**SEPTEMBER 25**  
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**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

**Senior Bingo Social Monday**

BY BRENDA NEWTON  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

I found a puzzle on the table the other day. I am not sure where it came from, because no one will fess up to leaving it there or seeing anyone put it there. I think I may have an idea who put it there but am not sure. Anyway, it is a puzzle of the Ozona area.

We put it out about a week ago and have been working on it since. The Ozona part was not really very hard, but the surrounding area is a doozie. I am going to have to get someone to come help us with it.

The pieces will fit in more than one place and you need to match the roads and other lines perfectly for it to be right. Whoever brought it, thank you. It has been quite a challenge and a lot of fun. What an unusual gift.

Just so you will not forget, our bingo social will be

on Monday, Sept. 23, at 6 p.m. We will have ham sandwiches with chips and apple cobbler with ice cream for dessert. Sounds good to me and all you have to do is bring a small bingo prize to join in on the fun.

Amanda Chisholm, of Alpine, came yesterday to tell us about TRLA which stands for Texas RioGrande Legal Aid, Inc. Since no one showed to hear her talk, I visited with her for a while and was really surprised at the services she had to offer. This is a group that provides free legal services for eligible low-income persons. If you are in need of legal services, please give me a call and I will get you in touch with Amanda.

Lynne Carlson did not make it on Tuesday. She is with the Area Agency on Aging. She called and told me that she had to go to a training seminar and was unable to come. She left her office

number with me and if you need to talk to her, get in touch with me at 392-9094 and I will give this number to you. Please don't give up on this. She will be back the second Tuesday in October. She is also the representative for the Concho Valley Transit and Thunderbird. Come and express your concerns about this to her.

The trade table continues to be a good thing. Come on by and check it out.

Exercise is still available on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 9 a.m. Bridge is happening at 1:30 p.m. on Mondays. Tuesdays and Thursdays we have balance exercise at 2 p.m. Mexican Train is at 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday afternoons. The Prayer Ladies still meet at 3 p.m. on Wednesdays. Quilting is on Thursday Morning at 9:30 a.m. and 42 dominos is 3 p.m. Friday.

Come on out, the coffee is on.

**OBITUARIES**

**Bertha G. Garza**

Bertha G. Garza, 78, died Thursday, Sept. 12, 2013, in San Angelo. Funeral service was Monday at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include her daughters, Joanie Medley and husband, Gary, of Ozona; Alma Martinez and husband, Lupe, of San Angelo and Bel Martinez and husband Elpidio, of Ozona; sons Alex Garza and wife, Mary Lou, of San Marcos; Frank Garza Jr. and wife, Ana, of San Bernardino, Calif. and Fred Garza and wife, Lisa, of Ozona; sisters Lula Vargas and husband, Americo, of Dallas; Rosa Rich and husband, Tom, of Powderly, Texas and Adelfa Duran, of Ozona; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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nor speak of me with tears...  
but laugh and talk of me...  
as though I were beside you  
I Loved You so...  
'twas heaven here with you."*

**Applications sought for Texas Historical Markers**

AUSTIN, Texas - The Texas Historical Commission (THC) is currently accepting applications for subject markers, designated Historic Texas Cemeteries (HTC), and Recorded Texas Historic Landmarks (RTHLs).

Applications must be submitted to the appropriate county historical commission (CHC), and the deadline for CHCs to forward applications to the THC is Nov. 15, via e-mail, to markerapplication@thc.state.tx.us.

RTHLs and business, industry and commerce are the thematic priorities for 2014 applications.

RTHLs are properties judged to be historically and architecturally significant, and must be at least 50 years old.

Topics addressing those themes will receive additional points when new applications are scored.

The THC will approve up to 180 new applications; up to 20 additional markers will be approved through the Untold Stories marker program.

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programs of the THC, historical markers commemorate diverse topics from the history and architecture of houses, commercial buildings, religious congregations, and events that changed the course of local and state history, to individuals who have made lasting contributions to Texas.

There are more than 15,000 THC markers throughout the state.

A new tool is now available on the THC website at www.thc.state.tx.us to assist the general public, preservationists, local historians, and CHCs with the marker application process.

The new Marker Toolkit is a one-stop-shop providing the basic steps of applying for a marker. You may also view a webinar for more detailed marker information at www4.gotomeeting.com/register/782147215.

To learn more about Official Texas Historical Markers, RTHLs, and HTC designations, contact the THC's History Programs Division at (512) 463-5853.

**Coz 4 Oz seeking performers**

Have a talent? Sign up to perform for the Coz 4 Oz music festival on Oct. 19 at the Crockett County Fair Park Convention Center.

The event is looking for bands, soloists, guitar players, singers, karaoke performers and dancers.

Volunteers are also needed to help coordinate the event, concession stand workers, set up tables and door greeters. All help is welcome.

Indoor and outdoor booths are \$35.

All proceeds will benefit the In Care of Ozona Foundation. The foundation returns all donations back into the local community.

For more information, call Eligio Martinez at (325) 340-0937.

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**SILVER SPOON**

One day when I was a young boy I overheard my grandmother talking to my mother about someone who was born with silver spoon in his mouth. I did not know they were talking about someone born into a wealthy family. Anyone who has access to freedoms and privileges that others do not have is said to be well off. Just as anyone who was fortunate enough to be born in the United States of America or immigrated here has many freedoms and privileges that others in the world do not have. The Bible talks a lot about being well off or blessed. Anybody living in a place or country where God's word is preached is well off. Anyone who has accepted Christ Jesus as Savior and Lord is especially well off or blessed, (Romans 4:7&8). Those who have accepted Jesus Christ and have not seen Him (Jesus) are also blessed, (John 20:29). Blessed are those waiting for the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior (Jesus Christ) and the day of redemption, (Titus 2:13). There are many wonderful blessings and benefits available to Christians today and it will even be better in the future. Titus 3:4-7 tells about when God poured out (gave or made available, His kindness to us) the wonderful and rich (bountiful) blessings in, through, and by Christ Jesus. You might say we were given silver spoons. See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

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

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**Community prayer for National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and our local residents 10 a.m.**

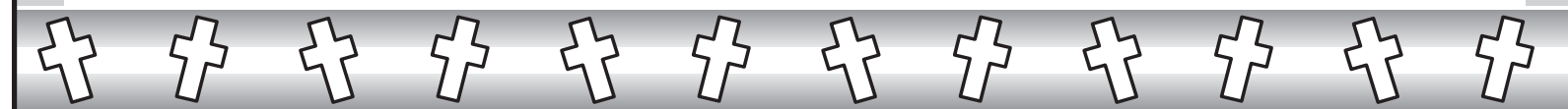
**Booth space available. \$35 per booth. If you'd like to donate to cover the cost of the sound equipment or rental of the convention center, drop them off at the KYXX station at 917 Sheffield Road.**

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## Uresti discusses the importance of energy, water, roads in State of the District Address

BY MARK LANGFORD  
SENATOR URESTI'S OFFICE

Eagle Ford Shale Development, water, and road infrastructure topped the list of issues in the annual State of the District address by Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, who vowed he will continue to seek alternatives to gravel road conversions in Senate District 19.

Uresti has been working with fellow legislators, county and city officials, TxDOT, and other stakeholders on the agency's plan to convert 83 miles — and perhaps up to 400 miles — of paved roads into gravel in oil and gas producing regions.

"It's no secret that I'm not a fan of this proposal," Uresti said. "TxDOT needs to revisit this approach. It takes us down the wrong road, and we need to find a better way."

Uresti has already negotiated a 60 day moratorium for roads targeted for conversion, giving counties an opportunity to seek alternatives. Now he wants TxDOT to develop strict criteria for identifying potential conversions, give local leaders more advanced notice, and establish a timetable for converting gravel back to pavement.

Noting that transportation and water infrastructure are critical to the state's economy, Uresti urged voters to support Proposition 6 in the November election, which will provide \$2.1 billion from the rainy day fund for water projects, and a second amendment that will be on the ballot next year that would provide an additional \$1.2 billion for road construction and maintenance.



CARLOS URESTI

"Many of our highways and bridges are reaching the end of their lifespans. That means it's going to take more investment just to maintain and reconstruct them, much less add additional capacity," Uresti said Wednesday at the Chamber's 17th Annual State of the District Address. "With more than 51,000 bridges and almost 200,000 lane-miles of state roadways, we have a lot of infrastructure to take care of."

"I certainly urge the people of Texas to support both amendments. They are desperately needed for our future economic vitality," he said. Uresti, recently appointed to the Energy Council, also noted the continuing importance of the state's unprecedented oil boom, particularly the Eagle Ford Shale that underlies part of Senate District 19.

"A Wood Mackenzie report released in January said the Eagle Ford ranks as the largest oil and gas development in the world, based on capital investment," Uresti said, "and it's projected that almost \$30 billion will be spent in developing the play this year alone."

The shale play is having a direct economic impact on South San Antonio, he said, citing oil-related growth at Port San Antonio, Holt Cat, and Palo Alto College, which recently received approval from the Higher Education Coordinating Board to offer a new associate degree program in oil and gas technology.

On other issues, Uresti: • Congratulated Toyota Texas for its upcoming 10th anniversary in San Antonio. • Noted the continuing growth at Texas A&M University-San Antonio, which is well on its way to becoming the largest satellite campus in the A&M System.

• Applauded SAWS for completing the task of taking over BexarMet, resulting in better service for ratepayers and a recent upgrade in the agency's bonds. In the legislative interim, Uresti committed to "working with anyone who's willing to work with me" on behalf of the people of Texas and Senate District 19, and he thanked members of the South Chamber and other area health care, business, industry, and community leaders for helping to transform the South Side.

"I can say without reservation that the state of the district is strong, but there is always more to do," he said.

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## AgriLife Extension asking Texans to participate in national Child Passenger Safety Week

BY PAUL SCHATTEBERG  
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE

COLLEGE STATION - Family and consumer science experts with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are urging Texans to participate in the nationwide Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 15-21.

"According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, car crashes are among the main causes of death for children," said Bev Kellner, AgriLife Extension coordinator for the agency's Passenger Safety Project, College Station. "In many instances, injuries and deaths can be prevented by the proper use of car seats, boosters and seat belts."

Traffic safety administration and U.S. Department of Transportation data from 2011 show that an average of about two children under 13 years old were killed and 338 were injured each day while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups and vans.

Kellner said during Child Passenger Safety Week many communities will make certified child passenger safety technicians available to provide free, hands-on, car seat inspection, instruction and education. "Properly installed car seats, including boosters, afford the best protection for children traveling in vehicles," Kellner said.

Through its Passenger Safety Project, AgriLife Extension, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation, provides valuable traffic safety information and education to people throughout Texas, Kellner said.

"While the project's overall goal is to reduce motor vehicle fatalities and injuries and their associated costs, the project's primary focus is on increasing child restraint and safety belt usage," she said. "That's why all of our team members are certified

child safety seat technicians and/or instructors."

Kellner said the project also conducts the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's standardized child passenger safety certification trainings, which provides the opportunity for other individuals to become certified as child passenger safety technicians.

Kellner said traffic safety administration data shows

that almost 10,000 children age four and under from 1975 to 2011 were saved by child restraints of one kind or another. The data also shows 8,616 of these children were saved by car seats alone.

For more information on child passenger safety and AgriLife Extension's Passenger Safety Project, contact Kellner at (979) 845-3850 or go to [http://fcs.tamu.edu/safety/passenger\\_safety/](http://fcs.tamu.edu/safety/passenger_safety/).

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## Shreveport man sentenced for illegally transporting deer

TYLER - Stephen Anderson Sipes Jr., 57, of Shreveport, La., was sentenced to pay more than \$14,000 in restitution and serve 48 hours of community service as conditions of a two-year probated sentence for federal wildlife violations in the Eastern District of Texas, an-

nounced U.S. Attorney John M. Bales last week.

Sipes, who pleaded guilty on June 10, 2013, to negligent transportation of wildlife and was sentenced last week by U.S. Magistrate Judge John D. Love.

According court information, on Jan. 14, 2010, Sipes

transported and possessed 14 live, illegally imported whitetail deer valued at over \$350 each from Carthage, Mo. to the ranch in Sander- son, which is prohibited by Texas law. The fair market value of the illegally imported whitetail deer was approximately \$5,650.

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# Lions fall to Golden Cranes

The Ozona Lions lost to Crane 48-0 Friday at Lion Stadium.

Ozona struggled throughout the game and were unable to get through the Golden Cranes defensive line.

"Crane was an extremely disappointing loss. We did not execute well on offense or defense and the end result was what it was. I told our athletes we have but one choice, that is to get better and continue to work hard toward our goals in district play," said Coach Edward Perez. "We took a couple of steps backwards but I cautioned our guys to not let

one game define their season. Games like Friday have a tendency to bring out much of the negativity that you try to keep at bay. We simply need to stick together, fight for one another, and move on to our next opponent with a much hungrier and humble attitude. I've seen a great response by our young men by the work and words they displayed on Saturday and in this morning's workout. We have to wash away the game last Friday and now focus on Grape Creek and focus on the fix."

Ozona will take on Grape Creek at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Grape Creek.

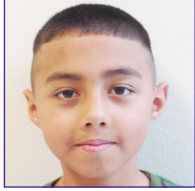


KEEPING ENTHUSIASM UP during the varsity game against Crane are: (l. to r.) Zephen Cuevas, Lion Mascot Vivian Medina and Gabby Martinez



DAKOTA LEE takes down a receiver in the end zone in the JV Lions 13-14 heartbreaker against Crane on Sept. 12.

## OES Students of the Week



Jaron Villarreal



Jesus Aranda

## OHS Band Student of the Week



Logan Glaspie



## OHS Student of the Week



Cole Parker

## OHS Cross-Country run at Harper on September 14

The OHS Lions and Lady Lions Cross-Country Teams competed Saturday at the Jacob Krebs Invitational in Harper.

The Lions finished third and was the top 1A team in the event.

Team standings: 1. Fredericksburg (3A); 2. Bandera (3A); 3. Ozona; 4. Wimberley (3A); 5. Kerrville Tivy (4A); 6. Fredericksburg JV; 7. Comstock (1A); 8. Harper (1A); 9. Brackett (1A); 10. Johnson City (2A); 11. Rocksprings (1A); 12. Center Point (1A) and 13. Bandera JV.

The Lions were led once again by Omero Rodriguez who finished second. Also running for the Lions: 10. Josiah Jurado; 17. Saul Vargas; 18. Alex Hopper; 23. Noe Medina; 49. Adrian Rodriguez; 101. Gary Held and 103. Chris Cantu.

"Rodriguez was in contention to win the race until about the last half-mile. We haven't started pacing our kids yet for a 5K race, we're only up to about 4K, so he fell off about where I would have expected. He improved his time once again upon last years' time and ran a very smart tactical race. The next boy in was Josiah Jurado who finished strong with a top ten performance. The one guy that continues to impress everyone was Alex Hopper who ran 1 minute

and 20 seconds faster than last years' time," said Coach Erik Thormaehlen.

The Lady Lions finished eighth.

Team standings: 1. Bandera (State ranked 3A); 2. Fredericksburg (3A); 3. Harper (#1 State ranked 1A); 4. Brackett (1A); 5. Johnson City (State ranked 2A); 6. Wimberley (3A); 7. Kerrville Tivy (4A); 8. Ozona; 9. Bandera JV; 10. Mason (1A); 11. Fredericksburg JV; 12. Kerrville Tivy JV and 13. Comstock (1A).

The Lady Lions were led by Daisy Guerra, who finished 28th. Following her closely was McKenna Moses, 32nd, Lexi Poindexter, 33rd, and Madison Childress, 49th.

Also running for the Lady

Lions: 59. Alyssa Newlin; 60. Estefania Torralba; 87. Bobbie Jo Vargas; 94. Gabby Treto; 97. Nicole Higgins and 124. Alondra Rodriguez.

"The girls ran really well as a pack. We had three girls run faster than 14 minutes for the first time in the three years they've been making the trip to Harper. Daisy Guerra had a bit of an off day but it was very impressive to see the way she gutted it out and finished with the best she had (on that day) for the team. McKenna Moses looked like she was back to near racing form, and Lexi Poindexter was right on her hip. The three teammates finished less than nine seconds apart," Thormaehlen said.



THE OHS LADY LION CROSS COUNTRY TEAM placed eighth in the Harper meet held on Sept. 14. Alyssa Newlin, Alondra Rodriguez, Gabby Treto, McKenna Moses, Estefania Torralba, Daisy Guerra and Nicole Higgins. Front: Bobbi Jo Vargas, Lexi Poindexter and Madison Childress.



THE OHS LION CROSS COUNTRY TEAM earned third place medals in the Sept. 14 cross county meet held in Harper. Pictured are: Omero Rodriguez, Josiah Jurado, Saul Vargas, Alex Hopper and Noe Medina.

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**JV LIONS**  
Thursday, Sept. 19  
vs. Grape Creek - Lion Stadium - 6:00 p.m.

**VARSITY LIONS**  
Friday, Sept. 13  
vs. Grape Creek - There - 7:30 p.m.

**CROSS COUNTRY**  
Saturday, Sept. 21  
Varsity - Lubbock

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## OMS Cross-Country places at Wall

The OMS Lions and Lady Lions Cross-Country ran at Wall Saturday. "We continue to see lots of improvement from every one and had medalists in all divisions," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. Medalists for the OMS teams were: Ebony "and Ivory" Ramirez at 15:05 and Ryan "The Lion" Pena at 12:15 for seventh grade, and Itzel

"It" Esmerado at 14:05 and Roman "Batman" Esparza at 12:29 for eighth grade. The Seventh Grade Lady Lions finished sixth out of 13 teams and the Seventh Grade Lions were fifth out of 13 teams. The Eighth Grade Lady Lions and Lions made a strong showing, Gonzalez said. The teams will compete in Christoval Saturday.



**EBONY RAMIREZ** won a medal at the Wall Cross Country meet.



**EARNING MEDALS AT THE WALL CROSS COUNTRY MEET ARE:** (l. to r.) Itzel Esmerado, Roman Esparza and Ryan Pena.



**ELOY SOTO MAKES A GOOD RUN** for the Eight Grade Lions in their Sept. 12 game against Crane.

## Eighth Grade Lions fight hard against Crane

The Eighth Grade Lions lost to Crane 46-0 on Sept. 12. "The guys never hung their heads and continued to fight back. We were just unable to maintain any of our drives," said Coach John Esparza. "The guys are having to learn a new offense. We have guys in new positions, but they are doing a great job and will continue to get better as their confidence and knowledge of the system grows. We have got to get better at finishing tackles

because we did a good job of getting to the ball. Again, I cannot stress how proud I am of the effort and class shown by our athletes." Playing for the Lions: Kobe Rodriguez, Mark Ybarra, Eloy Soto, Ryan Ramos, Michael Garcia, Rigo Gonzalez, Lane Rust, William Lofland, Brandon Jara, Adrian Trevino, Marc Flores, Calib Bullard, Greg Dehoyos, Andy Hernandez, Jessie Ramos, Lalo Rodriguez and Danny Posadas



**DARIO RODRIGUEZ** looks to stop a Golden Crane during the Seventh Grade Sept. 12 game. Dario also scored a 15-yard touchdown for Ozona.

## Seventh Grade Lions fall to Crane

The Seventh Grade Lions lost to Crane 24-6 on Sept. 12. "It was a tough loss to open the season. We had a few injuries and had to have some guys step up and learn on the fly," said Coach John Esparza. Riley Williams had to step in at quarterback and did a fantastic job of being the leader, Esparza said. Williams was in control of the offense and was able to set up a Dario Rodriguez 15-yard touchdown. "These young men are doing a good job of picking up on a new offense and we will continue to get better each week," Esparza said. Also playing for the Lions were: Austin Hokit, Brian Salinas, Dylan Mendoza, Juan Lozano, Deven Gruber, Edgar Guajardo, Josh Knaack, David Landin,

Coulter McWilliams, Carlos Martinez, Ryan Pena, Marcus Perez and Irving Rodriguez.

## Youth Center Calendar of Events

**7TH & 8TH GRADE:**  
Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.;  
Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.;  
Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

**HIGH SCHOOL:**  
Monday: 7-10 p.m.;  
Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.;  
Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.;  
Thursday: 2-10 p.m.;  
Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight  
and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

**CLOSED SUNDAYS**

**OHS MEAL NIGHT:**  
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## CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

**SWINE TAGS**  
Anyone interested in a Swine Project, call the extension office as soon as possible. Swine tag orders are due by 4 p.m. Sept. 20.

**FOOD AND NUTRITION**  
Cooking classes will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the extension office.

**T-SHIRTS**  
Anyone that wants a 4-H T-shirt, call the office and let them

know how many and the size. **DAVY CROCKETT DAY**  
Crockett County 4-H will have a booth at the Davy Crockett Day Festival on Sept. 28. Anyone that would like to help, sign-up at the extension office. For more information on any of the 4-H events or activities, call the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721.

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# JAIL: Estimated \$750,000 spent on housing inmates out of county

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rough estimate for the facility would be \$5 million.

A new facility would keep Crockett County inmates within the county and keep the sheriff's office from having the expense of housing prisoners in other counties.

"We are currently at the mercy of somebody else," Rodriguez said.

Earlier this month, Rodriguez received a call from the Upton County Jail, the main facility that Crockett County inmates are housed. Rodriguez was told that the facility had limited Crockett County to 15 beds. At the time Crockett County had 14 inmates housed in Upton County, one in Sutton County and three in the local jail.

As a last resort, Crockett County will transport prisoners to Fort Stockton, but Pecos County charges \$45 a day per inmate as compared to \$37 a day in Upton County. Pecos County also charges \$25 an hour if a Pecos County deputy has to take the prisoner anywhere, such as court or the hospital, Rodriguez said.

Local deputies have transported prisoners to Fort Stockton for one night and then transported the prisoners back to Ozona, so they could start their 72-hour period over again, Rodriguez said.

Crockett County use to house prisoners in Reagan County until their facility was shut down.

"That could happen with Upton County. We have a good working relationship with them right now, but that could change at any time," Rodriguez said. "The last thing I want is to be shut down completely."

The decision to release non-violent inmates from custody, so as to relieve overcrowding, will be the sheriff's only option if places to house inmates cannot be found.

Rodriguez said his office is currently paying \$9,000-\$15,000 a month for all prisoners housed outside Crockett County. In the five years since Crockett County has

**Your Voice: If a bond election were held today, would you vote for or against building a new Crockett County Law Enforcement Center?**

*Editor's note: Here are comments our readers made on The Ozona Stockman Facebook page about the current jail conditions.*

Build one! And put them to work around town, not just sitting in a cell. **- Diane Allsup**

I absolutely think we need a new jail. We need the revenue to stay here in Ozona. I know it sounds sad or bad, but things happen and people are put in jail. But having them here, we aren't paying to have our inmates sent to other towns. And with the inmates here their families will come here also spending money in our town on motels, restaurants, businesses. All in all it is a win-win. And I also agree with Georgia we do need a new fire department. It is not near as big as it should be and with all the new equipment they are in desperate need. **- Marsha Kirklen Tebbetts**

We need a new sheriff's office and fire department. Both should be put on bond election. Both are outdated. New technology and communications needed for both. Fire house built in 1950. No upgrades until this year. We have out grown the sheriff's office and fire department. **- Georgianna Morrow**

We need a new sheriff's office and jail badly. Gets my vote! **- Louise Perner Ledoux**

I would vote to build! Can you build at the old elementary school? **- Corba Jones**

I have been saying it since Sutton was in office. The money we have been wasting housing inmates out of county could have gone quite a ways in building a new jail here. It is about to become something of an embarrassment as far as I am concerned. We need to have more pride in our county and town then this. **- Wendi Quiroz**

Anything is worth updating to make my hometown more attractive and yes, less costly, not having to move inmates to other counties! **- Mary Castro**

Long overdue, I'd vote for. **- Selena Galindo Newby**

I would build the new sheriff office and worst case make a "tent city" like Arizona has until the rest of the funds are found. The cost of having our inmates in other locations is too costly. **- Benjamin Jason Flores**

They should build one. I think its costing taxpayers more money to house inmates in other counties. **- Alfredo Rodriguez**

We need the inmates here so they can pick up trash and trim the grass/weeds along all the streets. **- Ramon Trujillo**

Build one and a new firehouse too, they are both way too old. **- Beth Gravel**

I would vote yes. Update the jail and the fire department! **- Marsha Lynne Tomlinson**

been transporting prisoners out of county, Rodriguez estimates around \$750,000 has been spent on inmate housing.

For 2014, Crockett County has budgeted \$147,000 for inmate housing and \$10,000 for prisoner transport.

"People need to understand, when the jail was built the jail commission didn't exist," Rodriguez said.

Located behind the First Baptist Church, the Crockett County Jail was constructed in 1892; a year after the county was organized. In 1973, the county added a new addition to the north side of the jail. According to the Crockett County History Book, published in 1976, at that time the jail was used as living quarters for the sheriff

and his family. The jail also shares a wall with the First Baptist Church. Inside, the facility is a bit of a maze of small offices and the holding cells.

Rodriguez said he is often asked to leave his office so deputies can have a private interview room.

In 1975, the Texas Legislature created the Com-

mission on Jail Standards to implement a declared state policy that all county jail facilities conform to minimum standards of construction, maintenance and operation.

"We are not in compliance. We have been given variances and we have been grandfathered in, but at any time we could be shut down," Rodriguez said.

He also said any plans will have to be approved by the state jail commission before construction begins.

The location Rodriguez is looking at is county-owned land behind the Crockett County Senior Center, north off of State Highway 163. He said this area was the most practical because it had easy access and was close to medical services.

Rodriguez said in March of this year, his office had already spent \$15,000 on inmate medical bills.

"If we house the prisoners here, we can have a little bit better control," He said. "Where can you be more secure than across from a law enforcement center?"

Rodriguez said he would also like to bring the trustee program back, which he can do if inmates are housed in Crockett County.

"They are here. We are feeding them, housing them, providing them medical care, we can put them to work," He said.

At the Sept. 9 meeting, Rodriguez told the commissioners' court about the jail situation.

"The only solution I have right now is to turn some loose that really don't need to be turned loose. We need to keep in mind that we need to start thinking of getting our own facility here pretty quick," Rodriguez said to the commissioners.

County Judge Fred Deaton said that decision of a new jail is one that needs to be voted on by local citizens.

"The public has not come to us enough to put it out to the people to vote," Deaton said.

The Ozona Stockman pro-

posed the question of building a new jail on their Facebook page. The majority of local citizens responded in favor of building a new facility.

Rodriguez said at the Oct. 14 he will be asking the commissioners for approval to draw up another set of facility plans, this time a real blueprint that will show more details of the facility and get closer to an actual cost.

"I want to get the process of a bond election going," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said the facility would be one where law enforcement officials bring prisoners into an enclosed garage area. It would also be constructed to look nice and fit in with other county buildings.

"The last thing I want is a junky looking jail. It will blend in nicely with the surrounding buildings," Rodriguez said.

The facility would have a front public entrance, private interview rooms for the public and inmates and areas and an area for juvenile offenders.

Currently, the public entrance, which is only used during the day, is closed off if when juveniles are being booked and interviewed.

"If the people decide to keep the situation the same, then so be it. At least give people the choice of what they want to do," Rodriguez said. "We need to be able to protect the public. I'm asking for a basic law enforcement center. I need to properly do my job and protect the citizens of Crockett County."

Rodriguez said the public is welcome to come see the conceptual plan of the center and talk to him about the plans, as well as tour the current jail facilities.

"The last thing I want to lose is the people's trust. As long as the people understand the situation we are in. We're doing the best we can with what we have," Rodriguez said. "I have an open door policy. I invite the people to come in and see what we have."

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## 'New law enforcement center needed'

*County Jail  
can only  
house inmates  
for 72-hour  
period*

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Building a new jail is not something most people want to think or talk about, but Crockett County Sheriff Robert Rodriguez said it's a subject that needs to be discussed.

With a jail that can only hold inmates for 72 hours, and having to transport prisoners to other counties, Rodriguez said a new jail is not a "want" but a "need."

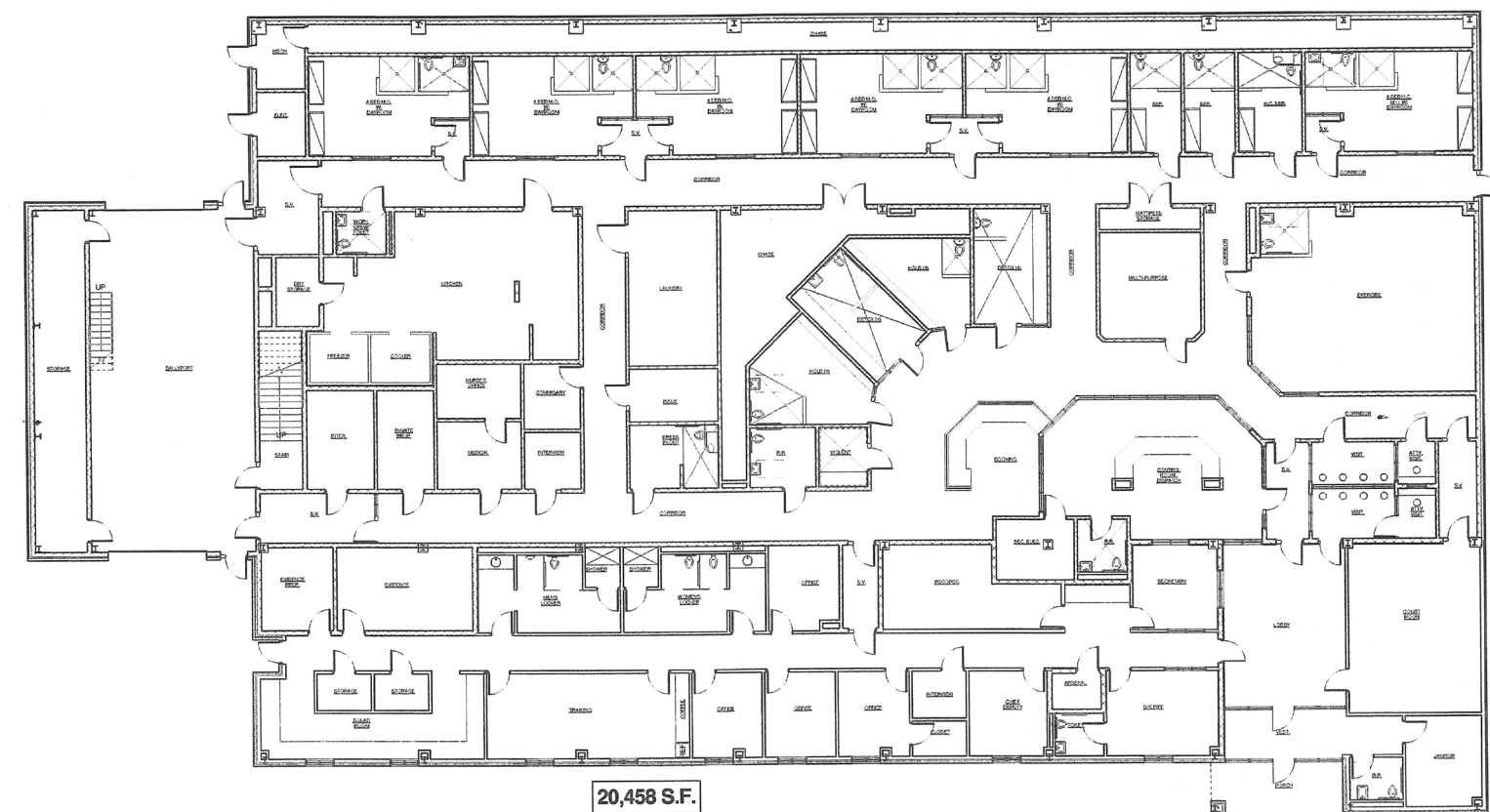
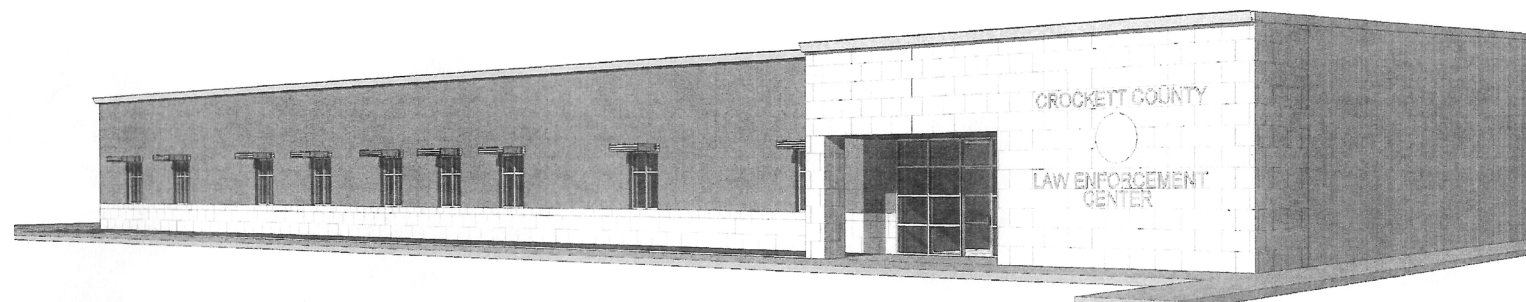
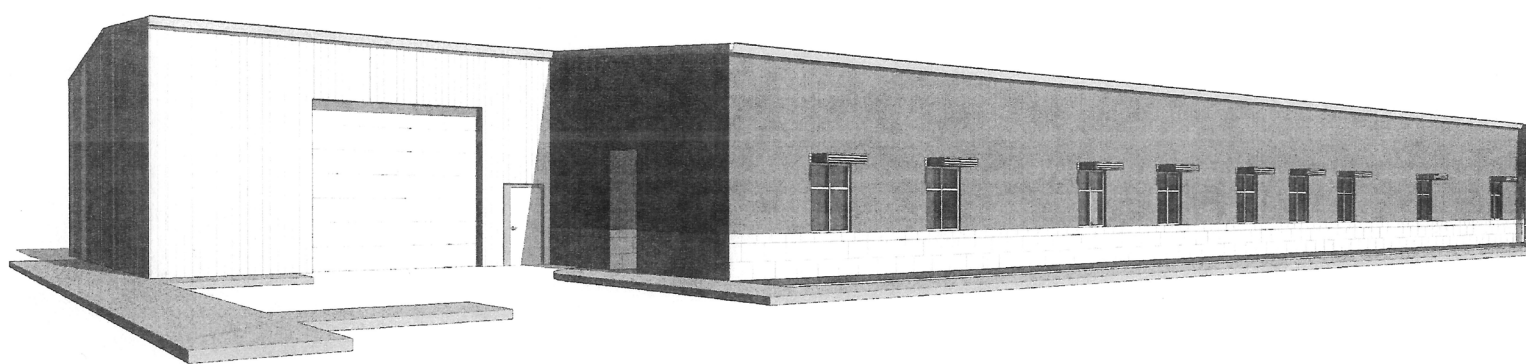
"This is rough on us. We need a new facility in order to properly be able to do our job efficiently," Rodriguez said.

Through Burns Architecture LLC in Austin, Rodriguez has conceptual plans in place for a 27-bed Crockett County Law Enforcement Center.

These plans were presented at the July Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting. Sheriff's office officials have also passed out copies of the plans to the public and The Ozona Stockman.

Rodriguez said the public is also welcome to see the plans in his office.

To build a new facility, the Crockett County Commissioners' Court has said it will be up to local voters to pass a bond. Rodriguez said based on his conceptual plans, the



CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF ROBERT RODRIGUEZ has a conceptual plan for a new Crockett County Law Enforcement Center. Copies and the original plan is available to the public at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. Rodriguez said the facility is needed due to a shortage of housing inmates in area counties and due to the Crockett County Jail being able to house inmates for a 72-hour period.

## Commissioners pursue road funding

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County Commissioners' took a step forward in pursuing state funds for county roads.

During a Sept. 12 special meeting, the commissioners approved hiring GrantWorks, out of Austin, to help the county pursue state funds that will be used to repair county roads that have taken heavy toll due to oilfield traffic.

County Judge Fred Deaton said Crockett County could receive up to \$1 million in funding through the Texas Department of Transportation.

"I am a little bit leery about waiting too long. I would hate to miss out on this," Deaton said.

The county has worked with GrantWorks before on other funding projects.

Cost for using the company will be around \$20,000.

"We are already familiar with them. Let's go ahead and get going. I don't mind working on it because it's going to be a good deal for Ozona and Crockett County," said Commissioner Frank Tambunga.

The commissioners also canvassed the 2013 Ad Valorem Tax Ratification Election in the CCCSD. The election passed 175 for to 156 against.

Commissioners Pleas Childress III and Eligio Martinez were absent from the meeting.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. Oct. 14 at the courthouse annex. The meeting is open to the public.

## Lions overwhelmed by Cranes



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OZONA LIONS Ricky Porras, Kalen Perez, Ryan Porras, Zack Taylor and Hazeal Damian bring down a Golden Crane. Lions lost to Crane 48-0 Friday at Lion Stadium. More sports, pages 6 and 7.

## CCCCSD School Board meeting tonight

The CCCCSD School Board will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Sept. 18) at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:  
-District spotlight - Nurse Karen Huffman, School Health Advisory Council Report.  
-Open forum/public comments.

-Reports: Transportation and Maintenance; Principals; Athletic Director; Technology; Food Service Report; Special and Federal Programs; Superintendent Report.

-Consent Agenda: Financial bills, board report, monthly investment report, budget amendments to the 2012-2013 official estimated budget and approve minutes from the regular board

meeting held Aug. 28.  
-Executive/closed session: personnel matters - resignations (if any have been received) and consider professional teacher contracts.

-Possible action from closed session: approval of resignations (if any have been received) and approval of professional teacher contracts.

-New business: consider/ approval for Easement Agreement for Water Drainage Facilities. (This is an easement across the triangular tract of land that extends from the Ozona Community Center rent house out toward the driveway and parking lots on the south side of the Ozona Elementary School.)

-Future business: Regular October CCCCSD School Board meeting Oct. 16.

## OLPH Diez y Seis



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MEMBERS OF THE OLPH SWAG YOUTH GROUP ride in the Diez y Seis Parade in front of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. The church had a parade and festival Sunday.

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OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS

BY HEATHER CLABURN
OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE

Ozona Woman's League held their first business meeting of the year at the home of Rachel Bean on Tuesday, Sept. 3. Hostesses provided a delicious taco salad meal. Twenty woman's league members were in attendance at the meeting. President Angie Richardson welcomed new members: Julia Henderson, Frankie Skinner Kay, Shelly McGee and Robin Conner Campbell.

The barbecue committee chairperson announced the Ozona Woman's League Homecoming Barbecue Dinner will be held before the game Friday, Oct. 11. Ozona Woman's League will have a booth at the Davy Crockett Days Sept. 28 to sell barbecue tickets and Diamond in the Desert cookbooks. General Club Redbooks were distributed to members and a general business meeting was conducted. The next scheduled meeting will be 6 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 1.

OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

BY VICKI STOKES
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

The Ozona Garden Club held its first meeting of the 2013-2014 year at the Circle Bar Restaurant on Sept. 9. The new president, Rosalind Williams, began the meeting with a prayer given by the Rev. Jean Reardon. Planning for the district meeting to be hosted by the Ozona Garden Club on Nov. 1-2 was the main topic of discussion. The hostess schedules and programs list for the

year were passed out to everyone in attendance. New member, Heidi Williams, was welcomed to the club. Everyone is looking forward to a new year of learning and fellowship. The October meeting will be held at Marolyn Bean's home on the 14th. Members attending were Jean Reardon Esther Williams, Vicki Stokes, Jeannine Henderson, Arlene Clayton, Carmen Sutton, Tina Bean, Rosalind Williams Marolyn Bean, Nancy Forehand and Heidi Williams.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sept. 18 - Shawna Hopper, Pablo Talamantez Sr., Elsa Vasquez, Raven Perez, Kelsie Ramirez and Monica Schwartz
Sept. 19 - Kellan Carlson, Inez Gutierrez, Aimee Longoria, Linda Conner, Ethan English and Nancy Vannoy
Sept. 20 - Cheryl Bricken, Jana Fox, Natalia Rodriguez, Jackie Necessary, Kaitlynn Poindexter, Stephen Lara, Felipe F. Castro Sr. and Chandler Jones
Sept. 21 - Debra Fred, Christian Felix Castro, Larry Glosson, Bear Borrego, Mark Ramirez, Gil Komechak, Sky Munoz, Alec Ingraham, Cory Galindo Jr., Matthew William Fuentes and Raymond Estrada
Sept. 22 - Susie Bishop, Karen Webb, Ruben Talamantez, Teresa Torres, Wes McGuire and Sam Perner
Sept. 23 - Michael Medina

Jr., Maria Ortiz, Kaitlyn Tambunga, Mariah Gallardo, Jennifer Venegas and Eva P. Bordan
Sept. 24 - Jennifer Perez, Bobby Bryson, Bryce Martin, Joe Bean, Tina Bean, Pep Talamantez, Olga Talamantez, David De La Rosa, Francisco Vasquez, Ariana Huerta, Romaldo Cervantez and Alejandra Cruz

Sonora wine tasting event Saturday

Sonora's Premier Wine Tasting event will be held from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21, at the Mercantile on Main, 323 E. Main St., in Sonora. The event will feature wines from Val Verde Winery, Wedding Oak Winery, West Cave Cellars and William Chris Vineyards. Tickets are \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. Tickets are available at the Main Street office in Sonora, Mercantile on Main, Hodgepodgees, Sew Addict-

ed, Gypsy Chix, Main Street Salon, Bronco Salon and Serendipity Beauty Boutique. The first 50 people will receive a complimentary wine glass. Also there will be gift baskets and door prizes. Sponsors are the Sonora Main Street Program, Mercantile on Main and High Cross Vineyard. For more information, call the Friends of Historic Main Street Office at 387-2248 or e-mail fhsmainstreet@verizon.net.

LIBRARY NEWS

Annual meeting and program

BY LOUISE LEDOUX
CROCKETT COUNTY LIBRARIAN



"How Do Wind Turbines Fit Into The Land?" The opinions of ranchers in four states about wind turbines and transmission lines and how they fit—or do not fit—with the ranchers' philosophies of land use have been published in a new book by Scott White titled "Viento - Wind, Turbines and Ranchland: Exploring the Impacts of Wind Energy in the Southwest." The 72-page, full-color book contains photos of many of the ranchers interviewed and is the result of interviews recorded by White, who is oral historian and curator of art at the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech University. Published by the NRHC museum and the Ranching Heritage Association, "Viento" is available for \$20 at the NRHC, 3121 Fourth Street, Lubbock, and on the NRHC website, www.nrhc.ttu.edu. Information gleaned in the three-year social research project provides insights into why the ranchers and landowners have chosen to have wind turbines on their land, while others oppose them being anywhere they might even be seen. "Wind turbines have altered many landowners' perceptions of the future of ranching, particularly of how the presence of turbines, transmission lines and construction crews on their land might fit in with the traditions, culture and ideology of the ranching culture," White said. Scott White from the National Ranching Heritage Center at Texas Tech will discuss his book, "Viento: Wind, Turbines & Ranchland." The book, which covers the pros and cons of wind turbines, is based on interviews with a number of ranchers from Texas and other states, including

quite a few in the Crockett County area. Mr. White will have his book for sale and signing after the program. The Friends of the Library Annual Meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 7, at the Civic Center from 6-9 p.m. The Guadalupe Ladies of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will cater a Mexican buffet. Tickets for the meal and program are \$12 and can be purchased from any Friends member or at the Public Library. RSVP by Friday, Oct. 4. Get your tickets today and don't miss this informative program on wind turbines by Scott White. Come check it out!

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Wednesday, Sept. 18
Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
CCCCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.
Thursday, Sept. 19
Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
OMS Lions vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. at Grape Creek.
Ozona Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 5:15 p.m. at the Visitor Center.
JV Lions vs. Grape Creek, 6:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
Friday, Sept. 20
Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
42, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
Crockett County 4-H Swine Tag orders due by 4 p.m. at the Crockett County AgriLife Extension Office.
Lions vs. Grape Creek, 7:30 p.m. at Grape Creek.
Saturday, Sept. 21
OMS Cross-Country at Christoval.
OHS Cross-Country at Lubbock.
Sonora's Premier Wine Tasting event, 2-5 p.m. at the Mercantile on Main, 323 E. Main St., in Sonora.
Monday, Sept. 23
Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
Senior Center Bingo, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.
Tuesday, Sept. 24
Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
Crockett County 4-H Cooking Class, 4 p.m. at the Crockett County AgriLife Extension Office.
OHS Band practice, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the OHS Band Hall.
Wednesday, Sept. 25
Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Due to lack of participation the Crockett County Museum Board of Directors has opted to cancel this event. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused anyone and look forward to seeing you at the Davy Crockett Days Festival.

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## Uresti discusses the importance of energy, water, roads in State of the District Address

BY MARK LANGFORD  
SENATOR URESTI'S OFFICE

Eagle Ford Shale Development, water, and road infrastructure topped the list of issues in the annual State of the District address by Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, who vowed he will continue to seek alternatives to gravel road conversions in Senate District 19.

Uresti has been working with fellow legislators, county and city officials, TxDOT, and other stakeholders on the agency's plan to convert 83 miles — and perhaps up to 400 miles — of paved roads into gravel in oil and gas producing regions.

"It's no secret that I'm not a fan of this proposal," Uresti said. "TxDOT needs to revisit this approach. It takes us down the wrong road, and we need to find a better way."

Uresti has already negotiated a 60 day moratorium for roads targeted for conversion, giving counties an opportunity to seek alternatives. Now he wants TxDOT to develop strict criteria for identifying potential conversions, give local leaders more advanced notice, and establish a timetable for converting gravel back to pavement.

Noting that transportation and water infrastructure are critical to the state's economy, Uresti urged voters to support Proposition 6 in the November election, which will provide \$2.1 billion from the rainy day fund for water projects, and a second amendment that will be on the ballot next year that would provide an additional \$1.2 billion for road construction and maintenance.



CARLOS URESTI

"Many of our highways and bridges are reaching the end of their lifespans. That means it's going to take more investment just to maintain and reconstruct them, much less add additional capacity," Uresti said Wednesday at the Chamber's 17th Annual State of the District Address. "With more than 51,000 bridges and almost 200,000 lane-miles of state roadways, we have a lot of infrastructure to take care of."

"I certainly urge the people of Texas to support both amendments. They are desperately needed for our future economic vitality," he said. Uresti, recently appointed to the Energy Council, also noted the continuing importance of the state's unprecedented oil boom, particularly the Eagle Ford Shale that underlies part of Senate District 19.

"A Wood Mackenzie report released in January said the Eagle Ford ranks as the largest oil and gas development in the world, based on capital investment," Uresti said, "and it's projected that almost \$30 billion will be spent in developing the play this year alone."

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On other issues, Uresti: • Congratulated Toyota Texas for its upcoming 10th anniversary in San Antonio. • Noted the continuing growth at Texas A&M University-San Antonio, which is well on its way to becoming the largest satellite campus in the A&M System.

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## AgriLife Extension asking Texans to participate in national Child Passenger Safety Week

BY PAUL SCHATTEBERG  
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION OFFICE

COLLEGE STATION - Family and consumer science experts with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service are urging Texans to participate in the nationwide Child Passenger Safety Week, Sept. 15-21.

"According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, car crashes are among the main causes of death for children," said Bev Kellner, AgriLife Extension coordinator for the agency's Passenger Safety Project, College Station. "In many instances, injuries and deaths can be prevented by the proper use of car seats, boosters and seat belts."

Traffic safety administration and U.S. Department of Transportation data from 2011 show that an average of about two children under 13 years old were killed and 338 were injured each day while riding in cars, SUVs, pickups and vans.

Kellner said during Child Passenger Safety Week many communities will make certified child passenger safety technicians available to provide free, hands-on, car seat inspection, instruction and education.

"Properly installed car seats, including boosters, afford the best protection for children traveling in vehicles," Kellner said.

Through its Passenger Safety Project, AgriLife Extension, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation, provides valuable traffic safety information and education to people throughout Texas, Kellner said.

"While the project's overall goal is to reduce motor vehicle fatalities and injuries and their associated costs, the project's primary focus is on increasing child restraint and safety belt usage," she said. "That's why all of our team members are certified

child safety seat technicians and/or instructors."

Kellner said the project also conducts the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's standardized child passenger safety certification trainings, which provides the opportunity for other individuals to become certified as child passenger safety technicians.

Kellner said traffic safety administration data shows

that almost 10,000 children age four and under from 1975 to 2011 were saved by child restraints of one kind or another. The data also shows 8,616 of these children were saved by car seats alone.

For more information on child passenger safety and AgriLife Extension's Passenger Safety Project, contact Kellner at (979) 845-3850 or go to [http://fcs.tamu.edu/safety/passenger\\_safety/](http://fcs.tamu.edu/safety/passenger_safety/).

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## Shreveport man sentenced for illegally transporting deer

TYLER - Stephen Anderson Sipes Jr., 57, of Shreveport, La., was sentenced to pay more than \$14,000 in restitution and serve 48 hours of community service as conditions of a two-year probated sentence for federal wildlife violations in the Eastern District of Texas, announced U.S. Attorney John M. Bales last week.

Sipes, who pleaded guilty on June 10, 2013, to negligent transportation of wildlife and was sentenced last week by U.S. Magistrate Judge John D. Love.

According to court information, on Jan. 14, 2010, Sipes

transported and possessed 14 live, illegally imported whitetail deer valued at over \$350 each from Carthage, Mo. to the ranch in Sander-son, which is prohibited by Texas law. The fair market value of the illegally imported whitetail deer was approximately \$5,650.

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# Lions fall to Golden Cranes

The Ozona Lions lost to Crane 48-0 Friday at Lion Stadium.

Ozona struggled throughout the game and were unable to get through the Golden Cranes defensive line.

"Crane was an extremely disappointing loss. We did not execute well on offense or defense and the end result was what it was. I told our athletes we have but one choice, that is to get better and continue to work hard toward our goals in district play," said Coach Edward Perez. "We took a couple of steps backwards but I cautioned our guys to not let

one game define their season. Games like Friday have a tendency to bring out much of the negativity that you try to keep at bay. We simply need to stick together, fight for one another, and move on to our next opponent with a much hungrier and humble attitude. I've seen a great response by our young men by the work and words they displayed on Saturday and in this morning's workout. We have to wash away the game last Friday and now focus on Grape Creek and focus on the fix."

Ozona will take on Grape Creek at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Grape Creek.



KEEPING ENTHUSIASM UP during the varsity game against Crane are: (l. to r.) Zephen Cuevas, Lion Mascot Vivian Medina and Gabby Martinez



DAKOTA LEE takes down a receiver in the end zone in the JV Lions 13-14 heartbreaker against Crane on Sept. 12.

## OES Students of the Week



Jaron Villarreal



Jesus Aranda

## OHS Band Student of the Week



Logan Glaspie



## OHS Student of the Week



Cole Parker

## OHS Cross-Country run at Harper on September 14

The OHS Lions and Lady Lions Cross-Country Teams competed Saturday at the Jacob Krebs Invitational in Harper.

The Lions finished third and was the top 1A team in the event.

Team standings: 1. Fredericksburg (3A); 2. Bandera (3A); 3. Ozona; 4. Wimberley (3A); 5. Kerrville Tivy (4A); 6. Fredericksburg JV; 7. Comstock (1A); 8. Harper (1A); 9. Brackett (1A); 10. Johnson City (2A); 11. Rocksprings (1A); 12. Center Point (1A) and 13. Bandera JV.

The Lions were led once again by Omero Rodriguez who finished second. Also running for the Lions: 10. Josiah Jurado; 17. Saul Vargas; 18. Alex Hopper; 23. Noe Medina; 49. Adrian Rodriguez; 101. Gary Held and 103. Chris Cantu.

"Rodriguez was in contention to win the race until about the last half-mile. We haven't started pacing our kids yet for a 5K race, we're only up to about 4K, so he fell off about where I would have expected. He improved his time once again upon last years' time and ran a very smart tactical race. The next boy in was Josiah Jurado who finished strong with a top ten performance. The one guy that continues to impress everyone was Alex Hopper who ran 1 minute

and 20 seconds faster than last years' time," said Coach Erik Thormaehlen.

The Lady Lions finished eighth.

Team standings: 1. Bandera (State ranked 3A); 2. Fredericksburg (3A); 3. Harper (#1 State ranked 1A); 4. Brackett (1A); 5. Johnson City (State ranked 2A); 6. Wimberley (3A); 7. Kerrville Tivy (4A); 8. Ozona; 9. Bandera JV; 10. Mason (1A); 11. Fredericksburg JV; 12. Kerrville Tivy JV and 13. Comstock (1A).

The Lady Lions were led by Daisy Guerra, who finished 28th. Following her closely was McKenna Moses, 32nd, Lexi Poindexter, 33rd, and Madison Childress, 49th.

Also running for the Lady

Lions: 59. Alyssa Newlin; 60. Estefania Torralba; 87. Bobbie Jo Vargas; 94. Gabby Treto; 97. Nicole Higgins and 124. Alondra Rodriguez.

"The girls ran really well as a pack. We had three girls run faster than 14 minutes for the first time in the three years they've been making the trip to Harper. Daisy Guerra had a bit of an off day but it was very impressive to see the way she gutted it out and finished with the best she had (on that day) for the team. McKenna Moses looked like she was back to near racing form, and Lexi Poindexter was right on her hip. The three teammates finished less than nine seconds apart," Thormaehlen said.



THE OHS LADY LION CROSS COUNTRY TEAM placed eighth in the Harper meet held on Sept. 14. Alyssa Newlin, Alondra Rodriguez, Gabby Treto, McKenna Moses, Estefania Torralba, Daisy Guerra and Nicole Higgins. Front: Bobbi Jo Vargas, Lexi Poindexter and Madison Childress.



THE OHS LION CROSS COUNTRY TEAM earned third place medals in the Sept. 14 cross county meet held in Harper. Pictured are: Omero Rodriguez, Josiah Jurado, Saul Vargas, Alex Hopper and Noe Medina.

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Friday, Sept. 13  
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**CROSS COUNTRY**  
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## OMS Cross-Country places at Wall

The OMS Lions and Lady Lions Cross-Country ran at Wall Saturday. "We continue to see lots of improvement from every one and had medalists in all divisions," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. Medalists for the OMS teams were: Ebony "and Ivory" Ramirez at 15:05 and Ryan "The Lion" Pena at 12:15 for seventh grade, and Itzel

"It" Esmerado at 14:05 and Roman "Batman" Esparza at 12:29 for eighth grade. The Seventh Grade Lady Lions finished sixth out of 13 teams and the Seventh Grade Lions were fifth out of 13 teams. The Eighth Grade Lady Lions and Lions made a strong showing, Gonzalez said. The teams will compete in Christoval Saturday.



**EBONY RAMIREZ** won a medal at the Wall Cross Country meet.



**EARNING MEDALS AT THE WALL CROSS COUNTRY MEET ARE:** (l. to r.) Itzel Esmerado, Roman Esparza and Ryan Pena.



**ELOY SOTO** MAKES A GOOD RUN for the Eight Grade Lions in their Sept. 12 game against Crane.

## Eighth Grade Lions fight hard against Crane

The Eighth Grade Lions lost to Crane 46-0 on Sept. 12. "The guys never hung their heads and continued to fight back. We were just unable to maintain any of our drives," said Coach John Esparza. "The guys are having to learn a new offense. We have guys in new positions, but they are doing a great job and will continue to get better as their confidence and knowledge of the system grows. We have got to get better at finishing tackles

because we did a good job of getting to the ball. Again, I cannot stress how proud I am of the effort and class shown by our athletes." Playing for the Lions: Kobe Rodriguez, Mark Ybarra, Eloy Soto, Ryan Ramos, Michael Garcia, Rigo Gonzalez, Lane Rust, William Lofland, Brandon Jara, Adrian Trevino, Marc Flores, Calib Bullard, Greg Dehoyos, Andy Hernandez, Jessie Ramos, Lalo Rodriguez and Danny Posadas



**DARIO RODRIGUEZ** looks to stop a Golden Crane during the Seventh Grade Sept. 12 game. Dario also scored a 15-yard touchdown for Ozona.

## Seventh Grade Lions fall to Crane

The Seventh Grade Lions lost to Crane 24-6 on Sept. 12. "It was a tough loss to open the season. We had a few injuries and had to have some guys step up and learn on the fly," said Coach John Esparza. Riley Williams had to step in at quarterback and did a fantastic job of being the leader, Esparza said. Williams was in control of the offense and was able to set up a Dario Rodriguez 15-yard touchdown. "These young men are doing a good job of picking up on a new offense and we will continue to get better each week," Esparza said. Also playing for the Lions were: Austin Hokit, Brian Salinas, Dylan Mendoza, Juan Lozano, Deven Gruber, Edgar Guajardo, Josh Knaack, David Landin,

Coulter McWilliams, Carlos Martinez, Ryan Pena, Marcus Perez and Irving Rodriguez.

## Youth Center Calendar of Events

**7TH & 8TH GRADE:**  
Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.;  
Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.;  
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Monday: 7-10 p.m.;  
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Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.;  
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Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight  
and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

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**SWINE TAGS**  
Anyone interested in a Swine Project, call the extension office as soon as possible. Swine tag orders are due by 4 p.m. Sept. 20.

**FOOD AND NUTRITION**  
Cooking classes will be held at 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the extension office.

**T-SHIRTS**  
Anyone that wants a 4-H T-shirt, call the office and let them

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Crockett County 4-H will have a booth at the Davy Crockett Day Festival on Sept. 28. Anyone that would like to help, sign-up at the extension office. For more information on any of the 4-H events or activities, call the Crockett County Extension Office at 392-2721.

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# JAIL: Estimated \$750,000 spent on housing inmates out of county

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rough estimate for the facility would be \$5 million.

A new facility would keep Crockett County inmates within the county and keep the sheriff's office from having the expense of housing prisoners in other counties.

"We are currently at the mercy of somebody else," Rodriguez said.

Earlier this month, Rodriguez received a call from the Upton County Jail, the main facility that Crockett County inmates are housed. Rodriguez was told that the facility had limited Crockett County to 15 beds. At the time Crockett County had 14 inmates housed in Upton County, one in Sutton County and three in the local jail.

As a last resort, Crockett County will transport prisoners to Fort Stockton, but Pecos County charges \$45 a day per inmate as compared to \$37 a day in Upton County. Pecos County also charges \$25 an hour if a Pecos County deputy has to take the prisoner anywhere, such as court or the hospital, Rodriguez said.

Local deputies have transported prisoners to Fort Stockton for one night and then transported the prisoners back to Ozona, so they could start their 72-hour period over again, Rodriguez said.

Crockett County use to house prisoners in Reagan County until their facility was shut down.

"That could happen with Upton County. We have a good working relationship with them right now, but that could change at any time," Rodriguez said. "The last thing I want is to be shut down completely."

The decision to release non-violent inmates from custody, so as to relieve overcrowding, will be the sheriff's only option if places to house inmates cannot be found.

Rodriguez said his office is currently paying \$9,000-\$15,000 a month for all prisoners housed outside Crockett County. In the five years since Crockett County has

**Your Voice: If a bond election were held today, would you vote for or against building a new Crockett County Law Enforcement Center?**

*Editor's note: Here are comments our readers made on The Ozona Stockman Facebook page about the current jail conditions.*

Build one! And put them to work around town, not just sitting in a cell. **- Diane Allsup**

I absolutely think we need a new jail. We need the revenue to stay here in Ozona. I know it sounds sad or bad, but things happen and people are put in jail. But having them here, we aren't paying to have our inmates sent to other towns. And with the inmates here their families will come here also spending money in our town on motels, restaurants, businesses. All in all it is a win-win. And I also agree with Georgia we do need a new fire department. It is not near as big as it should be and with all the new equipment they are in desperate need. **- Marsha Kirklen Tebbetts**

We need a new sheriff's office and fire department. Both should be put on bond election. Both are outdated. New technology and communications needed for both. Fire house built in 1950. No upgrades until this year. We have out grown the sheriff's office and fire department. **- Georgianna Morrow**

We need a new sheriff's office and jail badly. Gets my vote! **- Louise Perner Ledoux**

I would vote to build! Can you build at the old elementary school? **- Corba Jones**

I have been saying it since Sutton was in office. The money we have been wasting housing inmates out of county could have gone quite a ways in building a new jail here. It is about to become something of an embarrassment as far as I am concerned. We need to have more pride in our county and town then this. **- Wendi Quiroz**

Anything is worth updating to make my hometown more attractive and yes, less costly, not having to move inmates to other counties! **- Mary Castro**

Long overdue, I'd vote for. **- Selena Galindo Newby**

I would build the new sheriff office and worst case make a "tent city" like Arizona has until the rest of the funds are found. The cost of having our inmates in other locations is too costly. **- Benjamin Jason Flores**

They should build one. I think its costing taxpayers more money to house inmates in other counties. **- Alfredo Rodriguez**

We need the inmates here so they can pick up trash and trim the grass/weeds along all the streets. **- Ramon Trujillo**

Build one and a new firehouse too, they are both way too old. **- Beth Gravel**

I would vote yes. Update the jail and the fire department! **- Marsha Lynne Tomlinson**

been transporting prisoners out of county, Rodriguez estimates around \$750,000 has been spent on inmate housing.

For 2014, Crockett County has budgeted \$147,000 for inmate housing and \$10,000 for prisoner transport.

"People need to understand, when the jail was built the jail commission didn't exist," Rodriguez said.

Located behind the First Baptist Church, the Crockett County Jail was constructed in 1892; a year after the county was organized. In 1973, the county added a new addition to the north side of the jail. According to the Crockett County History Book, published in 1976, at that time the jail was used as living quarters for the sheriff

and his family. The jail also shares a wall with the First Baptist Church. Inside, the facility is a bit of a maze of small offices and the holding cells.

Rodriguez said he is often asked to leave his office so deputies can have a private interview room.

In 1975, the Texas Legislature created the Com-

mission on Jail Standards to implement a declared state policy that all county jail facilities conform to minimum standards of construction, maintenance and operation.

"We are not in compliance. We have been given variances and we have been grandfathered in, but at any time we could be shut down," Rodriguez said.

He also said any plans will have to be approved by the state jail commission before construction begins.

The location Rodriguez is looking at is county-owned land behind the Crockett County Senior Center, north off of State Highway 163. He said this area was the most practical because it had easy access and was close to medical services.

Rodriguez said in March of this year, his office had already spent \$15,000 on inmate medical bills.

"If we house the prisoners here, we can have a little bit better control," He said. "Where can you be more secure than across from a law enforcement center?"

Rodriguez said he would also like to bring the trustee program back, which he can do if inmates are housed in Crockett County.

"They are here. We are feeding them, housing them, providing them medical care, we can put them to work," He said.

At the Sept. 9 meeting, Rodriguez told the commissioners' court about the jail situation.

"The only solution I have right now is to turn some loose that really don't need to be turned loose. We need to keep in mind that we need to start thinking of getting our own facility here pretty quick," Rodriguez said to the commissioners.

County Judge Fred Deaton said that decision of a new jail is one that needs to be voted on by local citizens.

"The public has not come to us enough to put it out to the people to vote," Deaton said.

The Ozona Stockman pro-

posed the question of building a new jail on their Facebook page. The majority of local citizens responded in favor of building a new facility.

Rodriguez said at the Oct. 14 he will be asking the commissioners for approval to draw up another set of facility plans, this time a real blueprint that will show more details of the facility and get closer to an actual cost.

"I want to get the process of a bond election going," Rodriguez said.

Rodriguez said the facility would be one where law enforcement officials bring prisoners into an enclosed garage area. It would also be constructed to look nice and fit in with other county buildings.

"The last thing I want is a junky looking jail. It will blend in nicely with the surrounding buildings," Rodriguez said.

The facility would have a front public entrance, private interview rooms for the public and inmates and areas and an area for juvenile offenders.

Currently, the public entrance, which is only used during the day, is closed off if when juveniles are being booked and interviewed.

"If the people decide to keep the situation the same, then so be it. At least give people the choice of what they want to do," Rodriguez said. "We need to be able to protect the public. I'm asking for a basic law enforcement center. I need to properly do my job and protect the citizens of Crockett County."

Rodriguez said the public is welcome to come see the conceptual plan of the center and talk to him about the plans, as well as tour the current jail facilities.

"The last thing I want to lose is the people's trust. As long as the people understand the situation we are in. We're doing the best we can with what we have," Rodriguez said. "I have an open door policy. I invite the people to come in and see what we have."

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