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## Judges reject latest redistricting proposal

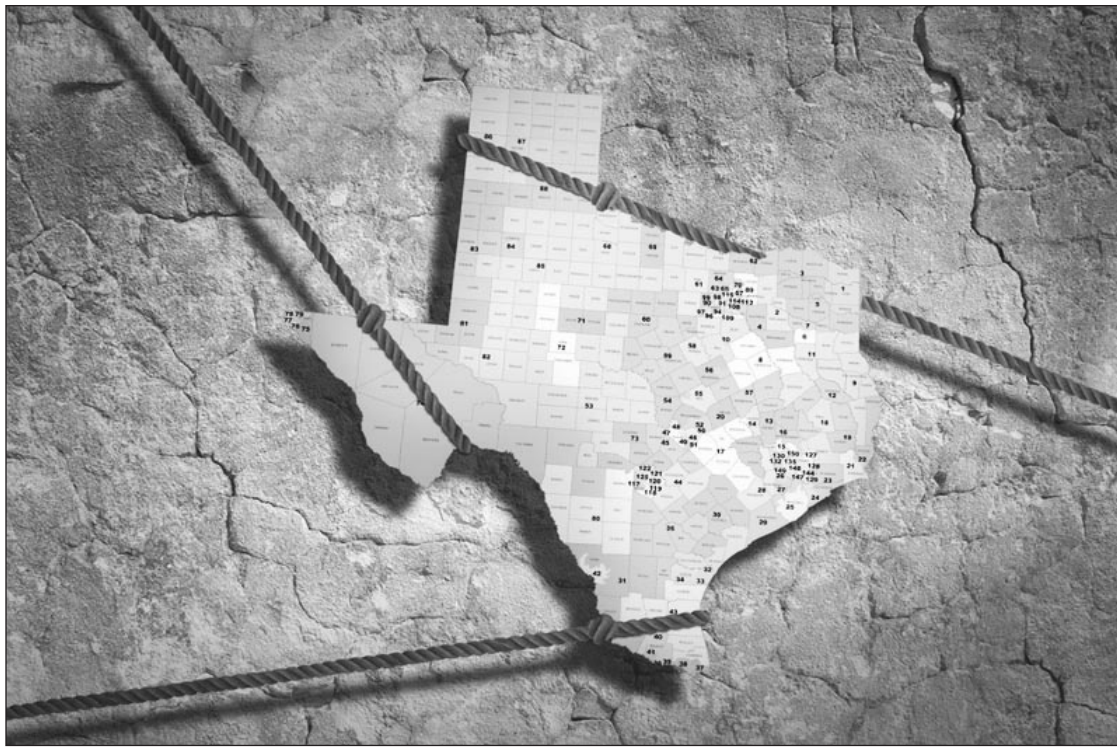
BY DAVID MUTO  
TEXAS TRIBUNE

A day of stops and starts in the state's redistricting fight ended on a familiar note: uncertainty over the state's primary date.

A federal panel in San Antonio had given the two parties at odds over the state's redistricting maps until Monday to agree on a set of compromise maps that could potentially preserve the state's April 3 primaries.

Early Monday afternoon, Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott unveiled a compromise between the state, which is arguing for the state's Republican-drawn maps, and a coalition of advocacy groups, which say the maps discriminate against minorities.

But the compromise — under which Hispanics would control two, rather than one, of four new congressional districts in the state — lacked the support of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, the Legislative Black Caucus, the NAACP, the so-called Davis plaintiffs and the Texas Democratic Party, which sued over the Sen-



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ate district maps in Tarrant County.

"Until there's a legitimate agreement among the parties, we support the court continuing to do its work," said Rebecca Acuña, a spokeswoman for the Texas Democratic Party.

And the federal panel in San Antonio rejected the proposal, instructing the parties to continue negotiations.

"The court previously urged the parties to con-

tinue negotiations in an attempt to reach an agreement on interim redistricting plans," the judges said in a court order. "However, in the absence of a general agreement between all plaintiffs and the state of Texas, the parties are reminded that they must comply with all previously ordered deadlines. The parties should continue their negotiations to the extent possible, but all deadlines remain in place

unless or until the court is notified that an agreement has been reached."

The ruling again raises the prospect of a delayed primary, or a split primary in which some elections — including the presidential primary — are held in April and others are pushed to May or June.

The judges said in the court order that their hearing on primary dates and

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## Ozona faces new teams in Class 1A districts

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

New classification, new teams and new rivalries.

Last week's UIL Realignment put Ozona High School in different territory with a move from Class 2A to 1A.

For the next two football seasons, Ozona will be competing in Class 1A Division 1 District 14 with Brackettville Brackett, Center Point, Harper Junction and Mason.

Ozona turned in a high school enrollment last fall of 199 students. The cutoff numbers for 1A was 199 and below.

In the football district, Ozona is evenly matched on enrollment with the other schools.

Brackett turned in an enrollment of 183, Center Point, which is located near Kerrville, had 179 and Mason 197. Remaining district rivals Junction and Harper also moved from 2A to 1A with enrollments of 195 and 193 respectively.

Travel hours are around the same for each district team, averaging two to two and half hours from Ozona.

"Overall, I think it's a good thing for the school. It will be nice to have the numbers on our side for a change. If you look at the big picture it's a very positive thing. I think Ozona will have a great, competitive two years," said Athletic Director Ray Brown.

Brackett and Center

### UIL REALIGNMENT

#### District 14-1A Division I

##### Football:

Ozona  
Brackettville Brackett  
Center Point  
Harper Junction  
Mason

#### District 8-1A Division I

##### Basketball:

Ozona  
Christoval  
Eldorado  
Irion County  
Miles  
San Angelo TLC Academy  
Winters

Point each advanced to the playoffs last year. Center Point lost in the Bi-District round and Brackett lost in the Area round. Mason won the 1A Division 1 State Football Championship.

"It's fun to get to play people like that," Brown said of Mason. "I was surprised to see us in a six-team district. It's hard to predict what the UIL is thinking. We really thought we were going to be in a five-team district. This is really good. It enables you to create your schedule where you want to

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## Gallego aiming for congressional seat

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Pete Gallego likes to fix things. He likes local issues, local people.

Gallego's philosophy of solving problems is one he is aiming to take to Washington, D.C.

Traveling the state, Gallego stopped in Ozona last week and visited with Crockett County Commissioners and local citizens at El Chato's Restaurant.

Since 1990, Gallego has been a state representative serving West Texas, particularly the Alpine area where he was born. He as chaired various committees and also been part of the Democratic leadership, doing time as head of the House Democratic and the Mexican American Legislative Caucuses.

Now, Gallego is running in the Democratic Primary for U.S. Representative of District 23, which includes



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STATE REP. PETE GALLEGO, D-ALPINE, visited Ozona last week. Gallego spoke to local citizens and members of the Crockett County Commissioners' Court during lunch at El Chato's Restaurant.

Crockett County. Gallego is being challenged in the primary by John Bustamante, of San Antonio.

Bustamante is the son of former congressman Al-

bert Bustamante, a Democrat who represented the 23rd congressional district from 1985 to 1993.

If he wins the primary, Gallego will face Republi-

can incumbent Francisco "Quico" Canseco in the November General Election.

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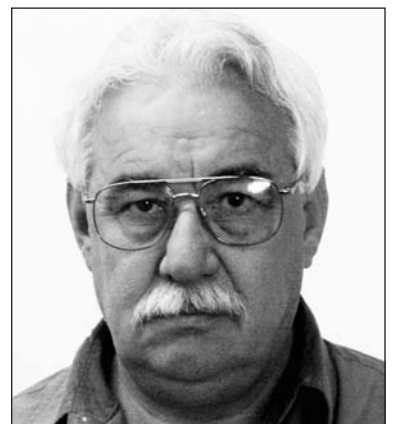
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## Stroope announces candidacy for sheriff

It is my pleasure to announce my candidacy for Sheriff of Crockett County.

For the past eight years I have owned businesses and lived in Crockett County. I received my Basic Peace Officers License in 1978 and for the next twenty plus years as a Peace Officer, I received training from Odessa College, Early Police Department, Brownwood Police Department, Brown County Sheriff's Office, Midland Police Department, Texas Narcotics Officer Association, F.B.I., D.E.A. and the Department of Public Safety.

If elected as Sheriff of Crockett County I feel that the citizens would be best served by an adequate jail that would save taxpayers money and allow the Sheriff's Department to stay



within budget. I also believe the twelve hour shifts that the officers of Crockett County are now working to be lengthy for them to stay alert and enforce the law in a fair manner.

The Citizens of Crockett County need Officers that they feel comfortable talk-

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OZONA LIONS VS. GRAPE CREEK  
FRIDAY AT THE OHS DAVIDSON GYM

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Robberies causing family more grief

Dear Editor,

Just this past week, we buried an outstanding and devoted public servant of Crockett County. His obituary was long, but it did not begin to cover all of his contributions and accomplishments.

If any cause was good for the people of this county or this country, Al Fields would work for its successful completion, whether it was a world war or a school bond

election. He really loved Ozona and its people.

Here's the irony of the situation. During the time of his last illness and death, when his wife was constantly at his bedside, a person or persons of his beloved Ozona broke into his home and robbed it twice.

How could that happen? How could anyone be so cruel and heartless to deliberately harm folks who have always worked to make everyone's

life better? Irreplaceable documents and objects with only sentimental value were taken, along with everything of monetary value.

If there is any way you or someone you know could facilitate the return of those documents and keepsakes, please do. It would help a little bit to relieve the hurt that these robberies have caused.

Patricia C. Copeland  
Sterling City, Texas

## Texas cities fare poorly on survey of literacy resources

With the exception of Austin, Texas' major cities did not fare well in a recent national survey of literacy resources.

Literacy is the foundation of education and a steady gage of failure and success. Those with a limited ability to read and write, and to form and express their ideas in an increasingly complex world are doomed to low-skilled, low-paying jobs. They are more prone to stress and anxiety in their daily lives, putting their children at greater risk for abuse and neglect.

While our public schools are on the front line of teaching literacy, the skill must be maintained and honed. There are a number of community resources involved in that effort, and according to the survey, this is where Texas' largest cities are falling short.

John Miller, president of Central Connecticut State University, ranked 75 U.S. cities on the basis of

six indicators of literacy: library resources, newspaper circulation, bookstores, publishing resources, educational attainment and Internet resources.

Austin, at 22 on the list, was the only Texas city to rank in the top third. It was followed by Plano (46), Dallas (51), Fort Worth (54), Arlington (64); Houston (60); San Antonio (66), El Paso (73) and Corpus Christi (74).

It's going to be impossible to improve those rankings if Texas continues on



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## Texting properly

It's been a while since I dove into my Emily Post Etiquette book, but the art of texting caught my eye this weekend.

I love texting people as a convenient way of communicating. Such as telling people I've made it home, asking if they need anything, getting quick information, etc...

With it you can get a message to someone without causing their phone to ring at an inopportune time, ask a friend a question and let them respond at their leisure, or just shout out a quick greeting to someone without making a big deal about it.

Unlike my teenage friends, I'm not very good at having full conversations by just using my thumbs.

There are, however, a few text-message etiquette tips to keep in mind:

- Text-messaging is not an alternative to using the phone when calling would be considered rude. You would not take a call in the middle of a movie, a performance, or a meeting, and likewise, you should not send text messages.
- Make sure you're texting to the right phone number! It's very easy to dial the wrong number or select the wrong phone book entry.

- Don't text-message anything confidential, private, or potentially embarrassing. You never know when someone might be looking over your significant other's shoulder—or worse yet, when your message might get sent to the wrong person.

- If you text-message someone who doesn't have your phone number, start your message by stating who you are: "Hi—it's Kate (yoga). Chiropractor's number is: 1-802-555-2020. Good luck."

- When you have a chance, respond to a text message with either a text message or a phone call.

- Just as you should not be answering your phone during a conversation, you should not send a text message when you are engaged with someone else. If you are with someone who will not stop text messaging during your conversation,



WHAT'S ON  
MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

feel free to excuse yourself until they have concluded their messaging.

- You shouldn't use text messaging when informing someone of sad news, business matters, or urgent meetings, unless it's to set up a phone call on the subject.

- If you receive a text message that was sent to you by mistake, reply explaining that you aren't the intended recipient. You don't have to respond to anything else in the message.

- Finally, remember that as with email, you can't know for sure when the recipient is going to read his or her message—so don't freak out if your text message doesn't get an immediate response.

Also, when it comes to texting while eating, it's not good manners.

If your meal is just about nourishment and you are by yourself in the kitchen, text away. However, if you're having dinner with friends and family, be with them.

Even if your phone is in your lap, the people with you all know what you're doing when you're eyes are focused on your lap.

Just because it's a quiet activity (unlike a phone call), you're not fooling anyone. And then everyone's attention is on the fact that your attention is on your phone, not on them.

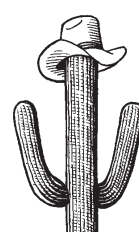
The guideline is that you do not text message when you are involved in any type of social interaction - conversation, listening, in class, at a meeting or, especially, at the dinner table.

If you really need to communicate with someone who is not at the event - or at the table - excuse yourself and then return as soon as you can.

For more, visit [www.emilypost.com](http://www.emilypost.com).

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. No tweeting while eating.

## Name Droppers



IT'S THE  
PITTS

LEE PITTS

Here are the names of the dogs I see on a regular basis: Emma, Katy, Lilly and Judy. Do you notice anything about their names, other than being girl names and BORING? They are all people names. Whatever happened to more traditional dog names like Bingo, Blaze, Buddy, Bandit, Buster, Ruff, Rover, Lucky, Potlicker and Melon Head?

As more people consider dogs to be part of their family they are giving them more human names like Irving, Mandy and Rockefeller. Dexter is a beautiful dog I know who is being groomed to be a seeing-eye dog but his name sounds like he was raised at an expensive boarding school back east, wore a uniform everyday to learn elocution and looks down his nose at mere mutts and mongrels. But having a name like Dexter just guarantees that once he's out on the cold, mean streets he's going to get beat up by every Pit Bull and Rottweiler that comes along. You might as well name him Precious.

Included in dog-food-maker IAMS list of proper dog names are Aaron, Abbott and Achimus. You want to name your dog Achimus? Really? You can find such names in any book of human baby names, or in the phone book for that matter. In the American Kennel Club's 2007 top ten list of dog names were the human monikers May, Mae, Maxwell, Maximus Rose, Daisy, Belle, Bell and Bella. (What's the fascination with bells?) Another Internet list of top 20 dog names included Toby, Murphy, Oliver, Jack, Charlie, Molly, Maggie, Bailey, Zoe,

mony because it's the only thing he ended up with in his divorce.

Instead of just giving your dog a royal name like Duke, Duchess, Princess, King, Queen or Baron, show a little imagination and call it Diesel, Nixon, Bigfoot, Dumbell, Jalepeno, Hoss or Jughead. If your dog came from the pound why not call it John Doe, because you don't know its real name. A dog that keeps disappearing could be called Houdini or Abracadabra, and a dog that's hard to catch is just crying out to be called Frisbee. If you got your dog fixed call it Sam Spade; if it likes to play ball call it Shortstop or Catcher; if it leaves home but keeps coming back call it Boomerang; if it's always a nuisance by laying around in the way call it Speedbump; if it's fat call it Crisco.

Sasha and Chloe. Chloe? You named your Great Dane Chloe? What's next, Hilton, Holden, Huxley, Walker, Parker, Monroe, Kendall and Farcas?

I feel you should wait awhile to give any pup its permanent moniker so that you can name it something that fits its personality, like Stinky, Pinky, Nipper, Mooch, Bones, Pee Wee, and Sir Wagsalot. Aren't they more personal and descriptive? A friend of mine calls his dog Ali-

I like the idea of being breed-specific in naming your pets. For example, a Boxer could be called Sugar Ray; a German Shepherd Rin Tin Tin Too; a Dachshund Longfellow; a non-working breed could be called Layoff or Senator; Burrito fits a Chihuahua; and I wouldn't even have to tell you the breed if my dog's name was Llasa Poopo. I also like the idea of naming dogs after brands of beer, like Schlitz, Bud, Corona and Coors. If you have two dogs name them after famous duos like Abbott and Costello, or Lewis and Clark. Especially if they're always going off on trips of discovery in the neighborhood.

I suppose in this politically correct world traditional dog names like Blackie, Brownie or Whitey are taboo. And naming your dog after a human like Tiger just sets it up for embarrassment when their human counterpart turns out to be a bum.

I also would not name your dog something that could be mistaken for a command. For example, if your dog is named Sit he will just go down on his haunches every time you call him. If you name your dog Fetch he'll retrieve your neighbors newspaper when you call him and your dog Spot just might pee on the carpet when you call for him. Then again, some dogs misbehave so badly they think their names are Downboy and No.

Take it from someone who hates their name, don't name your dog Oprah, Barbie, Vanna or Megan. As Charley Brown said to Snoopy (a real dog name), "Good grief."

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## Texas State Teachers Association calls for special session

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

Pressure on the governor to call a special session of the Texas Legislature to address shortages in school funding is increasing.

Public education absorbed a multi-billion dollar hit when the Legislature, in its January through May 2011 regular session, made across the board spending cuts to address the state's estimated \$20 billion budget deficit for the 2012-2013 biennium. Then, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst who presides over the Senate, and House Speaker Joe Straus steered fiscally conservative majorities in the Senate and House to approve the use of about \$3 billion of the state's \$9 billion Economic Stabilization (also known as "Rainy Day") Fund. The tapped amount was applied to the public education and health and human services budgets.

Texas State Teachers Association last week urged Gov. Rick Perry to call lawmakers to Austin to appropriate

\$2.5 billion from the state's Rainy Day Fund "to head off another round of harmful cuts in local public school budgets for the 2012-2013 school year."

TSTA President Rita Haecker, at a Feb. 1 Capitol news conference, pointed out the effects of the governor and the legislative majority's cutting of \$5.4 billion from public education for the current, two-year budget period, including \$4 billion in formula funding obligations to school districts and another \$1.4 billion in Texas Education Agency grants to districts.

An estimated 32,000 school employees including 12,000 teachers already have lost their jobs, and more than 8,200 elementary classes are larger than the cap set by state law. "Ultimately, these cuts and crowded classrooms harm our students' learning environment," Haecker said.

TSTA is circulating a petition calling on the governor to call a special session, she added.

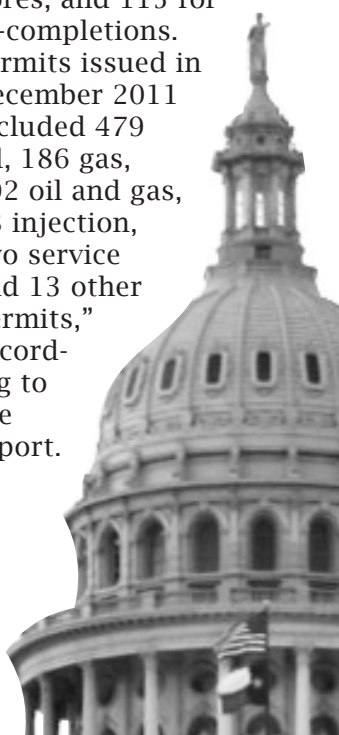
A year ago, the office of the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported that \$7.2 billion of the Rainy Day Fund came from oil and gas production taxes.

### OIL & GAS FIGURES TAKE SHAPE

These days, oil and gas industry trucks are seen moving up and down roads and highways in many parts of Texas and setting up shop here and there on sites visible from public rights of way.

Many Texas newspapers routinely report this information, but in light of the current call for a special session and the Rainy Day Fund's tie to oil and gas production taxes, here are figures reported by the state agency that regulates the oil and gas industry.

On Jan. 30, the Texas Railroad Commission reported it issued 1,630 original drilling permits in December 2011. "The December total included 1,480 permits to drill new oil and gas wells, 35 to re-enter existing well bores, and 115 for re-completions. Permits issued in December 2011 included 479 oil, 186 gas, 902 oil and gas, 48 injection, two service and 13 other permits," according to the report.



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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS**

**Chamber banquet aiming to raise funds for library**

The Crockett County Public Library has teamed up with the Ozona Chamber of Commerce to contact a campaign to raise funds for the library.

The goal is to raise \$5,000 or collect 100 \$50 donations in seven weeks. The funds will help supplement the county budget and the Friends of the Library fundraising efforts to keep the library a vibrant, culturally relevant, community-oriented meeting place with innovative programming, current computers and equipment and collections tailored to the community's wants and needs.

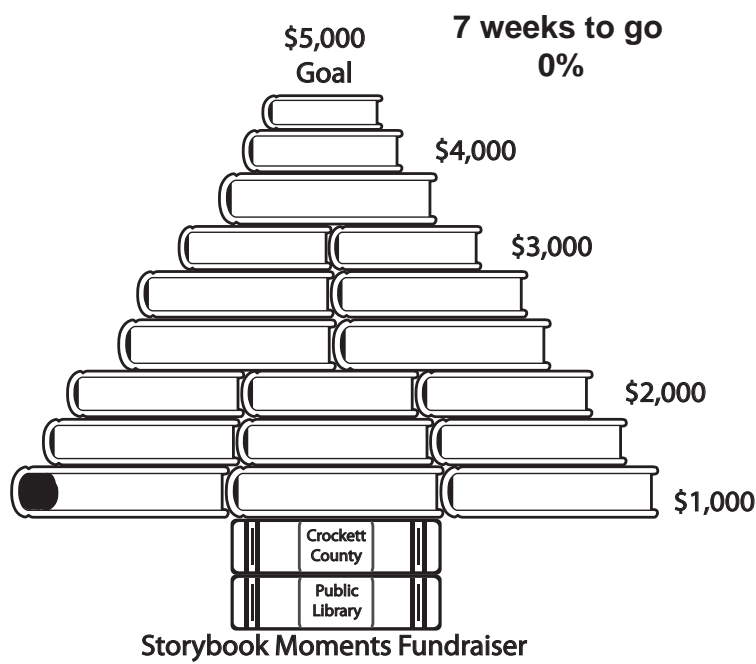
Actual donations collected will be announced at the annual Ozona Chamber of Commerce Banquet on March 29 at the Civic Center.

That night, the chamber will award the Business of the Month and the Way Off Broadway Players are returning to perform a portion of "Ruthie's Cafe" set in a small town.

The library wants to continue to be relevant to the daily lives of the people it serves, and a key service provider in our community.

When the regular session of the 82nd Texas Legislature ended in June 2011, Texas libraries were left reeling because programs that had been in place for decades, as well as the direct aid to libraries, is no more.

Texas State Library and



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Archives budget was reduced by 64 percent. Staff was slashed as well as program funds.

Because of congressional action, federal funding is also reduced for Library Services and Technology Act matching grants.

"We have spent the last 20 years building up the services that we provide our local residents and patrons. Services that compare to any library across the state," said Crockett County Librarian Louise Ledoux. "Without this funding, Texas libraries are not only on their own, but it's a set back for all of us in term of services that we are going to provide." Lost services include the

Lone Star Libraries Grant, Interlibrary Loan Program, TexShare Card Program, services through the Big Country Library System and the Technical Assistance Negotiated Grant Program that provides assistance with the public computers and equipment.

Each week, the book pyramid (above) will track the fundraising goal and list the sponsors that have contributed.

Several levels of sponsorship are available for individuals and businesses.

For more information, or to make a donation or sponsorship, call the library at 392-3565 or the chamber at 392-3737.



**It's a girl**

Domingo and Mimi Perez, along with their children Jose and Mercedes, would like to announce the birth of their daughter and sister Jordana Ruth Perez.

She was born Dec. 20, 2011 at San Angelo Community Medical Center at 2 p.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 19 inches long.

**Museum seeking dolls**

Crockett County Museum is attempting to put together a doll exhibit and are in need of old dolls or clothing.

One doll in particular is a Tiny Terri Lee doll which stands 10 inches tall.

All dolls in good condition will be accepted.

For more information, call the museum at 392-2837.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, Feb. 8**

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

**Thursday, Feb. 9**

- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

**Friday, Feb. 10**

- JV and Varsity Lions and Lions vs. Grape Creek, 5 p.m. at OHS Davidson Gym.
- Lady Lions Softball Scrimmage vs. Miles, 5 p.m. at Miles.

**Saturday, Feb. 11**

- OHS UIL Math and Science teams to compete at Lee High School in Midland.
- OHS UIL Speech and Journalism teams to compete in Eldorado.
- Levis and Lace Square Dancing, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Monday, Feb. 13**

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Senior Center Board Meeting and Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Tuesday, Feb. 14**

- Valentine's Day
- Dominos at the Senior Center.
- OHS Lions vs. Ballinger, 5 p.m. at Ballinger.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Reagan County, 5 p.m. at Big Lake.
- Helping Hands Board Meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance Lessons, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

**Wednesday, Feb. 15**

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

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**Feb. 10** - Clay Childress, Adam Hopper, Rebekah Shaw, Katie Friend, Mari Campos and Leon McDowell

**Feb. 11** - Liz Franco, Nelly Gibson, Stanley Flanagan, Raul Arredondo Sr., Mary Jo Clark and Guillermo Rios

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

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

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

**Happy "2nd" Birthday Jake!**

We Love You Very Much! God Bless You Always!

Lots of Love, Mommy, Grandma & Grandpa

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**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

**New date set for bingo**

BY LYNN ENGLISH  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

On Monday, Feb. 13, we will be having a Valentine appreciation dinner for Senior Center Board Members, County Judge Fred Deaton, Crockett County Commissioners, Crockett County Clerk and their guests. The dinner will be here at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Our condolences go out to the family of Kyle Webb who passed away last week. He will be missed by his family and many friends. He was a wonderful young man.

We had set Monday, Feb. 20, as the date for our Bingo Social but that will be Presidents' Day and county buildings and offices will be closed.

In next week's column, I will give you another date for bingo.

I learned today that Dorothy Montgomery was taken yesterday to a San Angelo Hospital. We wish Dorothy a speedy recovery.

There is still no news concerning Concho Valley

Community Action. Watch this column and I will let you know as soon as I know something.

There will be no more yoga lessons. Mridula (Mary Marie) Kamra has a teaching contract in another town and will be unable to return to give us yoga lessons. We appreciate the lessons she gave.

We still do not have enough calendars to send out to the people that Helping Hands deliver meals to. We would greatly appreciate any more extra 2012 calendars that you may have.

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 2-4 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.

**OBITUARIES**

**Jonathon Kyle Webb**

All of God's angels are re-joining today. Jonathon Kyle Webb went to be with his Father in Heaven at 4:45a.m. on Feb. 3, 2012. Kyle was born on May 11, 1987, in Hobbs, N.M. A celebration of his life was held Monday, Feb. 6, at the Shaffer Funeral Home Chapel in San Angelo, with Brother Bill Fuller of Tahoka, Texas, officiating. A private graveside service for family was held at Jal Cemetery, Jal, N.M. Services are under the direction of Shaffer Funeral Home/Sherwood Way in San Angelo.



Kyle is survived by his parents, Kevin and Karen Webb of Ozona; a sister, Kendra Webb of San Angelo; a niece, Mariah "Monkey" Webb of San Angelo; grandfather, Doyle Webb of Jal, N.M.; grandparents, Carolyn and Richard Smith of San Angelo; grandfather, Edd Campbell of Shamrock, Texas; great-grandfather, Richard Smith of Hereford, Texas; aunt and uncle, Jackie and Ronnie Walls of Jal, N.M.; aunt and uncle, Brenda and Monte Duncan of Midland; aunt, Debbie Flynn of Moore, Okla. and many cousins.

Kyle was a senior set to graduate from Angelo State University in May of 2012. He was full of energy and in constant motion, leading many in his family to refer to him as a "Tasmanian Devil." He was very fortunate to count many people as friends and he has a profound and lasting effect on anyone who came into his life. Kyle had a passion for music, especially musical theatre, and enjoyed epic Nerf wars with his beloved niece, "Monkey." He relished every day and lived by the maxim that there was "no day but today." Even into his final days, his spirit and presence was felt worldwide via social networking sites Facebook and Twitter.

The family would like to thank the medical staff at Shannon Medical Center and the entire staff at the Rotary House of Hope. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations are made to the Rotary House of Hope or the San Angelo Cultural Affairs Counsel in loving memory of Jonathon Kyle Webb.

**'Go Red For Women' luncheon Feb. 16**

Since 2004, the American Heart Association's "Go Red For Women" movement has been educating millions of women on the urgent truths of heart disease.

The fact is: More women die of heart disease than all forms of cancer combined.

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"Go Red For Women" works to spread life-saving



truths about heart disease and fund lifesaving research - all which can make the difference between life

and death.

Come enjoy a fun filled "Go Red For Women" noon luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 16, in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

A heart-healthy meal will be served along with entertaining presentations on making healthy lifestyle changes.

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

**Payne makes Angelo State 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: John M. Payne.

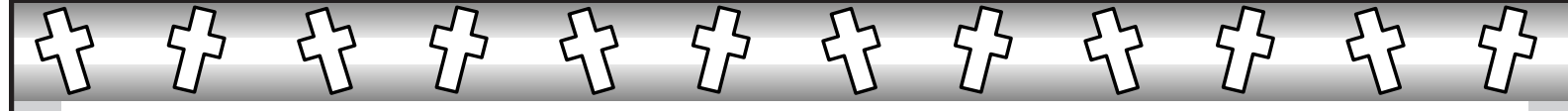
**Skinner makes Texas Tech Dean's List**

The College of Education at Texas Tech University has released its Dean's List for the 2011 Spring and Fall semesters.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, a student must

be enrolled full time at Texas Tech University and must maintain a 3.5 or better grade point average.

Making the list for both semesters from Ozona is Frankie Skinner.



**HARDPAN**

Farmers know what this means because it is a farmers nightmare. It is when a layer of dirt compacts below surface of the topsoil and becomes very hard. It can be several inches to several feet below the surface and it stops or severely limits crop production on farmland and you have to get big tractors and special plows to break it up if you want to cure it. Hardpans remind me of something in the Bible. Our heart not the physical but our spiritual heart is very important and what we think or have in them is critical to our relationship to God. Not what we say but what is on the inside or underneath is what counts, (Matthew 15:8). Our hearts can become dull to the things of God and even defile us, (Matthew 13:15, 15:18&19). Pride, unbelief, arrogance, greed, limited understanding to spiritual things and resisting God are just a few symptoms of a hardened heart, (Mark 8:17&18, 16:14, Luke 1:51). A hardened heart grieves Jesus, and God may even withdraw His hand of blessing allowing our heart to even become more hardened and the final result is God's wrath on us, (Mark 3:5, John 12:40, Romans 2:5). A hardened heart can also become the devils playground, (John 13:2). There is hope and a solution if we will truly repent and ask God for forgiveness, (Acts 8:21&22). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 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><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>	
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<p><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat &amp; 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><b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b> 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><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Tues. - Sat.: 6 p.m.</p>	
<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</b></p>		
<p><b>New Beginnings Church</b> 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Apostolic Church</b> 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues &amp; Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>		
			<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> 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>

ALL PASTORS OF OZONA CHURCHES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT COLUMNS.

**Card of Thanks**  
We, the family of Ida Aguilar would like to say "Thank You" for all your support during our time of sorrow. Whether you brought food, sent flowers, made a phone call, said words of strengthening, or even shared a story about Ida, your thoughtfulness and kindness will always be treasured.  
The Gallardo, Garcia and Aguilar Families

**Card of Thanks**  
The Family of Edward Alsobrook would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the thoughts, prayers, cards, food, flowers, and words of comfort during the loss of our loved one. It is in times like these that we are reminded of what a wonderful community we live in. We would also like to thank Fr. Barry McClean for the beautiful mass, the Guadalupanas for the wonderful meal, and the Sunday Choir at OLPH for the beautiful music. We could not have gotten through this terrible time without the love and support of our friends and family. Thank you all for just "being" there.  
Casiana Alsobrook, Catherine Bernice Fierro Family, James Fierro Family, Chon Fierro Family and Pat Rinal Family

**Card of Thanks**  
The family of Al Fields wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to the entire community for all of your many, many acts of kindness to us throughout these last few years. Al considered himself very fortunate to have spent most of his long life here, serving the people of Crockett County in his many different capacities. He always said that the best people in the world live in Ozona. Thank you for the wonderful food, the lovely flowers, the cards, the calls and the visits that have helped us through this time of sorrow. Our very special thanks go to Ted Spence, Nan and Randy Verner, Bill Fuller and Gail Spence. We especially want to thank our Church family, everyone at the Crockett County Care Center, the Preddy Funeral Home, Medway Home Health and the Sheriff's Department.  
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Thomas Fields and Children

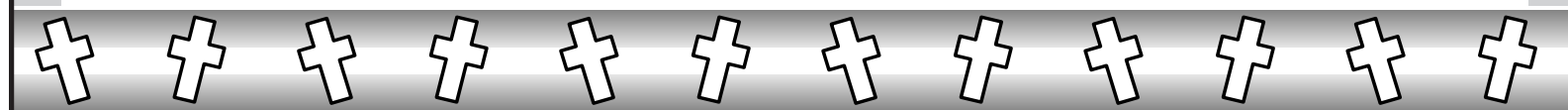
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**LIBRARY NEWS** By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

# Media Book Club featuring Lou Chapman

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 Lou Chapman, chief financial officer for Ozona National Bank.

Chapman said she enjoys science-fiction and futuristic books, along with history, biographies and religious themed books.

"Possibilities are endless when you visit the library or enter a book store. Remove the dust jacket, and most books look the same on the outside, but inside is a whole other story," Chapman said.

As a banker, Chapman said reading for relaxation is more fun than work-related reading.

Some of her favorite books are "Old Yeller," "Ride the Wind" by Lucia St. Clair Robson, "The Brethren" by John Grisham, "When I Lay My Isaac Down" by Carol Kent.

"Each year I find a new favorite book," she said. "Stand-alone books would be my favorite, but short stories definitely fill in those in-between times. Series books are time-consuming and sometimes frustrating. However, I have Stieg Larsson's trilogy, starting with 'The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo,' sitting on my shelf. Plan to make that my back porch reading for the summer. I also enjoy listening to books on tape when on the road."

Chapman said she enjoys reading books in print, and not on a e-reader.

"There is something about the smell of a book, newly printed or old, that sets the tone, and what is more comforting than tak-

ing a favorite book off the shelf and spending the afternoon re-reading your favorite parts," Chapman said. "Like the 'Velveteen Rabbit,' you can tell a well-loved book by its frayed binding and turned down pages."

Chapman said she just finished reading "The Litigators" by John Grisham.

"Great characters. Nothing better than riding the roller coaster with Grisham," she said.

For lighthearted fun, Chapman read "The Garner Files" a memoir by actor James Garner, which was filled with behind the scenes descriptions of his days as Maverick, as well as the movie "The Great Escape."

She said she has a new book ordered, "The Crown," by Nancy Bilyeau.

"A novel set in the time of Henry VIII. Picked up a magazine in a doctor's office and read the review. It sounded like a good read so I ordered it," she said.

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.

## Crockett SWCD encourages public speaking participation

The Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District is making known the availability of the 2012 Soil Stewardship Public Speaking Contest Kits to FFA Chapters within the district. The theme for this year's contest is "Soil to Spoon."

The objective of the annual soil stewardship public speaking contest is to provide an opportunity for FFA students to actively participate in a community awareness program which emphasizes that local communities, the state and nation cannot take soil, water and related renewable natural resources for granted, and the everyday human activities can effect these resources either positively or negatively.

Local FFA students participating in the program will have the opportunity to graduate in participation to the area level. Both the winner and second place contestant in area contests are eligible to compete in the state contest which takes place during the FFA state convention. Three scholarships are awarded at the state level. The first place winner receives \$3,000, the second place winner \$2,000 and the third place winner \$1,000.

FFA students desiring to participate in the program are to consult with their Ag Science

teacher and use the Guidelines Packet accessible on the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board's website, www.tss-wcb.state.tx.us.

Interested students are reminded that a requisite of the program requires sponsorship by their local SWCD. They are also encouraged to use their local SWCD as a resource.

For more than 50 years, the National Association of Conservation Districts has sponsored a national program to encourage Americans to focus on stewardship.

While the program encour-

ages good stewardship year round, Stewardship Week is officially celebrated from the last Sunday in April to the first Sunday in May in the United States.

The annual soil stewardship public speaking contest program is a partnership between the Texas FFA, the Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association of Texas, the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Association of Texas Soil and Water Conservation Districts and locally led soil and water conservation districts.

## GALLEGO: from page 1

making things better," he said. "I like to figure out how we are going to fix it. I love the local stuff. Nobody ever really pays attention to our stuff. Everyone gets involved in the big issues today."

During his time as a state representative, Gallego has earned a reputation for working with both Democrats and Republicans. In talking with people in Ozona, he said he plans on keeping the same bipartisan philosophy if is elected to serve in Washington, D.C.

"I don't intend to drink the water, that's not who I am. I'm convinced I can go and do a good job. I don't intend to be any different," he said. "I have 22 years of relationships."

The state legislature has been the only life Gallego has known for the past 20 years. One of the biggest fights he said he has faced, including the last legislative session, was on education.

Gallego said the way the legislative figured the budget during the last session was to figure spending for all other departments first, leaving education at the bottom.

"We're acting like there's enough money for the same number of kids and our state is not growing," he said. "We are doing this backwards."

Local issues, such as helping small businesses, is another issue Gallego wants to focus on if elected to congress.

"Local businesses feel like they have a foot on their throat. I want to pay attention to local issues," he said.

As before, County Judge Fred Deaton and the commissioners requested for Gallego to look into a new post office and home delivery for Ozona.

"We have had this conver-

sation with congressmen in the past," Deaton said. "We realize the postal service has its share of problems."

Commissioner Frank Tambunga asked Gallego about oil and gas companies following government regulations and disclosing more on what is involved in hydraulic fracturing.

"We love the jobs. We want the jobs. The issue of water, how much is pumped, how much is put back and hot hurting the local economy," he said. "I've been told with technology companies will use significantly less water, clean and recycle water. As this goes on, technology is making it more affordable, but right now there is a lot of concern."

In running for U.S. Congress, Gallego said the big-

gest area of difference he has seen is the fund-raising. When he was running for state representative, \$200,000 was the amount he would need to raise.

For a federal seat, the cost is around \$2 million due to part of San Antonio being in the 23rd District, which stretches all the way to El Paso along the Texas-Mexico border.

"It makes it really challenging. I can see why more people don't run," he said. "You have to start from zero."

Gallego is making the rounds, including being part of the Texas Tribune's Conversation Series in Austin on Thursday, Feb. 9.

"I'm having a blast," he said.

For more information on Gallego, visit <http://petegallego.com/>.

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- this "Happy" built TX movie set "Alamo Village"
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- Hawaiian howdy
- TXism: "the \_\_\_ smoking" (rare steak)
- singer Horne, et al an Italian name
- TXism: "it'll \_\_\_ in a pinch"
- TX Tommy Lee film: "Eyes of Laura \_\_\_"
- \_\_\_ wood, TX

**DOWN**

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- TXism: "jumpy as a \_\_\_"
- TXism: "mosey \_\_\_ to the trough" (join in)
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- actor in "The Four Seasons" ('81) with TX-born Burnett
- TX Dan Jenkins book: "You Gotta Play \_\_\_"
- TX Vikki song: "Cosas del \_\_\_"
- "pitcher's elbow": \_\_\_ Epicondylitis
- Owen Daniels pos. on Houston Texans
- Merkel h.s. class
- TXism: "\_\_\_ sack" (burial bag)
- Dallas boys prep school
- written language
- an hour behind TX time
- TX cosmetics queen, Mary Kay
- just west of Abilene
- TX "Cowpokes" artist, Ace (init.)
- mucho rich Fort Worth resident, Bass
- TXism: "get your \_\_\_ row" (prepare)
- Dallam Co. seat
- brother of 15-down
- TXism: "dot the i's and cross the \_\_\_"
- this Belo founded the Dallas Morning News (init.)
- last name of TX singer in 12-down
- once a noted TX atheist: Madalyn Murray \_\_\_
- TXism: "he's a good \_\_\_ to mess with" (mean)
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- country music net.
- UT grad Wallach
- Astro "Cy Young" winner Roger \_\_\_
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- TXism: "took sick"
- Reagan's "Star Wars" (abbr.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_ \_\_\_ TX-OK border"
- \_\_\_ for air
- heal
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# Lady Lions Powerlifters show improvement at Grape Creek

The Ozona Lady Lion Powerlifting team traveled to San Angelo Grape Creek this past weekend.

With only four lifters, the Lady Lions were able to score eight points and place ninth out of 16 teams.

Again, each of these ladies improved their total by 20 or more pounds.

During the week, we changed up some of our lifts and it paid off for our lifters.

In the 105 pound class, Elizabeth Kennedy improved 25 pounds to reach a total of 440 and fourth place.

In the 132 pound class, Alex Rodriguez also im-

proved 25 pounds and just fell short of the 600 mark with 585 and brought home the second place medal.

In the 148 class, Nancy Rodriguez had the biggest improvement of 35 pounds to reach a total of 580 and fifth place.

"Nancy has had a back injury and sat out at the Mertzson meet. It is impressive for her to participate in this meet and have the improvement that she had," said Coach Todd Iglehart.

Also in the 148 pound class, Rebecca Hernandez also continued to improve as she had a 20 pound increase with a total of 490.

"From Rebecca's first meet, she has had an improvement of 100 pounds and she is starting to understand her strength and ability," Iglehart said. "As every week, we are proud of these ladies on the improvements and dedication."

The team has a week off before they travel to Eldorado on Feb. 18 for the ladies last regional qualifying meet.

"We want to thank those who travel to each meet and support these ladies. It helps when you have that cheering squad, especially when attempting difficult weight," Iglehart said.



ELIZABETH KENNEDY PLACED FOURTH IN THE 105 POUND CLASS with a total of 440 pounds in the San Angelo Grape Creek Powerlifting Meet held this past weekend.



NANCY RODRIGUEZ IMPROVED 35 POUNDS TO PLACE FIFTH in the 148 class with a total of 580 pounds.



ALEX RODRIGUEZ BROUGHT HOME THE SECOND PLACE MEDAL in the 132 pound class with a total of 585 pounds.



REBECCA HERNANDEZ improved 20 pounds in the 148 pound class at the Grape Creek Powerlifting Meet.

## Lions Powerlifters find tough competition at Grape Creek

The Ozona Lions found the competition very tough at the Grape Creek Meet on Saturday, Feb. 4.

The meet consisted of over 200 lifters and 15 teams and despite the level of competition the Lions were able to capture two medals.

Michael Vargas placed second in the 132 pound class with a total of 955 pounds.

Hazael Damian finished fifth place in the 220 pound

class with a total of 1,045 pounds.

"Every lifter increased their total over the Irion County meet," said Coach David Kennedy.

Other lifters competing at Grape Creek were: Ryan Kennedy (148) - 885 total, Dan Lombrana (181) - 835 total, Brandon Dominguez (198) - 980 total, Emilio Mendez (220) - 690 total, and Rigo Rodriguez (220) - 940 total.



MICHAEL VARGAS PLACED SECOND IN THE 132 POUND CLASS with a total lift of 955 pounds at the Feb. 4 Grape Creek Powerlifting Meet.



BRANDON DOMINGUEZ COMPETED in the Grape Creek Powerlifting Meet this past weekend and had a total lift of 980 pounds.

## Lions defeat Bulldogs, suffer loss to Broncos

The Ozona's Ryan Mayfield hit the shot at the end of the game to give the Lions a 50-49 district win over Brady on Feb. 3.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 11 17 12-50; Brady - 10 8 13 18-49.

Scoring: Mayfield 15; Alex Borrego 11; Saul Vargas 1; Noah Tambunga 4; Jayton Rodriguez 6; Alejandro Mendez 2; Glen Tinney 1; Jerrod duBois 10. Also

playing: Kramer Hall, Brandon De Hoyos and Tres Perez.

The Lions lost to Sonora 61-52 on Jan. 31.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 11 7 24-52; Sonora - 19 14 11 17-61.

Scoring: Mayfield 10; Borrego 11; Vargas 4; Mendez 8; duBois 19. Also playing: Tambunga, Rodriguez, Hall, Tinney, DeHoyos and Perez.

## OHS Academic team competes at Sonora

The OHS Academic Team competed in the Sonora Invitational UIL Meet Friday.

Results:  
Ready Writing - 3. Chris Cantu; 5. Cuatro Jones.  
Editorial Writing - 3. Cuatro Jones; 6. Lane Hale

Headline Writing - 5. Lane Hale  
Literary Criticism - 4. Chris Cantu; fourth place Team.  
Mathematics - 5. Kramer Hall; third place Team.  
Informative Speaking - 6.

Kelbie Renfroe  
Persuasive Speaking - 5. Cuatro Jones

Computer Science - 1. Jerrod duBois; 2. Cris Taylor; first place Team.

## Lady Lions fall to Brady on Feb. 3

The Lady Lions lost to Brady 80-37 on Feb. 3.

Score by quarters: Ozona 12 4 11 10-37; Brady 27 23 19 11-80

Scoring: Brianna Cer-

vantes 3, Natalie Hernandez 1, Kodi Glosson 7, Lexi Poin-dexter 2, Adrienne Sanchez 5, Cynthia Garcia 4, Stacie Quiroz 6, Amy Quiroz 1, Vivian Medina 8.

## NHS sponsoring Teddy Bear Drive

The Ozona High School National Honor Society will be sponsoring a Teddy Bear Drive on Friday, Feb. 10, during the basketball games at the OHS Davidson Gym.

Students will be collecting new, stuffed animals and then donating them to the local sheriff's department, fire department and

the Texas DPS for them to distribute at accidents and fires to children as a source of comfort during a traumatic experience.

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**OHS BAND MEMBERS** competed at UIL Solo and Ensemble in San Angelo Saturday. (left to right) Kristen Hernandez received a Division I, O'Rion Bilano, Division II on a very difficult solo, Jadie Marshall, Division I and Chris Cantu, Division I.



**OHS ART STUDENTS** competed at the Regional Visual Arts Scholastic Event today and received Superior ratings on their projects. Lorenzo Hernandez - 2 Superior Ratings (far left); Sierra Stokes - Superior (top right); Kelsie Ramirez - Superior (middle left); Jenny Venegas - Superior and State Qualifier (middle right) and Chris Cantu - 2 Superior Ratings and State Qualifier (not pictured). Also pictured: Nicole Higgins (top left), Desiree Marshall (middle), (front) Deya Hernandez and Charli West (not pictured).



**ANTHONY DELGADO**, a senior at Brownfield High School in Brownfield, Texas, has signed a letter of intent to play football for Belhaven University in Jackson, Miss. While he will be playing the game he loves, he will pursue a degree in sports administration. Anthony is the son of David and Gracie Delgado of Brownfield, formerly of Ozona. He is the grandson of Herculano and Juanita Delgado of Ozona and Tony and Jessie Reina-Zuniga of San Angelo.

## Ozona Middle School B Lady Lions take on Wall

The Seventh Grade B Lady Lions lost to Wall 41-7 on Jan. 30.

Scoring: Paige Lewis 3;

Cameron Rutherford 2 and Sidney Perez 2. Also playing: Gabby Flores, Gabby Treto, Elizabeth Rodriguez,

Maiah Jurado, Megan Shook. The Seventh Grade B Lady Lions end the season 3-2.

The Eighth Grade B Lady Lions lost to Wall 45-0 on Jan. 30.

Playing: April Ramos, Dulce Rodriguez, Ashley Vargas, Taylor Luna, Daisy Cantu, Pricila Rodriguez, Destany Delgado, Meagan Vasquez and Gina Marquez.

The Eighth Grade B Lady Lions end the season 1-4.

## OHS Tennis Team plays in San Angelo

The Ozona High School Tennis Team competed in their first meet Friday in San Angelo.

Nathaniel Valdez and Dalan Wilson lost first round to Counts and Anderson from Wall 8-5.

They lost in the finals of consolation 8-2 to Rumsey and Selph from Wall.

Jadie Marshall lost first round to Crystal Johnson

from Wall 8-0.

She lost her second match in the consolation draw 8-0.

Abby Newton lost first round to Hunter McSpedden from San Angelo Central 8-2.

She lost in the finals of consolation 8-2.

The team will compete Feb. 16-17 at the Reagan County Winter Tournament in Big Lake.

## OHS SENIOR PARENT MEETING

Thursday, Feb. 9

6:30 p.m.

Small Room at Civic Center

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## Youth Center Calendar

**OHS Food Night**  
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put your open date. Ours is going to be week 5 in the middle of season, which is ideal."

While Brown is still finalizing next season's schedule, he did announce that the Lions will be facing the following non-district teams: Eldorado, Iraan, Crane, Grape Creek and rival Sonora before having an open week and then starting district play.

For all other sports, music and academics, Ozona was placed in a district with teams a little closer to home.

Ozona will be competing in Class 1A Division I District 8 with Christoval, Eldorado, Irion County, Miles, San Angelo TLC Academy and Winters. This is a completely new district for the Lions and Lady Lions.

"It's always exciting when change occurs and it will be fun to be in with teams that we haven't competed against this year," said Head Boys' Basketball Coach Juan Marshall. "We played Eldorado in

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**Juan Marshall**  
OHS Boys' Basketball Coach

our tournament and came out with a tough win, so they should be pretty salty. TLC's middle school won our middle school tournament this year and had a lot of kids out, so they look to be on the rise. Winters is tied for first in their district now, and that adds another tough team into the mix."

Winters is also the furthest team, 134 miles one way, but the rest of the district is within an hour to an hour and a half driving time.

"Overall, travel distances will be closer. Winters is a good little drive, but the others won't be so bad," said Head Girls' Basketball Coach Cristy Isenhower. "The drop to 1A isn't a surprise, and while there are still good teams to compete with, it will be a little bit more of a level playing field. Christoval and Eldorado both

beat us this year, so it's not like it won't be tough, but it the Lady Lions should be more competitive."

Ozona has the largest enrollment in this new district, but that doesn't always guarantee more wins, Marshall said.

"I feel like we have a better chance to compete with schools in 1A that are closer to our enrollment. That will definitely help our athletic program develop. We have to keep working hard in the off-season to get our program where we want it to be," he said.

"The new realignments fell about how we were expecting. We feel that both alignments are positive for us. They will both be very competitive top to bottom," added Superintendent Chris duBois.

Around the area, rivals Reagan County and Sonora will be competing against each other in all sports in Class 2A.

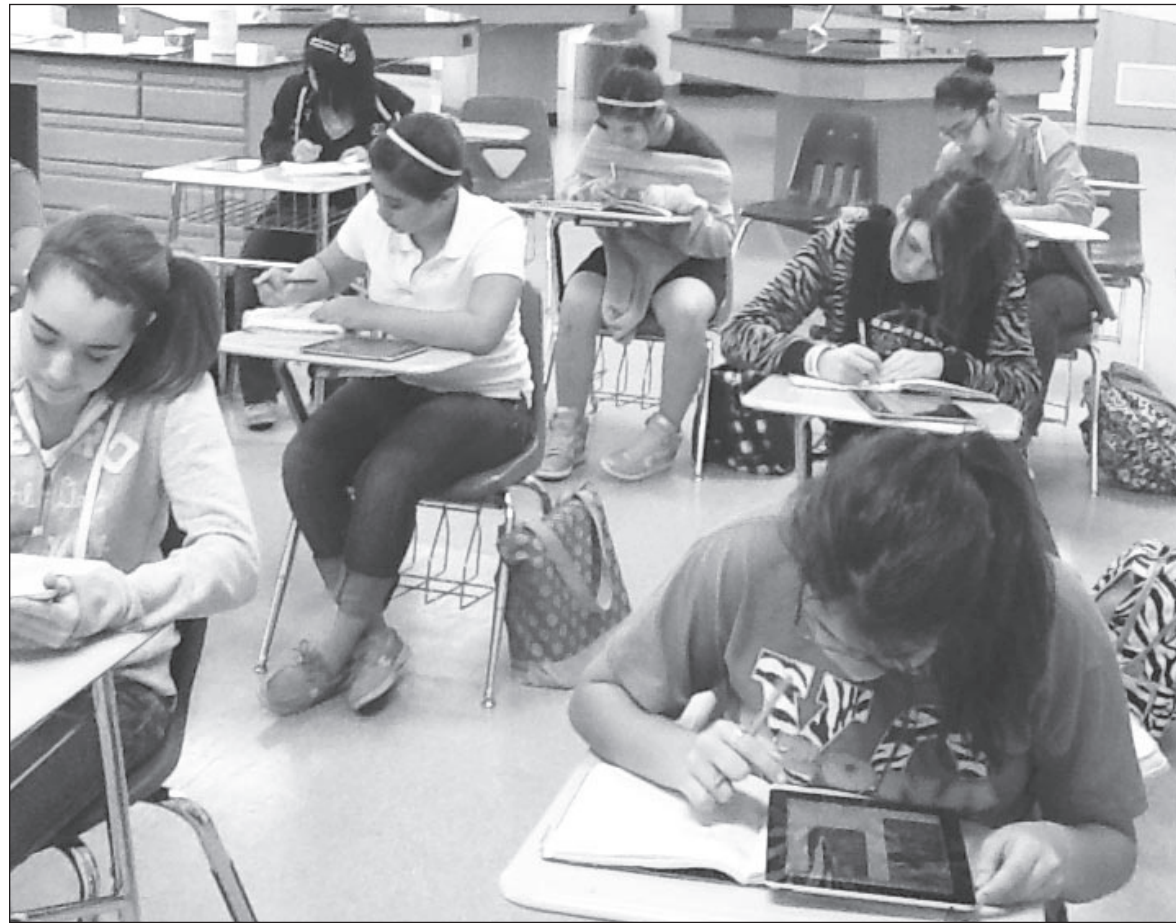
Reagan County moved from 1A to 2A with an enrollment of 219 and Sonora turned in 255.

The Class 2A cutoff numbers were 200 to 449.

The two teams will be competing in Class 2A Division II District 3 with Alpine, Coahoma, Crane and Stanton for football.

For all other sports and academics, the Owls and the Broncos will compete in Class 2A District 5 with Alpine, Crane, Kermit and Tornillo, which is located near El Paso.

For more in the UIL Re-alignment, visit [www.uil.texas.edu](http://www.uil.texas.edu).



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**OMS STUDENTS used new iPads last week during science classes. Top: Autumn Brown's seventh grade class uses them today in a virtual dissection and research. Right: Maria Guerrero (left) and Erbey Blanco use the iPads in John Esparza's eighth grade class. Esparza's class created a topological map with play-doh and recorded each step of the process with the iPads. They later e-mailed the pictures creating a step-by-step process of creating a mountain and the topological map that went with it.**



*My cousin Ida has a special place in every ones heart because, that is the type of person she was, she was "ONE OF A KIND!" She was the type of person who gave you a shoulder to cry on, an ear to listen and amazing advice and she always made sure to put a smile on your face! She always spoke the truth no matter what. Ida was an independent goal driven woman, But the most important role she played was a mother to her three beautiful children. They were what gave her the drive to succeed! Her abuelitos were her angels here on earth, her mom was her solid ground, and her sisters and brothers were her lifelong best friends. Although, her time here on earth was short she made an impression on our hearts that will last a life time. The days to come will be hard and sometimes feel unbearable but, I will find comfort in knowing that her memory will live on forever through her children and all the beautiful memories she made with each of us. In the famous words of Miss Ida "G"....."If you already know me then consider yourself one lucky person!" And yes that is the truth we were very lucky to have known you! You may be gone but never forgotten.*



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**OHS tablet computer program meeting Feb. 13**

Crockett County CCSD Technology Department and Ozona High School are participating in a pilot program for students who are seniors, students taking dual credit courses, students enrolled in AVID 3, and possibly students who are enrolled in Avid 2.

This pilot program will offer students the use of an Acer touch panel tablet computer.

It comes with Windows 7 professional and will come pre loaded with the software used by the district. This device will be issued to students and will allow participating students the opportunity to

constantly have access to a computer to use in class, and at home for homework.

We feel that this is an excellent opportunity for students and we certainly encourage students to participate in the program, but it will not be required. If you and your student feel that the use and responsibility of this is not in your best interest and you do not want to participate in the pilot program your student will not be issued the device.

If you decide to participate in this program you and your student will be required to be in a meeting on Monday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m.

in the Ozona High School Auditorium. At this meeting the device will be displayed and the agreement between you, your student, and the school will be explained. Your student will not be issued a device unless you (the parents) are in attendance and you sign the agreement. No devices will be issued to students without their parents.

We look forward to seeing you and visiting your questions and concerns on the evening of Feb. 13.

Sincerely,  
Keith Harmsen  
Director of Technology  
CCCCSD

El departamento de tecnología de Crockett County CCSD y Ozona High School estan participando en un programa piloto para los estudiantes que son Seniors, los estudiantes que toman cursos de doble credito, los estudiante matriculados en AVID 3 y, posiblemente los estudiantes que estan inscritos en AVID 2. Usted esta recibiendo esta carta porque usted es el padre/tutor de un estudiante que participa en una de esas categorias.

Este program piloto ofrecera a los estudiantes el uso de una computadora Acer. Viene con Windows

7 professional y precargada con el software utilizado por el distrito. Esta computadora se les dar a los estudiantes y le permitira a los alumnos participantes la oportunidad de tener siempre acceso a una computadora para usar en clase y en casa para hacer la tarea. Creemos que esta es una excelente oportunidad para los estudiantes y desde luego a los estudiantes a participar en el programa, pero no sera necesario. Si usted y su estudiante se siente que el uso y la responsabilidad de esto no es lo mejor para usted y usted

no quiere participar en el programa a su hijo no se le dara la computadora. Si usted decide participar en este programa usted y su hijo tendran que asistir a una junta el Lunes, 13 de Febrero 2012 a las 7:00 p.m. en el Auditorio de Ozona High School. En esta junta la computadora sera mostrada y el acuerdo entre usted, su hijo y la escuela sera explicado. No se le dara la computadora a su hijo si usted no asiste a la junta y firma el acuerdo.

Esperamos su visita y hablar con ustedes y responder cualquier pregunta y preocupacione que usted tenga el 13 de Febrero.

Sinceramente,  
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## Superintendent evaluation lone topic of tonight's school board meeting

The superintendent's evaluation is the sole topic listed on tonight agenda of the Crockett County CCSDBoard of Trustees meeting.

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the district's administration building, 797 Avenue D.

The board will meet in closed/executive session to discuss Superintendent's Chris duBois' yearly evaluation.

Any action taken on duBois' contract has to be voted on in open session. Last year, the board unanimously approved a one year contract extension.

Each year, the school board evaluates the superintendent. According to district policy, the evaluation includes procedures for setting goals that define expectations and set priorities for the superintendent.

District policy also states that student performance, instructional management, school or organization morale, school or organization improvement, personnel management, management of administrative, fiscal, and facilities functions, student management, school or community relations, professional growth and development, student achievement indicators and campus performance objectives and board relations are also used to evaluate the superintendent.

## Portions of Texas interstate highways to see speed limit increase

AUSTIN—Miles and miles of Texas highway will soon see speed limit increases following Thursday's Texas Transportation Commission action approving 75 mph designations for close to 1,500 miles of interstate.

The speed limit changes span 60 Texas counties making it the largest conversion since a new law was passed last year. The 82nd Texas Legislature passed and the Governor signed House Bill 1353 which allows the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) to establish 75 mph speed limits on Texas highways providing speed studies show it can be done safely.

Since September, the agency has been reviewing existing 70 mph speed limits across the state to determine where a 75 mph limit may be safely posted. Four Central Texas highways were the first to see higher speeds after the new law took effect. Thursday's Commission action brings the number of miles now zoned at 75 mph as a result of House Bill (HB)

1353 to 1,618. Posting new speed limits on 1,500 miles of interstate highway is a major milestone in implementing the new law, said Carol Rawson, TxDOT Traffic Operations Division director. "Texas' economic strength depends on the efficient and safe movement of people and goods," Rawson explained. "These new speed limits increase highway efficiency while maintaining the safety of the transportation system."

TxDOT recommended to the Commission that speed limits be raised on segments of I-10, I-20, I-27, I-30, I-35, I-37, I-40, I-44 and I-45 after engineering studies showed that higher speeds could be posted safely.

Motorists must continue to travel at the posted speed until new signs are installed, said Rawson.

"The new speed limit is not official until the signs go up," she added.

TxDOT studies of speeds on U.S. highways, state highways, farm-to-market and ranch-to-mar-

ket roads are still under way.

Prior to HB 1353, Texas had 1,445 miles of 75 mph speed limits and 521 miles of 80 mph speed limits on certain state highways. These speed limits were previously restricted to specific rural counties and highways located mostly in West Texas. Texas now has almost 3,600 miles zoned at 75 mph or higher.

New 75 mph speed limits approved Thursday are located on:

- I-10—289 miles across El Paso, Gillespie, Kerr, Kendall, Bexar, Guadalupe, Caldwell, Gonzales, Fayette, Colorado, Austin, Jefferson and Orange counties
- I-20—423 miles across Crane, Ector, Midland, Martin, Howard, Mitchell, Nolan, Taylor, Callahan, Eastland, Erath, Palo Pinto, Van Zandt, Smith, Gregg and Harrison counties

- I-27—109 miles across Lubbock, Hale, Swisher and Randall counties

- I-30—139 miles across Hunt, Hopkins, Franklin, Titus, Morris and Bowie counties

- I-35—106 miles across Webb, Medina, Atascosa, Bexar, Hill and Cooke counties

- I-37—130 miles across Nueces, San Patricio, Live Oak, Atascosa and Bexar counties

- I-40—166 miles across Deaf Smith, Oldham, Potter, Carson, Gray, Donley and Wheeler counties

- I-44—11 miles across Wichita County

- I-45—143 miles across Walker, Madison, Leon, Freestone and Navarro counties

Go to [http://www.txdot.gov/safety/speed\\_limit/75mph.htm](http://www.txdot.gov/safety/speed_limit/75mph.htm) for more information on the locations of the new speed limits.

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other ideas would still be held on Feb. 15 and not on an earlier date.

In particular, they said the proposal reflects the growth in the state's minority populations, particularly in the congressional plans that add four new seats to the state's 32-member delegation.

Nina Perales, director of litigation for MALDEF, said all but one of several changes sought by that group are included in the proposal, and she said her group would be willing to leave these maps in place through 2020 — not just through the next election.

She said the proposal gives the court an opportunity to hold April 3 primary elections. The court has set hearings for next week — it could move those up — but holding primaries at the beginning of April will depend on whether the judges approve these maps and on how long it takes to resolve objections from the parties that haven't agreed.

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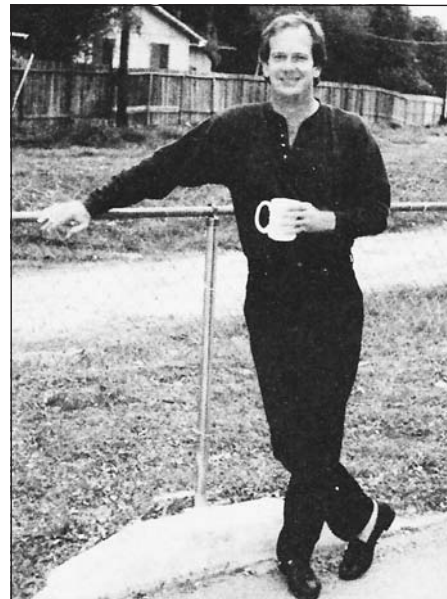
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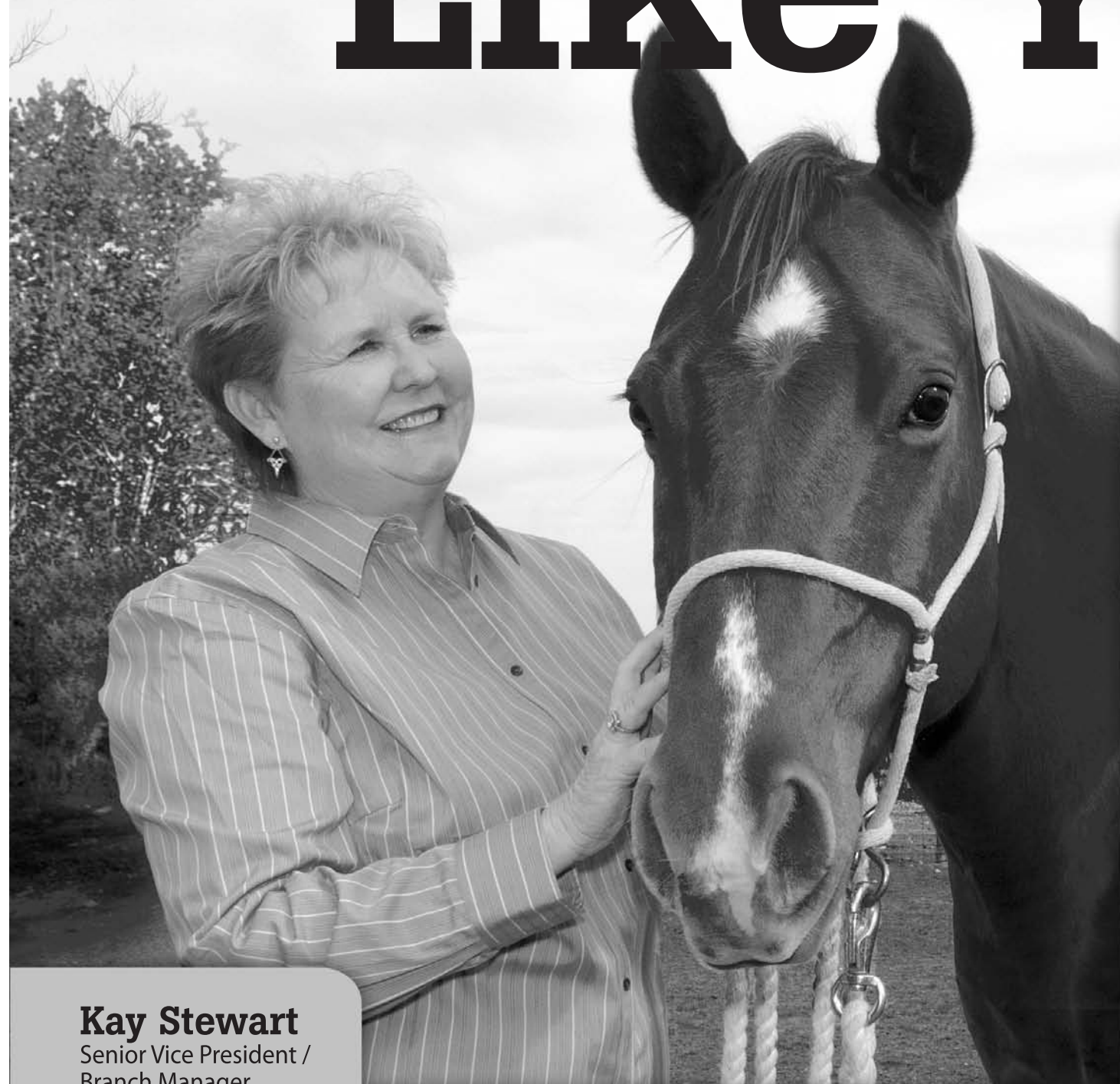
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## FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

**BAIL BONDS**  
•Juan Pablo Lozano, Ozona, assault causing bodily injury, \$20,000.  
•Osiel Ortiz, Killeen, Texas, driving while license invalid-enhanced, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

**DISTRICT COURT**  
•Michael Roy Paul, 44, Baton Rouge, La., pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, third-degree felony, three years community supervision, \$1,500 fine, 160 hours community service, \$338 court costs.  
•Ryan Damont Akers, 30, Houston, pled true to possession of marijuana, state jail felony, three years of community supervision, \$1,410 fine, \$63 court costs, 120 community service, \$60 monthly fee.  
•Stephanie Jo Castro, 32, Ozona, motion to dismiss on motion to revoke granted, defendant has complied with all terms and conditions of community supervision.  
•Steve Alexander Sanchez, 22, Wylie, Texas, pled guilty to attempted arson of a habitation, second-degree felony, three years community supervision, \$1,000 fine, \$50 court costs, 240 hours community service, \$60 fee.

•Lucas Flores, 33, Big Lake, pled guilty to possession of marijuana, state jail felony, 360 days in jail, \$373 court costs, \$140 restitution.  
•Chad Michael Grady Webb, 31, Rockport, Texas, pled true to possession of a controlled substance, first-degree felony, five years community supervision, \$4,500 fine, \$140 restitution, \$200.50 court costs.  
•Ruben Vasquez Reyes, 21, Ozona, motion to dismiss due to insufficient evidence granted on charges of tampering with or fabricating physical evidence and possession of a con-

trolled substance.  
•Raymond Santos, 53, Odessa, pled guilty to driving while intoxicated, third-degree felony, four years community supervision, \$1,500 fine, 160 hours of community service, \$498 court costs and 10 days in jail.

•Julius Ellis Tyson, 42, Houston, pled guilty to possession of marijuana, four years in prison, \$140 restitution, \$398 court costs.  
•Desidoro Garza Tijerina Jr., 49, Ozona, pled guilty to driving while intoxicated, felony, 10 years community supervision, \$2,500 fine, 320 hours community service, 10 days in jail, \$498 court costs.  
•Ruben Reyes Reyes, 53, Del Rio, motion to dismiss granted, defendant was convicted in another county for felony driving while intoxicated and sent to prison while this case was pending.

•Martin Galindo Moran, 44, Ozona, pled guilty to theft, state jail felony, two years deferred adjudication, \$6,499.46 restitution, \$500 fine, 120 hours community service, \$338 court costs.

**INDICTMENT**  
•Jimmy Paul Longoria, 49, Ozona, two counts delivery of a controlled substance, both second-degree felonies.

**COUNTY COURT Closed Cases - January**  
•Charles Anthony Doiron, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, conviction-fine \$700, \$373 court costs.  
•Stanley Jackson Rich, driving while intoxicated-first/open container, dismissed-over five years old, unable to apprehend.  
•Matthew Aaron Trammell, criminal trespass, dismissed-over five years old, unable to apprehend.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

**NOTICE**  
From Ozona Fire Chief Bob R Falkner - The Crockett County burn band was lifted Jan.9. Special note, please notify Ozona Volunteer Fire Department at (325) 392-2626 if you are going to burn brush. We get tons of calls and it takes time to confirm that it is a control burn.

**JAN. 29**  
•1:07 p.m. - Motor ve-

hicle accident, I-10 mile-marker 361 exit. Object in roadway hit a vehicle in windshield. Worked Traffic until released. Two units, eight firefighters. Time in service 44 minutes.

•6:10 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, I-10 mile-marker 374, one vehicle rollover. Worked traffic until released. Two units, four firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 14 minutes.

## Devon Energy named 'best workplace'

OKLAHOMA CITY - Devon Energy Corporation (NYSE: DVN) announced today it has again made Fortune magazine's list of "100 Best Companies to Work For." This marks Devon's fifth straight year to be included on the prestigious list.

Devon is ranked No. 28, up from No. 41 last year. With 3,286 U.S. employees and 5,000 including Canada, Devon ranks No. 12 among midsize companies on the FORTUNE list.

Devon's rank was based in part on a random, anonymous survey of employees conducted by the Great Place to Work Institute. The survey found that employees consider Devon to be a safe and healthy place to work with strong leadership and a sharp focus on performance, while also encouraging a good balance with personal and community involvement.

"Our employees bring a great spirit and work ethic to their jobs each day, and this award recognizes their commitment," said Production Superintendent Don Webb.

The survey indicates employees trust and respect management and believe corporate leaders have a clear vision for the company's future. It also shows camaraderie, teamwork and a small-company atmosphere are prominent and that

employees take pride in Devon's reputation. The rank was also based on Devon's corporate culture where employees feel challenged as professionals, have a strong sense of responsibility and can take ownership in the jobs they do.

The Fortune list has become the definitive measure of workplace culture in the United States. Companies on the list generally attract a higher number of qualified job applicants, experience lower turnover rates and consistently outperform major stock indices such as the S&P 500, according to the Great Place to Work Institute.

In addition to the "Best Companies to Work For" list, Devon is a Fortune 500 member and was included on Fortune's 2010 "Most Admired Companies" list for the fifth straight year. Devon is the only energy company to be named to both the "Most Admired Companies" and "Best Companies to Work For" lists in each of the past five years.

Devon Energy Corporation (NYSE: DVN) is an Oklahoma City-based independent energy company engaged in natural gas and oil exploration. Devon is a leading independent oil and gas producer and is included in the S&P 500 index. For additional information, visit www.devonenergy.com.

## STROOPE: from page 1

ing to about concerns or problems that may arise, without fear of going to jail or being ignored. Not taking anything away from parents who are working and raising children it is sometimes difficult to keep up with what the youths may be doing. I know that the Sheriff's Office has the capabilities to help the parents. The Sheriff's Office could and should contact the parents of a youth on minor offenses and make them aware of a problem prior to placing the youth in jail. Further I believe that a crime stop-

pers type program should be implemented.

Above all else each citizen should feel protected and served in a manner that is fair and within the laws of the State of Texas.

I look forward to this campaign and the opportunity of speaking with you in person. Crockett County is a great place to live and work and it is my personal goal to make it a safe place to live and raise our children.

Respectfully Submitted  
Paul Stroope

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## URESTI: from page 2

its current path. Last year, the Legislature cut more than \$4 billion from public education and eliminated \$14 million in state support for local libraries. That means we are going the wrong way in two of Miller's literacy measurements: library resources and educational attainment.

Jon Engel, a board member of the statewide coalition Literacy Texas, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the diminished resources will exacerbate a growing problem. Nearly one-quarter of the 18 million adults in Texas have serious problems with English skills or don't have at least a

GED diploma, he said. "A lot of those are Hispanics, but what's really interesting is, of that, nearly one-half are native born who did not thrive in school," Engel said. "It's a real problem. We ignore literacy at our peril."

In a world that's becoming increasingly competitive, where education is the key to success, it's imperative that students develop and maintain the fundamental skills of reading, writing and critical thinking.

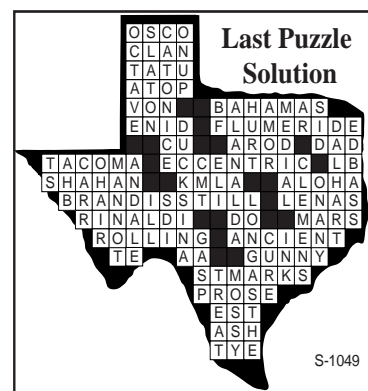
In such a world, illiteracy is a scourge that must be fought on every front.

First and foremost, the Legislature must renew its commitment to public education, say No! to demands for additional cuts in the next session, and restore funding for local libraries.

Schools should encourage students to use those libraries, to read a newspaper each day and require that they develop adequate writing and critical thinking skills.

Literacy is the foundation on which all success is built. Mr. Engel is right: If we fail to invest in literacy resources, we will find ourselves in peril.

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



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9000	Approach Operating	Cinco Terry -H- #1001	Nabors Drilling #709
12199	Highmount E&P Tx	University Unit #305 H	Nabors Drilling #M28
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