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Road department fire cause undetermined

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Fire officials are unable to determine the cause of the fire that burned down the Crockett County Road Department.

During a Feb. 6 special meeting, Road Supervisor Jeffrey Stuart told the Crockett County Commissioners' Court that Fire Marshal Steve Kenley and the fire inspector sent by the county's property insurance company that a cause could not be determined because the fire burned so hot it destroyed all the evidence.

The Jan. 23 blaze destroyed the department's main office and part of the shop that contained the street sweeper, front loader and other equipment.

Stuart said the scene has been cleared for clean up to start.

Representatives of the county's property insurance also spoke to the commissioners about the coverage on the building.

The building is valued at around \$449,000 and \$112,000 for the business personal property. The county also has a \$20 million umbrella policy. The vehicles are covered under separate policies.

PLEASE SEE **ROAD**, PAGE 8

Commissioners reinstate burn ban

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County Commissioners reinstated a countywide burn ban during Monday's regular meeting.

The last time a burn ban was in effect was July 2013.

The Ozona Volunteer Fire Department has responded to several, small grass fires in January and first part of Feb-

The ban lasts 30 days. Outdoor burning is restricted with exceptions of firefighter training, public utility, natural gas pipeline or mining operations, planting or harvesting or agriculture crops or burns that are conducted by an approved Prescribed Burning Association, Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station or certified prescribed burn manager.

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner. location involved and expert to be on hand. The ban does not prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times.

Violation of burn ban is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

WELLNESS CENTER

Members of the Crockett County Health and Wellness Center Board and supporters of the center attended the meeting in support of the center.

Nila Kelley said the board wanted to talk to the commissioners about touring the Mc-Camey and Iraan wellness centers with board members.

"This is so you will have an idea about what we want to do," Kelley said.

missioners came up with a tentative date of March 8. "As you can see we have a lot of support," said Shirley

After discussion, the com-

Kirby, referring to the group in attendance. Kelley said the group is working on grants and doing what they can to raise money.

Their next fund-raiser will be

March 10 at the Civic Center. "When the physical health of the community is addressed then the emotional health improves as well. Some other costs would be reduced because of the increased health," said Pastor Jean Reardon, of the Ozona United Methodist Church, in support of the cen-

NEW AMBULANCE

The commissioners approved purchasing a new ambulance in the 2015 budget.

Crockett County EMS has two ambulances around 100,000 miles and they have

frequently needed maintenance.

John L. Henderson, president of the Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board, asked if the commissioners would be open to leasing an ambulance if the price was right.

"Emergency equipment like this is something we need here in Crockett County. People depend on us to provide emergency services. I'm open to whatever you guys want," said Commissioner Frank Tambunga.

EMT Coordinator Eddie Martin said he has around \$67,000 in his budget for a new ambulance.

Henderson said they will bring a lease and purchase comparison at a future meet-

PARKS and RECREATION

Heidi Sullivan told the commissioners that she has received a cost from Playwell, of Dallas, for playground fiber wood for the I-10/Swimming Pool Park. Cost will be \$3,400 for one truckload.

Sullivan said this is company used by the Ozona Community Center.

Sullivan said the pea gravel will remain under the equipment, a barrier will be placed over that and then the fiber wood placed on top.

PLEASE SEE **COURT,** PAGE 9

Carson, Preddy running for District and County Clerk

have been employed for the past 20 years in the



LOU CARSON District and

County Clerk's Office. I hold the position of Chief Assistant to retiring clerk, Debbi Puckett, for the last nine years.

I was married to the late A.G. Carson. I have three children, Scott Killiam, of Odessa, Chrissy Carson Bennett, of Greenwood, and K.C. Carson, of Ozona. I have five grandchildren and four greatgrandchildren.

I am a lifelong resident of Ozona, 1977 class of Ozona High School and a member of the Crockett County Emergency Ser-

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU **FOR THE POSITION?**

My experience of 20 years in the District and County Clerk's Office and keeping abreast of changing laws and new technology.

PLEASE SEE **CARSON**, PAGE 5

My name is Ninfa Preddy. I am currently employed by the Crockett County Road De-



NINFA PREDDY

partment as an office clerk. As for my education, I attended West Central Business College and graduated from Ozona High School in 1984.

Throughout the years, I have taken many different computer courses that have helped me with my current and previous jobs as deputy clerk and chief deputy clerk. My husband Mike and I have been married for over 12 years and together we enjoy spending time with our grandchildren, Kambri, Kailyn and Michael Trey Preddy and Bryce Medley. Our son Chuck Preddy is a 1996 graduate of Ozona High School and a 2004 graduate of Dallas Institute of Funer al Services. He is employed with New Park Drilling as a drilling fluids engineer field superintendent. Our daughter Mandy Medley is a 2006 graduate of Ozona High School, a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech University and a current graduate student

PLEASE SEE **PREDDY**, PAGE 5

Care Center generator tagged in state survey

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Care Center is now battling with the state over a transfer switch on the center's generator.

At the Feb. 6 Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Officials regular board meeting, Administrator Robert Stecher said during the recent state annual survey the center was tagged for the generator's transfer switch.

Stecher said the center could be shut down because of the tag. The center's generator also runs the emergency room, xray and lab for the Family Health Center of Ozona.

"We know it will go from regular electricity to generator. What we don't know is if the generator will go back to regular electricity," Stecher said. "What I'm

assuming is there will be a tag on the generator stating we have to replace the transfer switch. We have a report from the man who has worked on the generator and the report states he will not flip the switch."

Stecher said he is waiting on the full report from the state. Stecher will then have 10 days to write a plan of correction and the center will have 15 days to correct it.

At Monday's commissioners' court meeting, Board President John L. Henderson and Stecher spoke to the commissioners about the situation.

Commissioner Eligio Martinez, who previously worked at the care center, said the generator was checked once a week but the switch was only tested when the state visited.

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Frozen water



THE FOUNTAIN in the Triangle Park was frozen due to temperatures dropping into the lower 20s and teens on Feb. 6. Crockett County also had a light dusting of snow that morning.

Crockett County has increase in 2013 rainfall

BY MELISSA PERNER

THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Rainfall was better in 2013.

The Crockett County Groundwater District reported last week that the average county rainfall for 2013 was 20.44 inches.

This is up from 2012's total of 17.29 inches. The driest year still remains 2011 with a total of only 5.54 inches.

The wettest month in 2013 for Crockett County was September with 5.52 inches. July was second with 3.31 inches. The driest month was March with no rainfall recorded.

The National Weather Service in San Angelo said either El Nino or La Nina influenced the rainfall patterns last year. However, the weather service is not predicting any indications that 2014 will be an above Ozona rainfall table, page 5

normal year.

Generally, across West Central Texas, the late spring and early fall seasons are the wettest periods, the weather service stated. Ozona commonly has an average of just over two inches of rain during May, June, September and October.

The latest U.S. Drought Monitor shows the eastern and southern portions of Crockett County listed as half abnormally dry and the other half not in drought. Abnormally dry is the lowest ranking.

At Monday's Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, the commissioners reinstated the burn ban for 30 years. The commissioners lifted the last burn ban in July 2013.

PLEASE SEE **WEATHER**, PAGE 5

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America, the melting pot

don't know if it was the fact that the game was such a blowout, but as soon as Coca-Cola aired a Super Bowl with "America the Beautiful" sung in multiple languages everyone had something to talk about.

Right after the commercial aired, Twitter lit up with people screaming how "un-American" the ad was.

I guess since this year's halftime show didn't have any "wardrobe malfunctions," the public decided to pick on Coca-Cola.

For those who may have missed it, Coca-Cola during the Super Bowl ran a 60-second commercial of a montage of American vistas and the multiethnic faces of its people. Children sang "America the Beautiful." seamlessly transitioning from one language to another. Languages used were English, Spanish, Keres, a language spoken by Pueblo people, Tagalog, a Filipino language, French, of West African dialect, Mandarin, Hebrew and Arabic.

Promoting diversity is hardly a new phenomenon for Coca-Cola. It is a concept that goes back to 1971. Remember "I'd like to teach the world to sing in perfect

harmony? If anything, I just considered it another sappy Coke ad. So,

what's wrong with that? Immediately, the backlash started on Facebook and Twitter.

Hashtags of #boycottCoke and "Coca-Cola is un-American" quickly followed. "Still confused as to why they were singing about America in all those foreign languages in the Coke commercial. We speak English...' was one of the posts that was my favorite to laugh at, along with others stating "America the Beautiful" is

our National Anthem. I laugh because if you want to look for ignorance run rapid, just follow social media sites like Twitter or Facebook. In today's world, if we don't like something we jump to conclusions and immediately bash the person, place or thing on our

Facebook or Twitter pages. What I want to know is what does it mean to be American? Who fits the mold and who doesn't?

Here's a history lesson for you all, "America the Beautiful" is not our National Anthem, that is "The Star Spangled Banner," which was written by Francis Scott Key in 1814.

"America the Beautiful" was written by Katharine Lee Bates, and the music was composed by church organ-



WHAT'S ON **MY MIND**

MELISSA PERNER

A. Ward. For the record, there is no official language in the United States of America. Yes, English is the most widely spoken. If you live in the south, or in Texas, you get a whole new di-

ist and choir-

master Samuel

According to the 2010 Census, Spanish is second to English and the most widely taught second language.

Both Hawaiian and English are official languages in Hawaii, by state law. While neither has an official language, New Mexico has laws providing for the use of both English and Spanish, as Louisiana does for English and French.

The United States has a very diverse population - 31 ancestry groups have more than one million members, the census stated.

Michael Leahy on Briebart. com stated: "The company used such an iconic song, one often sung in churches on the 4th of July that represents the old 'E Pluribus Unum' view of how American society is integrated, to push multiculturalism down our throats.

In case you didn't know E Pluribus Unum is Latin for "out of many, one." It means one unified country, not one identical country. Maybe Mr. Leahy would have been happy of one of the languages used was Latin?

America is a melting pot. As I was speaking to students at Ozona High School last week about owning a business, it gave me pride that as I told them the pros and cons of being an entrepreneur I knew that we all lived in a country where all of them had a shot at fulfilling that goal.

We are the land of opportunity. We are the country that other countries have strived to be like. Why? Because we have freedom for everyone, that includes people of different languages, races, cultures and gender.

We open our doors to those from other countries. If we hadn't, there wouldn't be a USA.

So instead of worrying about what language Coca-Cola uses in their ads, why not use that energy to better our country?

Personally, I prefer Dr Peppers.

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

Titanic Two Wales in Australia, of

It must have been very embarrassing for the 74 scientists, who meant to go to Antarctica to validate global warming theories, when the Russian ship they were on got stuck in ice ten feet thick far from where it should NOT have been if the polar cap was melting. Even more humiliating, ice breakers couldn't get within ten miles of the frozen ship so the group had to be saved by helicopters and ships burning fossil fuels, you know, those terrible greenhouse gas emitting tools of the right-wing rich.

Couple that event with last month's polar vortex that sent thermometers plummeting to record lows and it hasn't been a very good time to be a global warming fanatic, or "warmist" as they are now called. Despite the fact the earth has been in a cooling off stage the last 15 years, the "warmists" still cling to their trumped up theories like a Titanic passenger clinging to a life preserver.

Much to the scientist's dismay, this aborted scientific expedition will be remembered for suggesting that maybe we aren't all gonna be cooked medium well; Hollywood isn't going to drop off into the ocean (darn it); and the leader of this embarrassing fiasco is not going to get good seats, or be a speaker at the next United Nations confab on global warming. I was especially interested in this story because the leader of the scientific team was Chris Turney a professor of climate change at the University of New South



IT'S THE **PITTS**

LEE PITTS

which I am an alumnus. When I attended the Australian university I was immediately shocked at the differences between their educational system and ours. At college in the U.S. tests were based on one's knowledge of facts; there were right and wrong answers. In

Australia in the 1970's

a test might consist of

one question asking for a defense of your opinion. If you wanted a good grade, and who didn't, you would mimic back the opinion of your professor. Perhaps this is best illustrated by showing how I'd spin this example of a typical Australian test question if Chris Turney was my professor: "Question: How would you defend the position that global warming was still occurring if you were a stuck like a tongue on the frozen,

sinking hull of the Titanic.' My Answer: This was just an unfortunate circumstance that never would have happened if the brilliant scientist, Mr. Turney, would have also had on board some aerosol cans, Al Gore and a bunch of cows because they would have emitted so many greenhouse gases it would have melted all the ice in the southern hemisphere.

I'll admit there hasn't been any actual scientific evidence of global warming the last 15 years but according to my great teacher, Mr. Turney, there's a good explanation for that. Coincidentally, during that time frame the U.S. cattle herd was shrinking, therefore it can easily be deduced that fewer cows equals less methane gas being emitted, equals cooler temperatures. If anything, this just proves that the United Nations should immediately assume a leadership role in regulating the number of cows in America. The U.N. could limit U.S. cow numbers by levying a cow tax, the funds to be used in supporting the thousands of people like my wonderful teacher, Mr. Turney, who are currently making a very good living in the global warming industry.

We've had many climate events lately that have all been caused by global warming, including hurricanes, tornadoes, polar vortexes, hot summers, cold winters, drouths, floods and blizzards. The recent experience of my truly gifted professor being frozen stiff like an intellectual popsicle, clearly shows that governments should take a far more aggressive role in combatting climate change by having their hand firmly on the earth's thermostat. We can't let the hopes and dreams of the warmists, like my brilliant teacher, Mr. Turney, be frozen in all that ice, because as we all know, the weather is far too important to be left up to Mother Nature

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Permanent School Fund reaches new high

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Texas' 160-yearold Permanent School Fund had grown to \$29 billion, a record high value, in December 2013, the Texas Education

Agency reported Feb. 6. The fund was created by the state in 1854 with a \$2 million investment. Last year was a good one. In fiscal year 2013, which ended Aug. 31, the fund earned a return of 10.16 percent — the highest return earned by any major state of Texas investment fund. Recent strong returns also made the Permanent School Fund the best performing major state fund over a three-year period ending on Aug. 31, 2013, with a return

How the fund helps at the local level:

of 11.07 percent.

- A distribution from the fund is made every year to help pay a portion of education costs in each school district. During the 2012-2013 biennium, the fund distrib-

uted more than \$2 billion to Texas public primary and secondary schools.

- The fund provides a guarantee for bonds issued by local school districts and this important support will soon be extended to charter schools, according to the education agency.

As a result of the fund maintaining the AAA bond rating through the global financial crisis, qualified districts are able to pay lower interest rates when issuing bonds.

At the end of 2013, the fund's assets guaranteed \$55.2 billion in school district bonds, providing a cost savings to 810 public school districts, the education agency stated.

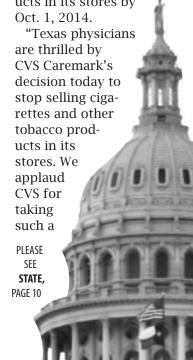
PRIMARY INCHES CLOSER Voters take to the polls to

participate in the 2014 Primary Election on March 4, with early voting to be conducted Feb. 18 through Feb. 28.

Political action committees of every stripe are publicizing the names of candidates they support in the various races and campaign advertising pouring forth through various media in most markets. A convenient way to find lists of candidates and a 2014 Primary Election Voters Guide is through local offices of the League of Women Voters of Texas offices or at www.lwvtexas.org; also, voter information may be found at sos.state.tx.us, web home of Secretary of State Nandita Berry, the state's chief elections officer.

CVS POLICY IS LAUDED

Texas Medical Association President Stephen L. Brotherton, M.D., responded to CVS Caremark's decision Feb. 5 to stop selling cigarettes and other tobacco products in its stores by Oct. 1, 2014.



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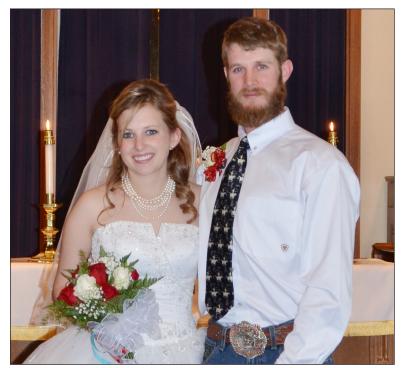
Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any individual, firm or corporation will be corrected when called to the attention of the management by the next issue.

'Facing the Giants' Sunday at Calvary **Baptist** Church

Calvary Baptist Church will present a special viewing of "Facing The Giants" on Sunday, Feb. 16, at 6 p.m.

We invite our members, sister churches in our area and everyone in our community to join us for this special movie.

Please excuse our progress as we are in the middle of remodeling our building. Blessings, Dr. Dan Sledge



Mr. and Mrs. Tyson W. Beck

Weslee Ann Wilson and Tyson W. Beck were married February 7, 2014 at 11 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church in the presence of their families. The double ring ceremony was performed by Pastor Jean Reardon.

Parents of the bride are Sue Ellen and Terry Crawford of Ozona and Brad Wilson of Arthur, Neb. Parents of the groom are Regina and Tory Beck of Bassett, Neb.

A reception was held afterward in the fellowship hall. Weslee and Tyson Beck will make their home in Ainsworth, Neb.

Ribbon Cutting Thursday

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce will hold a Ribbon Cutting for The General Store, located at 1104 Avenue E, at 3:15 p.m. Thursday,

Everyone is invited to visit the new store from 3-7 p.m. Specials will be located throughout the store and customers can enter a drawing for a chance to win a "Charbroiled Gas Grill."

Hot dogs will be served and free balloons for children.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 12 - Xavier Allsup, Shelby Ortiz, Sara Hignight, Angie Tambunga, Kristie Armendariz and Vanessa De La Rosa

Feb. 13 - Doug Meador, Michelle Necessary, Karen Huffman, Samantha Tambunga, Leticia Madrid, Marisella Paradez and Chris Lara

Feb. 14 - Kara Bird, Kaleigh Rae Thomas, Kimberly Borrego, Amparo Hernandez, Matilda Ortiz, Lisa Jay Vargas, Melonie Williams, Janet Talamantez, Jesus Vega Jr., Connie Robledo and Jesse Ramos Jr.

Feb. 15 - Nathaniel Ortega, Jovita Perez, Jon Sanchez, Darolynn Webster, Cathy Huffman and Desa Ray Goff

Feb. 16 - Jacob Lara, Dylan Perez, Lana Sanchez, Abbie Hubbard, Willa Perry and Abby Zamarripa

Feb. 17 - Alyssa Rose Dominguez, Ray Martinez, Chris Gregory, Lacey Sanchez, Debbie Long and Margaret Villarreal

Feb. 18 - Eddie Martin, Joseph Hernandez, Jackie Johnson, Idalia Adame, Leslie Flores and Phillip Munoz

General Store **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Wednesday, Feb. 12 • OHS Lions Golf Team at Mason.

- Exercise class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center. • Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7:15 p.m. at OHS Davidson Gym.

Thursday, Feb. 13

- OHS Tennis Teams in the Reagan County Invitational in Big Lake.
- OHS Powerlifting Teams at Brady.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tai-Chi exercies, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ribbon Cutting, 3:15 p.m. at The General Store, 1104 Avenue E.
- Relay For Life Committee meeting, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.

Friday, Feb. 14

- Valentine's Day
- End of the Fourth Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- OHS Tennis Teams in the Reagan County Invitational in Big Lake.
- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Lions Baseball scrimmage Eldorado, 5 p.m. at the OHS Baseball Field.
- OHS Lady Lions Softball vs. Reagan County, 5:30 p.m. in Big Lake.

Saturday, Feb. 15

- OHS Lady Lions Softball in the Van Horn Tournament in Van Horn.
- OHS Academic Team at Eldorado Invitational.

Sunday, Feb. 16

• Bingo, 3 p.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall.

Monday, Feb. 17 • President's Day - county offices, local banks and U.S. Post Office closed.

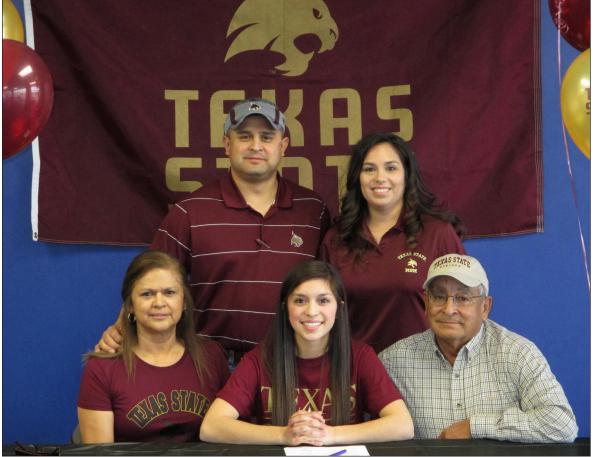
Tuesday, Feb. 18

- Early voting begins in the Primary Elections, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the courthouse
- Emergency Services talk by Eddie Martin, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tai-Chi exercises, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center. • OHS Lions Baseball vs. Midland Greenwood, 5 p.m. at the OHS Baseball Field.
- Community Guitar Lessons, 5-5:45 p.m. at the OMS Library.

Wednesday, Feb. 19

- OHS Lions Golf Team at Mason.
- Early voting in the Primary Elections, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Exercise class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.





ANTHONY P SANCHEZ | SUBMITTED PHOTO

NIKKI SANCHEZ (center) signed with Texas State University in San Marcos last week to run cross-country and track and field distance. Nikki is the first runner from San Marcos High School to sign a national letter of intent since 2000. She is pictured with her grandparents Tony and Lupe Sanchez and parents Megan and Anthony Sanchez, all graduates of Ozona High School. Not pictured is grandmother Debbie Tambunga, of Ozona.

Community guitar lessons **Tuesdays**

Community Guitar Classes will be held from 5-5:45 p.m. Tuesdays at the Ozona Middle School Library.

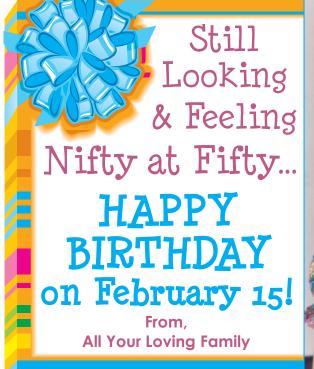
They will be taught by Tammy McWilliams. Anyone interested, young or old, are welcome to attend.

"I can help beginners that need to learn chords or help someone that knows a little but wants to learn more," McWilliams said.

For more information, call McWilliams at (325) 226-











HELPING HANDS NEWS

Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the elderly.

If you have some time, or need some community service for school, come by or call (325) 392-5026.

For applications, call Weldon Nicks at (325) 392-3600.

FEBRUARY 12

·Pork riblet with gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas with pimento, wheat roll, fruit cup with oranges and two percent milk.

FEBRUARY 13

·Salisbury steak, blackeyed peas, okra and tomatoes, Parker House Roll, seasoned fresh fruit and two percent milk.

FEBRUARY 14

·Chicken parmesan, herb pasta with broccoli, seasoned carrots, garlic bread, RC peach cobbler and two percent mik.

FEBRUARY 17 ·Chicken patty on a bun. baked beans, lettuce, tomato and onion, mustard, fresh fruit and two percent milk.

FEBRUARY 18

·Stuffed bell pepper, mashed potatoes, green beans, whole wheat roll, rocky road pudding and two percent milk.

FEBRUARY 19

·Ham and pinto beans, turnip greens, escalloped apples, dill cucumber and tomato salad, cornbread and two percent milk.



A.F. & A.M. Regular meeting on 1st Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

If you want someone to agree with you in prayer, send your prayer requests to: The Prayer Box P.O. Box 733 Ozona, TX 76943.

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WORDS OF INSPIRATION

Forgotten

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A day late and a dollar short. One brick short of a full load.

You pick the phrase - the result is the same.

Get told enough times that only the rotten fruit gets left in the bin and you begin to believe it.

You begin to believe you are "to little, too late."

God has a particular passion for the forgotten.

Have you noticed? See

PASTOR DAN SLEDGE

hands? See Him with His arm around little Zacchaeus?

God wants us to get the message: What society puts out, God puts in.

What the world writes off, God picks up. Why did He pick you? He wanted to.

After all, you are His and He made you. No matter how long you have waited or how much time you have wasted, you are His and He has a place for you.

Blessings, Pastor Dan

DAN SLEDGE is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Ozona, Texas.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

EMS talk by Eddie Martin Tuesday

BY BRENDA NEWTON SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

I hope you all will support the center and come to the things I have planned for February and March.

A couple of them will have already happened when you get this paper, but some more will be happening in the future.

Eddie Martin will be here at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18, to talk to us about what we need to have at our homes when we call 911. He will answer any questions you may have on 911 or EMS.

Casey Upham will be here Feb. 20 to speak to us about different kinds of insurance and why some of the policies could expire at some age.

I have been confronted by a couple of people saying they lost life insurance policies when they reach a certain age and wanted to know why. Casev will explain this to us.

Renee Pearl is coming on March 18 to talk to us about identity theft. This is a subject that could be very serious to us all. Come see what you can do to prevent it from happening.

I am trying really hard to listen to what you have to say and get people to come talk to us. Help me by coming and by mentioning things that are important to you.

We have had a few come in and try the new tape Tai-Chi by Scott Cole. They all said they really like it. It is for balance and mobility. It moves really slowly like Yoga, but you do not have to get on the floor. You stand and sit for the exercises. We are doing this Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. Come and try it out.

If there is something you would like to have started at the center, please let me know and I will try to make it happen.

The Concho Valley Community Action Council will be coming the first week in March. They did not tell me exactly which day, so watch The Stockman and I will tell you exactly when.

Hopefully you all will come when the Area Agency

on Aging visits. I cannot get them to come to just talk to me. You have to come and listen to what they have to say or they will not keep coming.

Don't forget the trade table.

Come and entertain us on the Roland Keyboard. We have a pool table and dominoes and books and a WII system with games. We have a 60-inch TV you can watch and comfortable chairs for you to sit in. If you want to be alone, there is a TV in the East room that you can watch in the comfort of a lounger.

The copy machine is here for your use so come take advantage of it. We have puzzles set out for you to work on.

Exercise 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Bridge Monday at 1:30 p.m. Balance exercise Tuesday

and Thursday at 2 p.m. Mexican Train 1:30 p.m on Wednesday Prayer Group Wednesday at 3 p.m.

Quilting is Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Come on out, the coffee is on.

FINAL APPROACH

This is a very familiar term to airplane pilots. In any flight there is the takeoff, the trip or journey and with the airport in sight the final approach and finally the landing. For pilots, some flights can be a piece of cake with no mechanical or weather problems. On the other hand some flights can be troublesome maybe with mechanical or weather problems or just long tiring trips. Many pilots give a sigh of relief after a long trip and say or think, "On the ground at last". Those flights remind me of something in the Bible. Our journey or flight begins at conception and birth. Then there is the flight or our life on earth. For some life may be easy and very few problems. For others it may be difficult with lots of problems. Some lives may be short while others may have many years. We never know when we may be on final approach in this life. It is when we are about to leave this world and step into another, (Hebrews 9:27). For a Christian or those who have accepted Christ it is leaving this world and stepping or arriving into the presence of God, (John 1:12, Luke 16:23, 23:43, Revelation 2:7). For those who have ignored or rejected God they step into another world of great suffering but not into the presence of God, (Luke 16:19-31, Revelation 20:11-15). See you in Church next Sunday.

First Baptist Church

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.

Templo Bautista Jerusalem

138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War

Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I

Pastor Dan E. Sledge Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.

New Beginnings Church

701 9th Street **Pastor Carlos Cantu** Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St.

Mr. Johnnie Perkins Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m.

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

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

Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia

102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.

Attend the Church of vour choice

Ozona United **Methodist Church**

12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

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

Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St.

Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona EverySecond Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.

Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St.

Rev. Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.

Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run

Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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DEATH NOTICES

Narce Dalia Unate

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2014

Narce Dalia Unate, 19, died Feb. 4, 2014 in San Antonio. Services were Friday, Feb. 7, at Our Lady Of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial following in Lima Cemetery. She is survived by her daughter, Kamilah Hernandez, parents, Antonio and Dora Unate, sister Sylvia Soto.

OBITUARIES

George Edward Gries

George Edward Gries, 58, of Pandale, went home to the Lord Friday, January 31, 2014 following a sudden illness.

Val Verde County rancher, loving and devoted father, George was noted for his extraordinary photography, which captured the vastness, grandeur and details within the isolation of far West Texas, particularly the Gries Ranch.

George attended Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos, where he was the President of Theta Xi fraternity before transferring to Texas A&M and earning his Bachelor of Science degree. After working in Houston, Dallas and Wyoming, George returned to the family ranch established by his grandfather, Elmo Arledge, where he managed Angora goat operations, Angus cattle operations and exotic hunting leases.

George's intense fondness for, and knowledge of the ranch and this region were evident in his ability to identify the local plants, trees, cacti, insects and wildlife- most of which he captured photographically.

At the time of his death, George was collaborating on a project for an upcoming feature in Texas Highways Magazine.

His marriage to Elizabeth produced his daughter Aaryn, who attends Texas State University and shares his love for the family ranch and nature.

George is survived by his daughter Aaryn Gries of San Marcos, father Terry Gries of Ozona, brothers Brian Gries and Thomas Gries of Houston, cousin Dennis Rowland of Pandale, several nieces and nephews, and countless friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Martha Arledge Gries. Pallbearers are Dennis Rowland, Terry Tex Toller, Corey Paige Rowland, Chuck Cade, Garrett Rowland and Carl Dean. Services will be held Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Ozona Church of Christ. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery. Pastor Johnnie Perkins officiating. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home.

AARP tax preparation March 8 in Eldorado

The Schleicher County Resource Center in Eldorado will sponsor the AARP Free Income Tax Preparation on Saturday, March 8, at the library/extension offices at 201-2012 S.W. Main Street in Eldorado.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. Appointments will be assigned starting with that time. The last appointment will be scheduled for 3 p.m.

This is a one day only event and only in Eldorado for people of any age in the area, including Eldorado, Mertzon, Ozona and Sonora.

To make an appointment, call Patsy at (325) 853-2574.

Leave a message with a phone number. Appointments can also be made in person at The Resource Center, 105 West Callendar in Eldorado.

Anyone not able to go to Eldorado that day can visit the Adult Literacy Office at 59 E. 6th St. in San Angelo. This free service is available from 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays.

Calvary Lutheran Church, at 3231 College Hills in San Angelo, will also be providing free tax help by appointment only on Wednesdays.

To make an appointment, e-mail taxaide@suddenlink.



Card of Thanks

drinks, sweets and food!

Thank you to all our friends, family and co-workers for all the support during our time of grief. Your kind words, calls, thought and prayers, food and drinks, flowers and plants were very appreciated. We would like to give a special thanks to Vicki Childress and Ana Fitzgerald for all your guidance and help.

Thank you, The Jose Rodriquez "El Choclato" Family

Card of Thanks

We would like to say Thank You to all the people who attended our beloved Narce's Funeral. There are not words to express how grateful we are. To all that sent her flowers, donated food and most importantly for all you prayers.

We greatly appreciate it, From the Unate Cardona Family

Queremos agradecer a todas las personas que assistieron a los servicios funebres de nuestra querida Narce. A todos los que enviaron flores, donaron comida, y lo mas importante gracias de todo corazon por sus oraciones.

Gracias a todos, De parte de La Familia Unate Cardona

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Texas' drought is now in its fourth year, said John Nielsen-Gammon, state climatologist, and about 52 percent of Texas is still in some form of drought status, ranging from moderate to exceptionally dry.

"January was unusually dry with an average of only about one-half an inch of precipitation statewide," he said. "Reservoir levels have actually declined at a time when they should be rising. So the drought is still here. In fact, the prevalence of drought in Texas has not dropped below 40 percent since 2010 when this drought first started."

The Texas Panhandle area has been especially hard

"The past three calendar years have been among the driest three on record for the Panhandle," he notes. "Dalhart shattered its record with just 20.54 inches total in 2011-2013.

"This current drought started with more intensity than the drought of 1950-



56, the driest on record. We again have a generally warm Atlantic Ocean, and that tends to mean dry conditions. An El Nino (warmer water in the tropical Pacific Ocean) might develop later this year, but it's still a little too early to say."

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at Texas Tech University. Her husband Zach Medley is a student at Lubbock Christian University, after serving our country in the United States Army for eight years with two deployments throughout those years.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION?

My qualifications for the position of Crockett County District and County Clerk are working for Crockett County for more than 23 years. I am knowledgeable with all the duties and all the functions of this office. During those years I gained experience as I was court clerk for many jury trials and court hearings in which being bilingual was

beneficial as well.

I have operated this office efficiently and in a professional manner. Assisting my father Leo Cervantez and my husband Mike with their businesses has taught me excellent leadership, budgeting, to be reliable, dependable, honest, trustworthy, to work hard and always be grateful to God at the end of a long day.

THREE THINGS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED?

An epitome of three things I would like to accomplish, if elected as clerk, are educating my staff and training them to be knowledgeable in all the duties and aspects of this office and keeping them aware of the continuous changes in local and state government. This will provide professional and exemplary service to the public.

Second of all, I will be a full-time clerk and, if elected, I will work with diligence, willingness, dedication, fairness and integrity.

Third, I will update computer systems to the common standards of county and district clerks offices statewide. This will offer the public access to retrieving broader information in a more efficient manner.

WHAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FACING



YOUR OFFICE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND WHY?

The most significant issue facing my office in the new few years will be to complete what is necessary to run an efficient and proficient clerk's office for both the county and the district.

This includes staying informed and involved with the many state and local changes in fees, regulations and procedures, which staying within a reasonable budget as to not burden the taxpayers of Crockett County. Issues that arise in the future, my staff and I will be sufficiently trained, educated and willing to handle all matters in a timely manner.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO VOTERS?

I am a lifelong resident of Crockett County and I will be available to all that have questions or concerns. I am ready and willing to work hard and look forward to having the privilege, honor and opportunities to serve you as your next Crockett County District and County Clerk.

"Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work," Aristotle

Vote for Ninfa Preddy.

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THREE THINGS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO

ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED?

If elected, I promise to continue to serve and meet the needs of all people, to uphold my duties and responsibilities as District and County Clerk and to continue to preserve and secure all records for generations to come.

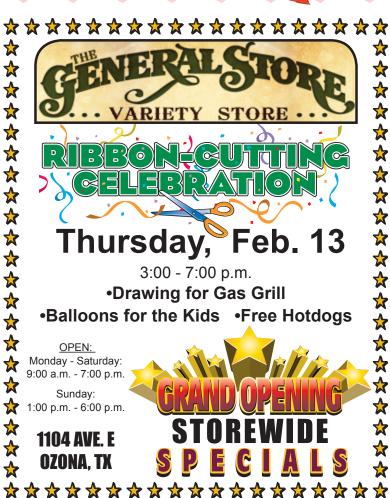
WHAT IS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FACING YOUR OFFICE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND WHY?

The ever-changing laws, which requires additional education and training, as well as staying current of new technology.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO VOTERS?

It has been a pleasure to work in the clerk's office. If elected, I promise to serve you with fairness, honesty and integrity. Your vote and support will be greatly appreciated.









OHS BAND STUDENTS are advancing to state after placing at the UIL Solo and Ensemble competition this weekend. Pictured are: Estefania Torralba, Gabriella Martinez, Alyssa Newlin, Trystian Galindo, Jadie Marshall, Dalton Gunnels, Kimberly Borrego, Chris Cantu, Logan Glaspie and Josiah Jurardo.



SENIOR NIGHT: OHS Lions were honored Feb. 7 at the final regular season game. Seniors pictured are (left to right) Deep Patel, Michael Ybarra, Lazarae Rodriguez, manager, Evan Raymond and Tyler Galindo and their families.



SENIOR NIGHT: OHS Lady Lions were honored Feb. 4 at the final regular season game. Seniors pictured are (left to right) Vivian Medina, Amy Quiroz, Kyann Hernandez, manager, Lexi Poindexter and Ashley Tandy and

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Band Director: Chans.moellendorf@ozonaschools.net Names of any company or individual who made donations will appear in The Ozona Stockman on June, 4, 2014.



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*Band Boosters Organization is a non-profit organization, with all funds going directly to the needs of students or activities for the students of the Ozona High School and Junior High Band Program. 🍶

Eighth Grade Lady Lions compete in district tourney

ons A Team competed in the offense but played good district tournament this past enough defense to hold their weekend.

The girls came into the tournament with a record of 0-10. Their first round opponent was Irion County. The last time the girls played Irion County they lost to them 48-10, so they were aware of how difficult their opponent would be. Irion County ended up coming out on top again, 48-14.

Leading scorers: Ciarra Sanchez 6; Toni Parker 4; Sa-mantha Torralba 2; Aurora Collet 1; Brenna Hale - 1.

In the second round of the tournament, Ozona faced TLC Academy.

TLCA was victorious over the Lady Lions earlier this season with a score of 18-9. However, in this contest, the girls were hungry for their first win of the season.

The Lady Lions jumped all over the Lady Eagles from the tip-off. The Lady Lions scored 8 points in the first couple of minutes and left after the first quarter 10-6. The game remained tight through the second quarter with a score of 17-14 heading into

The Eight Grade Lady Li- Lady Lions went cold on opponent to only 3 points.

With a tie score heading into the fourth quarter, the Lady Lions knew that it would come down to who wanted it the most. After 11 straight losses this season, the girls gave all the effort they had to secure the win in the final minute of the game.

Final score was 25-23 for

Leading scorers: Sanchez 13; Parker 8; Collett 2; Sarah Gunnels 2.

In the consolation final the girls played against Eldorado. Earlier this season the La-

dy Lions lost to Eldorado 39-7. In that first contest the Lady Eagles led at the half with a score of 33-3 and cruised the rest of the game.

In this meeting between the two squads, the Lady Lions held Eldorado to 18 in the first half, but unfortunately were unable to put up the necessary offensive production to hang with the Lady Eagles. With a final score of 37-12, the Lady Lions were quite satisfied with a performance that showed improve-In the third quarter the ment in all three games.

Leading scorers: Parker 6;

Collett 4; Sanchez 2. The Lady Lions lost a tough game to Iraan on Feb. 3.

The Lady Lions were itching for revenge after an early season loss to Iraan in a game with a final score of 43-12.

The Lady Lions trailed at the end of the first quarter with a score of 6-3.

The heated defensive match-up loosened up quite a bit in the second quarter as the Lady Lions lost their grip and went into the half trailing

Knowing that this was there last game of the season, the Lady Lions wanted to leave it all on the floor.

They came out in the third quarter and frustrated the team from Iraan. The girls outscored Iraan 10-8 in the third quarter and caused numerous turnovers.

However, as the fourth quarter came on, the Lady Lions ran out of gas. The fourth quarter score was 10-0 in favor of Iraan. The final score for the game was 39-18.

Leading scorers: Sanchez 9; Collett 6; Villarreal 2 and Parker 1.

season with an overall record

OHS Academic Team competes in Sonora

The OHS Academic Team competed in the Sonora Invitational Meet on Feb. 7.

Novice Poetry - 1. Daisy Cantu; 4. Carissa Perez.

Ready Writing - 4. Jadie

Computer Applications - 1. Desiree Marshall and 4. Lorenzo Hernandez Literary Criticism - 4. Ka-

tie Bricken Editorial Writing - 1. Julie

Marshall Current Events - first

Computer Science - 1. Jadie Marshall, 2. Bryce Gutierrez; 4. Alex Hopper and 5. Alan Salazar and first place

The next meet is Feb. 15 in Eldorado.

OES Students of the Week



Hailey Vargas

grade Lions Feb. 3 game.





SAVANNAH RAMOS moves the The Lady Lions end the ball down the court in the mixed team Lady Lions game against



WILLIAM LOFLAND SPEEDS AROUND AN IRAAN BRAVE in the seventh

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OMS MISC. KIDS participated in the "Say What" Tobacco Free Summit at Prude Ranch in Fort Davis, Texas this past weekend.

Happenings at the OES Cafeteria

Recently fifth grade students and their parents were invited to participate in a survey to help improve the school's cafeteria. They were asked to look over the menu for the day and rate the day's menu by circling the answer that best fit their

For the students who returned the survey, their names were placed in a drawing for a basketball signed by the high school basketball players. The girls' names were put into a drawing for a basketball signed by the Ozona Lady Lions and the boys' names were put into a drawing for a basketball that was signed by the Ozona Lions. The lucky and excited winners were Madison Castro and Michael Solis. Congratulations to both of these students.

The OES cafeteria also participated in a Fruit Fair in conjunction with the Parent Preview which was held on Jan. 16. All parents and students were invited to sample the delicious and fresh fruit that is served to the students during breakfast and lunch.

To better understand what takes place at the Ozona Elementary School cafeteria here is some basic information:



·All OES students are provided a free breakfast.

·On any given day, the cafeteria prepares and serves over 635 lunches between 10:45 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

·The meal program/recipes are highly regulated by the federal government for calories, fat, sodium, and in various other areas.

·Students in first grade through fifth grade are able to purchase additional snacks a la carte only on Fridays.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about the cafeteria, call Ludy Vargas, food service supervisor, at (325) 392-5501 ext. 5708 or e-mail ludy.vargas@ozon-



NATALIE TAMBUNGA, a fourth-grader at Ozona Elementary School, was awarded the Elementary Student Tribute Award by Three Rivers Counseling Association on Feb. 4. Natalie was nominated by OÉS Counselor Katie Parker.

OMS Lion & Lady Lion Track Schedule

Thursday, Feb. 27 - Ozona Thursday, March 6 - Iraan Friday, March 21 - Harper Thursday, April 3 - Christoval (District Meet)

Ozona Schools early out Monday, Feb. 24

Crockett County Consolidated Common School District Students will have an Early Out on Feb. 24 at noon due to district-wide teacher training.

All teachers and staff will be participating in the 2014 STAAR/EOC Test Administrator Training from 1:30-4 p.m. that day at the OHS Auditorium.

For more information, call CCCCSD at 392-5501.



SCOUT SUNDAY was celebrated at First Baptist Church with the Ozona Scouts attending the church service. Pictured are: (front, I. to r.) Cubmaster Sara Mayfield Grannis, Lane Hurst, William Hurst and Boy Scouts Cameron Harrison and Jessie Ramos. Back: Scoutmaster Melvin Conner and Assistant Scoutmaster Linda Conner.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

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.

OHS MEAL NIGHT: Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

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

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

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New Farm Bill spells big changes

BY CORRIE MACLAGGAN AND NEENA SATIJA TEXAS TRIBUNE

The nearly \$1 trillion farm bill passed by the U.S. Senate, and signed into law by President Barack Obama, last week after years of contentious political fights will bring about major changes for Texas farmers and ranchers, eliminating direct payments to producers in favor of programs that will only compensate farmers if they lose money.

For close to 20 years, agricultural producers across the country have enjoyed direct cash payments each year, regardless of their profits or how many crops were actually planted. Cotton growers in Texas have been some of the biggest beneficiaries, receiving upwards of \$3 billion in such payments over the past two decades.

The new farm bill eliminates that system. But much of the savings will go to heavily subsidized insurance programs for farmers that could be even more financially beneficial for them. (Cotton growers across the country will still get more than half a billion dollars in "transition" payments in 2014.)

"It's designed to cost less overall," said Jason Johnson, an economist for Texas A&M University's AgriLife Exten-



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A FIELD OF CORN IN THE TEXAS PANHANDLE

sion Service. "But those intentions have not always worked out in previous years."

Farmers will now be able to choose between two different crop insurance programs, which trigger payments either when prices dip below a certain level or when their overall revenues drop below a calculated average based on previous years of local crop data. They also have an option to buy supplemental coverage, two-thirds of which will be subsidized by the federal government.

That essentially means that if crop prices are lower than projected, or a weather disaster results in steep reve-

nue losses, the farm bill could be more expensive than expected. "Initially, it very well may mean [larger] payments this year that in the old farm bill would not have been received." Johnson said.

Johnson said smaller crops, like peanuts or rice, are likely to benefit from a different insurance program than a larger commodity like corn. But farmers have very little time to decide which one they will choose — and they can't change their mind each year. They'll be locked into their choice until the farm bill expires in 2018. After Johnson spoke on Tuesday to an audi-

ence of about 100 people in Waco on the farm bill's implications, some producers were still unsure how it would affect their bottom line.

"It's going to be pretty confusing, I'm sure," said Don Ramsey, who grows corn, sorghum, wheat and cotton near Waco. "We may lose [our safety net], we may not."

The direct cash payments were a boon for Ramsey's farm, he said, especially during the debilitating drought of the past few years. Without them, he said, "how are we going to make it?" Ramsey said he is considering alternative crops that are more drought- and heat-tolerant, like sunflower, but the risk of disease for such a crop is high, and insurance may also be harder to find.

But others said the federal government needs to rein in its spending, and that includes the assistance on which agricultural producers have historically depended.

"I'd just as soon not participate," said Steve Stiles, who grows a variety of crops and raises cattle about 80 miles northeast of Austin. "I think all of us could be weaned off of it. ... The market will tell who has to stay and who has to go to town."

The mammoth farm bill, which is projected to save \$23 billion over the next decade, was held up in large part because of heated disputes over food stamps for low-income Americans. The legislation cuts \$8 billion in food assistance over the next 10 years.

Both Texas senators, Republicans Ted Cruz and John Cornyn, voted against the legislation, in part because of

on Tuesday that the legislation is not really a farm bill but rather a food stamps bill with farm provisions. "We should address the true needs of American farmers, but this bill doesn't do that," Cruz said. Cruz and Cornyn's oppo-

Cruz said in a statement

its massive price tag.

sition to the bill did not bring them favor from the state's largest agricultural lobbying groups.

"A no vote on this bill accomplished nothing," Texas Farm Bureau President Kenneth Dierschke said in a statement. "No reforms, no benefit, nothing." (Several members of Texas' U.S. House delegation also voted against it, including Republicans Steve Stockman and Randy Weber, and Democrats Joaquin Castro and Sheila Jackson Lee.)

The subsidies for crop insurance have been a flash-point for criticism from both Republicans and Democrats. In many cases, crop insurance will guarantee more than three-quarters of a farmer's typical revenue, no matter how much is actually grown. But Democratic Congressman Henry Cuellar of Laredo, who voted for the bill, said it marks a shift in thinking about agriculture in America.

"The good old days where the ranchers and the farmers were sacred cows, I think those days are now gone," said Cuellar, who represents a sizable agriculture constituency in the Rio Grande Valley. "Everybody's going to be given the full review up and down to see what's needed, what's not needed."

U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, also voted in favor of the bill.

"Although this bill should have been passed two years ago by the last Congress, I'm happy I got a chance to participate in crafting the bill and that common sense and reasonable compromise prevailed," he said in a released statement. "The bill keeps our agriculture industry strong by allowing farmers and ranchers to better plan for future seasons."

The bill also includes \$8.6 billion cuts in footstamp benefits, but Texas recipients won't be affected.

That's because the cuts target programs in about 15 states that increase foodstamp benefits — formally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP — to offset the cost of heating recipients' homes. Texas is not among these so-called "heat and eat" states.

The 15 states expected to be affected are California, Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin. In addition, Washington, D.C., is affected, and New Hampshire also may be, though its program works slightly differently from those of the other states on the list.

Gallego Veterans Amendment agreed by house

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Representative Pete P. Gallego successfully amended the Sportsmen's Heritage and Recreation Enhancement Act of 2013 during the House floor debate this afternoon.

The amendment ensures veterans are included as members of the Wildlife and Hunting Heritage Conservation Council Advisory Committee, which provides recommendations regarding the use of public lands. The bill will move to the Senate for consideration after final passage by the House.

"The 23rd District of Texas contains significant federal land, including the highest mountain peak in Texas and the most beautiful canyons along the Rio Grande," Gallego said. "It is also home to about 55,000 veterans, many of whom enjoy outdoor activities. My amendment gives the veterans community a voice and vote on the Advisory Committee. Many wounded warriors and veteran organizations have begun to include outdoor activities, such as hunting and fishing, both to ease the transition from active duty to civilian life and as therapeutic treatment. I continue to do all I can to honor the men and women who served our country."

The Council advises the federal government on polices or programs that promote opportunities and access for hunting and outdoor recreation on federal lands. It includes discretionary members from various organizations, including hunting organizations, tourism, agriculture, ranching industries and others.

The Council's primary goal is to promote and preserve America's wildlife and hunting heritage for future generations.

For more information on Gallego, visit www.gallego. house.gov.

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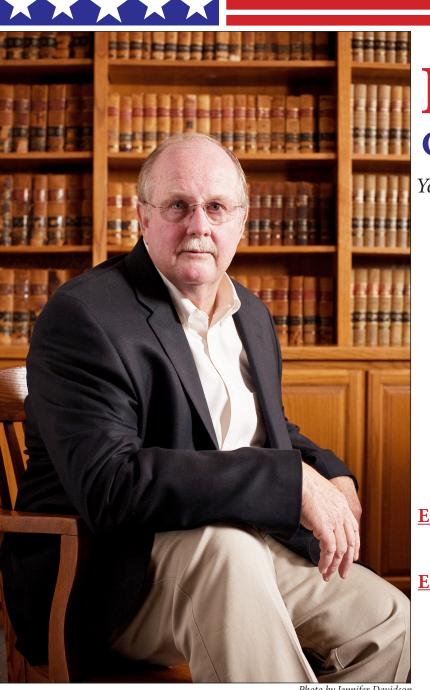
The insurance representatives said lists now need to be made of what all was in the buildings, and the cement slab tested to see if it is still in good shape.

Stuart said he was unable to use the portable buildings that were offered by Crockett County CCSD. The buildings, located by the middle school, would cost \$10,000-\$12,000 to move.

Stuart said he has ordered a portable building that should be here this week. He said after they are finished using that building, he has other plans for it to be located at the cemetery.

At a Jan. 27, the commissioners approved for Stuart to purchase or lease a temporary office.





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During the state visitation, Martinez said the care center would simulate a power outage.

"We were never told by the state we had to check the switch weekly," Martinez

Dr. Marcus Sims said the power has failed before and the generator worked fine transferring back and forth. Sims said the board should hold a special meeting when Stecher receives the full re-

"If that's something we're suppose to check monthly, and we haven't been it, that bothers me. To me if it's a confidence in the switch, it either works or it doesn't so you get a new switch. I know that's pretty simplified. To me there's not really a decision to be made. You have to fix it. Let's just get the facts and talk about it then. There's no sense talking about unknowns," said Jim Skehan, board member.

Board President John L. Henderson told the commissioners his recommendation is to hire an electrician to check the generator.

"I don't see that the state is helping us on anything. All is see is the state is trying to harm us and shut us down. If we are going to continue to comply with all this, we are going to be out of our budget," Henderson said. "It

seems like this is way more of a money thing than common sense.'

Henderson said he wanted County Judge Fred Deaton's help in contacting local state representative and state senator.

Deaton said next year the county officials will visit with state officials during the legislative session and invited the care center board members to join them.

"I know that's a long way off, but we can get together and try to get something done now. It would be better to hire someone to come down and look at the issue. We don't need to get fined and we don't need to have our care center shut down," Deaton said.

Stecher also told the board that Ray Bradley, the center's maintenance director, verbally gave his twoweek notice. Stecher said he had asked Bradley to come to the meeting, but Bradley refused and gave his notice.

Stecher said Bradley would refuse to come to his office for meetings and told Stecher that nobody working at the care center will.

On Monday, Stecher said Bradley had called in sick.

Commissioner Randy Branch told Stecher to call Bradley and tell him that he is fired.

"That's in subornation. If he's not going to be helping us over there, we need someone else," Henderson said.

"He had a responsibility to the board to show up and he refused to," Martinez add-

The state also found issues with the center's drug security and forms used for medications. Director of Nurses Paula Hester said the issues have been fixed.

"There was nothing carerelated, just paperwork," Hester said.

Stecher also said the state found no issues with resident care. He also commended the staff for their work during the three days the state officials were visiting.

"As an administrator, during those three days, I saw the employees really work as a team. I have to commend them. What they says to me is that they can do it. They can do it every day. I was very proud of them. I've been asked can we get this thing turned around. That showed me we can. It's going to take that team effort of 75 employees all working together. I think that's why our tags are relative minor. I also challenge it's got to happen more than three days in a row. It needs to happen every day," Stecher said.

STATE LAWSUIT

Stecher updated the board members on the lawsuit with the Texas Department of Aging and Disability.

He said the center's attorney's feel like the first part of the suit is winnable, and that

they are still researching the rest.

The center is challenging an estimated \$225,000 fine from the state dealing with Medicaid paperwork on the residents.

EMS

EMT Coordinator Eddie Martin spoke to the board about a recent certified EMT student who was turned down from working for Crockett County EMS.

Martin recently held an EMT certification class. During the class, Martin said that just because students were taking the certification that didn't mean they would automatically be a member of Crockett County EMS if they passed.

Martin said Dr. Marcus Sims has ultimate say in who is on the ambulance since the EMS falls under Sims' medical license.

The person that was turned down posted a complaint about Crockett County EMS on their Facebook page.

"To me it's like applying for a job," Martin said.

"They are taking the course for themselves, it's not a guarantee for the job," added Rick Bird, board mem-

Martin said another candidate has applied but is related to one of the commissioners. Martin County Attorney Jody Upham is checking into that situation.

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Sullivan also said total cost to bring in a playscape for smaller children, a music wall and new swing set will be around \$50,000.

"We talked about taking one park at a time. It would be great for the community to go ahead and finish that park," Sullivan said.

The county has a budget for the parks, which is around \$25,000.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the project seemed like it would take two years.

"We don't have it in our budget to do \$50,000 this year. Also, the project will need to be bid out. I think the commissioners want to do something about the ground material and we will keep working on the other project and place it on next month's agenda," Deaton said.

Sullivan said in her research she has found that lots of parks and recreation departments are funded by recreational opportunities provided, such as charging a fee for day camps, tournaments or events.

Sullivan presented a plan showing the possibilities of events that could be held.

"These are some good ideas, but keep in mind that it's a public park, anybody can use it," said Commissioner Eligio Martinez.

Deaton asked Road Supervisor Jeffrey Stuart, Martinez and Sullivan to work together on the park.

Last week there was a miscommunication with Schertz Nursery in San Angelo on some trees.

Parks and Recreation Board Member Tina Bean said it was plans, not trees, that were ready and she said they are aiming for this time next year.

Bean also said that the board understands that they are working under a county budget.

"Judge Deaton has never made us feel like that we have an unlimited amount of money," Bean said.

DRIVER'S LICENSE OFFICE

DPS officials will be in Ozona on Feb. 18 to set up their location near the current DPS Office, and the building is on order and being built, Deaton said.

Deaton said he thinks it may be April before it's completed.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

Minnie Sustaita, da Stuart and Sandra Perce as members of the Crockett County Public Library Board.

Agreement for Aviation Support and Maintenance Services terms and conditions with VAISALA Inc. for

the weather service at the Ozona Airport.

tinuing education out of the commissioners' budget.

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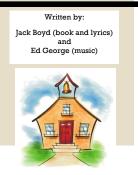
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Rodrigo Gonzales using rodeo arena from 10 p.m.midnight on March 22.

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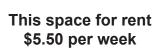
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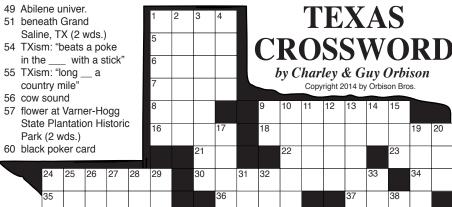
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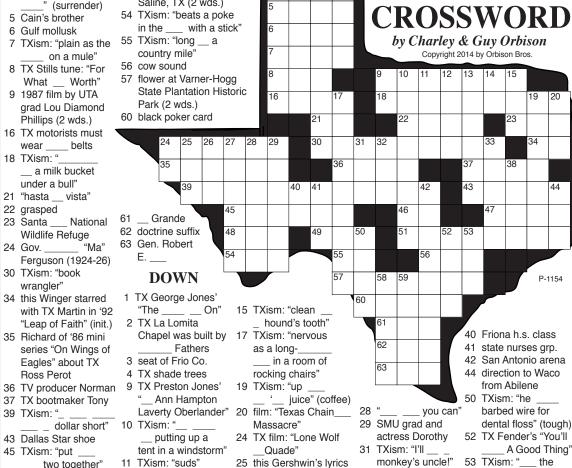
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OZONA FIREFIGHTERS Weston Seahorn and Justin Davis extinguish a truck fire on Feb. 9 at U.S. Highway 190 and State Highway 137. No injuries were reported.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

JANUARY 2014 54 Animal related contacts 132 Animal traps set Wildlife caught Impounded stray dogs 17 Owner surrenders 5 Dangerous animal reports 3 Impounded stray cats 43 Written warning citations 10 **Destroyed** animals 49 Written citations Animals surrendered Livestock calls 0 Animal disposal 19 Call Ozona Animal Control at 392-2661

FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

COUNTY COURT Closed Cases January 2014

-Jamie Carrasco, failure to appear, con-

viction-fine \$185, court costs \$313. ·Heath Lee Packer, failure to appear,

conviction-fine \$185, court costs \$313. · Juan Rubio, failure to appear, conviction-fine \$185, court costs \$313.

• Rainie Cheyenne Baldwin, possession of marijuana and terroristic threat, dismissincarcerated TGC, sentenced to Substance Abuse Punishment Facility.

• Benito Ybarra Gutierrez Jr., possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismiss -

pled in district court. · Clarissa Noemi Contreras, theft by

check, dismiss-paid restitution and court costs. • David Deleon, driving while license invalid-enhanced, dismiss-completed obligations to county attorney.

• Brandon Mike Fields, driving while license invalid-enhanced, dismiss-completed obligations to county attorney.

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· Ryan James Gonzales, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, one year pre-trial diversion.

• Robert Charles Daniels, driving while intoxicated-first, one year pre-trial diversion. • Toby James Ramsey, hindering appre-

hension, one year pre-trial diversion.

· Farrell Dean-Urbin Armstrong, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, pled in district court.

• Juan Carlos Blanco, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismiss-completed obligations to county attorney.

• Mark Ybarra Flores, driving while license invalid - enhanced, conviction - 30 days in iail.

· Johnny Junior Matthews, failure to appear, conviction - \$185 fine and \$313 court costs.

• Joe Martinez Santiago Jr., evading arrest/detention, conviction - 85 days in jail; assault bodily injury family violence, conviction - 85 days in jail.

· Roman Daniel Jr., driving while license invalid-enhanced, conviction - 21 days in jail.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

•4:24 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

• 1:57 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency) 2/1/2014

• 4:32 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)



•4:32 a.m. - Dead on Scene, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)

2/4/2014 • 12:09 a.m. - Transported No Lights/ Siren San Angelo Community Med Ctr 911 Response (Emergency)

• 6:59 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency) 2/7/2014

• 6:18 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic 911 Response (Emergen-

2/8/2014

 11:10 a.m. - Transported No Lights/ Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

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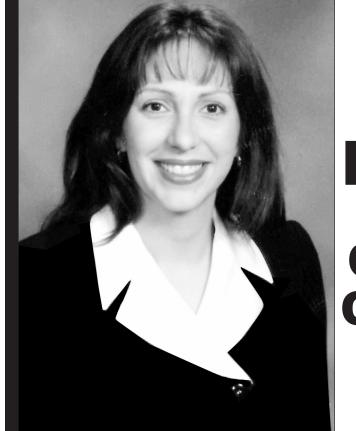
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Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Type of Calls

Criminal Complaints/Disturbance/Loud Noise 22

Livestock/wild /domestic animal complaints

Abandoned or Impounded Vehicles

911 medical/fire assistance

Juvenile/School Complaints

Security Alarms

Traffic Contacts

Total Placed in Jail

Total Released

Motorist Assist., Lock Vehicle etc

Suspicious Person/Vehicle/Activity

Utility Service (Gas, Water, Electricity)

Monthly Status Report - January 2014

Civil Papers Served (state and out of county)

Minor/Major Traffic Accidents

Inmate Housing for December

Currently Incarcerated - Ozona

Housing Cost - Mitchell Co.

Housing Cost - Upton Co.

Housing Cost - Sutton Co.

Housing Cost - Pecos Co.

Total Housing Cost

Total Dispatch Calls

Total Unserved/Year

Total Fines Collected

Cash Bonds Collected

Bonding Fees Collected

Traffic Citations Issued

911 Calls

911 Landline

911 Wireless

Actual 911 Calls

Total Civil Fines Collected

Total Civil Papers

Currently housed outside county

Civil Documents service

Civil (non-criminal) Complaints

Courtesy Transports/Welfare checks

Assist DPS, immigration, other agencies

Reckless Driving/Speeding complaints

CAUTION- When leaving your vehicle parked, secure your valuables out of sight or inside the trunk, lock your vehicle and park in lighted areas. When you see somebody suspicious next to parked vehicles call the Sheriff's Office immediately.

Incident Reports: Feb. 4-11

2-8-14

• An assault with bodily Injury (impede circulation) report along with a possession of marijuana under two ounces report was filed by sheriff's office, following response to a domestic disturbance call on Taylor Box Road. 2-10-14

• An assault with injuries report was filed by sheriff's office following response to a disturbance at a residence on Corto Street.

Arrest Report: Feb. 4-11 Total in custody 16

2-4-14

8

6

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16

32

23

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426

\$15,750

\$15,750

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\$165

18

340

39

300

46

640

594

\$15,750

· Danielle Nicole Rodriguez, of San Antonio, arrested by DPS on a Bexar County warrant for possession of marijuana under two ounces. She posted bail and was released.

· Luis Adrian Alfaro, of Del Rio, arrested by sheriff's office on motion to adjudicate/possession of a controlled substance. He posted bail and was released.

 Francisco Rodriguez, of Costa Mesa, Calif., arrested by DPS for harboring a runaway. He posted bail and was released.

2-8-14 · Raymond Arthur Spencer Jr., of Reed-

sport, Ore., arrested by DPS for possession of marijuana under two ounces and assault family violence (impede circulation). He remains in custody in Upton County.

• Juan Armando Flores, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's office for assault with bodily injury. He posted bail and was released. · Felix Ray Robledo, of Lubbock, Texas,

arrested by DPS for possession of a controlled substance. He remains in custody pending transfer to Upton County.

Last week the degree pro-

gram was started at South

Texas College and Texas A&M

University-Commerce, institu-

tions that collaborated with

the Board to develop the pro-

on Texas higher education to

develop low-cost alternatives

for earning a college degree,"

Texas Higher Education Co-

ordinating Board Commis-

sioner Raymund Paredes said.

"The launch of this program

answers that call and demon-

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Texas and the nation that fac-

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the adoption of game-changing

innovations in higher educa-

tion delivery can create new,

affordable pathways to degree

companies across a variety of

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Unavailable (abandoned or ghost calls)

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DEGREE PROGRAM LIFTS OFF

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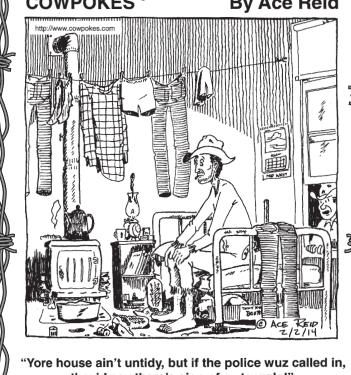
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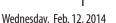
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ORDER RESTRICTING OUTDOOR BURNING

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

All burns shall be reported to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office (325) 392-2661 and the Fire Chief (325) 392-2626 prior to commencing, together with the name of the landowner, location involved and expert to be on hand. This Order does NOT prohibit outdoor cooking in a properly contained area which is attended at all times. In accordance with the Local Government Code 352.081 (h), a violation of this Order is a Class C misdemeanor, punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.

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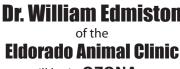
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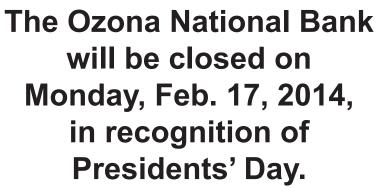
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