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Honoring her parents

Father's death provides for daughter's education

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Rebecca Pena Hines carefully handles a wooden image of a man in uniform.

The photo is old, dated 1943, of a tall, thin soldier that served his country during World War II.

This is all Hines knows of her father, Miguel S. Pena. Pena was killed in action serving in the U.S. Army on June 4, 1944. Hines was only two months old.

"We think he got to see my picture. He knew about me," Hines said.

Last Friday, Hines, surrounded by family and friends, honored her father and mother with a new headstone at Lima Cemetery in Ozona. Along with the headstone, the family also laid to rest her mother's ashes.

"Something needed to be done," Hines said.

Prior to the beautiful headstone that was placed Friday, a simple cross with handwritten wording marked her father's grave.

"I'm a Christian. I feel like we need to honor our parents," she said. "I feel



REBECCA PENA HINES shows a photo of her father, mother and aunt from 1943. Hines honored her parents last week by placing a new headstone on her father's grave at Lima Cemetery and burying her mother's ashes.

like this is my obligation."

Miguel and Maria Pena married in 1943 during the war. Hines has a photo of her parents when her father was stationed in Tennessee.

"She had very curly hair," Hines said looking at the photo of her mother.

Miguel was born in Ozona. His father was Miguel M. Pena, who came to Ozona in the early 1900s and lived his life in Crockett County until he died in 1979. Hines' father was the oldest of six children, all from Ozona.

"My granddad was a very prominent member of the Catholic Church here," Hines said. "He came to Texas when all you had to

do was just walk across the border."

After her father's death, Maria Pena, who was also from Ozona, had to work to support herself and her daughter. Hines said her grandfather is the one who raised her.

Hines use to watch her grandfather interact with vendors and customers at his small grocery store in Ozona.

"The vendors, I would see him deal with them in English. He told me someday when you are older you will learn English and then you can help me deal with these fellows," Hines said.

Hines did learn English. In those days, it was

expected, she said.

"Before I finished first grade, I was bilingual," Hines said. "I started school with no knowledge of English. Back then, you learned that it was expected."

Hines moved from Ozona to Odessa when she was seven. Her mother remarried and gave birth to three more children.

The family was very poor, but Hines' father left her the opportunity to pursue an education under the G.I. Bill. With those funds, Hines received her bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University and her masters' degree from

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School board discussing superintendent's contract again

BY MELISSA PERNER
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Crockett County CCSD School Board members will once again discuss Superintendent Chris duBois' contract during a special meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight (Feb. 29) in the Administration Building, 797 Avenue D.

According to the agenda, the board will discuss duBois' contract and consult with district legal counsel in executive/closed session.

This meeting was called by Board President Ray Don Myers.

"We need to visit with legal counsel and see where we need to go at this time on the superintendent," Myers said.

The district is represented by Sara Leon of Powell & Leon LLP in Austin.

When asked if the board will discuss a buyout of the superintendent's contract, Myers said the board doesn't know at this time.

"That is why she (Leon) is coming to go over all the options," Myers said.

Superintendent Chris duBois said he has not been contacted by Myers regarding the meeting.

According to district policy, the president of the school board shall call special meetings at the president's discretion or on request by two members of the board.

Board members David McWilliams, Dwight Childress and Tom Anderson all reported that they were not consulted before the meeting was called, duBois said.

"The last I heard, Mr. Myers had not contacted any of them. We have not heard from any other board



CHRIS DUBOIS

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members. I suppose you will have to ask Mr. Myers about his objectives," duBois said.

On Feb. 8, the board was split on voting to extend duBois' contract. The motion to extend his contract for an additional year failed 3-4, with board members Grizz Medina, Myers, Harvey Sanchez and Roland DeHoyos voting against the motion.

duBois' contract ends June 30, 2014. He receives an annual salary of \$103,453 with a \$500 a month car allowance.

School trustees sometimes extend contracts as a show of support during the annual evaluation.

"I have no problem reporting that my evaluation was positive, with no area of performance evaluated below expectations. Thus, I was disappointed that a motion to extend my contract was not approved," duBois said in a statement after the Feb. 8 meeting.

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Congressman talks about 'battle in Washington'

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Traveling around his district, U.S. Rep. Francisco "Quico" Canseco wants to hear from his constituents.

The San Antonio Republican made several stops this past weekend in Ozona.

Saturday night, Canseco visited with Crockett County Sheriff Roy Glenn Sutton, attended Sunday morning service at the First Baptist Church, lunched with Commissioner Pleas Childress III and wife Sandra and then spoke to several citizens that afternoon at the courthouse annex.

"My job is to make sure I am informing you of everything happening in Washington and hear your needs," Canseco said.

Topics ranged from energy, border control, government spending, the economy and the upcoming election.



CONGRESSMAN FRANCISCO "QUICO" CANSECO visits with Randy Verner and Dale Bebee Sunday at the courthouse annex.

"There's a battle in Washington over the budget, spending and regulations choking our industries," Canseco said. "Energy is on a very tight noose."

The congressman spoke about the sand dune lizard and how placing it on the endangered species list will hurt oil production in Texas and New Mexico, especially the Permian Basin.

Currently, a study is

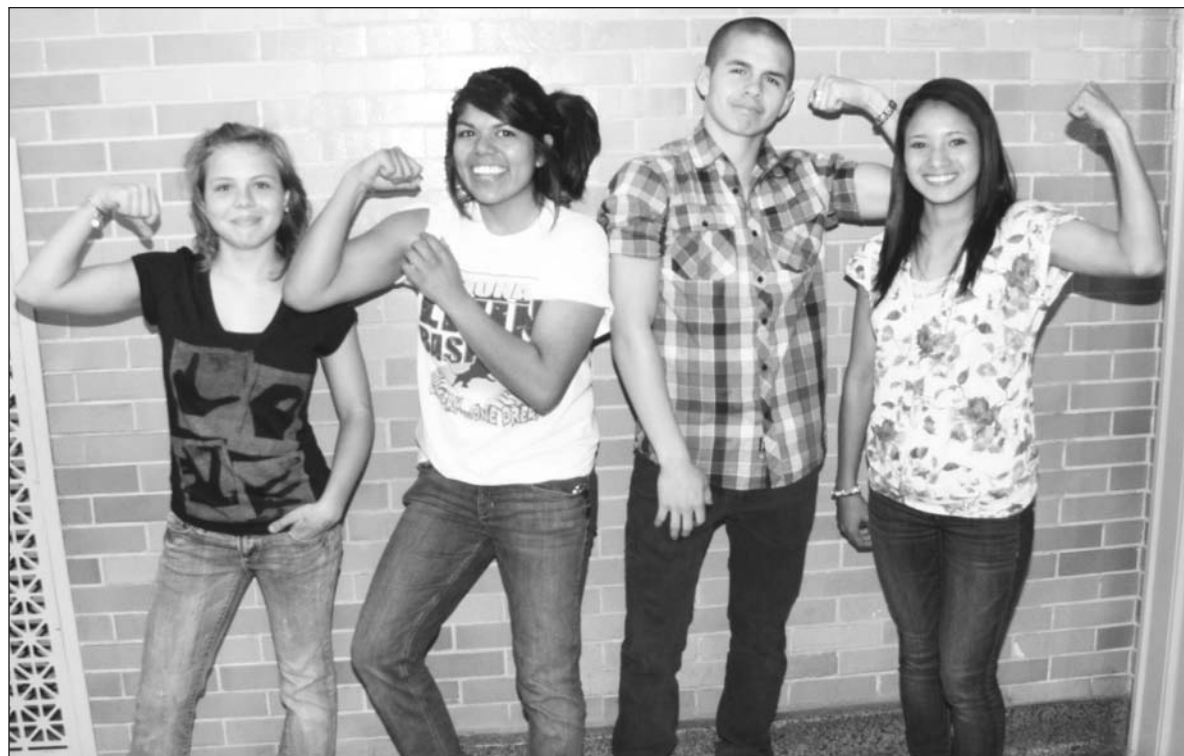
being conducted by Texas A&M University, which has put off the decision for six months.

However, Canseco said anything the house approves still has to go through the U.S. Senate, which is controlled by Democrats.

"Our president says he has done so much for oil and gas. I choke when I hear that," Canseco said.

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Regional lifters



THESE OHS POWERLIFTERS will flex their muscles at the Regional Meet. (left to right) Elizabeth Kennedy, Jenny Venegas and Daisy Guerra compete Saturday in Monahans and Michael Vargas competes March 10 in Sundown.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Redistricting delaying new voter registration cards

Dear Editor,

The following information is being provided to the public with respect to expired voter certificates.

As a result of ongoing redistricting litigation, the mailing of new voter registration certificates is delayed.

The expiration of your old voter registration certificate on Dec. 31, 2011 does not invalidate your voter registration.

If you do not have any changes to your voter registration

(i.e., you haven't moved or changed your name), no action is needed at this time.

If you remain in your county of registration but have changes to your residence address or name, you will need to submit your updated information to your county voter registrar and your new voter registration certificate will be mailed to you from your county voter registrar.

If you have changed your residence address to a new county, you will need to submit a new voter registration application

no later than the 30th day before Election Day.

If you are not sure if you are registered, you can check with your county voter registrar.

Once the court approves interim redistricting maps, and counties have the opportunity to finalize all redistricting lines, the county will issue new voter registration certificates.

For more information, call the Crockett County Tax Office at 392-2674.

Rhonda Shaw
Crockett County Voter Registrar

Anderson not seeking school board re-election

To the Citizens of Crockett County,

In these times of uncertainty at national, state and local governmental levels, we as voters need to take a long and hard look at the candidates running for public office. Are they running for the betterment of our nation, state or community or are they running for the betterment of themselves or some small interest group? What is their agenda? Is it personal or is it for the good of every-

one they will represent. Are they upstanding in their community? Are they financially responsible? What is their experience in local and state government, education and the law?

Candidates for office, or those thinking of running for office, should also consider the questions above. If they cannot answer that they want to build a better community for all, be financially responsible with public tax dollars and a role model for all cit-

izens, then they should not run for office.

I will not be running for re-election to the CCCSD School Board District 6 in November. It is my hope that qualified and dedicated local citizens will step up to the plate and run for the school board in November. The future of the youth of Ozona depends on it.

Thank you,

Tom Anderson
Ozona, Texas

Leap Day

You might want to keep this week's paper for a bit of prosperity.

Very rarely will an issue of The Ozona Stockman come out on Feb. 29.

Every four years, we add an extra day on our calendar called Leap Year.

Scientifically this can be explained due to the Earth's rotation around the sun.

It takes 365 days, five hours, 49 minutes and more than 12 seconds for the Earth to orbit the sun. An actual new year occurs each time the Earth returns to the same spot in its solar orbit.

After four years, our calendar is about one day behind the Earth's actual orbit. That's when Feb. 29 comes around. This day is added to leap the calendar ahead.

Julius Caesar introduced Leap Years in the Roman Empire over 2000 years ago, but the Julian calendar had only one rule: any year evenly divisible by 4 would be a leap year. This led to way too many leap years, but didn't get corrected until the introduction of the Gregorian Calendar more than 1500 years later.

It is estimated that one in 1,461 people will be born on Feb. 29. People with Leap Year birthdays call themselves leaplings.

Having a Leap Year birthday can lead to problems when it comes to getting a driver's license or proving they are old enough to do things like drink alcohol.

On the plus side, they often receive free food at restaurants and other stores because of their unusual birthday.

The town of Anthony, Texas, has a festival every four years just for those with Leap Year birthdays.

Dubbed the "Leap Year Capital of the World," this town on the Texas and New Mexico border, near El Paso, started



WHAT'S ON MY MIND

MELISSA PERNER

the celebration in 1988 when local resident Mary Ann Brown, a member of the Anthony Chamber of Commerce and born

on leap year day, Feb. 29, proposed that the Anthony Chamber of Commerce host a festival centered on Leap Day.

Membership for the leap year birthday club has grown from zero in 1988 to nearly 300 in 1996 and more than 400 members in 2003. Members include individuals from as far away from Anthony as Europe and have traveled to Anthony to celebrate.

Another fun thing about today, is marriage.

Can't get that guy to commit? The tradition of women asking men to marry them on Leap Day dates back to the fifth century in Ireland.

Taking the traditional a little further, Queen Margaret of Scotland in 1288 ordered that if any man was proposed to on Leap Day and refused, he could be fined a kiss, a silk dress or a pair of gloves that he had to provide for the rejected women. Unpopular women would fund their entire wardrobe by proposing to lots of men on Feb. 29.

Looking ahead the next Feb. 29 will be a Monday in 2016, followed by a Saturday in 2020, a Thursday in 2024, Tuesday in 2028 and a Sunday in 2032.

So, it may be a long while before The Ozona Stockman has a Feb. 29 issue date printed on it.

Just a thought before you use it to line the bird cage.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman. Enjoy your extra day!

I don't get it: cattlemen couples spend 51 weeks a year slaving away on the ranch and what do they do for their one week of vacation per year?

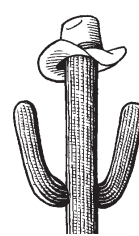
They go on a ranch tour, of course! Talk about a busman's holiday.

Ah, there's nothing like a tour of other ranches to get away from it all. I don't know why ranch couples do this. Do they ride the chuck line, seeing the country through the window of a bus and eating one beef barbecue after another at ranches that would appear to be very much like their own, just to see how the other half lives? They could stay home watching home movies and see the same thing.

They belong to the Infrequent Flyers Club; they don't want to fly to foreign places to see the wonders of the world, rub elbows in big cities or see "pretty" places. Take away all that scenery and what do you have, besides costly hotels and foreigners with cameras around their necks. Instead, ranchers prefer the splendid isolation of being on civilization's fringe. As tourists they prefer to go to where there are no tourists. They know they need a change of pasture and they want to spend it making memories with others of their kind; people who know what 8-way, shrink and brucellosis are.

There are no strangers in ranch country and going on tour with fellow cattlemen is the next best thing to staying home. They

Cattle Drive



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

trade good dollars for bad quarters knowing full well that they won't be staying at four star hotels with bell hops to lug their old-fashioned hard-sided luggage, or concierges to tell them where they might buy a postcard. But they don't sell postcards of the sights they're seeing anyway, or "genuine" imitation local artifacts for the tourist trade. They often fill up every motel in town in places with

names like Hereford and Bovina.

These are folks who know the majesty of simple things. The women identify the birds and wildflowers while the men stand in circles for hours examining a hand full of feed, weeds or seeds. They can look at hay balers and bulls endlessly and still be excited to go see the same thing at the next stop. And they know the rules of the road. They know not to ask their hosts how many cows or acres they own and if one of their buses breaks down they don't complain, they just all get out to help fix it. These are not fussy or hard-to-please people. I remember one time in the Big Bend area of Texas when our three buses descended on a park near Fort Stockton ex-

pecting to find a barbecue. We circled that park three times before realizing there'd be no beef that night. And so I spent half my month's salary on beer and bags of chips and everyone was as happy as if they'd had a steak at K Bobs.

Then there was the tour of ranchers who went to California and stopped at a winery where they loaded up on bottles of red wine to take back home. But the wine didn't last past their next stop where Gene Rambo, the great rodeo cowboy and rancher, made some of his world famous homemade ice cream. (At least it was world famous in our neck of the woods.) It was so cold you had to eat it slow or you'd get a headache. But that's not really why the men's heads throbbed the next day.

I don't know who got the bright idea to mix the vanilla ice cream with the red wine to make fermented milkshakes, but they did. And the next morning you never saw three busloads of sicker cowboys in your entire life.

Yet they still signed up the next year, and all the years thereafter, to see the same old sights, the same old people, and to tell the same old stories. So what if the price you pay is a splitting headache? So, while the women pressed the clothes they'd wear the next day on tour, the gentlemen of the bar held court: "Remember those wine milkshakes out at Rambo's place out in California?"

Remember! How could they ever forget.

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Court favors landowners in water rights case

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN - A Texas Supreme Court opinion delivered last week in the case Edwards Aquifer Authority v. Day can be boiled down to this: the rights of property owners to the water under their land outweighs governmental control of access to that water.

Justice Nathan Hecht, author of the opinion dated Feb. 22, wrote that the landowners have a constitutionally protected interest in the groundwater beneath their property and that groundwater cannot be taken for public use without adequate compensation guaranteed by the Texas Constitution.

The court affirmed an appellate court ruling and remanded the case to the district court for further proceedings. The case was brought by farmer-ranchers near Von Ormy in Atascosa County, near San Antonio.

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples and a coalition of private property owners' rights advocates applauded the decision.

But the Edwards Aquifer Authority said the ruling could prove problematic for local

water districts whose job it is to manage and conserve water supplies.

REPORT SHOWS LAG IN INSURANCE

Among working Texans age 65 or younger, 51.1 percent did not have health care coverage through their employer in 2009-2010. This calculation puts Texas at 48th among the 50 states. Only New Mexico with 48.6 percent and Mississippi with 48.4 percent ranked lower.

The information was published in a Feb. 23 report by the Austin-based Center for Public Policy Priorities using statistics from the Washington, D.C.-based Economic Policy Institute. The report shows a decline in coverage by Texas employers in the period between 2000-2001 and 2009-2010.

Center for Public Policy Priorities policy analyst Stacey Pogue said the information indicates small employers need the support and protection of federal health care reform. State-based

affordable health care exchanges mandated by the U.S. Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 are scheduled to become available to employers by 2014.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott and the attorneys general of 25 other states have united in the opinion that the federal health care law violates the U.S. Constitution by forcing citizens to buy health insurance.

The federal health care law, referred to by some as "Obama Care," on Jan. 1, 2014, will impose an annual penalty of \$95, or up to 1 percent of income, whichever is greater, on individuals who do not secure health insurance coverage.

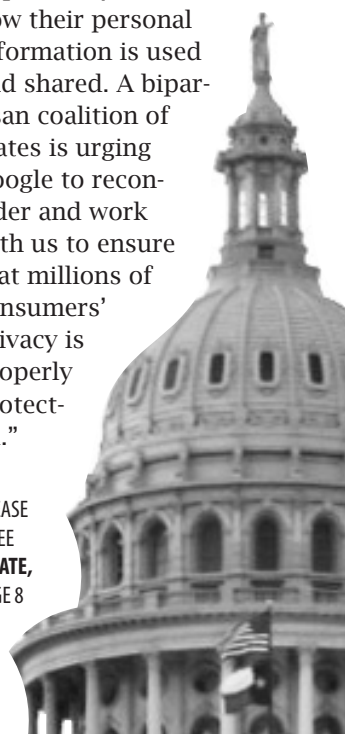
ABBOTT, AGS, CALL ON GOOGLE

Attorney General Abbott last week issued a statement after joining a coalition of state attorneys general who wrote to Google expressing concerns about planned changes in the Internet search engine compa-

ny's privacy settings set to take effect March 1.

To quote: "By unilaterally consolidating users' personal data from multiple but previously distinct platforms and failing to allow users to opt-out, Google is depriving its customers of an opportunity to control how their personal information is used and shared. A bipartisan coalition of states is urging Google to reconsider and work with us to ensure that millions of consumers' privacy is properly protected."

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Chamber banquet aiming to raise funds for library

The Crockett County Public Library has partnered with the Ozona Chamber of Commerce to conduct a fund-raiser to supplement the County budget and the Friends of the Library fundraising efforts to maintain the current level of service provided by our library, due to a loss in state and federal library funding.

Our goal is to raise \$5,000 or just 100 \$50 donations.

How can you help? Buy a ticket to the Chamber banquet for \$15 and join us at the Civic Center on Thursday, March 29.

The chamber will announce the Business of the

Year, our campaign results, and the Way Off Broadway Players will perform a portion of the play, "Ruthie's Café."

"Ruthie's Café" is a musical comedy that takes place in a small town diner with a variety of colorful characters and customers. The play emphasizes how everyone in a small town is family and helps each other out through crisis.

Have a great meal, enjoy a production, and help the library all at the same time.

Call 392-3737 to make your reservations.

To make a \$50 or cash donation to The Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 3030, Ozona, Texas 76943.



Steed-Shaffer to wed in May

Dustin Shaffer and Rachel Steed will be married in May 2012 in New Braunfels, Texas.

Rachel Steed is the daughter of Debra Crocker of Austin, Texas and the late Terry Steed. Rachel is a 2002 graduate of the University of Texas. She is the owner of Flipnastics in Lakeway, Texas.

Dustin Shaffer is the son of Ray and Kay Shaffer of Ozona, Texas. He is a 2000 graduate of Ozona High School and a 2005 graduate of Southwest Texas State University at San Marcos, Texas. He is employed by Sierra Classic Custom Homes.

The couple will reside in New Braunfels, Texas.



Gulley-Kelly to wed in April

Mr. Oscar Galindo, of Iraan, Texas, and Ms. Bobbi Williams, of Ozona, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Brooke Ashley Kelly to Caleb Jamen Gulley the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Gulley, of Sonora, Texas.

Brooke and Caleb will marry April 7, 2012 in San Angelo. Brooke graduated from Ozona High School in 2008 and completed her education at Howard College in San Angelo.

Caleb graduated from Sonora High School in 2003 and graduated from Angelo State University. He is employed by Family Power Sports in San Angelo.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 29

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

Thursday, March 1

- OHS Band at the UIL Spring Contest at Colorado City.
- Lady Lions Softball at the West Texas Girls Fastpitch in San Angelo.
- OMS Track Teams at Sonora.

Friday, March 2

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lady Lions Softball at the West Texas Girls Fastpitch in San Angelo.
- OHS Tennis Teams at Regional Team Tennis in Big Lake.

Saturday, March 3

- OHS Track Teams in the Sonora Relays at Sonora.
- Lady Lions Softball at the West Texas Girls Fastpitch in San Angelo.
- OHS Tennis Teams at Regional Team Tennis in Big Lake.

Monday, March 5

- OHS Golf Teams at the Wall Invitational in San Angelo.
- OHS JV Tennis at the Eldorado JV Tournament in Eldorado.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- JV Lions Baseball vs. Sonora, 5:30 p.m. at Lion Field.
- Senior Center Board meeting, 6 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- STAAR Test meeting for 3-5 grade parents, 6 p.m. at the OES Library.
- STAAR Test meeting for 6-8 grade parents, 6 p.m. at OMS.
- OHS Open House, 6:45-7:45 p.m. at OHS.

Tuesday, March 6

- Muffins for Mom, 7:30 a.m. first-fifth grades, 8 a.m. pre-k and kindergarten, at the OES Cafeteria.
- OMS Track Teams at Eldorado.
- Cancer Prevention and Screening program, 12:15-1 p.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Retired Educators Reception, 12:30-1:15 p.m. in the OMS Library.
- Dominos at the Senior Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. Eldorado, 6 p.m. at Lion Field. Free hot dogs will be served.
- STAAR Test meeting for 3-5 grade parents, 6 p.m. at the OES Library.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance Lessons, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, March 7

- Donuts for Dads, 7:30 a.m. first-fifth grades, 8 a.m. pre-k and kindergarten, at the OES Cafeteria.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Community Leaders and Helpers Reception, 12:30-1:15 p.m. in the OMS Library.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Happy Birthday

March 1 - Doug Williams, Jadie Marshall, Belia Castro Garza, Anthony D. Hester-Smith, and Kiwi Davis

March 2 - Marta De La Garza, Michael Flores, J.R. Ramirez, Sandra Tambunga and Caitlin Mendoza

March 3 - Jordan Long, Ruth Hester, Ann Ramos, Diane Anderson, Babe Perez, Alfred Gonzalez, Lloyd Winkley, Harold Thompson, Ricardo Meza and Melanie Miller

March 4 - Travis Knaack, Adriene McClanahan, Vanessa Rodriguez, Mia Mendoza, Leigh Ann Galindo and Mary Moran Jr.

March 5 - Braden Gutierrez, Erika Morales, Joseph Vitela, Martha Williams, Tony Borrego and Evette Longoria

March 6 - Jaycee Sides, Anthony Ortiz, Evodio Garcia, Jaime Cormier, Justin Maldonado, Crystal Gonzales and Joe Rebelez Jr.

Close to Our Hearts
OHS Seniors need to start coming in to make Jon Hart selections.
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 Michelle Necessary, bride-elect of Brady Burdick
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Crockett County Relay For Life to honor cancer survivors

BY KELLYE HOWARD
AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY



The Crockett County Relay For Life will host its annual dinner to honor cancer survivors on Thursday, March 29.

The inspirational Survivor Dinner will take place at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m.

"The Survivor Dinner is a great chance for cancer survivors and caregivers to gather and share their stories," said Shelly Childress, event chair.

This unique event is an open invitation to all cancer survivors and caregivers from Crockett County.

In 1985, Relay For Life began with one man who

walked and ran around a track for 24 hours raising \$27,000.

This year, Relay For Life will take place in more than 4,900 communities.

The American Cancer Society Relay For Life represents hope for those that have lost loved ones to cancer. It is also an opportunity to acknowledge victims of the deadly disease.

One of the ultimate

goals of the cancer society is to eliminate cancer as a health problem by saving lives and preventing cancer through research, education and awareness.

ACS Relay For Life provides the community with an opportunity to commemorate the lives of those who have lost the fight to cancer, but they also ensure that the dinner does not have a melancholic atmosphere rather a celebratory one for survivors of cancer.

"We are expecting a great turnout this year," Childress said. "Each cancer survivor is able to invite one of their caregivers to attend as their guest."

For more information, call Childress at (325) 277-5381.

CARE CENTER CHATTER

BY ODILIA SANCHEZ
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

The staff celebrated Mr. Gibbs's birthday on Feb. 7. The kitchen staff prepared a great Mexican lunch and all the staff joined in on the celebration. He received gifts and a money tree. Everyone had a great time.

Just when I thought the cold weather had left us, it came back to visit Sunday. It was quite a visit, too. The residents enjoyed watching the sleep, snow, and rain come down. It's not too often that we see such an array of weather events at one time. It was awesome to watch from the warmth of our homes.

On Feb. 14, the residents had a Valentine/birthday party. Thanks to Marta DeLaGarcia for the delicious cake and sandwiches that she made. We all enjoyed both the cake and

sandwiches along with chips, dips, and a lot of other goodies. The party was fun, we all enjoyed it. Thanks to Benny for the Valentine candy that he gave to all the staff.

Thanks to Mr. and Ms. Czuminiski, Vickie Childress's parents, for donating a tub full of videos for the residents. I'm sure they will be enjoying all those movies in the weeks to come. We appreciate everyone who shows their love for the residents in so many different ways. God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

Please stop in and spend some time with the residents when you can. They enjoy playing dominoes, checkers, cards, and other games. Thanks to Mr. Wall, for coming in and playing dominoes with our guys.

We look forward to seeing more of you come by and spending time in the facility soon.

Cancer prevention class March 6

The Cancer Empowerment and Resource Center will present an educational class on cancer prevention and screening from 12:15-1 p.m. March 6 in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The class is free and open to anyone in the community. Please bring your own lunch.

The event is funded in whole or in part by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060 or e-mail cancerempowerment@shannon-health.org.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

MARCH 1
Rigatoni with meat sauce, garlic bread, seasoned lima beans, tossed salad with dressing and Mandarin Oranges with

whipped topping.

MARCH 2
Fish Kiev, parsley noodles, stewed okra, whole wheat rolls and winter fruit cup.

MARCH 5
Crispy chicken on a bun, tomato and lettuce, mayonnaise, potato wedges, carrot and raisin salad and fruit cocktail.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Friday, March 2, is Dr. Seuss' Birthday!

Our Senior Bingo Social last Thursday night was a really good one. If you did not come you missed a fun time.

On Monday, March 5, the Crockett County Senior Center will have their monthly meeting at 6 p.m. here at the Senior Center. All members are urged to attend.

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.

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.

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

Levis and Lace square

dance lessons will be on Tuesdays but will occasionally be on Monday nights as well. 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 of the month from 2-4 p.m.

Tuesdays have been set aside for any of you who would like to play dominos. You can play late mornings or early afternoons. 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 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, magazine, a Wii game and two computers that have internet for seniors to use.

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

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

LIBRARY NEWS

By Louise P. Ledoux | Crockett County Librarian

Media Book Club featuring Beth Sims

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 Beth Sims.

Sims said she reads an equal amount of fiction and nonfiction books.

"I enjoy political intrigue, particularly if it is based on truth and current events. I also enjoy mystery and suspense novels," she said. "I primarily read for relaxation.

With my active and busy medical practice, I don't have as much time to read as I would like, but my vacation time is always spent with my nose in a book."

Sims said since new books are continuously being published, her favorite continually changes from year to year.

Several authors that she enjoys reading are Vince Flynn, David Baldacci, Stephen Hunter and James Patterson.

The last book Sims read was "Courage and Consequence" by Karl Rove.

"It was an enjoyable read that was an accurate description of what is going on in politics today," she said.

Sims is currently reading "Killing Lincoln" by Bill O'Reilly.

"I prefer stand alone books to series or short stories, as they tend to give you a little more to think about," she said. "I prefer books in print, although I do have an eBook device that I have downloaded several books on, as it is easier to carry with me when traveling."

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.

AARP free tax preparation Saturday

AARP free tax preparation will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 3 in Eldorado Public Library, 201 SW Main St., at Eldorado.

People in Eldorado, Ozona, Sonora, Mertzon and Menard are invited to make

an appointment to have their income tax prepared and filed electronically.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call Patsy Kellogg at (325) 853-2574 and leave a message.

Medicare program March 8

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will present a Medicare Information program on March 8 at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Lunch will be served at noon with the program to follow.

Jim Bright, a certified benefits counselor from the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging, will present the program that will benefit members of Medicare and persons nearing Medicare enrollment.

The program is designed to help people have a better understanding of Medicare and to provide consumers with the resources in order to make informed decisions.

Medicare Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D will all be covered.

There is a wealth of information to be discussed in addition to answering questions.

Medicare open enrollment is Oct. 15-Dec. 7.

For more information, call the Area Agency on Aging at (325) 944-9666.

THE DOG AT THE DOOR

Last Friday my wife and I were invited to a small county churches' evening of singing, fellowship and a meal. We had a great time but there was something unusual that caught my attention. An elderly man was there who was partially paralyzed from a stroke. It is hard for him to walk so he parked his pickup close the fellowship hall entrance. When he got out of his pickup a small spaniel type dog got out of the back of the truck and went right to his side. She was pretty and well taken care of but one thing; she kept her eyes on him and followed him everywhere he went. As he went inside he stopped momentarily and told her to sit outside the door. I noticed that she kept watching him and kept her eyes on him and there was even a beautiful sparkle in her eyes, too. What devotion and love! That dog reminded me of something in the Bible. We should love God voluntarily and be devoted to Him. The Bible even tells how much; with all our heart, soul and mind, (Matthew 22:37). It also goes on to say we cannot serve two masters because we will hate one and love the other, especially material wealth and God (Matthew 6:24). God is a jealous God and he wants us to whole heartedly love Him, (Acts 8:37).

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>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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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
LOUIS GARCIA (left) stands next to his sister Rebecca Pena Hines in front of their mother's new grave and new headstone. Hines' father, Miguel, was killed in World War II and is also buried in the same plot at Lima Cemetery in Ozona.

CEMETERY: from page 1

Washington State University, where she met her husband of nearly 45 years, Marvin.

Hines majored in child and family studies and spent her career working on programs for families and children.

"I feel like I honored my father with my life," Hines said. "He died and I was able to get an education. He served his country and I've served family and children."

For years, Hines said her grandfather grieved for the loss of his son. Hines said she believes this grief is why a proper headstone was never placed on her father's grave.

Hines still has family in Ozona. Her cousin Aurora Najjar helped Hines get in touch with Birk Monuments in San Angelo back

in December when she began the process.

During Friday's ceremony, Hines was surrounded by family and friends, many from Ozona, as they carefully placed her mother's ashes in the ground under the new monument. "Amazing Grace" and "It Is Well With My Soul" were sang as everyone remembered Maria who died nine years ago.

"My mother wanted to be cremated, but she never told us what to do with the ashes," Hines said. "I know where my mom is now."

Hines and her husband, who are now both retired, live in Clarkville, Tenn.

The couple brought a wreath made of grapevine from their Tennessee property to place at the new headstone and plants. Other family members brought a flag and silk flowers.

"I feel at peace. I've done what I should," she said.

CCCCSD celebrating Texas Public Schools Week

Crockett County CCSD has a series of activities planned in conjunction with the annual statewide observance of Texas Public Schools Week.

This year's theme is "Imagine, Explore and Discover."

MONDAY, MARCH 5:

•**OES** - 6 p.m., informational meeting on upcoming new STAAR test for grades third, fourth and fifth in the OES Library. Parents are strongly urged to attend one of these sessions. Come find out what tests students will be taking this spring. This session will be repeated again on March 6.

•**OES** - 6 p.m., informational meeting on upcoming new STAAR test for grades sixth, seventh and eighth at Ozona Middle School.

•**OHS** - 6 p.m. JV Lions baseball vs. Sonora at Lion Field.

•**OHS Open House** - 6:45-7:45 p.m. beginning with an informational meeting in the cafeteria on upcoming End of Course (EOC) Test. Freshmen parents are strongly urged to attend this session. Hotdogs and popcorn will be served. Parents come see the teachers, they will be displaying what the students are currently working on in their classrooms.

TUESDAY, MARCH 6:

•**OES** - Muffins for Moms in the OES Cafeteria. 7:30 p.m. parents of first-fifth grade students; 8 a.m. parents of pre-k and kindergarten students.

•6 p.m. - repeat of the informational meeting on upcoming new STAAR test for grades third, fourth and fifth in the OES Library. Parents are strongly urged to attend one of these sessions. Come find out what tests students will be taking this spring. This session will be repeated again on March 6.

•**OES** - Retired Educators Reception in the OMS Library from 12:30-1:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

•**OHS** - 6 p.m. free hot-dogs at the Ozona vs. Eldorado baseball game.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7:

•**OES** - Donuts for Dads in the cafeteria. 7:30 a.m. parents of first-fifth grade students; 8 a.m. parents of pre-k and kindergarten students.

•**OES** - Community Leaders and Helpers Reception in the OMS Library with MISC Kids from 12:30-1:15 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8:

•**OES** - Goodies for Grandparents in the cafeteria. 7:30 a.m. for grandparents of first-fifth grade students; 8 a.m. for grandparents of pre-k and kindergarten students

•6:30-7:30 p.m. - Open House, all are invited. Parents come check how students spend their day.

7:30 p.m. - Musical Program in the cafeteria. The second-graders will be performing a musical celebration on the importance of reading and the annual Read Across America to honor the 108th birthday of the author Theodore Giesel better known as Dr. Seuss. The performance will be at the end of open house in the OES Cafeterium. The second-graders will need to be in the music room by 7 p.m. to get warmed up. This show is under the direction of Justina Saunders, OES Music Teacher.

•**OES** - Open House 6 p.m., all are invited. There will be an interactive tour of the school that will be directed by the National Junior Honor Society. Labs and classrooms will be open and students will be demonstrating iPads, labs and class projects. Refreshments will be served.

•**OHS** - Softball Tournament at Junction and Baseball Tournament at Big Lake

FRIDAY, MARCH 9:

•Early Release for all schools and the OHS Track Teams in the Ozona Relays at Lion Stadium.



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
CAMILLE JONES steps off the new elevator at the Crockett County Museum. A reception and open house was held Monday night to show off the new elevator and new exhibits at the museum.

Stockman editor selected for Media Honor Roll

Ozona Stockman Editor and Publisher Melissa Perner has been selected by the Crockett County CCCSD School Board to be placed on the statewide Media Honor Roll.

The Media Honor Roll recognizes representatives in print, radio, television, and electronic media who make the effort to get to

know the superintendent, board president, and district's mission and goals; report school news in a manner that is fair, accurate, and balanced; give a high-profile position to good news about schools; visit the schools; and maintain a policy of no surprises by sharing information with school representatives.

BOARD: from page 1

DeHoyos and Medina both commented that their votes were due to unhappy personnel issues within the district.

Myers only comment about his vote was that duBois has a right to privacy and that it was a "personnel issue."

In explaining his vote, Sanchez said he went with what he felt.

McWilliams said he voted in favor of extend duBois' contract because of the programs and tools duBois has put in place that serves all students in CCCCSD.

Childress and Anderson declined to comment.

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 commu-

nity relations, professional growth and development, student achievement indicators and campus performance objectives and board relations are also used to evaluate the superintendent.

Last year, the board unanimously approved a one-year contract extension. duBois was hired in 2009.

Also on the agenda to be discussed in executive/closed session are to dis-

cuss employee termination and discuss performance and duties of members of school board of trustees.

Any action the board takes from items considered in executive/closed session has to be voted on in open session.

Public comment/participation is also listed on the agenda.

The meeting is open to the public.

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- 6 TX-born Tanya's "___" Cowboy
- 7 "Lovin' Night"
- 8 Alamo defender
- 9 Davy Crockett was from this state (abbr.)
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- 9 TXism: "___ with the chickens" (early riser)
- 15 Wharton religious AM
- 16 Fort Worth's "Kimbell"
- 19 TXism: "if a hog had wings he'd be ___"
- 21 really "meshed" up?
- 22 used in fertilizer: ammonium ___
- 27 TXism: "not one ___" (none)
- 28 milk dispensers?
- 29 narrowly
- 30 TXism: "___ pin" (tidy)
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- 33 TX McMurry, et al.
- 36 milk scum
- 37 TXism: "got a ___ in the oven" (pregnant)
- 38 Todd Staples is current ___ Commissioner
- 39 ate hash browns alternative (2 wds.)
- 41 "we'll never see the ___ again" (good man)
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- 46 "don't ___ your own horn"
- 47 cloak
- 48 short, amusing story
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- 52 computer memory (abbr.)
- 53 pollution watchdog (abbr.)
- 54 an elongated Gulf fish

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- 15 TX Byron Nelson played his 1st tournament in this TX town that no longer exists (2 wds.)
- 16 past TX First Lady: Claudia ___ "Lady Bird" Taylor Johnson
- 17 crushing wins by the Longhorns (2 wds.)
- 18 Dallas-based "All ___ Moving & Storage"
- 20 TXism: "that ___ against my grain"
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- 24 horse gait
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- 26 actress Smith in '45 film "San Antonio"
- 28 thrift store clothes
- 31 amateur radio operator (2 wds.)
- 34 TX Tanya's "Can ___ You Tonight"
- 35 San Antonio shoe lowest ship compartment
- 40 "One ___ One Ranger"
- 42 bumper sticker: "___ Wuth, I Luv Yew"
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Venegas, Hall win Fort Stockton tennis meet

The OHS Tennis Teams competed in the Fort Stockton Tournament last weekend.

The mixed doubles team of Kramer Hall and Jenny Venegas won the tournament.

In the first round, the duo defeated Arredondo and Gallego, of Del Rio, 6-2, 4-6, 10-8. In the next match, they defeated Hernandez and Marquez, of Reagan County, 6-1, 4-6, 10-8.

At the championship match, Hall and Venegas defeated Salinas and Herrera, of Eagle Pass, 6-0, 7-5.

Hall finished fourth in the boys' singles. He defeated C. Kenney, of Sonora, 6-0, 6-2, but then fell to A. Cabral of Eagle Pass, 6-0, 6-0.

In the third place match he lost to S. Cnossen, of Hereford, 6-1, 6-2.

Also competing in boys' singles were: Nathaniel Valdes, Rob-

bie Sanchez and Dalan Wilson.

In girls' singles, Venegas, Abby Newton, Dalia Hernandez, Jadie Marshall and Nancy Rodriguez all competed.

Competing in boys' doubles were Cuatro Jones and Robbie Sanchez, Nathaniel Valdes and Dalan Wilson and Deep Patel and Nancy Rodriguez. Patel and Rodriguez competed in boys' doubles due to not enough players to compete in the boys bracket.

Also competing in mixed doubles were Abby Newton and Dalia Hernandez.

"They all did a great job. I am proud of the effort from everyone. This was Hall and Venegas' first time to play together this year and after struggling the first two matches they finally started to work together well to pull out the championship," said Coach Chrissie Cooper.



ADRIENNE SANCHEZ IS IN FULL FORCE PITCHING MODE as she held the Lady Lions scoreless for four innings and struck out 10 batters in the Lady Lions 18-1 win over Reagan County on Feb. 14. She also scored three runs in the game.



BETHANY MARTINEZ FIELDS A GOUNDER in the Lady Lions Feb. 14 win over Reagan County.

OHS Dinner Theatre set for March 19

The OHS One Act Play will present a Dinner Theatre on March 19 at the Civic Center.

The event starts at 6 p.m. and will feature dinner and the production of "By the Bog of Cats" by Marina Carr performed by the One Act Play students.

Cost is \$12 per person. Tickets are available from the One Act Play Students.

The cast is Hester Swane played by Gaby Gutierrez; Carthage Kilbride played by Cris Taylor; Josie Kilbride played by Aliyah Guerra; Mrs. Kilbride played by Lazarae Rodriguez; Monica Murray played

by Jessica Borrego; The Catwoman played by Kristen Hernandez; Xavier Cassidy played by Michael Medina Jr.; Caroline Cassidy played by Jade Carty; The Ghost Fancier played by Cuatro Jones; The Ghost of Joseph Swane played by Zac Taylor and Father Willow played by Chris Cantu.

The crew is Isabel Ybarra, Tres Perez, Jerrod duBois Lexi Poindexter and Deya Hernandez.

The play is directed by Dotie De Leon and assistant directors are Susie duBois and Linda Thompson.

Lady Lions face tough competition in Midland Softball Tourney

The Ozona Lady Lions travelled to Midland and played three games on Friday and Saturday last week.

The Lady Lions, playing with a young team, competed well against 3A Coahoma and 3A Lamesa, but took it on the chin against the likes of a very talented Andrews, El Paso Hanks and Odessa High teams.

"Our focus going into the tournament was on three things: work together, play together and improve together. I think playing in a tournament like this really helps us evaluate our players and see what they can or can't handle. It was a great experience and gave us an opportunity to see players playing different positions in different situations," said Coach Butch Gonzalez.

The Lady Lions will compete in the West Texas Umpires Tournament this weekend in San Angelo.

Lions compete in Lake View baseball tournament

The Ozona Lions Baseball Team traveled to San Angelo this weekend to compete in the Lake View Classic.

The Lions began Friday morning against Sweetwater. Ozona could not overcome a four-run first inning eventually losing 11-4.

The second game of the day was against San Angelo Lake View.

After giving up a few early runs, the Lions finally settled down defensively and played

well the rest of the way.

Unfortunately, Ozona could not put enough runs on the board falling 5 to 1.

On the second day of competition, the Lions opened up against Coahoma.

Ozona took a 5-0 lead early in the game before giving up four unearned runs in the fourth inning to cut the lead to 5-4.

The Lions showed good character tacking on three runs in the following inning to close out the game 8-4.

In the final game of the tournament, the Lions took on a district opponent facing Wall.

Ozona took an early lead scoring the first run of the game in the first inning, but could not manage much more dropping the game 5 to 2.

"Overall, the boys showed improvement throughout the weekend. We still have a lot of work to do still but its early and we have a lot of baseball left to play," said Coach Ray Talamantes.



THE OHS COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM placed fifth in a programming contest at College Station this past weekend. The group also received a tour of the Flight Research Laboratory at Texas A&M University's Department of Aerospace Engineering at the Easterwood Airport Facility. OHS Graduate, and Texas A&M Graduate Student, Levi English gave the tour and explained the research that is being conducted on high speed wind currents and SCRAM jet technology, including his current research project into what happens to air flow at Mach 5 and above. The group is pictured in front of the air exhaust equipment that allows the high pressure air to exit the equipment safely. Pictured are: (back row, left to right) OHS Physics Teacher Zachary Youngblood and Jerrod duBois; (front row, left to right) Levi English, OHS Computer Teacher Cathy English, Lisa Dorough, Cris Taylor and Bryce Gutierrez.



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OMS STUDENTS Denise Rodriguez (left), Rachel Mendoza and Samantha Torralba (not pictured) qualified for state after competing in the Texas Math/Science Coaches Association meet on Feb. 25.

Three OMS qualifying for state meet

OMS competed in the TMSCA (Texas Math/Science Coaches Association) Crane Meet on Feb. 25.

Denise Rodriguez, Samantha Torralba and Rachel Mendoza all qualified for the state meet.

The following students placed on their events:

CALCULATOR

Sixth Grade - 2. Samantha Torralba; 3. Denise Rodriguez and 9. Cierra Sanchez

Seventh Grade - 4. Rachel Mendoza and 10. Kameron Lozano.

Eighth Grade - 8. Kevin Villarreal.

Calculator Team placed fourth.



KATRECE HALE | OZONA SCHOOLS

OMS SIXTH-GRADERS Attended "Girl Power" (top photo) on Feb. 18 through the Laura Bush Institute. Girls spent the day at Angelo State University learning about how strong girls are in self-confidence and potential. At the STEM Conference, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, (bottom photo) sixth, seventh and eighth grade girls spent the day at ASU learning about all the opportunities girls have in these areas. They are girl geniuses. The event was sponsored by the Girl Scouts.

Ozona sixth-graders to participate in Fitness Frenzy Program

BY CHRISTY BELL
AMERICAN RED CROSS

During the month of March, Ozona Middle School sixth grade students will be participating in the Fitness Frenzy Program sponsored by the Hill Country Chapter of the American Red Cross.

During their PE class, the sixth-graders will be walking, skipping, running and hopping around the track. Their goal is walk at least four miles during the month. They are also raising money for the Red Cross. They are seeking supporters to sponsor them for any dollar amount per mile.

On Friday, March 2, the sixth-graders will begin asking for sponsors. They will have a registration form on which the sponsor will indicate how much they are willing to pledge or donate.

For example, if someone wants to sponsor a student for \$2 per mile and that student walks four miles, the sponsor would be making an \$8 (4 miles x \$2.00 per mile) donation. The students will be walking each Wednesday in March during their PE class time. Between

April 4-13, the students will be collecting their donations.

The Hill Country Chapter of the American Red Cross serves eight counties, including Crockett County. They provide disaster relief for families in our county that suffer a disaster, such as a home fire. In addition, they provide canteen services for the fire fighters as they are fighting wildfires, such as during the Oasis Pipeline Fire this past April/May.

In addition to disaster relief, they also provide training in first aid, CPR, babysitting, lifeguard training and water safety. The funding for these programs comes from grants and donations, donations like those the sixth grade students will be seeking from their family, friends, neighbors and business associates.

So, if a sixth grader asks for your support, please consider sponsoring them and in turn, you will be helping your local Red Cross chapter. Your support is very much appreciated. Also note, all donations stay here in the Hill Country Chapter service area.

Ozona Youth Baseball sign ups today

Ozona Youth Baseball will have sign ups today (Feb. 29) from 6-8 p.m. at the Little League Baseball Fields. Sign ups will be

held today only. Sign ups will be for baseball and T-ball. For more information, call 226-3110.

NHS students collecting red cross donations

BY CHRISTY BELL
AMERICAN RED CROSS

This March, which is celebrated nationwide as Red Cross Month, a group of local "Heroes" will be working hard to help the Red Cross fund services for the Hill Country, including Crockett County.

Ozona High School National Honor Society Students are offering restaurant reward coupons for a \$25 donation. The participating restaurants are El Chato's and the Hitchin' Post Steakhouse in Ozona. Both restaurants are offering \$10 off dinner for two with the coupon.

All donations are tax deductible and if paying by check, make them payable to Hill Country Chapter American Red Cross.

"2011 was an extremely active year for the American Red Cross with both individual and major disasters around the country. The Oasis/Pipeline wildfire in April and the September wildfires in Bastrop were both massive response efforts and serve as reminders that Texas remains at a high risk

for devastating fires. We must be prepared with resources to respond quickly," said Kristy Vandenberg, Hill Country Chapter Executive. "Families lose their homes each day to single family fires - and the American Red Cross is here to provide emergency shelter food and clothing. Funds raised are used to provide immediate assistance, sometimes before the fire has even been extinguished."

The Hill Country Chapter does not receive government funding or support from the national office. Funds must be raised locally. The local Heroes Campaign provides over 20 percent of the total year's funding. The Clara Barton Society recognizes donors of \$1,000+ as Heroes. Donor intent is always honored so that funds will be utilized as directed. Anyone that would like to be a "Hero" or to make a donation, mail funds to 333 Earl Garrett, Kerrville, Texas 78028. Credit card donations can be made by calling (830) 257-4677.

For more information, visit www.hccredcross.org

OES raises money for Pennies for Patients

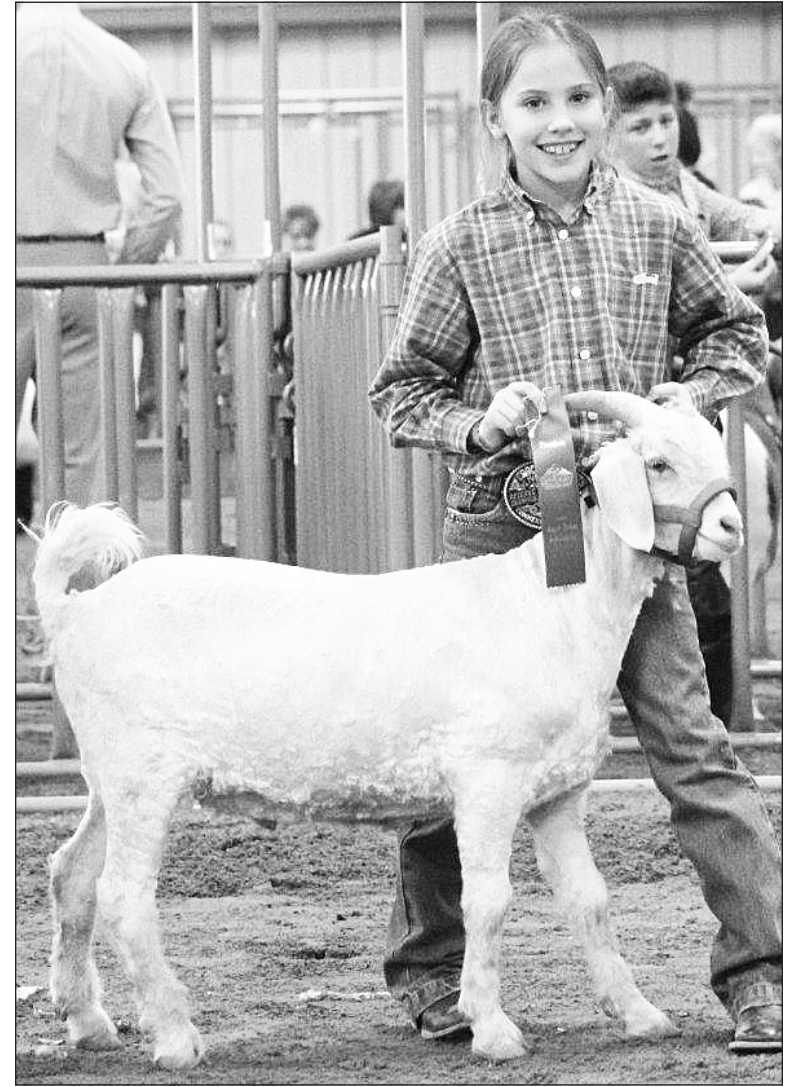
Ozona Elementary School has raised money for Pennies for Patients throughout the month.

The campaign ended on Feb. 24 and the students raised \$2,818.45.

That is more than

\$1,000 from what they raised last year.

All of the students helped and played a huge part in the campaign and helped to raise money for research for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.



LEESA MARSHALL | SUBMITTED PHOTO

JENNA MARSHALL won first place with her Angora Goat in the out of fleece category at the San Angelo Stock Show last week.

Crockett County 4-Hers compete in San Angelo

Crockett County 4-H students competed last week in the San Angelo Stock Show.

In the Junior Angora Wether Futurity, Linda Stapper placed two goats in the lightweight class. She was sixth in hair, third out of hair, second in fleece and third overall and ninth in hair, fourth out of hair, fourth in fleece and fifth overall.

Jenna Marshall placed two goats in the lightweight class. She was eighth in hair, 10th out of hair, fifth in fleece and 10th overall and seventh in hair, first out of hair, seventh fleece and fourth overall.

In the Junior Market

Lamb and Goat Shows, Lane Hale placed second, Brenna Hale third, Alex Hopper placed fourth, Kelbie Renfrore fourth, sixth, ninth and 10th, Allie Black fifth, Trace Justiss 15th and Jarett Justiss 12th.

Also showing was Sydney Flores, Timothy Maldonado, Jacob Childress, Madison Childress, Abby Newton and Weston Seahorn.

In the Junior Market Swine Show, showing from Crockett County were: Thomas Cruz, Kodi Glosson, Ryan Kennedy, Elizabeth Kennedy, Lexi Poindexter, Robert Sanchez, Krystal Sheel, Meagan Shook and Jacob Schroeder.



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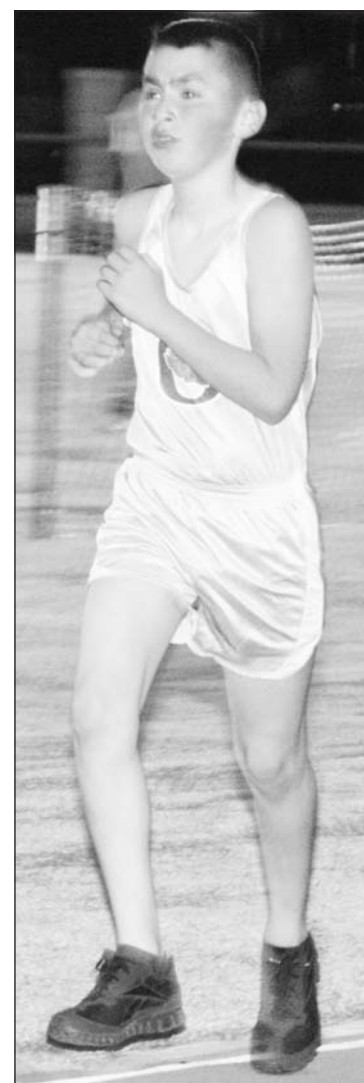
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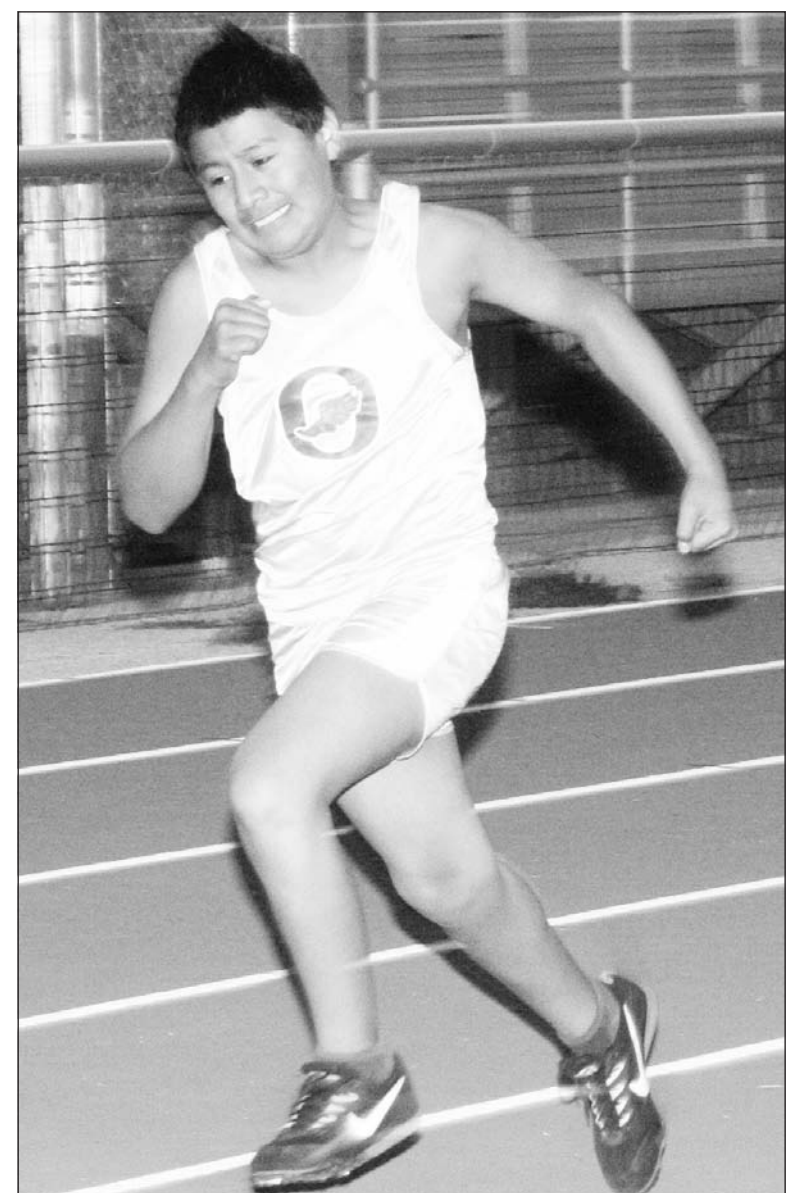
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Pecos County rancher receives 75 years on sexual assault charges

After a three-day trial, a Pecos County rancher was convicted and sentenced to 75 years in prison on multiple sexual assault charges. George McIntyre was convicted on Feb. 16 for three counts aggravated sexual assault of a child, two counts of indecency with a child by contact and a count of attempted aggravated sexual assault of a child, according to a press release from the 112th District Attorney's Office.

District Judge Pete Gomez Jr. sentenced McIntyre to 75 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine for each count of aggravated sexual assault of a child, 20 years for each count of indecency with a child by contact and 20 years for the one count of attempted aggravated sexual assault of a child, the release stated.

Aggravated sexual assault of a child is a first-degree felony and the punishment range is 5-99 years or life. Attempted aggravated sexual assault of a child and indecency with a child by contact is a second-degree felony and the punishment range is 2-10 years. Each felony offense is subject to a potential fine not to exceed \$10,000.

The victim, now 21 years-old, gave graphic details of the sexual abuse she endured

from McIntyre between ages four to eight, the release stated. She testified that McIntyre threatened to kill her and her family if she told anyone of the sexual abuse.

"A thorough investigation by the Pecos County Sheriff's Department and the Texas Rangers allowed us to successfully prosecute McIntyre on a cold case. This young woman's courageous testimony allowed the jury to hear and understand the trauma and terror she experienced while McIntyre sexually assaulted her," said District Attorney Laurie English.

McIntyre also was a suspect in the 1988 disappearance of Joseph Wayne Daggett. Lightsey Nathan Saul was convicted in November of conspiracy to commit capital murder and sentenced to 60 years in prison.

Saul was accused of being involved in the death of Daggett due to Daggett's romantic relationship with Saul's former wife. Daggett's body was never found, but his truck was found at the Midland International Airport's long-term parking lot.

McIntyre was indicted on the same charge of conspiracy to commit capital murder and still faces the charge in Midland County. His next pretrial hearing is set for September.

CANSECO: from page 1

"It's important that we compete globally." Canseco also talked about the upcoming Farm Bill. He said the bill will be close to the 2008 bill, with the exception of possibly cutting food and nutrition programs like food stamps and WIC.

"Government programs duplicate other programs. I can't manage 41 programs. A lot of those programs, people don't want to use. It confuses the whole matter. A normal person can't keep up with all the laws and regulations," said Randy Verner, who works for the USDA.

Local citizen Dale Bebee came prepared with issues and questions. He said he was pleased that Canseco thinks the same way he does. Bebee also asked the congressman about how the government keeps spending money.

"I don't understand how the government keeps spending," Bebee said. "How can you spend more than you take in, and how can you take in enough without increasing taxes?"

Verner also asked Canseco about the recent extension of the payroll tax cut. Canseco voted in favor of the cut saying that the money was better off in people's pockets than going toward a social security system that is "going broke." Medicare is also in deep trouble, Canseco said.

"This agreement also protects seniors' access to their doctors by preventing a 27.4% cut in Medicare physician reimbursements, which is absolutely critical as seniors are already having a hard enough time accessing health care because of the more than one-half trillion dollars that President Obama's health care law cut in Medicare," Canseco said. "While this agreement does extend unemployment benefits provisions, it includes a major reform of this program by bringing down the maximum number of weeks one could receive unemployment benefits from its current 99 weeks to 63 weeks for the majority of states by the end of the year. Another major reform in the agreement ensures that welfare funds cannot be accessed in strip clubs, liquor stores, and casinos."

Canseco made it known to the crowd that the root of the country's problems is caused by the president. "Spending, growth of government, abuse of growing government and fragrant violation of the constitution by the president," Canseco said. "Obamacare was a huge tax on all our businesses and we dumb downed health care." The congressman also spoke on how the defense of the United States "has never been more in jeopardy" with troops pulling out of Afghanistan.

He also said he "resents the twisting of the press" in reporting national issues. "My only hope is that one of our biggest problems is the communication in our country in the media. The media is far left. They run the show. We need to find a vehicle to circumvent that," he said. One bill that recently passed congress came about because of a report on the CBS

News show "60 Minutes." The STOCK Act (Stop Trading On Congressional Knowledge), a measure that will prohibit members of congress and their staff from using inside knowledge to profit by trading on Wall Street.

In his State of the Union address, President Obama called on members of Congress to send him "a bill that bans insider trading by members of Congress; I will sign it tomorrow."

Canseco voted in favor of the bill and said its passes will help "reinstate faith in the institution of our government."

"Right now there is a lot of disfavor about Congress," he said. "Passage of this law assures the American people that members of government are not violating a sacred trust."

The congressman spoke of a new Transportation Bill that is in the works to be filed soon. He said the bill will contain no earmarks, will help federal roads and bridges, and will include ties to energy and the Keystone Pipeline.

Interstate highways the travel north and south west of I-35 would bring in more growth to West Texas, Canseco said.

"We need to think in global terms. We love our communities but, just like anything else, we want our children to be better than we are, not have fewer opportunities," he said.

On the subject of rising gas prices, Canseco said two things need to happen to lower the price. He said the value of the dollar needs to come up and more oil needs to be brought into the marketplace.

Canseco said the lowering of the value of the dollar has also caused the rising cost of food prices.

"It contributes to many factors. My concern is we have to spend less. We can lower the debt by cutting spending, lowering the tax rate and reducing the amount of intrusion in our business, so that they can produce more product," he said. "We are a very innovative nation. What this government is trying to do is throw that out."

On border control, Canseco said he has seen the problem. His district has more than 800 miles on the border stretching from San Antonio to El Paso.

"We need to get serious in protecting our border by arming and equipment the border patrol and our sheriffs. We also need to get deeper involved in Mexico. That is the only way to secure the border," he said. "Both of our countries are economically linked. More cooperation with Mexico is needed. We could do a lot better; it's in our best interest."

The idea of legalizing marijuana was discussed as a possibility to help with the border drug wars.

Canseco said it would be "immoral to do that." "The law has to stand for something, if not the 10 commandments," he said. "We have to draw the lines in the sand. Drugs, drug use, alcohol consumption have been around as immoral things for centuries."

Canseco said that the country is embarking on a pivotal point in history, and that if Obama is reelected there will be a "point of no return."

"My fight is your fight. I am one of 435 paddling very hard. I do hold out hope," Canseco added.

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Al-Anon meetings Thursdays

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The National Association of Attorneys General listed key concerns as follows:

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- Computer users - particularly business and government computer users - who wish to avoid Google's information sharing would be forced to incur significant expenses associated with switching their operations to different platforms; and
- Google's new policy is incompatible with Google's long-standing promise to respect consumers' privacy.

TUITION PLAN ENROLLMENT ENDS

Comptroller Susan Combs on Feb. 24 posted a reminder that Feb. 29 is the deadline for enrollment in the state's pre-paid college tuition program.

Under the plan, Combs said, families can prepay tuition and required fees for a four-year degree, two years of community college or just a few semesters at Texas public colleges and universities by purchasing tuition units.

July 31, however, is the enrollment deadline for parents of newborns and children under one year old.

DATE FOR PRIMARIES STILL UP IN AIR

Because of ongoing legal disagreements over the drawing of state House districts and U.S. congressional districts, the earliest date party primaries can be held has moved continually later over the last few months.

March 6 was the original scheduled date. The current but tentative seaming date is April 3. But an array of calculations push the date to late April, late May and even late June.

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GARAGE SALE

Friday, March 2, and Saturday, March 3, 9 a.m. at 1604 Willow St.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Deklyn Kay Cain Coates, Deceased, were issued on February 6, 2012, in Cause No. 1187, pending in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, to: Roy Fleet Coates. All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them to the undersigned within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. c/o: Jody K. Upham, Attorney at Law, P.O. Box 4127, 1014 Avenue E, Ozona, Texas 76943. DATED the 6th day of February, 2012. Jody K. Upham, Attorney for Roy Fleet Coates, State Bar No: 24047015, P.O. Box 4127, 1014 Avenue E, Ozona, Texas 76943, Telephone: (325) 392-5687, Facsimile: (325) 392-5689.

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