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Commissioners ask State Comptroller

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to use real oil and gas numbers

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A message to Texas Comptroller Susan Combs on using real numbers for oil and gas property values is what Crockett County Commissioners are taking to Austin this week.

During a special meeting Monday, the commissioners approved a resolution asking the state comptroller's office to use actual market prices instead of estimated forecasted prices for the 2011 estimated property taxes.

For the past three years, the comptroller's office has produced an estimated forecast for oil prices that has averaged around 35 percent below the actual market price, which has forced counties to shift the burden by increasing tax rates or cutting budgets and services, the resolution stated.

County Judge Fred Deaton said many counties in Texas, including Crockett County, receive a majority of their property tax revenue from mineral values.

Last year, the average price for oil was \$76 but the state used a forecasted price of \$69, which was a 9.28 percent decrease on the oil side and a 37 percent decrease of the county's mineral values, Deaton said.

The comptroller's current method gives a price advantage to the oil and gas companies and not to the coun-

If the comptroller's office uses real numbers, instead of estimated forecasted ones, county officials believe that property tax figures will be closer to actual budget estimates.

"The oil and gas industry is very volatile. They've (the comptroller's office) tried to line it out as a steady commodity. Appraising taxes off of a forecast is very hard to do," Deaton said. "Don't forecast, use actual values from year's past.'

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Deaton and the Crockett County Commissioners were heading to Austin to meet Tuesday with State Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, and State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, about this issue.

Deaton said officials at Uresti's office have told him the state senator is looking at filing legislation that would favor the counties on this issue.

"The tough situation is fighting the oil and gas lobbyists, who are very strong," said Commissioner Pleas Childress III.

If this issue should pass in favor of the counties, it would also benefit Crockett County CCSD which is fighting a budget shortfall like other school districts in

"I don't know what exactly our income will be until the end of the legislative session," Deaton said. "This is a major hurdle for our county.

Combs spoke at a hearing last week, where she said she can't imagine solving the current budget crisis through cuts alone. The current two-year budget cycle is \$4.3 billion short and, under the Texas Constitution, that deficit must be made up by Aug. 31.

The state is also facing another projected \$27 billion shortfall in the next twoyear budget.

She also pointed out that if lawmakers did not make funds available to cover the deficit, she is obligated under the state constitution to borrow money from the state's \$9.4 billion Rainy Day Fund to pay the state's bills.

No easy budget solutions

Workshop discusses school district finances in tough times

BY MELISSA PERNER EDITOR AND PUBLISHER

Solving the issue of where and how to make cuts ended with a lot of tough questions and few answers Monday night.

During a scheduled workshop and joint meeting, Superintendent Chris duBois presented members of the District Site-Based Decision-Making Committee and one school board member considerations regarding next year's school budget. The committee is made up of administrators, teachers, school staff and community members.

The board member in attendance was Board President Ray Don Myers. All board members were invited to attend and a notice of the meeting had been posted as required by the Texas Open Meetings Act.

Like other school districts around the state, CCCCSD is facing the possibility of budget cuts due to the Texas Legislature struggling with a \$15 billion-\$27 billion projected state budget deficit over the next two years.

Due to this, all state agencies and services will experience reducing funding which includes \$10 billion targeted for public education.

Many school districts across the state have already started making cuts, mainly in staffing and teachers.

At the workshop, duBois said the district plans to cut the district's budget by 10 percent and have a contingency for a 15 percent cut, which means around or over \$1 million.



SUPERINTENDENT CHRIS DUBOIS discusses issues pertaining to next year's school district budget in a Monday night workshop with District Site-Based Committee Members and one school board member.

This year's budget already had \$700,000 cut and didn't include any major items such as roofing or resurfacing the track which are needed, duBois said.

After recapture, the district operates on an \$11.5 million budget, with 71 perduBois said.

"There is no room in the budget now," he said. "We didn't budget anything big. We're trying to get a lot of mileage out of everything we do. We're not a frivolous district."

Raising taxes, which unless the legislature approves it, would have to be done with an election, and wouldn't solve the district's problem, duBois said.

For every dollar the district raises that means less money from the state, and

district's like Ozona are subject to money being recaptured by the state.

Also, teacher salaries cannot be reduced due to a state mandate. The state also required school districts to give teachers raises this year, which cost the state will require those raises again next year.

Reducing expenses is also another area the district is looking at, but that also doesn't solve the district's problem, he said.

"We've talked about trimming budgets. You can look at operating, you can look at how many sports teams you've got and you can look at the type of meals you provide your kids. Only way we can raise money is to get more kids or increase taxes which I won't recommend," he said.

During the meeting, committee member talked about different avenues of spending reduction, including office supplies, meals on trips, extracurricular activities, electives, contracting out food service and custodial services, but eventually discussion would come back to staff cuts.

duBois said the UIL is looking at cutting middle school and sub-varsity nondistrict games to save on travel costs.

OMS Principal Houston Hendryx mentioned district employees paying \$100 of their health insurance, which all employees at the meeting were in agreement with.

Currently, the district covers all cost of the employees' health insurance.

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Iraan woman killed in accident

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

An Iraan woman was killed Saturday night during a vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 190.

Stormee Nix, 31, was pronounced dead at the scene by Crockett County Justice of the Peace James Hearne.

Nix was passenger in a 2009 Toyota passenger car driven by Michael J. Alexander, also from Iraan.

The accident occurred six miles east of Iraan on U.S. Highway 190 around 7:45 p.m. Saturday.

from the Texas Department of Public Safety, Al-

exander fell asleep at the wheel causing the vehicle to drift to the south side of the road.

The vehicle then struck a guardrail and tumbled multiple times down a steep rock embankment.

Nix was ejected from the vehicle. The report stated she was not wearing a seat belt.

Alexander, who was wearing a seat belt, was treated and released for minor injuries at Iraan. He was taken by Pecos County EMS.

Iraan, Ozona and Sheffield Fire Departments all According to a report responded to assist in locating the accident and assisted at the scene.

Lions named All-District Basketball



ABEY LARA

First Team



AUSTIN SUDDRETH Second Team



JERROD DUBOIS Newcomer of the Year

Elementary hosting open house Thursday

Ozona Elementary is cel-Week, March 7-11, with several events this week.

The following activities are planned at OES:

· Breakfast from 7:30-7:50 a.m. - "Goodies for Grandparents," today, March 9.

· Elementary Commuebrating Texas Public School nity-Wide Open House, 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10, with the Fourth Grade presenting a Texas-themed musical at 7:30 p.m.

The OES Library will be hosting a Spring Book Fair throughout the week.

Vargas advances to HOSA state contest



JOE HERNADNEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN IRENE VARGAS placed first in First Aid-Rescue Breathing at the HOSA area competition held in Abilene, Feb. 25. "It is quiet an accomplishment for this Ozona student who competed against many large Health Magnet schools," said OHS Teacher Linda Coates, also pictured. She will advance to the State competition on April 16 in Corpus Christi.

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Education cuts are not pretty

lutting education is not pretty. No matter how it's sliced, diced or minced, someone is going to end up on the kitchen floor.

With the state fighting a budget shortfall, public school districts are fighting a battle of their own in keeping programs and personnel.

Crockett County CCSD is no exception.

During a workshop Monday night, Superintendent Chris duBois explained to members of the District Site-Based Decision-Making Committee and one school board member that while cuts in programs, travel, food and other areas can be made it will not affect the district's budget like cutting personnel.

This is a difficult time for school district, especially rural districts.

Fortunately, Ozona has a healthy tax base with oil and gas, but the majority of our school funding is recaptured by the state. What's left is what has to be cut.

duBois said the district is aiming to cut \$1 million from an already tight bud-

Suggestions of all kinds came from the committee members Monday. No health education at the middle school, less nondistrict games for middle school and sub-varsity sports teams to reduce travel, employees paying for their health insurance instead of the district covering 100 percent.

All of these ideas are good and during these times school districts should be looking at ways to cut costs on these items, but the impact of these items are not great enough to justify not cutting people.

In small towns, like Ozona, those decisions are hard. They are not pretty and, unfortunately, they sometimes have to be made.

I'm all for keeping as many people as our school district can. Remember,



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

daughter of a teacher. Anyone and everyone with an idea should step up and be heard when it comes to tackling the potential budget cuts.

duBois

said Monday night he is open to any suggestions and welcomes anyone to come visit with

Ozona is a great community that seems to lift people during hard times. Well, times are getting hard

in educating our children. Our community needs to express what items are priorities for our children. I know you all have opinions about what should be on the chopping block and what shouldn't.

Even those that don't have children in school have an opinion.

An easy way to voice your opinion is to write, email or call our State Sen. Carlos Uresti and State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran. Let them know that funding for education should be a priority.

Everything is on the table this legislative session. Lawmakers are discussing all issues from scaling back school days to allowing gambling to fix our problems.

The district is facing an April 8 deadline on teacher contracts. The school board has authorized duBois to conduct a thirdparty staffing study to assist in evaluation of staffing levels.

Decisions, unlike other school districts around us, need to be made rationally and with tremendous thought.

This is a delicate time for educators and the forecast remains cloudy for the future of education in Texas.

> MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. This is her opinion, take it or leave it.

I read in a recent article that the number one trait that ranchers consider first in culling their herds, even more important than fertility, is disposition. In other words, ranchers don't care if a cow is open, just as

long as she's a GENTLE barren cow. That's why the Beef Improvement Federation has developed a scorecard so you can rank your cattle's dispositions. It's a tool you can use to get rid of the bad actors in your herd, but I'm against that because if we all prevented the wrecks that occur around a cow outfit then Baxter Black and I wouldn't have much left to write about.

The BIF's scoring system starts off with a #1 animal who is docile, calm in the squeeze chute, and when released, he or she exits calmly. Personally, I have never owned such an animal but I respect the BIF so I'll take their word that such a beast does exist. A "number two" struggles, shakes, quivers and froths at the mouth when cattle are worked, which describes me to a "T". So I must be a #2. The system goes on up to a #6, an animal that has pronounced attack behavior. The problem, as I see it, is that BIF's system does not go high enough for my cattle.

Take for example, the first beef animal I ever owned: a #7 if there ever was one. My teacher selected a show steer for me that flew out of the cloth-topped trailer on its ride to my place. My teacher then explained to me that I was supposed to actually get in the pen with the monster and halter break it. "You gotta be kidding," I replied.



IT'S THE

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Rank

and there.

I named my steer Abe, not because he showed signs of greatness but because like our great President, his hair wouldn't comb either. In preparation for the county fair we had a field day, and boy was it ever. It was held on the Little League ball field and my steer drug me around every base before I slid into home. My ag instruc-

He was not. I almost

quit the FFA and joined

the glee club right then

tor then grabbed the halter and Abe took him for a turn around the bases and nearly knocked him out of the ballpark.

I figure it served my teacher right. An example of a #8 would be a cow we owned that never did see the inside of a squeeze chute, or my corral for that matter. The only time I ever saw her after she was born was at a neighbor's branding. I said he could keep her but he insisted that I come and get her. When she was older than the Rolling Stones she died a natural death without ever feeling a rope, a brand, or the feeling of motherhood.

A #9 should measure up to the bologna bull I sold years ago that put one ring man in the hospital and charged the bull board in front of the auction block with such

ferocity that it put a permanent crease in the beer belly of the other ring man. The auctioneer was attempting to chant and look for bids, which were not rapidly forthcoming, and in revenge for selling him to a packer buyer the bull then jumped on to the auction block where he became permanently wedged. The auctioneer then invited the packer to "Come and get YOUR bull."

If you value domesticity above all else I hope you never own an animal like a cow we called Mark Spitz. (For any youngsters who might read this, he was a famous swimmer.) She was an example of a #10 if there ever was one.

First we couldn't get her in the chute and then we couldn't get her out. That's because she flipped over backwards and landed upside down in the chute. We used a cutting torch and a winch to get her out and when we did get her upright she thanked us by chasing my wife, who thought she'd be safe if she dove into a stock pond.

Silly girl. The cow followed her right in. And you know how much cows hate to swim! My wife was dog-paddling as fast as she could and despite what she says, I really did try to come to her rescue by throwing her a lifeline lariat.

From a safe distance away, of course. With cows like Mark Spitz it's no wonder the BIF denied my membership, thus advancing the cause of beef cattle improvement by at least 50 years.

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Comptroller lays out options for budget writing panel

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Tough questions over how the Legislature will address a \$4.3 billion state revenue shortfall in fiscal year 2011 and a \$27 billion projected revenue shortfall in Texas' 2012-2013 budget cycle continued last week.

On March 3, Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, chair of the budgetwriting House Appropriations Committee, invited Comptroller Susan Combs to come forward and present "a clear description of how we arrived at this point, what our current challenges are and how we should address them."

Combs, part of whose job is to ascertain whether the state has enough funds to pay for expenditures proposed by the Legislature, accepted on short notice. She testified that the Legislature, in facing the current deficit, has three options: deeper budget cuts, delaying spending, and tapping other resources such as the state's \$9 billion Rainy Day Fund, or some combination of those options.

But, she said, "I cannot certify new appropriations until the deficit is addressed." So, it

could be inferred, that until the budget crisis is solved or abated, the survival of any legislation that would add to current state fiscal obligations

is in doubt.

Now, before Combs testified, Pitts said he filed legislation that proposes to transfer \$4.3 billion from the Rainy Day Fund into the General Revenue Fund. But even so, he said, deeper cuts to already-cut budgets will have to be considered.

Pitts pointed out that many fellow lawmakers on the present Appropriations committee also served on the committee in 2009 when the 2010-2011 budget was drawn up. "In hindsight, it's worth asking if we all should have anticipated a decline much sooner," Pitts said.

For the record, Pitts said, Texas' budget troubles stem from a nationwide economic recession and a long series of monthly double-digit declines in sales tax revenue.

However, Rep. Mike Villarreal, D-San Antonio, interjected that the state's \$27 billion projected revenue shortfall for 2012-2013 is attributable not only to a nationwide recession, but also to the state's \$11 billion "struc-

tural deficit."

The structural deficit is a systemic shortfall grown out of the state's 2006 school finance reform plan that cut property taxes by billions of dollars. That, coupled with years of less-than-expected revenue from a business-margins tax the Legislature passed to pay for the property tax cut, has widened and deepened the budget hole.

House passes sonogram bill HB 15 by Rep. Sid Miller, R-Stephenville, was adopted by the House on March 3.

Among the legislation's many requirements is that a woman who wishes to terminate her pregnancy must choose whether to view a sonogram and hear the heartbeat of the fetus before a sedative or anesthesia is administered and before the termination may continue.

According to the official bill

analysis, the sonogram must be performed 72 to 24 hours before termination, except in cases where the woman's life is endangered. The physician must describe the results in easy-to-understand language.

The legislation also requires the physician to provide a list of agencies offering ultrasounds at no cost to the pregnant woman. House floor votes taken on proposed amendments to the bill closely followed party lines. The final vote on the bill was 103-46. PLEASE SEE STATE, PAGE 10

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It's a boy

was born on Feb. 15, 2011 at

5:21 p.m. at Shannon Women's and Children's Center in

San Angelo. He weighed nine

pounds, three ounces and

and Cassandra Salazar-Ortega. He is named for his

daddy and his deceased

maternal great-grandfather. Grandparents are John

and Diana Sanchez-Lewis

of Ozona, Abel and Roxie

Salazar of San Marcos, Dodi

Salazar of Kyle, Texas and

Ricardo and Blanca Ortega

the late Rosario (Chayo)

Sanchez and the late Daniel

(Cobra) Sanchez of Ozona

and Orfelio and Enedelia

Amber Lewis of San Angelo,

Paige Lewis and Kyle Lewis

of Ozona and David Ortega

March 19 benefit

for Diana Sanchez-Lewis

Diana Sanchez-Lewis will be

held Saturday, March 19, at

the Rodeo Park Arena Slab.

p.m. and will feature music

ers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, a

cake walk, Wii Dance Chal-

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of Brackettville.

of Brackettville.

by DJ TKO.

will take place.

Proud parents are Ricky

was 21 inches long.

Ricky Nathaniel Ortega



KEVIN BROWN received a \$1,400 in donations from Ozona Middle School last week. The school hosted "Benefit for the Browns Week" last month raising money to help Kevin and his wife Autumn through Kevin's illness.

Relay For Life teams urged to attend Thursday meeting

Crockett County's Relay at the time this article was may still contact Shelly Chilto attend this week's meet- members and approximately chased from Luminaria chairs ing to be held at the Ozona \$6,000 raised, thus far. Middle School Cafeteria on

pertaining to the event will anticipated event. be shared and discussed.

much enthusiasm in Ozona, make financial donations information for the event.

for Life team captains and put together there are a total team members are urged of 18 teams with 157 team

Thursday, March 10 starting cited and are busy making the final plans as we are one Important information month away from the much March 10, at 6 p.m. at the

dress at 277-5381.

Luminarias can be pur-Sylvia Longoria at the public The relay's chairs are ex- library or call 226-1993 and Valerie Fierro at 226-3446.

Please mark Thursday, Ozona Middle School Caf-Any individual, business, eteria on your calendars and The event has stirred up or organization wanting to make plans to get the latest

Extension service offers tips for Fix-A-Leak Week

BY SUSIE BISHOP

TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION SERVICE

Household water leaks rob homeowners of 12 percent of their water bill through problems such as worn-out toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and leaking valves. As part of Fix a Leak Week, WaterSense -EPA, Texas AgriLife Extension in Crockett County ask for your commitment to repair your household leaks.

Crockett County AgriLset up at Triple C Hardware on March 15 from 9 a.m. until items run out with information on how to check for leaks, fix leaks, and have free items to help you reduce your water use.

Fixing leaks around the house doesn't have to be difficult. If you are handy around the house, you likely can fix most of your leaks. Common types of leaks found in the home are leaking toilet flappers, dripping faucets, and other leaking valves. These types of leaks are easily correctable, in most cases requiring only a few tools and hardware that can pay for themselves in water savings.

A common reason why toilets will leak is an old or worn out toilet flapper (sometimes called a "valve seal"). Flappers are inexpensive rubber parts that can build up minerals or decay over time. Replacing them can be a quick and easy fix for your water woes. To fix this leak, consult your lo-

improvement retailer, or licensed plumber. Susie Bishop recommends that you take the old flapper to the hardware store for comparison to make sure you buy a new flapper that fits your toilet model. You can also check the owner's manual, if you have it, or the manufacturer's Web site for the appropriate replacement part number for the flapper.

Old and worn faucet washers and gaskets frequently cause leaks in fauife Extension agent, Susie cets. Many tutorials are Bishop will have a display available online for how to fix a wide variety of faucets.

Here are a couple of ex-

The Do-It-Yourself Network has a handy reference on faucet repairs.

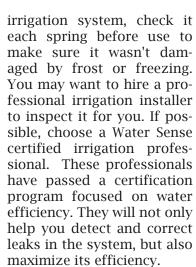
YouTube has numerous video tutorials on how to fix a dripping faucet.

Tip: Don't forget to turn off the water line before you

Some leaky showerheads can be fixed by making sure there is a tight connection between the showerhead and the pipe stem and by using pipe tape to secure it. Pipe tape, also called Teflon tape, is available at most hardware stores, is easy to apply, and can help tame unruly leaks. For more complicated valve leaks in showers that drip when not in use, contact an experienced handyperson or licensed

plumber. Tip: It's also a good idea to check and, if needed, replace the washer or "o" ring inside the showerhead while making this repair.

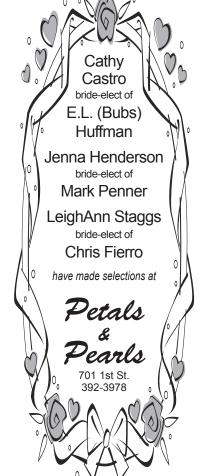




Finally, check your garden hose for leaks at its connection to the spigot. If it leaks while you run your hose, replace the nylon or rubber hose washer and ensure a tight connection to the spigot using pipe tape and a wrench.

Have you done all that you can to try to eliminate leaks from your home but still can't nip that drip in the bud?

If you've already determined you have leaks and you find these step-by-step solutions aren't enough to stop them, it might be time to replace your leaking fixtures. If you consult with a plumbing professional, and look for the WaterSense label if you are considering a new toilet or faucet, you could increase your home's water efficiency.





Wednesday, March 9

- Ash Wednesday
- "Goodies for Grandparents," 7:30-7:50 a.m. at the elementary school.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, March 10

- Lady Lions Softball in the Junction Tournament.
- Lions Baseball in the West Texas Classic at Midland.
- OMS Track Teams at the Fort Stockton Relays.
- Relay For Life meeting, 6 p.m. at the OMS Cafeteria.
- Elementary Open House, 6:30 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.
- Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Friday, March 11

- Early Release Day for Ozona Schools.
- Lions at the Region I Powerlifting Meet in Sundown.
- OHS Tennis Team in the Ozona Invitational Tournament at the tennis courts.
- Lady Lions Softball in the Junction Tournament.
- OHS Track Teams in the Cactus Relays in Junction.
- Lions Baseball in the West Texas Classic at Midland.

Saturday, March 12

- · Lady Lions Softball in the Junction Tournament.
- Lions Baseball in the West Texas Classic at Midland.

Sunday, March 13

Daylight Savings Time Begins.

March 14-March 18

• Spring Break for Ozona Schools.

Monday, March 14

- Basketball Camp, 8 a.m.-noon at the First Baptist Church.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Commissioners' Court, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, March 15

- Basketball Camp, 8 a.m.-noon at the First Baptist Church.
- Dominos, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Grape Creek, 11 a.m. at Grape Creek.

Ozona Woman's Forum, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, March 16

- Basketball Camp, 8 a.m.-noon at the First Baptist Church.
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lenten Luncheon Series, noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Happy Birthday

March 9 - Destiny Perez, Sandra Childress, Jeannine Henderson, Teresa Yeager and Noe Alba

March 10 - Evelio D. Mata, Lillian Payne, Dean Fierro and Jolissa Payne

March 11 - Madison Reid Fierro, Gary Mitchell, Marivel Mata, Amelia Tambunga, Anthony Gonzales, Ryan Bean, Steven Dorrough and Emily Moore

March 12 - Kaleb Borrego, Billy Tom Turland, Andy Wilson, Anna Lara, Andres Macias and Leandra

March 13 - Morris King March 14 - Anthony Vasquez, Diego Pena and Mark Branyon

March 15 - Tracey Preddy

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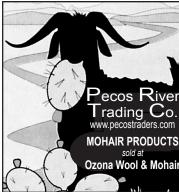
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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

My dear friend and Crockett County Senior Center volunteer, for the past nine years, Helen Owensby passed away in her home Tuesday, March 3. I am very sad about our loss as she was a wonderful addition to our community. Helen's memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13. Goodbye dear Helen.

The weather has been much better and we are all smiling about it. Now, we are in need of a nice rain.

Rosalind Williams is recovering from a broken leg in San Angelo but should return home to Ozona in the near future. We have missed you Rosalind.

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Shannan Carrell.

Welcome to Babygarten,

ing with delight.

Allen Williams is still recovering from a broken heel Susan reported today that he may be able to get a walking boot soon. We hope to see Allen out and about in the near future. We have missed Allen.

The Woman's Forum will be meeting here at the Senior Center at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, for their monthly meeting. The main feature of the meeting will be our Yearly Auction to raise funds for scholarships.

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

The bridge game will be played on Mondays at 1:30

p.m. Those who attend have the best time playing bridge and they appreciate using our Senior Center.

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

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

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

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

DEATH NOTICES

Roberto 'Bobby' Vargas

Bobby Vargas, 71, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011 in Ozona. Funeral service was Wednesday, March 2, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home. Preceded in death by two sons, Tony Vargas and Freddie Vargas. Survivors include his wife, Gloria I. Vargas of Ozona; two daughters, Marie Beltran of Garland, Texas and Marina Vargas of Grapevine, Texas, one son, Roberto Vargas Jr. of Andrews, Texas; stepdaughters, Ana Quintana of Baytown, Dot Gonzales of San Antonio and Ivonne Pastrano of Mexico City and sister, Amalia Moya of Comanche.

Eutis Ray Jones

Services for Eutis Ray Jones, 92, of Brownfield were Monday, March 7, 2011 at Plains First United Methodist Church in Plains, Texas with the Rev. Hugh Hayes officiating. Burial was in Plains Cemetery under the direction of Brownfield Funeral Home. Ray passed away at his home in Brownfield on Thursday, March 3, 2011. Ray is survived by his wife of 70 years, Dorothy of Brownfield; a son, Malcolm Gregg Jones and wife Corba of Ozona; four grandchildren, Shelle Montgomery, Jeff Jones, Korte Jones and Keitha Jones; and three great grandchildren, Dillon Montgomery, Braden Montgomery and Paisley Jones; a brother, Travis Jones of Lubbock; 4 sisters, Linda Carmack of Eunice, NM., Marilyn McCormick of Levelland, Barbara Bowman of Wichita Falls and Elaine Lewis of Hamlin; a daughter-in-law, Paulette Jones of Dallas; numerous nieces and nephews.

OBITUARIES

Helen Owensby

Helen Owensby (aka Helen Allene Corle, 88) was born to Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Corle in Bedford County, Pennsylvania. She passed away peacefully in her home in Ozona on March 1, 2011. Graveside memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 13, in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

She was married to Dr. Robert M. Owensby, M.D. on April 7, 1947. To this union three children were born: Michael Owensby, Mark Owensby and Sue Owensby. She is survived by her son Mark (a pharmacist in San Diego, Calif.) and her daughter Sue (a professor of nursing in Henderson, Nev.).

Helen was a veteran of World War II in the Army Nurse Corp. She spent a year in Japan with the occupation forces having received a rank of 1st lieutenant. She worked as a nurse at Hahnemann Hospital in Philadelphia, Penn. It was there she met her husband Robert.

Helen and Robert Owensby moved from California to Ozona in December 1974 where her husband opened his medical office on Feb. 1, 1975. She worked in his office until he retired in 1997. Helen was a member of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution), League of Women Voters, and a member of the Ozona Methodist Church where she served on the Hospitality Committee for many years. Since her husband's death she has been volunteering at Helping Hands, the Crockett County Museum, and the Crockett County Senior Center. She loved reading history and poetry, music, and cooking and baking for family and friends. She had many wonderful friends in Ozona.

Helen's son and daughter would like to request that any gifts offered in memory of Helen be sent to Hospice of San Angelo, Inc., PO Box 471, San Angelo, Texas 76943 (325) 658-6524.

Card of Thanks

The family of John and Diana (Sanchez) Lewis wants to express their sincere appreciation to everyone that helped make the brisket plate sale, bingo and sweet sale such a great success. Everyone is greatly appreciated! May God bless you all.

Card of Thanks

OLPH would like to thank our March Bingo Sponsors: Margaret Villarreal, Linda Borrego, Mitchell Hernandez, Vicky Childress, Amy Cervantez, Flor Harris, BeeBee Garcia, Maria Arredondo, Paula Lozano, Marta De La Garza, Petra Hernandez, Nati and Maria Hernandez, Veronica Fierro, Mary Ortiz, Viola Perez, Yolanda Borrego, Natalie Rose Ybarra, Tom and Corina Diehl, Sylvia Longoria, Maria Ybarra and Lucrecia Ramirez. Many thanks to all and God bless you and your families. Ronnie Fierro

Card of Thanks:

On behalf of the Owens Ranch at Barnhart, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to those who responded to the grass fires last Sunday and Monday including Fire Chief Bob Falkner and the Crockett County Volunteer Fire Department dispatcher Lou Morrow, Crockett County Sheriff's Department, Crockett County EMS, Jeffrey Stuart and the Road Department, County Judge Fred Deaton, Treto's Tire Service, John L. Henderson for flying over the fires to update crews on the ground, and Texas Energy for supplying water, as well as local citizens who provided water and food at the scene. We are also very grateful to volunteer fire departments from the surrounding area to include Barnhart, Brady, Sheffield, Iraan, Eldorado, Glasscock County, Sterling City, Irion County, Reagan County, North Reagan County, Sonora, and Upton County as well as the Irion and Reagan County Road Departments. In West Texas, the generosity of our neighbors is something one can always depend on. Thank you for being there in our time of need.

Buck & Jan Owens and Rusty & Penni Owens

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Babygarten reading program Nine-month-old Hannah The Crockett County wiggled in her mother's lap, Public Library has adopted the program. "This is new anxiously chewing on her to the area. We are excited tiny fist. A few minutes later, when the circle of moms to begin a Babygarten readbegan crooning the "Chooing program provided by the choo" song to their babies, Big Country Library System. her blue eyes lit up with rec-"We're cutting edge, and you

LIBRARY NEWS By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

Louise Ledoux reported. The hour-long sessions consist of about 10 singsongs where the mothers move their babies to the beat. There's a picture book reading time, followed by playtime for babies and socializing for moms.

didn't even know," Librarian

Hannah and the other babies can attest to the program's success. So can their moms. Older children can also attend Babygarten, and they concentrate on simulating the singsong dance moves with a doll.

Hannah's mom reports her participation in Babygarten has helped with her development. "She is a fidgety baby. When I'm changing her diaper and she starts to fidget, I'll sing the 'Choochoo' song and she'll stop and listen to me.'

Ten-month-old Daniel, a first-timer, was cautiously eyeing Hannah as the session began, preferring the security of his mom's lap. After the first few songs, his brown eyes began to twinkle. He stood up and smiled broadly. On a verse of "I'm A Little Teapot," Daniel came alive, posing in a perfect imitation of a handle and spout. "He really likes music," said his mom. "I'm definitely coming back. My husband plays guitar, so Daniel really reacts to anything musical. He will sit still and listen.'

Babygarten is a free program that will soon be available at CCPL. For more information, call 392-3565

THE DOG THAT LIKED TO ROLL

She was a beautiful dog and some of our friends said we should show her. She was so good with children and always liked to be petted. She would lay at your feet for hours if you continued to rub on her. We would give her a bath and put perfume on her and sometimes my wife would even tie a little ribbon on her head. That dog had just one bad habit and that was when you let her outdoors she would always try and find something stinky to roll in. If you took her to the chicken pen it was a disaster or around the cows in the pasture. We would make her ride in the back of the pickup and give her a bath when we arrived back home. She did not seem to mind the baths but as soon as she got out side she was looking for something to roll in again. She never stopped trying to find something to roll in. That rolling dog reminds me of something in the Bible. There are people that just will not depart from sin. It may cause them and others a lot of heartache and trouble and it may last a lifetime but they will not quit or change, (Romans 3:23, Galatians 5:17-24, James 1:14&15,1 John 3:4). We can get help by and through Jesus Christ, (John 10:10, Romans 6:16-22 & 7:14-25) See you in Church next Sunday.

First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 p.m.

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Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

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Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St Mr. Johnnie Perkins

Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

Ozona United **Methodist Church** 12 - 11th St.

Pastor Ron Shott Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St

Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

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

Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 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.

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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.

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Wednesday: 7 p.m.

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Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m.

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

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Ozona United Methodist Church

Bill would combine state beverage, gambling commissions

AUSTIN - New legislation seeks to combine the state's beverage, gaming, and lottery commissions - a move the bill's author says would save taxpayers money by cutting redundancy.

"My bill would cut unnecessary spending by combining similar divisions within these agencies, such as the investigation units," said Rep. Harvey Hilderbran (R-Kerrville), the bill's author. "In the process, we're going to save taxpayer dollars, help reduce the state deficit some, and overall just create a more efficient, economical way of running things.

Hilderbran's bill would transfer the powers and authority of the Texas Racing Commission and the Texas Lottery Commission to the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, renaming the latter the Texas Alcoholic Beverage and Gaming Commission.



HARVEY HILDERBRAN State Representative, Dist. 53

One administrator and three deputy administrators would oversee the newly-reorganized commission, with one deputy in charge of alcohol, one in charge of racing, and one in charge of the state's lottery.

"By putting one deputy in charge of each division, we ensure that we don't lose out on any institutional knowledge or practical leadership

skills related to how the alcoholic beverage industry, racing, and our state lottery is run on the ground-level," Hilderbran said. "We're just saving taxpayer dollars by making things more efficient."

House Bill 700 would also reduce the total number of commissioners in charge of alcohol, gaming, and the lottery. Currently, three commissioners lead the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission, seven lead the Texas Racing Commission, and two lead the Texas Lottery Commission.

Hilderbran's new commission would be lead by five commissioners, three of whom must have experience or specialized knowledge in the bingo industry, greyhound racing, and horse racing. However, none of the commissioners may have any financial stake in racing, bingo, or the alcoholic beverage industry.

High winds, low humidity and prolonged dry conditions in Texas have led to increased

BY JAIME TANKERSLEY

threats for wildfires. While some parts of the state have already been affected by damaging wildfires, other parts remain at risk.

Landowners impacted by recent wildfires are encouraged to contact the Ozona USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) District Conservationist. Tv Williams.

The NRCS provides technical, and in some cases, financial assistance, to install measures that reduce post-fire damage and aid in the rehabilitation process.

"Wildfires can provide valuable control of brush species, but may cause damage to pe-

OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM

BY BETH HOOVER

OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM

an's Forum met at the Senior

Center on Feb. 15. Katharine Russell led the pledge of alle-

giance and Rosalind Williams

len, Charlotte Harrell and Bar-

bara Malone. Guest speaker

was Casey Upham who pre-

sented the program on his busi-

ness Ozona Environmental LLC

were Marolyn Bean, Sandy

Bebee, Lynn English, Beth

Hoover, Virginia Hubbard,

Betty Huffman, Shirley Kirby,

Jean Odom, Janet Pullen, Ann

Shaw, Kathleen Shott, Celia

West, Nell Wester, Rosalind

Members in attendance

which was started in 1994.

Hostesses were Janet Pul-

gave the invocation.

Members of the Wom-

NEWS

rennial grasses if special care is not taken to allow recovery of the range," said Joe Franklin, NRCS Rangeland Management Specialist. "Loss of vegetation not only affects forages for livestock and wildlife habitat, but it can lead to increased soil loss due to erosion by wind and wa-

Rangeland recovery assistance available following wildfires

Practices such as grazing deferment, cross fencing, reseeding and water development are effective post-fire strategies to help reduce erosion.

We can also provide assistance that will enable landowners to accelerate the health and vigor of affected rangeland, said Franklin.

NRCS suggests landowners consult with their local district conservationist to develop a conservation plan, which can be an effective strategy for pasture and rangeland recovery

and mitigating the effects of the prolonged drought Texas is experiencing.

Wildlife habitat can also be impacted by the wildfire and NRCS can provide technical and financial assistance in re-establishing the habitats for desired species.

NRCS services and programs are voluntary and offered without a fee to all agricultural producers.

NRCS helps landowners and land managers protect and improve the natural resources on their property, including soil, water, air, plants, and animals.

For further assistance in evaluating land and planning practices, or to address concerns following a wildfire, contact the Ozona NRCS Field Office at (325) 392-2301 ext. 3 or visit the office at 201 11th St.

Value Added Producer Grant Program changes to assist farmers

BY GAYLE CARGO

USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT

TEMPLE, Texas - Deputy Agriculture Secretary Kathleen Merrigan today announced changes to the Value Added Producer Grant Program that will provide additional opportunities to beginning and socially disadvantaged farmers. The changes, outlined in an interim rule published in today's Federal Register, will also assist independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, agricultural producer groups, and will support local and regional supply networks.

"Improvements to this popular program will create additional economic and job opportunities by helping owners of small and mediumsized family farms sell their products in local and regional markets, part of our drive to 'win the future,'" Merrigan said. "USDA investments such as these are part of the Obama administration's work to support farmers, ranchers and rural businesses.

"The Value Added Producer Grant Program can strengthen rural Texas communities and create jobs by providing additional assistance to new and socially disadvantaged farm and ranch enterprises," said Paco Valentin, USDA Rural Development Texas State Director.

The regulations address program changes included in the 2008 Farm Bill. These revisions:

· Provide up to 10 percent funding to beginner farmers and socially disad-

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·Provide up to 10 percent funding to local and/or regional supply networks that link producers with companies marketing their products;

• Give priority for grants to beginner farmers, socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, and operators of small and medium-sized family farms;

·Extend grant eligibility to producers who market their products within their state or within a 400-mile ra-

These changes take effect on March 25, 2011. In addition to the rule changes, USDA Rural Development is soliciting comments on the interim rule and the best way to facilitate the participation of tribal entities and tribal governments in the Value Added Producer Grant program. For information on how to submit comments, see page 10090 of the Feb. 23, 2011 Federal Register.

USDA Rural Development anticipates a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Value Added Producer Grants will also be published soon. To learn more about

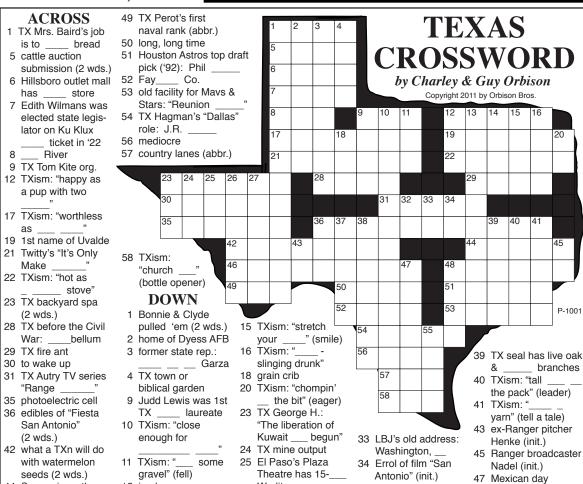
the VAPG program and how it benefits producers, go to: http://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=TF2ac0o2mjI.

Value-Added Producer Grants may be used for feasibility studies or business plans, working capital for marketing value-added agricultural products and for farm-based renewable energy projects. Eligible applicants include independent producers, farmer and rancher cooperatives, and agricultural producer groups. Value-added products are created when a producer increases the consumer value of an agricultural commodity in the production or processing stage.

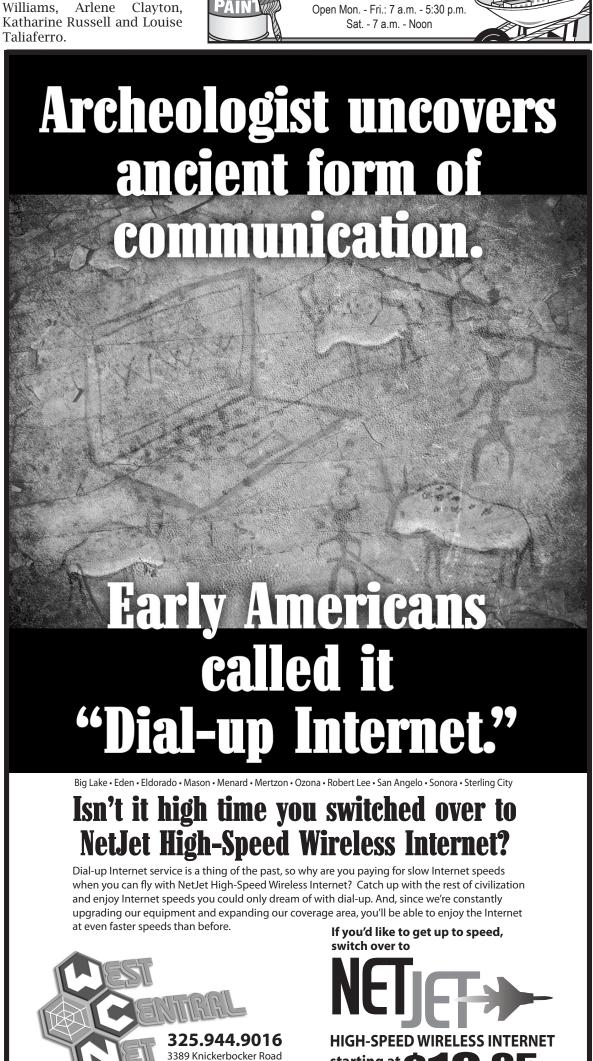
Through its Rural Development mission area, USDA administers and manages more than 40 housing, business and community infrastructure and facility programs. These programs are designed to improve the economic stability of rural communities, businesses, residents, farmers, and ranchers and improve the quality of life in rural America. Rural Development has an existing portfolio of nearly \$146 billion in loans and loan guarantees.

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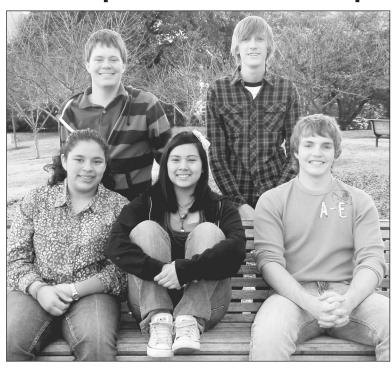
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OHS Computer Science Teams compete in Austin, Abilene





OHS COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAMS recently competed in Austin and Abilene. Pictured are: (top photo, left to right) Vivian Medina, Duncan Knox, Clarissa Burciaga, Jayce Logan and Cuatro Jones; (bottom photo, left to right) Cris Taylor, Erik Carrizales, Jayce Logan, O'Rion Bilano, Duncan Knox, Cuatro Jones (front row, left to right) Clarissa Burciaga and Vivian Medina.

BY CATHY ENGLISH OHS COMPUTER SCIENCE

Ozona High School's Computer Science Team had a busy month in Febru-

They began by placing second behind Lubbock High School in Sonora on Feb. 5. This contest involved only the written portion of the exam.

At this contest, Duncan Knox placed fourth and Jayce Logan placed sixth as individuals.

The next weekend found the students traveling to the University of Texas where two teams competed in a full contest, with both written and programming tests.

During the written portion, the students are given 45 minutes to take a 40 question multiple-choice

Jenny Venegas and Dalia

Hernandez represented Ozo-

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Saturday, March 5.

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test over the Java programming language.

This is followed by the programming contest, where the students are given a packet of twelve problems to solve.

During this high-pressure contest, the students try to complete as many of the problems as possible during the two hour contest.

By the end of the day, the team of Duncan Knox, Jayce Logan and Clarissa Burciaga had placed fifth and the team of Vivian Medina and Cuatro Jones had placed seventh in the small schools division.

During the week of Feb. 19, the teams didn't travel, but instead took an evening to host the Computer Science team members from Iraan High School.

During this fun-filled workshop, our students

Venegas, Hernandez compete at Region I Powerlifting meet

coached and instructed their guests on tips and strategies to compete in a programming contest.

As UIL has increased the requirements for computer science contests, it is becoming important for schools that want to compete in the contest to know how to write programming solutions.

So, by putting our experienced students together with beginners, we hope to help more schools become involved with the contests.

The teams wrapped up the month of February with an exciting trip to compete in the Abilene Christian University Lifeline Programming Challenge.

This contest is different from the UIL-based contests that Ozona students usually attend. Instead, in this contest, the students are given three hours to complete solutions to eight very difficult problems, which are developed by the professors at the university.

During the contest, the teams are allowed three ten-minute lifelines to ask questions of coaches, professors, or members of ACU's winning computer science teams.

This is a great opportunity for the students to work with people who are active in the computer science fields and the research community.

Ozona High School sent three teams to compete in the contest and the team of Duncan, Jayce and Clarissa placed third.

However, one of the most interesting parts of this contest is the debriefing given by the professors after the contest is over.

During this time, the professors discuss solutions with the students and point out things that the teams did well and help them find ways to improve their skills.

Our students were given special recognition for the elegance of some of their solutions.

Also competing at this event were Cuatro Jones, Vivian Medina O'Rion Bilano, Erik Carrizales and Cris Taylor.

After an interesting presentation of door-prizes, the teams headed for home, anxious to continue preparations for the District contest, which will be held at the end of March.



LADY LIONS competing at the Feb. 26 Junction Track Meet: (left to right) Cynthia Garcia, Melanie Miller, Daisy Guerra, Jennifer Marquez, Lexi Poindexter, Sierra Trevino, Nicole Higgins and Alex Rodriguez. Not pictured: Rebecca Hernandez and Nancy Rodriguez.

Lions, Lady Lions compete at Sonora Relays

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions track teams battled the wind and chill Saturday as they competed in the Sonora Relays.

"There was good competition at this meet and our athletes competed well. We had baseball players who got home at 3 a.m. Saturday and loaded the bus at 7:20 a.m. to go compete. We were really pleased with the effort and attitude of all our athletes. They represented the community and school well," said Coach Todd Iglehart.

In field events, Mark Gallardo continued to show promise as he took third in the discus and high jump while Abey Lara placed fourth in the triple jump.

In the JV Division, Michael Ybarra received the bronze medal in the shot put and placed fifth in the

In the running events, our sprint relay (Lara, Mark Gallardo, Alex Borrego and Erik Duenes) took fifth with a much improved time from last week. Gallardo, with an improved time, placed sixth in the 100-meter dash. Our 800-meter relay (Gallardo, Lara, Borrego and Austin Suddreth) and mile relay (Lara, Borrego, Suddreth and Saul Vargas) continue to improve each their dedication and hard work in the future.

Others competing and not mentioned were shot/ disucs throwers Jose Lozano and Mario Sifuentes, pole vault Michael Vargas, 3200-meter runner Josiah Jurado and Saul Vargas, 800-meter runner S. Vargas, 100-meter runner Duenes and M. Vargas, 400-meter runner Ely Montanez and Noah Tambunga, 200-meter runners Suddreth, M. Vargas and Tambunga, and 1600-meter runner Jurado.

JV runners include 100-200-meter runner Josue Damian and 800-1600-meter runner Deep Patel.

"Our kids are determined to work hard this week and excited about the opportunities this Friday at the Cactus relays in Iraan," Iglehart said.

Varsity Girls Results: Team Standings - 1.Sonora, 195; 2. Wall, 141; 3. Crane, 102; 4. Junction, 64; 5. Ozona, 54; 6. Reagan County, 11

3200 meter - 3. Guerra, 400 meter relay - 4.

Ozona, 58.42. 800 meter - 3. Rodri-

guez, 2:39.81. 100 meter - 2. Higgens,

300 hurdles - 2. Rodri-

guez, 51.14. 200 meter- 4. Higgins,

Ozona, 30.50. 1600 meter - 3. Guerra,

1600 meter relay - 4. Ozona, 4:39.18.

Several Lady Lions also placed at the Feb. 26 Junction meet.

Melanie Miller - first in 100-meter hurdles and second in high jump and triple jump.

· Alex Rodriguez - second in the 300-meter hurdles.

· Nicole Higgins - third in the 100-meter dash.

· Lexi Poindexter - second in the 400-meter dash.

· Daisy Guerra - second in 1,600-meter run. Jennifer Marquez

sixth discus and fifth 100-meter dash and fifth in the shot put.

Nancy Rodriguez fifth in the 800-meter run and discus.

· 800-meter relay and 1,600-meter relay - second place, Miller, Rodriguez, Cynthia Garcia, Higgins, Poindexter and Higgins.

Other runners were Sierra Trevino and Rebecca Hernandez.

Lions Baseball building their winning record

BY NIKKI LAFITTE

OHS BASEBALL

The Ozona Lions Baseball team traveled to Sweetwater to play in their wood bat tournament this past weekend.

The first game Thursday afternoon for the Lions was against the Post Ante-Austin Suddreth start-

ed on the mound getting one strike out in the six inning game. Kyle Dean, Austin Suddreth, Abey Lara, Alejandro Mendez, Andrew Sanchez, Saul Vargas and Alex Borrego all had base hits during the game.

The Lions scored three runs in the competition, but fell short of a win. Later that evening, the

Lions were up against the Lamesa Golden Tornadoes for their second game of the tournament. Alejandro Mendez pitched the first four innings for the Lions, striking out five during his time on the hill.

Nathan DeHoyos came in to close the game, striking out one batter in the final inning played.

Offensively, Kyle Dean, Abey Lara, and Alex Borrego all had base hits. Dean and Lara are also credited with doubles during the game.

The Lions got their first

win of the tournament, finishing with a score of 3-1.

On Friday, the Lions faced the Slaton Tigers for their first game of the day. Abey Lara pitched

against the Tigers adding five K's to his record. Nathan DeHoyos,

mael Castro, and Saul Vargas all had base hits during that game with Kyle Dean hitting a double. The Lions came away with the victory with a

score of 6-0 with the game called in the fifth due to time expiration. The final Ozona competition for the round robin tournament was the game

between the Ozona Lions and the Sweetwater Mustangs. Nathan DeHoyos

pitched for the Lions getting six strike outs during the four innings of play. DeHoyos got a base hit and Abey Lara hit a double

during the game. The Lions took the lead in the second inning. The game was called

due to time expiration in the fourth inning, leaving the two teams with a tied score of 5-5. The Lions have a 7-1-

1 record. They will travel to Midland to participate in the West Texas Classic Thursday through Saturday of this week.

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THE LADY LIONS SOFTBALL TEAM PLACED SECOND in the San Angelo West Texas Girls Fastpitch Tournament this past weekend. Team members are: (back, l. to r.) Lexi Poindexter, Kodi Glosson, Cynthia Garcia, Vivian Medina, Samantha De La Garza, Bethani Trevino and Arleen Castillo. Front row: Adrienne Sanchez, Melanie Miller, Britni Mitchel and RaeLynn Arredondo.

Lady Lions get second at San Angelo Tourney

BY BUTCH GONZALEZ
OHS SOFTBALL

Congratulations to your Lady Lion softball team as they competed successfully at the West Texas Girls Fastpitch Tournament in San Angelo.

The Lady Lions went undefeated, winning all six games and got second place.

"Great Job ladies, you did an amazing job of competing you are our 'champions,'" said Coach Butch Gonzalez.

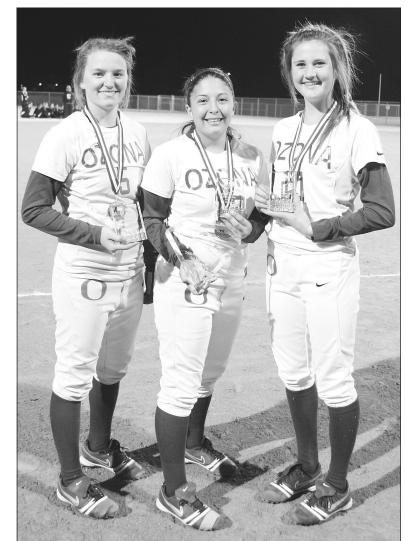
The ladies came home with a second place trophy and team medals.

All-Tournament selections were: Kodi Glosson, Adrienne Sanchez and Melanie Miller.

The Lady Lions will be in action this week at the Junction Tournament.

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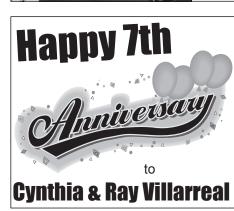
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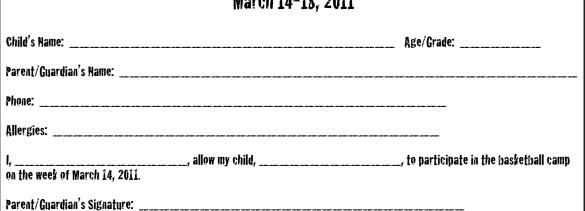
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OMS Track Teams compete in Colt Relays

The OMS Lions and Lady Lions competed in the Colt Relays last week in Sonora.

Seventh Grade Boys Results:

Team Totals - 1. Lincoln, 214; 2. Wall, 181; 3. Sonora, 174; 4. Ozona, 93 and 5. Ballinger, 44.

Discus – 1. Graham, 81feet, 11.5-inches Triple Jump – 4. Martin,

29-5.75. Long Jump - 4. Perez,

13-10. Shot Put - 1. Graham,

31-6.5. 2,400-meter run – 1. Landa, 9 minutes, 11.40

seconds. 400-meter relay – 3. Ozona, 57.05.

800-meter dash - 2. Medina, 2:38.20.

100-meter dash - 3. Lee, 13.24; 5. Gomez, 13.59. 800-meter relay - 4. Ozona, 1:59.4.

400-meter dash – 5. Medina, 1:05.78; 6. Talamantez, 1:07.55.
300-meter hurdles – 4.

Martin, 54.87.

1,600-meter run - 2.

Landa, 5:57.34. 1,600-meter relay – 5. Ozona, 4:42.67.

Eighth Grade Boys Results:

Team Totals – 1. Sonora, 172; 2. Wall, 151; 3. Lincoln, 149; 4. Ozona, 92 and 5. Ballinger, 45.

Discus - 2. De Hoyos, 103-3.

103-3. Triple Jump - 3. Porras,

33-7.75 Long Jump – 3. Jayton Rodriguez, 17-1.5.

Shot Put - 3. Sifuentez, 39-.5. Pole Vault - 6. Porras,

6-0. 2,400-meter run – 2. Rodriguez, 9:15.46; 4. Porras, 9:40.78; 5. Aguilar, 9:42.98.

400-meter relay - 4.

Ozona, 51.87. 800-meter dash - 6. Rodriguez, 2:46.27. 100-meter dash - 2. Rodriguez, 12.18.

800-meter relay – 4. Ozona, 1:49.93.

300-meter hurdles - 6. Lombrana, 52.02.

200-meter dash - 4. Porras, 26.49. 1,600-meter run - 4.

Porras. 1,600-meter relay - 4. Ozona, 4:24.58.

Seventh Grade Girls Results:

Team Totals – 1. Wall, 187; 2. Lincoln, 128; 3. Ballinger, 127.5; 4. Sonora, 71.5 and 5. Ozona, 69.

Discus - 5. Mejia, 54-

Triple Jump - 2. Newlin,

Long Jump - 1. Sanchez, 13-5.5; 2. Newlin, 13-2.25; 4. Rodriguez, 12-8.5. Shot Put - 3. Miles, 20-

10.5. 2,400-meter run – 5.

Newlin, 11:10.46. 400-meter relay – 5. Ozona, 1:00.11.

800-meter dash - 5. Vega, 2:59.81. 800-meter relay - 5. 300-meter hurdles - 4. Newlin, 59.02.

Newlin, 59.02. 1,600-meter run – 3. Childress, 6:37.87 and 6.

Vega, 7:01.27. 1,600-meter relay - 5. Ozona, 5:20.92.

Eighth Grade Girls Results:

Team Totals - 1. Wall, 176; 2. Ballinger, 140; 3. Sonora, 129; 4. Lincoln, 84 and 5. Ozona, 70.

Discus – 1. Gallardo, 75-feet, 2.5-inches.

High Jump – 5. Munsell, 4-5 and 6. Martinez, 4-6. Long Jump – 3. Elston,

13-8. Shot Put – 3. Gallardo,

25-8.5. 2,400-meter run – 2. Mata, 10:48.58; 6. Salazar.

400-meter relay - 3. Ozona, 1:01.99

100-meter hurdles – 2. Elston, 19.26.

100-meter dash - 3. Kaylenn Elston, 13.68. 1,600-meter relay - 5.

Ozona. 800-meter relay – 4.

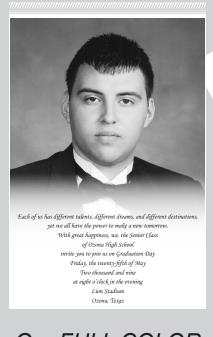
Ozona, 2:11.90. 1,600-meter run – 6.



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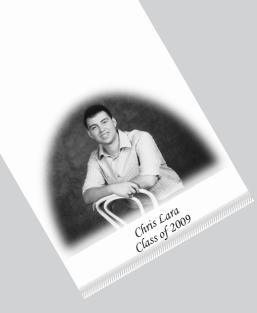
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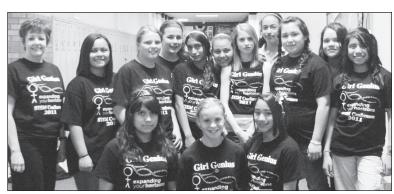


OZONA HOSTED THE DISTRICT PINEWOOD DERBY Saturday at the Davidson Gym. Top photo: Webelos Winners (left to right) Murray Logan, first place; Jordan Martin, second; Tristan Reyes, third; Marcus Perez, fourth and Mark Akeman, sixth. Not pictured: Josh Knaack placed fifth. Bottom photo: Cub Scout Winners (left to right) Justin Yeager, first place; Austin Moran, second; Levi Sullivan, third; Leland Wellman, fourth and Braeden Gutierrez, fifth.





OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL has added two additional students qualifying for state competition in the Texas Math And Science Coaches Association meet to be held at the University of Texas in San Antonio in April. Sixth grade students Kamryn Lozano (far right) and Rachel Mendoza (second from left) qualified in the calculator division this past Saturday at the TM-SCA academic meet at Lincoln Middle School in San Angelo. Kamryn and Rachel will be competing with sixth, seventh and eighth grade students from 1A - 5A across the state. Sixth graders Garry Held (first left) and Julie Marshall qualified for state competition in February at the Crane Middle School Meet. All four of the OMS students are coached by Ernesto Rivera, eighth grade math teacher at Ozona Middle School.



OMS TEACHER KATRECE HALE (left) is pictured with 14 OMS Students that recently attended the STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) Conference in San Angelo.

OMS Students attend STEM Conference

Fourteen girls from Ozona Middle School recently attended the 3rd annual STEM Conference at Angelo State University. STEM-science, technology, engineering, and math- workshops are held for teenage girls throughout the United States to promote career opportunities which are traditionally held by males. The event was part of the Expanding Your Horizons network, an organization with a mission to encourage young women to be creative and innovative thinkers.

The conference offered a unique experience for the girls

to be in a university setting. They attended four handson workshops throughout the day led by female professors and ASU students. Workshops with names like "Tap a Tendon, "Cracking the Code," "The Chemistry of Harry Potter," "Prime Designs," and "If Quest for Cold" were five of the 20 sessions offered. An extremely popular workshop, If Eggs Games," allowed the stu-dents to design and test protective gear for a stunt egg as she competed in eggs-treme

A panel of three female engineers, the math department chairperson from Central High School, and a biomedical graduate student from Texas A&M spoke during the luncheon encouraging the young women to enter the STEM fields and identified challenges to enterconclusion of the seminar, the ASU physics and chemistry teams demonstrated numerous scientific experiments.

Adult sessions were offered as well which included a program at the planetarium, an eye-opening presentation on "cyberbullying," geology exploration around the campus, and information on admission

and financing college. Those attending the conference were members of the Gifted and Talented class and the National Junior Honor Society. This included eighth grader Jadie Marshall and seventh graders Narda Aguilar, Kim Borrego, Madie Childress, Noel Fierro, Maria Mejia, Lauren Miles, Alyssa Newlin, Dulce Rodriguez, Estefania Torralba, and Ashley Vargas. Sixth grade attendees were Asia Lara and Dacie Taylor. Sponsor for the group was Katrece Hale.



LITTLE DRIBBLER'S TEAMS the Celtics (top photo) and the Sparks won their games Friday night.

BY AUSTIN ELGUEA THE OZONA STOCKMAN

On Friday night the Sparks sparkled the night away. Asia Lara, who is on the Sparks team, alone had 8 points, 6 steals, and 1 foul. She also rejected a pass by one of the Rage teammates and is one of the only two people who scored for the Sparks that night.

Rachel Mendoza was the other person. The talented basketball player had 8 points, 4 steals, and 1 foul. One of those points was from a fast-break. Rachel doesn't actually play for the Sparks, but was helping them out due to not enough people showing up.

Another player who that did good that night was Madalyn Harris who had 3 rebounds, but 3 fouls also. Coach Abel Lara subbed someone in for Madalyn, afraid she might get fouled out.

Gabby Flores who is an actual Spark had 1 foul and 1 steal. The other two players who made up the team were Jasmine Talamantez and Azaylea Tovar. Jasmine had 2 steals while Azaylea had 1 foul and 1 steal.

For the Sparks, the score at the end of the first period was 4. Scoring 6 points in the second period, the halftime score was 10. Making two buckets the score was 14 at the end of the third and the final score was 16. The Sparks had won by five points.

Over on the Rage, Madison Galindo had 7 points, 4 steals, and 2 fouls. The tall sixth grader had a very good game Friday against the Sparks.

Another Rage teammate, Kamryn Lozano had 2 steals. Meagan Shook who helped get the team's final score, got 2 points.

Paige Lewis also had 2 points and a steal. Number six, Sierra Sanchez, had no points, but a foul, and a

Little Dribblers' game results steal. For the Rage, the score at the end of the first period was 4. At halftime, the score was only six. The end of the third period was 9 and their final score was 11 to 16 in favor of the Sparks.

The second game I watched Friday night was the Celtics vs. Mavericks. Celtics won the game 15 to 13. Nathan Graham made the most points which was 5. He also had 1 foul, 2 rebounds, and 4 steals. Nathan scored the winning bucket in double overtime for the win. Jake Everett had the second most points with 4. Another Celtics player, Gary Held, had a foul, but no points. During the game, Gary got hit in the nose with the ball and had to get subbed in. Murray Logan had 2 points to help make up the win. Jared Everett had topped everybody defensively. He had 7 rebounds, 5 steals, and 2 points.

One other Celtic named Elon Soto got a rebound and 1 foul. The total number of fouls for the Celtics was 2. At the end of the first period, the Celtics were leading 3 to 1. By halftime, they were still leading 9 to 5, but at the end of the third period the Celtics were losing 7 to 9. The final score was 15 to 13 in double overtime.

On the Mavericks, Preston McCutcheon had the most points with 7. The player also got 5 steals, 2 fouls, and a rebound. He also made the shot that took the Mavericks into double overtime. Mark Ybarra had the second most points for the Mavericks with 4. He also had 2 steals, a rebound, and 3 fouls. Kabir Shah had no points, but played some really good defense, getting 2 steals. Another Maverick, Peyton Rohan, had 2 rebounds, a steal, and 1 foul. Raven Perez had a steal. The Mavericks did have some few open people that didn't get the ball, but did play really good offense and defense. They lost 13 to 15.

CHRISTINA GERHARDT

NAMED COMPLIANCE OFFICER



Christina Gerhardt recently joined Crockett National Bank as the bank's Compliance Officer. Christina is a graduate of Eldorado High School and Texas Tech University where she obtained her Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance. Christina spent the past several years working as an associate national bank examiner for the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, a department of the United States Treasury. Christina and her husband, Ross, reside in San Antonio, Texas. Crockett National Bank has grown to over \$280 million in total assets with officers in San Angelo, Ozona, and San Antonio.

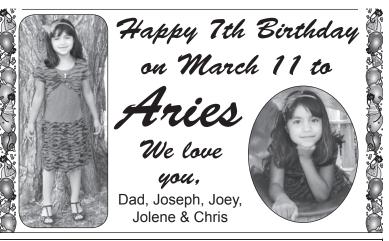


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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

DCP Midstream, LP has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for an amendment to Air Quality Permit No. 18643, which would authorize modification to the Ozona Gas Processing Plant located at 372 State Highway 163 South, Ozona, Crockett County, Texas 76943. Additional information concerning this application is contained in the public notice section of this newspaper.

OHS One Act Play hosting March 21 **Dinner Theatre**

Ozona High School will host a Dinner Theatre featuring their 2011 UIL One Act Play entry "Flowers for Algernon" at 6 p.m. March 21 at the OHS Cafeteria and Auditorium.

A Spaghetti Dinner with salad, breadsticks, tea and cheesecake will be served.

Tickets are available from any of the UIL OAP students or you can come by the Ozona High School office to purchase your tickets. Tickets are \$10 each.

For more information, call Dottie De Leon at 392-5501 ext. 5711 or email dottie.deleon@ozonaschools.net.

Stribling Art Extravaganza to benefit West Texas Rehab

BY DEE LACKEY WEST TEXAS REHAB

270 Approximately works of original art by local and area artists will be showcased at the 12th annual Stribling Art Extravaganza March 25-27 at historic Fort Concho in San Angelo.

The event benefits West Texas Rehabilitation Center. Ben and Beverly Stribling

are underwriting the show and sale which features the talents of current and former residents of San Angelo and the Concho Valley. Additional funding also is provided by Travis and Kam Stribling.

More than 150 artists' works - ranging from oils, acrylics and watercolors to bronzes, metal, ceramics, wood and stone - will be displayed and for sale.

Also, artwork by San Angelo artists Hugh Camp-

bell, Jeff Moxham and Julie Raymond will be featured in a silent auction during the weekend event.

Location for the show is at Fort Concho's Commissary, Quartermaster and Barracks 6 buildings, located off South Oakes Street. Hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, March 25 and Saturday, March 26 and noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday, March 27. Admission is free and open to the public.

The Young Artists' Display, sponsored by Jud Gray and exhibited in Barracks 6, will feature the works of local and area high school students, thus providing young people an opportunity to experience public recognition of their talents. Also this year, in addition to regular mediums, animation art will be on display.

"We are honored to be

part of this great community event," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland, "and proud to continue offering a venue for the public to see the tremendous amount of artistic talent in the region, and also provide a means of support for West Texas Rehab Center."

Since 1953, West Texas Rehab Center's mission has been to improve the quality of life for every disabled child and adult who seek its services, regardless of their financial circumstance.

A private, non-profit organization, WTRC has outpatient rehabilitation facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

More information is available by calling WTRC-San Angelo at 223-6300 or by visiting the Web sites, WestTexasRehab.org or striblingart.org.

dents."

SCHOOL: from page 1

Teacher Nikki Harrison said health at the middle school would be an easy cut because the state no longer mandates it to be a required course.

Positions from teaching assistants, to a halfday pre-kindergarten, college readiness and teachers on probationary contracts were also mentioned.

"I don't doubt a single program is good. Staff is the way to cut costs that is where most of the expenses are," said OHS Principal Benny Granger. "Those are hard decisions to make. If there is an opportunity to use that person somewhere else, we need to look at that.'

OHS Counselor Carol Stevens said that the district needs to be careful and balance appropriately.

"If a program is not staffed appropriately then it is not a successful program," she said. "It's very important we maintain academic standing and we are a quality school for our stu-

duBois said that an incentive package offer to teachers is something that might be looked at and presented to the school board.

He said he would prefer to offer teachers incentives to resign before having to do a reduction in force, which is a very specific policy on unloading staff in a school district.

Also, during the meeting duBois presented a slide that showed Ozona Schools is operating with 10 more staff members this year than 10 years ago but with 165 less students.

"We can sit here and nickel and dime strategies all day long, but it doesn't solve anything. Nothing impacts like staffing," duBois said.

Many school districts, including Sonora, have already offered incentives or cut positions.

CCCCSD has an April 8 deadline to notify term-contract employees if they are going to be rehired. Personnel on probationary contracts fall under a different category because the district does not have to rehire

them, nor are they eligible for an incentive package.

Payroll for probationary contracts is currently around \$1.3 million.

"If we offer an incentive we will know pretty quick who all will leave," he said. "Nobody wants to see people go away.'

Final numbers from the state won't be ready until around June or July. duBois said the district can't pass a deficit budget.

"Seven people have to decide. They have to approve a budget I put in front of them," duBois said, referring to the school board. "I can't think of anything we are really doing in this district that is really extravagant. I don't believe it is good stewardship or service to the children to cut a program to the bare bones.

More information sessions are possible with district staff and personnel, duBois said.

The superintendent encouraged everyone to call, write and e-mail State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, and State Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS OFFICE OF GENERAL COUNSEL

OIL AND GAS DOCKET NO. 7C-0269519

Austin, Texas March 8, 2011 IN RE: CONSERVATION AND PREVENTION OF WASTE OF CRUDE PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF SUNDOWN ENERGY LP FOR UNITIZATION AND SECONDARY RECOVERY AUTHORITY FOR ITS SHANNON WATERFLOOD UNIT SHANNON (SAN ANDRES) FIELD CROCKETT COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C of the Texas Natural Resources Code. Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX, GOV'T CODE ANN, art, §§ 2001 et seg. (2011), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on APRIL 15, 2011, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOV'T CODE ANN. §§ 2001 et seq. (2011). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately

prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date. This hearing will be held to consider the application of Sundown Energy LP for Unitization and Secondary Recovery authority for its Shannon Waterflood Unit, Shannon (San Andres) Field, Crockett County, Texas. Applicant states that the Unit Agreement for the proposed unit has been approved by at least 85% of the working interest owners and at least 65% of the royalty interest owners in and under the proposed 2199.03 acre unit. A copy of the plat filed by the applicant with its application is attached to this notice for reference purposes.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, George Neale, at (512) 477-1976. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848. IF A CONTINUATION IS NECESSARY, this hearing will proceed at the William B. Travis State Office Building, Austin, Texas, and, to the extent possible, on subsequent working days. The room number and exact time of the continuation will be announced on the record in this proceeding and recorded with Docket

Services, Office of General Counsel, Railroad Commission of Texas. PURSUANT TO SAID HEARING, the Commission will enter such rules, regulations, and orders as in its judgment the evidence presented may justify. ANY REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT of this hearing must be received no later than five (5) working days prior to the scheduled date shown above. Copies

of such request must be forwarded to all parties shown on the service list. TO APPEAR IN SUPPORT OF OR IN OPPOSITION TO THIS PROCEEDING, a party other than the applicant must file with Docket Services, Office of General Counsel, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. A copy of the notice of intent to appear should be served on the applicant and any other

IF ANY PARTY DESIRES A WRITTEN TRAN-SCRIPT of the hearing by a Court Reporter, that party should notify Docket Services at (512) 463-6848, at least five (5) working days in advance of the hearing date. If a written transcript is requested, the Commission may assess the cost of the transcript to one or more parties. Unless any party requests a written transcript,

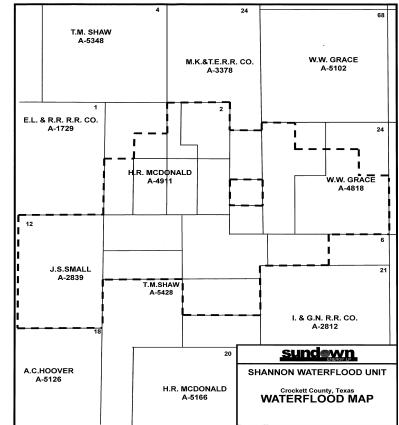
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the record will be made by audio recording. ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY who needs auxiliary aids and services in order to have an equal opportunity to effectively communicate and participate in this hearing must request such aids or services at least two weeks prior to the scheduled hearing by notifying the Personnel office of the Railroad Commission of Texas by mail at P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, or by telephone at (512) 463-7327 or TDD No. (512) 463-7284.

ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RE-CORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before the Commission, a copy of such exhibit properly identified shall be submitted for this record.

THE APPLICANT MUST review this notice and the attached service list for accuracy and completeness. The applicant shall immediately notify Docket Services, Office of General Counsel of any discrepancy or omission

THIS HEARING REQUIRES NOTICE BY PUB-



Rancher's Workshop March 25

The Crockett, Middle Concho, North Concho River, Edwards Plateau, Eldorado-Divide and Tom Green Soil & Water Conservation Districts (SWCD) are partnering up with local landowners, Angelo State University (ASU), Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative (GLCI) and the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to host the second annual "Rancher's Workshop."

The event is scheduled for Friday, March 25, at the Big Lake Community Center in Big

Lunch will be catered by Kenny Blanek's Village Café. Continuing Education Credits (CEU) will be offered for participants, registration will begin at 8 a.m., with the first speaker starting the day at 8:45 a.m. and concluding at 2:30 p.m.

Dr. Gary Vannoy, D.V.M., from Ozona, will cover livestock diseases common to the area; Dr. Rick Machen, AgriLife Research and Extension livestock specialist, will provide vaccinating schedules and results; Dr. Cody Scott, with Angelo State University will cover range animal nutrition and protein/mineral supplementation; and representatives from Boehringher-Ingelheim Texas Vet Lab, Inc. will be covering pharmaceutical improvements and available products.

During the event Stay Tuff Fencing, Yellowhouse Machinery Company and Priefert Ranch Equipment will offer on-site live demonstrations of new innovations to the livestock and equipment industry.

Corey Owens, instructor/ research associate with the ASU Department of Agriculture will have graduate students on hand to display their rangeland research projects. Both students and speakers will be available to answer questions about their respective research projects and presentations.

For more information and/ or to RSVP for the workshop, contact the Middle Concho SWCD at (325) 884-2182 ext.3.

Nutrition/Food Pantry program March 18 The Nutrition/Food Pan- ly. Recipes will be given.

try program will be held Friday, March 18, beginning interested persons. Howat 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wise-

The class is open to all ever, in order to receive a food box, you must preregister.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

Lunch and Learn program March 30

gram of the Ozona United Methodist Church is beginning a new monthly health education program.

Lunch and Learn will be held during the noon hour and various topics on how to reduce your chance of illness or how to better manage the health problems you may have will be discussed.

The Wesley Nurse Pro- A light lunch will be served. This month's Lunch and

Learn will be held beginning at noon on Wednesday, March 30. The topic will be on the

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Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton issues appeal to citizens in fight against crime

SHERIFF ROY GLENN SUTTON SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS

Responding to the increased number of citizens wanting to assist law enforcement officials and build a stronger partnership in the fight against crime, Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton today announced that Crockett County Citizens are being invited to become Associate Members of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas.

Membership invitations will go out in the mail over the next several weeks.

Associate Member funding allows the Sheriffs' Association of Texas to provide critical training, technical resources, and legislative support on key criminal justice issues to law enforcement officers across the state.

In addition, dues will be used to support crime prevention and awareness programs, promote public safety, fight drug abuse, provide additional training for sheriffs and theirdeputies, and provide scholarships for children of law enforcement officers.

Contributions to the Sheriffs' Association of Texas are tax-deductible.

The Associate Membership Drive helps provide the funding which is vital to our mission of making our communities safer places to live, work and play," said Sheriff Sutton.

The Associate Membership Program was created to provide

citizens with an opportunity to lend their support to more effective law enforcement and to better help local Sheriffs protect the lives and property of

"During these economic times, the need for building stronger public-private law enforcement partnerships continues to escalate, and programs such as this continue to grow in importance," said Sheriff Sutton. "I encourage every citizen receiving a membership appeal to consider joining forces with us by becoming an Associate Member. It is a valuable investment in our future."

Citizens not receiving a membership appeal or desiring more information can contact the Sheriffs' Association of Texas at: 1601 S. IH-35, Austin, Texas 78741 or visit www.txsheriffs.org.

Founded in 1874, the Sheriffs' Association of Texas is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit professional and educational organization dedicated to the preservation of peace and the protection of the lives and property of the citizens of Texas. Mr. Steve M. Westbrook serves as the Executive Director. Headquarters are located in Austin, Texas. The Sheriffs' Association of Texas does not make solicitations by telephone. If you receive a phone call from someone who uses the Sheriffs' Association of Texas name, please report it to your local Sheriff or County/ District Attorney.

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One Republican voted in opposition on the final vote. Freshman state Rep. Sarah Davis of Houston published a news release explaining, "To me, the issue at stake was not about abortion, but about the role of government in our personal lives. ... Although I fully support informed consent, I do not support the Legislature practicing medicine. Conservative legislators have been united against the expanding role of government, and I remain true to that principle.'

The state Senate passed a similar sonogram bill, SB 16, in mid-February.

CURRENT, FORMER LAWMAKERS EYE RRC

In January, when Texas Railseek another term in office.

plicant to fill Williams' unexpired term, and so did former state Sen. Kim Brimer, R-Fort Worth.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Brimer also is seeking appointment as state insurance commissioner to replace Mike Geeslin who has asked to not be reappointed.

BAIL BONDS

 Michael Sterns, Lago Vista, Texas, possession of marijuana, felony, \$10,000.

Brenda Carol Carter, Odessa, aggravated assault causing bodily injury, felony, \$10,000.

· Franklin Phillip Waldron,

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS Odessa, driving while license invalid with previous convictions, misdemeanor.

> Billy Trevino, Odessa, motion to revoke probation, felony, \$5,000. · Leslie Jeannette Zaragoza,

El Paso, assault causing bodily injury, misdemeanor, \$3,200.





road Commissioner Michael Williams announced his resignation to run for the U.S. Senate, the door opened for a replacement. Williams announced his bid for the Senate when Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said she would not

Current state Rep. Warren Chisum. R-Pampa, filed as an ap-

DPS discourages Spring Break travel to Mexico

BY TELA MANGE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

The Texas Department of Public Safety is urging Spring Breakers to avoid traveling to Mexico because of continued violence-and reminding boaters to stay on the U.S. side of Falcon Lake.

Falcon Lake has been the scene of several robberies and a U.S. citizen's murder, and DPS is again warning boaters to steer clear of the Mexican side of the lake. Cartel activity remains high in that area.

"While drug cartel violence is most severe in northern Mexico, it is prominent in other parts of the country as well," said DPS Director Steven C. McCraw. "Various crime problems also exist in many popular resort areas, such as Acapulco and Cancun, and crimes against U.S citizens often go unpunished."

So far this year, an ICE agent was killed and another injured in a suspected ambush near San Luis Potosi February 15. Two El Paso teens were gunned down February 5 in Ciudad Juarez. In January, a Texas missionary was shot in the head when she and her husband ran an illegal road block in Nuevo Leon.

In addition to U.S citizens killed so far this year, preliminary figures show as many as 65 Americans were killed in Mexico in 2010. Kidnapping, sexual assault,

robbery and carjacking also are threats in parts of Mexico. Suspects have not been prosecuted in many of the cases. Meanwhile, more than 30,000 Mexican citizens have died in drug-related violence since 2006, and the violence shows no signs of abating

"Drug violence has not discriminated-innocent bystanders and people who may have been in the wrong place at the wrong time are among the casualties. Underestimating the violence in Mexico would be a mistake for parents and students," said McCraw. "Our safety message is simple: avoid traveling to Mexico during Spring Break and stay alive.

DPS acknowledges that many travel to Mexico without incident, but the risks cannot be ignored. Travelers are encouraged to carefully research any planned trips.

Travelers should always check the U.S. State Department website for the most up-to-date information related to security issues in Mexico. (See http://travel. state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/ cis/cis_970.html or http:// mexico.usembassy.gov/eng/ eacs_MexicoSecurityUpdate. html.)

U.S. citizens living or traveling in Mexico are urged to register with the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate through their website at https://travelregistration. state.gov/ibrs/ui/.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

FEB. 27-28

Correction on Grass fires off of County Road 205 and U.S. Hwy 190. Estimated 30,000 acres and Sonora Fire Department also responded.

FEB. 28 · 9:38 p.m. - motor vehicle accident, 341 mile-marker westbound I-10. Traffic control. Two units, three firefighters. Time in service 38 min-

MARCH 1

· 7:45 a.m. - motor vehicle accident, 20 miles north on State Highway 137. One vehicle rollover, traffic control. Two units, three firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 5 minutes. MARCH 1

· 1:59 p.m. - Possible rekindle one mile east U.S. Hwy 190. Small fire inside the blade cut, 1 acre. Two units, five firefighters. Time in service 1

hour 38 minutes. MARCH 3 4:12 p.m. - Investigation possible grass fire, northwest of State Hwy 163 and US Hwy

190. Unit dispatched was un-

able to see any smoke from

the location. A unit with three firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 10 minutes. MARCH 4

9:33 a.m. - Assist EMS with

landing zone. Two units, three firefighters. Time in Service 1 hour 10 minutes. MARCH 5

 $\cdot~8{:}42~p.m.$ - motor vehicle accident (fatal) six miles east of Iraan on U.S. Hwy 190. Requested by Iraan FD to assist locating the accident and removal of deceased from canyon. Two units, four firefighters, Iraan two units and five firefighters, Pecos County EMS and Sheffield two units, four firefighters. Time in service 3 hours 58 minutes.

MARCH 6

· 2:18 p.m. - Grass fire, milemarker 328 south side I-10. Unable to locate. Three units, six firefighters, Sheffield two units, four firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 20 minutes.

· 2:18 p.m. - Grass fire milemarker 358 in center median of I-10, 0.1 acre. A unit with two firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 20 minutes.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

FEB. 24

·911 call - Transport and treatment Shannon Medical Center

·911 call - Transport and treatment Family Health Clinic

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FEB. 25

·Emergency transfer -Transport and treatment San Antonio

and treatment Shannon Medical Center

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FEB. 28 · 911 call - Transport and treatment Family Health

FEB. 26

· 911 call - Transport

· 911 call - Transport and treatment Family Health Clinic

· 911 call - No treatment, no transport

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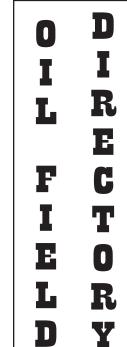
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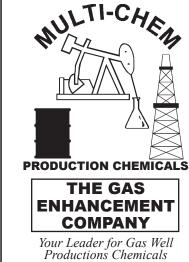
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PUBLIC NOTICES TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY



NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF APPLICATION AND INTENT TO OBTAIN AIR PERMIT AIR QUALITY PERMIT NUMBER 18643

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

After the final deadline for public comments following the Notice of Application and Preliminary Decision, the executive director will consider the comments and prepare a response to all relevant and material, or significant public comments. If comments are received, the response to comments, along with the executive director's decision on the application, will then be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments or is on a mailing list for this application.

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

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

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

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

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

Further information may also be obtained from DCP Midstream, LP, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 400W, Midland, Texas 79705-4528 or by calling Mr. Doug Lowrie, Senior Environmental Specialist at (432) 620-5419. Notice Issuance Date: December 7, 2010

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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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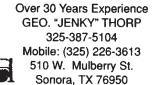
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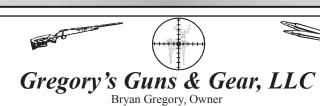
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