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Fourth of July events

BY FRANK TAMBUNGA
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The 4th of July Festival at the Square turned out to be big success. We had over 10 different types of food and game booths along with some good music by DJ TKO "Johnny Tambunga" throughout the afternoon.

Cico and Frankie Moran chaired the washer pitching contest and we had 11 teams in the contest. The washer pitching winners were Cico and Frankie Moran.

We had more participants for our children and pet parade. We had more participating in the Patriotic Parade with different types of Parade Floats displaying our colors. Joining our Patriotic Parade was the class of 1984 with good spirits. The Knights had some secret judges that had a hard time making their decision for winners of the children and pet parade. We appreciate all the businesses and individuals that participated in our Parade.

I would like to thank everyone that assisted me with the 4th of July celebration especially my brother Knights. I would also like to say Thank you to the County Sheriff and his Department, Fire Department, the County Road Department, participating in our Parade. A special Thanks to all the business and individuals that donated and helped sponsor our Fireworks Show, without their donations it would not be possible to purchase enough fireworks for our Fireworks Show. Thank you to Corba Jones for assisting me with our street dance. The Crockett County Deerfest came through and made a donation that allowed us to reach our goal. The Judson Cole Band played really well and their music was enjoyed by everyone. It made the evening very special.

A special thank you to my beautiful side kick, my lovely wife Irma Tambunga, for all that she does in all the events we have.

Planning all these events for our celebration takes several to put together. If I failed to mention anyone I apologize it was not intentional.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

IT WAS A STAR SPANGLED FOURTH OF JULY THANKS TO FRANK AND IRMA TAMBUNGA, the Knights of Columbus, the fireworks sponsors and donors, and most of all, the community for participating in all the activities.

Ozona wells recharge quickly

BY JANE JESCHKE
SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

Doug Meador is continually amazed at the groundwater wells that furnish drinking water to residents in Ozona. Despite the drought, he can always count on the wells' quick recharge.

"The wells have a fast recharge," he said. "We can let up on the pumping and we'll see them come back up within five minutes."

Meador serves as general manager of the Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District No. 1, which provides water and sewer services to the unincorporated community of Ozona. The district has a board of directors that sets policy and approves projects. Along with Meador, there is an office staff and seven employees who work in the field.

The district has nine wells that sit above the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer, a system that covers a 77,000-square-mile area that extends from Southeast Oklahoma to West Texas. It's composed of three major aquifers — the Edwards-Trinity, the Edwards Aquifer and the Trinity Aquifer.

Ozona and Crockett County are above the Edwards-Trinity (Plateau) Aquifer, which extends across much of the southwest part of the state and takes in several

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Rainwater harvesting 'soaking in' as water conservation

BY PAUL SCHATTEBERG
TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION

COLLEGE STATION — After a long dry period, many parts of the state have finally received some badly needed rain, and those with rainwater harvesting systems have been reaping the rewards of this belated gift from Mother Nature, said Texas A&M AgriLife water resources experts.

"Rainwater harvesting is a time-tested and effective means of water conservation and irrigation," said Billy Kniffen, retired Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service statewide water resource specialist and past director of the American Rainwater Catchment Association. "And with drought affecting much of Texas, interest in rainwater harvesting from industry, various levels of government and homeowners is increasing. People in general are becoming more receptive to implementing these practices."



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN FILE PHOTO

LEVI BISHOP reads about the rainwater harvesting project at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

As a long-time AgriLife Extension agent and water resource specialist, Kniffen has been involved in the planning, design and/or implementation of dozens of large- and small-

scale rainwater catchment systems for offices, schools, community centers, libraries, hospitals and other facilities throughout Texas. Several of his many projects have been in his home county of Menard, with one notable example being the Menard Public Library.

Kniffen, along with Texas Master Gardener and Texas Master Naturalist volunteers, helped install a 2,500-gallon galvanized tank, along with drip irrigation and a rain garden to capture water runoff.

"One inch of rainwater dripping from a 1,500-square-foot roof can easily catch 600 gallons of water," Kniffen noted. "At the library, the metal rainwater harvesting tank collects rainwater from two downspouts, and the water is used to irrigate more than 50 plots of native plants common to the region. Runoff goes into a shallow, flat bottom pond that would catch a two-inch rainfall event and have it infiltrated into the soil within

24 hours. Rainfall over that amount would overflow into an irrigation ditch."

Another section of the library captured water using a "storm chamber" that stores and gradually releases water into the surrounding landscape.

"For years, AgriLife Extension and Texas A&M AgriLife Research personnel have been involved with rainwater harvesting projects, demonstrations and education throughout the state," said John Smith, AgriLife Extension program specialist, College Station.

In Edinburg, Smith and the AgriLife Extension horticulturist for Hidalgo County, Barbara Storz, worked with World Birding Center manager Marisa Rodriguez on a rainwater harvesting system at the facility's education center.

"I designed the catchment system and the center employees installed it," Smith said. "It

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SSCI's cybersecurity bill would chill news reporting

The Cybersecurity Information Sharing Act of 2014 (CISA), released as a draft by Chairman Dianne Feinstein on June 17 and soon to be considered by the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, would threaten the flow of accurate news and information to the public and policymakers.

The bill would allow government agencies to collect, without a warrant or other traditional legal process, journalists' phone and other records if the government

considers the journalists or their sources threats to the security of information stored on computer networks.

In a letter sent to the Senate Intelligence Committee today, the Sunshine in Govern-



SUNSHINE IN GOVERNMENT
RICK BLUM

ment Initiative pointed out that this overbroad proposal to address cybersecurity threats chills newsgathering based on confidential sources, removes meaningful judicial oversight, ignores carefully crafted legislation dealing with confidential sources, and places the careful balancing of vital democratic interests in the hands of the executive branch and private industry.

National Newspaper Association (NNA) and other top news organizations compose

the SGI, which lobbies on behalf of Freedom of Information and free press issues.

"In sum, CISA would enable the federal government to do an end-run around the Constitution and existing privacy laws," we wrote.

"Freedoms are like stone. Strong. Secure. But they can be eroded, drop by drop, by ill-advised legislation like this that could thwart one of the cornerstones of democracy: oversight by a free press," said NNA President Robert M.

Williams Jr., publisher of The Blackshear (GA) Times. "We hope Congress will stop to consider the dramatic consequences CISA could have on the protections offered by a vigorous, inquiring and independent press."

Absent the protections found in strong judicial oversight, legal standards and prior notice requirements, federal investigators and prosecutors could easily obtain the communications records of journalists and their confiden-

tial sources, thereby creating an impermissible chilling effect on newsgathering [...]

We recognize and appreciate the government's responsibility to secure the nation from cyber attacks. However the bill as proposed steps across lines drawn by the nation's founders and inhibits newsgathering and the flow of accurate information to the public.

RICK BLUM is the coordinator of The Sunshine in Government Initiative. Contact him at sgii@sunshineinregierung.org.

Obama's administrative immigration

Last week, shortly after it was reported that President Barack Obama would request \$2 billion to deal with the humanitarian crisis along the U.S.-Mexico border, the president threatened to double down on the policies that caused the crisis in the first place. More specifically, he made clear in a Rose Garden statement that he is considering yet another unilateral suspension of immigration enforcement on his own.



U.S. SENATOR
GUEST COLUMN

JOHN CORNYN

It is exactly this type of administrative action that caused the current crisis and, if he is not careful, could cause another one, costing taxpayers an additional \$2 billion or more.

To understand why, just ask the president's Department of Homeland Security. According to an internal Homeland Security memo analyzing the recent surge of child and female migrants flooding the U.S.-Mexican border, "The main reason the subjects chose this particular time to migrate to the United States was to take advantage of the 'new' U.S. 'law' that grants a 'free pass' or permit."

Meanwhile, a Homeland Security study concluded that the unaccompanied minors "are aware of the relative lack of consequences they will receive when apprehended at the U.S. border."

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson implicitly acknowledged that the president's policies have become a magnet for illegal border crossings.

Referring to the deferred-action program that the president announced in June 2012, Johnson felt compelled to inform the world that "The U.S. government's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program ... does not apply to a child who crosses the U.S. border illegally today, tomorrow or yesterday."

It's become simply undeniable, even to those in his own administration, that the president's administrative policies — from

his deferred-action program to his overall lack of serious immigration enforcement — have played a huge role in encouraging tens of thousands of children to risk their lives by traveling across Mexico.

Drug-and gang-related violence in Central America has been a major problem for many years. But the massive spike in illegal immigration by Central American children didn't start until 2012 — the same year Obama announced his deferred-action program.

The president insists on blaming Congress, specifically Republicans, for doing nothing. If he wants to know why Congress hasn't been able to pass immigration reform, all he has to do is look at his own policies, which have created a massive amount of distrust.

It's now painfully clear that the consequences of the president's previous executive actions include tens of thousands of children navigating some of the most dangerous migration corridors in the world.

As I've said many times, there is nothing humane about encouraging mothers, daughters, fathers and sons to put their lives in the hands of criminal smuggling networks controlled by brutal drug cartels.

So I would ask the president: Given all that's happened, how on earth can you consider another pen and phone policy change that we know will lead to yet another surge of illegal immigration, cost the taxpayers more money and, most alarmingly, put more lives in danger?

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is the senior U.S. senator for Texas.
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Sign Language

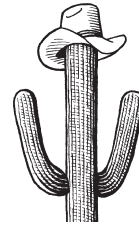
Signs these days work as well as an eight term Congress person. If a sign says wet paint, people touch it, and how often do you see an abandoned couch beneath a "No Dumping" sign? If your "No Trespassing" sign isn't stolen, it only serves as an invitation to party and picnic on your private property. "No Hunting" signs only remind hunters to clean their gun in anticipation of hunting season, and if they see a big buck on your property there isn't a sign in the world that will keep them off of it.

Let's be honest, who amongst us when they see a 65 miles per hour speed limit sign doesn't drive 68 or 69 just to see what we can get away with? In every restaurant that has a sign that says, "No shoes, no shirt, no service" you're bound to see diners wearing tank tops and flip-flops because none of us like to be told what we can, or can't, do. Some people see a "No Parking" sign and their reaction is, "Well, we'll just see about that, won't we now? No one is going to tell me where to park!"

Part of the reason that signs don't seem as effective any more is because they are written poorly and convey the wrong image. For example, I've seen signs in rest rooms of several restaurants that read, "Employees must wash your hands."

I am perfectly capable of washing my own hands, thank you very much.

Those signs along the road that tell what services are available at the next exit can really be confusing. One in our area says



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"Do you know what hell is? Come and hear our organist."

Some signs are funny but I'm not sure they were meant to be. As a child on old Route 66 every summer we passed a lot of Stuckey's signs that read, "Eat with us and get gas." And I heard about a sign in a skyscraper restaurant restroom that read, "Toilet out of order. Please use floor below." I'd hate to be the janitor in that place.

Your typical ranch signs don't work any more either. The landlord of a ranch we leased had six expensive "No Trespassing" signs painted. Four of them were stolen in less than a month and years later I spotted one at a former friend's house!

I think optional signs like these might have been more effective in keeping trespassers out: "Please don't feed the Rottweil-

llers or German Shepherds; Don't trespass; the Drones are watching; Bulls mating, stay in your car; Our dogs are not vegetarians; Beware of quicksand." Instead of having a sign that shows your home is protected by some security company have one instead that says, "This home protected by Smith, Wesson, Winchester and Baretta. And that ain't no law firm!"

Visual stimuli can also be effective. If you are tired of getting your fences cut tie a couple roadkill squirrels or rabbits and a "High Voltage" sign on your fence along with a sign that says... "You will be CHARGED if you cut this fence." If you are tired of your ranch being used as a dumping ground, instead of a "No Dumping" sign have one made that reads "Toxic Waste Dump". If you are a dumping ground for cat litters put up a sign that says, "Cats welcome. Dog food is getting expensive."

Then there's the smart rancher who got tired of following slow moving tourists and big motor homes on the road to his ranch so he painted his own sign that said, "Historical marker ahead." Then a quarter mile up the road he flattened a small parking lot and placed an important looking rock marker with a brass plaque on it that said: "History was made this day when a slow-moving, rubbernecking tourist pulled to the side of the road so I that I could finally pass. Adios sucker!"

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Panel gets input on population influx at border

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — A U.S. House Homeland Security Committee field hearing titled, "Crisis on the Texas Border: Surge of Unaccompanied Minors," was conducted in McAllen on July 3.

Texas Department of Public Safety Director Steven McCraw was among those who testified. He said unaccompanied Central American children are continuing to make the journey to the United States through Texas in record numbers; and

- U.S. Border Patrol detention facilities in the Rio Grande Valley and elsewhere are overwhelmed;

- Drug trafficking organizations are gaining power as a direct result of a porous border; and

- State troopers, agents and Texas Rangers are being deployed to the Rio Grande Valley "to conduct data-driven, multi-agency, ground, air and marine saturation patrols

in high threat areas for sustained periods of time."

Gov. Rick Perry testified, too. Here are excerpts from what he said: "Last week I witnessed the difficult conditions these children are being housed in while they await action by Washington, whether it's the right decision to immediately deport them or the shortsighted and tragic decision to essentially turn them loose in the United States. Some might think allowing them to stay is a more humane option, I assure you, it is not. Nobody is doing any of these children the slightest favor by delaying a rapid return to their countries of origin, which in many cases is not Mexico."

U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul, R-Texas, chair of the House Homeland Security Committee, listed more than a dozen

areas of action the federal government is taking, one of which was public health screenings "for all those who come into our facilities for any symptoms of contagious diseases or other possible public health concerns."

COST ANALYSIS IS RE-LEASED

State Comptroller Susan Combs on June 30 announced the publication of an analysis of new school construction costs.

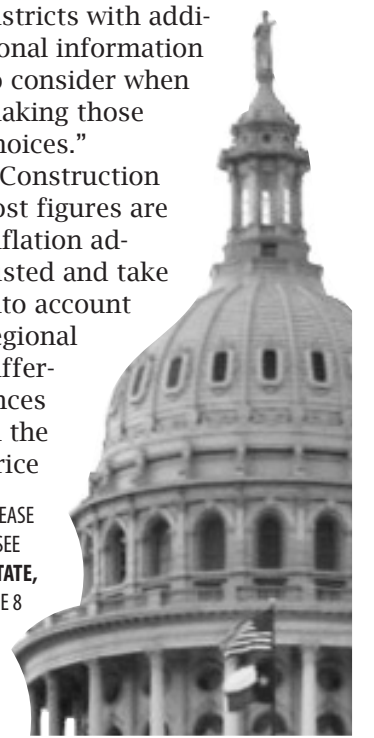
Combs said the analysis, conducted by her agency, shows practices school districts can implement to save money, such as "architectural prototypes that suit elementary, middle or high schools, saving months of construction time and hundreds of thousands of dollars."

"Schools can be built efficiently and less expensively,

but districts don't always choose to do so," Combs said. "Our report provides taxpayers and school districts with additional information to consider when making those choices."

Construction cost figures are inflation adjusted and take into account regional differences in the price

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Sonora Bank named Business of the Month

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce recognizes Sonora Bank, a long-standing member of the Chamber and supporter of the community of Ozona for many years, as the Business of the Month.

For over 114 years, Sonora Bank, formerly known as The First National Bank of Sonora, has been serving customers all over West Texas and beyond. "We pride ourselves in being recognized as a local 'hometown bank' and know our customers by name," said Kay Stewart, Senior Vice-President Branch Manager/Lender. "The bank logo was created with 3 different colored horses running the same direction. The logo depicts change, diversity and strength moving forward."

"With just under 100 employees we're big enough to handle all your banking needs, yet still small enough that you get a great customer/banker relationship. To date, we have a branch in Sonora, two branches in San Angelo, one branch in Boerne and in January 2014 we ac-



SONORA BANK has been named the Business of the Month. Pictured are: (left to right) Kay Stewart, SVP Branch Manager/Lending, Gary Gruben, VP/Lending, and Tonya Brown, VP/Assistant Branch Manager/Lending.

quired what is now known as Sonora Mortgage in Boerne," said Kay.

Presently, Sonora Bank continues to be a family owned community bank with many of the descendants of the original Board of Directors serving on the current Board. The Directors and Staff strive to fulfill our mission of "Providing Excellent, Professional Financial Ser-

vices in a Hometown Atmosphere".

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Sonora Bank for their efforts to provide quality service in addition to being a long time contributor to the community of Ozona.

For more information stop by any of the local branch offices, or visit www.sonorabank.com.

CCCCSD school registration Aug. 7

Crockett County Consolidated Common School District 2014 School Registration Dates: Aug. 7 from 1-7 p.m. at the Ozona Elementary School Gymnasium.

Designated areas by grade levels will be set up in order to coordinate enrollment.

Registration is for grades PK-5, grades 6-8, grades 9-12 and all students new to the district.

For more information, call the administration office at 392-5501.

Congressman mobile office hours for July

U.S. Rep. Pete P. Gallego, D-Alpine, announced mobile office hours in 23rd District of Texas for July. Field Representatives will be meeting with constituents to provide help with federal agencies and departments.

Cynthia Martinez, with Gallego's staff, will be in Ozona Wednesday, July 16, 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Crockett County Courthouse Annex.

Martinez will be in Eldorado and Sonora on Wednesday, July 23.

She will be in Eldorado from 10 a.m.-noon at the Schleicher County Resource Center, 105 W. Calendar St., and in Sonora from 1-3 p.m. at the Sutton County Library, 306 E Mulberry St.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 9

- Exercise class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors meeting, 7 p.m. at the EMS Building.

Thursday, July 10

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Line dancing, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Friday, July 11

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

Monday, July 14

- Exercise class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting, 9 a.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Tuesday, July 15

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Computer course, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Line dancing, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Wednesday, July 16

- Exercise class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 9 - Rick Bird and Darla Ortiz

July 10 - Amanda Pearson, Cathy Bennett, Justice Adkins, Janet McDaniel and Regina Garcia

July 11 - Cinco Martinez, Amelia Chila, Mabel Hernandez, Nicholas Perez, Ericka Rubio, Dorothy Montgomery, Leticia B. Longoria, Jody Upham, Karina Marmolejo, Yvette Gonzales, Joceline Porras and Evelyn K. Tebbets

July 12 - Karen Komechak, Eric Mendoza, Christi Smith, Vicky Treto, James

Montgomery, Shirley Kirby, Jose Aguayo and Stormy Bell

July 13 - Agnes Payne, Myna Flores, Quinton Anthony Porch, Katie Parker, James G. Swearingen and Naomi Barriga

July 14 - Randy Verner, Bryan Arras, Cindy Komechak, Mayra Orona, Annalu Gonzales, Bethani Trevino, Grace Williams, Raul De La Rosa III and Jimmy Nowell

July 15 - Enrique Galvan, Kendra A. Sarabia, Kayla A. Sarabia, Nathan Pena-Alfaro, Luis Villarreal and Linda Borrego

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Ashley Nabor, bride-elect of Jason Stuart

TEXAS PECOS TRAIL NEWS

Partners event July 12 in Midland

BY SCOTT JORDAN
TEXAS PECOS TRAIL

Please join us for the next bi-monthly Pecos Trail Partners Event, July 17, starting at 10 a.m., at the American Airpower Heritage Museum, near the Midland International Airport.

The public is welcome to attend, and we particularly encourage those involved in tourism and heritage preservation.

Guests will tour the museum and see vintage aircraft

and other exciting exhibits. Future plans for the main hangar are also included in the program.

Cost of lunch is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door. The regular board meeting will be held before and after lunch.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region encompasses 22 West Texas counties in the Trans-Pecos area: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Rea-

gan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler.

The Texas Heritage Trails Program is the Texas Historical Commission's award-winning tourism initiative designed to help Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies, and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

RSVP by Saturday, July 12, to Scott at (325) 387-3900 or info@texaspecostrail.com.

Sales Tax training July 24 in Ozona

Experts from the State Comptroller's Office will conduct a Sales Tax Training from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. July 24 at the Crockett County

Public Library.

Topics to be covered include basics of sales tax, what is and isn't taxable, responsibilities as a taxpayer,

hot to complete a sales tax return and more.

To register for the free event, call (325) 942-2098 or visit www.sbdc.angelo.edu.

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Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the elderly. If you have some time, or need some community service for school, come by or call (325) 392-5026. For applications, call Weldon Nicks at (325) 392-3600.

JULY 9

-Chicken spaghetti, squash medley, garden salad, Italian dressing, whole wheat bread, melon cubes and milk.

JULY 10

-Grilled chicken sandwich, potato salad, lettuce and tomato slices, mustard, fruit crisp and milk.

JULY 11

-Crunchy baked fish, potato wedges, coleslaw, whole wheat bread, cinnamon peaches and milk.

JULY 14

-Pork chop, fluffy rice, mixed vegetables, whole wheat roll, fruited cherry gelatin and milk.

JULY 15

-Taco salad, garlic bread stick, French dressing, melon cubes, oatmeal raisin cookie and milk.

JULY 16

-Barbecue chicken breast, potato salad, onion pickle slice, pinto beans, tangy coleslaw, seasonal fresh fruit and milk.

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Malorie Moran bride-elect of Celicio Lerma
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THIS BEAUTIFUL QUILT is the prize for a drawing to benefit the Crockett County Health and Wellness Center during a July 28 social fund-raiser at the Civic Center. Tickets are \$1 to enter the drawing and available from any health and wellness center board member. The quilt was made by the Senior Center Quilting Ladies.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

God has something better in mind

Sometimes you don't get what you ask for in prayer because God has something better in store for you. Ruth Bell Graham, the late wife of Billy Graham, once said, "If God answered every prayer of mine, I would have married the wrong man seven times!"

I had a friend growing up who had the ugliest bicycle I'd ever seen. It was a hand-me-down made from the parts of other bicycles. It didn't even have handlebar grips, and he was always complaining about his hands slipping off the steel posts. He pestered his dad to buy him handlebar grips, but his dad refused.

One day, his dad took him to the Western Auto store.



PASTOR DAN SLEDGE

from the ends. He pleaded with his dad to buy them for him, but he just seemed to ignore his request. Sullen, he followed his dad to the back of the store, muttering aloud, "I never get anything I want. It's just a lousy three dollars! My dad sure is mean!" When they got to the back of the store, the owner wheeled out a shiny, brand new bicycle-complete with plastic

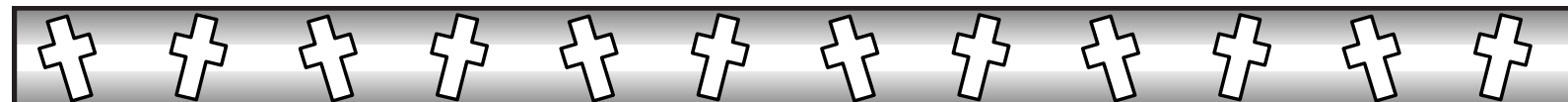
streamers on the handlebars! His father wouldn't allow my friend to get the handlebar grips because he had something better in mind. Sometimes when you ask God for something good, He has something better in store for you.

Remember, God always answers the prayers of His children and sometimes the answer is YES, sometimes it is NO and sometimes it is NOT YET, I HAVE SOMETHING BETTER IN MIND. Blessings, Dr. Dan

Parts of the preceding article was a reprint from the book "Jesus, Storyteller" by Dr. David Dykes.

DAN SLEDGE is the pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Ozona, Texas.

THE STOCKMAN DEADLINE IS NOON ON MONDAY



LOWERING THE FLAG

We had a beautiful day July 4th. First thing that morning our family went to the little flagpole by our front gate and raised the American flag. We said the pledge of allegiance to our country, "under God" and then we prayed a prayer for our leaders and thanked God for our country. We had a wonderful day just hanging out with family and friends. That night we shot off fireworks. Our country has been blessed by God but the cost of freedom did not come cheap. Forgiveness, freedom from sin and eternal did not come cheap, (John 3:16, Romans 5:8). The next morning I got up and lowered the flag but there was sadness in my heart. Things are changing so fast and not all for the good. There is a movement to throw God out of everything and even patriotism for our country. Lifestyles that are contrary to the Bible are being promoted everywhere and even in some Churches. Not working is being promoted, drug use made easy and legal, marriage out the door, just live together and with no telling who, honesty and integrity do not count and just count on the government for everything. It is like many want bad as good and good as bad. Our country needs prayer! We have had God's blessing in the past but that does mean He will continue to bless in the future, (Psalm 127:1, 128:1-4). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

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<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Pastor Dan E. Sledge Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday.</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Apostolic Church 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tues & Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Cristo Hwy 163 S. at Quail Run Interim - Ray Valadez Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.</p>

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Care Center board meeting tonight

The Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board of Directors will hold a regular meeting at 7 p.m. tonight, July 9, at the EMS Building.

The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:
-Sign and approve the minutes of the June 5 meeting.

- Ambulance and Administrator's reports.

-Old business
-New business - Discussion of sealed bids sale of old care-a-van.

-Public comments.
-Discussion of non-agenda items by members for the purpose of placing them on the next agenda.

-Review and authorization to pay Care Center/H.S.C./E.M.S. Financials.

-Executive session if needed.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

BY BRENDA NEWTON
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The Balance Exercise is working better in the morning- so we will leave it in the morning at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Line Dancing is on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. Some of the dances we will be trying are The Freeze, Achy Breaky, Honky Tonk Stomp, Electric Slide, and Slap Leather. The steps are really easy, it just takes a little time to learn them. Come on - give it a try. It's not hard.

If there is something you would like to have started at the center, please let me

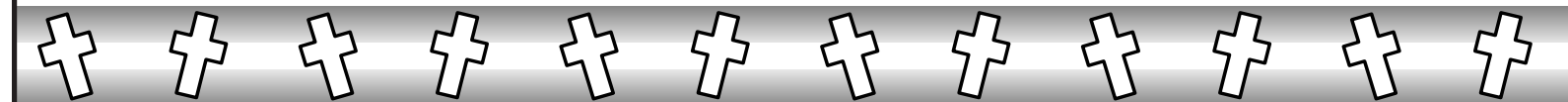
know and I will try to make it happen. Don't forget the trade table. We have really had a good time with the trash to treasure table lately. Thank you to the ones that have donated this table.

Exercise is 9 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Bridge is Monday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. Balance exercise is Tuesday and Thursday at 9 a.m.

Line Dancing is Tuesday and Thursday at 2 p.m. Quilting is Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m. Mexican Train is 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. Prayer Group is Wednesday at 3 p.m. Come on out - the coffee is on.

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3. Eighth graders entering ninth grade may attend the youth center with the high school.

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

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

7TH & 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:
Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL:

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
and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

OHS MEAL NIGHT:

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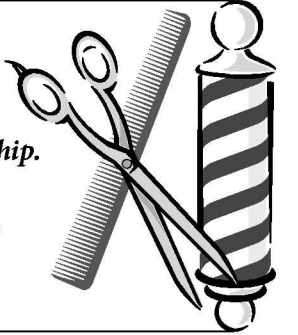
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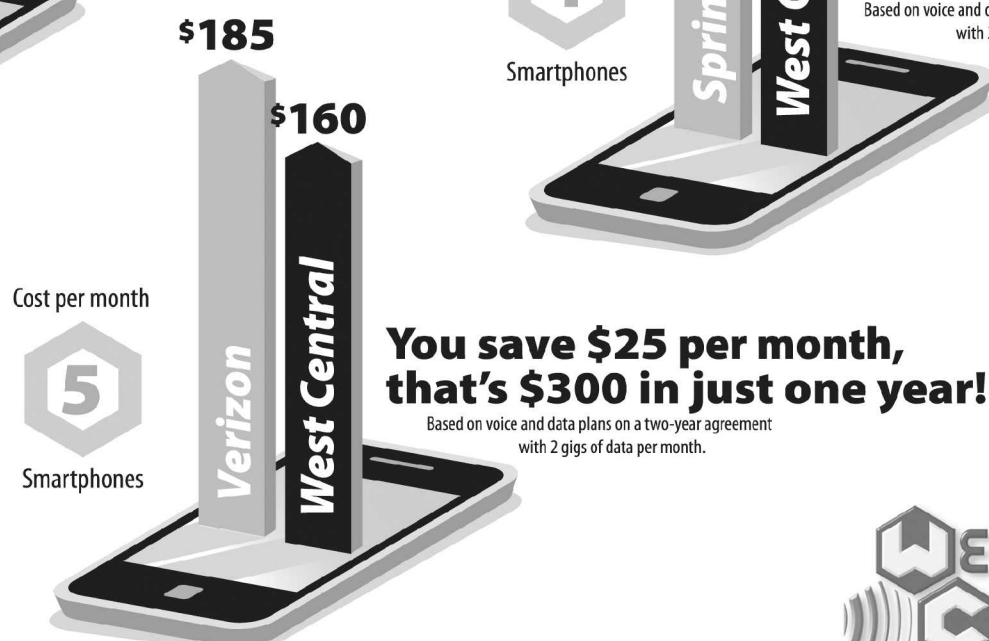
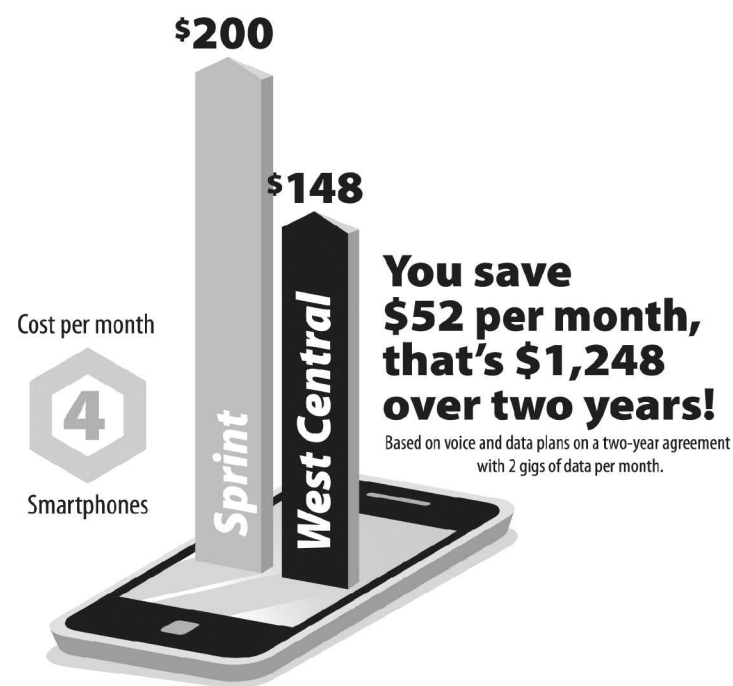
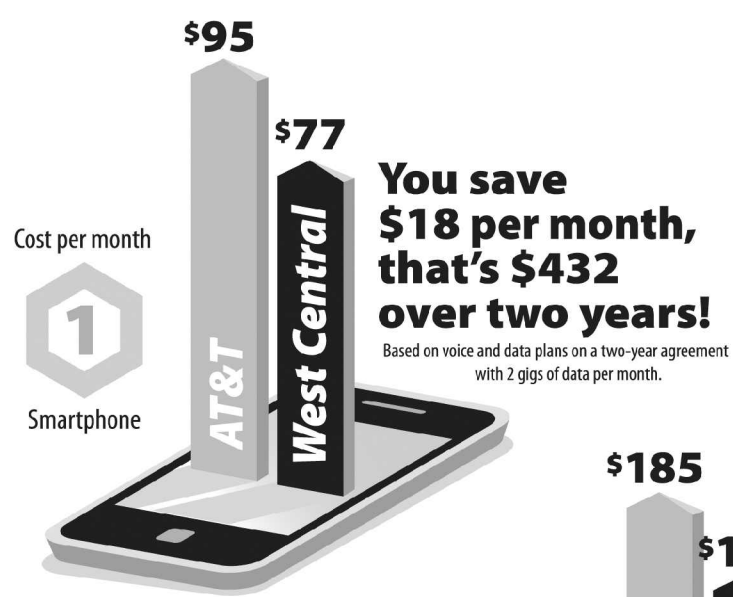
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From the era of the Dust Bowl to the present: Commemorating 75 Years of Soil and Water Conservation



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BY CLYDE GOTTSCHALK
TSSWCB PROGRAM SPECIALIST

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Egan goes on to say that the storms had, "ferocity and density never before seen and they came to be known by many as 'black blizzards.'"

"So, out of this chaos of nature and economic depression the TSSWCB and SWCDS were born. It should be noted

that since the creation of the TSSWCB and organization of local soil and water conservation districts we can proudly say that the majority of Texas farmers, ranchers and timber producers from one generation to the next for the past 75 years have voluntarily and continuously entered into working agreements with their local SWCDS to implement a soil and water conservation program on their farms and ranches to meet the changing conservation needs of every acre on that property," said Isom.

But the story didn't begin smoothly. It had a rocky start until all the political kinks were worked out. When the first version of a conservation law for Texas came out the early movers and shakers for such a law found that it lacked stability and convinced then Governor Jimmy Allred to veto the bill which he did in June, 1937. Their reasons for wanting the bill vetoed was because the law would automatically establish soil conservation districts on a county basis, make the county commissioners court the governing body and called for a portion of county taxes to finance the program," said Isom.

"What they wanted in law was a farmer-rancher controlled program in which local landowners would determine whether a soil conservation district was needed. In addition, they did not want a soil conservation district to have taxing authority or powers of eminent domain. A new bill was written which satisfied their concerns and passed in

1939 by the following legislature. The rest is history," added Isom.

Today the TSSWCB administers several key state programs that provide technical and financial assistance to landowners and land managers who wish to enter into a program and work plan, administering its business and entering into cooperative agreements with their fellow landowners and operators, makes soil conservation districts a democracy in action."

Will the work of the state's 216 soil and water conservation districts ever be completed, and will the soil and water conservation programs administered by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board ever be fully achieved? Probably not. Land ownership changes, or family land when passed on through inheritance is cut into smaller pieces of the pie accompanied with varying land management objectives. Then too, an ever changing political environment coupled with ever changing climatic conditions and agricultural technological advancements all impact existing and future soil and water conservation programs and practices that are implemented on the land.

The late Raymond F. Dammann, professor emeritus of ecology at University of California, Santa Cruz added additional insight as to why conservation of natural resources is a perpetual process. He said, "Most conservation problems exist on particular pieces of ground occupied or cared for by a particular group of peo-

ple. Attempts to solve them at a global, or even a national level, often strike far from the mark."

Thus the words of the founding father of the Texas Soil and Water Conservation District Program" rings even truer... "The fact that landowners themselves have the responsibility for organizing a local SWCD, formulating its program and plan of work, administering its business and entering into cooperative agreements with their fellow landowners and operators, makes soil conservation districts a democracy in action."

The Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board (TSSWCB) administers Texas' soil and water conservation law and delivers coordinated natural resource conservation programs through the State's 216 soil and water conservation districts.

Additionally, the TSSWCB is the lead agency for planning, implementing, and managing programs for preventing and abating agricultural and silvicultural nonpoint sources of water pollution. The agency also administers a water supply enhancement program through the targeted control of water-depleting brush.

The TSSWCB, in an additional area of responsibility, acts to ensure that the State's network of 2,000 flood control dams are protecting lives and property by providing operation, maintenance, and structural repair grants to local government sponsors. The agency also facilitates the Texas Invasive Species Coordinating Committee.

Rainwater:

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has a 5,000 gallon tank and a 3,000 gallon tank to capture water from the center's roof surface."

Smith said the rainwater harvested at the center is used for irrigating a large variety of native flowering plants and shrubs that help attract and support birds, butterflies, dragonflies and other creatures of interest to nature fanciers.

Storz said in addition to providing water for the plants, the rainwater harvesting system is used as an educational tool to teach about the need to preserve and conserve water resources.

"Furthermore, here in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, nature tourism is a major economic sector and facilities like this create interest and attract more people to the area, which helps our economy," she said.

Another Texas A&M AgriLife effort geared toward educating people about water conservation is the WaterSense home at the Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center in Dallas. The home, completed in March of last year in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 and the City of Dallas Water Utilities, received a 2013 Texas Rain Catcher Award from the Texas Water Development Board.

"The Texas A&M AgriLife Research and Extension Center is to be commended for implementing new technology that promotes rainwater har-

vesting and the benefits of water conservation," said board member Kathleen Jackson.

This facility is the first of its kind in North Texas to receive certification as a renovation project and the first WaterSense home to have a rainwater harvesting system as one of its water-saving features, said Clint Wolfe, AgriLife Research urban water programs manager for the center. The system provides an efficient alternative source of irrigation by using captured rainwater for landscaping.

He said the rainwater harvesting system for the WaterSense home consists of a 1,000-gallon polyethylene tank with a first flush diverter and fill tube. The tank provides water to seven drip irrigation zones and two spray zones outfitted with a one-horsepower self-priming pump.

"The home's garden area consists of low-water-use native and adaptive plants, so the landscape has been designed to be sustained solely by supplemental irrigation from captured rainwater," Wolfe said. "The WaterSense Labeled Home has provided an exceptional opportunity for people who visit the center to learn about rainwater harvesting and many other indoor and outdoor methods of conserving water."

An example multi-family dwelling on the Dallas center grounds next to the home is equipped with a 1,500-gallon tank for landscape irrigation, along with individual 35-gallon rainwater barrels in small, enclosed backyard patio areas.

Lawn irrigation accounts for a major part of water use in urban areas, so the center is also investigating rainwater harvesting efficiency related to this specific application.

The center has four free-standing rainwater harvesting test sheds each with a roof surface area of 150 square feet and an associated turf-grass area of 225 square feet. Three of the sheds collect rainwater into three 55-gallon barrels, which provide irrigation for the lawn. A fourth shed is also equipped with three barrels, but these are filled with city water, not rainwater, for test control purposes.

"The purpose of these sheds is to provide a scaled-down version of the surface area of the roof of a typical urban home in Dallas and other metropolitan areas and the typical area of lawn," said Dr. Fouad Jaber, a specialist at the center with a joint AgriLife Extension and AgriLife Research appointment. We are investigating the efficacy of rainwater harvesting in conjunction with storm water runoff and pollution."

The water from the barrels is used to irrigate the turf-grass lawn by different irrigation scheduling methods, including soil moisture-based, evapotranspiration-based, and timed irrigation of the type used by the typical homeowner.

"This provides us with important data on how much water is needed, as well as the runoff reduction and water quality benefits of rainwater harvesting systems," Jaber said.

In severely drought-stricken Wichita Falls, AgriLife Extension water resource specialist Drew Gholson took the lead in planning, designing and installing a startup rainwater harvesting project at an area high school.

"I was approached last year by the agricultural science teacher at Iowa Park High School to design and install a rainwater harvesting system to help them with their horticulture class and their greenhouse water needs during this time of drought," Gholson said.

Gholson said he took measurements and "did the math," calculating that the building the system would be affixed to was 200 feet by 120 feet and even if rainfall was collected from only one side of the building it would amount to 7,200 gallons collected for every inch of rainfall.

"That got their attention," he said. "This part of Texas has been especially hard hit by drought and the idea of being able to collect and use that much water when needed was very appealing to them. We worked through how much they could collect and store, and the Iowa Park ISD school board approved an amount to install the system - PVC pipe, tanks, a pump and other components. They already had gutters in place, so we worked with those."

Gholson and his father installed the initial system on a Saturday, ensuring correct placement of conveyance pipes and splitting rainfall collection distribution into two downspouts so the gutters didn't have to support too

much weight.

"Since that day, they have doubled the storage and collection area to 12,000 gallons and there is a line connecting the rainwater storage system to greenhouse. Now the students will be able to use rainwater for their plants when they come back in the fall."

Gholson said while every system is different, he hopes more people throughout the state will see such systems and they will spark ideas for designing and installing their own.

"Of course, we practice what we preach when it comes to the Texas A&M University System," Smith said. "In addition to some large rainwater capture systems on the Texas A&M campus in College Station, we have them at several of our AgriLife Extension county offices and at other system facilities."

He said AgriLife Extension facilities with rainwater harvesting systems include agency county offices in Atascosa, Brazos, Colorado, Comal, Culberson, Denton, Fort Bend, Fayette, Grandbury, Hays, Hidalgo, Menard, Montgomery and Taylor counties. The Texas AgriLife Extension has also been a part of setting up the rainwater harvesting project at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

"One of our biggest statewide efforts is educating people on the use of rainwater systems and giving them hands-on demonstrations of how to construct their own basic home rainwater harvesting system," Smith said "Of course, we also have more advanced programs

for those who wish to take on larger rainwater harvesting projects."

Smith said AgriLife Extension personnel, as well as trained Master Gardeners and Master Naturalist volunteers, provide instruction in rainwater harvesting education and hands-on demonstrations.

"We have rainwater harvesting demonstration programs in various counties throughout the year," he said. "Over the years, we estimate that tens of thousands of people statewide have attended one or more of these programs, receiving instruction on how to build and maintain rainwater harvesting systems. While most of these are smaller workshops of 50 or less, we also participate in water conservation-oriented events that draw upwards of a thousand people."

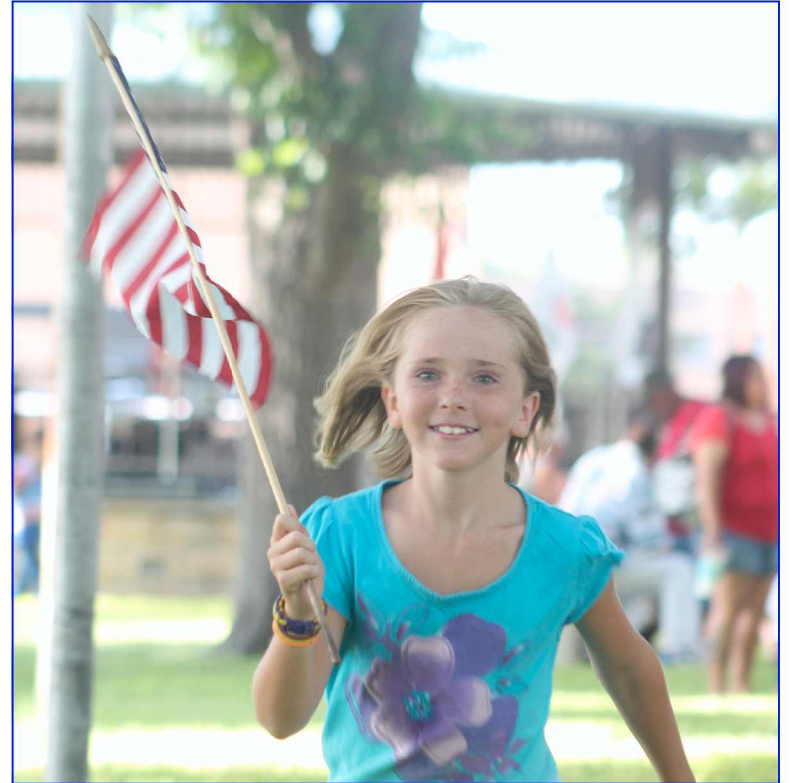
Smith said publications on rainwater harvesting by Texas A&M System experts are available for a cost at the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Bookstore website, <http://agrilife-bookstore.org>. Enter the word "rainwater" into the search field on the home page.

One of the most popular publications, "Rainwater Harvesting: System Planning," has recently been translated and is now also available in Spanish," Smith said.

Additional information on rainwater harvesting, events and training can be found at <http://rainwaterharvesting.tamu.edu>. Texas residents wanting to know about a rainwater harvesting program in their area may also contact the AgriLife Extension office in their county.

FOURTH OF JULY MEMORY SNAPSHOTS

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Annual Fourth of July 5K GI Joe Run



BY FRANK TAMBUNGA
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

finish line in 45 minutes or less. Kayla Mendoza earned the title Mrs. G I JOE for 2014. Roman Esparza came in first with a time of 19:58. Roman retained his title as Mr GI Joe for 2014.

We had good support for our annual 5K GI Joe Run. We had 37 participants of various age and another 5 assisting with the event. The Course was the "Country Club Route". Every participant completed the course by either running or walking and all made it to the

his age bracket with a time of 20:33. The Crockett County Veterans would like to express our gratitude for all those that took the time to participate or purchased a T-shirt. Also we appreciate all that helped out to make the event run smooth. Proceeds from this event go to assist annual events for the Veterans.

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HE WILL NOT BE IN OZONA ON THURSDAY, JULY 17 & 24.
If you need prescriptions refilled, please get them this Thursday.
During office hours on Thursdays call 392-2508
To make an appointment or for more info call the Eldorado Clinic at 325-853-2572

USDA reminds producers of 2014 Acreage Reporting Requirement

BY JED W. HRUSKA
TEXAS FARM SERVICE AGENCY

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Reagan-Upton-Irion-Crockett County Farm Service Agency (FSA) Executive Director Jed Hruska reminds agricultural producers that July 15, 2014, is the deadline to file an acreage report for spring seeded crops. Planted acres must be reported to FSA by July 15, 2014. The Agricultural Act of 2014 (2014 Farm Bill) requires producers on a farm to submit annual acreage reports on all cropland.

"Although some federal farm program enrollments have not yet started, timely acreage reports for all crops and land uses, including prevented and failed acreage that producers submit to their local FSA office, are important to ensure program eligibility," said Hruska.

Acreage reports to FSA are considered timely filed when completed by the applicable final crop reporting deadline, which may vary from state to state. Perennial forage crops intended for grazing or haying were required to be reported last fall, whereas perennial forage crops with an intended use of cover only, green manure, left standing, or seed, must be reported by July 15.

Although July 15 is the most common deadline to report acreage for spring seeded crops, this date may be different in locations with climates that are warmer or

cooler than average. Producers should contact their county FSA office if they are uncertain about acreage reporting deadlines. Hruska said that failed acreage must be reported before the disposition of the crop and that prevented acreage must be reported within 15 calendar days after the final planting date for the applicable crop.

For questions on this or any FSA program, including specific crop reporting deadlines and planting dates, producers should contact their county FSA office or seek information online at www.fsa.usda.gov.

Today's announcement was made possible through the 2014 Farm Bill, which builds on historic economic gains in rural America over the past five years, while achieving meaningful reform and billions of dollars in savings for the taxpayer. Since enactment, USDA has made significant progress to implement each provision of this critical legislation, including providing disaster relief to farmers and ranchers; strengthening risk management tools; expanding access to rural credit; funding critical research; establishing innovative public-private conservation partnerships; developing new markets for rural-made products; and investing in infrastructure, housing and community facilities to help improve quality of life in rural America.

For more information, visit www.usda.gov/farmbill.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls	Count
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	7
911 medical/fire assistance	7
Civil complaints	10
Civil documents served	4
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	26
Juvenile/School	3
Motorist assist/locked vehicle	16
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	2
Minor/major traffic accidents	3
Traffic contacts	18

Offense reports/arrests:
6-30-14
• Sheriff's Deputy filed a Criminal Mischief report on incident that occurred on Avenue E
7-2-14
• Sheriff's Deputy filed a Criminal Mischief report on County property damaged by juveniles
• DPS arrested Genevive Garza of San Antonio on a Bexar County Warrant. Garza posted bond and was released
• Sheriff's Deputy arrested Gilbert Lopez of Ozona on a charge of Driving While License Invalid. Lopez posted bond and was released.
7-3-14
• Sheriff's deputy arrested Peter Rodriguez of Ozona on a charge of Possession of Marijuana < 2 oz. Rodriguez posted bond and was released
• Sheriff's Deputy arrested Robert Munns of Odessa on a charge of Assault Family violence. Munns posted bond and was released
• Sheriff's Deputy arrested Maribel Lomas on Ozona on a charge of Assault Family Violence. Lomas posted bond and was released
• Sheriff's Deputy arrested Michael Ramirez of Ozona on a charge Driving While License Invalid, Ramirez was also charged with Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia. Ramirez was arraigned and transferred to Upton County.
• Sheriff's Deputy arrested Colleen Rose of Fritch, TX on a charge of Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia. Rose was arraigned and transferred to Upton County.
7-4-14
• Sheriff's Deputy arrested Sky Munoz of Ozona on a local warrant, Munoz posted bond and was released
• Sheriff's Deputy arrested Juan Gabriel Tambunga of Ozona on a Schleicher County Warrant, Tambunga posted bond and was released.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

6/30/2014	• 12:03 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital, 911 Response (Emergency)	• 3:48 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren, Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital, 911 Response (Emergency)	• 3:48 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren, Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital, 911 Response (Emergency)	• 12:48 p.m. - Treatment, No Transport, 911 Response (Emergency)
7/1/2014	• 8:09 p.m. - Transported Lights/Siren,			
7/2/2014	• 5:24 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren, San Angelo Community Medical Center, 911 Response (Emergency)	• 11:03 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Family Health Clinic, 911 Response (Emergency)		
7/4/2014	• 7:05 p.m. - Transported Lights/Siren, Shannon AirMed1, 911 Response (Emergency)			
7/5/2014	• 10:59 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren, Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital, 911 Response (Emergency)			

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of materials and labor, Combs said.

DROUGHT CONDITIONS PERSIST

Gov. Perry on July 3 renewed for another month the drought emergency disaster he originally proclaimed on July 5, 2011, certifying exceptional drought conditions pose a threat of imminent disaster in specified counties in Texas. This current proclamation extension applies to 118 of the state's 254 counties.

"Rules and regulations that may inhibit or prevent prompt response to this threat are suspended for the duration of the state of disaster," the proclamation states.

SITE SHOWS IMPACT OF BASES

Comptroller Combs on July 2 publicized a new source of information on the economic impact of military installations in the state.

TheTexasEconomy.org/military highlights how the state and local communities support military activities and families and gives examples of ways military activities spur economic development and innovation in Texas.

Texas military installations, which employ more than 255,000 military and defense-related civilian personnel, provide an impact "of nearly \$150 billion to the state economy and account for 6 percent of the state's economic activities," Combs said.

laws defining and prohibiting human trafficking, human trafficking as a form of child abuse, risk factors for school-aged children, indicators of human trafficking, approaches to responding to an outcry, a mechanism to report human trafficking, and proactive approaches for school districts."

RR OFFERS BBQ TIPS

Texas Railroad Commission, the state's energy-regulating agency, on the day before the Fourth of July, made an announcement listing safety tips for Texas estimated six million "barbecue households" that own propane gas grills.

Among tips given was: "To turn the cylinder valve off or on, remember, Righty, Tightly ... Lefty, Loosey."

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counties in the Concho Valley.

The United States Geologic Survey defines an aquifer as a geologic formation, a group of formations or part of a formation that contains sufficient saturated, permeable material to yield significant quantities of water to wells and springs.

According to information from the Texas Water Development Board website, the Edwards-Trinity Aquifer's water-bearing units are composed predominantly of limestone and dolomite of the Edwards Group and sands of the Trinity Group.

Although maximum saturated thickness of the aquifer is greater than 800 feet, freshwater saturated thickness averages 433 feet.

Ozona has a population of 3,225, and the district has a little more than 1,800 metered customers. Total water use was approximately 435 million gallons in 2013.

"As a water district, we are a taxing entity," Meador

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ACROSS

- TXism: "I'd _____ to prime my mouth to spit" (thirsty)
- Denton's 940 code
- In Castro Co. on 194
- TX Dabney '80 film: "_____ to Five"
- TXism: "he _____ than a rip saw running through pine knots"
- _____ gallon hat
- TXism: "book _____ horse smart"
- TX Farm-to-Market passage (abbr.)
- "Don't _____ With Texas"
- TX flag flying upside down
- TX Cyd Charisse real name: Tula _____ Finklea
- TX Thompson who sang with Brazos Valley Boys
- Seur _____ Salle led 1st French expedition to TX
- famous TX case: Roe _____ Wade
- TXism: "throw some _____ horse" (saddle up)
- gentlemen
- killer or honey
- org. created in '91: Mayors United _____ Crime and Law Enforcement
- Mexia h.s. class
- spiritual teacher
- TX Perot's old co: Electronic _____
- hair ringlets
- TXism: "keeps his ear to the ground and his eyes peeled"
- billion or million ending
- Seminole is seat of this county
- TCU "Dutch" coach (init.)
- TXism: "rarin' to _____"
- gem found in TX
- invention protection
- TXism: "dark as _____ of black cats"
- started in TX: Steak and _____
- chili _____ came
- Love Field abbr.
- Wilbarger Co. seat
- TXism: "a fire _____" (mean)
- TX Buddy's wife: Maria _____ Holly
- office furniture
- _____ Colinas
- TXism: "don't give a hoot _____ a holler"
- TXism: "was born _____ honky _____ moon" (partier)
- TXism: "he _____ from the bottom of the deck" (crooked)
- Jackson Co. seat
- TX-born Scott Joplin: "King of _____ time"
- TXism: "_____ 'em see you sweat"
- children's author
- TXism: "_____ time we did _____"
- Paso
- Texan born 'tween July 23 & Aug. 22
- _____ Park in New Braunfels
- _____ in Peace"
- TXism: "eatin' out of the _____ feed bag" (agree)
- seat of Burnet Co.
- Houston industry
- TX Owen _____ Smith was last Olympian vaulter to use bamboo pole
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The Crockett County Consolidated Common School District will receive sealed bids for the following: Cafeteria Products including Meat Products, Canned and Frozen Goods, Grocery Staples, Bread, Milk, Paper and Chemical Products for September 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015.

All bids will be received until 4:00 p.m. August 19, 2014. Any proposal received after this date will be returned unopened. Proposals received without a signature will not be accepted. Proposals will be awarded at the next regular school board meeting.

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