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NAME, AGE, OCCUPATION, **FAMILY, EDUCATION,** POLITICAL EXPERIENCE, AND CIVIC INVOLVEMENT

My name is Laurie English, I am 49 years old, have been happily married to my High School Sweetheart, Lyndon English for 30 years. Lyndon recently sold his towing company and is working on the Penn Baggett Ranch and assisting with my re-election campaign. We have two adult sons, Logan and Layne, both of whom serve in the United States Air Force.

Staff Sgt. Logan English

is a Combat Meteorologist, who trains with and provides weather support

for the Army Special Forces. Last year he successfully completed Jumpmaster training. Logan will deploy to Afghanistan again in May 2012. He is married and has two sons.

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English, Jepson running for 112th District Attorney

NAME, AGE, OCCUPATION, FAMILY, EDUCATION. POLITICAL EXPERIENCE AND CIVIC, INVOLVEMENT

James D. Jepson, 57 years old. Attorney, sole-practitioner. Married, wife Elma. Son, David Paul Jepson and daughter-in-law Melanie. Proud grandfather of two beautiful grandchildren, Ryleigh, age 3. No prior political experience as an office holder.

I raise money and volunteer for various charities such as Diabetes Research, M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, and Autism Chapter of

San Antonio, send money for band instruments and library books

and The Chuck Wagon Gang of Odessa.

WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES? To keep dangerous criminals

PLEASE SEE **JEPSON**, PAGE 9

Candidate forum May 3

All local, state and federal political candidates in contested and uncontested races are invited to attend a local candidate forum at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at the Civic Center.

The forum will be moderated by Ozona Stockman Editor and Publisher Melissa Perner and Democratic Party Chairman Sandy Stokes.

The event will be sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Refreshments will be served.

Voters are encouraged to attend and bring their questions.

Questions from the audience will be written on notecards and screened by the moderators. Questions from the audience will not be taken from the floor.

Candidates will be allowed to make opening and closing statements.

Deadline to register to vote in the May 29 Primary Elections is April 30. Voter registration is available at the Crockett County Tax Office.

Early voting will be May 14-25 at the courthouse annex. Primary Election Day is May 29.

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Former Sul Ross coach to lead Lady Lions Basketball Program

BY MELISSA PERNER THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A former Sul Ross Lobo will be leading the Lady Lions on the basketball court next season.

David Tandy has been hired as the new head girls' basketball coach. The CCCCSD School Ray Brown.

Board gave their approval to Superintendent Chris duBois ing career at Alpine High to hire Tandy. duBois confirmed Tandy's hiring at the April 18 board meeting.

Tandy, who spent 13 years teaching and coaching at Sul Ross State University, is coming to Ozona from Anson ISD where he has spent this year as head girls' basketball coach for the Lady Ti-

"West Texas people have a special place in our hearts," Tandy said.

Tandy is a Sul Ross graduate and former basketball player for the Lobos.

During his coaching career at Sul Ross, Tandy had a season best third placed conference finish during the 2003-2004 season.

"We wanted someone who we thought would provide some longevity to the girls' basketball program.

Tandy obviously brings a rich background in both coaching basketball collegiately and at the high school level. I wanted someone who shared the philosophy of building a to-tal girls' athletic program and setting the expectations for the program very high," said Ozona Athletic Director

Tandy began his coach-School with stops at Bronte, Lampasas, and Meadow. During those 13 years in the public schools, Tandy won more than 70 percent of his games which included seven district and bi-district titles, had nine seasons with more than 20 wins and five regional tournament appearances.

Tandy also coached cross country, football and girls track. He took 13 athletes to the state track meet and in 1989 his Bronte girls finished as the state runnerup team.

'To me coaching girls is coaching girls, no matter what level. Basketball is for all ages," Tandy said. "I've been a girls coach for 28 years. I wouldn't trade it for the world."

PLEASE SEE **BOARD**, PAGE 5

Playoff Bound



THE OHS LADY LIONS SOFTBALL TEAM pose with this year's and last year's district runner-up trophies. The Lady Lions will play for the Bi-District Championship against Comfort at 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Harper. More Lady Lions coverage, page 6.

Just like students, school finance must follow rules

THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Putting together school's budget involves coordinating dollars and cents, but there are some rules to follow when it comes to spending the money.

CCCCSD Superintendent Chris duBois gave the third part on his series of School Finance public meetings Monday night.

In the first two meetings on March 26 and April 9, du-Bois spoke about the different revenue sources that brings

Third in a four-part series

a money into the district, and broke down the district's budget and talked about the process of how they begin to build it each year.

During this third session, duBois went over some of the regulations schools districts have to follow, the district's annual audit and some of the state rating systems for school finance.

duBois said as with anything in school, the district's **School Finance Workshops**

CCCCSD Superintendent Chris duBois will be hosting a series of public information workshops on school finance topics this spring. These sessions are open to the general public.

Sessions will be held at the Ozona Elementary School Cafetorium and will start at 6:30 p.m. **May 2** - Budget Challenges for CCCCSD, 2012-2013 and Beyond.

from the federal and state We don't want to get in trougovernments, as well as the annual external audit.

"We have to pay attention as to what we're spending money on and that that finances have rules to follow we're doing it the right way.

ble. That is embarrassing. You want to be a good steward with taxpayer dollars and provide good services for your children," he said.

Each year CCCCSD has

an external audit performed on the district's finances. The district's audit is a public document and can be requested through the Administration Office.

duBois said the auditors

look at more than just numbers and accounting transactions. Auditors also look at the district's highly qualified teacher's report, which is their responsibility to make sure the district meets that.

In a small school district, like Crockett County, duBois said it's simple to see how items are paid for and where the money is spent.

The district submits all purchase orders electronically through the computer system.

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HARDWARE & LUMBER INC.

LADY LIONS BI-DISTRICT GAME VS. COMFORT 7 P.M. MONDAY AT HARPER

HARDWARE & LUMBER INC.

Exporting conference presents 'new global opportunities'

The Angelo State University · Small Business Development Center is hosting an event that could be helpful to your small business. On Tuesday, May 1, from 1-5 p.m., the Concho Valley Exporting Conference 2012: "New Global Opportunities" will be held in the ASU Alumni Center, 1620 University Avenue, in San Angelo. If you are a small business owner, or even thinking about starting a small business, this conference will give you valuable information that can give

you a competitive advantage. Small businesses that operate in San Angelo and the entire Concho Valley can not only sell their goods locally, but can export to other countries.

BUSINESS TIPS

PAUL HOWARD

sources and programs are

available to small businesses who are interested in exporting and importing. Special funding options for shipping and matching vendors in other countries are available to use. By attending this conference, you will hear from various speakers about funding, matching with importers/exporters, planning your international business and much more.

Exporting has become an extremely relevant topic for the economy in today's world. Sev-

enty percent of the world's purchasing power is outside of the United States. This represents an enormous potential market for U.S. exporters. The expansion of the Internet, the improvement of transportation modes, and the implementation of free trade agreements have increased and improved access to the global markets. More and more American firms are taking advantage of exporting goods and services. In fact, of the 250,000 U.S. firms selling internationally, 97 per-

cent are small to medium sized ness Accelerator will provide companies.

The SBDC has obtained three experts that will be presenting topics on exporting opportunities for your small business. Doug Smith is the Assistant Director of the UTSA International Trade Center. Richard Rayne, Senior International Sales Executive with FedEx International Sales will be speaking on logistics, while Jaime A. Martinez, MBA, Senior International Business Consultant of the Texas International Busi-

information on acquiring capital. Finally, Bob Bracher, President of Aerometer Windmill Company, Inc. from San Angelo will share his experience as a successful exporter.

For more information about this conference, call our office at 942-2098, or visit our website at sbdc.angelo.edu.

"Business Tips" was written by Paul Howard **Business Development Specialist and Certified** Business Advisor IV , of Angelo State University's **Small Business Development Center.** Contact him at paul.howard@angelo.edu.

Ending child hunger through blessings

cross the United States, more than 20 million children are at risk for hunger. If you think Ozona doesn't fall into that statistic, then you're wrong. Last week, the CCCC-SD School Board approved the implementation of a new program that will help hungry children in

Blessings in a Backpack is a non-profit organization that provides food to help feed children. Local attorney and Ozona High School graduate Paige Tambunga is heading the program.

our community.

Tambunga told the board she really didn't realize this problem existed in the United States. but when she found it she wanted to do something about it

In order for Ozona to put a dent in the hunger statistics, all of us need to get behind this program.

At Ozona Elementary School, 270 of the 425 students enrolled are eligible for the district's free and reduce lunch program. It's these children that are at risk for not being fed on the weekends.

Blessings in a Backpack will provide a backpack of food for each child so that when they return to school on Monday, teachers will not have to see them eating as much food as they can.

Imagine if that were your child. Think about that when you go to the grocery store this week.

Blessings in a Backpack partners with grocers to provide children food for the 38-week school year. Cost is \$80 for one child, but if you break that down it's around \$2.12 a week. That's not much considering when you are talking about a child going hun-

Nearly one out of four Texas children is "food insecure," meaning they might not know where their next meal will come from, says a report from Feeding America, which ranked Texas 49th in the



WHAT'S ON **MY MIND**

MELISSA PERNER

viding reliable food access for children under 18. Students who par-

for pro-

ticipate in the Blessings in a Backpack program show marked

improvement in school attendance, test scores, behavior and health. Food is an essential building block, and in this case truly is a blessing, especially to a hungry child.

All of the money raised in Ozona will stay in our community to help our children.

Volunteers are also needed to help put the backpacks together.

The program is discreet in handing out the backpacks.

Also, additional items can be added such as ones for better hygiene.

It's time we all stood together to end hunger in our children.

It may be easy to turn a blind eye but a child going hungry is not an area that needs to be ignored.

Ozona is a very giving community. Just this month, this community helped raise nearly \$45,000 for the American Cancer Society.

Let's take that giving spirit, pour it into Blessings in a Backpack for our children and get this program off and running by the start of the 2012-2013

school year. No child in Ozona should have to go hungry. We can put an end to child hunger in our community if we just work together. Blessings in a Backpack

is a good start in investing in our future. For more information, visit www.blessingsina-

backpack.org or call Tam-

bunga at 392-3399.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman, a proud sponsor of Ozona's Blessings in a Backpack

My Auto-Biography

class vehicle. Even better

yet, a classy vehicle like

the 1972 brown, Super

Sport El Camino with a

396 engine under the

hood I fell in love with

back to buy it the very

next day and found out

that I wasn't the only one

who loved it. It was gone

and I was devastated. My

when I first saw it. I went

The namesake of the great Chevrolet brand was Louis Chevrolet. After he sold his stock in General Motors he founded an airplane company that went broke and he and Mrs. Chevy lived the rest of their lives in poverty. His widow as so mad at him when she was asked years later what kind of car she drove she replied, "A Dodge."

I don't know why it is that we become captive families of either Ford, GM, Chrysler, or any of the other 2,000 car companies that have existed that produced over 5,000 brands of cars sold in this country. But we do. I have a hunch it has a lot to do with what our parents drove. Mine was definitely a GM family, and more specifically an Oldsmobile family. My dad was a long haul trucker and believe me, he knew what kind of cars were breaking down beside the road. I don't remember my parents ever buying any other brand of automobile than the one started by Ransom Olds, who by the way, was mass producing cars four years before Ford Motor Company started in business.

This may surprise you but my first car back in 1972 was a hybrid! That's right, it was a cross between a car and a pickup known as the El Camino. It was part urban and part country and it didn't fit in with either crowd. But of all the 350 models I had to choose from in 1973, I liked it the best. It took me until my last year in college to realize that if I was ever going to have any chance of meeting and marrying a high class woman that I'd have to have a high-



IT'S THE **PITTS**

LEE PITTS

heart was broken and I thought there'd never be another to speak to me as that car had done. The dealer found an-

other El Camino close to the one I fell in love with and it served its purpose: I was married to a classy women within two years. My next car was furnished by the livestock newspaper I worked for, a Dodge with 200,000 miles on it. That Dodge was a great car but I quit the job, and my wife and I moved to Australia where we bought a forerunner to the modern automobile, a 1960 Holden that we called Whitey. That GM-built car took us all over Australia and my wife and I looked like old fuddy duds as we cruised the continent down under on the wrong side of the road.

By rights I should probably be a Ford guy because my Grandpa, who had a lot to do with my upbringing, was a Ford man; never drove anything else. But I was turned off

Fords because my grandparent's station wagon had a rear seat that faced backwards in which I had to sit. Back then such seats were appropriately called "barf benches".

The first truck my wife and I bought was the only non-General Motors truck we ever owned, and it was probably the best. We've never owned an SUV but we did pay my Grandparents \$600 for their Ford Econoline, which had the unique feature of an inside-the-cab motor and no front end. You looked straight down and there was the pavement. Throw a hay bale in the back to sit on and you had a sports futility vehicle, that are so popular today. When Herbie finally died and the wrecker came to buy it from us the price was determined by how much gas was in the tank.

Knock on wood, we've never owned a lemon or a car I'd have wanted to sell to someone I didn't like. I credit this to the fact the we never bought a "Monday Car", a car made on a Monday when UAW workers call in sick and more inexperienced replacement workers fill their shoes. By far the best car we ever owned was anyone of the five Olds Cutlass Cierras we wore out without ever having serious car trouble. My only complaint was that big birds for some reason liked to poop on the dark blue one.

If it's true you can write a person's life story by the cars they've owned, I guess about the best you can say about me is that I'm a person who was loyal to the brand.

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Governor lays out budget imperatives

AUSTIN - With sights set on the 83rd Texas Legislature convening in January, Gov. Rick Perry on April 16 announced "five key principles for a stronger Texas" that he has titled the "Texas Budget Compact."

The principles are:

· Practice truth in budgeting; · Support a Constitutional limit of spending to the growth of population and inflation;

· Oppose any new taxes or tax increases, and make the small business tax exemption permanent;

· Preserve a strong Rainy Day Fund; and

· Cut unnecessary and duplicative government programs and agencies.

Perry called on lawmakers to commit to the principles in preparation for the 2013 legis-

lative session. In his news release, Perry praised the 82nd Legislature's belt-tightening budget cutbacks and made special mention of Medicaid, the health care program for low income Texans that would be increased under the 2010 federal health care law, the fate of which is now in

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the hands of the U.S. Supreme Court. Perry said the law, which requires an increasing share of state funding to augment federal dollars, "is primed to eat up significantly more" of the state budget "in both the short and long terms."

Perry also said, "in order for Texas to continue leading the nation in job creation and economic development we must rein in state spending and make the small business tax permanent."

Now, especially during a campaign season like this, whenever a public figure makes a statement calling others to clamp down on waste and ramp up on accountability, it can't be said without inviting back splash. So, here's an excerpt of a reaction to Perry's budget compact by state Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin: "For many of the past several months, the governor has been traveling and away from Texas. Perhaps he hasn't listened to the teachers, parents and children who've suffered as a result of bad budget practices and the perpetual

lack of budget transparency. Or he hasn't heard from the healthcare professionals across Texas who are struggling under this budget, or the seniors, children and low-income Texans who were targeted by it. ..."

Watson also said Perry's proposal "would dramatically increase the pain for the middle-class Texans and others who can least afford it."

Turning to the monthly revenue watch published by the office of the Texas comptroller, data for September through March of the current fiscal year show a nearly 15 percent overall increase in tax collections over the same period in 2011. This measure of economic activity appears to point toward more money for the state to work with.

Meanwhile, the Texas State Teachers Association is circulating a "Stop the Cuts" petition "urging the governor to call a special legislative session to appropriate \$2.5 billion of the Rainy Day Fund and head off deep budget cuts to the public schools for the 2012-2013 school year."

BE CAREFUL IN WORK ZONES April 23-27 is 2012 National Work Zone Awareness Week, marked by a joint publicity effort by the Texas Department of Transportation and the Federal Highway



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Cenee'-Faught to wed in June

Miss Leslee Cenee' Hood of Lubbock, daughter of William and Rhonda Hood of Merkel, will wed Derek Cliff Faught of Brownfield, son of Dickie and Terri Faught of Seminole. Cenee' is the granddaughter of Mrs. Verna Massie of Amarillo, and the late Floyd "Flash" Massie, and the late Bill J. Hood and Carolyn Hood. Derek is the grandson of Jim and Jean Reed, Mrs. Billie Faught, and the late Carolyn Reed and Clar-

The wedding will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 30, at Calvary Baptist Church in Brownfield.

Cenee' is a 2008 graduate of Merkel High School and will graduate from Wayland Baptist University in 2013. She is employed by Plains Capital Bank in Lubbock.

Derek graduated from Ozona High School in 2003 and McMurry University in 2008 with a bachelor's degree in multidisciplinary studies. He is currently the head girls' basketball coach at Brownfield High School.

The couple will live in Brownfield.

Mother's Day of Giving May 13

Hospice of San Angelo is hosting a Mother's Day of

Giving on May 13. This is a simple way to honor all mothers whether

they are alive or in heaven. This Mother's Day, anyone can make a donation in their mother's name to Hos-

pice of San Angelo. The money will be put to good use taking care of hospice patients in San Angelo and surrounding area,

including Ozona.

Private dollars make up the majority of Hospice of San Angelo's budget, along with a few grant dollars.

All donations are tax deductible.

Mail donations to Hospice of San Angelo, P.O. Box 471, San Angelo, Texas 76902, visit www.hospiceofsanangelo.org for credit card donations or call 658-6524.

Happy Birthday

April 25 - Abbey Maldonado Hobdy

April 26 - Casper Alva-

April 27 - David Craig, Janell Tambunga, Judy Reagor, Erin Castro, Jeffery Mendez and Roxanne Talamantez

April 28 - Dena Porter, O.J. Ortiz, Leilah Beseril and Carlon Stapper

April 29 - Joe Bradford,

Karen Webb, Yvonne Rodriguez, Hector Hernandez, Briana Lara and Isaac Gonzalez

April 30 - Sierra Trevino, Fernando M. Galvan, Freida Zuberbueler, Glenda Winkley, Gabriela Baltazar, Brian Anderson, Justin Pullig, Joe Ortiz Jr., Ruben Mendez Jr. and Ben Pena

May 1 - Corey Mitchel and Twylah Stewart

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> **BABY SHOWER SELECTIONS** Rebecca Stokes



FESCO has been chosen as the April Business of the Month by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Fesco Ltd chosen as business of the month

erations in Alice, Texas as Findley Engineering Service Company in 1949. The Ozona office opened in 1977. "The founder of the business is Bill Findley. His son, Steve Findley, now runs the business, although Mr. Findley is still very active," said Ozona District Manager, Tom Anderson.

FESCO, Ltd. employs 1,000 people company-wide in Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Louisiana, and West Virginia. There are 15 employees in Ozona. In Texas, FESCO offices are located in Canadian, Odessa, Ozona, Pecos, Victora, Refugio, Alice, Laredo, Edinburg, Corpus Christi, El Campo, Bryan, Houston, and Beaumont. FESCO has 7 Divisions: Testing, Slickline, Hydrocarbon Laboratory, Hydraulics, E-Line, Crane and the newest, Pump Down Service. "FESCO is a professional petroleum engineering service company," said Tom. FESCO provides Production Testing and Flowback Services, Slickline / Braided Line Services, Hydrocarbon Laboratory Services, Extended Gas and Liquid Analysis, PVT Services with Down Hole Sampler, Electronic BHP & Temperature Gauges, High Volume Separators w/15,000# WP and Sand Separators, 15,000# WP Choke Manifolds, 15,000# WP hydraulic Frac Stacks,

110 ton, 4 1/16" & 5 1/8" 15.000# WP Lubricator Packages, Pump Down Services and Portable Heater Treaters.

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We have an on-site petroleum lab where we analvze oil and gas samples from throughout West Texas," said Tom. "We also provide Railroad Commission

FESCO, Ltd. began op- regulatory testing for customers."

The FESCO office is open Monday through Saturday, from 8-5 p.m. They are also on call 24 hours or call (325) 392-3773, by fax at (325) 392-5466, by e-mail at: tom. anderson@fescoinc.com, or visit www.fescoinc.com.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize FESCO, Ltd., for their long time customer service in addition to being an added asset to the local business community.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 25

- Administrative Professionals' Day.
- 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.
 - **Thursday, April 26**

STAAR TESTING: Grades 5 and 8 Science.

- TAKS TESTING: Grade 10 and Exit Level Science. Friday, April 27
- STAAR TESTING: Grade 8 Social Studies. • TAKS Testing: Grade 10 and Exit Level Social Studies.
- OHS Track Teams at the Region I Meet in Odessa.
- OHS Senior and Customer Appreciation Senior Luncheon, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Crockett National Bank.

Saturday, April 28

- OHS Track Teams at the Region I Meet in Odessa.
- Levis and Lace Square Dance, 2-4 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, April 30

- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Comfort, 7 p.m. at Harper.

Tuesday, May 1

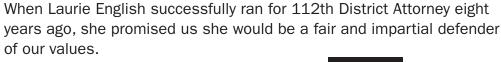
- Free blood pressure and blood sugar screenings, 9-11 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- OHS Senior Banquet, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Wednesday, May 2

- OHS Students college day trip to University of Texas at Austin.
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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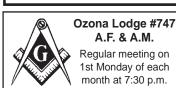


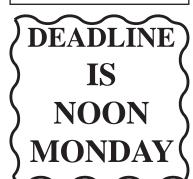


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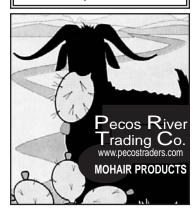
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Crockett County Historic Day May 5

day for Ozona. The counties in the Pecos River Mountain Region (counties west of Ozona) will meet in Ozona from 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Each Historical Association from each county will report on what is being preserved in each county.

Crockett County Historical Commission President Bob Childress will introduce seven very interesting speakers to relive Crockett County's most historical events.

Topics include: ·The first settler in Crockett County

 \cdot The camel expedition that came through our county around 1855

Museum is putting together

a month-long bridal exhibit

any and all types of wedding

items to display, including

dresses, photos, wedding ac-

BY ROSALIND WILLIAMS

OZONA GARDEN CLUB

held its April meeting at the

Ozona Chamber of Commerce

were Marolyn Bean and Char-

lotte Harrell. Eleven members

was present and asked for sup-

port to help with the building

of an outdoor water recapture/

greenhouse for a science proj-

club with reasons for the in-

ect. The club agreed to help.

Tamara McWilliams, Ozo-

Middle School principal,

Sally Harris presented the

and six guests were present.

visitor's center.

The Ozona Garden Club

The museum is seeking

OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Hostesses

for June.

· Gruby, Texas, the wild-

Museum seeking items

for upcoming bridal exhibit

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The Crockett County cessories and more.

and the only man killed by a bear in this county

·The 900 Indian attacks on Fort Lancaster ·First wagon and buggy

service to Ozona · A child captured by Indians and the fight that en-

sued on the Pecos ·Howard's Well massacre and battles

Childress says these speakers will be very interesting. The speakers include: historian Ginger Perner, the Honorable Judge Brock Jones, Crockett County Historical Commission President Bob Childress, historian Harold Tanner, the Honorable Judge Fred Deaton, Texas Ranger histo-

Items will be on dis-

For more information,

play from June 1-30. Items

donated will be able to be

call the museum at 392-

terpretive trail, various indigenous plants, and water con-

servation area at the visitor's

center. Terry Tate, the land-

scape expert for the trail pro-

vided an intensive long range

plan for the trail and took the

rolyn Bean, Tina Bean, Vivi-

an Childress, Nancy Forehand,

Jones, Pamela Maresch, Brenda

Newton, Jean Reardon, Vicki

Stokes, and Rosalind Williams.

Visitors present were Sandy

Bebee, Jean Odom, Corinne

Gibson, Tamara McWilliams,

Terry Tate and Sally Harris.

Members present were Ma-

Camille

members on a guided tour.

Charlotte Harrell,

picked up after June 30.

May 5, 2012 is a historic est Crockett County town rian Randall Ross and Chihuahua Trail expert Claude Hudspeth.

> A chuck wagon lunch will be provided for guests. Cost is \$6 per person, pay on arrival, RSVP is required. The deadline to RSVP for lunch is April 30.

At 3:30 p.m., guests may see the oldest and most historical structure in Crockett County, Howard's Well. This can be done in about 1.5 hours.

The event is open to the public. Anyone interested, plan to attend.

For more information, or to RSVP, call Bob Childress at (325) 392-2382 or e-mail crockettcountyhistoricalcom@yahoo.com.

HELPING HANDS NEWS

·Pork roast with brown gravy, mashed potatoes, California vegetables, wheat roll and milk and pineapple pudding with top.

APRIL 26

 $\cdot \text{Chicken}$ tetrazzini, seasoned green beans, toss salad with diet dressing, garlic bread and milk and fruited orange gelatin.

·Roast turkey, cheesy potatoes, mixed vegetables, wheat bread and milk and fresh fruit.

·Chicken tenders with cream gravy, mashed potatoes, green peas, wheat bread and milk and fresh

·Beef tips with gravy, fluffy rice, Capri vegetables, bread or roll and milk and

APRIL 25

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APRIL 30

orange.

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hot spiced apples.

SAD BEGINNING HAPPY ENDING

It was so hard for her to share about her childhood. Her father was an alcoholic and a violent man and came home drunk most nights. He regularly beat up his children and wife. They lived in a little shack outside of town and the only people that came by were those who occasionally left small sacks of groceries on the front porch after dark. One evening a lady came by from a nearby church and invited her to go to Sunday school with her and it was there that she began to learn about God and the Bible. By the age of 13 she realized that Jesus loved her very much and that He died on the cross for her, so she could have her sins forgiven and the hope of a new life (a new relationship to God). That year she put her faith in Jesus Christ (she asked Him to be her Savior and Lord) John 3:15&36,10:28,14:6. (A major turning point in her life). A few years later she met a young Christian man, they became sweethearts, and when she turned 16 they were married (Another turning point). She said for the first time in her life she had a warm house (with love) to live in and enough food to eat. If you are having problems today (no matter how terrible), remember Jesus is the answer. See you in church on Sunday.

Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m. Templo Bautista Jerusalem

First Baptist Church

901 Ave. D

Pastor Chris Johnson

Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.

138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m, 6 p.m.

Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War

Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.

Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I

Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.

New Beginnings Church

701 9th Street **Pastor Carlos Cantu** Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.

Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins

Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

Faith Lutheran Church

802 1st St. **Pastor Tom Baden** Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m.

Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia

102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m

Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday

Ozona United **Methodist Church**

12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Templo Siloe **Assembly of God Church**

2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Tues. - Sat.: 6 p.m.

Apostolic Church

307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.

Iglesia de Cristo

Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

We are moving through the month of March. Speaking of moving, Betty Fields is moving from Ozona to San Angelo this week. Betty and Bog Hartley will be moving to New Mexico in a month or two. Nanette and Randy Verner will be moving the last of May to Mount Pleasant. Gary and Nancy Vannoy are moving as I am writing this and I plan to move in San Angelo in September. Thus time marches on and so do people.

The exciting news is that Marolyn and Joe Bean are great-grandparents of twins born last week. There is a girl and a boy. Douglas and Tina Bean are the grandparents and the delighted parents are Alexandra and Chase Moore of Sonora We just couldn't be happier for these couples.

Area Agency on Aging will be here at the Senior Center on Thursday, April 26, to provide information, assistance and service to the older citizens of Crockett County. The time they will be here will be 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Mutt Carnes was in Ozona Sunday and everyone was very happy to see him. He reminded me that he will be having a birthday party at Royal Estates, Sept. 2.

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.

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

We also have a projector 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.

Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

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

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely. 392-3060.

Recipes will be given.

The class is open to all ever, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-reg-

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at

Answers on Aging Thursday

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley strives to provide information, assistance, and services to the older citizens of Crockett County. AAA Jim Bright will be available to assist individuals on Thursday, April 26, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Needing to learn more about services offered?

"Answers on Aging" is designed to provide information about services and programs available to older individuals.

Needing to apply for services?

Intake Specialists will be available to assist you with any questions you may have.

Programs that housed in the Area Agency on Aging include: Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling, Care Coordination (Prescrip-

tion & Utility assistance), Caregiver Support (Respite Care), Foster Grandparent Program (Mentoring Children), Ombudsman Program (Advocates for Long-Term Care Residents), Senior Companion Program (Companions for the Elderly), and 2-1-1 of the Concho Valley (Information and Referral for health and human services). A wide variety of printed information regarding each program and related information will also be available.

Please feel free to stop by and visit with the Area Agency on Aging staff when we visit your community. We look forward to speaking with you.

For more information, call Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley at (325) 223-5704 or toll-free at 1-877-944-9666 or just dial 2-1-1

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We would like to thank the Crockett County Road Department for their prompt pickup of the limbs and trimmings when we called Joe and Rachel Ybarra





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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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Tandy said he plans on meeting with the Ozona athletes before the end of the school year.

Defense is what Tandy said he enjoys coaching. He said he uses both man and zone defensive plays.

We will be very good defensively," Tandy said. "Our girls will be ready for every-

Tandy also said basketball should be a fun game for all athletes as well as working

"I want us to get better every game, every practice and I want the community to be proud of us. I want everybody to work hard," he said.

Tandy graduated from Klein High School and received his bachelors of science and masters of education from Sul

He is married to Sara Tandy, also a Sul Ross graduate. The couple has two girls, Courtney and Ashley. Courtney is a freshman at Angelo State University and Ashley will be a junior next year at Ozona High School.

During the meeting, the board unanimously approved the hiring of Sara Tandy as a teacher at Ozona Elementary

School. duBois said after meeting with Tandy, he connected with several colleagues that had worked with Tandy previously and received strong recommendations.

school leaders "These know me and my expectations very well, and expressed that Coach Tandy was a superior fit. He is held in tremendous esteem as both a coach and teacher. He will be a strong asset to us in the classroom," du-Bois said. "His college coaching experience will be valuable to our student athletes in terms guidance and evaluation of potential to play beyond high school, as well as providing perspective on advantages of small college experience in particular. We are hopeful to have the Tandys in Ozona for a long, long time.'

Tandy said he was impressed with what duBois and Brown showed him during his

interview visit to Ozona. "It's a good family atmosphere. I'm excited and ready to get down to Ozona," he said.

The board also unanimously approved the hiring of Gina Hochreiter as a teacher at Ozona Middle School. Hochreiter previously taught at Ozona High School.

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Also approved were Dustin

Glidewell, of Andrews, as a social studies teacher and coach for Ozona High School and Kelley Glidewell, of Andrews, as a teacher for Ozona Elementary School.

The board also unanimously approved the resignation of OHS Teacher Wendy

Board President Ray Don Myers was absent from the meeting.

FIELD HOUSE PROJECT TABLED

The board tabled indefinitely the renovations and addition to the field house at Lion Stadium.

Architect Larry Harvey presented a second set of bids to the board that ranged from \$1.4 million to \$1.7 million.

At the March school board meeting, the boards voted to rebid the project after Harvey realized not all bids were complete the first time.

Harvey also decreased the amount of square-feet in the addition to try and lower the price. However, the bids received were still too high.

The funds left in the federal Qualified School Construction Bond funds would not cover the whole project, and due to the regulations of QSCB funds can only be used on renovations not new construction, duBois said.

CCCCSD has around \$3.7 million in their fund balance. To cover the project, a fourth of the fund balance would have to be used.

The district needs to maintain an optimal balance of \$2.8 million, duBois said.

"I wouldn't feel strong to encourage you to dedicate money out of your fund bal-ance," Harvey said. "I also don't believe it's in your best interest to rebid it again."

The project would have created a field house that would have enclosed girls and boys facilities with a new train-

ing and weight room area. duBois said the district is not facing any pressing Title IX issues but not going ahead

with the project. "We don't want an ugly scenario. We are planning and moving forward for our kids," duBois said.

BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK

After hearing a presentation from local attorney and OHS Graduate Paige Tambunga, the board unanimously approved adoption of the nutrition program Blessings in a Backpack.

Blessings in a Backpack provides elementary schoolchildren who are on the feder-

al Free and Reduced Price Meal Program with a backpack of food to take home for 38 weekends during the school year. Backpack food includes easyto-prepare, ready-to-eat foods, like granola bars, juice boxes, mac and cheese and oatmeal.

According to the Blessings in a Backpack website, there are more than 20 million children in the United States who are at risk of hunger.

Poor nutrition can result in a weaker immune system, increased hospitalization, lower IQ, shorter attention spans and lower academic achievement, the site stated.

'This is a need that I didn't really know was a problem in America. Kids come to school hungry from the weekends," Tambunga said. "Our school does a great job during the school year but the problem is the weekends."

Tambunga said she visited with Ozona Elementary Principal Amanda Jackson, OES Counselor Katie Parker and CCCCSD Nurse Karen Huffman about the program. All three school officials said teachers often report to them seeing kids coming to Ozona Elementary on Monday mornings and eating as much food as they

"We can do something as a community. The money raised in the community stays here," Tambunga said.

Blessings in a Backpack is a 501 C (3) non-profit organization currently feeding over 55,000 children in 318 schools in 37 U.S. states and three countries, Canada, Columbia and Haiti.

Once a school is adopted, Blessings in a Backpack will help find a nearby grocer to partner with, as well as provide the program framework for implementation.

To feed one child on the weekends for one 38-week

school year, the cost is \$80. At OES, 270 students out of 425 enrolled are eligible for free and reduce lunches, Jackson said.

"We have a noticeable group of little kids," Jackson said. "Nutritionally, some of them are on their own on the weekends.'

Tambunga said the program will be committed for three years at OES.

She also said additional things, like hygiene items can also be donated to place in the backpacks.

A lot of people have already expressed that they are interested in volunteering to help with the program, Tambunga said.

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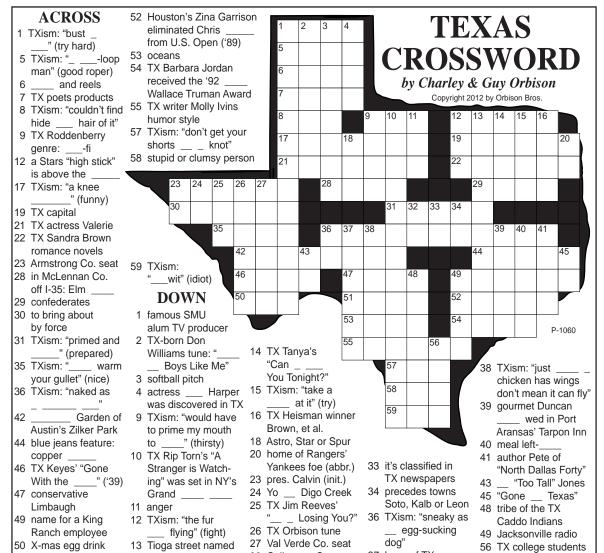


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Lady Lions face Comfort for bi-district title

The Lady Lions Softball Team is playoff bound.

For the second year in a row, Ozona was second in District 7-AA coming behind state-ranked Wall and above Sonora. The Lady Lions will take on Comfort at 7 p.m. Monday, April 30, at Harper.

trict game on April 17. The Lady Lions lost to Wall 9-3.

chez; Catcher - Kodi Glos-

Lions pounce Eagles

The Ozona Lions defeated Grape Creek 21-3 on April 20.

Pitching - Glen Tinney; Catcher - Alejandro Men-

Chase DeHoyos was 3 for 4, 2RBIs, 5 runs; Alex Borrego was 2 for 3, 1 double, 3 RBIs, 2 runs and 1 walk; Noah Tambunga was 2 for 4, 1 double, 2 RBIs, 2 runs and 1 walk and Jayton Rodriguez was 2 for 4, 2 RBIs and 4 runs.

The game also honored Senior Alejandro Mendez as his last home baseball game.

"Alejandro has been a key player in our playoff pursuit. He has matured throughout the season and has become an outspoken leader. We are going to miss him next year," said Coach Ray Talamantes.

The Lions lost to Wall 21-4 on April 17.

Pitching - Mendez and Saul Vargas; Catcher - DeOzona played its last dis-

Pitching - Adrienne San-

Tinney was 2 for 3 and De-

Hoyos was 1 for 3 and 1 RBI.

CHRIS CANTU | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

TRISTAN ALVAREZ runs for third

base in the Lions April 17 game

against Wall.

OHS LION ALEJANDO MENDEZ IS SURROUNDED BY HIS FAMILY when he

we had to have a consistent game to come out on top, but unfortunately our consistency wasn't there," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. "I am proud of the way our Vargas was 3 for 3, 2 runs scored and 1 walk;

UIL announces 2012-2013 Baseball, Softball Realignments

Sanchez had eighth

It was also Senior Night

"Wall is a good team and

strikeouts; Glosson, Saman-

tha De La Garza and Vivian

for the Lady Lions. Sanchez

and Stacie Quiroz were hon-

Medina each had 1 run.

The University terscholastic League announced last week the 2012-2013 realignments for baseball and softball.

Like football and basketball, which were announced in February, Ozona will competing in the Class 1A Division.

For softball, the Lady Lions will be competing in District 1-1A with Marfa, McCamey and Van Horn.

Lions baseball will be competing in District 29-1A with Eldorado, Harper, Junction, Mason, Menard and Rocksprings.

So far, Ozona will be competing in four different sports districts next year.

The football district is District 14-1A Division 1 against Brackett, Center Point, Harper, Junction and

The basketball district is District 8-1A Division 1 with Christoval, Eldorado, Irion County, Miles, TLC Academy and Winters.

The UIL stated that the remaining alignments will be posted as soon as possible.

Lady Lions finished district play and we are now focused on our next season, the playoffs."

Ozona held a practice game on April 20 against Eldorado. The Lady Lions won

Pitching - Sanchez; Catcher - Glosson.

Sanchez had six strikeouts and 3 runs; Cynthia Garcia had 2 runs and Glosson, De La Garza, Amy Quiroz, Medina and Brianna Cervantez had 1 run each.

"I thought as a team we came out a little flat and maybe our focus was too much on the practice part of the game. After the game, I think the girls expressed the same sentiment about their effort and focus. As a team I think they understand that a playoff game is played at a higher level and the energy is a little higher, and we have to make sure we are prepared to play at the level," Gonzalez said. "I was proud of the effort and, in spite of our own mistakes, we were able to have a positive result."



KODI GLOSSON SCORED A RUN FOR THE LADY LIONS in their April 17 game against Wall.



STACIE QUIROZ AND HER MOTHER pose for a photo during the Senior Night ceremony on April 17.



ADRIENNE SANCHEZ AND HER PARENTS enjoy the Senior Night ceremony on April 17.

Library Scholarship applications due by Monday, April 30

was honored on Senior Night on April 20.

The deadline is fast approaching. The Friends of the Library are accepting applications through April 30 for two \$750 scholarships for a 2012 graduating senior. Application forms and full instructions can be picked up at the Ozona High School office or at the library.

To be eligible students must be accepted at an accredited college or university; major in an academic field related to libraries, such as, education, history, English, science; and have at least a B average.

Each scholarship is for \$750 a year for four years as long as a B average is maintained, or a possible \$3,000. So get those applications in to the library today.

Members of the OHS Track Teams competed in a Regional Qualifier meet last week in Mertzon.

For the Lady Lions, Daisy Guerra finished second in the 3200-meter run with a time of 13 minutes. 8 seconds.

'While this was not Daisy's fastest time of the year, it was pretty impressive considering the 92 degree heat during the time that she ran," said Coach Erik Thormaehlen.

In the discus throw, Vivian Medina had a launch of 77 feet 8 inches. Her throw was good enough for sixth place.

"Vivian threw about 8 to 10 feet further at district and believes that she can rebound at the regional meet and have a great showing. Medina came out late in the season to help her teammates and is regarded by each of them as a valuable and selfless member of the Lady Lion Track Team," Thormaehlen said.

In the 400-meter dash,

Track Teams finish strong at regional qualifier meet Lexi Poindexter and Jennifer Venegas finished seventh and eighth place, with times of 65.45 and 66.41 re-

spectively. "The girls both won their heat by about a second and a half. Unfortunately, they did not get a chance to run against the best competition which was in the first heat. The first heat was really fast and had times ranging from 63-65. Had the girls been in a heat where they were pushed, I definitely believe they could have gone a little harder and I was very proud of the effort that they gave," Thormaehlen said.

In the 200-meter dash, Cynthia Garcia finished in second place with a time of 27.18, .04 seconds away from first place.

"The top two girls were in separate heats and handtiming was used. Cynthia won her heat by more than a second and also gave a great effort," Thormaehlen said.

Daisy Guerra finished third place in the 1600-meter run with a time of 5:59.

"Daisy finished about seven seconds behind second place and had a great finish. Again, this mile time was impressive considering the heat that Daisy ran in earlier in the day and it obviously took a toll on the other competitors from the two mile," Thormaehlen said. "The four from our district all ran a faster first mile of the two mile than their actual mile time. This same thing happened to Saul Vargas and Omero Rodriguez for the boys' team."

The 1600-meter relay included the team of Poindexter, Venegas, Guerra and Garcia.

They finished fourth place with a time of 4:21.11, only .09 seconds slower than the district meet.

"While most of the time a coach isn't thrilled with the fact that a time was slower, I was in this case because the

girls ran in much warmer weather with a lot less time between races. Daisy Guerra ran probably close to five miles before ever running the quarter, so we are certain that her split will improve at regional when she runs the race fresh," Thormaehlen said. "Overall, the girls had a great day. They scored 31 points as a team and had a great showing amongst the 1A and 2A teams that showed up at the

The Lions had four com-

competition."

In the 3200-meter run Omero Rodriguez and Saul Vargas placed third and fifth respectively.

"Omero ran his fastest time of the year with an 11:10. Saul had a bit of an off day after some very difficult training this week. He looks to bounce back in Odessa at the regional meet and post a personal best,"

Thormaehlen said. In the shot put, Jerrod duBois finished in third place with a throw of 43-1.

"duBois was the top 2A thrower amongst the bunch and looks forward to more success at the regional meet," Thormaehlen said.

Michael Vargas finished in fifth place in the Pole Vault. Vargas vaulted 11 feet, an improvement upon his district finish of 10-9 inches.

"Vargas continues to work hard every day in practice. He and Coach John Esparza are usually the last two people to leave the complex each day. The dedication and hard work is paying off for him, as he continues to improve," Thormaehlen said.

The boys' team posted 17 total team points.

The Lions and Lady Lions have about a week to finish preparing for the Region 1-2A competition. The Regional Meet will be held in Odessa on April 27-28 at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

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Computer science team members | place at regional meet



THE OHS COMPUTER SCIENCE TEAM competed at the Region I UIL Academic Meet last week in Odessa. The team placed fourth overall. Cris Taylor (bottom right) placed fifth individually, Jerrod duBois (top left) and Lisa Dorrough (top right) tied for eighth and Bryce Gutierrez placed 16th out of 41.

Badillo named National Merit finalist

David Jacob Badillo (D.J.) has been named as a finalist in the 2012 National Merit Scholarship Program.

About 15,000 finalists throughout the nation are recognized for their exceptional academic promise. They will continue in the competition for the 9600 National Merit Scholarships and will be chosen based on their abilities, skills and accomplishments.

The program is based on the PSAT scoring and it is awarded to only the top scoring students in the entire country.

D.J. is the son of Ozona High School graduate David Badillo and his wife Gaby.

He is the grandson of Ben and Elena Badillo from Ozona, and Irene and Jesus Arredondo of Weatherford.



D.J. is a senior at Tivy High School in Kerrville and will graduate third, maybe second, in a class of 250 students.

He was recently accepted at Harvard University in Cambridge Mass. and was awarded the Faculty of Arts and Sciences Scholarship from Harvard.

Renfroe competes in Region I Meet

Senior Ozona Lady Lion, Kelbie Renfroe competed at the Region 1- AA Golf Tournament, hosted by Nueva Vista Golf Club in Midland on April 16 and 17.

Sixteen teams, consisting of five members each and 16 individual medalists, totaling 96 golfers, were playing for 12 spots and the opportunity to compete at the State Golf Tournament.

"You can see by the number of participants that it is very difficult to qualify for the State Tournament and we are talking about a field of the best golfers from Sonora and Ozona in the south all the way to Spearman in the north,' said Coach David Kennedy.

Renfroe, a three-time regional qualifier, finished 36 holes, two days of competition, in ninth place in the medalist race.

She shot her best round ever in competition on Tuesday by recording an 88 and finished with a twoday total of 181.

"Kelbie is a fine example of the dedication to golf needed to be good at the game. The younger golfers



in our program can look at what Kelbie has accomplished and realize that if they are willing to spend the time that Kelbie has spent, the opportunity is there to accomplish what Kelbie has. I am very lucky for the opportunity to coach her, even if it was only one season, and I am very proud of her effort this year," Kennedy said.

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OHS Food Night Mondays 7-10 p.m. 7th and 8th Grades

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Hall, Venegas compete at regional tennis

OHS Seniors Kramer Hall and Jenny Venegas competed in the Region I-2A Tennis Meet last week in Odessa.

The duo lost in the first round of the Mixed Couples division to Brianna Miller and Miguel Soto, of Friona, 4-6,6-3,6-3.

Hall and Venegas won the District Championship at the District 7-AA meet two weeks ago in San Angelo.





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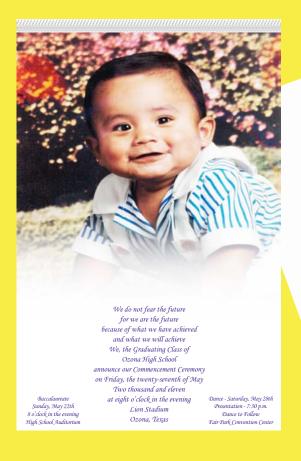
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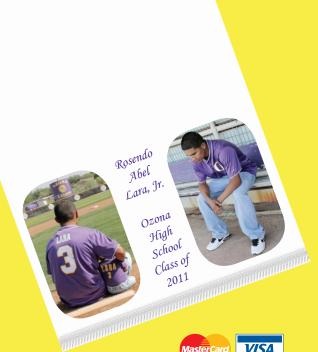
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CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS



CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H JUDGING TEAMS have competed recently in four contests and won several awards. Pictured are: (left to right) Coach Carlon Stapper, Jadie Marshall, Linda Stapper, Julie Marshall, Thomas Cruz, Carson Childress, Lanna Stapper, Kinsey Chandler, Jenna Marshall and Coach Ann Stapper.

Crockett County 4-Hers win at juding contests

The 4-H judging teams competed in four contests recently.

Their District competition, the Ozona open invitational, the Kerr county invitational, and the Eldorado Divide Invitational.

At District the senior team of Erik Carrizales, Jadie Marshall and Linda Stapper qualified for state by placing first in Plant ID, Range Evaluation, and Mohair Evaluation.

They will only be able to compete in one of the three contests at the State competition since they are all held simultaneously.

Linda was high point in all three events, Jadie was third in Plant ID and second in Range and Erik was third in both Range and Mohair.

In the three open competitions the Senior team took first place every time in Range, a first and a second in Plant ID, a first, a second and a third in Mohair and a first and a third in Wool Evaluation.

At the Eldorado Divide competition Linda and Erik both won gift cards by being high point overall, Linda in Range and Wool and Erik in Mohair.

The Intermediate judgers this year are Kinsey Chandler, Thomas Cruz, Alex Hopper, Julie Marshall and Lanna Stapper.

The intermediates swept the District competition with first places in Plant ID, Range, Mohair, and Wool Evaluation.

In the three open competitions, they also took first in Range each time: two first places and a second in both Wool and Mohair and a first and a third in Plant ID.

In the Ozona competition Kinsey won the coveted Spur Clip award that is given to the overall high point in Range and Plant ID each year and is donated by Larry and Elaine Williams.

Our two new judgers this year are Jenna Marshall and Carson Childress. They are competing as individuals since it takes three to qualify for a team score.

In District Jenna placed third in Plant ID and Carson placed second in Range and third in both Wool and Mohair.

In the open competitions Carson took a fifth in Range, Wool and Mohair.

On May 12 the 4-Her's will travel to Del Rio for the next invitational contest.

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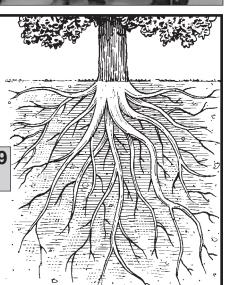


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Ozona High School Honor Rolls for the 5th Sixth Weeks.

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Sophomores - Desiree Marshall and Vivian Medina **Juniors** - Allie Black and

Jessica Borrego **Seniors** - Lane Hale, Kelsie Ramirez and Isabel Ybarra

"A-B" HONOR ROLL

Freshmen - Angel Aguilar, Alexia Aguilera, Kaylenn Elston, Chellil Gonzales, Kristen Hernandez, Elizabeth Kennedy, Melissa Lozano, Keyanna Perez, Ricardo Porras, Jon-Luke Rodriguez and Jayton Rodriquez.

Sophomores - Jonatan Arredondo, Christian Cantu, Lisa Dorrough, Daisy Guerra, Lorenzo Hernandez, Nicole Higgins, Josiah Jurado, Eliseo Montanez, Abby Newton, Lexi Poindexter, Amy Quiroz, Sierra Stokes and Michael Ybarra.

Juniors - Avni Bhakta, Jade Carty, Jerrod duBois, Ryan Kennedy, Cris Taylor and Sierra Trevino

Seniors - Chelsea Gonzales, Gabriella Gutierrez and Michael Medina Jr.

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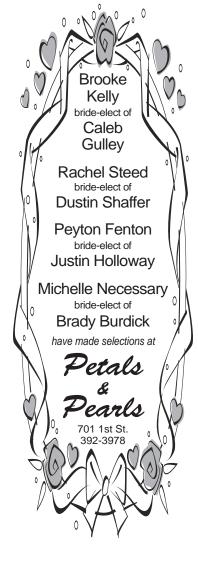
OHS Art **Scholarship** available

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.

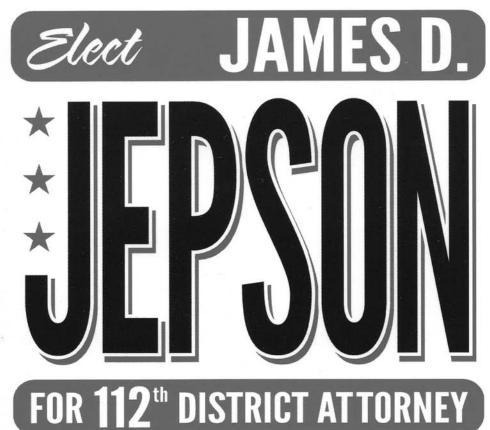
The graduate to be awarded the scholarship will be determined by a competition, judged by a scholarship committee chosen by the Art Club.

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

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







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SrA Layne English serves the Air Force in Aircraft Maintenance. Layne graduated from Texas Tech University in December 2009 and holds a Mechanical Engineering Degree. Layne returned to the states in January after serving in Qatar and Spain for most of 2011.

I graduated from Fort Stockton High School in 1981 and graduated from Angelo State University in August 1997. I hold a Bachelor's of Arts Degree in English and Government.

I received my law degree from Texas Tech School of Law in December 1999 and was licensed to practice law in May

I became a member of the College of the State Bar in 2001, which requires 30 hours of continuing legal education each year. In 2009, I became Board Certified in Criminal Law, which requires continuing legal education in criminal law.

I am seeking a third term as the duly elected District Attorney for the 112th Judicial District which serves Crockett, Pecos, Reagan, Sutton, and Upton counties. I became District Attorney on January 1, 2005 and served as Assistant District Attorney from 2001 through 2004. My political experience includes my first election in 2004, which was a contested race. I had no opponent for my second term. I have an opponent in this race. I enjoy meeting with constituents and getting their views and feedback on criminal justice and the court system.

Because the 112th Judicial District covers 11,000 square miles of West Texas, my "community" stretches beyond Ozona and Crockett County. My civic involvement is directly related to my role as District Attorney. I serve on the Boards for the Texas District and County Attorneys' Association and the Texas Association of Counties. Because we have two prisons in Fort Stockton, I serve on the Board for the Special Prosecution Unit which oversees prosecution of crimes committed within the prison system. I am also a member of the Border Prose-

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cution Unit which is comprised of 16 District Attorneys located in counties along or adjacent to the Texas/Mexico Bor-

My family and I are members of First Baptist Church, Ozona, where I have served on various committees in the past. I have also served on the Board for the Crockett County

WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES?

A. Seeking justice on behalf of the citizens of the 112th Judicial District. I have devoted all of my time and attention to this pursuit since 2001. I will continue to provide a District Attorney's Office that is efficient, effective, and motivated only by a desire to serve the

citizens and do the right thing. B. Continue to provide prosecution that is dedicated to upholding the law. The standards for prosecutors and the requirements for successful prosecution have evolved and become more demanding since the 1990s. Many jurisdictions have experienced the sobriety and stigma of wrongful convictions which were caused, in part, by sloppy investigation practices and questionable prosecution tactics. Not one criminal case prosecuted by the 112th District Attorneys Office since 1997 to the present day has been overturned on appeal. This has been accomplished by careful prosecution, a devotion to upholding the law, and a commitment to providing training and assistance to law enforcement.

C. Continue to make community safety a priority. The reason criminal laws are enacted and enforced is to ensure that our communities are safe and attractive for families to raise children and businesses to flourish. A commitment to upholding the law is required in order to have safe neighborhoods. The law must be enforced with fairness and a firm

WHAT DISTINGUISHES YOU FROM YOUR OPPONENT?

I am approachable. I have established, and will maintain, good communication and an open-door policy with the law enforcement agencies and

other departments within the counties. My attorneys and I are available 24/7 to answer questions for law enforcement and elected officials and their staff. It is common for law enforcement officers who have moved from our jurisdiction to other locations to call me or my attorneys with a legal question because their prosecutor is not accessible.

I am dedicated to the legal profession; specifically to the criminal justice system. I worked hard to achieve the qualifications necessary to become Board Certified in Criminal Law, in order to improve my legal knowledge and skills. I began my legal career 20 years ago as a legal assistant and I take every opportunity to learn and improve my professional skills and the legal profession. I obtained legislation in 2005 that placed the 112th District Attorney's Office in the Professional Prosecutor's Act. This law prohibits the District Attorneys whose offices are part of the Act from having any type of private practice. The majority of District Attorneys in Texas are bound by this law. I pursued this because I felt that prosecution in our jurisdiction had been short-changed in the past by prosecutors who were distracted by their civil cases and that the civil cases sometimes

created conflicts of interest. I am an advocate for justice. I am required by law to seek justice and not just to convict. I understand that justice is defined differently by each person impacted by a criminal offense, whether that person is a victim or victim's family member or a defendant or defendant's family member. There is no victimless crime. Children and spouses suffer when people choose to drink and drive. Family members suffer when a person is addicted to drugs. My attorneys and I attempt to pursue a just resolution for every case. In some cases, justice is time in the penitentiary. In some cases, justice is community supervision. In some cases, justice requires no prosecution. These decisions are not always easy or popular. However, the decisions must be made by someone with integrity, compassion, and a strong sense of right and wrong.

NAME ONE AREA IN THE 112TH DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE?

One area in the District At-

torney's Office that I would like to improve is public education concerning the criminal justice system. I see the District Attorney's Office as a service organization within the judicial system. Although criminal files and investigations are not accessible to the public, a basic understanding of criminal law and the judicial system would benefit our community. Generally, we educate grand jurors during their terms and jury members get a crash course during the case they decide. The current schedule means that less than 100 citizens per year learn about what happens at the courthouse.

WHAT ARE THE **SPECIFIC NEEDS** FOR THE 112TH DISTRICT **ATTORNEY'S OFFICE** RELATED TO CROCKETT **COUNTY AND HOW DO** YOU PLAN ON ADDRESSING THEM?

Funding for the office will become an issue this next budget cycle. Since taking office in 2005, I have been able to limit the budget each county provided to the District Attorney's Office by utilizing asset forfeiture funds. I have utilized forfeiture funds to pay trial expenses for expert witnesses, transcripts for hearings, and for travel and continuing education for my attorneys and staff. I have also assisted law enforcement within the District by providing digital cameras to every officer, bullet-proof vests for law enforcement through a matching-funds grant, providing specialized training for law enforcement officers, and assisting with special law enforcement investigation expenses. Unfortunately, there have been no significant asset forfeitures in several years. Items like the bullet-proof vest grant and training and travel assistance provided to assist law enforcement have already been discontinued because the forfeiture funds will be depleted this

The District Attorney's Office receives \$27,500 per year from the State to assist with the office expenses. These funds have restrictions that limit their use to specific allowable expenses.

Therefore, the District Attorney's Office will become completely dependent on the counties to fund the expenses necessary to operate the office.

Lack of space is another issue the District Attorney's Office is facing. It is important to the 112th DA's Office to maintain an office in Ozona. Crockett County is centrally located within the District and the Ozona office promotes access between law enforcement and prosecution. We have no space for private conversations with victims or with law enforcement. I have grant money to hire another attorney or an investigator, but have no space in Ozona for that person to work.

Technology equipment like computers, a big screen television and an "Elmo" in the District Courtroom would assist with case presentation for jury trials and grand juries. Although I purchased programs, projectors, and screens to facilitate evidence presentation in the courtroom when I took office, technology has improved drastically since 2005. Judge Deaton and the Commissioners addressed many of the structural and heating and cooling problems when they renovated the courtroom. All persons presenting evidence to the Judge or juries in the Crockett County District Courtroom would benefit from some technological advances.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO WANT TO RUN FOR 112TH DISTRICT **ATTORNEY?**

After serving as Assistant District Attorney, I ran for office in 2004 because I wanted to continue serving the citizens by pursuing justice on their behalf. During my terms as District Attorney, I believe that I have made positive changes to prosecution within the District. I seek the opportunity to continue serving Crockett County and the 112th Judicial District in this capacity.

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off of our streets. Try violent offenders; see that they are convicted not probated. Be fiscally responsible; don't spend money that doesn't need to be spent on cases that can't be proved. Don't indict people and ruin their reputation unless you have the evidence to support a conviction.

WHAT DISTINGUISHES YOU

FROM YOUR OPPONENTS? Experience. I have tried more cases to a jury than her entire staff combined during her tenure at the 112th District Attorney's Office. I have only lost three or four cases to a jury in a 10-year period as a prosecutor. I have handled more cases than my opponent and don't have a record of dismissing cases at the last minute. I have practiced law for 20 years twice the amount of my opponent and spent approximately 15 years in criminal justice prior to becoming an attorney. I don't give child molesters a "deferred probation" and let them walk out of the court room with the rest of us.

NAME ONE AREA IN THE 112TH DISTRICT ATTOR-NEY'S YOU WOULD LIKE TO **IMPROVE?**

Case management and bring back the reputation of being fair and just with all citizens.

WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR THE 112TH DISTRICT **ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RELATED TO CROCKETT COUNTY** AND HOW DO YOU PLAN ON ADDRESSING THEM?

Money. The current administration has spent and lost several hundred thousand dollars due to bad case selection.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO WANT TO RUN FOR 112TH DISTRICT ATTORNEY?

Several reasons - I will be happy to address these reasons at the political forum on May 3 or in private.

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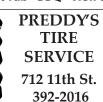
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With this class all par-

ticipants will receive a free Smoke/CO2 detector, while supplies last.

This class is open to anyone who would like to attend.

For more information, call Eddie Martin at 392-3404.

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4/18/2012

·Three calls: No treatment, No Transport on all of 4/19/2012

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· Transported No Lights/Siren - Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital

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/

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UNEMPLOYMENT

DROPS AGAIN Texas' seasonally adjusted unemployment rate dropped to 7.0 percent in March, according to statistics compiled by the U.S. Department of Labor.

March was the seventh month in a row the number has improved.

Texas' unemployment rate was 7.1 percent in February and 8.0 percent a year ago.

BOARD ADOPTS

MATH STANDARDS The State Board of Education last week approved new math standards and textbook adoption rules that it said reflect the changing instructional materials marketplace.

More than 100 amendments to the mathematics Texas Es-

sential Knowledge and Skills for students in kindergarten through high school were adopted.

The Texas Education Agency reported that several educators who testified before the board said the new standards provide more in-depth coverage of math topics than the current standards. Changes adopted will be implemented in kindergarten through eighth grade classrooms in the 2014-2015 school year and the new high school standards will be implemented in 2015-2016, the agency said.

AUSTIN INSTALLS WILLIE MONUMENT

The city of Austin on April 20 dedicated a bronze monument depicting iconic Texas musician Willie Nelson in front of the new Austin City Limits studio downtown. Nelson, in his trademark braids and strumming his old guitar, "Trigger," performed with his band at the

A variety of homestead exemptions could lower your property taxes!

A homestead exemption lowers the property taxes on your home by lowering its value. If your home is valued at \$50,000 and you receive a \$15,000 homestead exemption, your home will be taxed as if it were worth \$35,000.

Who qualifies for an exemption?

Anyone who owns a home on Jan. 1 and uses it as a primary residence on that date is entitled to a \$15,000 homestead exemption to lower school taxes. It doesn't matter if your home is a house, condominium or mobile home. Counties, cities and special taxing districts may also offer homestead exemptions.

Are other exemptions available?

If you're disabled—or if you're 65 years old or older—you are entitled to an additional \$10,000 school tax exemption on your home. And if you qualify for the 65 or older or disabled exemption, you're also entitled to a permanent, locked-in "ceiling" on the school property taxes on your home. The county, city or junior college may adopt a tax ceiling for 65 and older or disabled homeowners. The age 65 or older homeowners school tax ceiling transfers to the surviving spouse, if the spouse is 55 years of age or older at the time of death and lives in and owns the home. The age 65 or older homeowners (or their surviving spouses 55 years of age or older) also may transfer the percentage of school tax paid, based on their former home's school tax

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Do I have to apply each year?

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When and where should I file?

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FINANCE: from page 1

"You can look at our books, see what we budgeted, what we have out as accounts payable and then what we have spent," duBois said.

The district also maintains checks and balances procedures when it comes to handling finances, especially cash. When handling cash, du-Bois said the money is counted two to three times to make sure it is counted correctly and matches the receipts.

He also said there are safeguards to protect the district from fraud, such as counting tickets at sporting events, and policies for credit card usage.

"Everybody shouldn't be able to go to our vendors and just charge expenses," he said.

The Texas Education Agency also checks the school district's external audit. duBois showed the participants a copy of the district's most recent audit and show the summary of transactions in the district.

'They (TEA) make sure you document and that you on top of everything, every year," he said. "It's a lot like if you had a comprehensive personnel audit."

School board member Tom Anderson also informed the audience that the district is also audited on any bids they

have approved. A school district is a combination of government and education. It is required, like all government entities, to have multiple bids on items or projects costing \$50,000 or more.

The federal government also tells school districts how much they are required to spend on certain programs, such as special education, at-risk students and career and technology. Right now the percentages are around 42 or 48 percent, depending on the program.

duBois said the district can spread the credit into several areas, such as if the district purchases a bus which is used by all students.

If the district does not meet the required percentage of spending in these areas, then the federal government can reduce the amount of funding the district receives next year. 'We are all responsible for

following the rules," he said. "Every year the state tells you what the percentages are.' The state also keeps rating

systems for district's finances, just like ratings on academics. The Schools Financial Integrity Rating System is the fiscal equivalent to the academic TAKS test, duBois said.

The latest report, which is for the 2009-2010 school year,

shows CCCCSD with a superior rating.

Two areas that the district has taken a hit on in previous years is the ration of students to teachers and the number of

According to the FIRST ratings, CCCCSD should have a ratio of 10-22 students to teachers. CCCCSD has a ratio of 8, which the district has been penalized for not meeting.

"It's a wakeup call. You have to remember everything is a year behind," duBois said. "We had less teachers this year so the numbers will be different." The superintendent also

discussed the Fiscal Accountability for Texas Schools rating system, which is administered through the Texas Comptroller's Office each year. "This is an efficiency rating. It's not an official finan-

cial accountability measure for schools," duBois said. The FAST compares a district's financial allocations in one year against its academic

performance three years later. Ozona received a two-star rating in the latest report. It states that for the academic performance the district had, it was spending way too much

per student, duBois said. "It's not completely off base, but they through a bunch of stuff together. It's a Frankenstein," he said. "This is an official state report, not an official measure of accountability. It's something the state put together. It's a nice tool but it's

not a measure." School districts are also subject to federal audits. Last year, seven of the 43 school districts in the Region 15 Service Center area were federally audited.

duBois said it's just a matter of time before a district is audited, but the district does receive advance notice.

At the end of the workshop, duBois showed news reports of three different school districts that had been in trouble for reckless spending and not keeping a sharp eye on their finances.

"Your books should show that you're being a good steward. I feel really good overall that we do a good job at being good stewards," duBois said.

The final school finance workshop will be held at 6:30 p.m. May 2 at the Ozona Elementary School Cafetorium. It was originally scheduled for April 30 but changed due to the Lady Lions Softball playoff game.

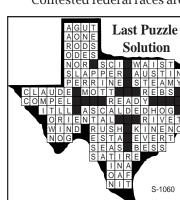
This final session will cover budget challenges and real numbers CCCCSD is facing for the 2012-2013 school year, including nearly half a million

FORUM: from page 1

Contested races for Crockett County are: Sheriff- Roy Glenn Sutton, incumbent, Ron Hawthorne, Paul Stroope and

Robert F. "Bob" Rodriguez. Contested state races are: 112th District Attorney - Laurie English, incumbent, and

James D. Jepson. Contested federal races are:



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Uncontested Crockett County races are: County Attorney - Jody Upham, incumbent; Commissioner Precinct 1 - Frank Tambunga, incumbent; Commissioner Precinct 3 - Randy Branch, incumbent; Constable - Raymond "Bear" Borrego, incumbent; Tax Assessor-Collector -Rhonda Shaw, incumbent.

Uncontested state races are: State Senator, District 19 -Carlos Uresti.

All candidates listed above have filed to run in the Democratic Primary. Crockett County currently does not have an active Republican Party.

For more information on the forum, call Sandy Stokes at



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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR COMMERCIAL OIL

& GAS WASTE DISPOSAL PERMIT PETROHAWK OPERATING COMPANY 6100 S. Yale, Ste. 500 Tulsa, OK 74136 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil or gas. The Applicant proposes to inject fluid into the Ellenburger formation, University SWD 4627, Well Number 1V. The proposed injection well is located 16 Miles NW of Ozona in the Elkhorn (Ellenburger) Field, in Crockett County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 7,000 TO 7,500 feet. LE-GAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected, or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Underground Injection Control Section, Oil and Gas Division, RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS, Drawer 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas

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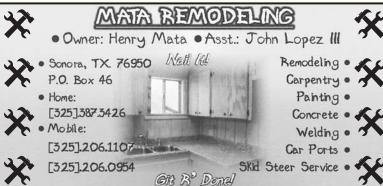
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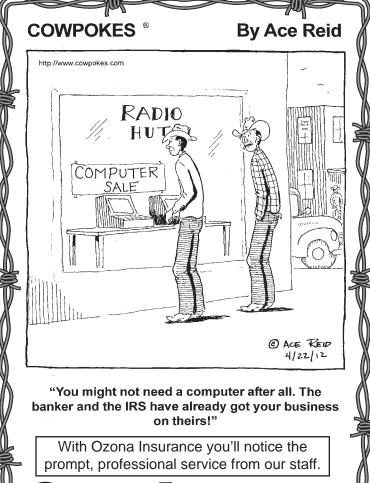
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Proposals will be received by Crockett County Consolidated Common School District at PO Box 400 or 797 Ave. D, Ozona TX until 2:00 PM, Wednesday, May 9, 2012 for the following separate projects: District Security and Monitoring Systems – Upgrades and Additions (Contact District Contact listed for Detailed Scope of Work). Proposals may be negotiated after opening and tabulation. Proposals shall be delivered to CCCCSD by mail, courier or hand delivery. Fax proposals will not be accepted. Proposals shall be submitted in an envelope marked on the outside with the bidder's name, address and an ap**propriate proposal description.** Proposals received after the published time and date cannot be considered. All vendors must be able to document Davis-Bacon Act compliance regarding prevailing wages. All proposals must remain open for ninety (90) days from the proposal date pending acceptance by CCCCSD. Details or specifications may be obtained by contacting Chris du-Bois or Keith Harmsen at (325) 392-5501 during the office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Successful proposals will be identified on the basis of the best value, experience, qualifications and ability to complete scope of work that is in the best interest of the District, and any other factor as stated in Texas Education Code Section 44.031(b).

Ozona Elementary will be offering a summer program for children of limited English proficiency who will be enrolled in Kindergarten or First Grade in the fall. This program will help your child to continue in his/her development of social skills, literacy, and his/her use of language needed for success in school. The program will take place from Monday, June 4th to Friday, June 29th. Classes will be from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Fridays. I your child was not enrolled in the district during the regular school year, please bring the following documents on the first day of the summer program: Birth Certificate, Social Security Card, Immunization Records and Proof of Residency. Please contact Rebecca Kain, Bilingual/ESL Coordinator for CCCCSD, at (325) 392-3564 by Friday, May 11th to enroll your child in this program.

El distrito Crockett County CCSD estará ofreciendo un programa de verano para niños que no dominan el idioma inglés y que van a entrar a Kindergarten o Primer Grado en el otoño. Este programa le ayudará a su hijo/a a que continúe su desarrollo en destrezas sociales, el alfabeto, y su uso de lenguaje para tener éxito en la escuela. El programa tendrá lugar desde lunes, 4 de junio a viernes, 29 de junio. Las clases serán de 7:30 a.m. a 1:00 p.m. lunes a jueves y 7:30 a.m. a 4:30 p.m. los viernes. Si su niño/a no fue matriculado en el distrito durante el año escolar, traiga los siguientes documentos el primer día del programa de verano: Acta de nacimento, tarjeta del Seguro Social, registros de vacunación, y prueba de residencia. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Rebecca Kain, Coordinadora de Programas Bilingüe/ESL de CCCCSD. Llame a 325-392-3564 antes del viernes, 11 de mayo para matricular a su hijo/a en este programa.



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