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School board considering testing resolution

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A resolution against high-stakes tests, like STAAR, will be up for approval at tonight's (April 18) CCCSD School Board meeting.

This regular meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Last month, officials at the Texas Association of School Administrators sent out a nonbinding resolution against standardized tests for districts to pass in their school board meetings.

This resolution came after TEA Commissioner Robert Scott said that he

had concerns about the role of testing in the classroom in February.

The resolution claims that students learn at a superficial level when schools over-emphasize the importance of standardized tests. It calls for the Legislature to develop a better, more accurate system for evaluating school accountability.

According to TASA, school boards in 271 districts have passed the resolution. Area schools that have already passed the resolution include Comstock, Fort Stockton, Iraan, Mason, McCamey, Reagan County, San Saba, Sonora and Wall.

"We anticipate that list to grow," TASA spokeswoman Jenny LaCoste-Ca-

puto told the Texas Tribune last month.

Last month, the CCCSD School Board approved a resolution that for one year will suspend factoring STAAR scores into students' grades for the 2011-12 school year.

According to the TASA website, as of last week roughly three-quarters of the state's 1,200 school districts have notified TEA that they will take advantage of the offer to defer implementation of a rule that says the new end-of-course exams must account for 15 percent of high school students' grades for one year.

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National Parks are focus of planned haze rule

BY KATE GALBRAITH
TEXAS TRIBUNE

Last year, as wildfires raged in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, visitors to Guadalupe Mountains National Park had to settle for a more limited view when hiking up Guadalupe Peak, Texas' highest point.

"All summer, there

was a haze here," said Jonena Hearst, the park's geologist. Even before the fires, she said, visibility had been decreasing slightly over time.

The Environmental Protection Agency wants cleaner air at wilderness areas and national parks across the country, includ-

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State Artists



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OHS ART STUDENTS JENNY VENEGAS (left) and CHRIS CANTU competed in the State Texas Art Education Association Visual Art Scholastic Event this past weekend in Bryan, Texas. Jenny was in Division 2. She entered a self-portrait titled "Jenny In Black And White" made with Tempera Paint which made a 3 Excellent Rating. Chris Cantu was in Division 1 and he took a digital photograph titled "The End of Time: 2012" and made a 3 Excellent Rating as well.



CURE



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CANCER SURVIVORS AND CAREGIVERS started off Ozona's Relay for Life Friday night at Lion Stadium. The event raised \$44,780 for the American Cancer Society. More photos, see page 8 or visit The Ozona Stockman Facebook page.

OHS Track, Academic Teams competing in regional meets



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

MEMBERS OF THE OHS TRACK TEAMS will be competing at the Region I Track and Field Meet April 27-28 in Odessa. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Lexi Poindexter, Daisy Guerra and Alex Rodriguez; (middle row, left to right) Cynthia Garcia, Jenny Venegas and Vivian Medina; (back row, left to right) Jerrod duBois. Not pictured: Saul Vargas and Michael Vargas.

Six Lady Lions and three Lions will be competing in the Region I Track Meet, April 27-28, in Odessa.

Last week, OHS Track Teams participated in the District 7-AA meet in Sonora.

The Lady Lions placed fourth out of six teams. Team Totals - 1. Wall, 206; 2. Sonora, 135; 3. Grape Creek, 91; 4. Ozona, 73; 5. Ballinger, 59 and 6. Brady, 50.

Vivian Medina placed third in the discus with a throw of 85-feet, 8.5 inches to qualify her for the regional meet.

Daisy Guerra finished third in the 3200-meter run at 12 minutes, 51 seconds making her a regional qualifier. She also qualified in the

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THE OHS COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM will be competing at the Region I UIL Academic Meet this weekend in Odessa. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Bryce Gutierrez and Cris Taylor; (back row, left to right) Jerrod duBois and Lisa Dorrrough.

The OHS Computer Science Team is heading to the Region I meet this weekend in Odessa.

The team of Cris Taylor, Jerrod duBois, Lisa Dorrrough and Bryce Gutierrez placed second at the District 7-AA meet last month. Cris placed fourth and Jerrod placed fifth as an individuals.

The team had to wait until April 11 to see if they would be eligible to advance as a Wild Card team. A Wild Card team for an academic contest is the highest scoring second place team in the region.

Chris Cantu placed third in literary criticism. However, an error found in the results showed that Chris's

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OHS GOLF, TENNIS AND ACADEMIC TEAMS
AT REGION I MEETS THIS WEEK IN ODESSA

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RANDY KENNEDY (left) and JoAnn Babbitt take a turn during the 26th annual Levis and Lace Square Dance Festival held Saturday at the Civic Center. Square dancers from all over West Texas participated.

Knox named to Angelo State Who's Who

Nathan Knox has been named to the 2012 edition of Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges at Angelo State University.

Knox is majoring in geosciences and will be one of 76 ASU students who are being recognized as outstanding campus leaders.

A ceremony and reception honoring the students will be held at 2 p.m. May 11 in the Carr Education Fine Arts Building's Eldon Black Recital Hall, 2602 Dena Drive, in San Angelo.

ASU accepts Who's Who nominations from faculty, staff and student organizations, and a university committee makes the final selections. Students are selected for their excellence in the classroom, campus and community service, and leadership in extracurricular activities. Honorees for the 78-year-old annual list come from 2,842 institutions of higher learning in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. ASU has participated in the Who's Who program since the early 1970s.

Knox is a graduate of Ozona High School. He is the son of Bobby Knox, of Ozona.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 18

- OHS Students at Texas State Technical College in Sweetwater.
- OHS Tennis Team at the UIL Region I Meet in Odessa.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Diaper Pantry, 10 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Book Fair Parent Night, 6 p.m. at Ozona Elementary School.
- CCCCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Thursday, April 19

- OHS Students at the UIL Region I Academic Meet in Odessa.
- OHS Tennis Team at the UIL Region I Meet in Odessa.
- Canasta at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Lions Giving Back "Get Ozona Beautiful," 4-7 p.m.

Friday, April 20

- OHS Students at the UIL Region I Academic Meet in Odessa.
- Fourth Grade Texas Music Program, 2:15 p.m. at the Ozona Elementary School Gym.
- Lions Baseball vs. Grape Creek, 4:30 p.m. at Lion Field.

Saturday, April 21

- OHS Students at the UIL Region I Academic Meet in Odessa.
- Ozona Lions Giving Back "Get Ozona Beautiful," 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Monday, April 23

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- School Finance Workshops, 6:30 p.m. at the Ozona Elementary School Cafetorium.
- Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Ministerial Alliance meeting, 7 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Tuesday, April 24

- STAAR TESTING: Grades 3-4; 6-7 Mathematics.
- TAKS TESTING: Grade 10 Mathematics; Exit Level English retest.
- Free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, 9-11 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Lion Baseball vs. Ballinger, 4:30 p.m. at Ballinger.

Wednesday, April 25

- STAAR TESTING: Grades 3-4; 6-7 Reading.
- TAKS TESTING: Exit Level Mathematics.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Alpine writers' retreat featuring trio of award-winning authors

The 21st annual Writing Round-Up of the Texas Mountain Trail Writers is planned for April 27, 28, 29 in Alpine and Fort Davis with a trio of published award-winning authors.

These include New York Times best-seller and Violet Crown Award finalist, Suzy Spencer, master of narrative non-fiction and memoir, Chantelle Aimée Osman, successful flash fiction and mystery writer and Anthony Award nominee, and western singer and song writer already known in West Texas, Mike Blakely, Western Writers of America winner and prolific author of 16 historical novels.

These three professional writers and instructors will teach and entertain in the mountains of West Texas for three days.

Headquarters for classes

and meals will be the Mountain Trails Lodge (formerly Davis Mt. Outdoor Learning Center) just south of Fort Davis. The Friday evening welcoming reception will be in the reading room of Front Street Books in Alpine.

Participants will learn writing techniques, enjoy small classes and the personal touch while basking in pleasant warm spring days and the cool mountain nights of April in the Davis Mountains.

Activity choices, other than learning writing skills and eating home-cooked meals, include hiking, birding, exploring two near-by cemeteries, photographing, or sitting and planning your next book.

The event is the 21st annual Writing Round-Up hosted by members of the Texas Mountain Trail Writers.

The weekend is casual with a friendly western theme.

Cost is extremely reasonable and if attendees do not care to stay in cabins available at the Lodge, rooms may be had in the many motels in Alpine and Fort Davis.

For additional information and a registration form, e-mail or call Reba Cross Seals, retreat coordinator, rcrossseals@wildblue.net, (432) 837-2919 or Jackie Siglin, president, bakedalaskal@bigbend.net, (432) 364-2399.

Writers may learn more about the weekend's events by going to the Texas Mountain Trail Writers website: www.texasmountaintrailwriters.org.

Nutrition/Food Pantry program April 27

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, April 27, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

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

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

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

Ministerial Alliance meeting Monday

Ozona Ministerial Alliance will meet at 7 p.m. Monday, April 23, at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

All Ozona pastors or representatives are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Carlos Cantu at (325) 262-7040.

Happy Birthday

April 18 - Melissa Hokit
April 19 - Eric Hendren, Sarah Vargas, Mysti Michelle Mata, Nat Hernandez Jr. and Michelle Gonzales

April 20 - Lupe Martinez, Abe Rodriguez, Viola Perez, Frankie Skinner, Jerold Savala, Clarissa Hernandez, Penny Dalton, Nicole Kelley, Chelsea Gonzales, Ricardo Borrego, Tommy Conner and Albert Madrid

April 21 - Katie Hernandez, Ruben Beseril Jr., Karen Davis, Morgan Glosson, Michael Mitchell and Tashina Lewis

April 22 - Christina Fierro, Irene Vargas, Dawson Owens, Abel Rodriguez, Stella Rodriguez, Leon Tice, Adrienne Tijerina, Bill Black, Stella Fierro, Irene Alba, Maria D. Tambunga and Joe Salas Jr.

April 23 - Raliegth Conner, Prissy Luna, Kasey Gray, Eugene Hood and Luranda Morris

April 24 - Ryan Dalton, Joe Alex Lara, Timothy Beseril, Timothy Batura, Caleb Conner and Jordan Webster

Diaper Pantry today

The Wesley Nurse Program of the Ozona United Methodist Church is beginning a monthly Diaper Pantry. Families will be educated on various topics related to children's health and will be given one package of diapers for each child in the home under the age of 3.

The first class will be offered April 18 beginning at 10 a.m. in the church fellowship hall. Anyone may attend the educational class but must RSVP in order to receive diapers.

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

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OZONA ELEMENTARY PE TEACHER JOHN JACKSON had to kiss a pig last week. Students donated money to Coach Jackson, OES Principal Amanda Jackson, OES Assistant Principal Janina Savala, OES Music Teacher Justina Saunders, OES Counselor Katie Parker, OES Librarian Dora Aiguier and School District Nurse Karen Huffman. Coach Jackson, a Texas A&M Alumni, received the most money and had to kiss a pig, donated by the Glosson Family, wearing a University of Texas Longhorn T-shirt. Elementary students raised \$257.47 for the American Cancer Society.



New public access project for Devils River

Texas Parks & Wildlife Department recently acquired the approximately 18,000-acre Devils River Ranch in Val Verde County to add to the existing Devils River State Natural Area. The plan will allow visitors more opportunity for primitive back country camping, hiking, and paddling and enjoying the pristine turquoise waters of this remote and rugged river, while preserving the area's natural and cultural resources and protecting the rights of landowners.

TPWD will hold public meetings to present and take comments on the proposed Devils River State Natural Area Public Use Plan. This is an opportunity to participate in the project, and public comment is welcome regarding the recreational and public use of the site complex. Del Rio is hosting one of the public meetings on April 16, 7-9 p.m., at the Civic Center (Kennedy Room), 1915 Veterans Blvd.; others will be held in Austin, San Antonio, Houston, and Arlington throughout April.

For more information, call Chris Beckom, (512) 389-4661, chris.beckom@tpwd.state.tx.us or Joe Ranzau, (830) 395-2133, joe.ranzau@tpwd.state.tx.us.

San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Ambassador tryouts

The San Angelo Stock Show & Rodeo Ambassadors would like to invite you to the First Community Federal Credit Union Spur Arena in San Angelo April 22 for tryouts.

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Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan April 23-24 field days

BY STEVE BYRNS
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION

FORT STOCKTON - The Texas AgriLife Extension Service will conduct two free field days to highlight ongoing Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan implementation activities at 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on April 23 and 24 near Sheffield and Coyanosa, respectively.

Gary Bryant, AgriLife Extension Pecos River watershed coordinator at Fort Stockton, said the April 23 field day will begin at the Fort Lancaster State Historical Site and later move to the Live Oak Ranch east of Sheffield in the lower portion of the watershed.

The April 24 event will be on the Santa Rosa Ranch six miles east of the Coyanosa Gin in the watershed's upper portion.

Bryant said both days will have similar content, but discussions may vary due to the differences between the upper and lower parts of the watershed.

"During the field days, landowners will have an opportunity to see what some of their neighbors

have been implementing on their properties, using the programs that support the watershed protection plan," Bryant said.

Topics will include discussions on development of a model to predict dissolved oxygen in the river, updates on biological and chemical saltcedar controls, prescribed burning efforts and an overview of the plan's goals and objectives.

Texas Forest Service personnel will also speak on drought and tree mortality at both sites.

Lunch is being provided by the AgriLife Extension office in Crockett County and the Sandhills Soil and Water Conservation District.

During lunch, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service personnel will talk about the health of the river from an aquatic habitat and fish community perspective at the first field day and National Weather Service personnel will cover what a "red flag" warning for fire danger means at the next day's lunch break.

Two Texas Department of Agriculture continuing

education units - one integrated pest management and one general - will be available at each site.

RSVP is required for the lunch count. To RSVP and for more information contact Bryant at (432) 336-8585, glbryant@ag.tamu.edu by today, April 18.

A map to the field day locations and information on the project can be found on the project website at <http://pecosbasin.tamu.edu/>.

Funding and support for the development and implementation of the Pecos River Watershed Protection Plan is provided through a Clean Water Act Nonpoint Source grant from the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The projects are managed by the Texas Water Resources Institute, a unit of Texas AgriLife Research, the AgriLife Extension and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Texas A&M University, the Upper Pecos Soil and Water Conservation District and Crockett Soil and Water Conservation District.

ACROSS

- 1 military bugle call
- 5 Houston Texans OT, Winston
- 6 "Lake Kick _____" in Archer County
- 7 TX Linda Darnell '50 film: "_____ Way Out"
- 8 Romo signal
- 9 eatery found in TX: "_____ House"
- 15 architect I. _____ designed Dallas City Hall
- 16 Cowboy or Texan TD (2 wds.)
- 19 storage for cobbled kernels (2 wds.)
- 21 '70s English rock band: "_____ Heep"
- 22 an organized whole
- 27 TX resident Glen _____ who hosts a national radio show
- 28 people pray for rain _____ season
- 29 this TX "Mean Joe" played for Steelers in Leon Co. on 79
- 32 TX TV Tarzan (init.)
- 33 location of UTA and Rangers ballpark
- 36 you can _____ steak at the "Big Texan" in Amarillo
- 37 "sister," informally
- 38 birdwatching
- 39 a microstate, like Vatican City, e.g.
- 41 TX Panhandle often has these in the summer (2 wds.)
- 44 Meredith of "The Son of Davy Crockett"

DOWN

- 1 oil: "Texas _____"
- 2 in Smith Co. on 135
- 3 Pecos Co. newspaper: "The Fort Stockton _____"
- 4 TX Ronnie Dunn wrote song "Boot _____"
- 8 TXism: "that hits the _____" (satisfying)
- 9 TX Roy Orbison's high school band (2 wds.)
- 10 wood chopper
- 11 this TX Fess was in "Old Yeller" (init.)
- 12 "Susan G. Komen for the Cure" is one based in Dallas
- 13 Euro replaced this in Italy
- 14 reversed DFW meteorologist Harold Taft was born in this Oklahoma town
- 15 this TX Gordon perfected the "Top 40" radio format
- 16 TXism: "he was around when the Dead Sea was only _____" (old)
- 17 stays longer
- 18 most bashful
- 20 this TX Alan was the 4th moonwalker
- 22 noted actress Greer who married a TX oilman in '49 (init.)
- 23 Rangers are hoping this star for Yu Darvish will be low member of a Serbia ethnic group
- 25 action toward a definite end
- 26 TXism: "she could talk the legs off _____ stove"
- 28 "not one _____"
- 31 TXism: "feeling his _____" (frisky)
- 34 longtime Cowboy scout, Brandt
- 35 old country music cable network
- 37 arrived at 2nd base
- 40 _____ Stanley Gardner
- 42 Fox series for TX-born Kevin McHale
- 43 TXism: "got a _____ big as _____"
- 49 sheets, e.g.
- 50 boot width

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Lady Lions are playoff bound

The Lady Lions are heading to the playoffs for the second year in a row, after defeating Brady 14-4 on April 13.

The win puts Ozona into the number two spot in district play.

"This is a great accomplishment for our program and shows how far our team has come," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. "The ladies are looking forward to the post-season play and understand all teams enter the post-season with 0 wins and 0 losses."

Pitching - Adrienne Sanchez; Catcher - Kodi Glosson. Sanchez made two runs

and had four strikeouts. Cynthia Garcia had four runs and Glosson had three runs. Brianna Cervantez had two runs and Samantha De La Garza, Vivian Medina and Lexi Poindexter had one run each.

Glosson set the tempo for the game against Brady by blasting a two-run homerun on her first at bat in the first inning. After that, the hitting never slowed down.

"When the Lady Lions are hitting the ball the way they did and are capable of, we are pretty tough to beat," Gonzalez said.

The Lady Lions lost a tough one to Sonora, 6-3, on

April 10.

Pitching - Sanchez; Catcher - Glosson.

Glosson scored two runs, Stacie Quiroz one run and Sanchez had five strikeouts.

"In Ozona versus Sonora, anything can happen. We really feel that Sonora didn't win the game as much as we lost the game, but we have to understand as a team that one bad inning doesn't equal one bad game," Gonzalez said.

The Lady Lions will start their playoff run this weekend possibly against Comfort. Details will be posted on The Ozona Stockman Facebook page when they become available.



BETHANY MARTINEZ IS SAFE AT FIRST BASE for the Ozona Lady Lions.



ADRIENNE SANCHEZ PITCHES for the playoff bound Ozona Lady Lions.

Lions fall short to Brady Bulldogs

The Ozona Lions made attempted a comeback last week, but fell short to Brady 14-13 on April 13.

Pitching - Glen Tinney; Catchers - Alejandro Mendez, Jayton Rodriguez and Chae DeHoyos.

Mendez was 3 for 4, 1

BB and 3 runs; DeHoyos was 2 for 4, 1 BB, 3 RBIs, 2 runs and 1 double; Rodriguez was 2 for 3, 1 BB, 2 RBIs, 3 runs, 1 triple; Jerrod duBois was 3 for 4, 3 RBIs, 1 run, 2 doubles and Alex Borrego was 1 for 3, 2 RBIs.



THE PLAYOFF BOUND OZONA LADY LIONS were honored Friday night at Ozona's Relay For Life after their 14-4 win over Brady.

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paper had been incorrectly scored. School officials contacted the District Academic Coordinator and chose to withdraw Chris from the regional meet. An alternate student will be competing.

Other students placing in the district meet were:

- The Mathematics Team of Cynthia Garcia, Kramer Hall, Michael Medina and Isabel Ybarra were second.
- Cris Taylor - sixth place Literary Criticism
- Lane Hale - fourth place Editorial Writing and sixth place Headline Writing
- Avni Bhakta - fifth place Calculator
- Lisa Dorrough - fifth place Computer Applications
- Jadie Marshall - sixth place Ready Writing

"Although we made a valiant comeback late in the game it was not enough as Brady scored two runs in the bottom of the seventh inning to win the ball game. We started the game pretty flat and gave Brady 9 runs in the first two innings. We chipped away at the lead throughout the game eventually took the lead in the top of the seventh inning to go up 13-12. Unfortunately that was not enough. I was proud of the boys on how they fought back and never gave up. Although this was a little set back, we are still alive in the playoff hunt," said Coach Ray Talamantes.

The Lions lost to Sonora, 13-2, on April 10.

Pitching - DeHoyos; Catchers - Mendez and Adam Gonzales.

Mendez was 1 for 2; Gonzales was 1 for 2, 1 run and Glen Tinney was 1 for 1, 1 run.

The Lions will face Grape Creek Friday at Lion Field.



OZONA ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS COMPETED IN THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS held on Friday, April 13 in Sonora.

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1600-meter run after moving up from fourth place to third at the end of the last lap.

Cynthia Garcia was the District Champion in the 200-meter dash at 26.91. Garcia won the Lady Lions only gold medal at the meet.

Alex Rodriguez placed third in the 800-meter-run at 2:35 and added her name to the regional list.

Two relay teams qualified for the regional meet. The 800-meter relay finished third in a tremendous finish by anchor leg Cynthia Garcia, after experiencing three very difficult handoffs, said Coach Erik Thormahlen.

The girls ran a 1:54.06, .19 seconds behind Sonora's team. The team consisted of Lexi Poindexter, Jenny Venegas, Rodriguez and Garcia.

In the 1600-meter relay, the girls finished third as

well, finishing about a second behind Wall with a time of 4:21. The team consisted of Poindexter, Rodriguez, Guerra and Garcia.

Other meet results:

- 3200-meter run - 6. Marissa Held, 13:47.
- Long Jump - 5. Jenny Venegas, 14-11.
- Triple Jump - 5. Lexi Poindexter, 30-0.
- Shot Put - 5. Vivian Medina, 28-10.75.
- 400-meter dash - 5. Lexi Poindexter, 1:06.
- 300-meter hurdles - 4. Jenny Venegas, .53
- 400-meter relay - 6. Ozona, 57.52.

"I was extremely proud of the girls. I have told them all year that we have three goals each time we go to a meet: work hard, get better and have fun. This is a very competitive district in every sport I've been involved with. To improve upon what

we did last year is a true testament to how hard these girls have worked. They have battled the loss of teammates to graduation, injury and grades this season, yet they were still able to qualify in seven events and display a very respectable showing at the district meet. I'm proud and fortunate to coach such an outstanding group of young ladies," Thormaehlen said.

On the Lions side, Jerrod duBois was District Champion in the shot put with a throw of 44-1.25.

"This was Jerrod's first time this year to compete in the shot put and he was sitting in third before the final throw," said Coach Todd Iglehart.

Michael Vargas qualified for the regional meet with a third place finish in pole vault at 10-9.

"Michael has been telling me for the past month that

he was ready to compete at the varsity level and he stepped up," Iglehart said.

Saul Vargas rounded out the regional qualifiers placing third in the 3200-meter run.

Other meet results:

- 3200-meter run - 4. Omero Rodriguez and 5. Josiah Jurado.
- High Jump - 5. Jayton Rodriguez.
- 400-meter relay - 6. Ozona
- 800-meter relay - 6. Ozona
- 1600-meter relay - 5. Ozona.
- 1600-meter run - 5. Josiah Jurado and 6. Saul Vargas.

JV results:

- Triple Jump - 3. Bryce Gutierrez, 35-4.25 and 5. Jon David DeHoyos, 34-7.5.
- Long Jump - 6. Ryan Porras.
- Pole Vault - 3. Ryan Porras.

- Shot Put - 4. Rigo Rodriguez, 34-9.25.
- 800-meter dash - 1. Ryan Porras, 2:16 and 2. Bryce Gutierrez, 2:18.
- 1600-meter run - 1. Ryan Porras, 5:17 and 5. Bryce Gutierrez.
- 400-meter relay - 5. Ozona.
- 800-meter relay - 4. Ozona.
- 300-meter hurdles - 3. Daniel Gonzales, 48.68.

"As a group, we were very proud of our improvements and determination from all of our athletes. We have a young track squad and look for many breakthroughs next year. Throughout the season we have been talking about improving everything we step on the track and we feel that we did that on Wednesday," Iglehart said. "Thanks to all who were able to make the trip to Sonora and cheer on

these athletes."

The athletes will compete in a regional qualifier meet Thursday, April 19, at Irion County and then on April 27-28 in Ratliff Stadium at Odessa for the Region 1-2A meet.

Lions Giving Back hosting 'Get Ozona Beautiful'

A Community Service Opportunity for OHS Students is coming up.

Ozona Lions Giving Back will be hosting a "Get Ozona Beautiful" campaign, Thursday, April 19, from 4-7 p.m., and Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Sign-up at the office on the Community Service window at Ozona High School.

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OZONA EIGHTH GRADE STUDENTS visited the Holocaust Museum two weeks ago in San Antonio. The students met George Fodor, a Hungarian Jew that survived two concentration camps and later immigrated to the United States. The students were able to ask questions and take pictures with Fodor. Forty-four students were able to take the trip. The students also looked at photos, artifacts and maps that showed the history and liberation of concentration camps in World War II.

OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL competes at TMSCA State Meet



OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS competed in the State Math and Science Meet on April 14 in San Antonio. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Denise Rodriguez, medalist, Cassidy Gonzales, Samantha Torralba, medalist, and Cierra Sanchez; (middle row, left to right) Jasmine Carty, Rachel Mendoza, medalist and Kamryn Lozano, medalist; (back row, left to right) Estefania Torralba, Noel Fierro, Alex Hopper and Jeremy Munoz.

Ozona Middle School students attended the State Math and Science meet on April 14 at the University of Texas at San Antonio. OMS was represented with 11 competitors at Saturday's meet. In Calculator Application, Ozona placed ninth out of 15 schools.

In sixth grade, Denise Rodriguez and Samantha Torralba both placed 12th and earned medals. Cassidy Gonzalez placed 24th and Cierra Sanchez 31st. In seventh grade, Kamryn Lozano and Rachel Mendoza each placed 17th and earned medals. In eighth grade, Alex

Hopper was 33rd, Jeremy Munoz 34th and Estefania Torralba 36th.

In number sense, seventh-grader Jasmine Carty was 28th.

In mathematics, Ozona was 10th out of 15 schools. Eighth-graders Alex Hopper and Noel Fierro placed 38th and 47th respectively.

In science, Ozona was 12th out of 15 schools. Eighth-graders Alex Hopper and Jeremy Munoz placed 27th and 39th respectively.

OZONA TENNIS has dual match with Junction

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions competed in a dual tennis match Junction. After almost three full hours of playing, the tennis team had many victories.

Participants are Rachel Mendoza, Bobbie Jo Vargas, Kabir Shah, Tristan Galindo, Walker Whitten, Kevin Villarreal, Philip Vargas, Kim Borrego, Lauren Miles, Daisy Cantu, Madie Childress, and Estefania Torralba.

Happy 12th on the 21st, SNOOPY! Burla-Burla Old Man!



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OHS Art Scholarship available

The Ozona High School Art Club is offering a \$250 scholarship to help further the art education of a graduating senior at Ozona High School.

The graduate to be awarded the scholarship will be determined by a competition, judged by a scholarship committee chosen by the Art Club.

Interested students will submit their application along with a self created artwork for the Annual Art Show to the OHS Art Department.

Pick up an application in the OHS Go Center. Deadline date is May 11.

Ozona Elementary hosting book fair

Ozona Elementary School will host a book fair the week of April 16-20.

A Parent Night will be held from 6:30-7:30 p.m. April 18 at the Ozona Elementary Library.

All parents are welcome to attend. For more information, call 392-5501 ext. 5807.

Youth Center Calendar

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

OHS Food Night Mondays 7-10 p.m.

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Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.
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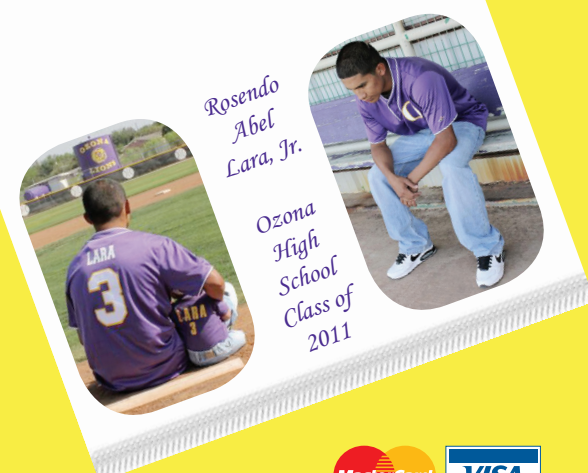
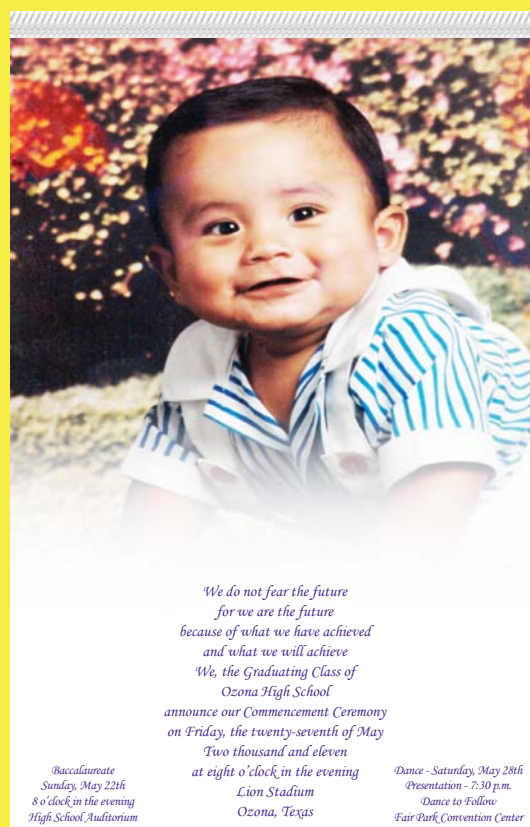
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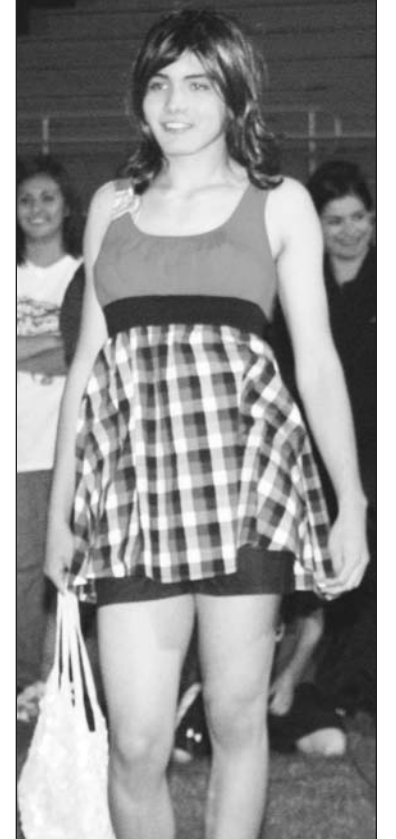
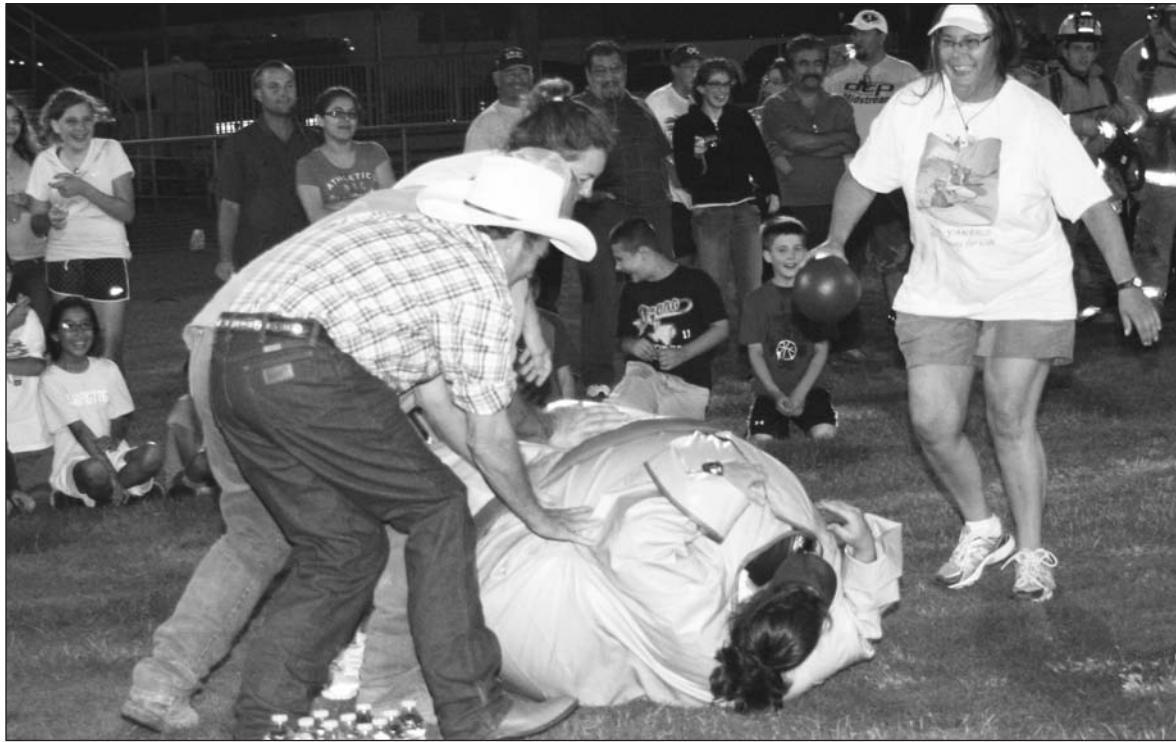


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Relay For Life



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 Glenda's Gladiators Team for the Crockett County Relay For Life would like to thank everyone who supported us in our fund-raising efforts for this year's relay. We want to send a special thanks to Dollar General, Triple C Hardware & Lumber and Lowe's Supermarket for allowing us to have bake sales at the stores. All who helped bake the treats and those who bought them deserve a big thanks also. To all of our friends at Ozona Elementary, we have a special thanks to you for supporting our school fund-raisers of sweet treats and lunch, but especially for supporting the Kiss the Pig contest. We thank CCCSD Administration for allowing us to have the contest and appreciate the willingness of all the participants. Thank you Mr. Glosson for sharing the pig. Thank you for Shelly Childress, the relay committee and Crockett County citizens for making the 2012 Crockett County Relay For Life a big success.
 Cindy Owens
 Team Captain

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JANUARY 1, 2012 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2012						
	JANUARY 1, 2012					MARCH 31, 2012
	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS OUT	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND:	\$ 6,888,647.72	8,525,511.76		(1,663,732.21)	(631,477.34)	13,118,949.93
ROAD & BRIDGE:	1,782,426.76	1,539,282.16		(336,824.32)		2,984,884.60
CARE CENTER:	0.00	490,989.55	345,569.81	(916,596.65)		(80,037.29)
HSC:	0.00	0.00	181,256.25	(287,039.63)		(105,783.38)
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Other items on the agenda:

- Open forum/public comments
- District Spotlight - Volunteers
- Reports (15 minutes)
- Transportation and Maintenance; Principals; Athletic Director; Technology; Financial and Bills; Board Report; Special and Federal Programs and Superintendent.
- Consent Agenda (5 minutes) - Approve minutes from the March 21 regular meeting and the finance workshops held March 26 and April 9 and amendments to the 2011-2012 official budget.
- Consider approval of the "Blessings in a Backpack" nutrition program adoption at Ozona Elementary School presented by Catherine Paige Tambunga

J.D. (10 minutes).

- Consider re-bid proposals for Field House Modifications (30 minutes).
- Executive/Closed Session - Texas Government Code Chapter 551 (15 minutes) to discuss consider professional contracts for 2012-2013, vacancies and staffing for 2012-2013 and resignations.
- Possible action from executive/closed session (5 minutes).
- Consider legislative changes to board policy update 93 on termination of employment-reduction in force, reduction in force-financial exigency and reduction in force-program change.
- Future business - School Finance Workshop Series April 23 and 30, May 2012 Regular Board Meeting, suggested date May 16 and joint board and site-base district committee planning retreat.

Texas State Youth Water Camp registration available

The Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District awards two individual \$1,000 scholarships each year to two high school seniors who reside in Crockett County.

One of the eligibility requirements for the scholarship is that the students must have attended Texas State Water Camp.

The Crockett County

Groundwater Conservation District will sponsor students from Crockett County to attend this year's Water Camp.

The camp will be held July 8-12 at the George and Opal Bentley 4-H Center in Monahans. The 5-day camp focuses on water quality and conservation education and features field trips, tours and hands-on

group project work.

The camp invites 15 boys and 15 girls from all across the state of Texas. Participants must be of high school age and have an interest in water quality and conservation and be willing to participate as a team member during the 5-day camp.

This camp is not restricted to 4-H members. Cost of the

camp is \$150, however; the Crockett County G.C.D. will pay for the cost of the camp plus \$150 to the travel provider.

Anyone interested in attending this camp, please call the Crockett County G.C.D at 392-5156 or stop by the office at 1102 Ave I to obtain an application form. All applications must be turned in by May 18.

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ing Guadalupe Mountains and Big Bend in Texas. By November, it is supposed to complete a plan that could regulate emissions from dozens of Texas' industrial plants, with the goal of reducing haze at parks.

Texas officials who would execute the plan are not seeking any new controls, and the electric power industry, unusually, is taking the prospect of a new EPA rule in stride.

"Big Bend is our largest national park, but there is very little industry around that area, so these new rules don't really have much effect on generators," said Walt Baum, executive vice president of the Association of Electric Companies of Texas. Asked about the impact on three old coal plants — Big Brown, Monticello and Martin Lake — operated by the power-generation company Luminant, Ashley Barrie, a spokeswoman for Luminant, said that "all of the national parks and wilderness areas that the regional haze rule is designed to protect are located far away from these plants. Therefore, this has not been a significant problem in Texas."

Stephanie Kodish, the clean air counsel for the National Parks Conservation Association, said the visibility protection for parks has been decades in the making. The haze controls will apply to a variety of air pollutants, including particulate matter, nitrogen oxides and sulfur dioxide.

By May 15, the EPA will decide whether to accept a state haze plan approved in 2009 by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The TCEQ says no additional controls on Texas industrial plants are necessary, and that dust storms originating "with little or no human activity" from the nearby desert have a big impact on some days. A Big Bend study from the 1990s estimated contributions from Mexico, Texas and the eastern United States to be about one-third each, the agency says, though it cannot tell what percent is manmade.



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Data provided by the National Park Service shows that on poor-visibility days, at least one-third of the haze contribution at Big Bend usually comes from sulfates, which are typically linked to manmade pollution and come from Texas, other states and Mexico.

The EPA concurs: "Most of the haze causing pollution at Big Bend comes from human activity, specifically sulfate from the burning of fossil fuel," said David Bary, a regional spokesman for the agency.

Michael Hiatt, an associate lawyer with the environmental group Earthjustice in Colo-

rado, said he knew of no other state declining to add controls under the haze rules. He hopes the EPA will reject TCEQ's plan, as it has already done for Oklahoma's plan. (Oklahoma's attorney general is suing the agency.)

Controls on Texas plants could help clean the air at national parks in other states, Earthjustice says. TCEQ says, however, that nearby states like Arkansas and Missouri have not requested more controls. The agency notes it is already implementing pollution-control strategies for ozone.

Complicating matters is the legal wrangling over the cross-state air pollution rule, a separate EPA regulation that a court stayed in December. That rule regulates some of the same pollutants as the haze rule, though it applies only to power plants. Oral arguments on that rule, which has drawn political opposition in Texas, take place today at a federal

court in Washington.

The EPA recently proposed allowing the cross-state regulations to substitute for some haze rules in Texas and other states. Environmental groups say the cross-state rule is too weak to address haze issues; for example, it would allow power plants to trade pollution-reduction obligations with other plants.

Bary said that the haze proposals with regard to the cross-state rule are "based on an all-areas averaging approach, which is consistent with the goals of the Clean Air Act to restore natural conditions of visibility everywhere but not necessarily immediately and at the same pace in each area."

What happens to the haze proposals if the cross-state rule is further delayed or thrown out?

"We cannot speculate on the impact of a final ruling," said Bary of the EPA.

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School finance workshops continue Monday

CCCCSD 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 condi-

tions for teachers and staff. Sessions will be held at the OES Cafetorium and will start at 6:30 p.m. April 23 - School Finance - Compliance indicators, Maintenance of effort and Schools FIRST April 30 - School Finance - Budget Challenges for CCCSD, 2012-2013 and Beyond For more information, call 392-5501.

AARP Texas: homestead tax cap is not at risk

AUSTIN - There's some misinformation circulating about what will be on the ballot in the upcoming May election. A spam e-mail has been making its way across the state, warning voters that the homestead tax cap for people 65 and older is up for a vote. This simply isn't true. In 2006, The Texas Legislature passed a law reducing property taxes for all homeowners. However, the legislation left out senior and disabled citizens whose property taxes were already "frozen." As a result, seniors and people with disabilities didn't receive the same reduction.

AARP Texas tackled this issue during the 2007 Session, and the Texas Legislature passed a bill calling for seniors and disabled citizens to receive the same benefits from the tax reduction as other Texans. In May of that year, Texas voters passed the amendment extending property tax relief to seniors and disabled Texans. This problem was solved over four years ago. There is no constitutional amendment election scheduled in Texas in May 2012. Seniors and disabled Texans can rest easy, knowing their homestead tax cap is not at risk. For more information, visit www.aarp.org.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

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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.
APRIL 9
10:28 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident, truck overturned, passing lane blocked, worked traffic. Two units, eight firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 34 minutes.
APRIL 12
3:54 p.m. - Possible fire in the area of State Hwy 137 and US Hwy 190. No fire, company blasting a pit.
8:25 p.m. - 600 block of Avenue G. Tree in back yard burning. Four units, seven firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 21 minutes.
APRIL 13
8:08 p.m. - Two mile north on State Hwy 163, compost on fire. Two units, four firefighters. Time in service 19 minutes.

National Observance Week highlights work zone awareness

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AUSTIN - Most folks realize that barreling through a work zone can have consequences. But, for those who don't, Texas has a message—"Drive Smart and Arrive Alive." The 2012 National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW) is April 23-27. As in past years, the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) will join the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), national transportation associations and other state DOTs to remember victims and raise awareness about safety precautions for workers and motorists in work zones. Work zones can be hazardous for motorists and crews working to improve Texas' highways. However, TxDOT has seen a decrease in work zone fatalities in 2010 from the previous year because of increased safety measures and public outreach efforts. In 2010, 100 people were killed in highway construction and maintenance zones in Texas, down from 108 the previous year. While work zone fatalities and crashes have declined, there is still work to do. "Each year, Texas sees fewer work zone fatalities than the year before largely because of coordinated efforts to educate motorists on the dangers of speed and distracted driving in work zones," said John Barton, TxDOT's deputy executive director. "Each of us has the power to protect lives as we drive. We just need to put our cell phones down, stop adjusting the radio and focus on driving safely." TxDOT maintains approximately 80,000 miles of highway and oversees more than 1,000 construction or maintenance projects at any given time. With so much construction, motorists frequently encounter work zones. In 2010, there were 3,073 distracted driver crashes in work zones, involving 7,468 vehicles. These distracted driver crashes resulted in 14 fatalities. In 2010, 61 percent of work zone fatalities were male. Forty-five percent of all work zone fatalities for 2010 were 35 years old or younger. Nine out of every ten work zone fatalities are motorists traveling through the work zone. One in three work zone crashes is a rear-end collision. Of the 100 work zone fatalities in 2010, 54 were drug and alcohol-related. Barton said everyone should take responsibility for work zone safety, from engineers and planners to drivers and pedestrians. For more information about work zone safety or to download our Public Service Announcements, go to www.txdot.gov, search work zone.

Al-Anon meetings Thursdays

Weekly meetings of Al-Anon are Thursdays. The Al-Anon program is based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous. The purpose of Al-Anon Family Groups is to help family and friends affected by someone else's drinking/

drug use. There are no fees or dues. Anonymity is a central principle - participants must keep confidential the identities and everything said during meetings. For information or questions, call (325) 277-9669.

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He served for eight years as a state representative and 20 years as a state senator. An April 17 private burial in the Texas State Cemetery in Austin was scheduled. GARCIA NAMED TO RRC Elizabeth Ames Jones's resignation as a member of the Texas Railroad Commission in February created an opening on the agency's three-member board. Gov. Rick Perry appointed H.S. "Buddy" Garcia to the post by last week. Garcia, a resident of Austin and a native of Brownsville, was a member of the Texas

Commission on Environmental Quality from 2007 to 2009 and earlier served as a deputy secretary of state and border commerce coordinator. Garcia also previously served as a senior advisor to Gov. Perry and state Sen. Eddie Lucio Jr., D-Brownsville. ANDRADE: IGNORE BOGUS EMAIL Texas' chief elections officer, Secretary of State Hope Andrade, on April 11 said false information was circulating via a bogus email message suggesting there would be a statewide constitutional amendment election that includes a homestead property tax exemption measure. Andrade reminded voters the May 12 Uniform Election is for local elections only and there is no statewide proposition on the ballot. "If you receive an email claiming such a proposition is on the ballot, please disregard it and do not forward it to help stop the spread of this false information," she said.

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