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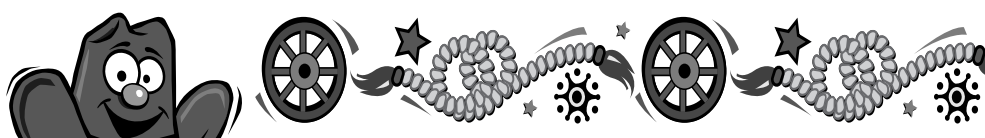
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## Texas Public School Week



**OZONA SCHOOLS CELEBRATED TEXAS PUBLIC SCHOOL WEEK** last week with open houses at the middle and elementary campuses, breakfast with moms, dads and grandparents and Read Across America.

## Public meeting today about Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan

BY KATHY WYTHE  
TEXAS WATER RESOURCES INSTITUTE

FORT STOCKTON - The Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan is now being implemented, and those involved want to remind landowners of the voluntarily projects and programs in which they are encouraged to participate.

Two public meetings meant to update landowners are planned for today, March 16. All the meetings will cover the same information, according to Gary Bryant, Texas AgriLife Extension Service Pecos River watershed coordinator at Fort Stockton.

The dates, times and places will be:

- March 16, 9-11 a.m., Community Center, Iraan.
- March 16, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Texas AgriLife Extension Service office, Ozona.

"The watershed protection plan is the culmination of the Pecos River Basin Assessment Program," said Bryant. "Implementing the watershed plan is now the primary objective of the program, and local involvement continues to be critical to its success."

Bryant said the informational meetings will cover activities already accomplished, what landowner assistance

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## County officials visit Austin

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A visit to Austin proved to be an eye-opening experience for local county officials last week.

The Crockett County Commissioners and County Judge Fred Deaton, along with Sandra Childress, visited with State Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio and State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, for Crockett County at the state capitol.

During the visit, the county officials watched the house and senate floor where they were recognized and resolutions in both passed declaring Crockett County Day.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said watching the legislature work in the house and the senate surprised him.

"I was displeased on how they handled their sessions. Nobody was paying attention to what people were saying. People were talking on their phones or texting while business was being conducted. I was really displeased. It bothered me a lot," Tambunga said.



**CROCKETT COUNTY OFFICIALS** visited Austin last week to meet with State Sen. Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, and State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville. Pictured are: (front, left to right) Commissioner Frank Tambunga, Uresti, Sandra Childress and Commissioner Eligio Martinez. Back row: (left to right) Commissioner Randy Branch, County Judge Fred Deaton and Commissioner Pleas Childress III.

Deaton said the officials talked with Uresti and Hilderbran about issues of interest to the county, including submitting copies of all the resolutions the commissioners have recently

passed. These resolutions include asking State Comptroller Susan Combs to use real oil and gas numbers in estimating property tax values.

The bill would fix a rule imposed by the comptroller's office following the

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## Commissioners discuss animal control

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The issue of animal control once again was discussed during Monday's regular commissioners' court meeting.

During his report, new County Road Supervisor Jeffery Stuart asked the commissioners about when the road department oversees the animal control and when the sheriff's office takes over.

County Judge Fred Deaton said animal control has been an evolving issue.

Petra Hernandez, the animal control officer, is employed under the road department. From 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, the road department handles animal control issues; unless the animal is dangerous then the sheriff's office assists.

After hours and on weekends, the sheriff's office takes over handling animal control issues.

"This is what we agreed upon to do with the sheriff

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and the road department in commissioners' court," Deaton said. "If someone calls during the regular hours, and it's a situation that you don't feel comfortable with, then call the sheriff's department. They don't mind handling those issues. They'll work with you."

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said that in past commissioners' court meetings, sheriff's officials have stated they will handle dangerous or threatening animal calls.

"If someone just calls to have an animal picked up, the sheriff's department won't do it. I know," Tambunga said. "Right now, the sheriff wants that position and that truck back under his department."

The animal control truck belongs to the road department.

Sheriff Roy Glenn Sut-

ton was not able to attend the meeting Monday due to being out of town.

Stuart said picking up animals is no problem for the road department.

Also, Stuart said he plans on visiting with Sutton and also would like to have one or two more road department employees trained in animal control for when Hernandez is serving as bailiff in district court.

An ad with information and phone numbers about animal control will also be placed once a month in The Ozona Stockman.

"What we want to do is to have the very best animal control for the people. Believe it or not everybody does work together," Deaton said.

**RAISES and BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Also during the road department report, Stuart mentioned to the commissioners that Assistant Road Supervisor Ruben Mendez

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**Triple C HARDWARE & LUMBER INC.**

**LADY LIONS SOFTBALL VS. BALLINGER AND LIONS BASEBALL VS. HARPER FRIDAY IN OZONA**

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## Spiking gas prices hurting our economic recovery

Across the nation, gas prices are on the rise again. In fact, they are approaching levels not seen since 2008, when gas prices reached record levels. I know this is unwelcome news to families throughout the 23rd District, with many already struggling to pay their mortgage, health care premiums, or send their kids to college. Rising gas prices will force many American families to re-evaluate spending priorities in their family budget. Unfortunately it is not just

family budgets that are being pinched by the spike in gas prices, but it is also small businesses across Texas who have been forced into hiring freezes and budget cuts. This sudden and dramatic rise in the price of gas, according to U.S. News a jump of



**GREETINGS FROM WASHINGTON**  
FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO

more than \$0.50 per gallon since the beginning of 2011, further harms their ability to hire new workers and get our economy back on track. Rising gas prices not only impact the family budget and American small businesses, they also highlight the importance of producing more energy in America. As a nation, we are dependent on foreign sources of energy. This dependence leaves us vulnerable to

events around the globe, like the unrest the Middle East is currently experiencing. High gas prices could derail our economic recovery and plunge the economy back into recession. To wear our nation off of our dependence on foreign sources of energy and make ourselves energy independent, we need an all-the-above strategy that focuses on producing more American energy, whether that is oil and gas, nuclear, renewable, or any other source of

energy. That is why I have co-sponsored A Roadmap for America's Energy Future (H.R. 909). To achieve energy independence, this legislation facilitates and incentivizes greater production of all forms of American energy. Regarding this legislation, the Wall Street Journal has said, "It's a bill designed to produce energy, not restrict it. It returns government to the role of energy facilitator, not energy boss. It costs nothing and contains no freebies."

High gas prices and out-of-control Washington spending threaten the family budget, they threaten job creation and also pose a threat to our economic security. If we want to remove the threat to our economy, we must remove our dependence on foreign sources of energy here in America, and stop the out-of-control spending in Washington.

CONGRESSMAN CANSECO represents the 23rd District of Texas. Contact him at: <http://canseco.house.gov>

## Keep the Sunshine On: Don't change public-notice rules for government

There is a galaxy of mandates that state law places on local governments, based on common sense. One is a section requiring open records and open government. That makes it a crime for city council or school board members to do the public's business in back halls or over the phone.

The prevailing rationale is shining the light of day, to the greatest degree possible, on decisions that have an impact on the public.

That principle is not upheld, unfortunately, in several bills filed in Austin this year that would shift legal notices away from newspaper publishing and onto government websites.

Local governments — counties, cities and school boards — are now required to take out legal notices for certain bids, purchases and meetings. It's the established, reliable way to assure wide distribution to both citizens and to potential bidders that want a piece of business with local government.

Substituting some or all of those legally required notices with self-published government notices weakens public access and opens the door to mischief.

A local government's notice to bidders involves big contracts paid out of the public till, and government shouldn't be self-publishing for that business on their own websites. A third, independent party assures an arm's-length relationship with a verifiable, permanent record of the notice.

Current publication requirements guarantee a broad spectrum of readership, well beyond internet users who may visit an agency's website. Notices in daily newspapers are typically published online as well, multiplying the number of potential readers. The number of visitors to a government website is dwarfed by total daily newspaper and online newspaper readership.

In addition, the Texas Daily Newspaper Association and Texas Press Association maintain a website — [texaslegalnotices.com](http://texaslegalnotices.com) — that benefits potential bidders. The site provides a searchable database of current foreclosure, meeting and business notices taken out in newspapers. Local governments are free



**GUEST EDITORIAL**

RODGER JONES

to post those notices on their websites as well, for the sake of even wider distribution. Some do that now, and they should be commended for keeping information as accessible as possible. Scaling back

that level of access is not in keeping with the same spirit.

The author of one bill (HB 1668), Rep. Linda Harper-Brown, R-Irving, said she filed it in response to requests from local school administrators and teachers who are looking to trim operating costs and potentially save jobs. We respect the motivation, but the legislation could defeat that goal by crimping the number and quality of bids. Taxpayers might not be pleased with that turn of events.

Today's public-notice laws have worked well to keep government dealings out in the open. Weakening that effort would be an experiment with too high a threat of backfire.

### PUBLIC-NOTICE BILLS

• HB 507, authors Angie Chen Button, R-Garland, and Diane Patrick, R-Arlington — Would allow school districts, cities and counties to self-publish, on their internet sites, a portion of legally required public notices, as opposed to the current requirement of two newspaper notices

• HB 1668, author Linda Harper-Brown, R-Irving — Would allow school districts to self-publish all public notices, on their internet sites, with no requirement of newspaper notices

• HB 1082, author Hubert Vo, D-Houston — Would allow smaller school districts to self-publish, on their internet sites, all public notices if no newspaper is published in the district

• HB 1833, author Mark M. Shelton, R-Fort Worth — Would drop the requirement of newspaper publication for certain notices of hearings and meetings by school board members

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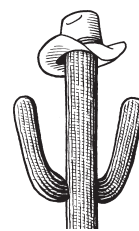
I just finished reading a book about stagecoaches and was amazed at how difficult it was to get from one end of the country to the other in one of these contraptions. Stories of cramped seating, terrible food (when it was available), long delays and being held up for all your money filled every page. Then it dawned on me, doesn't that sound like air travel today?

In many ways traveling by stagecoach seems preferable to flying commercial airlines. At least back then you didn't have to be groped by men in plastic gloves prior to takeoff. You didn't have to watch bad movies or lose your luggage either. And you got the same kind of service: exactly none! And I'd imagine if you were headed for a crash it was easier to stop a team of horses than a jet headed down faster than Los Angeles real estate prices.

In 1913 the trip from St. Joe to California took three weeks by stagecoach, granted that's slower than a jet but I'd rather do that than be stranded on the tarmac for six and eight hours with nothing to eat in a plane that smelled like a septic tank. At least on the stagecoach you could get out and stretch your legs. If you were to experience "mechanical problems wouldn't you rather it be the harness on a horse as opposed to the loss of a couple engines that are keeping your pressurized aluminum coffin airborne? And wouldn't you rather be held up by Black Bart the unarmed poet than have your plane flown into a building by a terrorist?

They say you could buy a Concorde stagecoach for \$1,200 to \$1,500 a hundred

## Flying Coach



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

years ago, which is about what a typical airline ticket costs if you have to change it at the last minute.

Mark Twain called the stagecoach "a great swinging and swaying thing." If that doesn't describe air travel I don't know what does. On the Concorde stagecoach 13 cow hides were used to make the suspension, and the seats were upholstered in the finest leather. They also DID NOT do double duty as "flotation devices."

Granted, both the stagecoach and the jet feel like you're riding a bucking horse and you felt beaten up like an empty pinata when you got off, but at least there was a good chance your luggage got there when you did.

In the book I read about stagecoaches there was a reprint of an article published in the Omaha Herald in 1877 called "Stagecoach Etiquette." We are in dire need of a similar article today on Airline Etiquette. One of the rules was: "Spit on the leeward side of the coach. If you have anything to take in a bottle pass it around; a man who drinks by himself in such a case is lost to all human feeling." See what I mean? Wouldn't that be better than five dollar drinks?

"Don't swear, nor lop over on your neighbor when sleeping," read the rules. To

which I would add, especially if you weigh over 300 pounds and are wearing a sweaty tank top. I would also like to see the matter cleared up regarding use of the arm rest if you are sitting in the middle seat. And while we're on the topic, there should be no switching of seats! I'm not giving up my aisle seat just so you can sit and argue with your girlfriend.

The Concorde Stage held nine passengers but you could put another seven on the roof. (Try doing that on a Boeing 737!) It also said that the best seat was the one furthest up, the one next to the driver. I suppose that's how First Class seating got started in airplanes. But the way I figure it, you're going to hit the ground first when we crash.

If the horses ran away with a stagecoach, nine times out of ten you'd get hurt if you jumped off, but I guarantee that you'll be hurt ten times out of ten getting off an airliner while it's moving at full speed. Another rule of the stagecoach was that if the driver asked you to get off and walk, you did it. If that happens on a commercial jet I'd recommend you NOT do it. Instead, I'd lock myself in the lavatory the rest of the trip to keep from getting off. The pilot won't find you there to ask you to leave, and you'll have a lot more leg room than in coach.

Yes, there is much in common with riding on a jet and a stagecoach as illustrated by the last rule of Stagecoach Etiquette: "Don't imagine for a moment you are going on a picnic; expect annoyance, discomfort and some hardships." [www.LeePittsbooks.com](http://www.LeePittsbooks.com)

## Pain of proposed education cuts draws crowd

AUSTIN — An estimated 12,000 people from across Texas took part in a Saturday, March 12, rally at the state Capitol to express their feelings about proposed cuts to education.

At issue are proposals aired in daily hearings of House Appropriations and Senate Finance committees that point toward the budgetary goal of cutting as much as \$10 billion from public education funding.

In addition, billions more in cuts would be needed to satisfy the state constitutional mandate for a balanced budget.

Of course, lawmakers also hear daily from constituents that the pain of cutting health and human services, law enforcement, roads and infrastructure and a long list of other state functions is too much to bear.

Deliberations continue, but still, no cuts have been voted upon that would make a serious dent in the \$27 billion projected revenue deficit for budget years 2012-2013. Where else can lawmakers turn their attention to solve the puzzle?

### STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS

#### SOME SAY IT'S RAINING RIGHT NOW

One idea gaining momentum among taxpayers, lawmakers, other state officials, and even school children too young to vote, is to use part if not all of the state's \$8 billion Economic Stabilization ("rainy day") Fund.

Gov. Rick Perry says it's not a rainy day and he wants lawmakers to write a balanced budget without touching it.

However, to address the revenue deficit in the current budget year, House Appropriations Chair Jim Pitts, R-Waxahachie, has filed House Bill 275. The bill would tap into the rainy day fund to the tune of \$4.27 billion. Discussed by an Appropriations panel on March 10, HB 275 was left pending but may come up for a vote soon.

#### ANOTHER IDEA: UNPAID FURLOUGHS

Texas might pick up on a tactic other states have used to regroup in the face of budget shortfalls: that is to cut the state payroll. The way is to pass a law that

— instead of ordering massive layoffs — just allows agency heads to send some workers home without pay for a few weeks when necessary.

Now it so happens that Chairman Pitts has filed HB 2720, relating to unpaid furloughs for state employees.

Under Pitts' bill, a state employee who is on unpaid furlough continues to accrue:

- (1) state service credit for purposes of longevity pay;
- (2) vacation leave; and
- (3) sick leave.

If the unpaid furlough exceeds one month the employee may continue to accrue service credit toward state retirement.

How much money the state might save if large numbers of employees are furloughed without pay for a month just begs another question: How well could vital services be sustained on the backs of a reduced workforce?

March 11, the 60th day of the 82nd session of the Texas Legislature, was the deadline for lawmakers to file major state

legislation. The last day of the 140-day session is May 30.

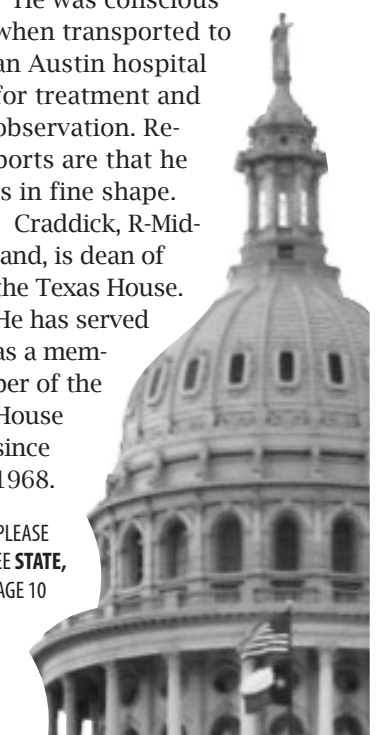
#### MIDLAND REP FINE AFTER EMERGENCY

Former House Speaker Tom Craddick collapsed in a committee hearing at the Capitol on March 9.

He was conscious when transported to an Austin hospital for treatment and observation. Reports are that he is in fine shape.

Craddick, R-Midland, is dean of the Texas House. He has served as a member of the House since 1968.

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**COWBOY DAY** was held last week at Ozona Elementary School! Here Pre-K students learn about horses from First Grade Teacher Jessica Luckie (left) and Rancher Art Roane.

### Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, March 18, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. Recipes will be given.

The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

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

### Lunch and Learn program March 30

The Wesley Nurse Program 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.

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 health benefits of fiber and how to increase the fiber in your diet.

For more information and to RSVP, call EA Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### 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.
- Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan meeting, 1:30 p.m. at the Texas AgriLife Extension Office.

#### Thursday, March 17

- St. Patrick's Day
- Basketball Camp, 8 a.m.-noon at the First Baptist Church.
- Canasta at the Senior Center.

#### Friday, March 18

- Basketball Camp, 8 a.m.-noon at the First Baptist Church.
- Nutrition/Food Pantry, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Ballinger, 11 a.m. at the softball field.
- Lions Baseball vs. Harper, 1 p.m. at the baseball field.

#### Saturday, March 19

- Lions Baseball vs. Junction, noon at the baseball field.
- Benefit Tardeada for Diana Sanchez-Lewis, 2 p.m. at the Rodeo Slab.

#### Sunday, March 20

- Spring Begins.

#### Monday, March 21

- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Parent Academic Math Night, 6 p.m. at Ozona Middle School.
- OHS One Act Play Dinner Theatre, 6 p.m. at the high school.
- Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

#### Tuesday, March 22

- JV OHS Tennis Team at Reagan County.
- Lions Golf at Big Lake.
- Dominos, 1 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. Sonora, 4 p.m. at Sonora.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at Sonora.
- Parent Academic Language Arts Night, 6 p.m. at Ozona Middle School.

#### Wednesday, March 23

- Lady Lions Golf at Big Lake.
- OHS One Act Play competes at district in Sonora.
- 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.
- CCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

### Happy Birthday

**March 16** - Wilton Russell and Rene De La Rosa

**March 17** - Tom Morrow, Larry Allen, Angela Damian, Alex Samarripa, Ruth Hester, Zelma Johnigan and Joe Don Moran

**March 18** - Linda Vitela, Marie Pierce, Breanne Hale, Susan Cantu and Lesley Mendoza

**March 19** - Mike Preddy, Kristin Bunger, Tiffany Esparza, Braxton Bauerlein, Dennis Newby, Vanessa Santiago and Jady N Poindexter

**March 20** - Cesar Villarreal

**March 21** - Heather Price, Leandra Benson and Mela Flores

**March 22** - Abel Rodriguez, Stella Rodriguez, Sebastian De La Garza, Joaquin R. Meza, Jeannine Fuller, Juan Villarreal, Alex Sanchez and Cynthia Bartley

**March 23** - Melissa Hubbard, Tres Perez, Cynthia Flores, Sabastian De La Cruz and Tyra Branch

## Shannon Medical Center receives advanced primary stroke center certification

BY LYNDDY STONE  
SHANNON MEDICAL CENTER

Shannon Medical Center recently received Advanced Primary Stroke Center certification from The Joint Commission making the hospital the only certified Primary Stroke Center in the Concho Valley.

As a Primary Stroke Center, Shannon is equipped with an integrated emergency response team, stroke-trained neurosurgeons, neurologists, and nursing staff, thrombolytic therapy (tPA), a Stroke Unit with an acute stroke program coordinator, inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation, CAT scan and MRI diagnostic testing, home health care and social services.

Stroke is the fourth leading cause of death and the number one cause of disability in the United States.

Few conditions occur as rapidly and with as destructive consequences as stroke; therefore, the most crucial factor of stroke treatment is to seek immediate medical care.

"After a stroke occurs, the goal is to reduce potentially devastating effects, prevent further damage to the brain, and decrease the medical and physical complications that can follow a stroke," said Gerald Creel, RN, BSN, CCRN, director of Shannon's Acute Stroke Unit, Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit and Emergency Department. "At Shannon, we're fully equipped to provide life-saving stroke treatment to patients 24/7."

The Joint Commission's certification for Primary Stroke Centers was developed in collaboration with the American Stroke Association. Certification is an important aspect in improving patient care and it reduces variation in clinical processes and provides a framework for clinical program structure and maintenance. Last year, Shannon also received recognition from the American Heart Association for utilizing the Get With the Guidelines-Stroke program.

"Our healthcare professionals' accurate diagnoses and prompt treatment ad-

dress the specialized needs of stroke patients," said Bryan Horner, CEO and President of Shannon Medical Center. "Shannon's Primary Stroke Center certification expresses our continued dedication to provide exceptional healthcare to our patients by implementing the highest standard of stroke care supported by nationally accepted, evidence-based standards and guidelines."

"This certification not only recognizes Shannon's ability to provide life-saving, emergency treatment, but also the fact that we are focused on educating the community," said Creel. "Our goal is that everyone will know the signs of a stroke and what to do if it happens to their loved one."

A page on Shannon's Web site, [www.shannon-health.org/stroke.aspx](http://www.shannon-health.org/stroke.aspx), is dedicated to information about stroke, warning signs and prevention.

Remember FAST: Face, Arm, Speech, Time and call 911 immediately if you or a loved one is experiencing any of these symptoms.

### March 19 benefit for Diana Sanchez-Lewis

A benefit Tardeada for Diana Sanchez-Lewis will be held Saturday, March 19, at the Rodeo Park Arena Slab.

The event will start at 2 p.m. and will feature music by DJ TKO.

Hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks, a cake walk, Wii Dance Challenge and Inflatable Jumpers will take place.

### OHS One Act Play Dinner Theatre Monday

Ozona High School will host a Dinner Theatre featuring their 2011 UIL One Act Play entry "Flowers for Algernon" at 6 p.m. Monday, 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 e-mail [dottedeleon@ozonaschools.net](mailto:dottedeleon@ozonaschools.net).

# Shotgun shoot seeking entries for May 14 event

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

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

Awards for top five

places in all divisions: High Point Over-All Individual Awards 4 Divisions - Junior, Intermediate, Senior 1 and Senior 2 Divisions.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and matches start at 9 a.m. Cut off for registration is 10 a.m. Concession Stand will be open.

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

Lunch will be available

for purchase. Proceeds to benefit Crockett County 4-H Shooting Sports Program.

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

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**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

**BY LYNN ENGLISH**  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

We find ourselves in the middle of March with most of all the cold weather behind us. Now, we are in need of a good rain so that our spring will not be dry. Now is the time to be praying for rain.

I spoke with Betty Hartley on Saturday. Bob is still recovering in the local care center. We do miss them so much here at the Senior Center.

There is good news for Mutt Carnes. He has misplaced a diamond ring that was a gift from his wife on their 50th wedding anniversary. Mutt reported that Nancy Vannoy found his ring and he was delighted about it.

We are in hopes Dee Keilers will be back here at the Senior Center for lunch. He has been out with a hip replacement. Keep getting better Dee

and get back here with us and head out to our bingo games on Tuesday.

All of the Crockett County Senior Center Board members attended our board meeting on Monday, March 7. Those who were here: President Veronica Fierro, Vice President JoAnn Babbitt, Secretary Susie Childress, Director Lynn English, Yolanda Flores, Nell Wester, Jim Couch, Alda De Hoyos, Ron Shott, and we welcomed new members Janet Pullen, Elma Buckner, Petra Hernandez and Dianne Lott.

Our Senior Bingo Social will be 6:30 p.m. Monday, March 21, at the Senior Center. We will serve "loaded baked potatoes" with lime Jello with fruit, topped with whipped cream, tea, coffee and water. Please plan to attend.

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.

**HELPING HANDS HIGHLIGHTS**

**BY MELINDA KAY MALONE**  
DIRECTOR

Happy St. Patrick's Day tomorrow! Begorrah, isn't it long the days are now since the time changed on March 13, leaving us to counting the hours until the end of the day?

As you will see in the menu, on March 17 we will have a sample of Irish food. We at Helping Hands send you a few Irish Blessings.

Here's one we hope brings you laughter: "May those who love us, love; and those who don't love us, may God turn their hearts; and if He doesn't turn their hearts, may He turn their ankles so we'll know them by their limping."

Here's one we hope brings you wisdom: "May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far."

Here's one we hope brings you peace: "May God give you...for every storm - a rainbow, for every tear

- a smile, for every care - a promise and a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends - a faithful friend to share, for every sigh - a sweet song and an answer for each prayer."

Volunteers needed for office tasks, kitchen tasks and delivering meals.

For more information on volunteering or qualifying for the meal programs, call (325) 392-5026, fax (325) 392-8006, e-mail hhozona163@yahoo.com, or come by to see us.

**MARCH 16**  
- Ham Divan with Broccoli, Red Potatoes, Mandarin Oranges, Wheat Roll, Chocolate Brownie, Milk

**MARCH 17**  
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- Irish Beef Stew, Old Eire Peas, Irish Begorrah Tapioca Pudding, Irish Bread, Glen of Imaal Cake, Milk

**MARCH 18**  
- Black Jack Burger, Crispy French Fries, Steamed Vegetables, Rosy Apple Slices, Milk

**MARCH 21**  
- Honey Mustard Chick-

en, Wild Rice, Zucchini and Tomatoes, Wheat Roll, Snickerdoodle Cookie, Milk

**MARCH 22**  
- Savor Pork Roast, Baked Sweet Potatoes, Cauliflower, Peas, Wheat Roll, Coconut Cake, Milk

**MARCH 23**  
- Meatloaf, Company Potatoes, Spinach, Fruit Cocktail, Wheat Roll, Chocolate Sheath Cake, Milk

**MARCH 24**  
- Tuna Noodle Casserole, California Vegetables, Sliced Peaches, Lemon Cake, Milk

**MARCH 25**  
- Egg Salad Sandwich, Beet Salad, Coleslaw, Pineapple Upside-down Cake, Milk

**MARCH 28**  
- Baked Ziti w/meat sauce, Italian Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges, Garlic Breadstick, Tiramisu Cake, Milk

**MARCH 29**  
- Chicken Enchiladas, Charro Beans, Tossed Salad, Praline Crunch Bar, Milk

**MARCH 30**  
- Baked Herb Fish, Wild Rice, Glazed Carrots, Pears, Wheat Roll, German Chocolate Cake, Milk

**OBITUARIES**

**Andres 'Andrew' Galindo**  
Jan. 28, 1949 - Feb. 24, 2011



Andrew Galindo left this earth to move on to a better place on Feb. 24, 2011. He is survived by his best friend and loving wife of 39 years, Leti, his pride and joy grandson, Andrew Sean Galindo, his two daughters and their husbands, Selena Newby and Dennis and Selma Metzger and Brad, all of Ozona. He also leaves behind granddaughters Jessica Newby, of Houston and Heidie Weddle and her husband Mike, of Ozona, and a great-grandson, Jonathan Paul Weddle of Fort Bragg, N.C.

Also surviving Andrew are all of his brother and sisters: Chalo and Aurora Galindo, Alonzo and Mary Galindo, Veva Vargas, Lucy Williams, Rosie and Oscar Ochoa, Nestor and Manuel Villarreal, all of Ozona, and Coy and Richard Garcia of Del Rio. Many loving nieces and nephews also survived this wonderful man. Andrew was preceded in death by his parents Eugenio and Soledad Galindo.

Services were Feb. 28 at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church followed with burial at Lima Cemetery.

*"When I am gone release me  
Let me go, I have so many things to see and do  
You mustn't tie yourself to me with tears  
Be happy that we had so many beautiful years  
I gave to you my love  
You can only guess how much you gave me in happiness  
I thank you for the love you each have shown  
But now it's time I travel alone  
So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must  
Then let your grief be comforted by my trust  
It's only for awhile that we must part  
So bless the memories within your heart  
I won't be far away, for life goes on  
So if you need me, call and I will come  
Though you can't see or touch me, I'll be near  
And if you listen within your heart you'll hear  
All my love around you soft and clear  
And then when you must come this way alone  
I'll greet you with a smile and say  
Welcome Home."*

**Card of Thanks**  
A very special thanks goes to the J.R. Bhakta family for making it so much easier for Andrew to get around at home. Thank you so very much.  
Leti, Andrew Sean, Selma and Selena

**Card of Thanks**  
We, the family of Andrew Galindo, would like to express our thanks to the entire community. The food, flowers, cards, posts and everything was and is very much a comfort. Our time of grief and sorrow was not ours alone, thank you all for sharing such wonderful memories. To the Guadalupanas, the meal was wonderful. Thank you so much. To Melinda Galindo, as you were grieving, you helped out so much. Thank you. We only say thanks to everyone else, lest we forget a name.  
Leti, Andrew Sean, Selena & Selma

**Card of Thanks**  
Dear Friends,  
It would have been impossible to get through the last few days without the love and support each of you has shown me. A sincere thank you from the bottom of my heart to each one who called, came by to give me a hug, or offered words of encouragement and to those who sent one of the beautiful floral arrangements. I especially thank Dr. Marcus Sims for always being there for Bobby and to all the Medway nurses who made his last days a little easier. I cannot begin to mention names because to do so, I would surely miss someone. You know who you are and I will forever remember and keep each of your sweet friendships in my heart. God bless each and everyone who has been there to love and support me.  
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**THE JIG SAW PUZZLE**

Usually during the holidays or spring break or when our family gets together my wife will get out a jigsaw puzzle and the family will work on it together. I am more of an observer than worker. It is interesting to watch how children and adults work on a puzzle. One of our children would either hide or throw out pieces if they could not get them to fit. Another child would try to force the pieces to make them fit. These two traits sure got them in trouble with their mother. Another scheme was to try and put sections of the puzzle where they did not belong. Watching them reminded me of something in the Bible. God's word the Bible is a lot like that jigsaw puzzle. Every piece is important and how we treat them will have big outcome in our lives now and a whole lot to do with where we spend eternity, (2 Timothy 3:16, Joshua 1:8). To ignore God's word altogether will cause us eternal suffering and separation from Him, (2 Chronicles 34:21). To force the Bible to make it say what we want will end in frustration and heartache in this life, (Matthew 15:6-9). Leaving out certain parts will never work because it has consequences, (Jeremiah 26:2-6). Oh, what a celebration when every piece of the puzzle is in place. See you in Church next Sunday.  
Brother J

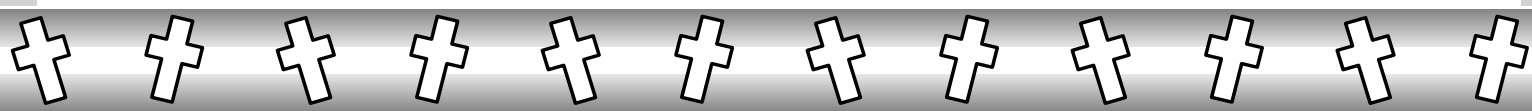
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# Hilderbran files bills promoting small business, freezing college tuition

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Promoting small business development, freezing college tuition and a way to cut some of the budget deficit were three bills filed last week by State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville.

The first bill would promote small business development in Texas by permanently extending the franchise tax exemption for companies that earn less than \$1 million a year, according to a press release from Hilderbran's office.

"This bill is about protecting small businesses, because they are responsible for creating the vast majority of new jobs in the state," Hilderbran said.

Nearly 40,000 small businesses across the state benefit from the exemption, which the Texas Legislature approved in 2009. However, the current exemption is set to expire in January 2012 for businesses earning more than \$600,000 a year, the release stated.

The U.S. Department of Commerce reported that, in 2010, Texas created more jobs than any other state in the nation, and that it achieved a job growth rate almost double that of any other top ten state. The Wall Street Journal credited the state's low taxes and employer-friendly environment with helping make Texas the "job creation capital" of the nation.

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

economic policies such as the franchise tax exemption for small businesses," Hilderbran said. "Establishing this exemption as one that is permanent will help keep Texas as the top."

As Texas faces a projected shortfall of \$15 billion to \$27 billion over the next two years, Hilderbran has introduced legislation that would bring in \$72 million without raising taxes.

House Bill 257 would accelerate the collections process on unclaimed property.

Currently, money orders revert back to the state if not claimed within seven years. Hilderbran's bill would cut that time down to three years.

Hilderbran, who serves as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, said his bill is one of several steps toward a balanced budget.

"I'm not going to let a tax bill come out of my committee. Period. That means we need to take a serious look at legislation that enhances

our revenue in other ways - strengthening audits, closing loopholes to address inequities in the tax code, and increasing tax penalties," Hilderbran said.

HB 257 was referred to the House Committee on Business and Industry.

Hilderbran has also filed a bill that would freeze public university tuition rates at their 2010-11 level, effectively repealing a law that allows public universities to set their own tuition rates.

In 2003, the Texas Legislature "deregulated" tuition, giving college governing boards the power to set their own tuition rates. Hilderbran, who led strong opposition to the 2003 measure, said that too many schools abused the power.

"Within six years, the average cost of tuition at Texas universities had increased 72 percent," Hilderbran said. "There are a lot of middle class Texans who don't make enough money to pay for college out of their pocket, but they make too much to qualify for government assistance like the Pell Grant. Skyrocketing tuition rates are pricing these families out of higher education."

According to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the average cost for tuition and fees increased from \$1,934 per semester in fall 2003 to \$3,323 per semester in fall 2009.

If passed, Hilderbran's bill would apply to tuition rates beginning with the fall 2011 semester.

# Staples has no plan to pull controversial website

BY JULIAN AGUILAR  
TEXAS TRIBUNE

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples has no plans to pull down a state-run website that allows border ranchers and farmers to document their daily struggles with drug cartels and undocumented immigrants. Instead, he called a news conference last week to promote the site and reiterate its necessity.

Launched two weeks ago, protectyourtexasborder.com has drawn the ire of some who oppose comments made on the site's message board, comments calling for armed vigilante groups, land mines and booby traps on farm and ranch lands near or on the border.

On March 9, state Sen. José Rodríguez, D-El Paso, asked Staples to pull the site, alleging it was fostering hate.

Staples said comments made by a few should not detract from the site's intent: to show the federal government the "war on drugs has evolved into a drug war against America."

"I am absolutely opposed to hate language of any kind and we have already taken steps to improve [the site]," he said at a news conference. Staples said he "hoped and prayed" the comments wouldn't be the public's focus and that instead the "outcry of the crimes against our farmers and ranchers would be elevated."

Since the site's initial launch last week, Staples' office has added a web page informing users that the department has the right to remove posts that contain hate speech and other derogatory remarks.

U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, said the site was nothing more than propaganda that portrayed rural Texas like "rural Afghanistan," and cited statistics indicating border communities in Texas are safer than most others, including Austin.

Staples instead pointed to an enhanced photograph of a truck riddled with bullets after recently coming under attack 26 miles from the South Texas border.

"If we have officials saying it's safe and that everything is all right, I think you need to say that to the driver of this truck," he said. "These drug criminals are terrorizing our farmers and ranchers."



**TODD STAPLES**

State Rep. Jose Aliseda, R-Beeville, a former member of the Board of Pardons and Paroles, said there is no doubt illegal aliens are coming across the border to do more than perform thankless jobs.

Of the estimated 152,000 inmates in state prisons, he said, 5,000 to 7,000 are illegal aliens that have committed serious crimes.

U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-Laredo, defended Washington's actions and said his party last year injected more funds toward border security than at any other

time in history. But the new GOP-controlled U.S. House has gutted those funds by at least \$350 million, he said.

Staples said he has no time for "partisan" games.

"No American should stand by and listen to rhetoric and blame-gaming about one person stepping up and doing more than the other," he said.

**UPDATE:**  
Staples has responded to Rodriguez with a letter of his own. Staples says he agrees that any hate speech should be condemned, but asks Rodriguez to join him in his efforts to protect ranchers and farmers.

"I absolutely and wholeheartedly condemn any responses that, as you state in your letter, 'promote violence and hate,'" Staples writes. "You also state in your letter, 'allowing the spread of violent messages is simply unacceptable ...' On this you and I agree. Furthermore, I cannot allow — and sincerely hope you would join me in also condemning — the spread of violent attacks on our farmers and ranchers."

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# Texas electric co-ops receive upgrade funds

TEMPLE - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack has announced that rural electric cooperatives in eight states will upgrade services to more than 24,000 rural consumers with loan guarantee financing provided by USDA.

Vilsack made the announcement during the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) annual meeting in Orlando, Florida.

"Today's announcement is a continuation of USDA's commitment to bring reliable and affordable electric power to homes and business in rural America," Vilsack said. "The Obama Administration supports investment in the country's energy infrastructure as part of our commitment to 'win the future.'"

The \$442 million in fund-

ing is being awarded through USDA Rural Development's Rural Utilities Service to assist electric utilities with upgrades, expansion, maintenance, and replacement of rural America's electric infrastructure. Over \$9 million of these loans will support investments in smart grid technology through the use of automated metering. The USDA electric program also helps fund energy conservation and renewable energy projects.

"Texas will greatly benefit from three of these guaranteed loans," commented Texas State Director of USDA Rural Development, Paco Valentin. "Two of the guaranteed loans, totaling \$230 million, will go to Northeast Texas Electric Cooperative and East Texas Electric Cooperative to fund acqui-

sition of a gas-fired plant to provide electric power to meet growing capacity. The third guaranteed loan will go to Swisher Electric Cooperative, Inc., for \$5,200,000 to build and improve 181 miles of distribution line."

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

**ACROSS**

- former Austin event: "\_\_\_\_ Fest" ('62-'98)
- TXism: "he's an ornery old \_\_\_\_"
- coarse file
- wallet stuffers
- \_\_\_\_ Marcos, TX
- Houston was \_\_\_\_ by a Cherokee chief
- this Bob was 1st pick by Cowboys in '79
- Dierks Bentley '05 country album: "\_\_\_\_ Drifter"
- TX semiconductor co.
- TX-born Silver invented adhesive for 3M Post-it \_\_\_\_
- "echo" so, of border
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ a caged cougar"
- JFK was shot riding on this (2 wds.)
- symbol for gold
- a county in TX, but this in neighbor LA
- TX singer-songwriter and actress Lisa
- TX Lyle Lovett's "If \_\_\_\_ Boat"
- Cowboy '99 WR, "The Rocket"
- TX Don Henley and this Bob wrote song "Heartache Tonight"
- TXism: "play \_\_\_\_ you're dealt"
- TXism: "fixin' \_\_\_\_"
- TX Jay O. Sanders '01 film: "Along \_\_\_\_ a Spider"
- FBI used this in '93 Waco raid (2 wds.)

**DOWN**

- '66 film: "Texas \_\_\_\_ the River"
- in Hardeman Co. on hwy. 287
- where Cornyn and Hutchison work
- deadly Egyptian snakes
- TX Reeves wrote "\_\_\_\_ I Losing You"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ off more than you can chew"
- boot aroma
- Gent who wrote "North Dallas Forty"
- TX King Vidor autobiography: "A \_\_\_\_ a Tree"
- likely the main reason TX George H. lost in '92
- singer Pat who went to UNT (init.)
- legislative "yes" vote
- TXism: "he blazes \_\_\_\_ trail" (fat)
- seat of Taylor Co.
- in Dallas & Collin Cos. on hwy. 78
- TX Noble Willingham was in '79 film "Norma \_\_\_\_"
- make a mistake for 3M Post-it \_\_\_\_
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ band for TX-born drummer Bryan Hitt: "Speedwagon"
- longtime Rangers announcer Eric (init.)
- TX-born 5-star general and president (init.)
- Turkey, TX hosts "Bob \_\_\_\_" in honor of western swing star
- \_\_\_\_ Award
- TX-born Billy Preston co-wrote "So Beautiful" ('74)
- soldier cops (abbr.)
- TXism: "within \_\_\_\_ shot" (nearby)
- TXism: "fast as \_\_\_\_ up a rafter"
- TX Tanya Tucker's "It's a Cowboy Lovin' \_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_ in wolf's clothes"
- TX poet Naomi Nye
- TX Spacek '94 film "Trading \_\_\_\_"
- \_\_\_\_ Rim State Park
- \_\_\_\_ of the west
- TXism: "boring as a fishing trip with \_\_\_\_ warden"
- honky tonk
- Swedish name
- '83 Burt Lancaster film shot in TX & UK
- "sail the 7 \_\_\_\_"
- "he \_\_\_\_ me a favor"
- TX Dabney '80 film: "\_\_\_\_ to Five"
- more "nekkid"?
- \_\_\_\_ San Antonio provides vision services for the needy

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# OHS Track Teams compete in Cactus Relays

The Lions and Lady Lions competed in the Iraan Cactus Relays Friday.

### Girls Results -

Team Scores: 1. Wall (Green), 202; 2. Iraan, 94; 3. Ozona, 92; 4. Marfa, 58; 5. Alpine, 43; 6. Van Horn, 36; 7. Garden City, 22; 8. Fort Davis, 16; 9. Reagan County, 14; 10. Balmorhea, 12; 11. Wall (White), 11; 12. (tie) Grandfalls-Royalty; McCamey 8; 14. Wink, 4.

High jump: 2. Melanie Miller, 4-10.

Triple jump: 1. Melanie Miller, 34-2.75; 6. Lexi Poindexter, 29-4.

3,200: 6. Daisy Guerra, 13:22.38.

400 relay: 6. Ozona, 57.71.

100 hurdles: 1. Melanie Miller, 16.50; 6. Jenny Venegas, 19.31.

800 relay: 1. Ozona, 1:53.63.

400: 6. Lexi Poindexter, 68.43.

300 hurdles: 1. Alex Rodriguez, 51.71.

1,600: 2. Daisy Guerra, 5:51.79.

1,600 relay: 1. Ozona, 4:24.06.

Melanie Miller also received the Clint Harris Most Outstanding Athlete Award.

### Boys Results -

Team Scores: 1. Sonora, 155; 2. Iraan, 97; 3. Wall, 77; 4. Marfa, 66; 5. Van Horn, 51; 6. Buena Vista, 38; 7. Wink, 27; 8. McCamey, 26; 9. Alpine, 23; 10. Grandfalls-Royalty, 19; 11. Fort Davis, 16; 12. Ozona, 9; 13. Balmorhea, 8; 14. Garden City, 4.

Discus: 2. Mark Gallardo, 131-4.

3,200: 6. Josiah Jurado, Ozona, 13:06.46.

400 wt man relay: 4. Ozona, 55.60.



KRISTIE WILLIAMS | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
MELANIE MILLER won the Clint Harris Outstanding Athlete Award at the Iraan Cactus Relays this past Friday.



KRISTIE WILLIAMS | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
THE LADY LIONS 1600 METER RELAY PLACED FIRST at the Iraan Cactus Relays this past Friday. Team members are: (l. to r.) Nicole Higgins, Alex Rodriguez, Melanie Miller and Cynthia Garcia.



KRISTIE WILLIAMS | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
THE LADY LIONS 800 METER RELAY PLACED FIRST at the Iraan Cactus Relays on March 11. Team members are: (l. to r.) Alex Rodriguez, Nicole Higgins, Melanie Miller and Lexie Poindexter.



KRISTIE WILLIAMS | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
THE LADY LIONS TRACK TEAM PLACED THIRD AT THE IRAAN CACTUS RELAYS THIS PAST FRIDAY.

OHS Varsity Cheerleaders next year are: Natalie Hernandez (HC), Sierra Trevino, Daisy Guerra, Jessica Borrego, Sabrina DeLaGarza, Alex Rodriguez, Brianna Cervantez, Angelina Ramos. mascot - Daniel Gonzalez. JV Cheerleaders are: Rebecca Hernandez, Bethany Martinez, Keyenne Perez, Aliyah Guerra, Rebecca Mata and Maira Rodriguez.



BOBBIE RENFROE | SUBMITTED PHOTO  
KELBIE RENFROE placed Third at the Sonora Golf Tournament on March 3.

# Ozona Baseball competes in the West Texas Classic in Midland

BY NIKKI LAFITTE  
OHS BASEBALL

The Ozona Lions truly stepped up to the plate last weekend when they played in the West Texas Classic baseball tournament, entering as one of only two 2A teams in the 10 team tourney. The Lions faced Seminole on Thursday as their first opponent in the competition.

The Lions won the home team flip against the Indians. Saul Vargas started on the hill for the Lions striking out three before turning it over to Alex Borrego in the fourth. Borrego had some help in the field with a ball hit to the short stop, Abey Lara, who threw it to Drew Sanchez at first to get the first out.

The next out was made with a line out straight to Lara. Miley Castro took over and completed the fourth inning with a fly out to center fielder, Kyle Dean. Castro finished the game, adding another strike out to his record.

Offensively, Kyle Dean, Abey Lara, Alejandro Mendez, Austin Suddreth, Andrew Sanchez, Saul Vargas and Alex Borrego all had base hits while Lara also added a double to his offensive record. Although the Lions battled, they fell to the Indians with a 14-3 loss.

The Lions came back strong in their second game of the day against the Borger Bulldogs. The Lions had first bat as they were in the visitor dugout for this matchup. Kyle Dean hit a single and double, Abey

Lara hit two singles, Alejandro Mendez hit a single, Nathan DeHoyos smashed a triple and got a base hit in the 6th inning, Austin Suddreth had two base hits and a double, Saul Vargas had a base hit, and Alex Borrego hit a single as the Lions battled.

Defensively the Lions held the Bulldogs to no runs in the first and second inning. Abey Lara started on the mound and pitched until turning it over to Andrew Sanchez in the third, who closed the game.

The Bulldogs put the ball in play, but the Lion's defense held them to only four runs in the last half of the game. The game ended with an 11-11 tie but the Lions claimed the win with runners left on third.

The Lions had an early start on Friday morning against the Presidio Blue Devils. Ozona won the home team toss and took the field to start the match up. Austin Suddreth started pitching for the Lions against the Blue Devils. Ismael Castro took over in the second inning, pitching to six batters before turning it over to Drew Sanchez to close the game.

Sanchez struck out three during the four inning competition. Kyle Dean, Abey Lara, Nathan DeHoyos, Austin Suddreth, Andrew Sanchez, Ismael Castro, and Alex Borrego all had base hits during the game. Additionally, Lara and DeHoyos both hit doubles while Lara and Saul Vargas both had triple hits during the game. The Lions fought hard; however, they

fell to the Blue Devils with a 17-10 loss.

Friday's play proved to be tough by way of adding wins to the Lion's record. Their final game of the day was against the 5-A Midland High JV Bulldogs. Alejandro Mendez pitched for the first three innings striking out two, while Kyle Dean came in to close, striking out one.

Offensively, the Lions struggled, getting only four hits during the last game of the day. The Bulldogs came away with the victory over the Lions with a 14-0 win.

The fifth game of the tournament for the Lions was played Saturday morning against the 3-A Pecos Eagles. The Lions took the field first with Adam Gonzales pitching. Gonzales struck out two in the first three innings of play.

Abey Lara took over to finish the game earning six strike outs to his record. The Lions came out swinging hard with Saul Vargas, Alejandro Mendez, Alex Borrego, and Ismael all getting solid hits.

However, the Eagle defense proved to be strong competition holding the Lions to only one run. The final score was 12-1, finishing the tournament for the Lions. The Lions record for the 2011 season is now 8-5.

The Lions will host Harper on Friday, March 18, with the JV beginning at 1 p.m. and the varsity following at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, the Lions will host Junction with the JV beginning at noon and the varsity following at 2:15 p.m.



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THE LADY LIONS SOFTBALL TEAM PLACED THIRD AT THE JUNCTION TOURNAMENT THIS PAST WEEKEND.

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# Ozona students tour college campuses

BY SUSIE DUBOIS  
OHS COLLEGE READINESS COORDINATOR

Ozona students have been visiting college campuses recently.

On March 1 OMS eighth graders visited Angelo State University.

During the visit they attended an information session and toured various buildings on campus including the newly renovated library.

That same day OHS Seniors visited Sul Ross State University, also getting program information and a campus tour.

On March 4 and 5, OHS

juniors and seniors went on the campus's first College Tour Trip.

Students had to earn points to attend this trip. Points were earned from grades, extracurricular participation, other various campus activities, and community service.

On Friday, the students were given a formal tour of University of Texas at San Antonio, and also visited the campuses of University of Incarnate Word, St. Mary's University, and San Antonio Community College.

On Saturday the stu-

dents began their day with a formal information session and tour of the Art Institute of Austin. They continued their day attending "Explore UT - The Biggest Open House in Texas" where they had the opportunity to choose from hundreds of different sessions.

The OHS students topped off the weekend with a tour of the UT Tower.

As we continue to push College Readiness in our schools, we look forward to opening more doors for the students of Ozona through awareness trips such as these.



[SUBMITTED PHOTO]

THE ENTIRE EIGHTH GRADE CLASS AT OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL visited the ASU campus on March 1.



[SUBMITTED PHOTO]

ON MARCH 1 SENIOR STUDENTS FROM OZONA HIGH SCHOOL visited Sul Ross State University.

## OHS Track Teams compete in Fort Stockton Relays

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

### Seventh Grade Boys Results:

The Lions placed third. Long Jump - 3. Michael Graham; 5. Alan Landa and 6. Calib Villa

Shot Put - 1. Michael Graham

Pole Vault - 2. Kalen Perez

2,400-meter - 2. Alan Landa

400-meter relay - 3. Javier Barrera, John Gomez, Ricardo Damian, Michael Graham

800-meter run - 2. Noe Medina

100-meter dash - 5. John Gomez and 6. Dakota Lee

800-meter relay - 2. Javier Barrera, Dakota Lee, Jacob Talamantez, Kalen Perez

400-meter run - 3. Noe Medina and 5. Jacob Talamantez

300-meter hurdles - 5. Dakota Lee

1600-meter run - 3. Alan Landa

1600-meter relay - 2. Jose Ojeda, Jacob Talamantez, Kalen Perez, Noe Medina

### Eighth Grade Boys Results:

The Lions took third in the meet.

Triple Jump - 3. Ricky Porras and 6. Nathaniel Valdez

Discus - 4. Chase De Hoyos

Shot Put - 1. Fernando Sifuentes and 5. Daniel Lombrana 5th

Long Jump - 3. Ricky Porras

Pole Vault - 2. Ryan

Porras

2400-meter run - 6. Omero Rodriguez

400-meter relay - 4. Dylan Perez, Nathaniel Valdez, Ricky Porras, Leonel Rodriguez

800-meter run - 2. Ryan Porras and 5. Bryce Gutierrez

110-meter hurdles - 4. Daniel Lombrana

800-meter relay - 4. Dylan Perez, Daniel Lombrana, Ricky Porras, Leonel Rodriguez

400-meter run - 3. Josh Porras

200-meter dash - 3. Ricky Porras

1600-meter run - 4. Ryan Porras

1600-meter relay - 3. Bryce Gutierrez, Ryan Porras, Josh Porras, Juan Rodriguez

### Seventh Grade Girls Results:

The Lady Lions placed second.

1600-meter relay - 3. Estefania Torralba, Dulce Rodriguez, April Ramoz, Belinda Rodriguez, 5 minutes, 15 seconds.

400-meter relay - 5. Madison Childress, Brianna Sanchez, Belinda Rodriguez, Ashley Vargas, 59.30.

1600-meter run - 1. Alyssa Newlin, 6:42 and 6. Nereyda Vega, 6:47.

200-meter dash - 4. Estefania Torralba, 32.18.

800-meter relay - 4. Brianna Sanchez, Alyssa Newlin, Belinda Rodriguez, Nereyda Vega, 2:07.

300-meter hurdles - 4. Alyssa Newlin, 59.90.

400-meter dash - 2. Dulce Rodriguez, 1:13 and 6. April Ramoz, 1:15.

800-meter run - 2. Mad-

ison Childress, 2:53.

100-meter dash - 1. Brianna Sanchez, 14.78.

2400-meter run - 1. Madison Childress, 10:58.

Shot put - 5. Noel Fierro, 10-11.5.

Long jump - 3. Brianna Sanchez, 12-6.75 and 4. Alyssa Newlin, 12-5.75.

Discus - 1. Maria Mejia, 68-1.

High jump - 2. Madison Childress, 4-4 and 5. Estefania Torralba, 4-0.

Triple jump - 2. Madison Childress, 27-11; 3. Alyssa Newlin, 27-5 and 5. Estefania Torralba, 26-1.5.

### Eighth Grade Girls Results:

The Lady Lions placed fifth.

Discus - 1. Elva Gallardo, 87-0.

Shot Put - 2. Elva Gallardo, 26-4.

High Jump - 2. Janna Munsell, 4-4 and 5. Bethany Martinez, 4-2.

2400-meter run - 4. Becky Mata, 10:32 and 5. Aliyah Guerra, 12:57.

400-meter relay - 5. Elston, Gallardo, N. Garcia and K. Perez, 59.24.

800-meter run - 6. Marissa Held, 3:08.

100-meter hurdles - 6. Kaylenn Elston, 21.18.

100-meter dash - 4. Kaylenn Elston, 14.62.

800-meter relay - 4. Aguilera, Valdez, M. Rodriguez, Munsell, 2:15.

400-meter dash - 6. Jennifer Salazar, 1:15.

200-meter dash - 4. Keyanna Perez, 31.84.

1600-meter run - 6. Marissa Held, 7:06.

1600-meter relay - 4. Mata, Munsell, Aguilera, Guerra, 5:20.

## Baseball & T-Ball Sign-ups

Monday, March 21  
6:00 p.m. at the baseball fields.

Boys & Girls  
Ages 5-12

## OHS hosting Parent Academic Nights

Ozona Middle School is hosting Parent Academic Nights the next two weeks.

The purpose of these brief, 45-minute, meetings by subject area is for parents to get valuable information from their child's teachers on what can be done to help the child at home with academics.

All meetings will begin at 6 p.m. at the middle school.

The following is the March schedule:

- March 21 - Math Night.
- March 22 - Language Arts Night.

- March 28 - Science Night.

- March 29 - Social Studies Night.

For more information, call the middle school at 392-5501 ext. 5721.



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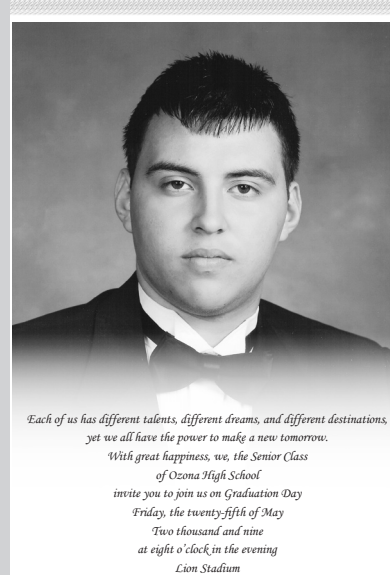

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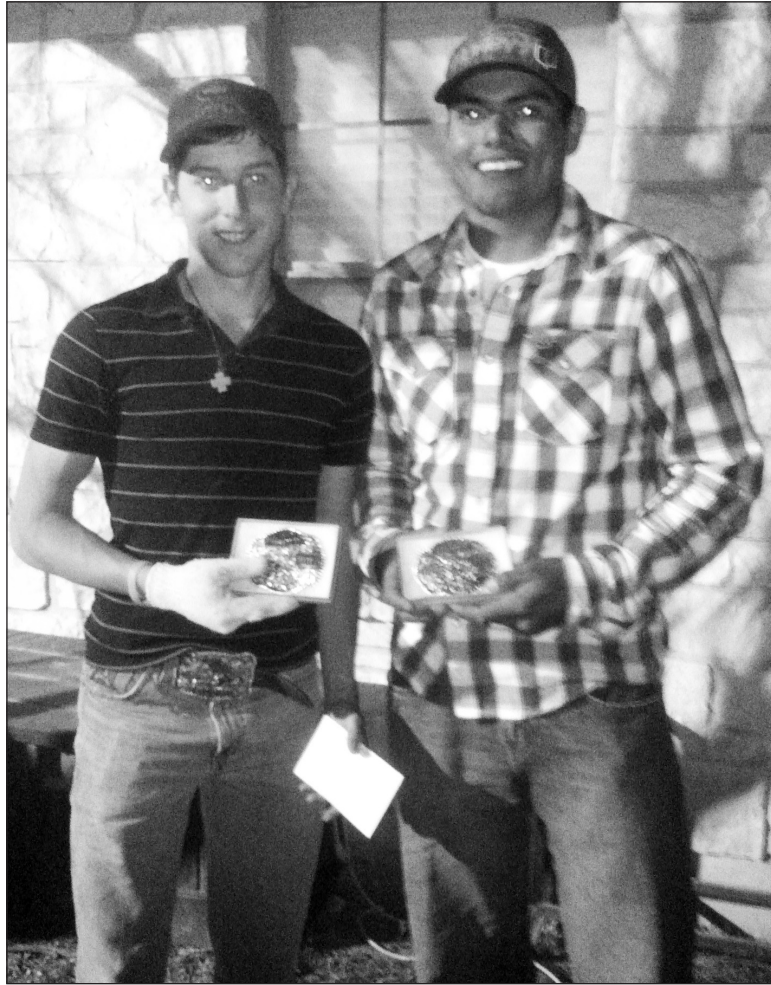
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**FELIX VENEGAS (right)** placed first in Heading Saturday, March 12, in the Buckle Bonanza Team Roping at the Hideaway Arena in Del Rio. Prizes were a buckle and \$1,900 cash. This was a benefit rodeo for Southwest Junior College in Uvalde. Also pictured is Heeler Russell Perez.

## Little Dribblers' game results

BY AUSTIN ELGUEA  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

On Monday of last week, the battle was of the Spurs against the Dynamite. This battle wasn't in a war but in basketball. Rachel Mendoza had the most points with 10 plus the most steals for the Spurs. She had 5 steals, 2 rebounds, and 2 fouls. Emily Marlett was having a very good game getting 6 points, and 4 rebounds. Last week Azaylea Tovar played as a Spark to help them out, but the Spurs are her real team. She had 4 points, a rebound and 3 fouls. Julie Marshall had 2 points, a foul, 2 steals, and 1 rebound. One player on the Spurs, Dacie Taylor, just couldn't buy a bucket. She never got any points, yet she got 3 rebounds and a steal.

For this victory game, the Spurs were leading the way in every quarter. At the end of the first quarter, the game was 8-3. During halftime, the score showed 14-3 and the Spurs still winning. In the third quarter, the Spurs scored a huge amount of 6 points, holding the Dynamite to only scoring 2 points. The third quarter score was 20-5. The final score to keep this fabulous team undefeated was 22-8.

The Dynamite had a very good game too. Kelly Sewell had 3 points, 2 steals, 2 rebounds, and shot 2 free throws. Kelly shot 50 percent of free throws making 1 of 2. Bobbie Jo Vargas had 2 points, 6 steals, and 1 rebound. Later in the fourth quarter, Bobbie Jo hit her head against the floor and Coach Harris had to take her out of the game. It was a very bad injury so she was out for the rest of the remaining time. Madalyn Harris, like Kelly, also had 2 points and shot 50 percent from the free throw line. She made 1 of 2. Madalyn got 1 foul, but also a steal. Another Dynamite player named Jasmine Talamantez had 1 foul, a steal, and 1 rebound, but no points. Zena Vargas got called for a foul, and made a steal.

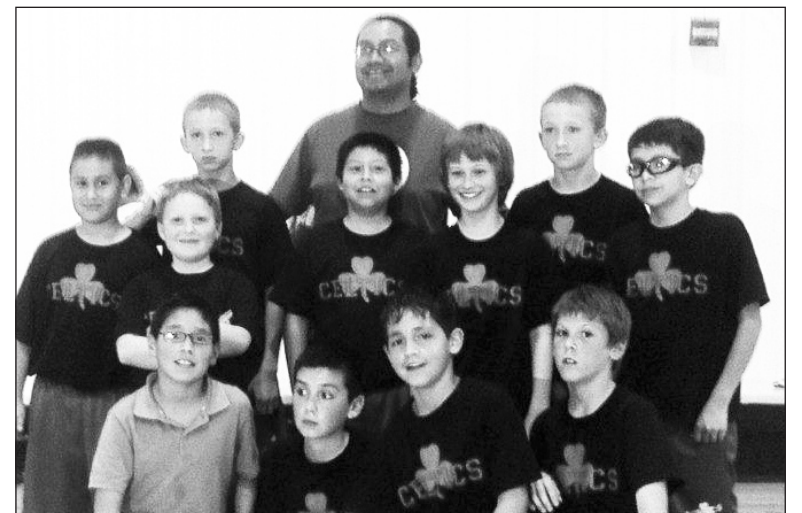
At the end of the first quarter, the Dynamite were losing 3-8, not losing by much and maybe able to catch up. Some people had doubts about that when the halftime score was 3-14 with the Dynamite losing by now 11. After the third quarter, the score turned into 5-20. The final total was 8-22 with their record being now 0-5. With the Spurs getting this win their record is 5-0.

Another game that was on Monday was the boys Spurs against Lakers. Hunter Smith had 2 fouls and 4 points. Roman Esparza got 2 fouls and 2 points. Another Spurs player was Caleb Martinez who had only 1 foul. Yours truly, Austin Elguea, had 4 points and 2 fouls. Austin had 100 percent free throw shooting. Andy Hernandez had just 1 foul. The Spurs team did a good job, but just couldn't make some shots. They lost 10-28.

The Lakers did a fantastic job bringing home their win. It looked like every single bucket went in. Kobe Rodriguez had 2 fouls. Weston Fay, the best player that night out of the two teams, had 18 points and only 1 foul. Weston also had 100 percent free throw shooting. Another Laker, Aidan Fierro had 4 points and 1 foul. In this game there was actually a three pointer made by the Lakers and Alec Lara was the one who got it. Alec got 6 points, shot 100 percent of his free throws, and had 3 fouls. These four people made up the winning score of 28 while the Spurs lost by 18.

On Tuesday night the war of basketball raged on. The first game was the Sparks against the Dynamite. On the Sparks, Asia Lara had 8 points, 1 steal, 2 fouls, and shot 50 percent of free throws. She made 2 out of 4 free throws. Dustine Perez had a rebound and 2 steals. Another Spark, Gabby Flores, got 2 rebounds and 1 foul. Alyssa Perez had 3 steals and 3 fouls. The last player on the Sparks was Cassidy McCutcheon who had a foul and 1 steal. Everybody on this team did something either defensively or offensively. At the end of the first quarter, the Sparks were losing 1-4. By halftime the Sparks were still losing but now the score was 3-6. During the third quarter, the Sparks had not scored any points making the third quarter score 3-8. The Sparks lost 8-9 being a very close game.

On the Dynamite, Bobbie Jo Vargas had the most points with 5. She also had a steal and shot 50 percent from the foul line making 1 of 2. Bobbie Jo fouled out with one minute and six seconds left in the fourth quarter. Kelly Sewell had 2 points and 2 rebounds. Zena Vargas did not have any points but 1 steal, a rebound, and 3 fouls. Jasmine Talamantez got a rebound in this game. At the end of the first quarter the Dynamite were winning by just 3 points with the score being 1-4. During halftime, the scoreboard showed the Dynamite still winning by 3 points with the score as 3-6. The Dynamite made only one bucket in the third quarter. Now the score was 3-8 and the Dynamite staying alive by 5 points. The final score was 9-8 and the Dynamite's record for the season was 5-1. The Sparks record was 2-4. The Sparks only lost by 1 point.



**LITTLE DRIBBLER'S TEAMS (starting from top)** Spurs, Sparks, Dynamite, Celtics and Lakers.

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Shanna has an 8 year old daughter, Kadee Brian, and says that "she embraces every moment with her." She served as President of Sonora Chamber of Commerce, Chairman of Sutton County Relay for Life for six years, Secretary of the Fling Ding Club, Sutton County 4H, Board of Directors for the Sutton County Child Welfare Board, Treasurer of the Sutton County Rural Health Clinic and Board Member of the St. Vincent De Paul Society of St. Ann's Catholic Church. She also enjoys floating and Kayaking Texas Rivers, and just piddling in the yard.

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2007 session that resulted in oil and gas property being undervalued.

This is big deal for about half the counties in Texas that stand to lose tax revenues from the devalued property, said Mark Langford, director of communications for Uresti.

"We don't know yet how the county will be affected financially," said County Judge Fred Deaton. "The senate and the house floors were filled with people up there. Everyone is fighting for what they may lose."

County officials also visited with Rebecca Davio, assistant director of driv-

ers licenses, from the Texas Department of Public Safety, to discuss reinstating services to their drivers' license office in Ozona.

Deaton said they let the DPS officials know how unhappy they were when the drivers' license office was removed in Ozona.

"They assured us they were working on it. We let them know about the importance of it for us," Deaton said.

The group also met with Ann Smisko, the associate commissioner for school improvement and support from the Texas Education Agency to discuss ideas to fund the public school system.

During Monday's reg-

ular commissioners' court meeting, legislative talk focused on Medicare and Medicaid cuts that will affect EMS and the Care Center.

Deaton said after their visit to Austin, he could see possibly up to \$300,000 or more in unfunded mandates for the Care Center.

EMS Coordinator Eddie Martin presented 2010 Medicare and Medicaid figures from the EMS side. In 2010, the EMS received \$138,087 in Medicare payments and \$13,316 in Medicaid payments.

"It was an eye-opening day," Deaton said. "Right now, all we have is speculation, but we need to be prepared as a county."

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has received a raise from around \$17 an hour to \$19 an hour bringing his total salary to around \$40,000.

The raise will also be made retroactive back to January due to Mendez being interim supervisor.

"He's worked for the county 26 years and I think he's a heck of an employee," Stuart said.

During discussion on the budget, it was mentioned that the sheriff's office does not have a lot of money left for overtime due to recent raises given in the department.

Deaton said the raises given were merit raises.

County deputies are hired around \$16 per hour, but the position offered often has the option to move up to \$19 an hour after a probationary-type period, Deaton said.

"He (Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton) has the money for it but hardly any money left in the budget for overtime and personal time off," Deaton said. "He's aware of this. He's fully staffed. He's running on a tight rope. We will wait and see it by the end of the year."

**BURN BAN APPROVED**

The commissioners approved continuing the county wide burn ban. Also included in their motion, was

to not grant an exemption to EC Source to burn some cardboard from a project off of County Road 406.

Due to the dry conditions, the commissioners felt that the exemption for EC Source could not be granted.

**NO CELL PHONE POLICY AT CARE CENTER**

Due to an incident involving two employees taking cell phone photos of a resident last month, Care Center Administrator Benny Gibbs told the commissioners that he has implemented a no cell phone policy for the facility.

Gibbs said no one was harmed physically or mentally during the incident and the two alleged employees were dismissed from the facility. The Crockett County EMS and Health Services Board gave Gibbs permission to adopt the policy.

"I take things like this very seriously. This is not typical of Crockett County Care Center. I don't know what these employees were thinking about when they took a picture. This type of stigma gives long-term care facilities a bad reputation. Our record is quite good," Gibbs said.

The Crockett County Care Center has received a rating of 75 from the state, which is above the state average of 60 and is very hard to achieve, Gibbs said.

The incident was also reported to state and local officials, including local law enforcement. Gibbs also said the facility conducts abuse and neglect in-service training twice a year.

**OTHER ITEMS APPROVED:**

- Budget amendment for \$48,500 for the Care Center Health Insurance. The money will come from current taxes.

- Apply for a 2011 Airport RAMP Grant.

- Airport Compliance Program.

- Using Otis Elevator Company to land elevator car at the museum.

- Using around \$3,800 from the courthouse security fund to secure the personal office door in the county clerk's office. Commissioner Eligio Martinez abstained from voting on the item.

- Rodeo slab to be used until midnight for a benefit on Saturday, March 19.

- Stuart presented a bid price for ground preparation for the Wellness Center project. The proposed bids are needed for the center board to apply for grants.

Of note: Commissioner Randy Branch was not able to attend Monday's meeting.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. April 11 at the courthouse annex.

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programs are now available and how landowners can participate in these programs.

"Our main goal with the meetings is to give landowners ample opportunity to discuss the watershed protection plan implementation and future plans with me and their local soil and water conservation district technicians," Bryant said.

Bryant said one of the project's most successful activities to be discussed at the meetings is the establishment of saltcedar leaf-beetle populations to control saltcedar along the river.

Dr. Mark Muegge, Agrilife Extension entomologist at Fort Stockton has been heavily involved with introducing the beetles.

"This past year was a banner year for previously existing beetle populations, and new release sites also did really well," he said. "We look forward to the beetles' emergence this spring and do not expect any detrimental effects from the cold weather we've had this winter."

For other updates, go to: <http://pecosbasin.tamu.edu/>.

Bryant said the website is kept current and houses all project-related information on the watershed protection plan. He said paper copies of the plan will be available at the meetings or can be obtained from Bryant himself or from any of the participating soil and water conservation district offices.

Funding and support for the development and implementation of the Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan is provided through a federal Clean Water Act §319(h) Non-point Source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

For more information on these meetings or ways to become involved in watershed protection plans, call Bryant at (432) 336-8585 or [gibbryant@ag.tamu.edu](mailto:gibbryant@ag.tamu.edu).

**Texas Pecos Trail meeting Thursday**

BY SCOTT JORDAN  
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The Texas Pecos Trail Region bi-monthly board meeting, networking lunch, and educational experience will be held on March 17, 10 a.m., in Rankin at the Extension Office and 4-H Meeting Room on the Crane Highway (1000 N. Highway 329).

The public is welcome to attend.

Lunch will be served at noon. Cost of lunch is \$10 and will be collected at the door.

For the educational program, Extension Agent Jodie Helms will discuss attractions and events in Upton County.

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Austin, Texas  
March 8, 2011

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. §5 2001 et seq. (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. §5 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 parties of record.

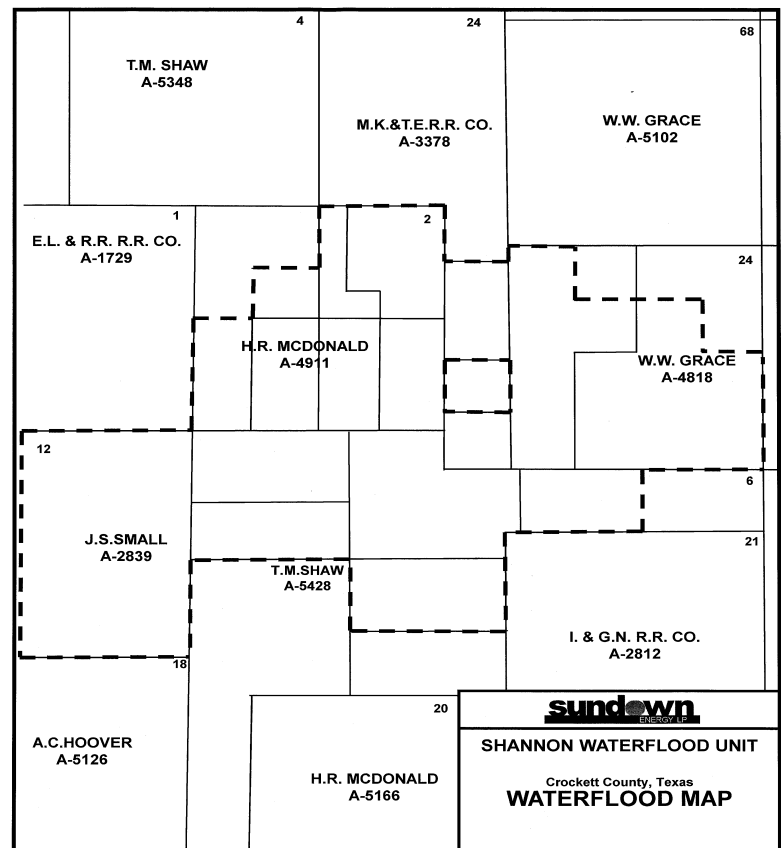
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ALL EXHIBITS FILED AS A PART OF THE RECORD in this cause must be submitted in duplicate. Data in Commission records may be incorporated by reference, but the reference must be specific, and if it includes exhibits filed in prior proceedings before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

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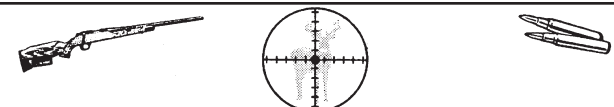
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The Commissioners' Court finds that circumstances present in all or part of the unincorporated area of the county create a public safety hazard that would be exacerbated by outdoor burning; and NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED by the Commissioners'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

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

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