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Texas fracking disclosures to include water totals

BY KATE GALBRAITH
TEXAS TRIBUNE

Starting Feb. 1, drilling operators in Texas will have to report many of the chemicals they use in hydraulic fracturing. Environmentalists and landowners are looking forward to learning what acids, hydroxides and other materials have gone into a given well.

But a less-publicized part of the regulation is what some water experts are most interested in: the mandatory disclosure of the amount of water needed to "frack" each well. Experts call this an invaluable tool as they evaluate how fracking affects water supplies in the drought-prone state.

Hydraulic fracturing involves shooting water, sand and additives deep into the earth to retrieve oil or gas. Under the new rule, Texans will be able to check a website, fracfocus.org, to view the chemical and water disclosures.

"It's a huge step forward from where we were," Amy Hardberger, an Environmental Defense Fund lawyer, said of the water-reporting rule.

Most fracked wells use 1 million to 5 million gallons of water over three to five days, said Justin Furnace, the president of the Texas Independent Producers & Royalty Owners Association.



FIELD DISTRIBUTION WATER TANK used in the fracking process of natural gas well drilling in DeWitt County, Texas, complete with life buoy and "No Swimming" sign.

Analysis from a June study prepared for the Texas Water Development Board suggested that less than 1 percent of the water used statewide went into fracking. Oil and gas groups say such numbers show their usage lags well behind that of cities.

But the data is a few years old, and drilling has since increased in places like South Texas' Eagle Ford Shale.

The amount of water used for fracking is "expected to increase significantly through 2020," according to the state water plan published this month.

Dan Hardin, the water board's resource planning director, said fracking is not expected to exceed 2 percent of Texas water use.

But drilling can send the water numbers much higher in rural areas, Hardin said. For example, he projects that in 2020, more than 40 percent of water demand in La Salle County, in the Eagle Ford, will go toward "mining," a technical term that in this case means almost entirely fracking. Until recently, no water went toward mining there.

Researchers say predicting future water usage

for drilling is tough, citing economic and technological uncertainties.

Meanwhile, they want more data.

Jean-Philippe Nicot, a research scientist with the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas at Austin and the main author of the water board's June study, noted that many drillers already report water usage to the Texas Railroad Commission (the commission's new rule will mark the first time water disclosure is required).

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Commissioners holding public meeting on groundwater usage

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The use of Crockett County groundwater and the impact of hydraulic fracturing will be presented during a special public meeting Thursday night.

Crockett County Commissioners' Court, along with the Crockett County Groundwater District, are hosting the meeting that will include a presentation by the Southwest Research Institute on the effects of hydraulic fracturing on the water resources of Crockett County.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the main courtroom at the Crockett County Courthouse.

After four months of study, the Southwest Research Institute has compiled data of work done in 2010 for a number of counties, including Crockett County, where the amount of available groundwater under different levels of precipitation, said Ron Green of the Southwest Research Institute.

Green will be giving the presentation at the Thursday meeting.

The presentation will also include a summary of a project they are finalizing in the amount of groundwater used for hydraulic fracturing in Crockett County.

"My intention is to give a brief summary of the work we did," he said. "Hopefully, officials will have a better understanding of what they have on the potential future demands of the resource, and they will be able to make better decisions."

PUBLIC MEETING

Discussion and presentation

by Southwest Research Institute on the effects of Hydraulic Fracturing on the water resources

of Crockett County

7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19,

in the main courtroom

of the Crockett County

Courthouse.

Everyone is invited to attend.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the county and the groundwater district split the cost of the study.

"Primarily, what we were concerned with was the amount of water used in Crockett County. The other thing is what the fracturing could do to our water source," Deaton said. "The commissioners' court has no say in the actual water usage of the county, but it is a concern with us."

Deaton said the county would like to have as many from the public at the meeting.

Crockett County Groundwater District Manager Slate Williams said the study is taking the knowledge the county and district have now and seeing where the projected demands are going to be.

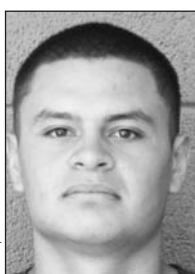
"What kind of impact will we see from all the water usage," Williams said.

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Mendez named to All-West Texas

Team

Ozona High School Senior Alejandro Mendez has been named to the Class 2A All-West Texas Team by the San Angelo Standard-Times Sports Staff.



Mendez was selected as punter. He averaged over 39 yards per punt this season, with a long of 51 yards to earn all-district honors.

He also was a two-way starter for the Lions, accumulating over 1,000 yards of offense and 65 tackles on defense.

Mendez was also named All-District First Team Punter and First Team Defensive Back.

West Texas Rehab Telethon Saturday

West Texas Rehab Center is gearing up for its 42nd annual Telethon.

Set to take place Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Abilene Civic Center. Locally, members of Ozona Woman's League will be manning the phones from 5-7 p.m. at Crockett National Bank.

Last year, the telethon raised more than \$1.2 million. In Crockett County, OWL member raised \$8,900 last year. Money raised by woman's league members stays in Crockett County and goes toward the Ozona Rehab Center.

Anyone wanting to make a donation can do so by contacting any member of Ozona Woman's League or calling the bank at 392-3745 Saturday night.

Broadcast throughout Texas, including KLST in San Angelo, the telethon features local and national entertainers performing in the name of bringing at-



JO DAVIDSON'S love of West Texas Rehab remains. At the Jan. 11 Open House in Ozona Family and Friends posed around the adult-child treadmill donated in memory of Jo Davidson. Also donated in her name is a seven-section treatment table. These items were donated honoring Jo Davidson's commitment to West Texas Rehab. The center also showed off other renovations they have made. For more on West Texas Rehab, visit <http://www.westtexasrehab.org/> or call the Ozona center at (325) 392-9872.

tention to West Texas Rehab.

Headliner for this year's telethon is country singer Sunny Sweeney.

With the selection of Sweeney, the REHAB 2012 telethon is taking a different route from years past. Instead of banking on the name recognition of an es-

tablished artist, the event has put the spotlight on a newer, up-and-coming performer.

Sweeney, who grew up in Longview, broke through to national audiences with the August release of her sophomore album, "Concrete." The album debuted at No. 21

on the Billboard 200 albums chart, and No. 7 on Billboard's Top Country Albums list. The release spawned hit singles "From a Table Away" and "Staying's Worse Than Leaving," both songs that Sweeney co-wrote.

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Why bonded debt?

This is the second in a series of planned informational articles aimed at informing the Ozona community in detail about aspects of current facilities planning and evaluation in CCCCSD. Readers are encouraged to contact school leaders and the board of trustees with questions and concerns. In addition to information published here, the district will be hosting a number of discussion sessions and site tours soon so that Crockett County citizens can have full, transparent information about school facility and possible bond planning. Details of these meeting times and locations will be published soon.

BY CHRIS DUBOIS
CCCCSD SUPERINTENDENT

Modernization of OHS has been included in Facilities Planning discussions here across several decades. Now that OES is built, OMS has been fairly recently updated and is in very sound mechanical and functional condition - it is time for attention to turn to OHS.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Sheriff's deputy goes above call of duty at accident

Dear Sheriff Sutton,

On the evening of Dec. 12, 2011 I was traveling home on I-10. I was driving a motorcycle home that I had just purchased the day before in Colorado Springs, Colo. The interstate was wet from rain when I hit a trough of water in the outside eastbound lane at highway speed and my motorcycle went down. The bike was dam-

aged and a goodly portion of my gear was scattered over the roadway but I was not injured very badly which I consider to be a miracle.

The first official to respond after I called 911 was Deputy Sheriff Rupert Pena. He positioned his vehicle to notify oncoming traffic of the hazard I was presenting and even though it was raining, he helped me get my wet stuff out of the road-

way. I notified him I was missing a pistol that I had been carrying in the pocket of the faring of the bike and he initiated a search of the area for it.

When EMS arrived, he made sure I was looked after by responders even though I felt pretty sure I was going to be sore but okay. He then loaded up my wet gear in his unit once the wrecker had picked up my bike and we went to the jail

where he allowed me to store my gear temporarily. He had dispatch call several motels in the area until they found one that had vacancy. While this was happening, he made coffee in the office and sat and talked with me for a while. During this time I found he was EMS prior to being on the sheriff's department so I figured he was evaluating me for a concussion which he said he was. Due

to the fact that I went down at highway speed and am 62 years old I believe he was genuinely concerned for my welfare.

While at the office we discussed my missing pistol and I showed him a photo of it and provided him the serial number. Another patrol officer that I did not obtain the name of also sat in and discussed the possibilities of the missing pistol. I agreed with their conclu-

sions that in all probability the pistol had been recovered by one of the two tanker truck drivers who were first at the scene to help me.

Deputy Pena then drove me to the Travel Lodge and suggested I get some sleep and after my son arrived to come by the jail for my wet stuff. He also drove me to the office of

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Long live Dublin Dr Pepper

Life isn't fair. We all know this. Last week, I arrived home, checked my Facebook page and this statement on the Dublin Dr Pepper page hit me like a ton of bricks.

"It is with a very heavy heart that I must tell you the results of the case. A true Texas tradition has died. As of five o'clock central time The Dublin Dr Pepper Bottling Co and Dublin Dr Pepper are no more. Dr Pepper/Snapple/Cadbury Companies won their case against our small bottler and have closed the plant in Dublin. They have graciously allowed the new museum and soda shop to remain open, but they will only be able to serve regular Dr Pepper sweetened with sugar, not the original recipe we all love."

My immediate reaction: shock and dismay. Now, many of you may find this funny for someone to be upset over a soft drink. In fact some of my Facebook friends "didn't see what the big deal was."

Well, I'm here to tell you what the big was. Last week Dublin Dr Pepper Bottling Company lost their lawsuit with Dr Pepper Snapple Group in Plano, Texas. That means no more Dublin Dr Pepper.

While the bottling company will have a new name, and be able to manufacture other soft drinks and sell Dr Pepper made with sugar, it's just not the same.

Texas Monthly posted on their Facebook page: "Sniff. Dublin Dr Pepper is no more. The Plano-based Dr Pepper Snapple Group settled a legal dispute with the central Texas bottler today. Now, the parent company will produce its own cane sugar version of the soda. But 'cane-sugar Dr Pepper' just doesn't have the same ring to it." No it doesn't.

Immediately Boycott Dr Pepper pages sprang up on the social media site.

One comment on the Stockman's Facebook page was "another sign of corporate greed the little guy does not stand a chance whose next."

For the town of Dublin, Texas, this is taking away part of their community's identity.

Even though Dublin didn't invent Dr Pepper, no other town embraced it the way this community of 3,700 people did. That town is the same size as Ozona and saw visits of up to 95,000 people a year to the bottling company.

Now, without Dr Pepper, people are worried.

To make it even worse, the Kloster family that owns the bottling plant had to lay off 14 of their 40 employees, the largest employer in the town.



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

As a small business owner, it breaks my heart to see this. I can only imagine how terrible that family feels. How would you like to go tell your employees, people who are probably like family to you, neighbors, friends, that they are

no longer employed?

The lawsuit was originally filed last summer by Dr Pepper Snapple claiming Dublin Dr Pepper had violated its licensing agreement by selling beyond its distribution territory.

Dr Pepper Snapple was not threatened by Dublin Dr Pepper. In fact, only around one percent Dr Pepper Snapple sales come from soft drinks made with cane sugar.

I've tasted the cane sugar "throwback" Dr Peppers. They are sweet but they are not Dublin Dr Pepper. Dublin had the right mixture. It tasted like a Dr Pepper, not a Dr Pepper with sugar like the "throwbacks" do.

A friend of mine on Facebook posted "They could have given Dublin a historical license or something to keep marketing Dublin Dr Pepper and make it clear that it was something special just for Dublin."

Yeah, Dr Pepper Snapple we have historical buildings, why not a soft drink? Heck, the Texas Legislature wants the University of Texas Longhorns and Texas A&M Aggies to keep playing each other, why not ask our state representatives and senators to keep Dublin Dr Pepper?

I'm reaching but like many other fans, I'm desperate.

A new era has begun at the now Dublin Bottling Works Co., but it will not be the same when I drive through the small town of Dublin, Texas. I will stop, I will try their new soft drinks, but my heart will long for a Dublin Dr Pepper. I'm thankful my family and I stopped there last summer.

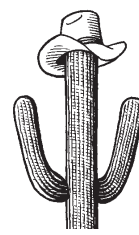
Paul and I still have a case of the glass bottles. Last week, I told him they are only to be opened on very special occasions.

Life goes on, for those of us in Crockett County and elsewhere. For the small, Texas town of Dublin, this is a deal that will take years before it quits hurting.

In the end, the idea of no more Dublin Dr Pepper leaves a bittersweet taste in my mouth.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Goodbye Dublin Dr Pepper.

Intoxicated



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

Our Congress has a very taxing problem: they are intoxicated on your money. They are addicted to taxes in every form, but mostly your W2 form. With out-of-control spending, and debt into the trillions, you just know they're going to need to tax you even more. I wouldn't be surprised to see a new "butt tax" on any coins found under your seat cushions. And you can forget about the billionaires bailing us out. All these billionaires who've come forward lately just begging for higher taxes... that's all just public relations. If Warren Buffet really wanted to give more money to the Federal Treasury all he'd have to do is send a check. I'm quite sure they'd cash it.

When it comes to taxes you really have to hand it to the IRS. Yes you do. One ploy Congress uses as an excuse to tax us more are taxes that are designed to alter our behavior, such as taxes on booze and cigarettes. They want us to think they're trying to help us when they're really just stealing our hard-earned money. We can expect to see many more of these taxes in the future and now that ranchers have a little money I wouldn't be surprised to see a "poll" tax on ranchers for every cow they own that has horns. To preserve the proper image of the cowboy that is so popular overseas expect our government to levy new taxes on ball caps and lace up boots.

The government of Denmark has levied a "fat tax" on food like butter, lard and cheese. Although it's been as popular

as tofu ice cream, you can expect our government to follow suit by taxing fast food and fried Twinkies. You'll get rebates on rutabaga and tax deductions for eating fake bacon and vegetarian lasagna.

If we are going to tax people and try to alter their behavior at the same time I can think of a lot of taxes the feds should charge other people. (Not me.) For instance, to improve the quality of our environment I think there should be tattoo taxes and taxes for excessive metallic ornamentation, like tongue studs. To stop our teenagers from killing their classmates the IRS should charge a 100% tax on any video game that involves shooting people or blowing them up. Speaking of which, any church or religion that encourages its congregation to kill us infidels ought to lose their tax-exempt status, in the very least.

I propose replacing federal income tax with a basket of taxes designed to change people's behavior, including a tax for loud and repulsive cell phone ring tones, leaf blowers, long Christmas letters, French perfume, Presidential debates during prime time TV, and ugly colored cars. There could

be a legume tax to cut down on greenhouse gases. We should be taxing large SUV's in the fast lane going slow, cable companies for gouging, and an illegal alien tax. To collect this we could set up kiosks at the border. Hey they're going to get in anyway, why not charge them admission?

We could have taxes on offensive tee shirts and anyone who keeps a bumper sticker on their car past the election should be taxed either for voting for a loser or the winner, who turned out to be a loser. There should be a "stupid tax" assessed against any global warming or "Save the Fairy Shrimp" bumper stickers, and a "smart tax" levied on anyone bragging on there bumper that their child is an honor student.

Finally, we could tax long names. All these hyphenated and foreign sounding names are simply un-American. We could charge based on how many syllables in a child's name, after all, why should babies be exempt from paying taxes?

On second thought, this was already tried once. Vaquero author Arnold Rojas wrote that in early mission days the priests taxed parishioners based on how long their baby's name was. One family had a lofty-sounding name picked out for their newborn son that included five saints names, but when they were told how much it would cost, the father changed his mind and said, "His name shall be Juan."

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Supreme Court hears Texas redistricting arguments

AUSTIN – The U.S. Supreme Court on Jan. 9 heard oral arguments on the merits of the state House, Senate and congressional redistricting plans enacted by the Texas Legislature last spring and the remedial plans drawn up by a panel of three San Antonio federal district court judges.

A transcript of the hearing shows the attorneys for appellants Rick Perry, governor of Texas et al. and appellees Shannon Perez et. al and Wendy Davis et al. sticking to their guns as they were peppered with questions by justices. Appelles' allegations of discrimination against minorities under the Voting Rights Act were at the heart of the cases before the court.

Early in the proceedings, Justice Sonia Sotomayor pointed out that a denial of preclearance is an injunction that stops the maps from taking effect, and beyond that, the court has no duty to produce a roadmap to show the state how it should accomplish the task of redistricting.

Along the same lines, Texas

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

Solicitor General Paul Clement said the denial does not operate like a line-item veto in which the appellate court instructs the regional court (San Antonio) on exactly which boundaries to fix.

Concerns about the potential effects of court actions might have on the current election calendar emerged. Justice Antonin Scalia brought up the what-if-the-clock-runs-out idea. Scalia, in effect asked, suppose all deadlines pass for a legally enforceable set of maps to be used. What then?

Principal Deputy U.S. Solicitor General Sri Srinivasan responded by acknowledging Scalia's implied suggestion that the Legislature's enacted maps could be used, but "only if there is no time for the (San Antonio) district court to adopt a different plan."

Justices explored both sides' reasoning in how boundaries should be drawn and spent time on particulars related to a contested district in El Paso, but also touched on contested districts in Dallas and Houston.

Attorney Jose Garza, arguing on behalf of the appellees, was pressed by justices over the deadline for conducting presidential primaries. He answered that June 26 would be the practical deadline.

Feb. 1 is the due date for final review of the case by the high court. Meanwhile, the three-judge D.C. Court of Appeals, the trial court for redistricting litigation, is scheduled to hear opening arguments on Jan. 17 and render a ruling by Feb. 3. In its ruling, the court is expected to determine whether the Texas Legislature's redistricting plans are in violation of the Voting Rights Act, and if so, remand the task of redrawing lines back to the San Antonio court. If no violation is found, the maps enacted by the Texas Legislature may be ruled legal and enforceable.

SONOGRAM LAW TO BE ENFORCED

The U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals on Jan. 13 ruled that Texas may enforce a law enact-

ed by the Texas Legislature last spring that requires pregnant women who wish to abort to undergo a sonogram 24 hours before the procedure.

The ruling reverses an Austin trial court decision that had prevented the law from taking effect.

Under the law, a physician or a certified sonographer is required to provide the sonogram and heartbeat to the pregnant woman, and the physician then provides a description of the sonogram image. The law also requires

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Phillips-Hunnicut Ranch celebrates 100 Years

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and the Texas Department of Agriculture recognized 119 farms and ranches in 74 Texas counties at the 36th Annual Family Land Heritage ceremony in the House Chamber at the Texas State Capitol in early November 2011. The annual event recognizes families who have kept their farms and ranches in continuous agricultural production, and in the same family, for more than 100 years.

"The families we honor today continue their ancestors' legacies of nurturing and caring for the land," Staples said. "They truly represent the dreams of the pioneers who entered the Texas frontier and built the family farms and ranches that endure to this day. I congratulate these families for making Texas a leader in agriculture."

Among the properties honored was the Phillips-Hunnicut Ranch in Sutton County, currently owned by Hope Phillips and her first cousins, Rick Hunnicutt and Gail Hunnicutt Simmons. A certificate was accepted on the House floor by Rick and Hope, signifying 100 years of ownership and agriculture production on their family ranch. Gail, along with their immediate family members also participated in the festivities.

In 1910, Samuel Byrd Phillips purchased land in the southwestern corner of Sutton County to add to his ranch holdings in Crockett County. The Sutton County property featured the only water well between Sonora and Juno, as well as the con-



100 YEARS RECOGNITION: Rick Hunnicutt (left) and Hope Phillips receive a certificate from Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples for the Phillips-Hunnicut Ranch in Sutton County signifying 100 years of ownership.

vergence of Dry Devils River and Taylor Box Draw. After his death in 1924, his estate purchased two more ranches in Val Verde County. He and his wife Lela provided a ranch for each of their five surviving children.

His second son, Hillery Marshall Phillips received the Sutton County acreage and began his ranching career raising sheep, angora goats and cattle. He retired in 1956, so he and his wife Charlotte (Rawls) could enjoy traveling the world. He divided the ranch into equal parts to be run by his two children and their families.

Hillery Marshall Jr., known to all as Buddy Phillips, received the original headquarters house and the

Western half of the land to ranch with his bride Mary Elaine Willborn. The Eastern half of the ranch was provided to daughter Benny Gail Phillips and her husband John R. Hunnicutt, where they built a house on a hill across the Dry Devils River from her brother. John R. and Benny Gail built a full set of pens and barns and ranched for many years until turning the operation over to their son Rick. Buddy and Elaine ranched until his death in 2004, leaving the land to his daughter Hope.

The descendants of Hillery and Charlotte Phillips at this time are: John Richard (Rick) Hunnicutt, Jr., his wife Shannon Dockery, and

John Cody Hunnicutt, all of Ozona; Lacey Hunnicutt Beck, her husband Whitney and their son Ian, of Houston; Gail (Hunnicut) Simmons, her husband Carl, Samuel Drew Simmons, and Trent Michael Simmons, all of Austin; Hillery Marshall Phillips, III who died in 1982, and Hope Elaine Phillips of San Antonio.

At this 100 year anniversary, Hope owns the western part of the original ranch, while Rick and Gail share ownership of the Eastern part. The ranch remains a favorite spot to gather with family and friends, to enjoy and appreciate the heritage they share.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 18

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

Thursday, Jan. 19

- Commissioners and Groundwater District public meeting, 7 p.m. in the main courtroom of the Crockett County Courthouse.

Friday, Jan. 20

- JV and Varsity Lady Lions and Lions vs. Wall, 5 p.m. at Wall.

Saturday, Jan. 21

- OHS Powerlifting Teams in Mertzon.
- Yoga classes, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Sunday, Jan. 22

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

Monday, Jan. 23

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- OMS Lions vs. Brady, 4 p.m. at the OMS Gym.
- OMS Lady Lions vs. Brady at Brady.
- OHS Financial Aid Night, 5:30 p.m. at Ozona High School.

Tuesday, Jan. 24

- Do Well, Be Well with Diabetes, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- JV and Varsity Lady Lions and Lions vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. at Grape Creek.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance Lessons, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, Jan. 25

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

It's a girl

Madelynn Danielle Villarreal was born Jan. 11 at 12:39 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces and 19.5 inches long.

Welcoming her home are her proud parents Manuel Villarreal IV, Michelle Gandar, and her baby brother Mathew C. Fuentes Villarreal. Grandparents Paul, Mitch, J.P. DeLaGarza and Aunt Maria Villarreal, also welcome her home and the rest of her families.

Happy Birthday

Jan. 18 - Katy Jones, Chuck Morris, Ofilia Rios, Lane White, Mariah Cordova and Devin Adcock

Jan. 19 - Betty Bullard, Jose Lozano, Allie Black and Socorro Maldonado

Jan. 20 - A.J. Montanez, Lynne Haire and Jennifer Vitela

Jan. 21 - Louise Ledoux, Polly Perner, Vanessa Sandate, Carolyn Stover, Tom Diehl, R.J. Borrego, John L. Henderson, Manuel Longoria III and Joseph Tambunga

Jan. 22 - Jesus "Chuy" Martinez, Vada Pridemore, David Borrego, Dena Webb and Joseph Conrad Perez

Jan. 23 - Jerri Lynn Pierce, Adrienne Bendele, Javier Elizondo and Abel Lara.

Jan. 24 - Katrece Hale, Ludy Vargas, Stephen Humphrey, Manuelita M. Tobar, Tom Anderson, Romelia Hopper Ortiz, Donna Carson and Anthony Villarreal

OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

Ozona Garden Club members approved a new Scholarship Program at its December 2011 meeting. The club would like to help a graduating Ozona High School senior who plans to major in a gardening-related subject, such as landscape design, botany, horticulture, agronomy, environmental science, hydrology, etc. However, if no student applies who wishes to pursue one of those fields of study, other academic majors will be considered.

The club will award a \$500 scholarship with the provision that, if the student maintains an A-B average, the same \$500 scholarship will be awarded

each year to the same student for a maximum of four years.

The student must demonstrate academic potential, graduating from Ozona High School with at least a B average.

The student must be accepted at an accredited college or university. The student's family must demonstrate financial need. The student may be male or female, any age, married or single.

All interested students must submit their applications no later than April 1, 2012. A committee of at least three Ozona Garden Club members will review and judge all applications.

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Yoga classes change to first, third Saturdays

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

We are enjoying warm days, and it is feeling really good.

Jack Adams is in rehab in San Angelo and his wife Terry is driving back and forth to be with him. Best wishes go out to both of them. We miss them both at lunch here at the Senior Center.

There is still no news concerning Concho Valley Community Action. Keep watching this column and I'll let you know as soon as I receive any news.

Mridula (Mary Marie) Kamma has our yoga instructor and Jan Robinson has changed our yoga lessons to the first and third Saturdays from 3 until 4:30 p.m. here at the Senior Center. There will be no yoga classes on Thursday.

It is the time of the year

to remind those of you who have extra calendars to bring them in so that we can give them to the people that Helping Hands delivers meals to. We greatly appreciate those of you who have already brought calendars in to us.

Also if you have books that you can donate to the Senior Center book supply it would be greatly appreciated if you did so.

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

Levis and Lace square dance lessons will be on Tuesdays but will occasionally be on a Monday night. Check with a square dance member to make sure of the day they are giving lessons.

Also Levis and Lace have changed their regular square dances to every

second and fourth Saturday from 2 until 4 p.m.

Tuesdays have been set aside for any of you who would play dominos. You can play in late AM or early afternoon. If you would like to set up a game call Lynn English at 392-9094.

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

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

We also have a projector with stand, a screen, and also have a wonderful key board.

Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults 50 years old and older.

DEATH NOTICES

Catarino Cervantez

Catarino Cervantez, 92, died Monday, January 16, 2012 in Crockett County Care Center. Funeral service will be at Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2012 at Templo Jerusalem Iglesia Bautista with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include one daughter Anadelia Fierro of Ozona; four sons, Catarino Cervantez, Jr., Humberto Cervantez, Romaldo Cervantez, all of Ozona and Lionel Cervantez of Sonora. Brothers include Santos Cervantez of Kerrville, Esequiel Cervantes, Francisco Cervantez, Leo Cervantez, all of Ozona and sisters Emma Rebelez, Eloisa Noah, Teresa Sanchez, Ofelia Lara, and Senaida Martinez, all of Ozona.

OBITUARIES

Charles Edward Alsobrook

Charles Edward Alsobrook was born on Jan. 23, 1949, to Bruce and Dorothy Alsobrook in Luling, Texas and passed from this world on Jan. 13, 2012. The family moved to Midland where he graduated Midland High School in 1967. He began a life long oilfield career soon after graduating high school. He married the love of his life, Casiana Alsobrook on Sept. 17, 1983.

He was preceded in death by his parents and daughter Elizabeth Fierro.

He is survived by his loving wife, Casiana Alsobrook, his daughters, Catherine Bernice Fierro (Ozonia), and Pat Rinal of Midland, and his sons James Fierro (Julie) of Garland and Chon Fierro, Jr. (Veronica) of Ozona. His grandchildren, Tim Reyes of Midland, Mandy Clymer (Jason) of Sachse, Kristi Fierro of San Angelo and Leslea Fierro (Erik) of Fort Stockton, Sydney Fierro and Spencer Salazar of Ozona, and Drew and Abby Fierro of Garland. His great grandchildren, Polly Reyes of Midland, Bryan Valdez II, Noah, Gavin, and Colton Clymer of Sachse and Zane and Kade Castillo of Fort Stockton. He is also survived by his siblings, Carolyn Hinton (Ron) of Midland, Ann Alsobrook of Sweetwater, Tresia Gunther of Coleman, Reba Sexton (Frank) of Midland and Gerald Alsobrook (Purita) of California.

He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend and he will be greatly missed by everyone that knew him. Donations may be made to West Texas Rehab of Ozona.

OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM NEWS

BY BETH HOOVER
OZONA WOMAN'S FORUM



ENTERTAINING FORUM MEMBERS with carols Dec. 16 are, from left, Sandy Stokes, Glenda Allen, Jean Reardon, Vicki Stokes, Elizabeth Upham, and not pictured, Janet Pullen at the piano.

The Woman's Forum met Tuesday, December 13, 2011, at the Crockett County Senior Center. The theme was "Sounds of Christmas." Guests were Sandy and Vicki Stokes, Glenda Allen, Jean Reardon, Elizabeth Upham and Janet Pullen. Special guest was Corinne Gibson from Hale Center, Texas.

Hostesses were Lynn English, Janie Everett and Katharine Russell. Minutes were read by secretary Beth Hoover and were approved as read. A note was read from Rosalind Williams that was full of gratitude for flowers sent from the club as she convalesces from a recent fall.

The invocation was given by Marilyn Cox. She read from her original copy of The Reader's Digest Book of Christmas, "The Christmas Alphabet". She also told of superstition from the south that said "wear something new on Christmas, but not new shoes!" The club then recited

the 23rd Psalm. Marilyn then wished us all "May you have the gladness of Christmas which is hope; the spirit of Christmas which is peace; and the heart of Christmas which is love."

Our quest sang Christmas songs accompanied by Janet Pullen on the piano, Sandy Stokes on bass and mandolin, Glenda Allen on guitar and Elizabeth Upham on guitar. Also singing were Jean Reardon, Vicki Stokes and Elizabeth Upham.

The Christmas Story was read and the group ended with

a beautiful song "Mary Did You Know?" Betty Huffman closed the meeting with a reminder of a special Christmas from our Rosalind Williams who was recuperating at home.

Members present were Sandy Bebee, Arlene Clayton, Marilyn Cox, Lynn English, Janie Everett, Bobbie Griffin, Beth Hoover, Betty Huffman, Linda Moore, Brenda Newton, Jean Odom, Janet Pullen, Katherine Russell, Celia West, Nell Wester, Dorothy Montgomery and Louise Toliaferro.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 18

·Barbecue chicken, pin-beans, coleslaw and cornbread.

THURSDAY, JAN. 19

·Pork chops, carrots, green beans, roll and cheesecake.

FRIDAY, JAN. 20

·Baked fish with tarter

sauce, macaroni and cheese, corn, roll and dessert.

MONDAY, JAN. 23

·Chicken spaghetti, green beans, salad, roll and dessert.

TUESDAY, JAN. 24

·Soft tacos with trimmings, beans, rice and dessert.

Diabetes classes start Monday

The New Year has begun and to kick it off right, Do Well Be Well with Diabetes (DWBW) classes will be offered beginning Monday, Jan. 23 in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

DWBW is a five-class curriculum with two lessons offered at each class.

This curriculum was compiled by Texas AgriLife Extension using current material from American Diabetes Association and other evidence based sources. It is highly recommended that you attend all five classes

however, it is not a requirement.

The schedule is: Monday, Jan. 24; Tuesday, Jan. 24; Thursday, Jan. 26; Monday, Jan. 30 and Tuesday, Jan. 31. All classes will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Diabetes is a life-long disease. These classes will help you manage your diabetes instead of diabetes controlling you. There is no charge. Different recipes will be prepared and sampled at each class.

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

WRONG MEDICINE

Recently my wife called and asked me if I would pick up a prescription for her while I was in town. I was near a Pharmacy that we have never used before but I went in and ordered her medicine. Well the girl gave me the brand her Pharmacy carries and it was in a different colored box and had a different name. When I got home I thought I would look it up on the computer and lo and behold it was not even the same medicine. It would not have even been any help to my wife and may have harmed her. In thinking about that it reminded me of something in the Bible. It says we all or everyone has a problem or sickness and it leads to death, or separation from God, (Romans 3:23&6:23). The danger is if not treated properly and quickly it will take us to place of much suffering and torment and no possibility of escape, (Hebrews 9:27, Revelation 20:11-15). There is only one remedy for this illness and we must take it as prescribed to escape the consequences of the illness. That remedy God sent to and for us in the form of Jesus Christ His only begotten Son, (John 3:16, Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 3:18). That remedy is there for all who will take it, (John 1:12). That medicine is guaranteed 100% to work, (1 John 5:13, John 5:24).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Tues. - Sat.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>		
		<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>
		<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>

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Clayton earns master's

Ronny G. Clayton, graduated from Sul Ross State University last month with his master of education in school administration. Diplomas were awarded to 247 students, 140 from

the Alpine Campus and 107 from Rio Grande College, during fall commencement exercises. Clayton teaches math and coaches at Ozona High School.

Huffman makes fall semester Angelo State University Dean's List

Angelo State University has released its Dean's List for the 2011 fall semester. To be eligible for the Dean's List, students must be enrolled full time at An-

gelo State University and must maintain a 3.25 or better grade-point average on a 4.0 scale. Students from Ozona are: Hilary P. Huffman.

School board regular meeting tonight

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Jan. 18, at the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D.

- Items on the agenda:
- District Spotlight - board recognition and appreciation in conjunction with "School Board Recognition Monday January 2012."
 - Transportation and Maintenance Report - mileage report and QSCB Project Update.
 - Principals, Athletic Director and Technology Reports.
 - Financial and Bills.
 - Superintendent Report - Enrollment

- Consent Agenda - Approve minutes from the Dec. 14 regular meeting and the Special Goal Development Meeting held Jan. 12 and Amendments to the 2011-2012 Official Budget.
- School Improvement Update - Ozona Middle School.
- Facilities Planning Report - Architect Larry Harvey.
- Audit Report.
- Future Business - Feb. 8 special meeting for Superintendent Evaluation; February 2012 Regular Board Meeting, suggested date Feb. 15 and Goal Development Session #3/Board Self-Evaluation.

SCHOOL: from page 1

However, any time a school district, and especially a property wealthy (Chapter 41) school district considers large scale capital improvements, the most effective and conservative use of tax dollars is to fund such activity through Bonded Debt, paid back through Interest & Sinking (I&S) collections. Maintenance and Operations (M&O) collections for school are required to support all regular operational costs for the district, and for a property wealthy school district like us, M&O collections are subject to required equalization effort, or recapture. This is a very significant and important point that many citizens are unclear about. Other municipal taxation - for Cities, Counties, Utility Districts, Hospital Districts, etc. - is levied dollar-for-dollar.

The budgets for these services and the infrastructure that support them are always dollar-for-dollar collections that cover expenditures and any associated fees and interest costs. For instance - if a Hospital District builds a new treatment facility or just adds staff and services - the taxation for making those improvements represents the actual costs, including borrowing costs, for the project. This is not true for property-wealthy school districts.

Property-wealthy school districts are required to help support property-poor school districts in Texas. Despite recent organization of law suits challenges to current law - no one expects this to change much in principle. School children in economically stressed areas still need a sound public education - and so there almost certainly will always be a "Robin Hood" provision for schools that ensures that all school children have access to some adequate level of tax support - and largely from other more prosperous districts like CCCCS. Currently, for every \$1 that CCCCS collects from the citizens of Crockett County to operate our school program - we must collect an additional \$1.50 or so for the Texas Education Agency to re-distribute to property-poor schools. It is a very harsh fact - but, yes - for every dollar we need to run

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Chris duBois

Superintendent of Schools for Crockett County Consolidated Common School District

school here - we must collect \$2.50 from you, the taxpayer - and send 60 percent of it away, with no local control over where it goes or how those property poor schools use it. That is a fact, plain and simple.

However - all school districts, like other taxing entities - can also fund capital improvements and acquisitions like buildings, equipment, and infrastructure through the sale of bonds to investors and assume debt with accompanying interest and fees. In the school world, these debts are paid off with Interest & Sinking collections and these collections are exempt from recapture. Therefore - because traditional borrowing costs are always much, much less than recapture collections - it just makes very plain sense for property-wealthy school districts to fund every eligible capital acquisition and improvement with bonded debt - to make it closer to dollar-for-dollar debt and keep every collected dollar we can locally. It is simply the best, smartest, fairest way for property-wealthy schools to build buildings or cover the cost of big-ticket equipment and infrastructure items. A dollar of capital debt collected for bond payments and borrowing costs is paid for with one dollar of collections locally - dollar-for-dollar all the way. Crockett County taxpayers already do their fair share for other schools through Maintenance & Operations recapture. CCCCS owes it to you to keep every other dollar we can right here in Ozona and limit what we must collect from you to have quality schools. This is why Bond debt is the absolute best solution for financing capital projects in CCCCS.

As an illustration - when CCCCS got approval from voters in 2008 to sell bonds to support the construction of new OES only two-thirds of the cost of that project was approved for bond sale - and the remainder was paid for with Maintenance and Operations Fund Bal-

ances. The total cash cost of finishing OES was just under \$15 million. Ten million dollars was bonded, and the rest was cash from fund balance. On the face of things, if we are talking about any other form of taxation - that sounds very wise. Borrow what you have to - but use savings if you can to avoid interest on more than you need to borrow. The problem was, however, that the nearly \$5 million above the bonded debt it took to finish OES was savings accumulated at recapture rates. To accumulate that \$5 million in cash, CCCCS collected another \$7.5 million dollars sent to TEA that benefited other school districts. So to build new OES, the real cost to Crockett County taxpayers was \$10 million in bonded debt plus the interest on that amount (\$811,000 since we paid it off early), combined with the additional \$5 million plus the associated recapture of \$7.5 million - for a total of \$23.3 million. If we had bonded the entire \$15 million at the start, and still paid it off early as we did - the total cost to CCCCS taxpayers would have been \$16.2 million. Effectively, by not bonding the entire cost of this project - \$7 million went somewhere else that could have stayed here. Many Chapter 41 School Districts have done exactly the same thing. Bonding the whole project did not seem to have constituent support, so your Board of Trustees made their proposal work to public preference. And that is the way things should work - Trustees and I need to be sensitive and responsive to your concern. However, in this particular case, the solution was more costly than perhaps it could have been. The objective was to provide the safe, modern, exciting school now embodied in new Ozona Elementary, and that goal was met excellently.

Since bonded debt makes the most sense for all capital acquisitions, it pays not to be short-sighted and include attention to long term needs in all areas,

including transportation and infrastructure needs. Since CCCCS does not maintain its own water or sewage treatment systems (many small and rural districts do), we need to think about buses, planned HVAC maintenance and replacement and attention to auxiliary facilities like athletic fields and school housing, for instance. Since 2009 we have spent a lot of time and resources addressing many such smaller-scale concerns and ensuring adequate maintenance program attention to all facilities. We are in pretty good shape overall - but we should be thoughtful and think forward to avoid missed opportunity and help with controlling future Maintenance and Operations budgets subject to recapture as well.

We can do better this time by working to inform the public thoroughly and taking advantage of all the fiscal indicators and conditions in front of us. Bonded debt is not an ugly burden in a Chapter 41 world. It is the best way to pay for needed and desired physical improvements, period. School finance is not rocket science - but it is a very quirky system for sure. It is a major responsibility for me to be both accessible and transparent in sharing important information accurately to all concerned citizens.

Please let me know how I can help answer your questions about any school matters. An informed community is the best resource schools can have to make sure we have the best educational system possible. They're your children, and it's your money - you have every right to the best and most transparent information we can share. Please contact me any time to plan a visit, drop by the office - or I'll come to you.

Notice of Public Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 6:30 PM
Ozona Elementary Library

The purpose of this meeting is to report and solicit input on performance concerns contained in the CCCCS Performance Based Monitoring and Assessment System (PBMA) results for Special Education for 2010-2011. All interested parties are invited to attend. Families of students served in Special Education will receive specific invitation separately.

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Lions defeat Badgers, fall to Broncos

The Ozona Lions defeated the McCamey Badgers 67-46 on Jan. 10 in their final non-district game.

Score by quarters: Ozona 21 12 23 11 - 67; McCamey 10 12 10 14 - 46.

Scoring: Ryan Mayfield 17; Jayton Rodriguez 8; Kramer Hall 2; Alejandro Mendez 2; Alex Borrego 14; Jerrod duBois 14; Noah Tambunga 2; Saul Vargas 4; Brandon DeHoyos 2 and Tres Perez 2.

Also playing: Glen Tinney.

The Lions lost their first district game, 55-34, to Sonora on Jan. 13.

Score by quarters: Ozona 5 15 4 10 - 34; Sonora - 9 23 2 21 - 55.

Scoring: Borrego 6; Mendez 2; Rodriguez 3; duBois 5; Tinney 7; Mayfield 11.

"The kids effort was outstanding," said Coach Juan Marshall.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
RYAN MAYFIELD GUARDS A SONORA BRONCO in the Varsity Lions Jan. 13 game held in Davidson Gym. He was the high scorer of the game with eleven points.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
ALEJANDRO MENDEZ passes the ball to a varsity Lion teammate during the Lions district loss to Sonora.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
KODI GLOSSON POWERS THROUGH A SONORA LADY BRONCO in the Lady Lions district game on Jan. 13.

Lady Lions fall to Ballinger, Sonora

The Lady Lions lost to Ballinger 65-23 on Jan. 10 and Sonora 64-21 on Jan. 13.

"In both games we came out with a good start, and then struggled after the first quarter," said Coach Cristy Isenhower. "In Ballinger we were ahead at the end of one but then seemed to get discouraged and struggled with fighting hard and competing. Against Sonora, we played hard, but just had a hard time getting the ball to go in. I was extremely proud of the effort and fight we showed,

though. We didn't give up. We played hard from start to finish. As the coach I have to figure out what happens to us after the first quarter, and see if I can make adjustments to improve our play in the next three quarters. We felt like against Grape Creek that sitting down at half time hurt us by maybe relaxing and getting out of the swing of things, so we have been staying on the court and shooting at half time. We will keep looking for ways to improve beyond the first quarter."

OHS takes third in UIL Invitational

Ozona High School took third overall in last week's Ozona Winter Invitational Meet.

Twelve schools participated in the meet.

Ozona Results are:
News Writing - 5. Lane Hale

Editorial Writing - 1. Lane Hale and 5. Cuatro Jones

Headline Writing - 1. Chris Cantu

Ready Writing - 1. Cuatro Jones and 2. Chris Cantu

Prose - 6. Jessica Borrego

Literary Criticism - 2. Chris Cantu; 4. Cris Taylor; 5. Kelsie Ramirez; TEAM first place (Kelsie Ramirez,

Cris Taylor, Chris Cantu).
Calculator Applications - 3. Kramer Hall; TEAM third place (Kramer Hall, Vivian Medina, Jonatan Arredondo).

Mathematics - TEAM third place (Cynthia Garcia, Kramer Hall, Michael Medina).

Computer Applications - 1. Desiree Marshall; 3. Lisa Dorrough

Computer Science - 1. Cris Taylor; 2. Jerrod duBois; 3. Erik Carrizales; TEAM first place (Cris Taylor, Jerrod duBois, Erik Carrizales).

Current Events - TEAM third place (Alan Salazar, Erik Carrizales, Kristen Hernandez).

Lions powerlifting takes fifth in first meet

The Ozona Lions Powerlifting team placed fifth at the Sonora Powerlifting Meet on Jan. 12.

The Lions were led by second place finishes from Michael Vargas in the 123 pound class and Michael Ybarra in the 242 pound class. Vargas totaled 915 pounds and Ybarra totaled 875 pounds.

Third place finishes were turned in by Chris

Cantu in the 132's with an 835 pound total and Hazael Damian in the 198's with a 960 pound total.

Brandon Dominguez placed fourth in the 198's with a total of 940 pounds and Ryan Kennedy placed fifth in the 148's with an 840 pound total.

Other lifters were Daniel Lombrana, A.J. Ramos, Rigo Rodriguez, and Emilio Mendez.

Lady Lions powerlifters compete in Sonora

The Ozona Lady Lion Powerlifting team traveled to Sonora last Thursday to compete in the first meet of the year.

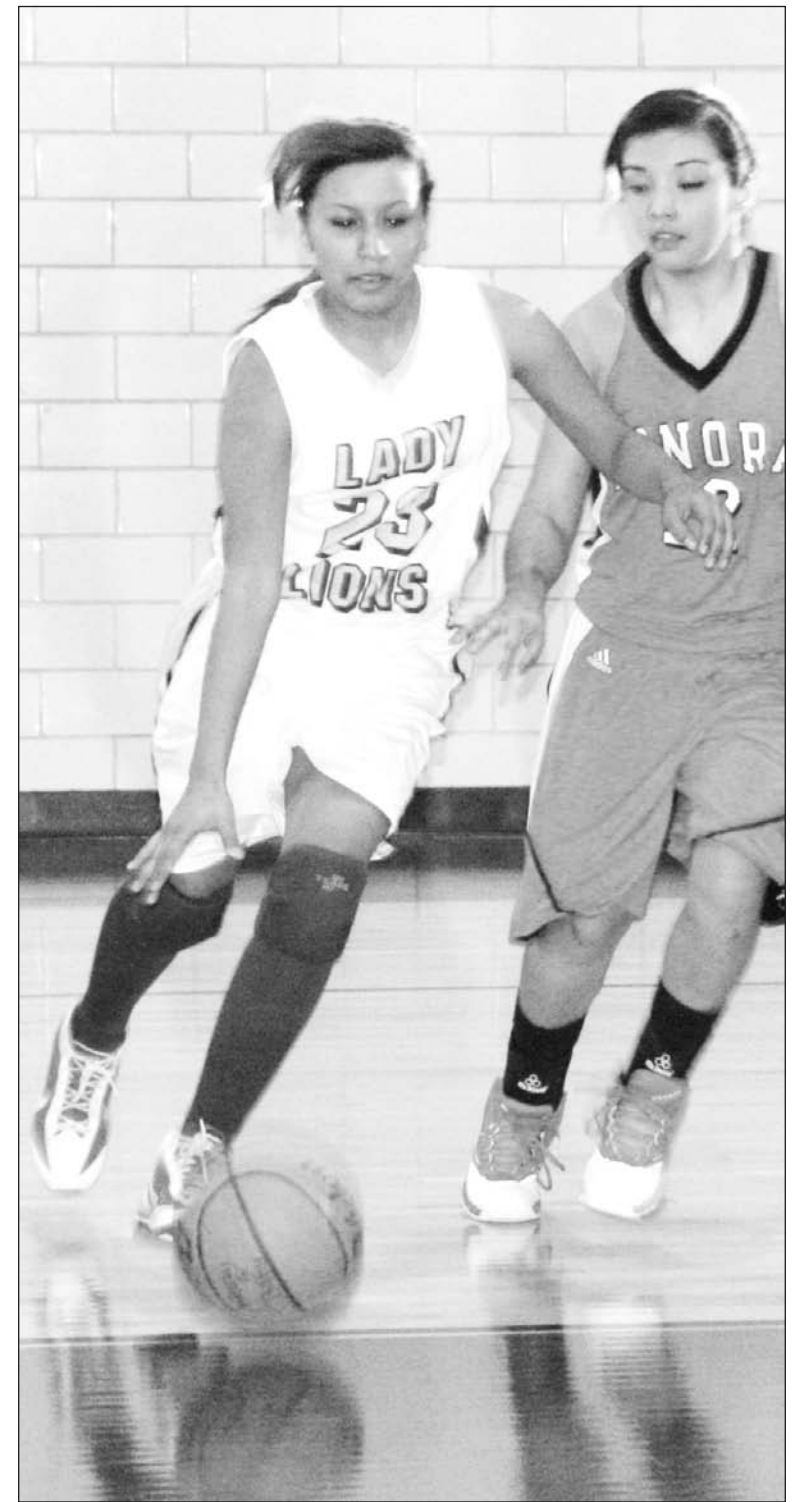
A total of 5 young ladies competed with 3 of them attending their first meet ever. In the 105 pound class, Elizabeth Kennedy placed third with a combination weight of 395 pounds.

Alex Rodriguez brought home second in the 132 class with her total weight

of 555 pounds.

Three Lady Lions compete in the 148 class. Nancy Rodriguez brought home third with a combined weight of 545, Kyann Hernandez took fourth with 515 pounds and Rebecca Hernandez placed fifth with 390 pounds.

"We are very proud of these ladies in their first meet and only look to improve as we travel to Mertzson this Saturday," said Coach Todd Iglehart.



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College/Financial Aid Night Monday at Ozona High School

Ozona High School is hosting a College/Financial Aid Night at OHS on Monday, Jan. 23.

Representatives from Midland College, Howard College, TSTC, UTPB and Angelo State University will have tables set up with information, and be available to visit with anyone who would like to stop by.

Representatives from the U.S. Marine Corps and

the U.S. Army will also be here.

This begins at 5:30 p.m. At 6:30 p.m. there will be a Financial Aid workshop for parents and students who need help understanding how to get money for college, in the OHS auditorium.

For more information, call Susie duBois, OHS College Readiness Coordinator, at 392-5501 ext. 5740.

Eighth Grade A Lions play hard against Ballinger

The Eighth Grade A Lions lost a close game to Ballinger, 29-28, on Jan. 12.

Scoring: Kalen Perez 8; Ben Badillo 6; Bryce Martin 6; Michael Graham 6 and Javier Barrera 2. Also playing: Dakota Lee, Alan Landa and Jose Ojeda.

"This was a great basketball game to be a part of, with both teams leaving it all on the floor. We came out a bit slow and couldn't buy a basket in the first quarter, but we settled down in the

second and played really tough defense and took really good shots. The whole second half was back and forth with neither team taking for than a four-point lead. We had opportunities at the end of the game to take the win but couldn't put it away and gave them a chance at a last second shot that went in. This is a tough loss we played so good and we will use this, the rest of the season," said Coach John Esparza.

Eighth Grade B Lions lose to Bearcats

The Eighth Grade B Lions lost to Ballinger 31-14 on Jan. 12.

Scoring: Walker Whitten 10; Erbey Blanco 6; Felipe Irlas 4; Alex Hopper 2 and Calib Villa 2. Also playing: Kevin Villarreal, and Anthony Garza

"We started strong defensively and took some really good shots in the first half. In the second half we

did a great job of moving the ball around. Our shots were not falling like they were in the first half. I was extremely proud of the effort. This team beat us by 20 points earlier in the year and it came down to the last few seconds. We have improved a lot this year and we are learning more every day," said Coach John Esparza.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions fall to Ballinger

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions lost to Ballinger, 27-10, on Jan. 12.

Scoring: Estefania Torralba 6; Brianna Sanchez 1; Lauren Miles 1; Alondra Rodriguez 2.

"Our score does not represent how hard we played this game. I count this as a win in my book.

These girls played the best game of our season. I am so proud of how far these girls have come this year," said Coach Autumn Brown. "We may not have a winning record but they have learned to play the game and work as a team and I couldn't be more proud of them."



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONASTOCKMAN

DESTANY DELGADO MOVES THE BALL down the court for the eighth grade B Lady Lions in their Jan. 12 game against Ballinger.

Youth Center Calendar

OHS Food Night Mondays 7-10 p.m.

7th and 8th Grades Food Night Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

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

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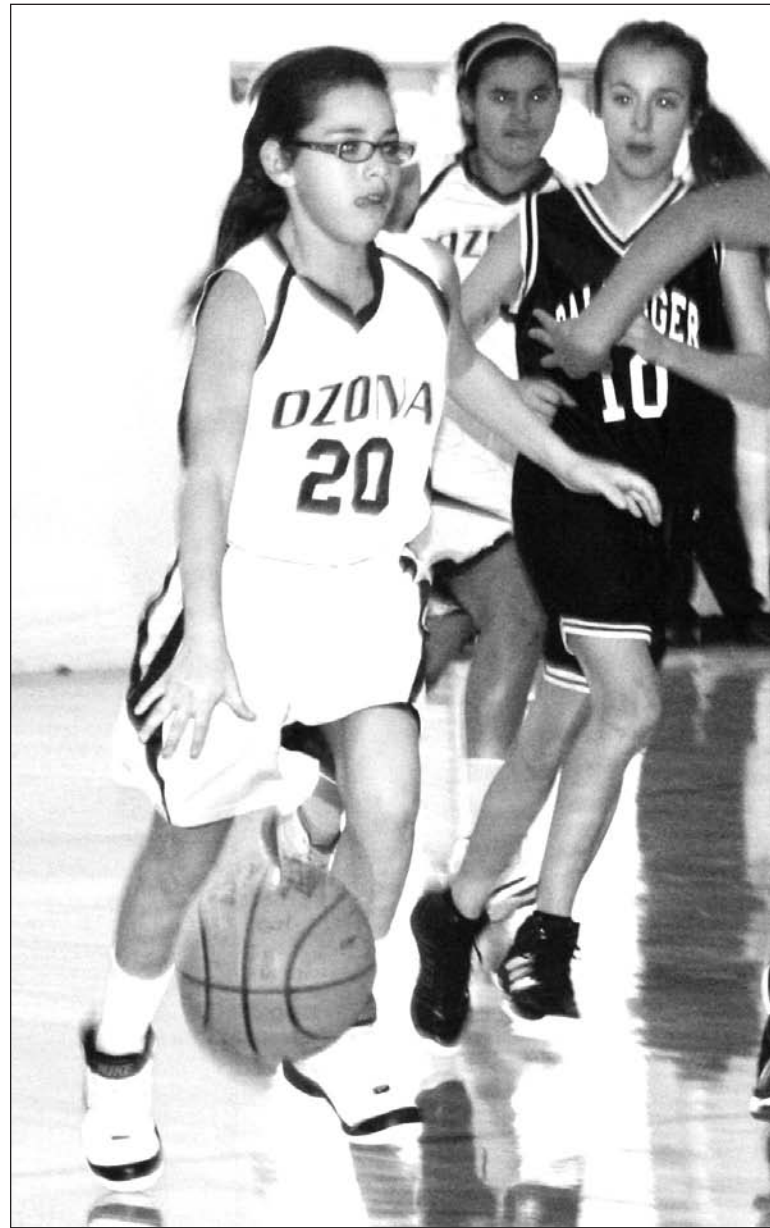
Monday: 7-10 p.m.
Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.
Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.
Thursday: 2-10 p.m.
Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight
Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions stomp Ballinger

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions defeated Ballinger 35-8 on Jan. 12.

Ozona vs. Ballinger Scoring: Madison Galindo 7; Kamryn Lazano 4; Rachel Mendoza 2; Asia Lara 10; Dacie Taylor 6; Kelly Sewell 2; Dustine Perez 2. Other girls participating: Azaylea Tovar, Jasmine Talamantez and Julie Marshall.

"The girls had a great defensive game. We did not let Ballinger score any points during the third quarter. The girls had a goal to hold Ballinger to nine points and we only let them score eight. I am very proud if their intensity and hustle during that game. They played hard and finished strong," said Taylor Golding.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONASTOCKMAN

BOBBIE JO VARGAS WAS THE HIGH SCORER with six points for the seventh grade B Lady Lions in their Jan. 12 game against Ballinger.

OHS B Lady Lions fall to Lady Bearcats

The Seventh Grade B Lady Lions lost to Ballinger 18-16 on Jan. 12.

Scoring: Madye, Hubbard, 2. Paige Lewis, 2. Bobbie Jo Vargas, 6. Gabby Treto, 4. Cameron Rutherford, 2. Also playing: Megan Shook, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Maia Jurado, Sidney Perez,

Gabby Flores. The Eighth Grade B Lady Lions lost to Ballinger 38-12 on Jan. 12.

Scoring: Daisy Cantu, 2. Pricila Rodriguez, 6. Ashley Vargas, 2. Gina Marquez, 2. Also playing: Dulce Rodriguez, April Ramos, Taylor Luna.

OES Honor Roll

Ozona Elementary School Honor Rolls for the third sixth weeks.

A HONOR ROLL

First Grade - Jonah Aguilar, Levi Bishop, Miken Chandler-Fierro, Chance Criswell, Rianna De La Rosa, Maximus Duran, Faith Gaytan, Jayann Gonzalez, Konner Iglehart, Skylar Lacy, Alexa Lara, Charli Neal, Victoria Nowell, Kerstin Perez, Jarryn Puckett, Anissa Ramos Gregory, Kattie Rodriguez, Natalie Rodriguez, Robert Saldana, Logan Thompson and Hailey Vargas.

Second Grade - Monserrat Blanco, Madison Bullard, Roxana Camarillo-Mares, Juan Carlos Cantu, Esperanza Castillo, Dameion Daigle, Matthew De La Garza, Kayleigh Dominguez, Ivan Escamilla, Noah Escamilla, Ethan Gonzalez, Bryce Gray, Jessel Gutierrez, Aries Hernandez, Harley Hernandez, Kayleigh Hernandez, Adam Hopper, Faith Jones, Sydney Knaack, Jason Lopez, Mary Jane Macias, Makayleigh Martinez, Brianna Maskill, Mysti Mata Zapata, Jacqueline Medina, Amber Moran, Haleigh Moran, Lea Quigley, Mary Rodriguez, Jeremiah Sanchez, Sebastian Talamantes, Kolton Thompson, Genesis Venegas and Krysten Webb.

Third Grade - Lianna Blanco, Austin Castro, Madison Castro, Carson Childress, Michael Esparza, Sydney Flores, Shelbie Galindo, Regahan Gonzalez, Ian Hernandez, Kaitlyn Hernandez, Jonathan Jurado, Jose Munoz, Norah Rodriguez, Jacqueline Sanchez, Kaleigh Thomas and Jacqueline Venegas.

Fourth Grade - Raelee Borrego, Jacob Childress, Sebastian De La Cruz, Valysa Hartman, Nate Jackson, Roslynn Mendez, Austin Moran, Kristy Rodriguez, Lazaro Rodriguez, Kendra Sarabia, Humberto Torralba and Manuel Torralba.

Fifth Grade - Chantz Elliott, Coulter McWilliams and Caleb Webb.

A - B HONOR ROLL

First Grade - Emma Bird Cheshier, Ivey Campos Rodriguez, Andrea Cardona, Victoria Cerna, Amelia Chila, John Childress, Miranda Flores, Shania Fluckers, Arturo Guerra, Mario Guerrero, Mia Gutierrez,

Javan Hernandez, Jonovan Jurado, Ivan Lopez, Jadon Martinez, Christa Montgomery, Abigail Olivas, Zachary Pena, Xavier Perez, Jakota Ramirez, Jose Rios, Jacinto Rodriguez, Hailey Salinas, Elyssa Trujillo, Destiny Venegas and Hermin Villegas-Hernandez.

Second Grade - Adriana Aranda, Mattison Camp, Abriele Cervantes, Ysabella Flores, Caleb Graham, Westyn Hubbard, Krislyn Longoria, Alejandra Mata, Haley Nowell, Declan Perez, Siria Rodriguez, Leena Sanchez-Garcia, Deziree Tambunga, Jaron Villarreal, Makenah Villarreal and Cedric Weidler.

Third Grade - Izac Adkins, Jazmynn Barrera, Ethan Criswell, Angela Damian, Jose Dominguez, Jorge Garcia Molina, Andrea Garza, Christopher Gutierrez, Mayeli Gutierrez, Alondra Hernandez, Cobran Hernandez, Kemberly Hernandez, Diego Irlas, Jarett Justiss, Skylar Luna, Jenna Marshall, Perla Ojeda, Ida Perez, Joe Perez, Alexandra Quiroz, Raul Ramirez, Ida Rodriguez, Isaiiah Samario, Dorisel Sanchez, Elisabeth Sanchez, Pilar Sanchez Garcia, Jace Savala, Michael Solis, Jesus Vega, Emmanuel Venegas, Elizabeth Villarreal and Matthew Wellman.

Fourth Grade - Rosamaria Arredondo, Esmeralda Castillo, Christian Connell, Austin Damian, Alana Escamilla, Jaden Fay, Aiden Fuentes, Amber Fuentes, Laney Galindo, Matthew Galindo, Georgina Garcia, Jennifer Gutierrez, Cameron Harrison, Kenadi Iglehart, Alec Lara, Marco Lozano DeHoyos, Cristina Mata, Grizelda Mata, Lexi Montgomery, Ashley Moran, Holly Munsell, Carlie Ramos, Valeria Rodriguez, Joe Salas, Kayla Sarabia, Kenzee Talamantez, Thomas Talamantez, Kaitlyn Tambunga, Miranda Villarreal, Joseph Vitela, Tyler Webb, Adrian Whitby and Justin Yeager.

Fifth Grade - Jacqueline Guerra, Ivana Hernandez, Austin Hokit, Josh Knaack, Johnathon Lewis, Isaura Lopez, Karina Marmolejo, Marisol Medina, Adalyne Nehus, Yasmin Ojeda, Xena Vargas, Paige Villarreal and Riley Williams.

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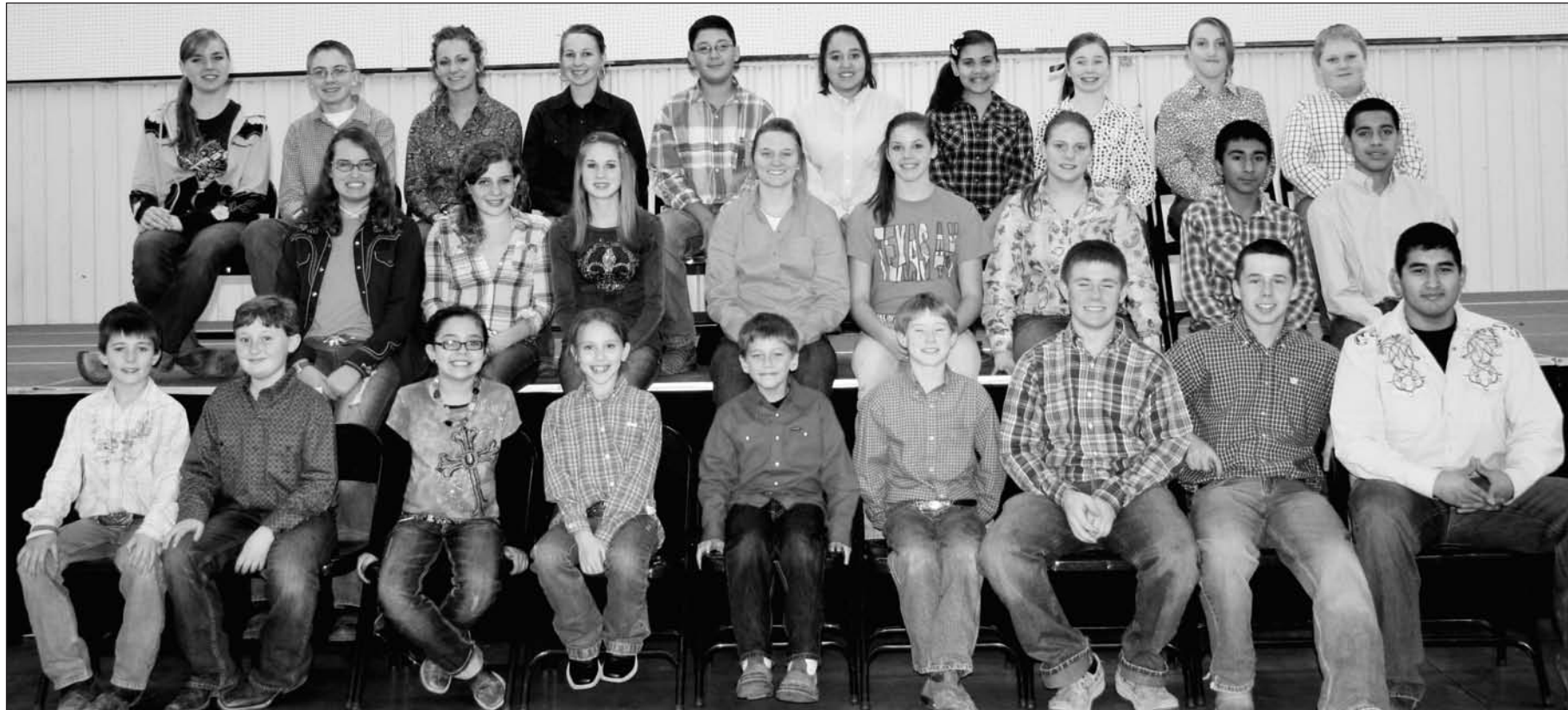
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REHAB: *from page 1*

While she has drawn favorable comparisons to fellow East Texan country performer Miranda Lambert, Sweeney is developing her own voice and following.

Over its history, the event has collected a recurring cast of presenters and musicians, several of whom are expected to return this year: host Charlie Chase, "Days of Our Lives" couple Bill and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule of "General Hospital," western swing performers Red Steagall and the Boys in the Bunkhouse and Abilene singer Twyla Foreman.

Along with the live entertainment, the rehab has an ongoing online auction featuring a variety of items.

Presented each year in association with the telethon, the auction isn't quite as visible, but remains powerfully lucrative. Last year's auction brought in about \$267,000 for the nonprofit rehab center, and numbers have topped \$300,000 in the past.

West Texas Rehab donor relations manager Dan Huggins notes that it just takes two people with envious eyes on the same item to get a good, old-fash-

ioned bidding war started. While the auction officially launches each year after Christmas, Huggins continues to add new items to the pot right up until the last day — sometimes even the final hours.

Some of this year's collectible items include autographed sports memorabilia from Drew Brees, Troy Aikman, Brett Favre and Barry Sanders, as well as a guitar that singer Randy Travis autographed after his performance at August's West Texas Rehab charity dinner. The guitar might have the largest potential for growth, according to Huggins, as another Travis-signed guitar sold for \$6,000 at the August event.

There are also a wide variety of quilts, food packages at local restaurants and — possibly to counteract those blowout meals — gym membership certificates.

Hosted at www.rehab-auction.org, the auction continues until midnight Jan. 21.

With offices in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona, West Texas Rehab provides physical, occupational and speech therapy to patients regardless of their financial status.

Crockett County Relay For Life committee, team meetings Jan. 30

BY SHELLY CHILDRESS
RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT CHAIR

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of Crockett County is holding a committee meeting on Monday, Jan. 30 at 5:30 p.m. for Committee Members and 6 p.m. for all Team Members at the Crockett County Public Library.

Anyone interested in having a team at the event is invited to attend.

Relay For Life is the signature event of the American Cancer Society.

It is a fun-filled, overnight event that mobilizes communities throughout the country to celebrate survivors (anyone who has ever been diagnosed with cancer), remember loved ones, commit to fighting back through healthy lifestyle changes, and raise money for the fight against cancer.

Teams of eight to 15 members gather with tents and sleeping bags to participate in the largest grassroots fund-raising event in

the nation. Relay For Life brings together friends, families, businesses, hospitals, schools, and communities. Teams fund-raise prior to the Relay, all with the goal of eliminating cancer.

To learn more about Relay For Life, visit www.RelayForLife.org/crockettctc.

For information on the Jan. 30 meeting or if you would like to volunteer on the Relay for Life committee, please contact Shelly Childress at (325) 277-5381.

The American Cancer Society is dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by saving lives, diminishing suffering, and preventing cancer through research, education, advocacy, and service.

Founded in 1913 and with its national headquarters in Atlanta, the Society has 13 regional Divisions and local offices in 3, 400 communities, involving millions of volunteers across the United States.

For more information, call 1-800-ACS-2345 or visit www.cancer.org.

LIBRARY NEWS By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

Media Book Club featuring Ike Whitten

CCPL has a new program for 2012.

The Media Book Club is a community outreach project for the PEARL Grant Program from the University of North Texas in Denton.

The PEARL Project is funded by the Robert and Ruby Priddy Charitable Trust.

The Priddy Charitable Trust has focused on liberal arts education, pre K-12 public education, community health care, and rural public libraries.

Upon completion of the project, CCPL will receive a \$1,000 grant.

Our Media Book Club will be a series of interviews and book reviews by influential people in our community in the newspaper, on the radio, for the Friends of the Library newsletter and on the CCPL Facebook page and website.

It will be very interesting to find out what our neighbors are reading and enjoy.

Listen to the radio and watch the paper for more info. What are you reading? You might be interviewed next.

This week's reader is local physician's assistant Ike Whitten.

Whitten said he mainly reads for work and for required continuing medical education.

"I am not currently reading any books. I generally like to read novels, both fiction and nonfiction, mystery and spy novels mostly. I haven't read anything lately," he said. "I think my favorite of all is 'To Kill a Mockingbird.'"

The Crockett County Public Library is located at 1201 Avenue G. Library hours are: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Mondays and Thursdays; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; Closed Saturdays and Sundays.

For more information, call the library at 392-3565.

MEETING: *from page 1*

Two weeks ago the Texas Water Development Board released to the public the 2012 State Water Plan. The plan, updated every five years, is to ensure that our state's cities, rural communities, farms, ranches, businesses, and industries will have enough water to meet their needs during a drought of record.

The plan lays out recommended conservation and water management strategies, the cost of the strategies, and estimates of the amount of financial assistance that would be required by the state to implement the strategies.

According to a press release from the TWDB, the pop-

ulation of Texas is expected to increase 82 percent by 2060, and existing water supplies are expected to decrease 10 percent in the same time period.

If the state does not implement new water supply projects or management strategies, Texans will not have enough existing water supplies to meet demand in times of drought, the release stated.

By 2060, the state is projected to need 8.3 million acre-feet of additional water supply per year in the event of a drought. Annual economic losses from not meeting water supply needs could result in a loss of \$11.9 billion in income a year if current drought conditions persist, and as much as \$115.7 billion annually by 2060, with over a million lost jobs.

Last week, the National Weather Service in San Angelo released a report last week from the National Climatic Data Center that 2011 was the driest calendar year on record for the state.

Crockett County is located in Region F of the TWDB plan, which includes 32 counties and the major cities of Midland, Odessa, and San Angelo.

According to the plan, approximately 2 percent of the state's total population lived in Region F in 2010, and between 2010 and 2060 its population is projected to increase by 17 percent.

Despite projected population growth in the region, total water demands for the region are projected to remain relatively constant throughout the

planning period.

The plan does include measures to increase the region's water supply, specifically in counties that use agriculture irrigation, which does not include Crockett County.

However, Williams said the plan does not take into effect the hydraulic fracturing by oil and gas companies.

"They are ignoring what's going on with the fracturing," Williams said. "It will have a huge impact on Crockett County."

For more information on Thursday's meeting, call the Crockett County Judge's office at 392-2965, or the Crockett County Groundwater District's office at 392-5156.

For more on the state water plan, visit <http://www.twdb.state.tx.us/>.

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Nicot would like to see more information about whether the water comes from aquifers or reservoirs or has been recycled from fracking operations.

Texas also needs better information about what is in water that has been in the earth and comes up in

a well in addition to oil or gas, said Mark Engle, a geologist with the U.S. Geological Survey's Eastern Energy Resources Science Center. That water can contain materials like grease and radioactive elements.

"Texas ranks pretty much dead-last of any state I've worked with for keeping track of that sort of data," Engle said.

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