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Crockett County Public Library Business of the Year

Ozona Chamber of Commerce Banquet surpasses fund-raising goal

> BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Chairman of the board, Brandon Asbill, welcomed members and guests, introduced the Chamber board and staff, and informed attendees at the 47th annual Chamber of Commerce banquet, of the organizations benefits and ser-

was a great success with over 100 in attendance.

Chamber Executive Director. Shanon Biggerstaff spoke about this year's banquet program and fundraising campaign to raise \$5,000 to benefit the Crockett County Public Library.

Librarian, Louise Ledoux announced the campaign goal had been exceeded and the total raised for the library was over \$7,700.

"This is the best fundraiser we have ever had, and I can't thank the Chamber, the Friends of the Library, the sponsors, donors and the community The event, held at the Civic Center enough for your support," said Louise.

Board of Director, Randy Verner, first recognized the 2011 Business of the Month nominees, before announcing the Business of the Year chosen by the Chamber membership.

The Crockett County Public Library was honored as the 2011 Business of the Year.

"This was such an unexpected honor, thank you," said Louise.

Following a wonderful meal and the Chamber program, guests enjoyed a feature presentation by the Way Off Broadway Players.

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MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

LOUISE LEDOUX (left) accepts the Business of the Year award from Brandon Asbill at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Banquet on March 29.



Easter Egg Hunt will be held 2 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 8, at the town square park, ing to have more of the plasacross from the Crockett tic prized eggs, and more in-County Courthouse.

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The Easter Egg Hunt is to 10 years old. It is spon- 2827

The 2012 County Wide sored by the Knights of Columbus.

> The Knights will be trydividual candy eggs.

Anyone wanting to doer the Egg Hunt will be un- nate towards the Easter Egg der the pavilion by the rodeo hunt may bring the eggs that day by at least 1 p.m.

For more information, County Wide for children up call Frank Tambunga at 392-

Easter Egg Hunt From Lady Lion to Lady Jacket Sunday Sanchez continuing

playing career at Howard **Payne**

> BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

When she was seven, Adrienne Sanchez told her father that she wanted to play softball in college.

The first step in pursuing that dream came last week when the Ozona High School Senior decided to continue her education and playing career at Howard Payne University.

"I finally got here,"

Sanchez said. OHS Head Softball Coach Butch Gonzalez said while the team will miss Sanchez, he believes her leadership and influence will be seen by Ozona fans for

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ADRIENNE SANCHEZ, with her parents Leticia and Harvey Sanchez, signs a letter of intent to play softball for Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas last week at the CCCCSD Administration Building.

Stockman closed Friday, deadline Monday

The Ozona Stockman will be closed Friday, April 6, for the Good Friday Holiday.

Deadline is noon Monday, April 9, for the April 11

County offices will be also be closed and Ozona Schools will be closed for a Bad Weather Day.

offices and local banks will be open Friday.

Lowe's Grocery Store will be open from 7 a.m.-2 p.m. Easter Sunday, April 8.

Dollar General will close at 7 p.m. on Easter Sunday.

Have a safe and happy Easter holiday weekend.

Health board, commissioners ask Shannon for better services

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Shannon Health officials thought they were just going to give county officials a presentation on new health care

Instead, the Shannon officials received an earful about the quality of health care in Crockett County.

During a joint March 28 meeting between the Crock-County Commissioners and the Crockett County Care Center, Health and **Emergency Services Board of** Directors, Shannon Medical Center officials gave a pre-

sentation on changes about how the county's payment to Shannon will be changing this year.

However, at the end of the presentation, Health Services Board President John L. Henderson told Shannon how Crockett County is not getting the quality of services for the amount of money that is being paid.

"We're driving along and

It's no secret that Shannon receives a lot of funds out of Crockett County. Crockett County is the reason Shannon is there.'

'If there's going to be more services out there, we'd like to be receiving some of them.

John L. Henderson

Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Director

you all are throwing us a little gas money. We appreciate that, but the car is wearing out," Henderson said.

The board and commissioners expressed statements on how the Family Health Center of Ozona is in need of an upgrade as a facility.

Crockett County sent \$550,000 last year to Shannon and has sent around \$275,000 this year to help

fund the center.

In the past, the funding from the county has been sent to the state, which is then matched by the federal government and sent back to Shannon.

This year, under new federal health care regulations, Texas has been divided up into Regional Health Care Partnerships and the flow of the funding is split into an

Uncompensated Care Costs (UCC) and Delivery System Reform Incentive Payments (DSRIP), which are suppose to increase access, lower cost and increase quality of health care.

The DSRIP funds are projected to increase and the UCC costs decrease over a period of time starting in October through 2016. DSRIP funds are suppose to be

for preventative health care screenings, education and services, said Brvan Horner, chief executive officer of Shannon Medical Center.

In the regional partnerships, San Angelo was placed in Region 13, while Crockett County was placed in Region 14. However, Shannon officials are confident that they can also join Region 14 in order for Crockett County to keep their affiliation.

"We don't know exactly what all that looks like, once we do get the information the time to submit those

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HARDWARE & LUMBER INC.

OHS ONE ACT PLAY AT DISTRICT MEET TODAY AT BALLINGER

HARDWARE & LUMBER INC.

New San Angelo business resource center breaks ground

Two weeks ago a "board cutting" ceremony marked the beginning of renovations for the long awaited Business Resource Center or BRC. In July 2007, newly arrived ASU President Dr. Joseph Rallo asked the question: Where is the place one can go to receive business start up or business expansion assistance, help in solving problems, help with workforce issues, or to receive location/relocation incentives and tax abatement assistance in San Angelo?

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Currently there is not one location, instead various partners working together to provide technical business assistance and training, business incubation, workforce development, workforce recruitment and training, tax abatements and incentive assistance, business recruit-

BUSINESS TIPS DAVE ERICKSON

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chamber member services. Although they are in different locations in San Angelo, the partners work well together for the benefit of those seeking help. There has been much successful collaboration in the past, especially with businesses looking to expand in or relocate to San Angelo.

Around four and half years ago, Dr. Rallo's vision brought together local business assistance and economic development partners to begin discussing the possibility of coming together under one roof to provide even more responsive ser

vices to the business community. A Business Resource Center concept was developed, illustrating there will be "one door" to walk through for business and economic development assistance.

The Business Resource Center will soon be a reality with renovations expected to be completed in September.

The partners having a fulltime presence in the facility include ASU Small Business Development Center, the City of San Angelo Development Corporation and the Business Incubator. San Angelo Chamber of Commerce-Economic Development, Concho Valley Workforce Development Board, Downtown San Angelo, Inc., and Howard College Workforce Training will have a part-time presence. These independent partner programs will work in a cooperative and collaborative way to provide assistance.

This will better serve the business community which must now make individual appointments and drive to various locations in town.

The partners will continue to be independent, stand-alone programs serving their usual clients as they have for many years, but will have the ability to quickly come together when needed as described above. The City of San Angelo and City of San Angelo Development Corporation who purchased the facility and will provide renovations.

For more information on the Business Resource Center, visit cvbiz.org web portal and click on the Business Resource Center link. The BRC will be located at 69 N. Chadbourne St.

"Business Tips" was written by Dave Erickson, director and certified business advisor IV. of Ange **Io State University's Small Business Development** Center. Contact him at dave.erickson@angelo.edu

Time to get angry about child abuse and neglect

t's time to Go Blue and get mad. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and this year I want people to get angry about the epidemic of child abuse and neglect in Texas and rededicate themselves to the central premise of this annual public awareness event: stopping abuse before it happens.

Every day life presents us with something to get mad at — rising gas prices, picking the wrong Lotto numbers, a close loss for the Spurs. But this month, let's get our dander up about something really important, like the deaths of four-yearold Jovonie Ochoa, 7-weekold Jayda De La Rosa, and all the other kids in our community who will never go to school, send a Valentine or unwrap a Christmas gift.

Let's call it "April Madness" and see what we can do about it.

Here's why prevention is so important. According to Child Protective Services, in the 2011 fiscal year that ended last Aug. 31, there was an average of 181 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect every day in Texas, and 231 kids died at the hands of their parents or other caregivers, including 20 in Bexar County.

CPS spends a lot of money each year in the fight against child abuse and neglect, and the agency's caseworkers often sacrifice their personal lives and emotional health in doing one of the toughest jobs around.

Still, less than 1 percent of the budget has been dedicated to actually preventing child abuse, and last year the Legislature cut that amount by 44 percent.

CPS did not get adequate funding for expected caseload growth for in-home and relative support, full-time direct delivery staff employees, adoption subsidies, or adoption support services, compounding the pressure on the more expensive foster care system.

If we are to ever make any real headway against the epidemic of child abuse, prevention must play a larger role in the overall effort. Prevention is the idea behind the statewide Blue Ribbon Task Force and the message that child advocates and caregivers will focus on during Child Abuse Prevention Month in April, a time for families and communities to get re-energized



STATE SENATOR'S must give **OP ED**

grams a CARLOS I. URESTI greater share of the bud-

get, and the good news is that we may be in a better position to do that. The last session began in

a \$15 billion hole, but there are several positive signs that an improving economy will give us more to spend next year. In fact, sales tax revenues are booming, thanks to a better employment picture, greater consumer confidence, and increased oil and gas drilling, particularly in the Eagle Ford Shale.

When Jayda's teenage mother, Julie Navejar, was sentenced to 12 years in prison last month, she apologized, claimed to be a changed person and told the judge, "I somehow wish I could go back in time and start over again.'

It is too late for that, but next January lawmakers will be able to go back and work on a new budget. It should fully fund the Nurse-Family Partnership Program, adequate salaries for CPS caseworkers who now average less than \$35,000 a year, family intervention programs, foster care and other family services — all of which help keep children

out of harm's way. And add public education and college loans to the mix. Nothing prevents child abuse more effectively than knowledge, maturity and a job that pays a living wage. In the last session public education took a \$5 billion hit, and we cannot allow that to happen again.

If we do all these things, fewer young people will have to stand before a judge, wishing they could go back in time and start over again.

So during April, wear blue ribbons or lapel pins, watch out for the children who live around you, and spread the word about prevention. Get mad, then get involved.

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

Trading Time

I am an irregular American; only sort of human; a black sheep, you could say. My detractors would lump me in with the loafers, deadbeats, drunks, gamblers, hoboes and tramps. Yes, it's true, I have to admit that I have always belonged to that lower class of people known as "fall calvers." There, I said it. Do those of you who calve your cows in the spring time think less of me now?

I thought so. Because the vast majority of cattlemen in this country calve their cows in the spring, those of us who calve in the fall are discriminated against, victimized and looked down upon by those smug ranchers who think they are superior just because they calve in blizzards and don't have to watch calvey heifers during the holidays.

As fall-calvers we are as out-of-step as a five year old baton twirler. All the cattlemen's magazines and newspapers run special calving sections on how to pull a calf about the time our calves already weigh 400 pounds, and most cattlemen's confabs are planned around the schedules of those ranchers who calve in the spring. While snooty spring-calving ranchers are drinking frothy cocktails in some big-city convention center bar, we are busy branding our neighbor's calves.

My fellow fall calvers and I are contrarians. We shape our hats differently, don't tie hard and fast, and wouldn't be caught



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dead in snow boots and those goofy looking caps with flaps hanging down over the ears. No round hay bales, snow tires or frozen tails for us!

Because of the discrimination we face as fall-calvers I'm thinking of forming a nonprofit organization for my fellow victims called the Association of Fall and Late Autumn Calvers, or AFLAC® for short. Perhaps we could borrow a certain whacky duck to

do funny commercials for us on television. Spring calving ranchers take advantage of us in many ways. In my state the northern half calves in the spring while the southern half calves in the fall, so the spring-calving ranchers cull their late calving cows and sell them to us unsuspecting fall calving cattlemen in special cow sales as extremely fertile fall calvers who conceived on their first heat. I heard an auctioneer refer to just such a group as, "So fertile all the bull has to do is look at them and they con-

One man's late calver is another man's Fertile Myrtle, and the spring-fall cow trade has fooled many of us into buying

the northerner's reluctant breeders. So I figured, why not pull the reverse trade and outsmart those treacherous and deceitful spring calving ranchers by sending my late fall calvers north where they'd bring top dollar as early spring calvers? I'd beat them at their own game!

After a few years of enjoying this profitable off-season trade I was sitting ringside at a northern special cow sale when, believe it or not, I saw one of my old late fall calvers mixed in with a bunch of early spring calvers. I nearly choked on my gum when the auctioneer said words to the effect, "Obviously these early calving cows are so fertile all the bull had to do was look at them and they were safe in calf.'

Where had I heard that before? This was one of my cows he was bragging about! It was the first time an auctioneer had ever said a kind word about anything wearing my brand, even if it was a bunch of bologna. I was as proud of my old cow as a new papa, and she looked in fine flesh too, probably as a result of having had only one calf in the four years since I sold her to some unsuspecting spring calving cowboy. I'd have bought her back too if I thought for one minute that the barren old bitty would have lived long enough to make the return trip north in another couple years.

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Wait for Supreme Court ruling begins

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Texans and all other Americans have until late June to guess how the U.S. Supreme Court will rule in the multi-state case seeking to have the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act declared unconstitutional on account of federal overreach.

Last week, oral arguments were put before the high court. Lawyers, pundits and officials expressed an array of opinions about what happened in those question-and-answer sessions and attempted to divine how a ruling might affect the cost, quality and accessibility of health care, the impact on state budgets and potential effects on the November general election.

State Comptroller Susan Combs, who administers the state budget, said the Texas Legislature would "have a hard time finding future state budgets if the Obama administration's federal health care rules are implemented."

But some of the two-year-old, 2,400-page law, which is introduced in stages, already is in effect. The individual mandate the part of the law that requires nearly all citizens to purchase health insurance — is not scheduled to take effect until 2014. One of the questions before the court is whether the individual mandate and other parts of the health care law could stand alone as constitutional issues.

For Combs, however, the concern she expressed on March 26 was with Medicaid spending. She pointed out that 20 percent of the state's general revenue goes to Medicaid and that mandates in the federal health care law would cause the state to spend 37 percent of its general revenue on Medicaid alone by 2023.

While it is unclear what condition state finances will be a decade in the future, the health care law as it is today expands coverage, covers pre-existing conditions, offers discounts on prescription medications and gives tax credits to small businesses that offer health insurance to employees.

CAPITOL GETS NEW MONUMENT

March 29 marked the unveil-

ing of The Tejano Monument, a set of 11 life-sized bronze sculptures mounted on a massive chunk of pink granite on the south lawn of the Capitol.

Sculpted by Armando Hinojosa of Laredo, the monument pays tribute to the Tejanos - Spaniards and their descendants — who dwelled on the land between the Rio Grande and the Red River, and the Sabine River on the east to the Rocky Mountains, for three centuries before statehood and forward to the present day.

Necessary steps culminating in the installation of the monument were achieved through legislation passed in 2001, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2009.

AG CHIEF: ABOUT THAT BEEF

Texas Agriculture Commissioner Todd Staples on March 29 joined Gov. Rick Perry and a group of other governors at a Nebraska meat packing plant to address recent public concern about a beef product nicknamed "pink slime."

While Native American cul-

tures of the Great Plains have long been praised for using every bit of the bison they hunted, the presence of pink slime in ground beef sold and consumed in the United States prompted news reports that the product comes from less esthetic cuts disinfected in an ammonia solution before grinding.



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THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS celebrated their 130th anniversary as a national organization on March 29. Ozona Knights honored honorary life and honorary members of the council at a celebration held in the OLPH Parish Hall. Knights of Columbus organizations all across the country, and the world, honored the founding of the organization on March 29.

Pre-K, Kindergarten pre-registration April 12

Pre-registration for the 2012-2013 Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten classes will be held on Thursday, April 12 at Ozona Elementary School.

Pre-Kindergarten can register from 8 a.m. to noon and Kindergarten from 1-4 p.m. on Thursday, April 12.

The child must be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2012 to be eligible for Pre-K and 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2012 for Kindergarten.

Parents must have their child's birth certificate, (not the one from the hospital, but the one from the courthouse) shot record, and social security card in order to register the child.

A copy of these docu-

Jueves, 12 de abril sera la pre-matricula para prekinder y kinder en Ozona Elementary School.

Pre-kinder podran matricularse desde las 8:00 hasta las 12:00 y kinder desde la 1:00 hasta las 4:00. El nino(a) tiene que tener 4 anos antes del 1 de septiembre 2012 para Pre-kinder y 5 anos antes del 1 de septiembre 2012 para Kinder. Padres necesitan traer el certificado de nacimiento de su nino/a (el del la corte, no el de hospital), comprobante de vacunas y la tarjeta del seguro social. Por favor traiga a su nino (a) el dia ments will be made, and the originals will be returned to you. This is required by law in Chap. 25.002 of the Texas Education Code. Please bring your child with you.

As of Aug. 1, 1999, all children born on or after Sept. 2, 1992 are required to have the following immunizations to begin school: Hepatitis A -2 doses; Varicella (chicken pox)-2 doses; Pneumoccocal (PCV7) or (PCV13)- 4 doses; Hib-4 doses; Hepatitis B-3 doses; DTaP- 5 doses---1 dose after 4th birthday; Polio-4 doses---1 dose after 4th birthday; MMR-2 doses.

For more information, call Ozona Elementary School at 392-5501 ext. 5730.

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Desde 1 de agosto, 1999, se require que los ninos nacidos en o depues del 2 de septiembre 1992, tengan las siguientes vacunas para empezar la escuela: Hepatitis A-2 doses; Varicela-2 doses; Pnuemoccocal (PCV7) o (PCV13)- 4 doses; Hib-4 doses; Hepatitis B- 3 doses; DTaP-5 doses---1 doses despues de los 4 anos; Polio-4 doses—1 doses despues de los 4 anos; MMR-2 doses.

Para obtener más información, llame a la escuela primaria en Ozona 392-5501 ext. 5730.

Conscious Discipline series starts April 10

Conscious of the Region 15 Service Center is a four-part educational series for parents, teachers, daycare centers, and anyone interested in learning new discipline techniques.

This series will be presented at the Ozona Elementary Library on April 10, April 17, May 8 and May 15. The sessions will be from 6-8 p.m.

Conscious Discipline is an emotional intelligence program consisting of brain smart strategies for responding rather than reacting to life events and challenging behaviors.

Through responding, conflict moments are transformed into cooperative learning opportunities.

This training will provide an under-standing of the brain and the seven basic skills of discipline that develop character, cooperation, respect and responsibility. This four-part series

Men's softball sign ups start April 4

Men's Softball sign ups starting April 4. For more information, call Diego Pena at 226-5885 or Brian Badillo at 226-2860.

Discipline will allow participants to

Presented by Carol White learn new skills, and then practice those skills before learning more strategies. Door prizes will be handed out. Registration is

due today, April 4. For more information, or to register, call Katie Parker, OES Counselor at

(325) 392-5501 ext: 5803 or e-mail katie.parker@ozonaschools.net.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 4

- OHS One Act Play at UIL District meet in Ballinger.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Thursday, April 5 OHS Tennis Team at the district meet in San Angelo.

- Lions Baseball vs. Ballinger, 4 p.m. at Lion Field • Lady Lions Softball vs. Ballinger, 5 p.m. at Lady Lion Field.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the Care Center Small Dining Room.

Friday, April 6

• Good Friday - Stockman office, county offices and Ozona Schools closed. State offices, U.S. Post Office and local banks will be open.

Saturday, April 7

• Journey to the Cross, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Sunday, April 8

- Easter
- County Wide Easter Egg Hunt, 2 p.m. at the town square park.

Monday, April 9

- Start of the 6th six weeks at Ozona Schools.
- OHS Golf Team at the district meet in San Angelo.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- School Finance Workshop, 6:30 p.m. at the OES Cafetorium.

Tuesday, April 10

- Concho Valley Community Action Council, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. Sonora, 4:30 p.m. at Sonora.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Sonora, 5 p.m. at Sonora.
- Helping Hands Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Conscious Discipline series, 6-8 p.m. at the Ozona Elementary School Library.

Wednesday, April 11

- OHS Track Teams at the district meet in Sonora.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.



Happy Birthday

April 4 - Omero Rodriguez, Amber Sanchez, Julie Moore and Stanley Maresch April 5 - Kayla David-

son, Jeffrey Gillitt, Jasmine

Tambunga and Betty King **April 6** - Madison Hubbard, Noah Tambunga, Gloria Williams, Olivia Tijerina and Brelinda Garza

April 7 - Diane Allsup **April 8** - Patty Villarreal, Marijah T. Ayala, Matthew Payne, Ben Badillo, Adam J. Martinez, Joe Patrick Borrego and Dawn Wilha

April 9 - Toby Perez, Christie Pena, Maleigha McDowell, Layne English, Amber Nicole Moran, David Landin Sr., Karen Bishop and Lisa Talamantez.

April 10 - Barbara Meador, Chiquita DeHoyos, Miky Savala, Lazarae Lorena Rodriguez, Alma Perez and Nila Kelley

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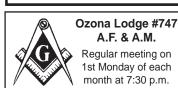
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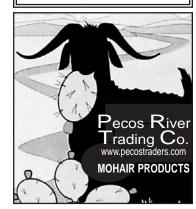
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Call Pastors Ruth & Gerson Posadas 15-329-8840 cell or 392-9238 ho COUPLES COUNSELING

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

March has blown out and all that remains is the wind.

Nancy Vannoy came by the Senior Center last week and left us two sacks of mostly new magazines. Thank you Nancy. We will enjoy them and pass them on to a good cause when we finish reading them.

Betty Hartley came by the center this morning. She and husband Bob have just returned from a trip to New Mexico to buy a home there.

The trip did not go well as Bob had a torn retina when they returned home and had to have surgery. They are back in Ozona and he is resting. We do wish Bob a speedy recovery.

Things are not the same in Ozona with Katharine Russell gone. Dear sweet Katharine passed away and was buried last week. Our condolences go out to her family and many friends. We will miss her so very much.

I spoke on the phone this morning to Dale Bebee. He had heart surgery and has returned back home to Ozona. He said that he has a lot of support from his wife Sandy and other family members. Just keep getting better Dale.

Helping Hands Board will be meeting here at the Senior Center Tuesday, April 10, at 5:30 p.m. All members are urged to attend.

Concho Valley Community Action will be here at the Senior Center on Tuesday, April 10. They are an organization that will help those who qualify with their utility bills.

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

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

Also, Levis and Lace have changed their regular square dances to every second and fourth Saturdays at 2-4 p.m.

Tuesday have been set aside for any of you who would 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 collec-

tion of books, magazines, a Wii game, and two computers that are on the internet for seniors to use.

We also have a projec-Levis and Lace square tor with a stand and screen as well as a wonderful keyboard.

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

CARE CENTER CHATTER

BY ODILIA SANCHEZ **ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR**

We continue with daily activities and hope some of you can join us whenever possible.

The staff and residents always enjoy seeing visitors come in for a visit. We are starting to plan activities for the summer.

We will be able to do a lot more outside activities as we get closer to the warmer weather.

In the meantime, some of the residents like to sit by the window and watch the squirrels playing and run-

ning up and down the trees. One of the residents pointed out that he had seen several hummingbirds come to the feeders and there was nothing in the feeders for them to drink. I assured him that they would be filled immediately. He was very pleased. There are also many different kinds of birds that come around and they are also a pleasure to watch.

These are some of the things that we take for granted daily because of our busy schedules. The residents have the luxury of enjoying them.

As most of you know,

our administrator Benny Gibbs left on Feb. 29. He accepted another position at a nursing home in Midland.

The staff and residents thank him for the great job that he did while being the administrator at Crockett County Care Center for about 12 years.

We wish him well at his new post. In the meantime, we are praying and waiting for a new administrator. We believe that God will send the right person if we seek for His guidance.

Please remember to keep the staff and residents in your prayers.

OBITUARIES

Katharine Davis Russell

Katharine Pauline Davis was born on October 16, 1928, in Vinita, Oklahoma, the youngest child of Ora Delbert and Katie Raiford Davis. The family moved to Texas where Katharine was educated in Eldorado schools. She worked her way through North Texas State Teacher's College during World War II, earning a Bachelor's Degree in music education at the age of 20. Katherine began her teaching career in Sonora. She met and married George Lessly "Buddy" Russell, Jr. on August 5, 1950 and made a home in Ozona. Three children were added to their happy union: Kathy Lynn, Susie and George Lessly, III.

Katharine was widowed in 1962 and joined the Ozona Schools Faculty as a music teacher and later moved to Kindergarten. She received her master's of music education degree in 1975 from Southwest Texas State University. Katharine's teaching career would ultimately span 33 years, and later included ten years of service as the Methodist Church Secretary. Katharine was active in many community organizations. She received awards for teacher of the year in 1988 and Citizen of the year in 1989. The Russell Family was very active in the Ozona Methodist Church. Katharine served the church in many capacities including choir director, pianist, Sunday School Teacher, administrative council member, member of the Pastor of Parish committee, and was very active with the Ozona Community Center.

Katharine was an ardent lover of music! She taught private piano lessons to many Ozona adolescents, promoted local musical events for many years



through the Ozona Music Club. She was instrumental in the inception of the Community Handbell Choir which, has become a cherished part of Ozona. She was also an active member of the Ozona Woman's Forum and the Ozona-Sonora Sewing Club.

Katharine was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Buddy, two brothers, Ora Davis. Jr. and Charles Davis, and her sonin-law, Johnny Childress. She is survived by her three children: Kathy Lynn Cross and husband Bill of Sabinal, Susie Childress of Ozona, and Les Russell and wife, Jana, of San Antonio. Katharine was the proud grandmother of 4 grandchildren: Courtney Childress, John Clayton Childress and wife, Kimber, all of Ozona. William Cross and wife, Mandy, of Devine, and Josh Cross of Sabinal. She also had 7 great-grandchildren which she adored: Charles, Madolyn and Sadie Childress, John Cole and Ella Childress, all of Ozona; Jackson Cross of Sabinal and Madison Cross of Devine.

Funeral service Thursday, March 29, 2012 in the Ozona United Methodist Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

The Great Sonora Easter Egg Hunt Saturday

The Great Sonora Eas- on Lake Amistad, dinner for 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 7, in downtown Sonora.

Ages 0 to Pre-K will be in the vacant lot next door to Sonora Abstract Co. Pre-K to Third Grade will be in the courthouse lawn.

Hamburgers and drinks and chips will be available at 11 a.m.

Raffle tickets will be available from the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Program board members or at State Farm Insurance, Main Street Salon or at the Main Street Office in So-

Tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20. Grand prize is a half-day guided fishing trip

er Egg Hunt will be held at four at Hookers One Stop and one night stay at Ruthie's Rentals, all at Rough Canvon Marina on Lake Amistad.

Other prizes include dinner for two at the Sutton County Steakhouse, \$50 gift card from Main Street Salon, dinner for two at La Mexicana, a custom made hunting knife donated by Mathews Processing & World Class Taxidermy, dinner for two and one night stay at Circle Bar Truck Stop, two rounds of golf at Sonora Golf Course and more.

For more information, call the Friends of Historic Sonora Main Street Office at 387-2248.

Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone for your prayers, calls, food and flowers during the loss of our loved one Jim R. Etheridge. Thank you to Dr. Sims, the caregivers at the care center and hospice nurse Ronie Fierro for taking good care of him. Thanks to Father Nilo for the service, to the choir and to the Guadalupanas for the food. Special thanks to Preddy Funeral Home for everything.

Herminia C. Ramirez Alfonso B. Ramirez III Victor and Vicki Villarreal Juan and Rebecca Lugo

Card of Thanks

I, Katlynne Aguilar, would like to say thank you to everyone who took their time to come and help me celebrate my 15th birthday. Thank you for all the birthday gifts and wishes. A special thank you to Edna Tambunga for her hard work in making all the girls dresses on such short notice. Thanks to Patricia Vasquez Hernandez for making my beautiful flower arrangements and getting my daffodils, Barbee Fierro and Ashlee Ramos for helping things run smoothly, and to Frank Tambunga and Thomas De Hoyos. Thank you Carmen Flores, Linda Kay Vasquez, Miss Mylie Vasquez, Jerri Fierro, Cynthia Flores, Leticia Macias, Daniel Vasquez, for helping serve all my guests at the dinner, and Augustin and Yolanda Martinez and Angel Fierro. Thanks to my awesome court and their parents: Carlie Ramos, Lazaro Rodriquez, Noel Fierro, Nick Hill, Madison Fierro, Caleb Martinez, Kimberly Borrego, Thomas Cruz, Sydney Perez, Timothy Flores, Taylor Luna, Zach Robledo, Gina Marquez, Christian Tyler Vitela, Cheyenne Lopez, John David De Hoyos, Kaylee Ramirez, Chase De Hoyos, Lazarae Rodriguez, Michael Ybarra Jr., Bethany Martinez, Jayton Rodriguez, Gabriela Martinez, A.J. Ramos, Shelby Fierro, Laz Rodriguez, Amber De Hoyos, Brydon Clayton and Mason Clayton. Thanks to: my escort who came all the way from Marfa, Texas, Timothy Flores; my very special friend Jamie Clayton for cooking the awesome briskets and Jose Flores for helping my dad with the horses. And last but not least my family, my supervisor, and grandmother Amalia Lumbreras, my apa Manuel Lumbreras, my mother who was demanding and mean, Mary Aguilar, my dad John Aguilar, Uncle Luis

Manuel, aunt Criselda Lumbreras, Kevin, Anthony, my sister Kristina Cantu, J.D. Garza, and my brother Richard Bryan Cantu. Thank you everyone from the bottom of my heart for having made my birthday a very special day.

God bless everyone, Katlynne Elizabeth Aguilar

EVENTS THAT CHANGED HISTORY

No doubt the discovery of America by Columbus in 1492 greatly affected history and we enjoy the benefits from his voyage. Also the voyage of the Pilgrims on September 6,1620 when 78 men and 24 women set sail for the Americas is another great event that has greatly benefited us. The name Alexander Fleming does not ring a bell to many of us but most of us may owe very our lives to him. Seeing all the men dying from disease in WWI and not being able to help the troubled him so he set out to do something about it and after many years of tiresome work found a cure. That cure is called penicillin and almost all the penicillin we have today came from the bacteria from one rotten melon found in a fruit market. In WWII alone thousands upon thousands of soldiers were saved by what this man did. It was not till years later and shortly before his death, 1955, that many started paying tribute to him. That reminds me another great event that has saved million upon millions. It did not rock the world when it took place but it had lasting and eternal benefits, (1 John 5:13, John 5:13). It was when Jesus Christ died a terrible death alone with much suffering. He was preparing the way to bring us to God, (Titus 3:5, 1 Peter 3:18). Let us never forget! See you in Church next Sunday.

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Shortage of rural vets in Texas creates a challenge

BY SUSANNAH JACOB TEXAS TRIBUNE

For 40 years, Roberto Margo has been the only veterinarian in the border town of Rio Grande City, which not long ago had more cattle than people.

Margo enjoys his work. But there is enormous physical labor involved in a rural veterinarian's duties, and he estimates he has palpated — or stuck his hand inside — thousands of cows to determine if they were pregnant.

"I finally tore up my shoulder muscles," said Margo, 69, who has had shoulder, back and arm surgery and was found to have rheumatoid arthritis in 2008. "My body's worn out, my shoulders are worn out, and I have arthritis and pain all over."

These days he works mostly with small animals and hopes to retire soon. But until recently, he had no one to take over his practice. If he had retired, it could have threatened the livelihoods of his rancher clients, who would not have access to vital veterinary care for their cattle and horses.

Margo's circumstances are emblematic of a larger problem in Texas, where a shortage of rural veterinarians persists and grows worse each year. The shortages can greatly hinder the careers of ranchers, whose numbers have already dwindled because of drought and an industry-wide profitability drop in the last 30 years. Many long-time rural veterinarians have no successors. And because most veterinary graduates want to practice in urban areas on small animals, the prospects for solving the problem are grim.

Margo said if he halted his practice without a replacement, ranchers would have nowhere to go. "My clinic is right in front of my home," he said. "They'd be banging on my door, saying: 'What do you mean you're retired? Get over here.""

Tommy Guerra, whose ranch sits on the Zapata-Starr Counties line, used to see Margo when a cow needed medical attention. Now, with the closest veterinarian 100 miles away in McAllen, he tries to solve problems on his own. "I don't make the drive unless I've got a really sick horse," he said.

The dearth of rural veterinarians is a nationwide problem. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is trying



DR. ROBERTO MARGO cleans his hands after attending to a canine patient. As a result of his large animal work, Margo has had back, shoulder, and arm surgery.

to address the scarcity with a relatively new program, through which the agency repays the student loans of veterinary school graduates if they work in designated locations with veterinarian shortages. The program repays up to \$75,000 in loans for each participant. The USDA selects the participants, and the Texas Animal Health Commission nominates the state locations to be designated as having shortages.

In 2011, Texas had eight shortage areas — which can span up to five counties — and the department gave awards to five veterinarians

Dr. Holly Poremski, director of laboratories and a staff veterinarian at the health commission, gathers information to determine areas with shortages. She said she believes that because several regions remain underserved for years at a time, the incentive remains insufficient to overcome the perceived disadvantages of rural practice.

Fewer veterinarians head to rural areas after graduating because many believe it is more difficult to make a living in a rural area than in an urban one. "Vets are retiring and say nobody wants to take the risk to come out here, hang up their shingle and try to run a business out here because it's tough to make a living," Poremski said.

Another factor is the demographics of incoming classes. The Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine, the state's only veterinary school, has an outsize influ-

ence on who becomes a veterinarian.

These days, many veterinary students have grown up in urban or suburban neighborhoods. Their relationship to animals is rooted in the afternoons they volunteered in animal shelters rather than working with cattle, and most plan to practice in cities. Plus, the attraction in metropolitan areas of a predictable schedule, the opportunity to make more money and the appeal of big-city life are draws for those without ties to rural areas.

Dr. Dan Posey, director of special programs at Texas A&M's veterinary school, said its admissions policy seeks out students with varied backgrounds and values applicants who convey the importance of their background to their career goals. He warns against looking for speedy solutions to the rural veterinarian shortage.

"I wish you could get to the root of it; that would be helpful," he said, "but there's so much personal reason why people choose what they do."

One noticeable change at previously male-dominated veterinary schools has been the increase in the number of female students, which started in the 1980s.

But is that a factor in the rural vet shortage? Posey said no. "There's an inference that when you're female you go into small animal practice, and when you're male you do large, and I don't see that," he said.

Kaki Nicotre, a veterinary student at A&M, was raised around cattle in the

Panhandle town of Sunray. She wants to return there to work with large animals.

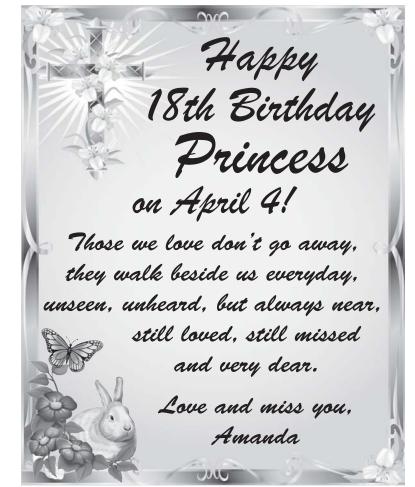
She also disagrees that the increasing numbers of female veterinarians is tied to the rural veterinarian shortage. "Just because the rooster crows every day at dawn doesn't mean the rooster causes the sun to rise," she said.

In Rio Grande City, Margo has found a replacement. Noe Ramirez, 28, plans to work in Margo's practice after he graduates from Mississippi State University's College of Veterinary Medicine in April. He grew up outside Rio Grande City and worked with cattle on a feedlot alongside his father during summers when he was in high school and college.

In veterinary school, Ramirez became interested in food animals. "That's what excites me about working with cattle," he said. "You're literally handling somebody's steak, hamburger. They don't even know it. You've got your hands in the food chain," he said, adding, "I feel like I'm keeping the food chain safe."

Ramirez wants to return to Rio Grande City. His family is there, and he sees an opportunity others may not. "I feel like that's my home," he said, "and I feel like I can make a living there."





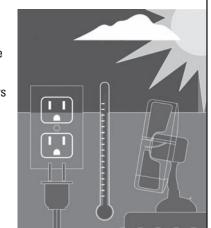


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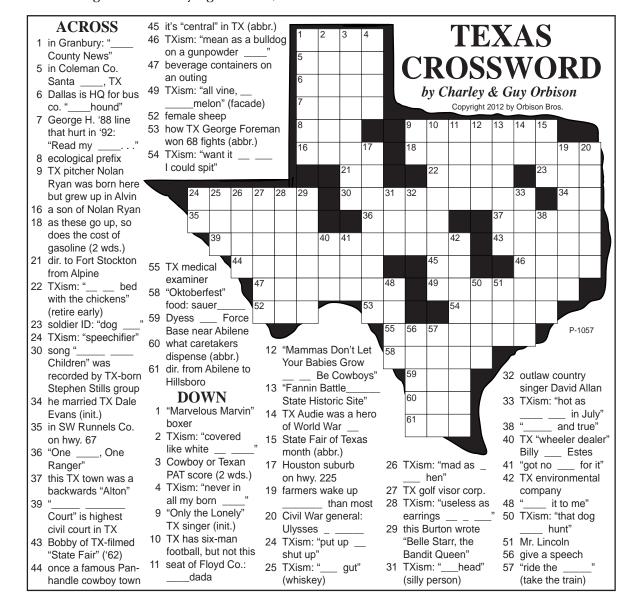
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Lions beat Bulldogs for first district win

The Ozona Lions got their first district win, 10-2, over Brady last week.

Pitching was Jayton Rodriquez, catcher Alejandro Mendez.

Rodriquez was 2 for 4, 1 run scored and in 7 innings he had 5 hits, 2 earned runs, 3 BB and 12 strikes.

Mendez was 2 for 3, 1 RBI, 2 runs scored and 1 BB. Adam Gonzales was 3 for 3, 1 run scored; Chase De Hoyos 1 for 4, 3 RBIs and Saul Vargas 1 for 1, 3 BB and 3 runs scored.

"This was a good win for us. We really needed this game," said Coach Ray Talamantes. "We got a good pitching performance from Freshman Jayton Rodriquez as he pitched a complete game. We started off a bit shaky giving Brady an early two-run lead, but I was pleased how we battled back. We pounded out 11 hits to Brady's 5 and committed only one error defensively while Brady committed six."

The Lions lost to Wall, 4-1, on March 27.

The Ozona Lions partic-

"Going into this meet,

ipated in the Crane Relays

we knew there was going to

be tough competition and

we were looking to improve

what we have recorded in

previous meets. There were

schools anywhere from 4-A

to 1-A classifications. A big

plus coming from this meet

is we had several athletes

communicate throughout

the week that they wanted

to run. It's always impres-

sive when you load the bus

Looking at the post-

with 26 kids to go compete,"

ings from the Lions, there

were some improvements

in some of the times, which

were consistent with the

around to find that chemis-

try before the district meet

siah Jurado was able to

knock five seconds off of

his 3200-meter run time

by posting an 11:42, while

Saul Vargas posted a best

runners around in the re-

lays and was able to knock

one second off of the sprint

relay (Ricky Porras, Jayton

Rodriquez, Jerrod duBois,

and Alex Borrego) while the

800-meter relay (Borrego,

Rodriquez, Porras and du-

Bois) was able to knock two

seconds off their previous

go in these two relays be-

"We have a long way to

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Ozona moved some

on April 11," Iglehart said.

"We moved some kids

At the varsity level, Jo-

Harper meet.

of 10:53.

time of 1:40.

Key Energy

said Coach Todd Iglehart.

Saturday.

Pitching was DeHoyos with Mendez catching.

Mendez was 2 for 2, 2 walks; Jerrod duBois 2 for 4 and Dehoyos 6 innings, 7 hits, 3 earned runs and 3 strikes.

"It was a tough battle all game long. Freshman Chase DeHoyos pitched brilliantly going the distance. He showed great composure on the mound fighting his way out of bases loaded jams twice in the game," Talamantes said. "Despite out hitting Wall 8 hits to 7, we could manage only one run in the ball game. We didn't help our cause stranding 13 runners and striking out 17 times as a team. All season we have been able to move runners over into scoring position but this game we couldn't. The kid from Wall came at us all game long and we didn't respond. I told the boys that we can compete in this district but we have to believe in ourselves but I'm not sure that we are there yet."

The Lions will host Ballinger at 7 p.m. Thursday at Lion Field.

OHS Track Team runs at Crane

fore our district competi-

tion and with continued im-

provement with handoffs

we should be able to get to

up to the varsity squad and

was able to knock a second

off of his 800-meter time

and with the experience

of running with faster ath-

letes, he should be able to

run a smarter race at dis-

other athlete who Iglehart

wanted to look at against

the varsity field prior to

district and he stepped up

in a big way by improving

his pole vault by a foot and

a half to post an 11 feet

dos who are working to im-

prove their posting before

the district meet and I feel

that their determination

and work ethic will pay off

in both running and field

events. We have several ath-

letes who stand in the shad-

ows and continue to work

hard to improve and put

forth their best effort to as-

sist the team," Iglehart said.

ez, Jose Damian, Michael

Ybarra, Mario Sifuentes, Ol-

lie Mendez and Rocky Ven-

Omero Rodriguez continues

to improve in all of his events

by knocking off 20 sec-

onds in the 3200-meter run

(fourth place at 11:19) and

10 seconds off his 1600-me-

"This young man is de-

ter run (sixth at 5:19).

These include Tres Per-

At the JV level, freshman

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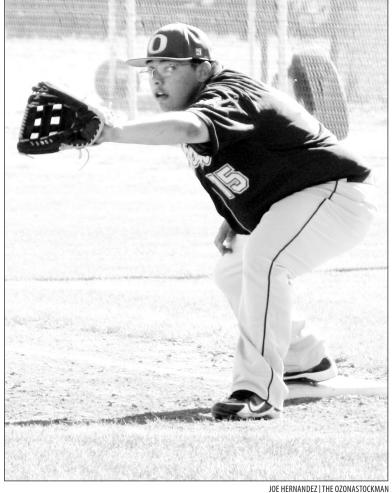
Michael Vargas was an-

trict, Iglehart said.

height.

Ryan Porras was moved

that point," Iglehart said.



RJ MARTINEZ REACHES OUT TO CATCH THE BALL as he covers first base for the JV Lions in their game against Brady.



LADY LION FIRST BASEMAN VIVIAN MEDINA CATCHES THE BALL for a Brady out in the Ladies 13-2 win on March 30.

Lady Lions stomp Brady 13-2

The Lady Lions finished the first half of district play last week with a 13-2 win

termined to be the best in

any race that he is in and

it shows by his continued

improvement in his times,"

Montanez, Tyler Galindo,

Josh Porras and Daniel Gon-

zales) was able to post a

time of 48.7 which was one

second away from being in

Galindo was able to capture

fourth with a 46.47 posting

while Daniel Gonzales post-

(Montanez, Galindo, Rodri-

guez, and Gonzales) was

able to improve their previ-

ous posting by two seconds

was able to clear 5-2 in the

high jump to claim fourth

athletes who continue to

work hard to improve and

put forth their best effort

for the team and include

Emilio Mendez, Noah Tam-

bunga, Bryce Gutierrez, Rigo

Rodriguez and Brandon De

Hoyos," Iglehart said. "The

coaching staff is proud of

all these young men to want

to improve themselves by

loading the bus and go com-

pete. One thing you can say

is they got better today by

getting up on a Saturday be-

fore 6 a.m., headed to Crane

and competed against some

to work hard in prepara-

tion for the district meet on

The Lions will continue

strong schools."

April 11 in Sonora.

In field events, Galindo

"We also have several

In the 300 hurdles, Tyler

The JV mile relay team

the top six of the meet.

ed a 49.62 time.

to record a 4:04.

place.

The sprint relay (Ely

Iglehart said.

Pitching was Adrienne Sanchez, catcher Kodi Glosson. The future Howard Payne Lady Yellowjacket recorded 13 strikeouts and scored two runs.

Glosson, Cynthia Garcia, Bethany Martinez and Lexi Poindexter also scored two runs each. Keyanna Perez, Amy Quiroz and Brianna Cervantez scored one run each.

Also playing: Samantha De La Garza, Stacie Quiroz, Jennifer Marquez, Meagan Espinosa, Vivian Medina and Jade Carty.

"Our pre-game plan heading into the game was easy 'finish strong." As coaches, we are always excited to see how our team bounces back after a tough loss like that one against state-ranked Wall," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. "They were anxious to get back on the field and let the district know that they were

not going to dwell on a loss. They have better things to do."

Ozona lost, 3-1, to the No. 12-ranked Lady Hawks on March 27.

Sanchez pitched and Glosson was catcher.

"We came out and gave up three runs early, but then we settled in and gave them a game," Gonzalez said. "I'm going to take that one as a coach. I thought we were prepared, but maybe we were still a little intimidated when we first came

The Lady Hawks dominated through their first three district contests, outscoring the competition 41-2, and appeared to be on their way to another rout after taking a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

Sanchez settled in nicely after that to shut down the Wall offense, retiring 15 of the last 19 batters she faced, while allowing just two more hits over the next five innings.

Ozona scored its lone run in the top of the fourth inning, when Wall committed its only error of the contest.

A dropped third strike that would have ended the frame proved costly, when DeLaGarza followed it up with a hard-hit single to move the runner into scoring position.

The run came across moments later on a passed ball to cut the Lady Lion's deficit to two runs.

"It's a game of inches and sometimes the ball bounces your way and sometimes it doesn't," Gonzales said. "Man, we were close a couple of times and iust didn't get there."

Ozona will face Ballinger Thursday at 5 p.m. at Lady Lion Field.

- Mike Whitson, of the San Angelo Standard-Times, contributed to this report.

OHS Tennis Team competes at Mason Invitational

The OHS Tennis Team competed last week in the Mason Invitational.

For the varsity, Jen-

Venegas and Kramer

Hall lost their first round match in mixed doubles, 6-1, 6-1, to Crosby/McIn-

tosh, of San Saba. On the JV squad, those that competed were: · Boys doubles - Emilio

Mendez and Daniel Gonzalez · Mixed doubles - Nathaniel Valdes and Laz-

arae Rodriguez ·Boys singles - Dalan

Wilson

· Girls doubles - Abby Newton and Dalia Hernan-

dez · Girls singles - Jadie Marshall and Nancy Rodri-

guez. The teams competed in the first round of dis-

trict play Monday in San Angelo.

The second round will be Thursday in San Angelo.

Lady Lions ninth at Crane Relays

competed in the Crane Relays Saturday.

Team Totals - 1. Big Spring, 156.5; 2. Crane, 102.3; 3. Monahans, 78; 4. Pecos, 44; 5. Alpine, 38; 6. (tie) Andrews; and Sonora, 36; 8. Fort Stockton, 34; 9. Ozona, 27; 10. Sanderson, 18; 11. Kermit, 14; 12. San Angelo Lake View, 13; 13. 4:18.82

The Ozona Lady Lions Presidio, 11.5; 14. Fort Davis, 10; 15. Wink, 1; 16. Sierra Blanca, 6. Individual results:

> 3,200: 2. Daisy Guerra, Ozona, 13:02.00. 800: 6. Alex Rodriguez,

Ozona, 2:38.45. 1,600: 1. Daisy Guerra,

Ozona, 5:50.75 1,600 relay: 4. Ozona,

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4-H teams win at Kendall County

On Saturday, March 31, the 4-H Range/Plant ID/ Wool/Mohair teams competed at the Waring Community Center in Kendall County's contests. prizes were awarded to the top three individuals in each of the contests, so that added "spice" to the compe-

Seniors Erik Carrizales, Jadie Marshall and Linda Stapper placed first in Plant ID, as well as Range Judging, with Linda the second high individual in both contests, and Erik with fourth in Plant ID.

Intermediates Kinsey Chandler, Alex Hopper and Lanna Stapper placed first in



CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H Range/Plant ID/Wool/Mohair teams competed Saturday at the Waring Community Center in Kendall County. Pictured are: (left to right) Lanna Stapper, Linda Stapper, Erik Carrizales, Jenna Marshall, Kinsey Chandler, Alex Hopper and Jadie Marshall.

Plant ID and Range Judging, too, with Kinsey placing first individual in both contests, and Lanna in second place.

Jenna Marshall was the lone Junior competitor, and she placed first in Plant ID and fourth in Range Judging.

In the Mohair competition,

the senior team placed third, with Erik second high individual and Linda fourth high.

The intermediate team took first place, with Lanna as high individual and Kinsey third. Jenna was fifth high individual in the junior age group.

In the Wool competition, the senior team placed second, with Linda as fourth high individual.

The intermediate team again took a first place, with Kinsey as high point individual. Jenna was third in junior Wool.

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H took second and third Saturday at the District 6 Horse Quiz Bowl Contest in Fort Stockton. Pictured are: (back row, left to right) Jarett Justiss, Jacob Childress and Adalyne Nehus (front row, left to right) Trace Justiss, Timothy Maldonado and Chantz Elliott.



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Elementary students collect Pennies for Patients

BY KATIE PARKER

Ozona Elementary School Counselor

The students at Ozona Elementary School have been very busy collecting money for the Pennies for Patients campaign.

Each week students brought in their heavy boxes of change to add to their classroom total. The class that earned the most money at the end of the campaign not only gets bragging rights, but also wins a pizza reward party for all the students.

The goal this year was \$1.000 and I am happy to say that the students surpassed that total in the first week.

It looks like the students and the staff at OES raised the bar pretty high and have really become involved in the campaign.

Pennies for Patients is a great cause that raises money for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help fund research and hopefully one day find a cure for cancer.

Youth Center Calendar

CLOSED Friday, April 6, and Saturday, **April 7, for Easter**

OHS Food Night Mondays 7-10 p.m.

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

High School Hours:

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

7th and 8th Grades **Hours:**

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

CLOSED SUNDAYS!

All of the money that the students have raised goes straight to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and is used solely for cancer research.

We are so proud of the students for all of their hard work with this campaign. We hope to grow the campaign larger each year and continue to raise more money and awareness for this cause.

Here are the final totals for OES by class.

Harris: \$161.30 Kain: \$117.20 Yeager: \$81.07 Rodriguez: \$ 148.10 Vasquez: \$ 202.89 Harmsen: \$132.01 Crenwelge: \$116.87 Venegas: \$179.26 Luckie: \$102.05 Mecke: \$227.86 Gensorek: \$127.64 Ross: \$65.79 White: \$138.90 Davis: \$113.16

Perez: \$95.19 Iglehart: \$66.50 Hale: \$66.90 Williams: \$133.12 Gully: \$79.76 Munoz: \$107.03 Patterson: \$51.82 Arellano: \$155.96 Kinnison: \$33.25 Logan: \$42.99 Owens: \$41.38 Light: \$30.46

In total the students at Ozona Elementary raised \$2,818.45! That is \$1,000 more than they raised last year.

In the past few years that the campaign has been at OES, the students and the staff have raised a total of \$7,746.

Each year the students continue to raise more and more funds for the cause and we are hoping that next year's campaign will be no different. Congratulate your child on a job well done!

Easter Chicks (arriving April 5) Tomatoes, peppers, hanging baskets, herbs & flowers Available now at Wool Growers 607 Ave. H

Lions Basketball Camp May 28-30

The 2012 Lion Basketball Camp will be held May 28-30 at the OHS Davidson

The camp is open to any boys or girls entering grades 3-6 from 8-11 a.m.

Boys and girls entering grades 7-9 will come from 1-4 p.m.

Cost is \$20, which includes a camp T-shirt and a ball. Campers will be taught a variety of basketball skills by the OHS and OMS coaches, have fun competitions and play in games. For more information, call Coach Juan Marshall at (325) 392-5501 ext. 5219 or e-mail juan.marshall@ozonaschools.net.

April 12 - 3:00-7:00 p.m. & April 14 - 12 noon-6:30 p.m. **FREE**



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The Concho Valley Council of Governments Rural Head Start program offers quality Early Childhood Education at no cost. Head Start provides individualized care and guidance to all eligible children, including those with disabilities. Each child in Head Start is considered a unique person with previous experiences, current needs, and potential for future growth. The Head Start approach is well suited to helping children with physical, mental, or emotional disabilities as well as children with severe disabilities. Note: Head Start does **NOT** provide transportation



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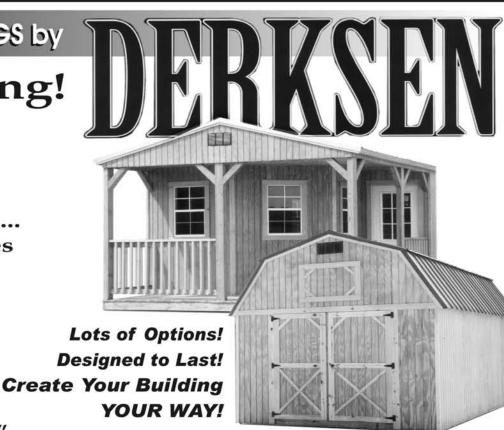
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OHS Seniors have made selections

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An Easter Elebration of Faith

Saturday before Easter, April 7

Hamburger & Hotdog Supper - 5:30 p.m.

Followed by a Journey to Easter...

"An Easter Experience for All Ages"

Easter Sunday, April 8

9:45 am. - Sunday School

11:00 am.. - Worship Service

(Our usual 9:00 Worship Service will not be held on this day.)

Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Held after the 11:00 a.m. worship service)

Easter Dinner to Follow

(Provided by the church)

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Remember to "Render!"

Taxable property renditions

are due April 16.

Does this apply to you?

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income,

A rendition is a report to your county appraisal district that lists all of the tax-

able property that you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year. This often

• You record your correct mailing address so your tax bills will go to the

• If your property's value depreciated, you can file a report of decreased

• An automatic extension is available if requested in writing by the April

• The chief appraiser may grant an additional 15 days after the deadline

Filing is your responsibility. If you render late, don't render or file an

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applies to furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory owned by a business.

What are the advantages of filing?

• You give your opinion of your property's value.

• The last day for filing 2012 renditions is April 16.

for an owner who shows good cause in writing.

such as the equipment or inventory owned by a business, it does.

What is a rendition?

right address.

REMEMBER!!

What is the deadline?

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HELPING HANDS NEWS

APRIL 5

· Meatballs with gravy and mashed potatoes, capri vegetables, whole wheat bread, rosy pears and milk.

APRIL 6

·Closed for Good Friday Holiday.

APRIL 9

·Baked chicken, corn, seasoned spinach, cornbread, tropical fruit cup and milk.

APRIL 10

· Swiss steak with tomato, fluffy rice, green beans, tangy coleslaw, hot spiced peaches and milk.

APRIL 11

·Santa Fe chicken, squash with pimentos, pinto beans, whole wheat bread, gingerbread and milk.

APRIL 12

·Roast turkey and gravy, candied yams, peas with pearl onions, cornbread dressing, pineapple crisp and milk.



OZONA FIREFIGHTER MICHAEL MITCHELL shoots water on the grass and popcorn, snack trailer along the 374 mile-marker on westbound Interstate-10 Monday afternoon. A flat tire on the trailer, followed by a lost wheel and then pulling over into the grass caused several grass fires along the 378-374 mile-marker stretch. Several fire trucks and Ozona firefighters responded quickly to extinguish the flames.

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plans will come quickly," Horner said. "Essentially, they want to know what you are doing so the person doesn't have to come into the ER. It's frustrating because you have potential opportunities to access funds. We will be very involved in what some of those processes will be."

Crockett County's payment and the level of service are not changing under this new plan, but local officials told the directors from Shannon that Crockett County is not getting the level of return on their pay-

Henderson said that due to the Family Health Center not being a full-time emergency room, Medicare and Medicaid are not paying for some of the ambulance calls.

This means around nine out of 10 patients in Crockett County are being transferred by ambulance to San Angelo.

"We are wearing our ambulances out," Henderson

said. "The road between San Angelo is getting more dangerous. If there's going to be more services out there, we'd like to be receiving some of them. It's no secret that Shannon receives a lot of funds out of Crockett County. Crockett County is the reason Shannon is there."

Commissioner Frank Tambunga said there are elderly people in Crockett County paying \$3,000 to \$4,000 because Medicare doesn't want to pay.

"We are still back to square one with nothing improving. What I'm hearing is nothing continuing to improve and we still have to pay. I'm blaming the whole system the way it is," Tambunga said.

The new funding program is still not finalized but Shannon officials have to have a plan in place by October.

"It's still kind of fuzzy to me," said Shane Plymell, chief financial officer of Shannon Medical Center. "Not everything has been finalized yet. There's still lot all this coordinated."

Henderson said Crockett County and Shannon officials need to sit down and figure out what can be done to increase the level of services in Ozona.

Horner said they would look at Crockett County's needs.

"I don't really care who owns our clinic as long as the people are getting the maximum care that we can provide. I feel that maybe we deserve a little more than what we're getting. I don't think we're being greedy. I don't think we need a quick fix or a temporary fix. These little fixes are not enough," Henderson said. "We need a little better response to what we ask. Somewhere along the line I see a little more meeting halfway."

Henderson also said the health services board received 16 applications for a new Care Center Administrator. The board narrowed those down and met Tuesday (April 3) to interview applicants for an interim administrator position.

Henderson said the board has considered possibly hiring one of the applicants as an interim for a few months before hiring full-time.

The health services board will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 5, where they will discuss and possibly vote on hiring an interim administrator. The meeting will be at the Care Center Small Dining Room.

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School finance workshops continue **Monday**

Superintendent Chris duBois is hosting a series of public information workshops on school finance topics this spring.

These sessions are open to the general public and are designed to share school finance principles, regulations and challenges with citizens to increase awareness of specific fiscal concerns that affect services to children and conditions for teachers and staff.

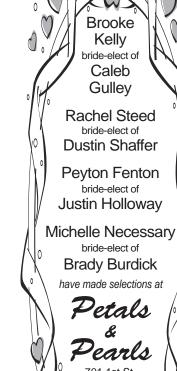
Sessions will be held at the OES Cafetorium and will start at 6:30 p.m.

April 9 - School Finance - Budget Details and the Financial Resource Accountability Guide

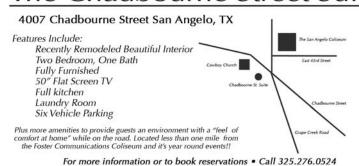
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THE WAY OFF BROADWAY PLAYERS performed "Ruthie's Cafe" during the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Banquet last week at the Civic Center. The musical is set in a small town cafe in Eldorado, Texas.

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They brought to the stage a portion of the production, "Ruthie's Café," a musical comedy set at a small diner in Eldorado.

There were a variety of colorful characters and customers. The play emphasized how everyone in a small town is family and helps each other out through crisis.

"The evening ended with a standing ovation for

the Way Off Broadway Players. This is a great format for our banquet. Our Chamber program and announcements are limited, we provide an event that both members and locals can attend, and it allows the Chamber to showcase our services," said Shanon Biggerstaff. "It was a fun and informative evening for all."

The Chamber of Commerce would like one last time to thank our member sponsors who made this evening possible: Americas Best Value Inn, Jack & Jodie

Baggett, The Ozona Stockman, Barnhart Shaw's General Repair, Best Western Ozona Inn, Ozona National Bank, Crockett Automotive, Crockett County Abstract Company, Crockett National Bank, DCP Midstream, Preddy Tire Service, First National Bank of Sonora, Roy & Charlotte Harrell, Jack & Janie Riggs, Hillcrest Motor Inn & Suites, Ozona Mercantile, Triple C Hardware, Lumber & Rental, Sam's Club and Wool Growers Central Storage.

Spring Chicken Affair April 15 benefitting West Texas Rehab

the date brightly colored church fried chicken meal tents will dot San Angelo's southwest skyline, fryers will bubble with 9,000 pieces of chicken and musical entertainment will fill the air.

The occasion is the 30th annual Spring Chicken Affair set to begin at 11 a.m. on Knickerbocker Road behind First Financial Bank in San Angelo to benefit West Texas Rehabilitation Center.

Tickets are \$8 per pern and are available in advance at the sponsors 6300 by April 11 to arrange of this popular fundraiser: First Financial Bank, H-E-B Food Store and Foster Communications.

Also, tickets will be available at the event. The San Angelo Restaurant Association provides the expertise and personnel to

Sunday, April 15, that's serve the Sunday-afterwith all the trimmings.

> For those who can't stay and enjoy the activities, take-out meals will be available. Also, thanks to

Home Motors Towing Service, volunteers will deliver food to homebound individuals within the San Angelo city limits who have no transportation or have physical limitations which prevent them from attending.

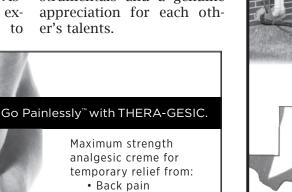
for delivery.

Featured entertainment will be provided during the event by The Divas, five performers who are known for strong vocals, surprising instrumentals and a genuine appreciation for each other's talents.

· Muscle pain

Joint pain

• Arthritis pain



extremely grateful to everyone responsible for this huge undertaking and we invite the Center's friends from the Concho Valley to come and join the fun as serving lines will be open until 2 p.m.," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. Events such as the

"All of us at Rehab are

Spring Chicken Affair make it possible for the Center to serve all who seek its services, regardless of their financial circumstances. For more information about the event or

Rehab services, call 223-6300 or visit the web site at www.WestTexasRehab.org.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

ADRIENNE SANCHEZ (center front) is surrounded by her Lady Lions Softball teammates after signing a letter of intent last week to play for Howard Payne University in Brownwood.

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many years to come.

"She's a joy to coach, she's fun to coach and she's easy to coach," Gonzalez said. "We're not done with her yet. We're going to keep her around and hopefully do some great things this

Surrounded by family, friends, teammates, teachers and coaches, Sanchez took pen to paper with her parents, Leticia and Harvey Sanchez proudly watching.

"I'm getting emotional," said her dad, as he tried to hold back tears. "This is a big step. The way I see it, play in Division III you get money to play, get an education and do what you love to do."

Howard Payne is a NCAA Division III University that competes in the American Southwest Conference. The conference is one of the largest intercollegiate athletic conferences in NCAA Division III.

The conference contains 15 colleges and universities, including Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Hardin-Simmons and Mc-Murry in Abilene and Schreiner University in Kerrville.

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secutive year, HPU claimed slots in both the "Top Schools" and "Best Value" categories among comprehensive bachelor's degreegranting institutions in the Western region of the United States.

The university was also recognized in five other categories including "Highest Proportion of Classes Under 20," "Lowest Acceptance Rate." "Highest Graduation Rate," "Campus Ethnic Diversity," and "Economic Diversity.'

Located in Brownwood, Sanchez said she chose the university out of several offers due to the size of the community.

"It was kind of like Ozona. I wasn't ready to go somewhere big," she said. "I really liked the coach. He was just like Coach Gonza-

Payne Howard coached by Jose Mata who led Lady Yellow Jackets to their first winning season in 2001.

On the field, Ozona teammates call Sanchez "itty bitty" due to her small

"That's going to fit her perfectly," Gonzalez said of his top pitcher. "She's small like that yellow jacket but man she packs a sting."

A sting Sanchez used last year to help lead the Lady Lions to their first regional quarterfinal game, which led her to receiving All-District, All-West Texas and All-State honors as pitcher.

Last season, Sanchez recorded 20 wins in the circle and sat down 140 batters on strikeouts. She batted .395 in 33 games for the Lady Lions, and crossed the plate 65 times.

Sanchez said the Lady Lions still have a goal to make to the postseason this year. Ozona is currently 3-1 in district play this season.

"We plan on going to the playoffs again," she said.

Along with her athletic abilities, achieving good grades is one of the main things college recruiters asked about, said Harvey

Sanchez said she plans on becoming a registered nurse.

"It feels great. All my family and friends, they were all behind me," she said.



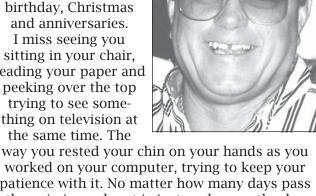


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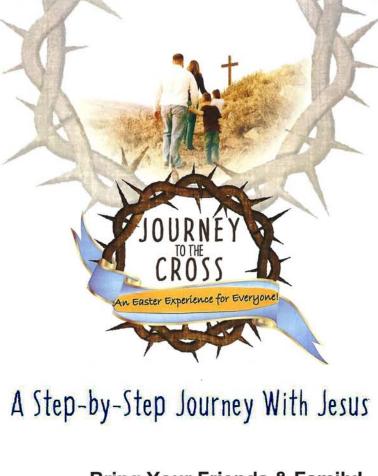
patience with it. No matter how many days pass the pain in my heart is just as deep as the day you were called to go to be with the Lord. Yes, now that you are with Him, that is the peace He gives me that you are safe and no longer suffering. Please look down and give me one of those beautiful smiles today. I miss you so very much.

Your Loving Wife Arlean Levett

To My Son Terry Ford Levett

You've been gone ten years now. You were so many things in life. I remember the day you were born. Your grew up so quickly and made a handsome cowboy. You rode a bull like it was sitting still and could out-rope so many of them. I was so proud when you enlisted into the Army. Then you went to work in the oil field and you were a good hand. Yes, you did so many things through your lifetime and did so many things right. But then, tragedy struck and you were gone. I never got to say goodbye to you. I think of you every day. Your are in the arms of the Lord now. I know you are looking down on me saying,"Hi Mom, I miss you so much."

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FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS

· Ariel Fabian Trevino. San Angelo, purchasing/ furnish alcohol to a minor, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

· Javier Verastegui, Del Rio, failure to appear while license invalid enhanced, \$4,000.

· Jeffrey Paul Stoner, Midland, driving while license invalid with prior conviction, \$2,000.

·Amie Jeremy Evan Bejier, Tomball, Texas, possession of marijuana, Class B misdemeanor, \$2,000 PR Bond.

·Ruben Tijerina Talamantez, Ozona, possession of marijuana, Class B misdemeanor, \$2,0000.

· Mario Garibaldi, Horizon City, Texas, accident involving a vehicle, misdemeanor, \$2,000.

COUNTY COURT Closed Cases for March

· Ana Maria Robles, failure to appear, convictionfine \$185, \$313 court costs.

· Gabriel Bernal Cortez. possession of marijuana less than two ounces, dismissed-defendant incarcerated in California.

·Wayne Hudgens Jr., driving while licence invalid-enhanced, convictionfine \$300, \$313 court costs.

· Jason Wayne Geske, driving while licence invalid-enhanced, dismissed-

⋅6:33 p.m. - Transported

No Lights/Siren Family

·12 a.m. - No Treatment,

· 8:10 p.m. - Transported No

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EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

does not wish to further prosecute.

· Juan Carlos Chavez. duty on striking fixture or highway landscape, 180 days jail/probated 1 yearfine \$2,000, \$313 court costs.

·Carlos Javier Ochoa-Galindo, duty on striking fixture or highway landscape, conviction-81 days jail.

·Lorenzo Ramos Jr., driving while intoxicated first, conviction with one year probation-fine \$500 and \$47 court costs.

·Kevin Lee Manning, driving while intoxicated second, conviction with one year probation-fine \$500 and \$47 court costs.

· Jermey Lloyd Overby, driving while intoxicated second, conviction with one year probation-fine \$700 and \$47 court costs.

· Alfredo Moreno Tobar Jr., possession of marijuana less than two ounces, six months pre-trial diversion.

· Jay Villareal, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, six months pretrial diversion.

· Joseph Edward Bingham, failure to appear, 30 days deferred-fine \$185, \$313 court costs.

· Jose Antonio Ramirez, driving while intoxicated second, conviction with one year probation-fine \$2,000, \$47 court costs.

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Gas company fined \$500K

BY MICHAEL KELLY SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

A company that owns a natural gas processing plant in Crockett County was fined \$500,000 — the maximum penalty — for operating for nearly three years while mechanisms to control emissions of sulfur were not engaged.

Belvan Corp., owner of the Belvan Midway Lane Gas Processing Plant, was given the fine under the Clean Air Act by U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings in Lubbock federal court Friday. The company entered a guilty plea to one felony count violation of the Clean Air Act, failure to notify.

Plea documents in the case, which also involved fines for three company executives, showed that the plant's Sulfur Recovery Unit was shut down from October 2005 through December 2008, during which time acid gas was diverted through a flare system, burning it and creating hydrogen sulfide, sulfur dioxide and other pollutants that are a hazard to public health and a violation of environmental law, said the U.S. attorney's office for the Northern District of Texas.

The plant is on U.S. 190 approximately 20 miles north of Ozona.

"Today's sentence, the maximum allowable under the federal statute, demonstrates the seriousness of the environmental crimes committed by this corporation," U.S. Attorney Sarah Saldaña said.

The three executives were sentenced in federal court in San Angelo in January on plea agreements, each pleading guilty to one count of negligent endangerment under the Clean Air Act. Michael Davis, vice president of engineering and operations for Belvan, was fined \$50,000; Daniel Valmer Meacham, operations manager, was fined \$22,000; and Robert Mark Stewart, environmental coordinator, was fined \$15,000.

Each man also was placed on probation for a year and ordered to complete an eight-hour environmental awareness training program.

Belvan also was fined \$119,360 for hydrogen sulfide and sulfur dioxide emissions during the June through December 2009 period by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality last year.

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.

MARCH 26

·1:52 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, I-10 milemarker 331. Not a traffic hazard. A unit with three firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 19 minutes

MARCH 27

•9:19 p.m. - Report of a possible grass fire/false alarm 7-8 miles north State Hwy 163. Two units, six firefighters. Time in service 30 minutes.

MARCH 31

·1:47 p.m. - Possible structure fire/smoke alarm on County Road 107. Two units, three firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 10 minutes. APRIL 2

·4:27 p.m. - Grass fires from mile-marker 374 to 378 on I-10. Started from moving vehicle which also caught fire. Six units, nine firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 33 minutes.

Al-Anon meetings Thursdays

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Anon are Thursdays. The Al-Anon program is

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UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS AGAIN The state's seasonally ad-

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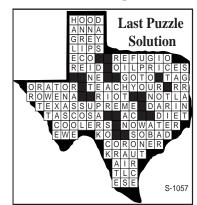
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justed unemployment rate dropped to 7.1 percent in February, down from 7.3 percent in January, the Texas Workforce Commission announced on March 30. A year ago, in February 2011, the unemployment rate was calculated at 8.0 percent.

HIGHER SPEED FOR SOME STRETCHES

The Texas Transportation Commission last week announced its approval of 80 mph designations for 54 miles of roadway in the Austin area: State Highway 130 from Georgetown to Mustang Ridge and State Highway 45SE from Mustang Ridge to Interstate 35 in south Travis County.

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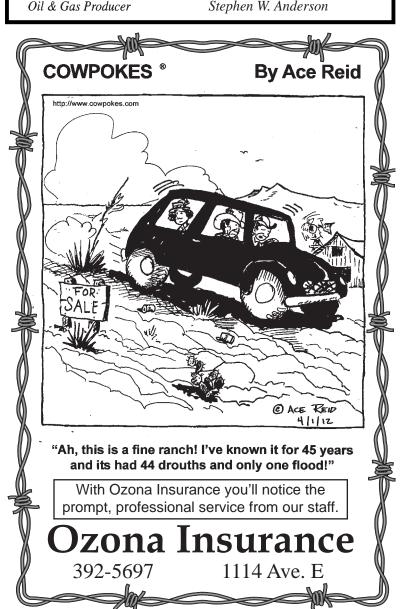
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