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Grape Creek man pleads guilty for running over co-worker

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A Grape Creek man pled guilty last week for allegedly killing a Weatherford, Texas man last year in Crockett County.

James Wesley Sherrer, 28, received a 20-year prison sentence in district court Friday at the Crockett County Courthouse after entering a plea of guilty to a lesser charge of manslaughter, a second-de-

gree felony charge that carries a 20-year maximum sentence.

Presiding over the case was 112th District Judge Pete Gomez Jr. Sherrer, who was indicted by a Crockett County Grand Jury in January, was originally charged with first-degree murder after he ran over John Can-



delario Sepulveda, 31, with a truck on the Linthicum Ranch in northern Crockett County near Barnhart. A first-degree felony is punishable up to 99 years in prison and a \$10,000.

The 112th District Attorney's Office issued the following statement about the plea: "After total review of the circumstances and the histories of both the victim and defendant, the district attorney's office feels a 20-year sentence for manslaughter is a prop-

er resolution of this case. The victim left wife and kids and many loving family members. There's no way to give them the complete justice they would request."

The two men argued over a cell phone charger until Sherrer drove his truck straight into Sepulveda, according to court documents.

A witness, Sam Busher, told law enforcement officials how the two men had been arguing earlier in the day on Oct.

6, 2012. Both men worked for Mayco, an oil field company.

Busher stated in a court affidavit that he told the two men to stop arguing and started back to his own vehicle. He then heard Sherrer's vehicle, turned around and saw Sherrer driving the truck straight for John Sepulveda, the affidavit stated.

Busher yelled to warn John Sepulveda and then saw Sherrer's truck hit John Sepulveda. Sherrer never hit the brakes

and drove at a high rate of speed.

Busher stated he immediately called 9-1-1.

Sherrer put the truck in park and get out screaming and crying "I'm sorry, I didn't mean to," Busher stated.

Busher stated he has known Sherrer for about three months and that they have been room-mates for two months.

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A lifetime of dedicated service

Falkner resigns as head of Ozona Fire Department

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

For 22 years, Bob Falkner has been the face of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department. Last week, Falkner, 77, announced that at the end of the month he is stepping down as fire chief.

"I've noticed my physical and mental abilities drop a bit. It's time to step down," he said.

Falkner told the Crockett County Commissioners' Court and members of the fire department last week.

He also posted this on his personal Facebook page: "I guess it was the hardest day I've had in a long time. I have spent the better part of my life fire fighting. I thanked the department for their support and I told the commissioners Monday night of my decision and they said some really nice words. May God continue to keep the guys safe, they are a great team."

Falkner said he is not leaving the department and plans on staying on as a firefighter.

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OZONA FIRE CHIEF BOB FALKNER, pictured here at a vehicle fire in 2008, announced last week that he will resign as head of the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department effective July 31. Falkner has been fire chief for 22 years in Ozona.

Chavarria's contract on tonight's agenda

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The CCCSD School Board will discuss and consider approval of a three-year professional contract for Superintendent Lone Finalist Raul Chavarria at tonight's (July 17) regular meeting.

The meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building. It is open to the public.

Prior to the meeting, school board members and their spouses, along with the Chavarria Family and Interim Superintendent Larry Taylor will meet at 6 p.m. for a meal at the Circle Bar Truck Stop.

Chavarria was named the lone finalist on June 26. The state requires a 21-day waiting period before a contract can be negotiated and signed.

Chavarria comes to Ozona after spending nine years as high school principal in Sonora. His wife, Jami, was hired on July 2 to teach third grade at Ozona Elementary School.

Also on tonight's agenda:

- District spotlight - The Crockett County Commissioners' Court unanimously approved the Sept. 3 tax ratification election at their July 8 regular meeting and honor two student who were selected to perform with the National Color Guard Program.
- Open forum/public comments
- Reports: transportation and maintenance; principals; athletic director; technology-none; food service; special and federal programs; superintendent-the goal-setting

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Hilderbran says he won't seek re-election

Kerrville Republican hints at run for statewide office

BY MARK J. ARMSTRONG
KERRVILLE DAILY TIMES

Crockett County State Rep. Harvey Hilderbran, R-Kerrville, announced Wednesday that he will not seek another term in the Texas House but hinted that he may seek statewide office next year.

Speaking on the House floor moments after the vote on House Bill 2 last week, the abortion measure that failed during the regular session and was held up by a filibuster during the first special session, Hilderbran's voice cracked with emotion as he thanked the other members and recounted

some of the work he had been a part of in almost 25 years of service.

"I love this place. I love the Texas House of Representatives and this hallowed chamber," Hilderbran said.

A statement issued later by his representatives quoted Hilderbran saying that he would be making an "exciting political announcement" in the coming weeks. Hilderbran also told members of the House he would be working with them again when the Legislature convenes for the next



HARVEY HILDERBRAN

regular session in 2015.

"While I won't be returning to the 84th legislative session as a state representative, I intend to be here in a different capacity, working closely with you to address the important issue to the state of Texas" Hilderbran said.

Hilderbran has served as chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee for the past two regular legislative sessions, a powerful appointment that oversees the comptroller's office. Although Hilderbran has not publicly commented on it, State Comptroller Susan Combs' recent retirement announcement has led many to begin speculating that Hilderbran might seek that office.

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Commissioners start county budget talks

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Crockett County Commissioners' got their first chance to work through the 2014 county budget during a special called July 11 workshop.

The county is looking at a four percent decrease in property values, due to the drop in natural gas prices.

At the July 8 regular meeting, County Tax Assessor-Collector Rhonda Shaw presented the commissioners with preliminary estimated numbers.

Shaw said Crockett County is around 63 percent oil and 37 percent in natural gas. Based on last year's tax rate the decrease is around

\$444,000 decrease in county tax revenues.

"The price of gas and production is down. Those values are really hurting us," Shaw said.

If the commissioners vote to go with the effective tax rate, that tax rate will raise the same amount of revenue as 2013. If the commissioners go above the effective tax rate, then more revenue will be raised.

"You see what's happening north of town, yet we have a decrease in value," Shaw said. "It goes back to the price of gas. We still are a substantially a gas county."

New values may help the county, but Shaw didn't have those figures yet. She is expecting to have firm

numbers this week.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the county will have a better idea of the total value numbers and the tax rate at Thursday's (July 18) second budget workshop.

The commissioners did discuss figuring in a \$125 a month or a \$150 a month raise for all employees. They asked County Auditor Janie Chandler to do a comparison of how much each raise amount would be by the next workshop.

In the preliminary budget Chandler had made, Sheriff Robert "Bob" Rodriguez had asked for an \$11,000 raise from \$44,100 to \$55,100.

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Taking a risk in getting the word out

"If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to hear it, does it really make a sound?"

If you've heard this phrase you know it is referring to the philosophical questions of whether or not things are real if no one is there to record it.

But I want to relate it to getting the word out about your business.

How many secret businesses are lurking out there waiting

to be heard?

My adaptation of the phrase for business would be:

"If a business fails without anyone knowing about it, does it really fail? Did it ever exist?"

Many people are excited



BUSINESS TIPS
JESSICA LAMBERT

about the prospect of starting a new business, but the true test, or true risk of your venture, is facing the reality of failure.

Many people think they are protecting themselves by not truly trying. But in reality, that is the only way to succeed: to risk failing.

The only way to know the difference is to put your business out there.

No business can succeed

alone and without customers. So how do you do it? How to do you put your business on the world stage?

First of all, you cannot be afraid to talk about your business. To everyone. All of the time! It is imperative that you are your business's biggest cheerleader.

Secondly, spread the word. Spread the word via Facebook, direct mail, radio advertisements, e-mails to friends,

etc. This is the next step after word of mouth. It is using an additional means of communication to advertise your business beyond your own voice.

Lastly, solicit friends and customers to help you spread the word.

Ask them to share your marketing materials, website, and business cards when they get a chance.

In summary, if no one knows about your business,

how will you know whether or not it will fail?

The risk is great, but the reward is greater. Become committed to getting the word out about your business. It is the only way you will know if it will succeed.

"BUSINESS TIPS" was written by Jessica Lambert, Business Development Specialist and Certified Training Coordinator, of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at jessica.lambert@angelo.edu

Journalism's new world – literally

Glenn Greenwald is a writer for the British newspaper "The Guardian." He lives most of the time in Brazil. And he is a central figure in the sensational disclosures of covert surveillance programs conducted by the U.S. that have touched nations around the planet.

Welcome to the new global world – quite literally – of journalism that is challenging both the notions and definitions of a free press and who is a journalist.

The news media have a direct, obvious stake in how the issues are resolved. But now close behind are government officials rolled over what they see as questionable motives of Greenwald and other writers involved in the disclosure of classified government information about the National Security Agency programs.

And then there are First Amendment advocates and government advocates of a proposed national "shield law" protecting journalists and sources, who face a thorny problem of deciding in upcoming months who is covered by that law and who is not.

For many years, the matter of "who is a journalist?" largely was settled along his observation. In practice, if not statute, the free press was seen as a print or broadcast news operation or as a publishing organization. "Journalism" was what those entities did, and those employed by them were "journalists."

There were some notable achievements – and exceptions – under that system. CBS News documentaries such as 1960s "Harvest of Shame," exposing to the nation the deplorable conditions endured by migrant workers, is an example. The press of course had a pivotal role in helping to expose scandal and cover-ups ranging from the Pentagon Papers to Watergate.

And there were those practitioners like I.F. Stone, self-identified as both an independent investigative reporter and a political activist. In the spirit of colonial era "pamphleteers" and of later writers called muckrakers, I.F. Stone's Weekly, which reached its circulation peak in the 1960s, was investigative reporting tinged proudly with advocacy, challenging the notion that good journalists were simply non-partisan and objective.

A formal review of journalism in the United States came in the mid-20th Century, with the scholarly



INSIDE THE FIRST AMENDMENT
GENE POLICINSKI

ligent account of the day's events, in context."

At the time, its members were worried that a new generation of press moguls had little concern over social good, that there was little effective self-criticism in the press, combined with a declining ability for outsiders to be heard, in an increasingly powerful news and information media.

Enter the internet – and what is now shaping up as the next great "reset" in journalism.

The Web's empowerment of bloggers and others to reach mass audiences has no history of self-restraint or media "gatekeepers" reflected in the Hutchins' recommendations. It provides the ultimate in opportunity for individual engagement, reaction and response.

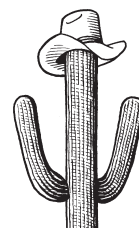
From aggregators to agitators, reporters to disclosers, from leakers to sources to whistleblowers – news, information and comment on the Web simply flows. Participants in this grand, new global network range from media stalwarts such as The New York Times, to individual writers such as Greenwald – who is also a lawyer and blogger – to innovative news operations such as "The Guardian" with a new eye to the international. And then there is the self-described journalism-and-activist enterprise WikiLeaks, which along with millions of bloggers and tweeters, owes no particular allegiance to companies, geography or political boundaries.

In this new world, it may be that the function of conveying news and information to others – not institution, tradition, means or method – is how journalists and journalism are best identified. Certainly, through our nation's history, that ultimately is what the First Amendment has protected.

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Hutchins Commission on Freedom of the Press. In 1947, it set out five goals for the news media, including "a truthful, comprehensive and intelligent account of the day's events, in context."

Hogs Gone Wild



IT'S THE PITTS
LEE PITTS

When you think about it, wild hogs are no different than wild horses in that they both either escaped from domestic herds, or were turned loose on purpose by their owners. And yet all the city dudes want to save the horses but shoot the wild hogs. It makes no sense.

We have liberal soccer moms crying crocodile tears and protesting over the treatment of wild horses while several states urge their hunters to shoot wild hogs on sight. Most states have no season or bag limit on wild hogs so feel free to blast away. But can you imagine the howling if we allowed wild horse hunting?

There are 201 areas in this country where well-intentioned ignoramuses are trying to save wild horses, which researchers tell us are genetically identical to domestic horses. At the same time, wild hogs have been declared an invasive species and there is not single wild hog sanctuary in the country. Nor is there a single rescue mission for racing hogs that have grown too big for the starting gate. Shame on us.

Nor do wild hogs have a comparable spokesman like the ex-wife of billionaire Boone Pickens who has become the face of wild horses. As far as I know, no one has stepped forward to be the face of the wild hogs. I vow to be that face, and if you've ever seen me in person, you know I'm the right guy for the job. I have been compared favorably to the Berkshire breed on more than one occasion.

It is with a great deal of greed that I am

proud to announce the formation of a nonprofit group to raise cash, and cain, for wild pigs. Please send your money in unmarked bills so that I can buy up land to create a string of wild pig sanctuaries across the country, where I might also run a few cows. And no, even if the ex-Mrs. Pickens would be willing to share her horse sanctuaries it won't work because her wild horses

have already grazed them down till they look like the Sahara Desert.

I am also proud to announce that every four years during our Presidential and Congressional elections we will celebrate Hog Awareness Week in which I will attempt to educate the public about wild pigs. For example, did you know the reason wild hogs look wilder than their counterpart equines is because during the 1930's ranchers in this country released wild Russian boars for the purpose of creating wild hogs to hunt. That's right, the wild hogs in this country are a bunch of pinko-commie pigs, so liberal left wingers really ought to love them. Another reason wild pigs look like a bunch of razorbacks with distended abdomens is because people turned their pot bellied pigs loose to fend for themselves when that bubble

burst bigger than the Beanie Babies.

Wild hogs are the perfect species to ruin all the BLM land because they reproduce much faster than horses, having two litters per year with as many as ten pigs in each litter. Nor do the hogs practice safe sex or birth control like many BLM horses do. Just think, at this rate the Feds could tie up Iowa and half the West in just a few short years and the land in the pig sanctuaries could be just as mismanaged as the wild horse lands. We'll have feedlots bursting with wild hogs and it won't be long before we have millions of worthless pigs on government welfare. Oh, I forgot, we already do.

Soon I'll be sponsoring our first wild hog adoption, although rounding up the wild hogs may prove more daunting than rounding up wild horses. You just don't call out, "soooeee" and expect the wild hogs to come a runnin'. And I doubt a helicopter would be of much use. The choppers might run the hogs so hard they'd pull a hamstring.

There is a method to my madness. After we start saving wild hogs the next step will be to ban slaughterhouses that kill pigs. That will leave 51 pounds of the other white meat per person per year that could theoretically be replaced by beef. So, save a wild pig. Eat more beef. Tell me that wouldn't make a great bumper sticker!

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Lawmakers pass new abortion regulations

AUSTIN — Legislation relating to the regulation of abortion procedures, providers and facilities was passed by the Texas Senate on July 13, and now moves to the governor's mansion to be signed into law. Thousands of demonstrators journeyed to the Capitol, hoping to influence the outcome and witness the proceedings.

House Bill 2 amends various sections of the state Health and Safety Code and the state Occupations Code, requiring clinics that provide abortions to meet ambulatory care standards and doctors who perform abortions to obtain admitting privileges at a nearby hospital. HB 2 also requires that abortion-inducing medications such as RU-486 be administered in person by a doctor and prohibits an abortion past the 20th week of pregnancy. Also under the bill, pregnancies resulting from rape or incest would not

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receive special consideration on medical, psychological or moral grounds.

Proponents of HB 2 argued that the legislation would improve women's health care by raising clinic standards and prevent fetal pain they believe is felt when an abortion is performed.

Opponents argued HB 2 would abridge the constitutionally protected right of a woman to choose, intervene in the doctor-patient relationship and impose a burden on women who do not live within a reasonable distance of a licensed facility.

Final passage in the Senate came on a 19-11 vote, matching earlier votes in which a Republican majority tabled some 20 amendments offered by Democrats during the course of a 10-hour floor debate.

HB 2 was passed by the

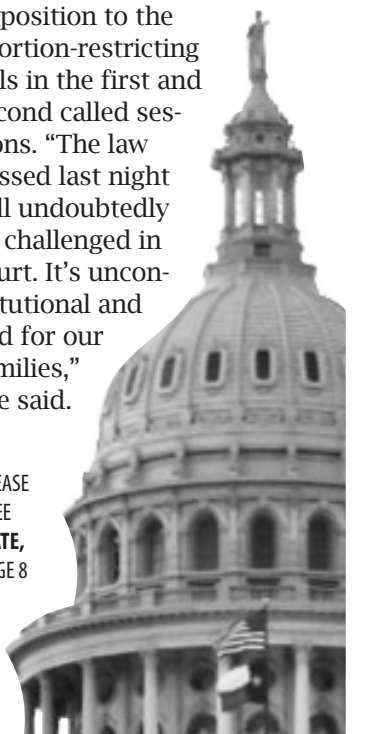
House on July 10 on a partisan vote of 96-49 before moving to the Senate for consideration. Rep. Jodie Laubenberg, R-Parker, carried the bill in the House and Sen. Glenn Hegar, R-Katy, carried the bill in the Senate. Laubenberg and Hegar failed to move the same legislation in the 140-day regular session, which ended May 27, and in the 30-day first called session, which ended June 25.

Hegar issued a news release July 13 soon after HB 2 passed, saying, "This new law adds a critical protection for a new class of citizens, preborn children who have been proven to feel pain" and "the provisions of the bill will make abortions safer procedures, lowering the risk of harm to the pregnant mother or to any live-born children by increasing accountability

and standards for abortion providers."

Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, led Senate opposition to the abortion-restricting bills in the first and second called sessions. "The law passed last night will undoubtedly be challenged in court. It's unconstitutional and bad for our families," she said.

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Stapper-White to wed in August

Carlton and Ann Stapper, of Ozona, Texas, and Darrell and Janice White Sr., of Robinson, Texas, are proud to announce the engagement of their children, Laura and Darrell Jr. Their wedding will be August 10, 2013, at the Ozona Church of Christ. Laura is a 2013 graduate of Texas A&M University, with a bachelor's degree in rangeland ecology and management. Darrell is a 2005 graduate of Texas A&M University with a wildlife and fisheries sciences bachelor's degree, and is currently pursuing a master's degree at the King Ranch Institute for ranch management in Kingsville, Texas. The couple plans to reside at Kingsville after the wedding.



KODI GLOSSON (right) competed in the Texas Girls Coaches Association's All-Star Game this past weekend in Austin. Glosson is a 2013 OHS Graduate and will be playing softball this coming school year at Howard Payne University in Brownwood. Also pictured is OHS Softball Coach Butch Gonzalez.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 17

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- CCCSD School Board meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Thursday, July 18

- Mom's Morning Out, 8:30-11 a.m. at the Ozona Community Center.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Commissioners Budget Workshop, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

Friday, July 19

- OHS Cheerleaders Fill the Megaphone, starting at 6:30 a.m. at the town square.
- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- 42, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Monday, July 22

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, July 23

- Master of Memory, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Balance Exercise, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, July 24

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

In Care of Ozona Foundation meeting July 26

A touch base meeting for the In Care of Ozona Foundation will be held at 6 p.m. July 26 in the Crockett Room, next to Ozona National Bank. The meeting is open to the public. It will be a presentation, discussion and question and answer time.

Anyone who is interested in helping raise money for the local foundation, or anyone willing to serve on the committee, is invited to attend. For more information, call Eligio Martinez at (325) 340-0937.

OHS Cheerleaders Fill the Megaphone Friday, Mini-Cheer Camp July 31-Aug. 2

The OHS Cheerleaders will hold their annual Fill the Megaphone Fund-raiser starting at 6:30 a.m. Friday at the town square. The cheerleaders will be raising money to help cover their costs for uniforms, camp and other needs. Cheerleaders will be collecting funds all day. The annual Mini-Cheer Camp will be held July 31-Aug. 2 at the OMS Gym. The camp will be from 9 a.m.-noon each day. Registration begins at 8:15 a.m. on July 31. The camp is open to anyone ages four years-old to sixth grade. Cost is \$15 for the first child and \$10 for each additional child. Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt. Come by and visit the

Camp Store. They will be selling bows, T-shirts, water, cheer socks and so much more. Performance will be Friday, Aug. 2, starting at 10:30 a.m. in the OMS Gym. For more information, call Tiffany Esparza at (325) 277-6249.

Ozona Community Center hosting Mom's Morning Out

The Ozona Community Center will be having a Mom's Morning Out for ages three and up beginning on Thursday, July 18, from 8:30-11 a.m. This will be on Thurs-

day's only thru Aug. 8. The cost is \$10 per child and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. For more information, call Lizzy Vargas, at the center, 392-2710.

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- July 18** - Catherine Bernice Fierro, Yazmin Camarillo, Gloria Moran, Mark Fierro, Connie Gonzales, Anthony Avila and Jessica Borrego
- July 19** - Juan Molina, Roberto A. De Hoyos and Laken Dawn Villarreal
- July 20** - Gabriel Longoria Sr., Shelia Castillo, Fleet Ray Worthington and Devon Diehl
- July 21** - Isaac Galindo, Lindsay Bean, Daniel Gonzales, Helen Bean, Tee Jay Nowell, Ann Shaw, Harold Shaw and Rae Lynn Arredondo
- July 22** - Emmanuel Sarabia, Anthony Matos, Megan Nowell and Vicky Munoz
- July 23** - Michael W. Medina Sr., Sydney Mendoza, Sherry Sewell, Gabriel Johnson, Mikie Santiago, E. Jason Vitela II, Sara Alexis Fuentes, Glenda Henderson, Becky Barrera Nowell and Domingo Leal

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Louie Eugene Kiser Sr.
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Louis Eugene (Gene) Kiser was born 6 June 1932 in Eldorado, Texas to James Isaac Kiser and Ollie Othella Attaway Kiser. He was raised in Mertzton, Texas, along with his five sisters and two brothers, Marie Kiser, J.T. Kiser, Kate (Ted) McSherry, Waldo (Dodo) Kiser, BillieBob Bushong, Mary Emma Jones and Jimmie Keegan.

Gene married Billy Ruth Cliff of Boston, Ohio on July 19, 1969. They moved to Ozona, Texas where they raised their children; Julie Kiser Juarez married to Albert Juarez Jr., Louie Eugene Kiser Jr. married to Emma Kiser, Cheryle Kiser Myers married to Phi Myers, and Kevin Putman.

Gene and Billy have 10 grandchildren: Lesa Kincheloe Al-sipi, Jona Kincheloe Barkley, Brad Kincheloe, Billy Kincheloe, Ashley Juarez, Bayleigh Juarez, Allisa Kiser, Rebecca Kiser, Kacey Putman and Courtney Putman. They also have 13 great-grandchildren. They leave behind their children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, as well as brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and friends.

We miss them both immensely, but we must draw courage from the knowledge that they are together again in Heaven.

Graveside service was held Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at the Mertzton Cemetery. Lunch followed at the Golden Corral in San Angelo, Texas. Dress was casual and people brought their best "Kiser" stories.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Answers on Aging
every second Tuesday

BY **BRENDA NEWTON**
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

I keep repeating myself on the Area Agency on Aging program that is put on out here on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:30 a.m.

Their representative Lynn Carlson has so much information to offer that could really save you money. Programs such as mail-order for diabetic testing supplies, check-up benefits, and Medicare savings that may pay Medicare premiums, deductibles and coinsurance for Medicare beneficiaries are available. You need to come and listen to her and let her help you save and have more money to live a better senior life.

Young people need to be aware of these programs for their parents or grandparents. She has tips for those in need of caregivers or caring

for someone with Alzheimer's. She can tell seniors how to feel young and live life to the fullest. If she does not know the answer to your questions she does know who to contact for answers.

Please do not forget the "Master of Memory" programs that started on July 16 and will continue each Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for six weeks.

Whitney Walston is giving these programs and they should be of interest to all seniors. Exercise: 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Bridge: Monday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. Balance Exercise: Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. Mexican Train: 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Prayer Group: Wednesday at 3 p.m. Quilting: Thursday morning at 9:30 a.m. '42' Dominos: Friday at 3 p.m. Come on out, the coffee is on.

Card of Thanks

The Sessom Family would like to say a big, special thank you to Sheriff Bob Rodriguez and his deputy, the EMT's that included Eddie Martin, Amenda Poindexter, John Matthew and Lou Carson, for taking care of Tommy after his heat stroke that he had on June 28, on a ranch about 40 miles out. Also a big thank you to Sheriff Bob Rodriguez, and his deputy for the escort into town to the clinic. Also a thank you to Ike, Linda, and Diane for taking care of Tommy at the Clinic.

Thank you, sincerely
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THE FIRST WAVE

I have read books on the battles of WWII. I learned when the battle started they sent in what is called the first wave. They were sent in to try and get a beachhead of foothold. Then they sent in a second wave. They were to give backup and support for the first wave but they were to advance and spread out and take more enemy territory. There were other waves or support groups sent in to supply and have replacements for the first waves. Those battles remind me of something in the Bible. Jesus came to this earth and He was the first wave in the effort of rescuing man from his sin, (John 1:14&3:16). He was three years teaching and training the disciples for their mission, (Mark 3:14&16:15). They were the second wave. Christ also expected those that accepted Him to follow in His footsteps, (1 Peter 2:21, Acts 9:19&20, 14:7&15). The Disciples and other believers were told or instructed to go into the entire world preaching the good news that the Kingdom of heaven was at hand, (Matthew 4:17&10:7). There could forgiveness of sins and peace with God! This was only possible by the atoning death of Jesus Christ on the cross and His bodily resurrection from the grave, (Romans 5:8). It is of no benefit if we do not repent or ask God to forgive us of our sins and call upon Jesus for salvation, (John 1:12, Mark 16:16). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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House narrowly passes farm bill, no food stamp funding

STAFF REPORT
THE OZONA STOCKMAN
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Last week, the U.S. House passed a scaled-down version of a massive farm bill, putting off a fight over food stamp spending and giving Republican leaders a victory after a decisive defeat on the larger bill last month.

The GOP leaders scrambled to get the bill to the floor and gather enough votes after deciding to drop a politically sensitive food stamp section of the bill and pass legislation that contained only farm programs.

They faced significant opposition to the plan from Democrats, farm groups and conservative groups that threatened to use the vote against GOP members in future campaigns. But Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va., navigated his colleagues to a narrow 216-208 vote by convincing Republican members that this was the best chance to get the bill passed and erase the embarrassment of the June defeat.

Any other path to passage would have most likely included concessions to Democrats who opposed the original bill.

Last month 62 Republicans voted against the original \$100 billion-a-year bill after Boehner and Cantor supported it. Only 12 Republicans voted against the new measure and no Democrats voted for it, including Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine.

"I spent twenty some years learning the process, working my way through the process of the Texas legislature, and I can tell you that this process is worse," Gallego said on the House floor. "This process isn't supposed to work this way, it is sup-

posed to be bipartisan. It is supposed to be a product that is carefully crafted by the committee chair and the ranking member working together. It's unfortunate that it's come to this and I simply cannot support a bill that jettisoned our kids and jettisoned our elderly."

Republicans said the food stamp part of the legislation would be dealt with separately at a later date, and Cantor said after the vote that Republicans would "act with dispatch" to get that legislation to the floor.

Conservative groups and farm groups traditionally aligned with Republicans were also lobbying against the measure, as was the top Democrat on the House Agriculture Committee, Minnesota Rep. Collin Peterson.

"Texas Farm Bureau supported the passage of HR 2642. We did not support the process by which this bill came to the floor today, but understand the House leadership determined the only way forward at this time is to handle the titles separately. Farmers and ranchers need the certainty of a five-year farm bill and passage of HR 2642 today can get us closer to that goal," said Kenneth Dierschke, Texas Farm Bureau President.

The dropped food stamp section would have made a 3 percent cut to the \$80 billion-a-year feeding program. Many Republicans say that isn't enough since the program's cost has doubled in the last five years. Democrats have opposed any cuts. The



PETE GALLEGO

food stamp program doesn't need legislation to continue, but Congress would have to pass a bill to enact changes.

The idea of a split bill was to pass the farm programs — the Congressional Budget Office calculates they would cost about \$20 billion a year and contain about \$1.3 billion a year in cuts to farm subsidies — and take the food stamp portion up later. Republicans could then be able to make bigger cuts to the food programs and pass that bill with conservative support.

In voting for the bill, conservative lawmakers made the unusual move of bucking the conservative groups Club for Growth and Heritage Action, both of which said they would use a "yes" vote against Republicans in future campaigns.

While those groups originally supported the idea of dropping the food stamps and taking that part of the bill up separately, they later said the GOP idea was a ruse to get the bill in conference with the Democratic-led Senate, where food stamps will be added back in with smaller cuts.

The Senate overwhelmingly passed a farm bill last month with only a half-percent cut to food stamps and would be reluctant to go along with a split bill or further cuts to the programs.

Farm groups and anti-hunger groups have warned that separating the farm and nutrition programs after decades of linking them would be misguided.

Rural lawmakers have long added money for food stamps to the farm bill, which sets policy for agricultural subsidies and other farm programs, to gather urban votes for the measure.

Prescribed Burn Workshop set for Aug. 8-10 near Sonora

BY KAY LEDBETTER
TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE TODAY

SONORA - The Academy for Ranch Management will host a Prescribed Burning School Aug. 8-10 at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research-Sonora Station located on State Highway 55 between Sonora and Rocksprings.

The workshop will provide information on the history of fire, weather, planning a burn, fuels and fuel moisture, and equipment, according to Ray Hinnant, a Texas A&M AgriLife Research senior research associate in College Station and a workshop presenter.

The fee for this workshop is \$395, payable upon registration, plus a \$45 facilities-use fee that will be payable to the AgriLife Research station upon arrival, Hinnant said.

The academy's primary goal is training ranchers for effective rangeland management, and the focus now is on prescribed burning for rangelands, he said. Prescribed burning is a tool that can be used to manage rangeland vegetation for livestock and wildlife, and also reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires by removing hazardous fuel loads.

The Academy for Ranch Management is a program of AgriLife Research and the Texas A&M University department of ecosystems science and management in College Station. The Sonora facilities provide a teaching laboratory for hands-on experience.

Hinnant and Dr. Charles "Butch" Taylor, superintendent of the research station at Sonora, are prescribed-burning board instructors. Other speakers during the two courses include Dr. Mort Kothmann, department of ecosystems science and management professor, and Nick Garza, an AgriLife Research associate at Sonora.

The basic course is a prerequisite for the Advanced

Prescribed Burning School, which provides more information on fire behavior, fire effects, and planning and conducting a prescribed burn, he said.

Successful completion of both courses and a passing grade on the exam will provide the educational component to begin application for

either a private or commercial certified prescribed burn manager through the Texas Department of Agriculture, Hinnant said.

For more information, call (979) 820-1778 and to register, call (979) 862-2128 or visit <http://www.ranchmanagement.org>.

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 Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.;
 Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.;
 Thursday: 2-10 p.m.;
 Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.
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Ozona Schools registration dates

Crockett County Consolidated Common School District 2013 School Registration Dates: 1-7 p.m. Aug. 6 and 7 at the Ozona Elementary School Cafeteria. Designated areas by grade levels will be set up in order to coordinate enrollment. This is for student in grades pre-k through 12 and all students new to the district.

CCCCSD receives Title I grant

BY REBECCA ACUÑA
 CONGRESSMAN GALLEGOS' OFFICE

U.S. Rep. Pete Gallego, D-Alpine, has announced that the U.S. Department of Education has awarded select school districts in the 23rd Congressional District with more than \$83 million in Title I grants, which provide school districts with necessary funding for areas with high concentration of low-income families. CCCCSD received \$131.569.

Title I, Part A Grants to local educational agencies (LEAs) provide financial assistance to school districts

for services that improve the teaching and learning of children in the classroom to improve and enhance the educational environment.

It provides special consideration for those children who reside in areas with high concentrations of children from low income families.

These funds will be available for the 2013-2014 upcoming school year. The grants were made possible through legislation supported by Gallego.

"In this country we believe that hard work, not circumstance is the basis for success," Gallego said. "I'm pleased that we could secure federal dollars for our local school districts - where they can make the most difference. Our children must have the resources necessary to succeed in the classroom, regardless of where they come from, or how much money their families make."

Other school districts receiving funds include: Presidio, Jeff Davis, Brewster, Terrell, Crockett, Pecos, Reeves, Ward, Loving, Winkler, Upton, and Reagan counties.



THE 8U LIL' LADY LIONS SOFTBALL ALL STARS won consolation at the Lubbock All Star Tournament this past weekend.



THE SONORA SOFTBALL ALL STARS won the championship at the Lubbock All Star Tournament this past weekend. The team is made up of players from Ozona, Sonora and Eldorado.



THE OZONA RAGE SOFTBALL ALL STARS won third place at the All Star Tournament in Lubbock this past weekend.

Ozona Rage takes third in Lubbock

The Ozona Rage All Star Softball Team placed third at the All Star Tournament in Lubbock this past weekend.

The girls competed in a field of 17 teams and played tremendous all weekend.

On Thursday, Ozona beat Seminole 7-3 and then beat Fort Stockton 5-2.

On Friday, they run-ruled Jal, N.M. 15-0 in three innings in their first bracket game. Then they beat Lubbock Select 6-0.

Saturday morning, they beat Midland 7-6.

They lost their first game of the tournament to Lubbock 9-4.

The Rage then came back and beat Lamesa 8-0 and then beat Amarillo 5-1.

Sunday morning the team lost to Lubbock Land Sharks 13-12 in extra innings to finish in third.

"We would like to thank all the girls and parents for a wonderful season," said Coach Eddie Lozano.

The Rage is also coached by Mario Mendoza.

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- 1 "___ Mommy
- 5 owner of WFAA-TV & KHOU-TV
- 6 "... for the Bible tells ___"
- 7 Cowboy Hall of Fame RB Tony (init.)
- 8 TXism: "adios"
- 9 this Bob was chair of TX Democratic party in '80s
- 15 birth state of former Ranger mgr. Bobby Valentine (abbr)
- 16 looked with contempt (2 wds.)
- 19 TXns drink a mess of this (2 wds.)
- 21 ___-American speaks English
- 22 if the job's big, just do ___ time
- 27 this Estrada was in "CHiPs" with TX-born Michael Dorn
- 28 "fall ___ ears"
- 29 nauseous
- 30 in Falls Co. on 77
- 32 ___Goodrich tires
- 33 TXn who wrote "The Boyfriend School"
- 36 Rockport is "Where the fun never ___"
- 37 "born as"
- 38 TX Bush & U.N. recaptured ___ land in '91
- 39 most excellent TX story? (2 wds.)
- 41 animal fur or hair
- 42 "Comanche ___" newspaper

- 45 TX Dale Evans wrote "___, San Antonio"
- 46 this Tom was Cowboy's first coach (init.)
- 47 Kenedy-Karnes City AM
- 48 this nuclear agcy. has a regional office in TX
- 49 confined to bed (3 wds.)
- 52 ___ City, TX
- 53 barbecued delight
- 54 bird found at Bentsen Rio Grande Valley Park

DOWN

- 1 TX Ross Perot was an ___ salesman
- 2 TXism: "take a look ___"
- 3 Van ___, TX
- 4 Kermit has the last a ___
- 8 "___ Chica State Park"
- 9 TXism: "lower than a ___ wheel rut"
- 10 Chris ___Doux first rodeo was in TX
- 11 not a TXn, but right smart anyway (init.)
- 12 seating area at Lone Star Park
- 13 TXism: "___ a hand" (assist)

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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- 14 TX Gene Tierney "46 film: "The Razor's ___"
- 15 I.M. Pei designed Dallas ___
- 16 "Fiesta Diez y ___ de Septiembre"
- 17 source of nutritional information on food cans (2 wds.)
- 18 hard candy that can be chewed
- 20 walked
- 22 Dallas to Haggard Clothing (abbr.)
- 23 IATA designation for Austin airport
- 24 plumbing problem
- 25 "how ___ will gas prices go?"
- 26 TXism: "mad ___ ___ hen"
- 28 Ranger Yu Darvish objectives
- 31 provided by TX ranchers
- 34 TXism: "chompin' at the ___"
- 35 flag at the Battle of Gonzales: "Come and Take ___"
- 37 African-American civil rights org.
- 40 informal spelling of "through"
- 43 TXism: "___ trigger temper" (quick tempered)
- 44 TXism: "got the morals of an alley cat"
- 50 TXism: "got a heart ___ as Texas" (kind)
- 51 "that is" abbr.

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Mike Schultz has been named Senior Vice President, Business Development.

Sonora Bank is pleased to announce that Mike Schultz has been named Senior Vice President, Business Development effective July 15, 2013.

Mike joined our bank in 2011 as Vice President, Lending. Previously, he was Director of Business Development for four years with the Trust Company of San Antonio. Prior to that Mike was engaged in real estate in Colorado. He was also in the financial services industry from 1988 through 2003 ultimately creating the Business Financial Group. Mike completed his Bachelors in Business at the University of Minnesota.

Mike and his wife, Carol have been married for over thirty years and their favorite activity is spoiling their first grandchild Mattie Jo. Mattie Jo's mom, Meghan their daughter and her husband, Jason live in Colorado where Meghan is a large animal veterinarian. Their son, Mitch is a UT graduate and obtained his Masters from NYU and is a film maker living in Austin. Mike also currently serves as Mayor of Boerne where he has served for the past two years.



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The affidavit also had a short statement from Sherrer. In his statement, Sherrer describes the incident and states that he did not want to fight John Sepulveda.

Sherrer stated that when

John Sepulveda walked away he accelerated his pickup and struck John Sepulveda.

Sherrer also stated that he felt it when he ran over John Sepulveda and that he did not know what he had struck the man.

The case was originally scheduled to go to trial this October in Ozona. It

was prosecuted through the 112th District Attorney's Office. Sherrer's attorney was Frank Brown, of San Angelo.

Roland Tijerina, formerly of the Crockett County Sheriff's Department, Kenny Wadsworth, retired Texas Ranger and Tod Reed, current Texas Ranger all assisted in the investigation of this case.

BOB: from page 1

"I've seen lots of changes," he said. "After 52 years, it's time to step down."

Falkner started his fire career in Alpine serving on their department for two years while at Sul Ross State University. He then served eight years in Fort Stockton and was captain when he left.

After a three-year break, Falkner and his family moved to Ozona on April 7, 1971. He was then voted into OVFD and has served as president, secretary, assistant chief and 22 1/2 years as chief.

Falkner said he appreciated all the well wishes and kind words everyone has been expressing to him.

"Bob, when we lived in Ozona we always sleep good because we knew you would respond. Thank you for the many years of service you have done," said Manuel Hartnett, former resident.



Submitted photo of Ozona Fire Chief Bob Falkner when he was a firefighter in Fort Stockton in 1960.

"We truly consider our town blessed and lucky to have you," said Annie Luna, current resident.

"We are certainly going to miss you but glad you are sticking around anyway. Much love and so glad you have been our chief all these

years," said Jacinda Marley, of Ozona.

Fellow firefighters spoke of Falkner with great respect.

"A true legend in the fire service. Thank you for your years of service to the professional chief. There are going to be some big shoes to fill at OVFD," said Firefighter Allen Graham, of Sheffield.

"Very proud to have served under you," said Gil Komechak, former firefighter and Ozona resident.

Falkner said he plans to slow down a bit.

"Big shoes to fill for sure. He has done more than exceptional at the position for years. We all love him," said Brian Morrow, OVFD Assistant Chief.

Falkner's resignation takes effect on July 31. The department is working on naming a new chief.

"I'm going to miss some of things I use to do. I didn't miss many fires," Falkner said.

HILDERBRAN:

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Hilderbran also was in San Antonio earlier this week with Gov. Rick Perry when Perry announced he would not be running for re-election, and there also is much speculation in the capital about who might run to unseat Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, who's chances of re-election

have seemed diminished since his failed run for the U.S. Senate last year and after the breakdown on the Senate floor at the end of the first special session.

Hilderbran has served in the House since 1988. In the past session, he helped lead the charge in the lower chamber to pass a high-profile bill to give businesses in the Lone Star State more than \$700 million in tax breaks.

He previously served as chairman of the Human Services Committee and the Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee, according to his online bio.

Hilderbran is a 1983 graduate of Texas Tech University and was first elected to the Texas House of Representatives in 1988.

He lives in Kerrville with his wife, Tracy, and their two daughters.

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workshop that was held on May 16 and facilitated by Region 15.

Consent Agenda: financial-bills, board report, monthly investment report and budget amendments to the 2012-2013 official budget-none; approve minutes from the regular board meeting held June 26 and special board meeting held July 2.

Executive/closed session: Personnel matters - resignations (if any have been received), consider profes-

sional teacher contracts for the 2013-2014 school year and negotiate new superintendent's contract.

Possible action from closed session: approval of resignations (if any have been received), approval of professional teacher contracts for the 2013-2014 school year and consider new superintendent's three-year professional term contract.

Review and consider cafeteria bids.

Consider updating FB (LOCAL) - Equal Employment Opportunities, FFC (LOCAL)

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Consider the Athletic Handbook.

Consider the Cheerleader Constitution.

Future Business - called special board meeting at 6:30 p.m. July 31 for budget workshop and "Team of Eight Training" facilitated by the law firm of Powell and Leon, L.L.P.; regular board meeting Aug. 21.

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"The good news is you are doing a heck of a job," Commissioner Frank Tambunga said to Rodriguez. "I have no complaints. Truthfully, for that much that would be something the people would have to tell me to do it. If we do it for you, all the elected officials will ask."

"We do a lot of comparisons with other towns. Commissioners in other counties make way more than we do. The understanding to me was when I was elected that was the salary," added Commissioner Eligio Martinez.

The commissioners then requested Chandler to put Rodriguez's salary back to the \$45,900 requested by other elected officials.

The sheriff's department budget also includes additional \$20,000 in overtime for nine deputies.

Rodriguez said the office has been watching overtime and staying within budget.

"I would like to have it in case I do need it," Rodriguez said.

The commissioners questioned Care Center Administrator Robert Stecher about the \$388,680 increase in his facility's budget.

Stecher said the majority of the increase was in payroll due to an extra pay period in 2014. He also said he

figured increases in food, utilities and \$40,000 for a new generator.

"It's a mind-boggling thing. I'm the biggest employer in the county. I have the biggest amount of employees in the county. If you have a percentage increase, it's noticeable," Stecher said. "Crockett County is very generous in the amount of money they give the Care Center. We actually run a higher ratio of employees to residents than normal."

The payroll increases also included a \$4,633 raise for Stecher, who said that was due to the extra pay period.

"The administrator's salary should be \$1,800 raise. Just like everybody else, just like we did the sheriff. The Care Center Board should be aware what we are doing with salaries across the board with everyone else," Martinez said.

Deaton said Stecher should meet with County Treasurer Burl Myers to go over the 2014 pay periods and also meet with the Crockett County Care Center Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors to go over the Care Center's budget before the next workshop.

"Right now, we have the best care center in the state. I don't want to jeopardize that or cut corners,"

said Commissioner Randy Branch.

The commissioners then discussed budget requests from the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department.

The requests included \$250,000 for a new tanker truck, \$42,500 for new personal protective equipment, \$26,000 for rescue tools and a heat source camera and \$25,617 for travel.

The commissioners said they were willing to go \$25,000 for the tanker to help the department with a matching grant they are applying for to get the tanker.

The commissioners had questions about the increase in travel and the type of equipment. Nobody from the fire department was in attendance.

"Our firefighters are total volunteers. They do go out and fight these fires and spend time off of their jobs. They want to attend these fire schools to increase their training and get certifications," Deaton said.

The commissioners will hold a second budget workshop at 6 p.m. Thursday, July 18, at the courthouse annex. Also on the agenda is discussion and action on ORO Softball Tournament. The workshop is open to the public.

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