



# The Ozona Stockman

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## Friends, family remember Wade and Kyle

### Ozona father, son killed in Utah plane crash

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A father and son took their final trip together.

Family and friends gathered Monday in a packed Ozona United Methodist Church to offer their good-byes to Wade Richardson and Kyle Richardson.

The church, along with

the Crockett County Convention Center, was filled with people coming to pay their respects.

"They were two sides of the same coin. If you say something about one it often describes the other," said Ozona United Methodist Church Pastor Jean Rear-don, of Wade and Kyle.

Wade Richardson, 57,



and Kyle Richardson, 28, along with pilot Larry Newby, 55, of Price, Utah, died in a plane crash last week near the Dark Canyon Wilderness

area in southeast Utah near the town of Blanding.

During the service, friends remembered Wade and Kyle as successful, deter-

mined and loving individuals.

A successful rancher, Wade had ranches in Crockett County, Colorado and New Mexico. He helped Crockett National Bank grow into one of the most successful small town banks and served on the board of directors from the beginning.

Wade and his wife, Jane, owned Dairy Queen restaurants all over West Texas, including the one in Ozona.

"We are heartbroken. We didn't feel like just employees, we were treated and made to feel more like family. Wade will be missed ev-

ery day. They are both in our hearts," said Shawna Hopper, speaking for the employees in the Ozona Dairy Queen office.

Ozona resident Peri Fenton said she worked for the Richardson for six years and those that worked for the couple were treated like family.

"I remember being surprised when I first went to work for Wade how different he was than what I previously thought. I found him to be very personable and caring. He was very compassionate

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## MEET THE CANDIDATES

Hawthorne, Rodriguez, Stroope, Sutton running for county sheriff

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



R. B. (Ron) Hawthorne, age 69. Current Employment - Instructional Aide at the Ozona Schools. Wife - Betty Hawthorne. We have three daughters and one son and five grandsons. We have no immediate family members living in Crockett County.

Education - I attended high school in Houston, Texas and began my college at Decatur Baptist Collage and East Texas Baptist. After I went to work in law enforcement I returned to college and earned an associate degree in Law

PLEASE SEE RON, PAGE 9

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



In announcing to the citizens of Crockett County my candidacy for Sheriff of Crockett County, I, Robert Flores Rodriguez, age 57, would initially inform citizens that I was born and raised in Ozona. My parents are the late Joe V. Rodriguez and the late Hilda Flores Porras. I am the grandson of the late Adolfo and Maria Rodriguez and the late Leandro and Josefa Flores, all of who lived and raised their families in Ozona. I have been married to my wife, Linda,

PLEASE SEE BOB, PAGE 9

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



My name is Paul Stroope, I am 55 years old and have three children. My son, James Stroope is an investigator with the Brown County Sheriff's Department and The K-9 handler. My daughter, Mia Stroope works at a bank in Brownwood and daughter, Shelly Wagner, who is preparing to move to France this Summer. After graduating from Brownwood High

PLEASE SEE PAUL, PAGE 9

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



Roy Glenn Sutton, sheriff, Patricia Sutton, spouse, Mike Sutton, Glenda Sutton, Glenn Sutton, Staci Sutton, children. Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice, Texas A&M International University and Master Police Officer, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement. Total Education Hours 2,480; Total Training Hours 781; Total Hours 3,261; Sheriff 3 years, 4 months; Peace

PLEASE SEE ROY GLENN, PAGE 9

## Playoff Bound



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE OZONA LIONS BASEBALL TEAM made an incredible comeback last week to defeat Ballinger 4-3. The win puts the Lions in the playoffs for the first time since 2000. Ozona will play Blanco in a best two-out-of-three game series for the bi-district championship. The first game is 7:30 p.m. Thursday in Harper. Game two will be 11 a.m. Saturday in Harper, followed by game three if necessary. More coverage, page 6.

## Lady Lions fall to Comfort in bi-district game

The Lady Lions ended their season last night with a 5-3 loss in Harper against Comfort.

The Lady Lions would like to thank Ozona for all the encouragement and support that were given to them during the season.

"Our successes would not have been possible without you," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. "Lady Lions say 'you are team' thank you Ozona."



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE LADY LIONS SOFTBALL TEAM walk the field Monday night at Comfort. Ozona lost the bi-district game 5-3. More coverage, page 6.

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## Every good idea needs marketing strategy

Caine Monroy, a 9-year-old from East Los Angeles, made the news a couple of weeks ago with the cardboard arcade he built out of boxes in his father's shop last summer.

He used his own toys as prizes. Caine's arcade even had ticket dispensers to be redeemed for prizes.

After finishing his arcade, Caine had one problem — no customers. At least, he had no customers until an aspiring filmmaker showed to purchase a door handle from Caine's father and became interested in the arcade. The filmmaker used

the arcade as the subject of a video, created a Facebook page for the arcade, organized a flash mob to visit the arcade and set up a college fund where viewers can donate.

After posting the video on YouTube, Caine's arcade became a sensation and the



**BUSINESS TIPS**

JAMES LEAVELLE

subject of more news stories than I am sure he could have ever imagined.

What is the significance of Caine's story to us? Caine had a plan. He had a plan to build an arcade out of cardboard boxes.

The problem was it was an incomplete plan. He knew he wanted to build an arcade. He knew what he wanted the arcade to do. He didn't have a plan to properly market and promote his arcade (or business). What I think he learned — and what we can learn from Caine — is that it isn't enough to have a great idea. It isn't

enough to take that idea and turn it into reality. We have to have a marketing plan.

The movie "Field of Dreams" with Kevin Costner had the sound bite that stated, "Build it and they will come." That unfortunately, as Caine found out, doesn't usually work. A good marketing plan will use a number of resources to let your target market know you are open and ready to serve them.

Seventy to 80 percent of new businesses fail within the first year. Some of this is because of the lack of a good marketing plan, or because of poor execu-

tion of that plan. We see businesses all over town that spring up almost overnight. As we observe these businesses, we can sometimes guess which ones will survive over a year based on the marketing we observe. As quickly as they spring up, many disappear because they did not have a plan for attracting their target market.

The entrepreneur needs to have a plan for promoting his or her business. They need a plan for attracting their target market and enticing them into the business.

Caine didn't have a market-

ing plan, but he got lucky when someone that could market his business happened by and helped him out. For most of us, no one is going to stop and help us with marketing our business because they took a liking to us. The staff of the SBDC can help you with your marketing plan. All you have to do is call and schedule an appointment. We will be glad to help.

"Business Tips" was written by James Leavelle, Business Development Specialist of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact him at James. Leavelle@angelo.edu.

## Candidate forum all about the issues

This week, The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Candidate Forum for the upcoming May 29 Primary Elections. The forum will be 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Civic Center.

All local, state and federal candidates are invited. The forum will be moderated by Sandy Stokes, Democratic Party Chair for Crockett County, and yours truly.

I think this is an effective way to give the public a chance to see the candidates and hear their views on certain topics.

The forum will be tightly monitored. In other words, this isn't going to become a free-for-all.

Citizens will have a chance to address the candidates by writing down their questions.

They will not verbally address anyone. The candidates will only verbally address the audience, not each other.

What I'm trying to explain here is the public has a right to hear the platform that a candidate has on certain issues.

It's not set up to embarrass anyone or to make anyone look bad.

It's just a chance to let the public hear what a candidate has to say on issues like jobs, budgets and other major issues pertaining to their office.

This forum, just like the candidate Q&A articles that have been in The Ozona Stockman for the past two weeks, are to inform the voters.

If you're going to run for office, be prepared to address the facts on why you feel you would be an effective person for the job.

The Primary Election season in Texas has been crazy. This election was supposed to be held in March. Instead, redistricting issues have



**WHAT'S ON MY MIND**

MELISSA PERNER

pushed the date back to the end of May.

State officials are predicting that this primary will have lower voter turnout due

to the date being pushed back to the day after Memorial Day.

When it comes time to vote, the citizens of Crockett County need to be informed in order to make better decisions when they go to the polls, especially on our local candidates.

Most of these candidates made their decision to run back in December. That means they have had plenty of time to work on the issues and visit with the voters.

Now, it's time for them to take the stage and tell us, the voters, why they would be the best for the job.

We also understand that May is a busy month. If you can't be at the forum Thursday night, e-mail me your questions to publisher@ozonastockman.com, give me a call at (325) 392-2551 or stop by the office at 1000 Avenue E in Ozona.

Full coverage of the forum will be published in the May 9 edition of The Ozona Stockman.

The public needs to hear what the candidates' platforms are. That's what is important.

As voters, it is our duty to become informed before we head to the polls.

I encourage everyone to come out to Thursday's Candidate Forum and become a better informed voter.

MELISSA PERNER is the editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman, come out to Thursday's Candidate Forum.

## The Death of Superstition

I've never been very superstitious. I've never used the services of a fortune teller, shaman or palm reader and I think the predictions offered up by a star gazer are as reliable as the defroster in my old 1964 Chevy pickup was. And Chinese food advice is as hollow as the inside of the fortune cookie it comes in.

I don't eat black-eyed peas on New Year's, or any other day for that matter, and other than having a fear of heights, I'd have no trouble staying on the 13th floor of a hotel, if they had them. I even wore jersey number 13 when my basketball coach in high school assigned it to me. I don't carry on my person a lucky penny, four leaf clover or rabbit's foot and black cats and ladders don't scare me.

Knock on wood, of course. I don't know why these superstitions have been handed down from one generation to the next or why farmers and ranchers in the old days thought they were so important for their economic and physical well being. I can't for the life of me understand why otherwise smart people would plant their crop only when oak leaves were the size of a squirrel's ear, or that planting a cow's horn on your property would make your land any more fertile than a good load of cow manure would.

Fortunately, I don't believe that kid's today have a working knowledge of all this balderdash and they are much too smart anyway to believe in such witch-



**IT'S THE PITTS**

LEE PITTS

some rancher had paid a lot of money for him. Every year when I'd arrive at the sale to work ring a rancher friend who everyone called "Speedy" was eager tell me of the latest misfortune to befall last year's champion. According to Speedy, past champions had died of strange diseases, been run over by a train, shot by deer hunters, stolen by a drug ring and one was drug to death, if you can imagine that horror. Every year's death seemed to be more horrific than the last and word of the of the dead champion's jinx spread like wildfire.

It got so bad that ranchers didn't want to buy the Ideal Range Bull because they knew he'd die soon. So the best bull often brought half of what lesser bulls brought

later in the sale. Livestock insurance salesmen who usually competed to write policies on valuable bovines stayed away in droves, not wanting to write a policy on a bull everyone knew would die of some freak accident or disease before the year was out.

Normally purebred breeders would consign their best beast to this prestigious sale but when they saw the winner bringing way less money, they took their best bulls elsewhere. Naturally, this disturbed the sale manager. He became so distraught he was ready to hire a voodoo High Priestess to get rid of The Curse of the Dead Champions.

I never thought the curse was real and I tried to use my investigative journalistic talents in tracking down all the rumors. The trail always went cold on me when I found that the buyer of the Ideal Range Bull for the past six years had been an order buyer, and he wouldn't say who he was buying the bulls for.

Then one day I was on my way to a sale when I saw a ripping set of calves in a friend's field by the side of the road. Then as I passed his bull pasture I thought I noticed a few brands I recognized, and a few bulls looked faintly familiar to me. That's when I put two and two together and used science to conquer superstition. Every one of those jinxed deceased champions that died such terrible deaths had come back to life and were resting comfortably in Speedy's bull pasture.

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## Texas, Amazon.com come to terms

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

Texas last week resolved a multi-year dispute over uncollected revenue with Seattle-based Internet sales giant Amazon.com, a company with a physical presence in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Comptroller Susan Combs, in an April 27 announcement carrying an Austin and Seattle dateline, said Amazon.com Inc. will:

- Begin collecting a state sales tax on July 1;
- Begin creating at least 2,500 jobs in Texas over the next four years; and
- Make at least \$200 million in capital investments in Texas.

The three-pronged agreement, according to Combs' statement, "resolves all sales tax issues between Texas and Amazon." Officially, Combs is "chief steward of the state's finances, acting as tax collector, chief accountant, chief revenue estimator and chief treasurer for all of state government."

In the announcement, Combs also suggested that "Congress should enact federal legislation that will give states access to revenues that are already due, which would resolve this issue fairly for

all retailers and all states." Amazon.com presently collects state sales taxes in only a few states.

Drought declaration extended Continuing exceptional drought conditions in Texas prompted Gov. Perry on April 20 to once again extend the state emergency disaster declaration of July 2011. The three-month extension applies to 180 or more than 70 percent of Texas' 254 counties.

Roads program funds OK'd The Texas Transportation Commission on April 26 approved \$40 million "for repair and rehabilitation of roadways used frequently by the energy industry."

According to the agency that oversees the Texas Department of Transportation, "The energy industry has helped Texas remain an economic strength among states, but subsequent impacts on roadways and bridges, traffic, safety, and the environment have brought about a need for collaboration to lessen the impacts."

Work projects to be scheduled to begin this summer.

### GEAR UP GRANT AWARDED

The Texas Education Agency on April 27 reported it is one of seven states to be awarded a \$33 million federal grant to improve the postsecondary awareness, readiness and success of middle and high school students.

A seven-year grant for Gaining Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, or GEAR UP, will support some 6,000 students in the Class of 2018, from seventh grade through graduation from high school. The new grant also includes a seventh year designed to help support students in their first year of college, the agency reported.

Take Mom to state park Mother's Day 2012 is Sunday, May 13, and looking forward to it, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department floated this novel idea on April 23.

"Why not do something special this Mother's Day by treat-

ing Mom to an outdoor adventure and a picnic lunch amid appetite-stimulating scenery at a one of more than 90 Texas State Parks? Not only will mom and the family enjoy a healthier and happier day, but they also will be helping state parks close a budget gap."

Parks and Wildlife, which suffered along with other state agencies in budget cutbacks dealt by the Texas Legislature in 2011, is working toward recovery from a \$4.6 million funding gap.

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## Crockett County Historic Day Saturday

Saturday, May 5, 2012 is a historic 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

- The camel expedition that came through our county around 1855

- Gruby, Texas, the wild-west Crockett County town 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 ensued 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 historian 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.

## Texas Pecos Trail meeting May 25 in Ozona

The Texas Pecos Trail Region will hold their bi-monthly board meeting on May 25 at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center Park. The public is invited to attend.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and will feature a welcome by Sharon Biggerstaff, Ozona Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center Executive Director, followed by presentations by Interpretive Trail Designer Terry Tate of Spring Creek Nursery in Mertzon and Gary Bryant, extension program specialist for the Texas Water Resource Institute of Fort Stockton.

Participants will then tour the interpretive trail and rain harvest exhibit at the chamber.

Lunch will be served at noon and feature a program about the Escondido Draw

Recreational Area and to Generate Tourism Revenue for Your Town.

Speakers will be Tony Eeds with the EDRA and Kate Singleton, MPA with Community Revitalization Strategies. Community Revitalization Strategies, founded in 2007, is a collaboration of downtown professionals with a goal of providing professional economic and downtown revitalization services to the rural areas and communities throughout America.

Cost for the lunch will be \$10 per person. RSVP is required for lunch. Deadline is May 21.

For more information, or to RSVP, call the chamber at (325) 392-3737 or Scott Jordan with the Texas Pecos Trail at (325) 387-3900 or e-mail info@texaspecostrail.com.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### 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.
- CCCCSD School Board meeting, 5:30 p.m. at the OES Cafeterium.
- School Finance Workshop, 6:30 p.m. at the OES Cafeterium.

### Thursday, May 3

- Pre-K Cinco de Mayo Parade, 9 a.m. at Ozona Elementary School.
- OHS National Honor Society ceremony, 11:30 a.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- CCCCSD School Board and Crockett County Commissioners' meeting, 1 p.m. at the courthouse annex.
- OHS Yearbook Talent Show, 6:30 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- Candidate Forum, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. Blanco, 7:30 p.m. at Harper.

### Friday, May 4

- Bad Weather Day - no classes for Ozona Schools.

### Saturday, May 5

- Crockett County Historic Day, 8:30 a.m. at the Civic Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. Blanco, 11 a.m. at Harper.
- Cinco de Mayo Dance, 8 p.m.-midnight at the OLPH Parish Hall.

### Sunday, May 6

- Guadalupean Enchilada Meal, noon at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Cinco de Mayo Parade, 2 p.m., followed by Tardiada, 2-7 p.m. at OLPH Catholic Church.
- Bingo, 3 p.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall.

### Monday, May 7 - Friday, May 11

- End-Of-Course Testing at Ozona High School.

### Monday, May 7

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

### Tuesday, May 8

- OHS Seniors Banana Split party at the Ozona Church of Christ.
- Conscious Discipline Series, 6-8 p.m. at the OES Library.
- Ozona Schools Spring Band Concert, 7 p.m. at the Convention Center.

### Wednesday, May 9

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

## OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY LYNN ENGLISH  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

What happened to our spring season? It was so hot last week.

I failed to mention last week that Bobbie Griffin came by and brought two memorial donations, one for Jim Couch and one for Katharine Russell. We thank you for your visit and for the memorials.

Several of our friends were in the hospital last week. They were Lupe Martinez, Barbara Maness, Weldon Maness and Patsy White. They were all at their home by Friday and on the mend.

The plan crash in Utah took the lives of Wade and Kyle Richardson was so tragic. Their family and many friends will miss them so very much. Our condolences go out to their family members and their many friends.

On Monday, May 7, will be the Crockett County Senior Center Board meeting at 6 p.m. at the Senior Center. All members are urged to attend.

The Concho Valley Community Action Council will be here at the Senior Center from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Tuesday, May 8, to help those who qualify with

their utilities.

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

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

Tuesdays have been set aside for any of you who would like to play dominos. You can play in late am or early afternoon. If you would like to set up a game, call Lynn English at 392-9094.

On Wednesday, a group meets to play Mexican Train. These players get 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 stand and a screen and have a wonderful keyboard. Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults 50 years old and older.

## Museum seeking items for upcoming bridal exhibit

The Crockett County Museum is putting together a month-long bridal exhibit for June.

The museum is seeking any and all types of wedding items to display, including dresses, photos, wedding ac-

cessories and more.

Items will be on display from June 1-30. Items donated will be able to be picked up after June 30.

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

## Happy Birthday

**May 2** - Jodi Adcock, Angelina Ramos and Becca Enriquez

**May 3** - Bianca Aiguier, Peggy Dickerson, Ryan Kennedy, Rita Rios, Cristy Dominguez, Kristen Mendoza and Josh Smith

**May 4** - Preston McCutcheon, Rebecca Rueffer, Ana Knaack, Jovanney Sanchez, Austin Perez, Michael Ramos, James Galindo, Jalen Lopez and Camille Hernandez

**May 5** - Amber Batura and Elma Buckner

**May 6** - Cyndi Longoria

**May 7** - Renee Padier, Kimberly Nowell, John David

Craig, Monica Ortiz, Reagan Lee Barrera, Allyson Gaige, Luke Burk, John Jackson, Shally Elston and Allisha Alba

**May 8** - Lauren Najar, Samantha Lara and Ollie May Chadwick

## HELPING HANDS NEWS

### MAY 2

•Beef enchilada casserole, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato salad, corn tortilla, salsa, fruit cup with oranges and milk.

### MAY 3

•Hamburger patty, brown gravy, lima beans, wheat bread, banana pudding and milk.

### MAY 4

•Tuna salad, macaroni salad, tangy coleslaw, wheat bread, peach cobbler and milk.

### MAY 7

•Meatballs with gravy, buttered noodles, zucchini and tomatoes, garlic roll, orange pineapple and milk.

### MAY 8

•Beef tips and mushrooms, fluffy rice, lemon broccoli, marinated carrots, white/wheat bread, cherry gelatin with fruit and milk.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Helen Elder White**

Helen Elder White passed away on the 28th of April 2012 at her home in Ozona, Texas. She was born on the 16th of April 1934 to Clara and Dave Elder. Educated in San Angelo Texas she graduated from Central High in 1952. She majored in geology at the University of Texas and graduated with a Bachelors of Science degree.

Helen is survived by her beloved husband of 56 years, Frank C. White, their two daughters Laura Anne White of Houston and Susan Michelle White McNeill of New Market, MD, her son-in-law Scott K. McNeill and her two granddaughters Valerie and Audrey McNeill.

Helen was a beautiful loving person who cared for her family and friends with love, understanding and tenderness. She brought out the best in all who loved her and she will be deeply missed.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, May 3 at 2 p.m. at Cedar Hill Cemetery, Ozona. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Crockett County Public Library.

Arrangements by Preddy Funeral Home.

**Mother's Day of Giving**

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 Hospice 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](http://www.hospiceofsanangelo.org) for credit card donations or call 658-6524.

**Wade C. Richardson  
December 12, 1954 - April 25, 2012**

*"Encourage the young men to live wisely in all they do. And you yourself must be an example to them by doing good deeds of every kind. Let everything you do reflect the integrity and seriousness of your teaching. Let your teaching be so correct that it can't be criticized."*  
Titus 2:6-8

Wade C. Richardson lived life to the fullest. He passed away on Wednesday, April 25, 2012 while pursuing yet another adventure. All are saddened by this tragedy. All rejoice in his memory.

Wade accomplished much in his 57 years. He often spoke fondly of playing on the Sonora High School State Co-Champion football team in 1971. In addition, Wade went to State in track and field winning the 440 relay and winning gold in pole vaulting. The bond between Wade and his Sonora teammates were never broken.

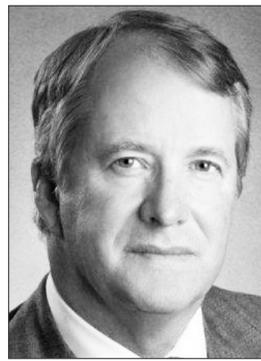
After graduation from Sonora High School as valedictorian, Wade attended Texas A&M University where he earned an undergraduate degree in Animal Science and continued his education pursuing a Master's degree. More friends. More unbroken ties.

Shortly after graduation with honors from Texas A&M, Wade moved to Ozona where he continued his family's tradition of ranching. Never one to rest on his Crockett County Pioneer laurels, Wade moved into banking where he served as a director of Crockett National Bank and later entered into the restaurant business owning several Dairy Queens. In addition Wade served as President of Crockett County Consolidated Common School District, served on the boards of the American Sheep Industry, Ozona Wool & Mohair, Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Assn., Ozona United Methodist Church and the Texas Agriculture Land Trust.

We also remember Wade for his less obvious accomplishments. A naturalist, philosopher, fly fisherman, photographer, pilot, mathematician, purveyor of mules, and mentor of young men all describe this eclectic individual. Indeed, so many lives were touched by Wade in so many ways.

Perhaps Wade will most be remembered for his undeniably strong family ties. He was married to his best friend, partner and confidant Jane Schwartz Richardson for thirty three years. Together, they raised three children Clay, Codi and Kyle. All three children excelled in their areas of endeavor further testifying to their strong upbringing.

Wade was preceded in death by a twin brother, Wesley Glen Richardson.



Survivors include his wife Jane Richardson; son and daughter-in-law Clay and Andie Richardson and grandson West Richardson; daughter and son-in-law Codi and Taylor Kingman, parents Glen and Rosalie Richardson and mother-in-law Gertrude Schwartz.

Pallbearers include Jack Baggett, Jr., Dan Davidson, John Weston, John Crew, David Wallace, Joe Eustace, Dwight Childress, Brian Barrett, Bruce Deifk, Louis Bunker and John L. Henderson.

Honorary Pallbearers are Norman Smith, Johnny Ireland, Sandy Stokes, Will Wallace, Marcus Sims, Mort Mertz, Joe Ruple, Gary Buck Mitchell, Bill Black, Rick Hunnicutt, Ric Barbatelli, Randy Crawford, Jennifer Bowen, Vicki Stokes, Carmen Sutton and Virginia Howell.

Funeral services were held at the Ozona United Methodist Church on Monday, April 30 followed by burial at Cedar Hills Cemetery.

Wade's family requests memorials be made to The Wade and Kyle Richardson Memorial Fund, c/o San Angelo Area Foundation, 2201 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

**Kyle Wade Richardson  
April 16, 1984 - April 25, 2012**

Kyle waltzed through life and everybody he met wanted to dance. Kyle Wade Richardson lived each day of his short life as if it were his last. He woke up every morning completely focused on the endless possibilities that awaited him and marched forward with a smile on his face and a positive attitude in his heart. Kyle left us on April 25, 2012 in pursuit of his final memory.

As with all of his endeavors, Kyle breezed through Ozona High School where he graduated Summa Cum Laude and Valedictorian. He participated in 4-H, was quarterback of his football team and was inducted into the National Honor Society. Kyle loved technology and played an integral part in his school's computer systems.

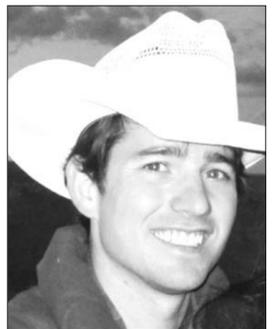
Kyle attended Texas A&M University where he received both a B.S. and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering. In addition, he was awarded the Business Management Certificate for Engineers, the Engineering Scholars Program, the Bill and Janice Hanna Scholarship and the Abell-Hanger Scholarship. Kyle served as Vice President of the Pi Tau Sigma Honors Society, elected Muster Host and Leader of Freshmen Engineers.

Kyle was also a member of the Kappa Alpha Order where he served as Corresponding Secretary, Philanthropy Chair, Scholarship Chair, Alumni Committee, Pledge Class President and was elected to the Order of Omega Honor Society where he served as Vice President.

While studying at Texas A&M University, Kyle traveled to Argentina where he studied Spanish in a university setting. He also studied abroad for six weeks in Germany. Finally, Kyle managed to obtain his Rescue Scuba Diver Certification and his Private Instrument Pilot Rating.

After graduating from Texas A&M, Kyle continued working on the family's Crockett County ranch but was immediately hired by ExxonMobil US Production. Later he was employed by Lewis Energy in their drilling division. Next, Kyle became the lead engineer for J Cleo Thompson and was planning to return to Lewis Energy as completions engineer.

Indeed, Kyle loved adventure and pushing himself towards perfection. But what Kyle loved most was his family. His brother



Clay and his sister Codi were undoubtedly his closet friends. Kyle considered them a "team" and they lived, worked and played as such along with his loving parents Wade and Jane. Never has there been a closer-knit family.

Kyle met the love of his life, Nicole Lewis of San Antonio, Texas and they were engaged to be married on September 29, 2012. Kyle and Nicole shared so much in common. Both students of knowledge, both seasoned aviators, both lovers of adventure and both totally committed to one another.

Kyle was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather Charlie Schwartz. Survivors include his mother Jane Richardson; his fiancée Nicole Lewis; his brother and sister-in-law Clay and Andie Richardson and their son West; his sister and brother-in-law Codi and Taylor Kingman; his fraternal grandparents Glen and Rosalie Richardson; his maternal grandmother Gertrude Schwartz and his aunt and uncle Kem and Robert Kyburz and their children Peyton, Ryan and Kate.

Pallbearers include Lawson Mertz, Will Slaughter, Charles Campbell, Josh Grizzle, Coley Means, Chase Clark, Wilson Stokes, Ted Spence, G.L. Bunker and Mark Foley.

Honorary Pallbearers are Norman Smith, Jared Spence, Mort Mertz, Chet Stuart, Lance Voekel and Jennifer Bowen

Funeral services were held at the Ozona United Methodist Church Monday, April 30, followed by burial at Cedar Hill Cemetery.

Kyle's family requests memorials be made to The Wade and Kyle Richardson Memorial Fund, c/o San Angelo Area Foundation, 2201 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, Texas 76901.

**Andrew Villarreal**

Andrew Jae Villarreal earned his true badge of honor as he entered the gates of God's kingdom on April 28, 2012 at the age of 7. His final days were spent surrounded by family and friends that Andrew had touched during his short, but very meaningful life. Andrew's life would seem much too short to many. But those who were touched by this little guy knew, without a doubt, that the quality of life far exceeds the quantity of time in which it is lived. His gentle smile and infectious laugh could easily melt the hearts of those in his presence.

Although Andrew's life was never without illness, he possessed unbelievable strength, perseverance, and the ability to overcome incredible odds. With his unfailing courage Andrew demonstrated to us the abundant blessings in each day and the opportunity to make lasting memories. He had an immense love for God and an unfaltering faith that could move mountains. Andrew never missed the blessing at any meal and he always prayed for the needs of others.

Andrew possessed such a vibrant, witty personality. He had a love for baseball and was awarded the awesome opportunity to play for the Lubbock Challenger Little League Red Sox. Andrew's biggest dream was to become a firefighter when he grew up. Hours before he earned his wings Andrew received a special visit from the Lubbock Fire Department. He got to take a ride in the fire engine and was then promoted to Deputy Fire Chief. He couldn't have been filled with a greater sense of joy. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the heroes with the Lubbock Fire Department for bringing Andrew's most celebrated dream to fruition.

Those left to cherish his memory are his mother and stepfather, Sasha & Danny Downing; father, Ismael Villarreal, Jr.; brothers, Cason Villarreal, Logan Downing, and Carson Down-



ing; sister, Alyssa Smith; paternal grandparents, Martha Flores, Ismael Villarreal, Sr. and J. L. and LaNell Downing; great-grandparents, Eustolia Villarreal, Debbie Wheeler and Norweta Mathis; aunts and uncles, Charles and Gracie Villarreal, Laken and Evan Vanderwall, Chris Wheeler "Uncle Bubba", Greg Downing, and Peter and Debra Grosz; and many cousins. He is preceded in death by one great-grandfather, Bobby Wheeler and great-grandparents, Conrado Flores, Martha Flores, Azael Villarreal.

Andrew also leaves behind many wonderful caregivers that provided such tremendous support to enhance the quality of his life. Andrew's love extends to the wonderful staff at Covenant Medical Center, to those at Bright Star for his superior care at home, and to Guardian for always providing the needed supplies on a moment's notice. There is a very special place in our hearts for Andrew's namesake and cardiologist, Dr. Andrew Robinson, and for his very gifted surgeon, Dr. James Harrell. Due to their continuous love and dedication Andrew was able to survive some of his greatest medical challenges.

Services were Tuesday, May 1, 2012 at Trinity Church with interment to follow at Peaceful Gardens.

Please celebrate the life of Andrew by visiting [www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com](http://www.combestfamilyfuneralhomes.com).

**THE OLD COUPLE**

They are up in years and have a hard time working and have very little or no money. Both of them have a number of health problems but in spite of this they always seem to have a good attitude and talk about trusting in God. I love to visit with them and they tell me they pray together every morning asking for God's care and every evening thanking Him for His watching over them. The Bible talks a lot about God's care for us and the word used is Loving-kindness. The Bible says we can approach God only because He loves and cares for us, (Psalm 5:7). It goes on to say that He wants to hear from us and we can have confidence in Him, (Psalm 66:2-4, 23:6). One great thing beside Him loving us, no matter what, is that God can and will forgive our sins if we ask, (Psalm 25:7, 51:1, 59:16). The Bible says God's love is everywhere no matter where you go, (Psalm 33:5, 36:5). We are also encouraged to never give up trusting in Him, (Psalm 52:8&9). God's help and watching over us better than life itself, (Psalm 63:3&4). Sadly to say many will not put their trust in God and it will cost them in this life but so so much more in the life to come, (Psalm 32:10). Those who trust in God will have their life satisfied with many good things, (Psalm 90:14).  
See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

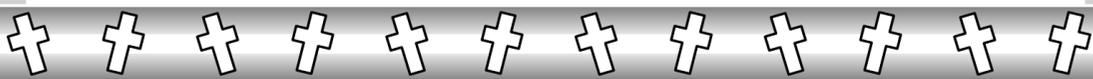
<b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.	<b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.	<b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.
<b>Templo Bautista Jerusalem</b> 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.	<b>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.	<b>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church</b> 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.
<b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> 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.	<b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b> 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.	<b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Tues. - Sat.: 6 p.m.
<b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.	<b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</b>	<b>Apostolic Church</b> 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugi Vega Sunday School: 4 p.m. Sunday Worship: 5 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.
<b>New Beginnings Church</b> 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.		<b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

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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.

## Cinco de Mayo events this weekend

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will host several events this weekend for Cinco de Mayo.

On Saturday, May 5, Band Texican-Soul will perform from 8 p.m.-midnight in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$5 per person.

Cameron Pena, daughter of Christie and Diego Pena, will be crowned Cinco de Mayo Queen.

On Sunday, May 6, the Guadalupanas will serve enchiladas at noon in the Parish Hall.

ish Hall.

The parade will be at 2 p.m. Anyone interested in being in the parade, call Ashlee Ramos at 392-3353.

At 3 p.m. there will be Bingo in the Parish Hall. The Tardiada will be from 2-7 p.m. and feature music, food and games at the church pavilion. Anyone interested in having a booth, call Sylvia DeHoyos-Longoria or Margaret Longoria at 392-3565.

Everyone is invited to come and have a good time.

## School finance workshops continue today

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 financial concerns that affect services to children and conditions for teachers and staff.

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

May 2 - School Finance - Budget Challenges for CCCCCSD, 2012-2013 and Beyond

For more information, call 392-5501.

## Answers on Aging May 24

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, May 24, 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 are housed in the Area Agency on Aging include: Advocacy (Texas Silver Haired Legislature), Benefits Counseling, Care Coordination (Prescription & 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

## School board meeting today, Thursday

The CCCCCSD School Board will hold a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. tonight, May 2, in the Ozona Elementary School Cafeterium.

Items on the agenda:  
 -Consider possible offer to purchase portable buildings.

-Executive/Closed Session - consider professional contracts for 2012-2013, vacancies and staffing for 2012-2013 and resignations.

-Possible action from Executive/Closed Session.

The board will also meet with the Crockett County Commissioners' Court at

1 p.m. Thursday, May 3, at the courthouse annex.

The only item on the agenda for this meeting is a workshop on inter-governmental relations conducted by Blake Powell, Sara Leon and Jody Upham.

Both meetings are open to the public.

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**ACROSS**

- Muslim leader
- TXism: "I couldn't buy hay for a night" (broke)
- cattle \_\_\_\_\_ for a living
- TXism: "pay \_\_\_\_\_ never mind"
- on the Gulf: "Sea \_\_\_\_\_ State Park"
- "Cowboys \_\_\_\_\_" is in Arlington Oklahoma town
- San \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- first "K" of KKK
- TXism: "in this \_\_\_\_\_ of the woods"
- Gonzales h.s. class beats up in England
- TXism: "he's a frisky fiddler"
- \_\_\_\_\_ welding
- Tex Ritter sang "\_\_\_\_\_ Whiskey"
- UT's William H. Goetzmann won Pulitzer for book "Exploration and \_\_\_\_\_" ('66)
- Stanton is seat of this county
- nickname of Ditka who was Cowboy player & coach
- perform the task again
- "Alamo City" abbr.
- filament in a light bulb
- This Tommie was Daryl Johnston's backup in early '90s
- redneck tool kit: \_\_\_\_\_ tape
- this Strickland played for the Spurs ('90-'92)
- TX-based computer tech co.
- TX Kelly Clarkson \_\_\_\_\_ for a living
- "\_\_\_\_\_ Texas" (The Sun of Texas)
- this TX town is a backwards "Lucas" community college in Corpus: Del \_\_\_\_\_ College
- \_\_\_\_\_ "cash \_\_\_\_\_" in business
- Austin univ.
- this Farrow was in "A Wedding" with TX-born Carol Burnett
- what Mavs, Spurs, & Rockets like to do at the net (2 wds.)
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ a scalded hog"
- "E" of Ranger or Astro stat ERA
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hedwig, TX
- TXism: "mucha \_\_\_\_\_" (girl)
- country singer McEntire
- snake sound (2 wds.)
- TX Doak Walker played for this Detroit team
- TX Kenny sang "I Don't \_\_\_\_\_ You" clairvoyance (abbr.)
- environmental TX company
- TX-based TV film: "Bed of \_\_\_\_\_" ('92)
- TX mythical cowboy "Pecos \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "I'm at the \_\_\_\_\_ of my rope"
- Beaumont Univ.
- TXism: "hair raisin"

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- Visit the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUCT) electric choice website at [www.powertochoose.org](http://www.powertochoose.org). If you don't have access to a computer, you can call the PUCT's Electric Choice hotline at 1-866-PWR-4-TEX (797-4839).
- Use the information you receive to contact different REPs to collect more information on various services and offers. Also contact your current REP at the number listed on your electric bill for other offers that may be available. Ask about contract terms and prices and be sure to look at the REPs' Electricity Facts Labels to make a good comparison.

**Need some help?**

Customers having trouble paying their electric bills and wishing to avoid disconnection should discuss their concerns with their current retail electric provider. All REPs are required to offer deferred payment plans to eligible customers who express an inability to pay. REPs also offer balanced billing plans, which allow eligible customers to pay an average amount each month year-round.

Additionally, many community action agencies may be able to help with electric bills or energy efficiency programs. For more information, contact the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs (TDHCA) at 1-800-525-0657, e-mail at [info@tdhca.state.tx.us](mailto:info@tdhca.state.tx.us) or visiting one of the following websites.

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# Lady Lions place second in District

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.

Ozona played its last district game on April 17. The Lady Lions lost to Wall 9-3.

Pitching - Adrienne Sanchez; Catcher - Kodi Glos-son.

Sanchez had eighth strikeouts; Glos-son, Samantha De La Garza and Vivian Medina each had 1 run.

It was also Senior Night for the Lady Lions. Sanchez and Stacie Quiroz were hon-ored.

"Wall is a good team and we had to have a con-sistent game to come out on top, but unfortunately our consistency wasn't there," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. "I am proud of the way our Lady Lions finished district play and we are now fo-

cused on our next season, the playoffs."

Ozona held a practice game on April 20 against El-dorado. The Lady Lions won 10-6.

Pitching - Sanchez; Catcher - Glos-son.

Sanchez had six strike-outs and 3 runs; Cynthia Garcia had 2 runs and Glos-son, 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 under-stand 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 mis-takes, we were able to have a positive result."



THE OZONA LADY LIONS WALK THE FENCELINE AT THE COMFORT FIELD BEFORE THE LADIES BI-DISTRICT GAME HELD ON MONDAY, APRIL 30.



BETHANY MARTINEZ SPRINTS TOWARD THE BALL in the Lady Lions Bi-District playoff game against Comfort on Monday, April 30.

## OHS needs scholarship winners

This year Ozona High School will be having an Academic Banquet rather than an Academic "Program."

It will be a formal, catered event on May 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Convention Center.

OHS officials are asking local organizations offering scholarships to contact Susie duBois at the high school with information as to who will be the presenter of the scholarship and who the recipient will be as well.

Reservations at the banquet will then be made for presenters and recipients.

The school will invite

the senior scholarship winners to the banquet but will only tell them that they are receiving some kind of award that night. No specifics as to what exactly will be indicated.

Because some local organizations do not go through the OHS office to distribute and collect scholarship applications, it is important that someone from those particular organizations contact the school and let them know.

For more information, call Susie duBois at 392-5501, ext. 5740, or e-mail her at susie.dubois@ozon-schools.net.

# Lions beat Ballinger, make playoffs

The Ozona Lions made a comeback last week to beat Ballinger and put the baseball team into the play-offs for the first time since 2000.

The Lions defeated the Bearcats 4-3 led by Freshman Chase DeHoyos who gave a gutsy pitching performance giving up 2 earned runs, walked 2 and struck out five Ballinger hitters in eighth innings.

DeHoyos also contributed at the plate with the go ahead RBI in the top of the ninth to bring in Senior Alejandro Mendez.

Mendez drove in the tying run in the top of seventh to send the game into extra innings. Mendez was down to his final strike, when he connected with a fastball and drove a single between the shortstop and third baseman.

This allowed sophomore Saul Vargas to score. Vargas set up the scoring

opportunity after keeping the inning alive with a two out single. He then advanced to second after an errant throw by the first baseman.

This set up Mendez's RBI single.

"This was a great game by both sides. Ballinger played extremely tough and we had to fight the entire game. Fortunately, we were able to pull out the victory," said Ray Talamantes.

Pitching - DeHoyos and Glen Tinny; Catcher - Mendez.

Leading players were Vargas, 2 for 3, walk, 1 run scored (tying run in the seventh); Mendez, 1 for 4, 1 RBI (tying RBI in the seventh), 1 run scored (winning run in the ninth); DeHoyos, 1 for 4, 1 walk, 1 RBI (game winning RBI in top of the ninth).

Ozona will play either Blanco or Comfort in Bi-District. Date and time have not been decided yet.



NIKKI RAY SANCHEZ a sophomore at San Marcos High School, is the 5-A Region IV champ in the 800 meter relay and will compete in the state meet in Austin on May 12. She is the daughter of Anthony and Megan Sanchez, formerly of Ozona. Her grandparents Tony and Lupe Sanchez and Uncle Mike of Ozona traveled to San Antonio to watch her run in the regional meet.

## Lions Basketball Camp May 28-30

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

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

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

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

# OHS Track Teams compete at Region I Meet

The Ozona Lions and Lady Lions competed at the Region I-2A Track and Field Meet on April 27-28.

Competing for the Lions was Jerrod duBois in the shot put, Michael Vargas in the pole vault, and Saul Vargas in the 3200 meter run.

Jerrod duBois was the first to compete for the Lions. He threw the shot over 39 feet but it was not enough to qualify for finals.

Saul Vargas then competed in the 3200 and finished at the back of the pack. Michael Vargas competed the next day in the pole vault and finished at the 10-foot, 6-inch level.

"The boys team struggled at the Regional competition but they are all coming back and two were sophomores. They have a bright future going 1A for the rest of their high school days and look forward to having the experience under their belts next year to be major players in 1A," said Coach Erik Thormaehlen.

Competing for the Lady Lions was, Vivian Medina in

the discus, Daisy Guerra in the 1600 meter run, Cynthia Garcia in the 200 meter dash, and Guerra, Garcia, Lexi Poindexter and Jennifer Venegas in the mile relay.

The Lady Lions suffered a similar fate. Vivian Medina threw the discus in the morning and also failed to qualify for finals.

Daisy Guerra selflessly gave up her spot in the 3200 meter run and Jennifer Venegas, Lexi Poindexter, and Cynthia Garcia did the same in the 800 relay in order to be more fresh for the mile relay.

Cynthia Garcia did compete in the 200 meter dash.

"The results came out that she had finished last in her heat. I discussed this with the other coaches and we filed a written appeal. The meet director claimed that although the machine was wrong and she was in fact third in her heat, she did not run a fast enough time to qualify for the finals," Thormaehlen said. "The machine clocked her at 27.9, more than a second behind her district time and

nearly a full second behind her time at Mertzon. Cynthia gave a great effort and while this was disappointed, she took the decision with a smile and prepared for the mile relay."

In the mile relay the girls ran four strong legs and finished with a time of 4:20.06, a mere .17 seconds behind district rival Sonora.

The girls finished with a rank of 14 in the region. They finished ahead of other teams that were seeded above them, such as district rival Wall, who finished 2.64 seconds behind the Lady Lions.

Daisy Guerra competed Saturday in the 1600 meter run. Daisy finished in eighth place, quite ahead of where she was seeded, and ran the fastest time of her career, 5:46.63.

She finished less than a second behind district Champion Morgan Stone of Grape Creek.

"Daisy ran a perfect race strategically and was the bright spot of a tough learning experience for the Lions and Lady Lions," Thormaehlen said.



OHS SENIORS were honored by Crockett National Bank on April 27 at the Customer Appreciation Fajita Luncheon.

### Youth Center Calendar

<p><b>7th and 8th Grades Food Night</b> Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.</p> <p><b>OHS Food Night Mondays 7-10 p.m.</b></p> <p><b>7th and 8th Grades Hours:</b> Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.</p>	<p>Wednesday: 2-7 p.m. Saturday: 7-10 p.m.</p> <p><b>CLOSED SUNDAYS!</b></p> <p><b>High School Hours:</b> Monday: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday: 2-7 p.m. Wednesday: 7-10 p.m. Thursday: 2-10 p.m. Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight Saturday: 2-7 p.m.</p>
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# Ozona Bands end year on a high note

BY STEPHEN MARTIN  
OZONA BAND DIRECTOR

In May 2010, I was approached by a colleague who had connections to the Ozona band program. He told me about the history and expressed that he felt it was a monumental challenge to return the band program to a successful level, but one he knew would be worth it for the students, the school, and the city of Ozona.

At first I was reluctant, but as he told me more I began to be intrigued by the challenge. Sometimes no one in particular does anything wrong, but constant revolving change in directors or administration and lack of consistency can weaken a once successful program and slide it into decline. Having rebuild several programs, I understood the gravity of the situation. At that time I believe I may have been one of the few in the music business who felt the program could change in a positive direction or was even worth the effort at all.

When I arrived, I saw first hand the effects the decline had taken on the band program. As we started the school year, I was able to see the picture more clearly to give me the direction we needed to take the program to get back on track for success. Just as when you hit the restore button on your computer it blanks out the memory and starts over, that is what the band program went through in the fall of 2010. What is important here in this picture are the feelings of the students who had to face these challenges. Some of these students had already experienced the changes of 3 different head directors and 3 assistant directors over their band career, and here we were changing it once again. They could have easily given up and said no, but as I talked with many of them that first summer, they agreed to come back and give band just one more try.

Over the last two years, the program has undergone a complete renovation. Just as all stable and sturdy buildings start with a firm foundation, great musicians and ensembles must have a strong understanding of music theory fundamentals to rely on. At that point in time, many students in the band program were missing many important required music knowledge and skills. You must understand that learning to play an instrument is best accomplished when fundamentals are learned in order and at the appropriate grade level. It is more difficult for a student to master playing an instrument if he or she is missing skills that they should have learned in the beginning stages of their instruction. They are best learned the first time around. To help repair the program, every student including high

school members went back through as many fundamentals as we could give them. I say this as a compliment to our wonderful students who had to endure this "unlearn-relearn" process from the back side and then perform publicly with skills they were working to acquire at the same time. We are proud of their efforts and look forward to the accomplishments they strive for daily. The students have created something they can take pride in. While the program may appear to be going well, there is actually a frantic level of teaching still going on as these students are still mastering basic skills and also beginning the process of learning the advance skills needed to really excel. They are beginning to understand that success requires a very high level of commitment. Our students are meeting every step of this challenge with lion pride and are determined to reach their goals for the Ozona Band!

As I took on the challenge of renovating the band program here, I also had to deal with the challenge of finding good help. In 2010, the applicant pool for assistant directors interested in Ozona was almost zero. It was difficult to find a candidate who wanted to reside in rural area and deal with rebuilding a band program from the ground up. I was so fortunate to find Elizabeth Bouquin, a fresh and energetic West Texas A&M music graduate and 2006 All-State ATSSB flautist. She has been a blessing to the students of Ozona and the band program. Besides being a willing learner as I threw her twenty books on how to deal with real world problems that you don't learn about in college, I also had to prepare her for how a new director takes a derailed program and gets it back on track. She has exceeded my expectations as a young director dealing with the stress of the first years of teaching let alone reviving a struggling band program. I am impressed with her innovative and student-engaging teaching style. Just look at the young bands this year and you will see what I mean. The seventh grade band successfully completed books 1 & 2 in their first two years and is playing level 2A high school music. The other OMS bands are doing very well also. Justina Saunders at elementary has been a god send as she helped us be aware of what the young students needed as they transitioned to the middle school. Her excellence in teaching has been the best I have seen. We have demanded a high standard of excellence in the band program because we care about our students and want them to believe in themselves and take pride in what they do.

The support of the community and the band parents has been outstanding, and

I appreciate the comments made every time I am shopping and eating out around town. Your encouragement and great concert attendance is appreciated by the students who work so hard to perform at their best for you. As the saying goes, behind every successful man is the support of a good woman. My wife, Cathey, is really the one who keeps me going and organized. Her commitment at her own sacrifice to my career is why I still enjoy working. I love teaching music, but I also am here for the students of Ozona. Without her undying support I would probably not be here at all.

I have been humbled at the support of many directors around the state as they have noticed what is going on here in the Ozona band program. When the Texas state UIL office uses our program as a "textbook example" of how to rebuild a band, people notice. When several dozen of the state's top directors talk about how great it is that this program is finally coming back, I am proud to show off the work of our students. Several top award winning directors from this part of the state have come and visited us to see what is happening here because they are seeing the results of our hard work in the performances. It is great to hear them say we are doing it the right way, and we see many common denominators in our styles of teaching. I do not say this for our benefit as directors, but for you to know that the progress of the band program here in Ozona is a result of your kids working so hard to bring pride back to the Lion band. It is the positive collaboration of this professional learning community of students and school personnel that will ensure this program stays on track toward success.

We are proud of what has been accomplished these last two years. We hope you have seen a positive difference, not only in the performance quality, but in the attitude of our students. The fact that the high school band has grown from 26 to 80 members, and is now performing at the 2A level in spite of the big leap they took in the level of difficulty I handed them this year, is a sign of their interest, growing musicianship, and commitment to the band program. We could have played easy music again, but it is not about the ratings. It is so much more about them increasing their abilities and attaining skills. However, success

comes from good knowledge and skills. The fact that the OHS Band sight-reading scores have improved dramatically over several years is a sign of the progress they are making. The fact that the middle school bands are show great progress is the result of good management and a testament of the commitment of the staff to do it in a right way that grows the program musically. The program is showing signs of stepping to the next level and that is something we can all be excited about! We believe that what the band students have accomplished is only a drop in the bucket compared to what we hope you will see in the next few years as the students meet their potential and reach for their goals, but we know this can only happen with consistency and your support! We hope you will come and enjoy an evening of music that will let you hear how hard these ladies and gentlemen of the band work! We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Crockett County Convention Center!

# Ozona Bands performing Tuesday

On Tuesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. at the Crockett County Convention Center the Ozona Schools Instrumental Music Department will perform its annual spring concert.

The public is invited to see the progress the program is making. All of the bands will perform several selections.

"This is a great opportunity to see how the program builds from the ground up. Each group will show what skills they have worked on this year, and how that builds into the next year. Some of the highlights will be seeing how the students progress from the basics in the first year to more advanced skills in the second. You will really notice how much they learn from year one to year two when you see and hear the seventh grade band. The eighth grade band has had the most difficult time as that group is still rebuilding, and yet they have shown significant progress. The OHS band has really done an outstanding job this year, and you will get to see that as they perform a wide variety of challenging music," said

Band Director Stephen Martin.

The directors for the band program are Stephen Martin and Elizabeth Bouquin.

The band parents will be auctioning desserts during the concert to support the bands. The parents have done a fantastic job of supporting the band program this year. Maria Perez, Susan Bilano, and Leesa Marshall have given many hours of hard work to provide for our needs.

## 2012-2013 OHS Band Leaders, Colorguard

The 2012-2013 OHS Band Leaders and Colorguard were selected over the weekend.

Drum Major - Chris Cantu  
Assistants - Lazarae Rodriguez and O'rion Bilano

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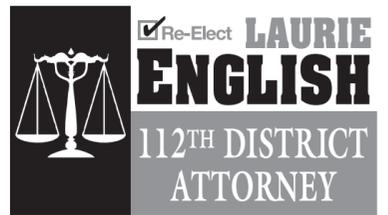
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# OMS Honor Rolls

Ozona Middle School Fifth 6 Weeks Honor Rolls.

### A HONOR ROLL

**Sixth Grade** - Alejandra Camarillo, Kassidy Gonzalez, Brenna Hale, Murray Logan and Samantha Torralba.

**Seventh Grade** - Austin Elguea, Garry Held, Asia Lara, Kamryn Lozano, Julie Marshall, Rachel Mendoza, Sidney Perez, Elizabeth Rodriguez, Kabir Shah, Jasmine Talamantez and Dacie Taylor.

**Eighth Grade** - Alex Hopper, McKenna Moses, Jeremy Munoz and Estefania Torralba.

### A - B HONOR ROLL

**Sixth Grade** - Josae Coy, Zephen Cuevas, Roman Esparza, Angel Gamez, Audrey Gandar, Rodrigo Gonzales, Michel Guerrero, Larissa Hernandez, Brandon Jara, Ciera Lee, Caleb Martinez,

Toni Parker, Cecilia Ramirez, Denise Rodriguez, Jennifer Rodriguez, Kobe Rodriguez, Kaelan Savala, Jacob Schroeder, Hunter Smith and Autumn Villarreal.

**Seventh Grade** - Jasmine Carty, Luis Contreras, Thomas Cruz, Thomas Fay, Madison Galindo, Trys-tian Galindo, Madyson Hubbard, Maiah Jurado, Trace Justiss, Jennifer Lewis, Timothy Maldonado, Caleb Martinez, Preston McCutcheon, Juan Mendez, Alberto Rodriguez, Pricila Rodriguez, Kelly Sewell, Azaylea Tovar and Megan Vasquez.

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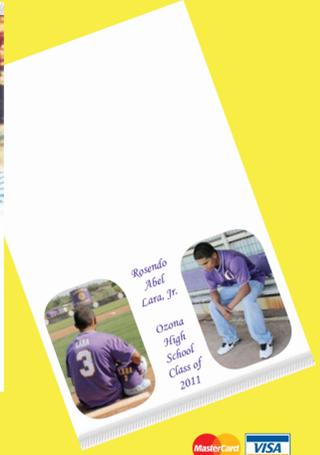
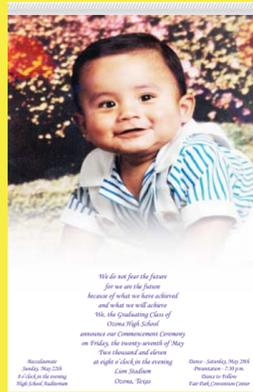
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# RICHARDSONS: 'He became the epitome of a Texas gentleman'

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and understanding and had a true concern for other people, always quick to offer help in whatever form was needed to someone in need," Fenton said. "I have a lot of good memories from that short time spent with their family. He will be sorely missed by many."

Her first boss, Selena Newby, of Ozona, said she will never forget how kind the Richardsons were.

"Some of the best people you'll ever meet," she said.

Former employee Roylan Sullivan, of Ozona, said Wade was a good business man with a soft heart.

"I always knew where I stood with him. He always treated me with respect. He always did what he said he would do, and, you could always count on him to do the proper thing," she said. "I learned so much from him. He also expected the best of everyone around him, which was sometimes difficult, but it made me always try my hardest to meet his expectations. He made you want to do your best, because he always did his best."

It was Wade's love of family and friends and faith that Crockett County Rancher Jack Baggett said he will remember most.

"When it came to matters of the heart, Wade was in a class by himself," Baggett said. "He was a mentor of young men. He did lead by example. He was unequal as a husband and father. Wade and Jane worked well as a team. They complimented each other."

Baggett also spoke of Wade's love of fishing and travel.

"He also made perhaps the best pancakes I've ever had," Baggett said. "He taught us so much about life and how it should be."

Melissa Harvick Masters was a third cousin to Wade. Masters grew up in Ozona and now lives in Ohio. She said her favorite memories of Wade were at family reunions.

"We always had such a fabulous time. It seems we were able to spend more time together, as third cousins, than most first cousins do now," Masters said. "Although no particular memory stands out more than others, I remember Wade's smile. He was so cute and so happy and always running, always laughing. Because I moved away and didn't get back to Ozona often, my memories of an older Wade are few, but his smile remained and his compassion and kindness shone. To me he became the epitome of a Texas gentleman."

In his short life, Kyle achieved many great things, just like his father.

Both Kyle and Wade were valedictorians of their high school classes, excelled on the football field and graduated from Texas A&M University with honors.

Along with Kyle, the Richardsons have two other children, a son Clay and a daughter Codi. Clay is keeping up the family tradition by running the ranch in Crockett County. Clay and his wife Andie have a newborn son West. Codi is a doctor in Temple, Texas and married to Taylor Kingman.

"The strongest influence in Kyle's life was family. I've never met one closer," said friend Charles Campbell. "He was so proud to be an uncle and he had the pictures to prove it."

Growing up, Kyle's closest friends were his brother and sister.

"One of my fondest memories was looking out the window of my office, which was at the back of the building, and seeing the three Richardson kids walking arm in arm across the back lot just laughing and chatting amongst themselves like close friends. Most siblings their age would have been arguing, aggravating or ignoring each other," Fenton said. "I remember being awed how obvious it was that they loved each other and truly enjoyed being together."

Newby said the trio was always asking for Dairy

Queen treats.

"I was asked for dipped cones and it was always my pleasure to put smiles on those kids' faces," she said. Kyle was a year older than Fenton's son Koby. Throughout middle and high school, Kyle and Koby did lots of activities together.

"Koby thought the world of him and was delighted when he took the time to attend his wedding in October. That was the last time we saw him. He always had a smile on his face and that's the way we will always remember him," Fenton said.

Kyle followed in the family business, opening up his own Dairy Queen in Marlin, Texas. He also found success in Midland working for several oil and gas companies, most recently J Cleo Thompson and Lewis Energy.

"His biggest goal was to drill his own well before he turned 30. Last month, his first well was a success," Campbell said.

Kyle recently became engaged to Nicole Lewis, of San Antonio. The couple was planning to wed in September.

"He was transparent happiness. He had a pure heart and genuine intentions with nothing to hide," Campbell said. "He treated everyone with respect and believed the best you."

Classmates Wilson Stokes and Chase Clark remembered spending time at the ranch with Kyle, going on school trips and the love Kyle had for his family.

"Kyle was with me during some of the most crucial stages of my life. I will miss him dearly," Stokes said.

"He was one of my most faithful friends. He loved a challenge and achieved everything he set his mind to. I will cherish all the memories we had together," Clark added.

News of the plane accident on April 26 spread quickly throughout Ozona and Texas.

"It has been years since I have been in Ozona but my memories of being on their

ranch and enjoying the West Texas atmosphere and their hospitality will always rate highly. I was accepted to be part of a hunting party that leased their property many years ago and will always remember what a wonderful family they are and the business strength of Wade. My thoughts and prayers are with them," said Rick Cruz, of Fort Worth, Texas.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the accident is a tragedy and a loss for all of Ozona.

"Kyle sure had a promising future. His charisma was contagious," Deaton said. "I always respected Wade's insight and opinions on business and community issues. Wade invested his time, effort and energy into Ozona and Ozona prospered for it."

A report from the San Juan County Sheriff's Office in Utah stated that it appeared that the plane had just lifted off from a small back country air field just outside of the Dark Canyon Wilderness area. After liftoff, the plan flew east but soon crashed for unknown reasons around one mile from the airstrip.

The plane was registered to Kyle Richardson.

According to an article in the Midland Reporter-Telegram, the Richardsons flew into Price, Utah, on Wednesday and hired Newby at Redtail Aviation to serve as a guide for the back country tour, said Mark Francis, the pilot's brother-in-law and owner of Redtail Aviation.

It was Newby's portable GPS beacon that transmitted the plane's last known coordinates, said Francis, who visited the remote crash site more than 200 miles south of Salt Lake City.

It wasn't clear who was flying the plane because Newby and Kyle Richardson both were pilots, Francis said.

San Juan County Sheriff's Officials stated that the plane went missing around 1:30 p.m. April 25 leaving only the GPS coordinates col-

lected from a spot beacon.

The release states the plane was recovered at 4 a.m. April 26.

Redtail Aviation, out of Price, Utah, contacted the San Juan County Sheriff's Office and reported that they had not heard from the plane for several hours. San Juan County Sheriff's Deputies, along with Utah Highway Patrol Aero Bureau, flew to the last known coordinates that were received by the spot beacon to discover the plane had crashed and that there were no survivors, the release stated.

The victims had to be airlifted from the crash scene by the UHP helicopter to the nearest highway, State Road 95, where San Juan County Deputies and Search and Rescue personnel transported the victim's remains to Blanding, Utah and then to the Office of the Utah Medical Examiner in Salt Lake City, officials stated.

"To try and access it by foot would be painstaking and very lengthy," said San Juan County Sheriff Rick Eldredge, in an article by KSL Utah. "The only way to access this is by horseback or by foot, and it's just very rugged, steep canyons."

Newby, 55, the pilot that was also killed with Wade and Kyle, is survived by his wife and two grown children. Francis said, in a Salt Lake Tribune article, that Newby has been flying since he was in his 20s and had been a flight instructor for years.

"He's a guy who lights up the room — always joking and pulling pranks — keeps us all on our toes," Francis said. "He was a big, shining part of this operation, and we'll miss him."

The FAA and National Transportation Safety Board are investigating the crash. A preliminary report may be released in a few weeks, but the final report usually takes several months.

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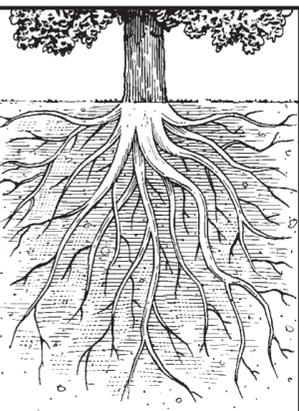
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**RON:** from page 1

Enforcement from Tarrant County College. I have thousands of training hours in law enforcement and public safety management. Training agencies include the Texas Department of Public Safety, Texas A&M (TEEX), the Federal Emergency Management Institute, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, and many other law enforcement agencies.

Political Experience - In 1974 when I was promoted to a supervisory position and I began working with elected officials. Although elected to positions in professional organizations I have never been a candidate for a political office.

Current Civic Involvement - I am a member of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department. In the past I have worked as a local coordinator for the United Way and I have directed a law enforcement explorer group and instructed in citizen police and fire academies.

**WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES?**

1. To establish a community service program. A community service program will provide an avenue for citizens to interact with the sheriff's office. The implementation of a

community service program will include personal contacts, case follow-ups, public service programs, interaction with civic organizations and public relations. A community service program can help develop programs with our businesses, work with the chamber of commerce, help with community events and community organizations. The sheriff's office belongs to the people and everyone needs to feel they can approach any employee of the sheriff's office and receive friendly, respectful and cooperative service. The community service program will also be used to develop cooperative programs with our public schools to assist them whenever possible.

2. To obtain maximum efficiency within the sheriff's office through duty assignments. The sheriff is responsible for the management of the sheriff's office, the review of all reports, filing case reports and overseeing the budget. The sheriff must be the administrator and the person running the day to day operations of the sheriff's office. My goal is to manage resources and provide maximum personnel on patrol. It is too easy for a deputy who is working alone to become involved in a dangerous situation with no expectation of immediate help.

3. To return the office of sheriff to one that is respected

by other public safety agencies and the citizens of Crockett County. I will work to foster an organization that has a cooperative spirit with fire, EMS, DPS and surrounding law enforcement agencies. The sheriff's office does not have the manpower or resources to handle a major disaster or emergency event without assistance from other agencies. Professional cooperation will be a priority so agencies can work together to protect our citizens. The sheriff's office cannot operate like it is an island, separated from other agencies.

**WHAT DISTINGUISHES YOU FROM YOUR OPPONENTS?**

I worked uninterrupted in local public safety agencies from June 1966 until December 2008. My police certification has been uninterrupted and I currently hold a Master Peace Officer certification. I was employed by the City of Bedford in 1969 and worked through the ranks from patrolman to a deputy chief's position. I left Bedford in 2004 to become a deputy for the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. I have direct experience in all areas of emergency service and that provides insight into cooperating with our first responders. I understand that when the sheriff's office takes an action and someone is charged or arrested other people are affected.

The task of the sheriff is to be accessible to those who have concerns or question.

When a crime is reported the complaining party expects quick and appropriate action and to that end, reports will be prepared and filed with the proper agencies as quickly as possible. When I worked at the sheriff's office it was my direct responsibility to prepare and submit case documents to the county or district attorney. As sheriff, I will personally review all cases and confirm the proper charges are filed and reports are forwarded in a responsible manner.

**NAME ONE AREA IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE?**

Accessibility and Cooperation - The current cooperative spirit within the sheriff's office appears to be an issue. Improved communication, involvement with the public and employee training will improve this problem as the sheriff's office becomes more "user friendly." There are excellent people working at the sheriff's office who are capable of doing a good job. I would also like to work with the Commissioners Court to explore options for an office facility where people will not have to walk through slamming jail doors just to talk to the sheriff or a deputy. A visit to the current office facility is not a pleasant experience due

to the outdated office area.

**WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CROCKETT COUNTY AND HOW DO YOU PLAN ON ADDRESSING THEM?**

Cooperation with the commissioners' court is a priority. The sheriff is obligated to operate within budget limits and to maintain open communication with the court. Without the support of the commissioners' court the development of new programs and the continuation of existing programs cannot move forward.

The sheriff must place an emphasis on providing service and patrol duties in the community and county. Everyone in the county deserves law enforcement services from the sheriff's office. Dispatching procedures and radio systems can be used more efficiently, especially during large fires and EMS responses.

Professional leadership is essential in the sheriff's office. The implementation of professional standards for all employees through department meetings, training and Standard Operating Guidelines must occur. Every employee must understand the mission of the sheriff's office, their responsibilities in accomplishing the mission and understand there will be performance standards on and off duty.

**WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO WANT TO RUN FOR CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF?**

I have been a peace officer most of my adult life and I want to continue to serve in a law enforcement capacity. All of my experience is at the local level where direct contact with the citizens is a major responsibility. While employed at our sheriff's office I learned a lot about the level of service people in Crockett County expect.

The sheriff needs to be a person who is the administrator of the agency with the responsibility of overseeing work assignments, payroll, overtime, case preparation and the daily management of the agency. This responsibility cannot and should not be delegated to another person.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

This year's primary has four candidates and each one feels very strongly about their qualifications and ability to be the sheriff. The challenge for you, the voter, is to evaluate each of the candidates and vote for the person you believe to be competent, fair and qualified. The application of any other standard would not seem appropriate. The sheriff must be free of any appearance of having a personal agenda or obligation of any kind. Family and friendship cannot influence how a sheriff does his job. Your vote does count.

**BOB:** from page 1

for 37 years and we have 5 children: Mario, Melissa, Carlos, Robbie Lynn and Jim Bob, who have blessed us with 12 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. All of our children attended Ozona High School and have raised their families here in Ozona.

**WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES?**

I will establish a highly responsible and highly professional sheriff's department that all citizens of Crockett County can be proud to have as their local law enforcement agency.

I want a department that is highly respected. If elected sheriff, I will reach out to the various local agencies and departments in order to better the working relationships and thus provide a better service to the citizens of this county. Specifically, I will work towards having better working relationships with the Crockett County Commissioners' Court, the local Texas Rangers office, the Department of Public Safety, the Crockett County Constable, the EMS, the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department,

the Justice of the Peace office, and last, but not least, the District Attorney's office and the Crockett County Attorney's office. I plan on working closely with the Crockett County Commissioners to establish a responsible budget that addresses the needs of the sheriff's department, yet, understanding that our taxpayer money cannot and will not be wasted. Secondly, I will have an open-door policy to listen to the concerns of the citizens of this county and to the suggestions of other professionals in order to provide citizens of this county a quality service. I want the citizens of Crockett County to know that the sheriff's department (deputies, jailers and dispatchers) will be a fair and firm department that will be consistent in its enforcing the laws of this state.

I want our deputies and officers to get to know the people of this community in order to better serve the citizens and families of Crockett County. I want members of this community to see my department as its friend who is entrusted with an important duty. I do not want people, based on my actions, to think of us as the

enemy. I want the citizens to know that we work for you.

**WHAT DISTINGUISHES YOU FROM YOUR OPPONENTS?**

If elected sheriff, I will bring a common sense approach using my years of experience in local law enforcement. In 1985, I was hired by Sheriff Billy Mills as a jailer. It was an honor working and learning the ways of law enforcement from a man like Sheriff Mills from whom I learned to apply a common sense approach to law enforcement. In my years in local law enforcement, I have worked for three of the last four elected Sheriffs of Crockett County.

Also, I was born, raised and have lived all my life in Ozona, Crockett County, Texas, having raised my children and helping them raise their children. Because my family, life and career are deeply rooted in Crockett County, I have an overriding concern that the sheriff's department be a law enforcement agency that the citizens can truly appreciate as looking out for the needs of its citizens, such that we can gain your respect.

I also believe that being

fluent in English and Spanish better positions me to always understand the situation or circumstances before me while performing the duties of Sheriff of Crockett County.

**NAME ONE AREA IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE?**

I will improve on the relationship between the sheriff's department and the various agencies of Crockett County, as well as the relationship between our department and the citizens of Crockett County, such as having a true open-door policy to hear any concerns or suggestions from the citizens of Crockett County.

**WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CROCKETT COUNTY AND HOW DO YOU PLAN ON ADDRESSING THEM?**

What is needed is a change in the position of Sheriff of Crockett County and if I am elected, I will work every day to instill a sense of professionalism and leadership that can be seen by all officials and citizens so that our department will be highly respected for the right reasons.

Another important need for Crockett County is for our county, just like most other counties, to have its own jail detention facility. I look forward to a bond election to see if citizens of Crockett County will agree with me that such a facility is needed in the near future.

What is lacking and is thus needed is competent and effective leadership that incorporates professionalism and a willingness to accept the role that other agencies, offices and department have in this county.

**WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO WANT TO RUN FOR CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF?**

It is the same as when I ran for Sheriff of Crockett County in 1996 which is that I believe that my background, concerns, experience, beliefs and an ability to communicate in order to be the leader with experience which fully prepares me to offer this county a sheriff's department that the citizens can truly be proud of and confident in handling the duties of law enforcement in our community. I do truly believe that law enforcement is my calling and if elected, I do believe each of you will see that I truly en-

joy law enforcement due to the interaction I know I will have with the members of the public and others.

**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:**

Many citizens have approached me recently about my employment situation in that I am no longer employed at the Crockett County Sheriff's Department. I simply want to set the record straight.

As a deputy, I never had problems with other deputies, staff, or with the sheriff himself. I never had write-ups, reprimands, or warnings of any kind prior to the Sheriff releasing me from my duties. I answered all calls and completed every job assignment.

I was told to resign my position by the Sheriff, due to the false allegation, that I was campaigning for sheriff while in the performance of my duties or on "county time." I told the sheriff that I would not resign based on such false allegation. Afterwards, the sheriff then proceeded to release me due to me "... making him uncomfortable." The truth is that the sheriff and I hardly crossed paths while performing our duties.

**PAUL:** from page 1

School and then onto Law Enforcement were I continued my Education through training Schools and at Odessa College. Through in service training schools I have acquired skills which would benefit the Sheriff's office and the Community. I have an Advanced Peace Officers License, An Instructors License, Defensive Tactics Instructor's, Advanced Major Crime Scene Investigation, On Scene Accident Investigation, Crime Scene Search, Case Preparation and Presentation, Motor Vehicle Theft Investigation, Civil Liability, Crime Scene Search and many other training schools. I currently own Ozona truck Towing & Emergency Repair, I have been in business in Crockett County for almost nine years. I have no Political Experience, but I do know how to run a business, manage employees and stay within a budget. I have

and continue to assist in the funding of The Toys for Tots program, and several of the ball teams in Crockett County.

**WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES?**

A. To re-establish a sheriff's department that would instill confidence, integrity and the ability to enforce all federal, state and county laws in a fair and just manner.

B. To obtain a functional jail in our county where officers would not have to drive for hours out of county in order to put someone in jail. This would allow the officers to patrol the area's they were hired to patrol. It would allow the local non-violent inmates to become trustees, where they could do community service such as wash fire trucks, ambulances or clean public areas. To operate the sheriff's office within the budget as set up by the county commissioners'.

C. To involve the sheriff's officers with the local kids.

This would assist in teaching the kids that the cops are not always the bad guys, that you can call on the local sheriff's department and they will answer each call and they will listen to your problem's and not just throw you in jail. To have a sheriff's department that could say with pride that "We are here to protect and to serve."

**WHAT DISTINGUISHES YOU FROM YOUR OPPONENTS?**

Experience in running a business and managing employees. I would like to see an internal affairs section started at the sheriff's office. One that answer's the citizen's complaints in writing, informing the complainant what was done to the officer and why, if there was just cause for the complaint. I would ask for assistance from citizens in making sure that our officers are doing their job in a legal, respectful and timely manner. This county is too close nit to have a department that keeps

little secrets from the community. Place an ad in the newspaper and let the citizens know what's going on. I have completed schools and training in the following area's that would help the sheriff's department, Techniques of Developing Latent Prints, Crime Scene Search, Note Taking And Report Writing, Crisis Survival, Tactical Police Driving, Uniform Crime Reporting Procedures, Probable Cause, and schools on Serial Murders, Rapes, Child Molesters, Ritualistic Crimes, Sex Crimes, and as a member of the Texas Narcotic Officers Association. I am trained in the investigative techniques on catching drug smugglers and their money and have done so.

**NAME ONE AREA IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE?**

Training. This sheriff's department makes arrests without probable cause, if you read the paper you will notice that cases are dismissed for lack of

evidence. This is due to poor training, the sheriff should make sure that all officers are trained correctly and he should follow up on those officers making sure that they are acting in good faith and under the color of law. If the officers are not, they need to be held accountable for their actions. Officers of the Crockett County Sheriff's Office must enforce the law fairly for all citizens. One officer can make the entire department look bad, if he abuses his power and is not held accountable for his actions. In the past citizens have used the Department of Public Safety Officer's to defend themselves against un-checked abuse, in one particular case, the citizen had a Trooper testify on his behalf.

Officers of the Crockett County Sheriff's Office cannot intimidate the citizens. They are Public Servants and should reach out to the community and show that they care. They must be trained to protect and serve the citizen's. They must

remember that as a peace officer they are a public servant.

**WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CROCKETT COUNTY AND HOW DO YOU PLAN ON ADDRESSING THEM.**

A. The citizens need to be included in the law enforcement of their community. The citizens and the Sheriff's department are co-producers of department services, jointly responsible for reducing crime and improving the quality of life in the community. The Community of Ozona wants Officers who are professional, yet attentive, friendly and compassionate to every citizen.

B. The youths need to know that they can approach an Officer, ask for and receive help.

C. Training, Each Officer needs to know how to investigate a crime, how to prepare a case with statements from all involved parties, and how to make an arrest without judgment, and do it equally towards all citizens.

**ROY GLENN:** from page 1

Officer 30 years, 7 months; three years political experience; Boy Scouts of America, Committee Member, Eagle Scout Review Board; Veteran of Foreign Wars Life Member; American Legion Life Member; NRA Life Member; Texas State Rifle Association Life Member; Ozona Baptist Church; Ozona Masonic Lodge 747.

**WHAT ARE YOUR TOP THREE PRIORITIES?**

1. Obtain a new communications console for the sheriff's office. The one we have now is a hand-me-down which came from the Ozona DPS office some years back. For some time now we have had problems with this system, and it has usually been when we needed it the most. When this communications sys-

tem malfunctions, it is without any sort of warning and basically leaves our deputies on patrol in the blind. This is untenable in any environment, but especially so for a county law enforcement agency with the miles we have to cover in Crockett County. In an emergency situation, it could very well be fatal for one of my people or one of our citizens.

2. Continue with more schools and training for our officers. In Crockett County, we have no other law enforcement agency other than the DPS, our game warden, and our local constable's office. The DPS troopers are often not available to assist and much like the game warden are often completely out of our area on special assignments by their respective departments. Our constable is only one man. As my fellow citizens already know, Crockett County is unique in many different ways.

We have over 3,000 square miles and are actually larger than some states, plus we have nearly sixty miles of an interstate highway which is a major coast to coast thoroughfare. Finally, we are only some 35 air miles from an international border, a border which is seeing historic levels of corruption, smuggling and violence. That leaves my deputies with a lot of ground to cover and with the real possibility of facing varying situations which call for a broad background of skills and knowledge. The way you obtain and keep an officer with such a background is by hiring the best the county can afford, and then seeing they are being trained as well as they can be by the county. That only happens by offering competitive wages and sending them to as many schools as possible.

3. The sheriff's office is currently occupying a 50 year old

two bedroom apartment that once housed a sheriff and his family. There are sixteen employees including myself trying to share this limited space. Crockett County CCSD has a vacant elementary school that could house all law enforcement, fire department, justice court, county court and some state offices. Shortly after taking office the Texas Jail Commission closed the use of the old jail that was built in 1892. It was unable to meet the standards required by the jail commission and being an historical building no alterations or repairs were permitted. The jail cells that were built 52 years ago can only be used to hold inmates for 72 hours and then they must be transferred to Upton County. There will come a time when those cells will also fail to meet the jail standards. Sometime in the near future Crockett County will have to

make a decision whether to build a new jail or continue to pay another county to house our prisoners. I ask that you the citizens of Crockett County contact your commissioner and voice your opinion. Five years from now the jail will cost twice as much to build.

**WHAT DISTINGUISHES YOU FROM YOUR OPPONENTS?**

These differences come to mind: 1. I am the only candidate that has actually held the office of sheriff at present. 2. I am the only candidate who has extensive military background. 3. I am the only candidate who has been a peace officer at not only a local level, but also at state and federal levels. 4. I am the only candidate who has a bachelor's degree. 5. I am the only candidate who has been investigated and issued high level security clearances both in the military and during my

federal employment. 6. I am the only candidate who has ever worked internationally in a law enforcement position. In addition, I am the candidate who has: 7. The highest amount of higher education. 8. The highest amount of supervisory experience in law enforcement. 9. The most varied law enforcement background. 10. I am the candidate who by far has the most training and experience in anti-smuggling and anti-drug operations. This experience also includes supervisory level 11. I am the candidate who by far has the most training and experience in multi-level criminal investigations, again including supervisory level.

**NAME ONE AREA IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT YOU WOULD LIKE TO IMPROVE?**

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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.

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

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: U.S. Representative, District 23 - Pete Gallego, John Bustamante and Ciro D. Rodriguez. U.S. Senator - Addie Dainell Allen, Sean Hubbard, Paul Sadler and Grady Yarbrough.

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 392-3711.

## ROY GLENN: from page 9

use of available grants and resources. The citizens of Crockett County pay a lot of tax money which ends up in Austin and Washington, and just about all of it we never see again. I am trying to change a bit of that by making myself aware of available grants and resources which our tax money helps fund. Often enough this is a long and involved process which can be even secretive at times. This includes having to negotiate an involved maze of paperwork and application process, as well as being able to provide the right information and criteria on our end to show our need for such assistance. Again, this is where my prior experience, knowledge, and education at all levels of government come into play. Many of these new patrol units and related equipment the average citizen sees us utilizing was not paid for out of the county coffers, but rather were purchased as a successful result of applying for these same grants and resources.

### WHAT ARE THE SPECIFIC NEEDS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT IN CROCKETT COUNTY AND HOW DO YOU PLAN ON ADDRESSING THEM?

1. Our needs are unique due to the uniqueness of Crockett County and the challenges associated with it. 2. We have over 3,000 square miles of patrol which includes nearly sixty miles of a major east-west interstate corridor. Our total area in physical size is larger than some states. 3. We have numerous secondary roads, including those which run on a south-north axis which brings the attending problems with narcotics and human smuggling. If we do not make a dent in this activity now and force these criminals to reconsider their routes, we will be overrun shortly in the same manner as many of the counties have been in South Texas. But to do that we need enough personnel, training and equipment to get the job done. Of course, leadership will figure into that also. In fact, leadership is the causative factor which brings it all together and makes for an effective deterrent. But along with my Chief Deputy, Emilio Tambunga, I will bring that needed leadership to the table. 4. We have no police department for Ozona itself, which means we pull a double duty by being responsible for both the county and the town. We need to expand the number of our personnel and their capabilities. The number of deputies we have at present are barely adequate to patrol Ozona and the immediate area surrounding the town. A lot of folks don't realize it, but you can be nearly 80 miles from Ozona by highway and still be in Crockett County. 5. We are currently experiencing a major economic boom due to oil exploration and production. That means more new people in our community, more traffic in our county and more the attending law enforcement problems entailed in this. 6. We are also experiencing a demographic phenomenon with our older, established ranch owners dividing up and selling off their property into so-called "ranchitas." This has brought a large influx of people from

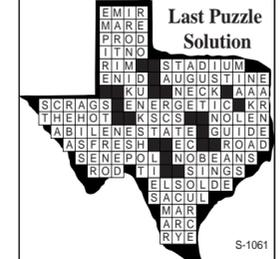
larger urban areas who become land owners who are only here part of the time. These new citizens expect our department to respond to them as quickly as they do in metropolitan areas, or inside Ozona itself for that matter. These new needs should be addressed. 7. Geographically speaking, Crockett County is some 35 air miles from a country which has devolved into an open war, and three hundred air miles from a city which has the highest murder rate in the world. Already this historically high level of violence is spilling across the Rio Grande and into Texas. Take a look at Southern Arizona, and you can get an idea of just how bad it can get as well as how quickly. The damage done in the past couple of years will take decades to overcome, and there is no way to replace the innocent lives lost there. Just about every analyst and investigator involved in the subject of border violence opine that it will get a lot worse before it gets any better. That is a widely accepted fact, and there is no way of getting around it other than sticking one's head in the sand and wishing otherwise. The beginning signs here are already being noticed; one only has to talk to some of our area ranchers and land owners along the Pecos River to realize this. As of present, our department simply does not have the manpower needed to patrol that area on a daily basis. That is something else I would like to change. 8. In the 21st Century American criminal justice system, if a peace officer is not educated and articulate enough to write an offense report, that officer will lose that case in court of law. It is a shame and an abject failure for this to occur, and I will focus on finding the proper personnel to fill our ranks that have such skills, and then give them ample opportunity to enhance them.

### WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO WANT TO RUN FOR CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF?

I want to continue making a positive difference in the sheriff's office. I knew three years ago that being a sheriff would be a challenge that I am still willing to take.

### ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

I want to try new ideas, new techniques and institute new programs. The old adage of "that is the way we have always done it" is not good enough anymore in light of the multiple challenges we now face. During my first term in office, we tried some new ways of thinking and hired some people who brought new perspectives to the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. Some of it did not work out, but a lot of improvements were also made. You often do not know if something is actually feasible unless you try it by actual application first. This brings a completely new aspect of emergency services to Crockett County, something it has never had before in its history. Our sheriff's office needs to stay ahead of the power curve in this; it needs to be proactive rather than reactive in philosophy and action. What has been done historically as far as county law enforcement here will not work with the challenges we are now facing. This department needs to carry the maximum "punch" that it can to protect the welfare of the law abiding citizens of Crockett County, along with their property. This can only happen through not only new thinking within our department, but within our elected county officials, offices, and a concerned and involved populace itself. I am the right person to guide the Sheriff's Office through this in the near term; I have the experience, the knowledge, the education, the integrity, and the vision to accomplish this. All I need is the support of the people of Crockett County in the voting booth; and their continued support as some tough challenges are met and some tough decisions are made. Please, work with me in this endeavor so that we may make Crockett County a safe and secure place to raise a family and make a good life.



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### VETERANS MAY BORROW MORE

The Texas Veterans Land Board on April 26 voted unanimously to increase home and land loan limits.

Texas veterans may now borrow up to \$417,000 for a home and up to \$100,000 for a parcel of land as small as one acre, "making it easier for veterans to buy lots closer to urban areas," according to information published by the Texas General Land Office.

A Texas military veteran can simultaneously have a land loan, a home loan and a home improvement loan through the Texas Veterans Land Board, the agency said.

### FLEET VEHICLE GRANTS AVAILABLE

Texas Railroad Commissioners on April 27 announced the availability of about \$700,000 in grants "to help public fleets, such as those operated by school districts, cities and

counties, purchase new, ultra-low-emission natural gas vehicles."

Funding originally for propane-fueled vehicles is now also for natural gas vehicles "and can be used to offset some or all of the incremental costs of a natural gas fuel system on a new or retrofitted vehicle," the agency reported, noting however that matching funds for the purchase of the vehicles must come from non-federal sources.

### AGENCY ENFORCES PAYDAY LAW

The Texas Workforce Commission on April 26 reported it helped workers collect almost \$7 million in unpaid wages in 2011, under the Texas Payday Law.

Through the agency's Labor Law program, Texas workers have an administrative alternative to costly litigation in resolving pay disputes. The agency reported its investigators annually conduct more than 15,000 wage claim investigations statewide.

## Al-Anon meetings Thursdays

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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. If 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 CCCSD, at (325) 392-5501 ext. 5800 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 nacimiento, 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 CCCSD. Llame a 325-392-5501 ext. 5800 antes del viernes, 11 de mayo para matricular a su hijo/a en este programa.

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This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on May 13, 2012. You have until November 9, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1361 Triple 7's** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 4.00. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on May 21, 2012. You have until November 17, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1388 3 Times Lucky** (\$3) overall odds are 1 in 4.68. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on May 25, 2012. You have until November 21, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1380 Groovy Cash** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.25. This Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off game will close on June 2, 2012. You have until November 29, 2012, to redeem any tickets for this game: **#1396 Emerald 7's** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.38. These Texas Lottery Commission Scratch-Off games will close on July 4, 2012. You have until December 31, 2012, to redeem any tickets for these games: **#1379 Gold Class** (\$1) overall odds are 1 in 4.34, **#1310 Triple Your Money** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.66, **#1333 Break the Bank** (\$2) overall odds are 1 in 4.80, **#1382 Happy Hearts Cash** (\$2) overall odds are 4.73, **#1322 Funky 5's** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.87, **#1363 Dallas Cowboys** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.67, **#1364 Houston Texans** (\$5) overall odds are 1 in 3.66, **#1197 Set for Life** (\$10) overall odds are 1 in 3.96. The odds listed here are the overall odds of winning any prize in a game, including break-even prizes. Lottery retailers are authorized to redeem prizes of up to and including \$599. Prizes of \$600 or more must be claimed in person at a Lottery Claim Center or by mail with a completed Texas Lottery claim form; however, annuity prizes or prizes over \$1,000,000 must be claimed in person at the Commission Headquarters in Austin. Call Customer Service at 1-800-37LOTTO or visit the Lottery Web site at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org) for more information and location of nearest Claim Center. The Texas Lottery is not responsible for lost or stolen tickets, or for tickets lost in the mail. Tickets, transactions, players, and winners are subject to, and players and winners agree to abide by, all applicable laws, Commission rules, regulations, policies, directives, instructions, conditions, procedures, and final decisions of the Executive Director. A Scratch-Off game may continue to be sold even when all the top prizes have been claimed. Must be 18 years of age or older to purchase a Texas Lottery ticket. PLAY RESPONSIBLY. The Texas Lottery supports Texas education.

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