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OHS Homecoming Week

Five beautiful young ladies are vying for the title of 2014 Ozona High School Homecoming Queen.

This year's nominees are Gabby Martinez, Kaylenn Elston, Kristen Hernandez, Bethany Martinez and Meagan Espinosa.

Gabby is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Rodriguez and Steven Martinez. She will be escorted by Zack Taylor.

Kaylenn is the daughter of James and Shally Elston. She will be escorted by Ricky Porras.

Kristen is the daughter of Reba Bennett and Ticket Hernandez. She will be escorted by Cole Parker.

Bethany is the daughter of Leonard and Lydia Martinez. She will be escorted by Ryan Porras.

Meagan is the daughter of Cathy Castro and Ernesto Es-

pinosa. She will be escorted by Jayton Rodriguez.

The crowning will be 7 p.m. Friday at Lion Stadium.

OHS Dress up days are: Wednesday - Wacky Wednesday; Thursday - Throwback Thursday (decades of the past) and Friday - Purple and Gold Spirit Day.

OMS Dress up days: Wednesday - Look Alike Day; Thursday - Neon and Glitter Day; Friday - Purple and Gold Spirit Day.

OES Dress up days: Wednesday - Topsy Turvey Day (wear crazy clothes, inside out and mismatched); Thursday - Favorite Color Day (wear your favorite color from head to toe) and Friday - Purple and Gold Spirit Day.

The bonfire will be at 8 p.m. Thursday behind the Senior Center.

Ozona Schools will dis-

miss at noon Friday.

Crockett National Bank will host a customer appreciation lunch from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. honoring the football team.

Parade lineup will be at 2 p.m. at the Davidson Gym. The parade will start at 3 p.m. at the Davidson Gym and end at Lion Stadium for the Pep Rally.

Ozona Woman's League will hold their annual Homecoming Barbecue starting at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center. Tickets are \$10 and available from any woman's league member or at the door.

The Ozona Lions will face the Eldorado Eagles at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lion Stadium.

A Fifth Quarter will be held after the game for all high school students at the Crockett County Youth Center sponsored by the Ozona United Methodist Church.



2014 OHS HOMECOMING QUEEN NOMINEES: (left to right) Gabby Martinez, Kaylenn Elston, Kristen Hernandez, Bethany Martinez and Meagan Espinosa. Crowning will be 7 p.m. Friday at Lion Stadium.

Lions outrun Owls

BY CARLOS SILVA JR.
SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

BIG LAKE — At the onset of the game, Ed Perez lined up his Ozona football team in a five-wide set at its own 32-yard line against Reagan County.

It appeared the Lions second-year head coach was ready to launch the ball, courtesy of quarterback Jayton Rodriguez, to every corner of the field.

But that all changed once Ozona was stopped following a pair of incompletions and was forced to punt from its own 43.

It was at that moment Perez decided to go back to what's brought the team success — running the football.

Knotted up at 7-7 in its fourth offensive possession, Ozona faced what appeared to be an improbable fourth-and-17 from the Owls' 30-yard line.

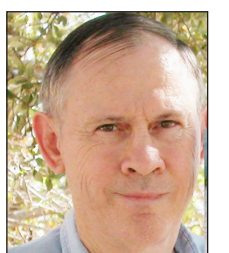
Any doubt was wiped away once Rodriguez handed the ball off on a reverse



RYAN PORRAS (right) looks to run by a Reagan County Owl during Friday's game in Big Lake. Ozona won 36-15 making them 3-2 overall.

Library dinner featuring West Texas author

Patrick Dearen is a historian at heart, and his books show it.



PATRICK DEAREN

Dearen, a Sterling City native, will talk about his love of West Texas during the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Civic Center.

The program will be from 6:30-9 p.m. and will feature a barbecue chicken buffet by the Guadalupanas of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Tickets for the meal and program are \$12 and can be purchased from any Friends member or at the Crockett County Public Library. RSVP is Friday, Oct. 3.

Dearen has hiked huge

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TxDOT lowers speed limit on US 67

BY KAREN THRELKELD
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The Texas Department of Transportation has lowered the speed limit on US Highway 67 from 75 mph to 70 mph between San Angelo and Big Lake. The change took effect Sept. 24.

This stretch of highway, especially between Big Lake and Barnhart, has seen an increase in crash rates in the last two years.

It now ranks higher than



the state average for crashes for a similar type rural road.

The Irion County Sheriff's Office reported Sunday that they have had 120 motor vehicle accidents so far this year. Last year, the county had 117 total.

A project to add three

passing lanes between Big Lake and Irion County line was awarded to Reece Albert, Inc. in August and is expected to begin construction later this year. This \$5 million dollar improvement will add three one-mile passing lanes along the 11 mile stretch.

Another project, expected to go out for bids in June of 2015 will add passing lanes along US 67 in Irion County. This project has a preliminary cost estimate of \$27 million.

TEEX Study gives in depth look into Big Lake's challenges and bright future

BY J.L. MANKIN
BIG LAKE WILDCAT

The Competitive Assessment Study for Big Lake, which was commissioned by the Big Lake Economic Development Corporation four months ago, is complete.

The 32 page document is meant to serve as a 'baseline' for strategic planning

as the community continues to grow due to the booming oil economy.

"After looking at the finished product I think it is wonderful," Gloria Baggett, director of the BLEDC said. "The document itself is just a tool though. It will be up to the various groups in Big Lake to use it. If they fully utilize the study it can be a

very powerful thing."

The study, which was compiled by Knowledge Engineering of the Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX), is a comprehensive collection of information about Big Lake that comes with few surprises for those living here.

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OZONA LIONS VS ELDORADO EAGLES
7:30 P.M. FRIDAY AT LION STADIUM



Lots of thinking involved before starting a business

Are you thinking of starting a small business? There is a lot of thinking to be done before starting your own small business. Starting a small business can be a life altering event. Running a successful small business takes the same type of commitment and desire. You will be living your business 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

On the positive side, if you have the right temperament and a solid plan, starting a small business of your own can be extremely satisfying and exhilarating. Let's take a look at a few aspects of starting a small business so you can make an informed decision about whether it is right for you.

The first step is to examine whether or not starting a business is right for you - not your friends, neighbors, co-worker or whoever else is trying to tell you that you should start your own



BUSINESS TIPS

PAUL HOWARD

business. The main quality that you have to have to start your own business is a burning desire to do it. Running a business is not for the indifferent or wishy-washy.

You have to really, really want to be your own boss, transform your dream into a reality, and market your product or service.

Do you really want to operate independently and be the person making all the decisions and shouldering all the responsibility? Some people need the environment that working as a regular employee can provide. The bosses make the manage-

ment decisions; you do your job and receive regular wages and benefits in return. Your responsibilities and boss's expectations are clearly defined. Running your own business is completely different. You are the company, and as such the success or failure of the business depends solely on you.

Are you willing to work hard and make the sacrifices starting a small business entails?

There are no eight to five shifts when you run your own business; especially when you are in the startup phase. You will be wearing many hats such

as manager, worker, receptionist, payroll clerk, bookkeeper and cleaner upper. This means late nights, long hours and the end of weekends off and three week paid vacations. If you have a family, they must be ready for additional demands on your time.

Do you have the self-confidence and self-discipline that will enable you to persevere and build your new venture into a success? Very few new businesses are overnight successes. It takes hard work and patience to build a successful business. Failures and setbacks are to be

expected. You must be able to think quickly and forget about those as soon as possible.

This article is not to deter anyone from starting a small business. The SBDC is here to help you make good decisions concerning your business ventures. In any case, true entrepreneurs cannot and will not be deterred. That is what makes our job so rewarding. It is also what makes America great.

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

Hispanic Heritage Month

Sept. 16 - or 16 de septiembre - is Mexico's Independence Day. Here at home, it is the official kickoff to Hispanic Heritage Month.



GREETINGS FROM WASHINGTON
PETE GALLEGO

Whatever our background and culture, we should embrace and appreciate it. My own cultural heritage is Hispanic, though I often get asked whether I'm Italian or Portuguese.

Sometimes people ask, "What is the significance of Hispanic Heritage Month?" I enjoy explaining why we celebrate it over two months (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15) and what exactly it entails. The Hispanic Heritage Month website, <http://hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>, summarizes it as follows: "The Library of Congress, National Archives and Records Administration, National Endowment for the Humanities, National Gallery of Art, National Park Service, Smithsonian Institution and United States Holocaust Memorial Museum join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and society."

there are many who deserve recognition. I'll be highlighting a few of these individuals over the course of the next few weeks. I invite you to visit my Facebook and Twitter pages as I take to social media to underscore the contributions of some talented, yet courageous people. You can access those pages by visiting www.gallego.house.gov.

My hope is that, through these posts and Tweets, we can remember and relive the sacrifices and successes of the many Hispanics, Latinos and Latinas, who came before us. They are our people. Our traditions. Our way of life. They are our story.

I'm proud to be an original co-sponsor of the Congressional Resolution honoring and celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. We must honor our community's past. At the same time, we must reaffirm our dedication to improving our nation for the next generation of Americans, Latino and non-Latino alike.

The observation of Hispanic Heritage Month began in 1968 under President Lyndon Johnson. It originally began as Hispanic Heritage Week but was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988.

As a kid in West Texas, views of Hispanics - and opportunities for Hispanics - were limited. Looking back, it's hard to believe that anyone ever advocated for things like segregated schools. I use these 30 days to highlight those who broke the doors down and created opportunities for younger Hispanics. They set an example for others to follow.

People like Congressman Henry B. Gonzalez who served for 38 years in the House of Representatives and was a founding member of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus; Dr. Hector P. Garcia, who founded the American G.I. Forum as a place where Hispanic veterans could join together as one voice to advocate for their fellow service members; or Associate Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who grew up in the projects of the Bronx, getting by with her family through her late father's Social Security pension.

The list goes on. And,

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Rent-A-Turnip



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

Have you heard about the greatest moneymaking franchise since Nerds-To-Go? It's called Rent-A-Chicken and it was started by Leslie Sutor six years ago in Michigan. Let me tell you, this Ms. Sutor is one very smart chick.

According to a news blurb in the ever-enjoyable Fence Post magazine, Leslie sells franchises who in turn rent out two laying hens, a portable coop and enough feed to last six months.

And all for only \$400! It sounds like a great way to teach your children about agriculture and the food they eat. Although the economics may not pencil out.

Let's do the math. You keep the two hens for six months and at a purchase price of \$400 that equals \$66.66 per month. The article I read indicated that you'd get two eggs every day from your two hens but it was my awful experience in raising chickens in my youth that you don't get an egg every day from a hen.

Thank goodness for that because I hate eggs. So much so my mom accused me of purposely dropping the egg basket and breaking all the eggs in it on two dozen or so different occasions.

But let's say you do get two eggs every day. That's five dozen eggs per month which will end up costing \$13.33 per dozen. Currently the store in town is selling a dozen Grade A eggs for \$2.59. Hmm. According to my calculations, with costs of \$67 per month your two hens would

have to lay five eggs per day per chicken to make them equal the store price. Didn't I say this was a great way to teach people about the real world realities of agriculture?

I would think that just one day of laying five eggs would kill any hen and I would hope there is not a penalty for handing back two dead chickens at the end of the rental period.

According to the story I read the rentee is also given a quick tutorial on raising chickens. Excuse me! I have a friend who spent eight years in college studying poultry and even he is often baffled by the ever-perplexing poultry.

I was amused at another comment made by one of the franchisees when he said that kids could play with the poultry, as if they were a poodle. I've raised way too many chickens in my life and I have to admit that I was never able to teach a single one to roll over or shake hands. They might "sit" or "stay" and they often look like they are "playing dead". Actually, many times they really are. In that respect chickens are a lot like sheep in that they are looking for a place to die from the minute they are born.

I think Rent-A-Chicken is a brilliant concept and I'm surprised a poultry plucker thought of it. I'm afraid though, as with any great American idea, it won't be long before the Chinese steal the idea and start renting out cheaper Chinese chickens. And why stop there? Next thing you know there will be Rent-A-Radish, Rent-A-Beet and Rent-A-Turnip franchises where urbanites will pay \$50 for five seeds and when the tubers are ready they'll take half of them. It'll be Sharecropping for Dummies.

I'm not totally convinced that the education aspect of Rent-A-Chicken will be totally grasped either, especially by five year olds. "Hey mom, what's that gross thing coming out of the chicken's butt?"

"Shut up and eat your scrambled eggs."

This is such a great concept that I'm surprised a smart dairyman didn't think of it first. Because of the terrible drouth in the number one dairy state in the nation, I can envision dairymen in California who are tired of buying hay, renting out their Holsteins to gullible out-of-state folks with big back yards. But even this has the potential to turn from a good educational experience into a marketing nightmare.

Once again that same five year old looks at his mother milking the Rent-A-Cow and asks, "Yuck! What's that stuff coming out of the cow's belly?"

"Shut up and drink your milk. And eat those turnips!"

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Top candidates debate this week with election on horizon

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — A debate scheduled Sept. 29 pits Leticia Van de Putte, D-San Antonio, and Dan Patrick, R-Houston, two state senators who are vying to succeed David Dewhurst as lieutenant governor in 2015. Van de Putte, a pharmacist in private life, has served in the Senate since 1999. Patrick, a radio talk show host, was first elected to the Senate in 2009. Whoever wins will preside over the Senate.

On Sept. 30, a second debate between state Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, and Republican Greg Abbott, Texas attorney general, gives voters another look at the two competing to succeed Rick Perry as Texas' next governor.

"Now is also a good time to check your registration to make sure you are prepared for Election Day on Nov. 4," Secretary of State Nandita Berry said Sept. 23. Unregistered voters have until Oct. 6 to get registered, she added, and some 13.6 million Tex-

ans already are registered to vote. Early voting begins Oct. 20 and ends Oct. 31.

PERRY HELPS BREAK GROUND

Gov. Rick Perry on Sept. 22 participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the SpaceX Commercial Launch Facility near Boca Chica Beach, adjacent to Brownsville, which will launch commercial satellites into Earth orbit.

Perry said the groundbreaking "is the result of years of cooperation between Texas and SpaceX" and his office's Texas Enterprise Fund "was instrumental in bringing SpaceX to Texas, with a \$2.3 million grant in August that will bring 300 jobs and create \$85 million in capital investment in South Texas." The State of Texas also is offering \$13 million from its Space-

port Trust Fund to the Cameron County Spaceport Development Corp., Perry said.

Elon Musk, SpaceX chief executive and chief designer, said, "With today's groundbreaking at Boca Chica, we will begin an investment in South Texas that will create hundreds of jobs and over time contribute hundreds of millions of dollars into the local economy."

GOVERNOR WILL NOT APPEAR

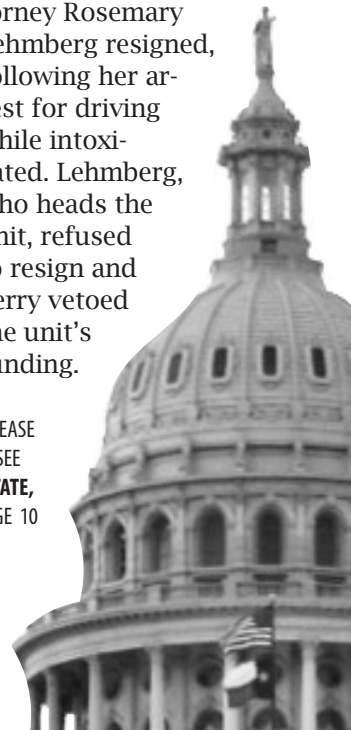
Visiting state district Judge Bert Richardson on Sept. 26 granted Gov. Perry's request to be excused from a pretrial hearing scheduled for Oct. 13.

Perry was indicted last month by a Travis County grand jury on felony charges of official oppression and abuse of office. The charges stem from the governor's

threat to veto legislation funding the state's public integrity unit in 2013 unless Travis County District At-

torney Rosemary Lehmborg resigned, following her arrest for driving while intoxicated. Lehmborg, who heads the unit, refused to resign and Perry vetoed the unit's funding.

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CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS



BRENNA HALE (right) exhibited the Champion Fine Wool Market Lamb at the South Plains Fair over the weekend in Lubbock. The lamb was bred by Richard and Scott Long.

Hale wins Champion Fine Wool

Brenna Hale exhibited the Champion Fine Wool Market Lamb at the South Plains Fair in Lubbock over the weekend.

Other exhibitors who represented Crockett County 4-H include Ethan Criswell, Chance Criswell, Sydney Flores and Timothy Maldonado.

FOOD & NUTRITION

The first 4-H Food & Nutrition Class of the year was held Sept. 25 at the 4-H Office.

Cooking class will be Thursdays with Juniors from 5-6:30 p.m. and Intermediate and Seniors from 6:30-8 p.m.

Food Show recipe deadline is Oct. 16.

The Crockett County Food Show will be 1 p.m. Oct. 25 at the Civic Center.

FOOD CHALLENGE



CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H held their first Food & Nutrition Class on Sept. 25 at the 4-H Office.

The 4-H Food Challenge practice will be Sunday, Oct. 5, at the 4-H office at 2 p.m.

LAMBS & GOATS

Lamb and goat showmanship clinics will be 6 p.m. Oct. 14.

Lamb and goat validations will be 4 p.m. Oct. 21 at the 4-H Barn.

HOG EXHIBITORS

Anyone interested in

showing a hog needs to call Aaron Renfroe as soon as possible at 392-2721.

BANQUET

The annual 4-H Banquet will be at 6 p.m. Oct. 28 at the Civic Center.

The Cooking Class Participants are asked to bring a baked good for the silent auction.

For more information, call the Crockett 392-2721.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Oct. 1 - Leslea B. Fierro, Nancy Gutierrez, Chase De-Hoyos, Michael Morelli, Debra Burk and Fay Henry

Oct. 2 - Jessica Luckie, Crystelle Childres, Lu Ingram, Susan Hester, Mike Miller, Aryn Danre Sanchez, Michael Ybarra Jr. and Brandi Trevino

Oct. 3 - Marolyn Bean, Lizette De La Cruz, Margaret

Longoria, Robert Tambunga, Sue Ellen Crawford, JoLynn Rodriguez and Autumn Gonzales

Oct. 4 - Bryce Gutierrez, Christopher Rodriguez, Kurtlan Reyes, Jesus Guerra, Mike Vitela and Ray Ramos

Oct. 5 - Benita Castellanos, Jose M. Esparza Jr., Avery Sofia Fierro, Orinaldo

Meza and Ashlynn Borrego

Oct. 6 - Ted Cotton, Adam Madrid, Dorothy Perez, Alejandro Perez, Baylor Myers, Jose Martinez Jr. and Mary Ybarra

Oct. 7 - Salomon Duron Jr., Virginia Bishop, Frances Flanagan, Tonalaa Thomas, Nancy Davis, Jack Adams and Austin Suddreth

Chupacabra Barbecue Cook-off Oct. 10-11

The Chupacabra Barbecue Cook-off will be held Oct. 10-11 at the 4-H Barn and Rodeo Grounds in Comstock.

The event will feature cook-offs in a variety of categories, including salsa, Bloody Mary's, fajitas, chicken, pork ribs and brisket.

Entry fees are \$20 per category for salsa and Bloody Mary's and \$40 each for fajitas, whole chicken, pork ribs and brisket or \$150 for all meat categories.

Pot luck beans will be held at noon Saturday. Cost is \$20 to enter.

There will also be a brisket plate sale Saturday.

Cost is \$8 a plate, drink included.

Proceeds benefit the Comstock ISD Athletics Booster Club and Rodeo Club.

For more information, or to enter, call Miguel Zuniga at (830) 313-0704 or e-mail miguel@bigbend.net.

Davy Crockett Festival seeking booths

The Davy Crockett Fall Festival will be Saturday, Nov. 1, at the town square from noon-6 p.m.

Anyone who would like to have a booth, call Ashlee Allen at (325) 226-0212.

Christmas arts and crafts event seeking vendors

The ninth annual Holiday Hands Christmas Arts and Crafts Fair will be held Dec. 11 at the Crockett County Civic Center.

If you have "holiday hands" for creating handmade arts and crafts items, or home baked goodies, we invite you to reserve a booth.

Booths are 10x10 indoor. Space rental is \$25. Outdoor space is also available.

For more information, or to register, call Dianne at (325) 226-4777.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Oct. 1

- 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.

Thursday, Oct. 2

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Movies, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lions vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m. at Eldorado.
- JV Lions vs. Eldorado, 6 p.m. at Eldorado.
- Homecoming Bonfire, 8 p.m. behind the Senior Center.

Friday, Oct. 3

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Customer Appreciation Lunch honoring the football team, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at Crockett National Bank.
- Ozona Schools dismissed early at noon.
- Homecoming Parade, 3 p.m. starting at the OHS Davidson Gym. Lineup 2 p.m. in front of the gym.
- Pep Rally after the parade at Lion Stadium.
- Ozona Woman's League Homecoming Barbecue, 5 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Ozona Lions vs. Eldorado, 7:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- High School Fifth Quarter, after the football game at the Civic Center. Sponsored by the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Saturday, Oct. 4

- OHS Cross-Country at the McNeil Meet in Round Rock.
- Ozona Pee Wee Lions vs. Sonora, 9 a.m. at Big Lake.
- Ozona Heavy Weight Lions vs. Reagan County, noon at Big Lake.

Sunday, Oct. 5

- Revival, 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- 4-H Food Challenge Practice, 2 p.m. at the 4-H office.

Monday, Oct. 6

- Exercise Classes, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Revival, 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Food and Fellowship, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 7

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Computer course, 10 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crafts, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friends of the Library Annual Meeting and Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Bunco, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Revival, 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Food and Fellowship, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 8

- OHS Band clinic performance at Odessa.
- 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.
- Revival, 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church. Food and Fellowship, 6 p.m.

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HELPING HANDS NEWS

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.

OCTOBER 1

-Ham and beans, tossed lettuce salad, cornbread, ranch dressing, melon cubes and milk.

OCTOBER 2

-Santa Fe Pork Chops, buttered noodles, spicy carrots, wheat roll, chocolate pudding and milk.

OCTOBER 3

-Chicken salad, pasta salad, lettuce and tomato slices, whole wheat bread, mandarin orange fluff, yogurt and milk.

OCTOBER 6

-Chicken tenders, calico corn, vegetable medley, dinner roll, chunky fruit medley, oatmeal cookie and milk.

OCTOBER 7

-Meatballs and pasta, zucchini, tossed lettuce salad, dinner roll, Italian dressing, seasonal fresh fruit and milk.

WORDS OF INSPIRATION

Life is short

Yes, life is short. This is a phrase or expression we have heard most of our lives. Sometimes, such clichés are so overused they have lost their impact. However, God's Word has much to say about the brevity of life. Please consider these few references where God says life is like:

1. A Shadow, I Ch. 29:1.
2. A Flying Shuttle, Job 7:6.
3. A Hurrying Messenger, Job 9:25.
4. A Handbreadth in Exent, Ps. 39:5.
5. A Weaver's Web, Isa. 38:12.
6. A Vanishing Vapor, Jas. 4:14.
7. A Withering Flower,



Job 14:2.

In light of the fact that even a life of many years is still brief, should not we be thanking God for waking us up to a new day. Let us not live in the past or even in the future but seize the now and the day He has put before us. God has plans today to give you gifts of blessings and prosperity. But the most pre-

cious gift of all is the gift of life. Isn't it a great day to be alive?

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. O Lord, save us; O Lord, grant us success." Psalm 118:24-25 (NIV).

Have a blessed week, Pastor Dan

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

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Movies shown every Thursday

BY **BRENDA NEWTON**
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Thursday we watched "The Hiding Place" at movie time. It was a real eye opener for me. I had not seen it and was really scared to see the way some people lived their lives during the war and the persecution of the Jews. I had heard about it, but this movie brought it to life.

We have watched a variety of movies here at the center. Since I do not go to the movies very much, it has been a treat to see these shows. You really should take advantage of this treat.

The movies are donated by different ones and shown on the 62-inch TV here in the main room. This week's movie will be "Seven Days in Uto-

pia" starring Robert Duvall, Lucas Black and Academy Award Winner Melissa Leo. Come on over and join us.

Come play bridge at 1:30 p.m. Mondays. They always need one or two more to make more tables. If you know how to play, you will enjoy the challenge. If you do not know how to play they will teach you.

Tuesdays at 7 p.m. we play Bunco. I said I was not going to get involved, because I spend too much time here at the center, but I have had so much fun with this game. I find myself looking forward to Tuesday nights.

We have been fixing jewelry at 2 p.m. Tuesdays. Sure would like to have you join in this activity. If you do not want to do jewelry, I have

other crafts you can try.

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 to this table.

Exercise 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Bridge 1:30 p.m. Monday.

Balance Exercise 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

Crafts 2 p.m. Tuesdays.

Mexican Train 1:30 p.m. Wednesday.

Prayer Group 3 p.m. Wednesday.

Quilting 9:30 a.m. Thursday.

Movies 2 p.m. Thursday. Come on out, the coffee is on.

Drive-thru Flu Shot Clinic set for Oct. 17

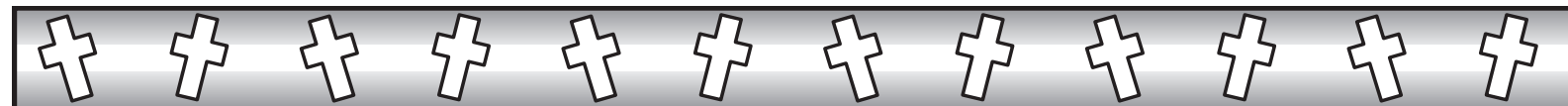
Mark your calendar for the annual Family Health Center of Ozona Drive-thru Flu Shot Clinic.

The clinic will be held at the Crockett County EMS Building.

No need to get out of the car, just drive-thru. Remember to wear short sleeves. More details coming soon.

For more information, call the Family Health Center of Ozona at 392-3788.

Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M.
Next meeting 1st Monday in November at 7:30 p.m.



WEATHERFORCASTS

My oldest son called and he asked, "Dad are you and mom ok?" I said, "yes". They had been watching the local weather on television and they were forecasting big storms for our area. They were predicting high winds, rain, hail, and possible tornados. I laughed to myself because I had just been outside and the skies were clear. I went to bed and didn't think anything of it till a few hours later I was suddenly awakened by lots of thunder and lightening, high winds and strong rains. That experience reminded me of some of the future events the Bible predicts or talks about. Weather forecasters aren't always right but the Bible is. Everything that is predicted will take place. Maybe we don't know the exact hour or the precise order of events but they are coming. Some of the events mentioned are a great tribulation, (Matthew 24:21), the return of Jesus Christ to the earth, (Acts 1:11) and a one thousand year reign, (Revelation 20:1-3). The establishment of one world Church, (Revelation 17:15-18) a one world government, (Revelation Chapter 18), and a gigantic world war, (Revelation 20:7-9). Also near the end times people will be lovers of themselves, (2 Timothy 3:1-5) and there will be wars and rumors of wars, (Matthew 24:6) Have we asked the one who is in control and Lord over all to be our personal Lord and Savior, (John 1:12-13 & John 14:1&2)? See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor John Curry Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 10 a.m. Awana - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays Wednesday Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona EverySecond Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.</p>
<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 Ozona "church...but different" 701 9th Street Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. www.newbeginningsozona.com</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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DEATH NOTICES

Larry Bailey

Larry Bailey, 74, died Sept. 25, 2014 in Midland. Memorial services were held on Monday, Sept. 29, 2014 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Roberta Ann Bailey of Midland; daughters, Kathryn Lynn Bailey and Karen Bailey Guerra of Midland; grandchildren, Chase Carl Locke and Cole Perrin Lock of Midland.

Memorial gifts may be given to St. Luke's UMC, 3011 W. Kansas Ave., Midland, Texas, 79701; Hospice Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702; or MD Anderson at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, 1515 Holcombe Blvd, Houston, Texas 77030. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Red Cross Disaster Training Oct. 24-25 in Ozona

The American Red Cross will hold Disaster Training classes Oct. 24-25 in Ozona.

A Disaster Preparedness Class for seniors by seniors from 1-2:30 p.m. Oct. 24 at the Crockett County Senior Center.

The class is geared specifically toward seniors in order to become better prepared in the event of a disaster or emergency situation. Topics include learning how to "Be Red Cross Ready" as well as the importance of having a personal support network in place when disaster strikes.

On Oct. 25, a full Disaster Training class will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist

Church.

The class is open to anyone interested in attending.

The class will cover:
- Mass Care Overview, how the Red Cross works to serve hundreds of people at once.

- Disaster Services Overview, learn how disaster services personnel of the Red Cross work in communities.

- Disaster Action Team Overview, learn how Disaster Action Teams function in communities to provide Red Cross services.

- Shelter Fundamentals, learn how to set up a work shelter.

For more information, call the Hill Country Chapter of the Red Cross at (830) 257-4677.

OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE NEWS

BY **HEATHER CLABURN**
OZONA WOMAN'S LEAGUE

Ozona Woman's League held their first business meeting of the year Sept. 2 at the home of Colbey Bunger.

Hostesses provided a Beef brisket dinner.

President, Haley Forehand conducted the meeting.

New year Red Books were distributed to members and secret pals were drawn. Plans were finalized for the Ozona Woman's League Homecoming BBQ dinner to be held Oct.

3 at the Crockett County Civic Center before the home football game from 5 p.m. until kickoff.

Woman's League members are required to pre-sell tickets to the dinner, but tickets will be available at the door. "To-Go" plates will also be available. All proceeds of this fund-raising dinner go to the Ozona Woman's League Scholarship fund.

The next business meeting will be "Favorite Things" Oct. 7 at the home of Breanne Hale.

Bishop Pfeifer's e-mail hacked, ignore plea for help

SAN ANGELO, Texas - An e-mail began circulating last week from someone claiming to be former Catholic Diocese of San Angelo Bishop Michael D. Pfeifer, stating he had misplaced his wallet during a trip to the Philippines and needed money to return

home. The Catholic Diocese of San Angelo has confirmed in a press release that Pfeifer did not send such a message and his e-mail account has been hacked. Recipients of the message should disregard the plea for help.

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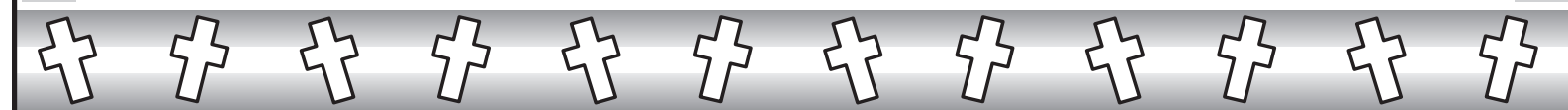
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Monday - Wednesday: 7 p.m.
(Food & Fellowship 6 p.m.)



Sonora Bank restructuring for growth

BY MIKE SCHULTZ
SONORA BANK

SONORA, Texas - The Board of Directors of Sonora Bank announced today a restructuring of the Bank to provide for the implementation of their strategic growth agenda. The restructuring will be effective today, Oct. 1.

First Sonora Bancshares Inc. will become the holding company for Sonora Bank and Sonora Mortgage, as well as any new future businesses that may be considered by the board.

The establishment of First Sonora Bancshares, Inc. includes the Board naming a new Executive Chairman to lead the organization.

Bob Malone, previously the President & CEO of Sonora Bank, has been named by the Board of Directors as Executive Chairman, President and CEO of First Sonora Bancshares, Inc. and Executive Chairman of Sonora Bank.

Commenting on this organizational restructuring Ronnie Cox, current Chairman of the Board, said, "It has truly been a pleasure to have served as Chairman of the Sonora Bank Board of Directors these past 13 years. I will continue to serve as a Director of both the Sonora Bank and First Sonora Bancshares. These have been very exciting times for our bank and our mortgage company and I am very pleased that Bob Malone has agreed to accept the position as our new Executive Chairman. Bob brings with him tremendous business experience and a tireless enthusiasm and excitement to our organization."

Bob Malone, incoming Executive Chairman, added "I am honored to have been asked by the Board to serve in this new capacity. The new holding company structure separates the different business entities into clear business lines, but at the same time it places them under one organization for management. As the holding company continues to grow, it will allow each new business opportunity to be independent and allowed



to flourish."

Malone was elected to the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Sonora, Texas in April of 2009, and was subsequently appointed by the Board of Directors as President and CEO in October 2009.

Prior to joining Sonora Bank, he spent almost 35 years with BP and retired as an Executive Vice President of BP plc. and the Chairman and President of BP America Inc.

Malone holds a Bachelor of Science in Metallurgical Engineering from the University of Texas at El Paso, and was an Alfred P. Sloan Fellow at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology where he received a Master of Science in Management.

In announcing the restructuring Malone said, "The Board of Directors and I are pleased to name an outstanding and talented executive leadership team for First Sonora Bancshares, Inc., This team, along with our over 100 talented and dedicated employees, will enable us to continue to provide unequalled service to our customers in a warm and welcoming community banking atmosphere."

Carlin Friar, currently an Executive Vice President and the Chief Operating Officer of Sonora Bank, has been named an Executive Vice President of First Sonora Bancshares, Inc., and President and CEO of Sonora Bank. He has also been named to the Board of Directors of Sonora Bank.

Pat Holt will now serve as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of First Sonora Bancshares, Inc. Previously he served as the Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer of Sonora Bank, a position he has held since 2008.

Lance Lemoine, currently an Executive Vice President of Sonora Bank and the President and CEO of Sonora Mortgage, has been named an Executive Vice President of First Sonora Bancshares, Inc. and President and CEO of Sonora Mortgage.

Laura Whitley, currently a Senior Vice President of Sonora Bank and Compliance Officer, has been named Senior Vice President and Compliance and Ethics Officer for First Sonora Bancshares, Inc.

The Board of Directors of First Sonora Bancshares Inc. will be comprised of Bob Malone as Executive Chairman, Ronnie Cox, Jo Bess Jackson, Claire Jones, Eddie Sawyer, Ben Pool and Israel Pena.

The Board of Directors of Sonora Bank will be comprised of Bob Malone as Executive Chairman, Ronnie Cox, Jo Bess Jackson, Claire Jones, Eddie Sawyer, Ben Pool, Israel Pena and Carlin Friar.

The First National Bank of Sonora, Texas received its Charter in 1900, and has been dedicated to providing outstanding community banking and customer service for well over a century.

Today, operating as Sonora Bank, it has grown to \$350 million in assets and is headquartered in Sonora, Texas with multiple branches in San Angelo and Boerne.

Sonora Bank names San Angelo area executive

BY MIKE SCHULTZ
SONORA BANK

SONORA, Texas - Carlin Friar, President and CEO of Sonora Bank, has named Bob



BOB PFLUGER

Pfluger as Senior Vice President and Market Manager for San Angelo.

For the past two years, Pfluger has been the Senior Vice President and Branch Manager of the Sherwood Way branch. In this new position, he will serve as Market Manager for both the Sherwood and Southland branches in San Angelo.

Prior to joining Sonora Bank in 2011, he was a Senior Vice President for San Angelo National Bank, and he has extensive banking experience after being associated with Texas Commerce Bank in both San Angelo and Houston.

He holds a Bachelor of Business Administration degree and a Master of Science - Real Estate Finance, both from Texas A&M University. Pfluger also is a graduate of the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University and the Texas Bankers Association's Management Development Program.

Pfluger is active in the community and serves on the Board of Directors for the City of San Angelo Tax Incremental Reinvestment Zone. Also, he has served on the Board of Directors of both the San Angelo Area Foundation and Downtown San Angelo. He also served as chairman of the United Way of the Concho Valley in 2005 and as campaign chair in 2004.

A native of San Angelo, he and his family returned in 1991 after living in Houston for seven years. He and his wife Katrina have two sons, Carson and Pierce, ages 23 and 21.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

Ozona Flour Mill & Goods Grand Opening Oct. 11

Ozona Flour Mill & Goods will hold their Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Oct. 10 at 11:45 a.m.

Mesquite tea and mesquite flour bread samples will be served.

The business, owned by Patsy and Guy Hester, is located at 1210 Sheffield Road.

They will be showing how the mill works and how they make the flour from local mesquite beans

For more information, call the chamber at 392-3737.

LUNCH & LEARN

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce, the Sonora Chamber of Commerce and the Angelo State University Small Business Development Center are hosting a Lunch & Learn Series featuring social media and website marketing techniques.

The final topic in the series will be Oct. 23 on "Is Your Website Working for You?" with Jody Gentry, of Mediajaw Website Design.

The event will be held

from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

Optional lunch is available for a nominal fee.

To register, or for more information, call (325) 392-3737, or visit www.ozona.com, www.sonoratexas.org or www.sbdc.angelo.edu.

Gallego announces October Mobile Office hours

U.S. Rep. Pete P. Gallego, D-Alpine, announced mobile office hours in 23rd District of Texas for October. 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 Oct. 16 from 11 a.m.- 2 p.m. at the Crockett County

Courthouse Annex.

Martinez will be in Eldorado and Sonora on Oct. 29.

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

For more information, visit www.gallego.house.gov.

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I GOT YOU!

LIONS: from page 1

to Ryan Porras who found a convoy of blockers on the way to a 30-yard touchdown score that sparked Ozona to a 36-15 nondistrict win Friday at James H. Bird Memorial Stadium in Big Lake. "It gave them a lot of life, and sucked a little life out of us," Reagan County head coach Ken Campbell said of the key fourth-down conversion. "You just have to make those

NO YOU DON'T!

JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THOMAS FAY eludes a Reagan County Owl and takes flight to score a touchdown in the Lions Sept. 26 victory.

stops."

While the extra point was missed, the Lions clearly gained a huge swing of momentum, and Reagan County was searching for answers on how to stop the run as Ozona held a 13-7 advantage.

Kalen Perez then scored on a 43-yard run to give Ozona a 21-7 lead at halftime. After a sluggish start, the Class 2A Lions ran the ball well — led by Ricky Porras' 96 yards on 14 carries — churning out 308 rushing yards while the defense held serve over the 3A Owls.

"Coming into this game, we told Ricky (Porras) that we're going to stay out in passing formations. But I told him to stay hungry," said Rodriguez, who threw for 82 yards and ran for 82 in the win. "I told him that we'd eventually come to you sooner or later."

The Lions (3-2), who are on a three-game winning streak after dropping their first two contests, stood strong with their three-prong

running attack of the Porras brothers and Kalen Perez, who combined for 209 yards.

Ricky Porras, a 5-foot-7 senior tailback, credited his offensive line for creating running lanes all night.

"We got some key blocks on the edges and the offensive linemen went hard on their blocks," he said, matter-of-factly.

In one instance, on the Lions' second offensive possession of the game, Ricky Porras showed off his strength.

The scoring got started when Ryan Porras (22 yards) and Rodriguez (11) carried the rock before Ricky Porras bulldozed his way five yards into end zone to set up an eventual 7-0 advantage at the 7:34 mark of the first quarter.

"He just kept his legs running, and found a way to score," Rodriguez said.

The Owls (2-3) answered on the next offensive drive.

Freddy Rocha, who ran the ball in from six yards out, capped off a scoring drive

that began at the 7:23 mark.

Reagan County's offense was held out of the end zone until Mason Baggett threaded a pass to L.J. DeLeon for 15 yards in the third quarter.

In that span, the Owls' next offensive drives ended with a missed 24-yard field goal, a turnover on downs, punt, interception, fumble and fumble.

"We got some momentum from that first touchdown, and after that we got into scoring position a couple more times and came up empty handed," Campbell said.

Baggett ran for 107 yards and chipped in 155 passing yards to his stat line. But it wasn't enough to overcome a stout Lions defense.

"It helped us when we tried to throw the ball on a few occasions (Friday)," Campbell said of his dual-threat quarterback. "But we just have to learn how to finish offensive drives."

Ozona hosts Eldorado Friday. Kickoff is 7:30 p.m. at Lion Stadium.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

#35 DANIEL "BONO" LOMBRANA AND # 57 JOSE OJEDA (left) wrap up a Reagan County Owl in the Lions 36-15 victory on Sept. 26 in Big Lake. Rushing in to seal the deal are #88 Juan Rodriguez (right) and #5 Bryce Martin.

Congratulations from to our players of the week!

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Crane	35
Ballinger	34
Boerne	21
Sonora	13
TLCA	6
Winters	18
Grape Creek	26
Dublin	53
Van Horn	9
Christoval	49
Sabinal	6
Mason	56
Forsan	49
Miles	22
Leakey	14
Irion County	51
Roscoe	20
Eldorado	12
McCamey	34
Wink	32
Iraan	13
Coahoma	0
Lordsburg	51
Anthony	6

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#52 MICHAEL GRAHAM RUNS INTERFERENCE for running back Daniel "Bono" Lombrana in the Ozona Lions Sept. 26 win over Reagan County #21 Ryan Porras is pictured in the background.



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MADISON CHILDRESS plays the flute with the Ozona High School Band during their halftime performance of "The Hunger Games".

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J.L. MANKIN | COURTESY OF THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT
ALEC LARA SCORES A TOUCHDOWN IN THE SEVENTH GRADE LIONS 46-0 plucking of the Reagan County Owls on Sept. 25 in Big Lake.



J.L. MANKIN | COURTESY OF THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT
ZACHARY TALAMANTEZ SLIPS AWAY from this seventh grade RC Owl.

Seventh Grade Lions pounce Owls

The OMS Seventh Grade Lions shutout the Reagan County Owls 46-0 on Sept. 25. "We had a great night. We had several young men that scored either a touchdown or a two-point conversion," said Coach Ross Johnson. Scoring touchdowns for the Lions were: Zachary Talamantez, Aiden Fuentes, Alec

Lara, Lazaro Rodriguez (defensive fumble recovery) and Sebastian De La Cruz. On two-point conversions, Jaden Fay, Gerardo Mata, Lara and Talamantez. "Again they played as a team and had a great night. Our defense held Reagan County to no offensive first downs," Johnson said.



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JADON PEREZ gains some yards for the JV Lions in their Sept. 25 game.



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THE OMS CHEERLEADERS ROCK the house at the Ozona Middle School Pep Rally held Thursday, Sept. 25 at the Becky Childress Memorial Gymnasium.

Eighth Grade Lions fall to Reagan County

The OMS Eighth Grade Lions lost to Reagan County 52-12 on Sept. 25. Donovan Hunt scored on a 45-yard fumble recovery and Dario Rodriguez scored on a 27-yard run play. "We took a step back, but we will work hard this week to correct the mistakes we made. Reagan County was a very physical team and really took it to us," said Coach Todd Harrison.

Lady Lions, Lions win Irion County Meet

The OHS Lions and Lady Lions won the Irion County Cross-Country Meet on Sept. 23 in Mertzon. The Lions defeated Comstock, Rankin, Miles, Paint Rock, Sweetwater, and Eldorado. Omero Rodriguez won the meet with a time of 15 minutes, 50.18 seconds. Adrian Rodriguez was fourth, 16:45.96; Alex Hopper, sixth, 17:23.45; Roman Esparza,

seventh, 17:26.80; Alan Landa, 10th, 17:48.98; Noe Medina, 13th, 18:10.37; Danny Posadas, 24th, 19:17.77; Garry Held, 40th, 20:30.50 and Jackson Abbey, 44th, 20:37.45. The Lady Lions defeated Garden City, Irion County, Paint Rock, Iraan, Water Valley, Miles, Eden, Robert Lee, Eldorado and Rankin. Ozona swept the top four spots with McKenna Moses,

first, 13:02.86; Madison Childress, second, 13:19.86; Gabby Treto, third, 13:20.21 3 and Nerada Vega, fourth, 13:28.69. Alyssa Newlin was 13th, 14:07.56; Estefania Torralba, 16th, 14:12.83; Brenna Hale, 20th, 14:23.66; Cierra Sanchez, 23rd, 14:37.69; Brianna Sanchez, 26th, 14:47.19; Makenna Fox, 38th, 15:29.20 and Samantha Torralba, 17:10.12.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
OZONA LADY LIONS won the Irion County meet. Pictured are (left to right, back row): Makenna Fox, Samantha Torralba, Estefania Torralba, Brii Sanchez, Cierra Sanchez, Alyssa Newlin, Brenna Hale and Coach Tiffany Esparza; (front row, left to right) Nerada Vega, Gabby Treto, Madison Childress and McKenna Moses.



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OMS Lions, Lady Lions run at Irion County

The OMS Cross-Country Teams competed at the Irion County Meet on Sept. 23 in Mertzon. The Eighth Grade Lions won the meet defeating Comstock and Eldorado. Alec Lara placed second at 12 minutes, 35.58 seconds, followed by Aiden Fuentes, third, 12:45.80; Zachary Talamantez, eighth, 13:17.80; Chantz Elliot, 15th, 15:08.30; Juan Lozano, 19th, 15:51.70; Irving Rodriguez, 29th, 18:05.41 and Dylan Mendoza, 34th, 21:34.04. The Seventh Grade Lions placed second behind Irion County and they defeated Paint Rock and Eldorado. Dalton Cloud was the

top runner placing seventh at 13:48.05, followed by Justin Yeager, ninth, 14:05.22; Abraham Rodriguez, 11th, 14:19.22; Marco Lozano, 13th, 14:32.29; Jaden Fay, 21st, 15:32.95; Manuel Torralba, 22nd, 15:34.43; Humberto Torralba, 23rd, 15:34.97 and Jacob Childress, 30th, 16:27.38. The Eighth Grade Lady Lions placed third behind Rankin and Garden City, and

defeated Comstock, Eldorado and Menard. Ebony Ramirez was 10th at 15:19.81; Jackie Guerra 12th, 15:26.51; Roslynn Mendez, 29th, 16:49.96; Addie Nehus, 40th, 18:16.99; Ivana Hernandez, 41st, 18:18.44; Paige Villarreal, 48th, 19:17.25; Karina Marmolejo, 51st, 19:37.43; Wendy Mata, 62nd, 23:22.25; Gina Garcia, 63rd, 24:22.28 and Kristy Rodriguez, 64th, 26:41.56.

Ozona Elementary school is collecting Box Tops

OES is a Box Tops for Education School. Remember to save those Box Tops. All money earned from the Box Tops campaign comes back to OES and is used for the students. If you would like to send Box Tops you can send them to school with your child or drop them off at the office. Every Box Top helps. For more information, call Katie Parker at (325) 392-5501 ext: 5803.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

- 5TH QUARTER:**
 Friday after the Football Game
 Open to all high school students
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- 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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- CLOSED SUNDAYS**

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Saturday is last day to register to vote in Nov. 4 General Election

Saturday, Oct. 6, is the final day to register to vote in the Nov. 4 General Election.

Crockett County voters can register at the Crockett County Tax Office in the courthouse annex or at the Driver's License Office next to the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

You are eligible to register to vote if:

- You are a United States citizen;
- You are a resident of the county where you submit the application;
- You are at least 18 years old on Election Day;
- You are not a convicted felon (you may be eligible to vote if you have completed your sentence, probation, and parole); and
- You have not been declared by a court exercising probate jurisdiction to be either totally mentally incapacitated or partially mentally incapacitated without the right to vote.

The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) is reminding Texans in advance of the upcoming November election that Election Identification Certificates (EIC) are available year-round at all Texas driver license offices for individuals in need of proper identification required to vote in elections in Texas.

Additional locations to apply for an EIC will be announced in the near future.

Most residents already have an acceptable form of photo identification needed for voting and will not need or qualify for an EIC. If an applicant already has any of the following documents, they are not eligible to receive an EIC:

- Texas driver license - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
- Texas personal identification card - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. passport book or

IMPORTANT ELECTION DATES

APPLY FOR BALLOT BY MAIL

Last Day Oct. 24
Requests can be made at the clerk's office in the courthouse annex.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE

Oct. 6
Voter registration is located at the county tax office in the courthouse annex or at the driver's license office located next to the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

EARLY VOTING

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at the courthouse annex

ELECTION DAY

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Precinct 1 - Courthouse
Precinct 2 - Senior Center
Precinct 3 - Civic Center
Precinct 4 - Ozona Chamber of Commerce

For more information, visit <http://votetexas.gov/>

card - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting

- Texas concealed handgun license - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. Military identification with photo - unexpired or expired no longer than 60 days at the time of voting
- U.S. Citizenship Certificate or Certificate of Naturalization with photo

To apply for an EIC, applicants may visit a driver license office and complete an Application for Texas Election Certificate (DL-14C). (For the Spanish language version of the EIC application, see <http://www.dps.texas.gov/internet-forms/forms/DL-14CS.pdf>)

To qualify for an EIC, an applicant must:

- Bring documentation to verify U.S. citizenship and Identity
- Be eligible to vote in Texas (Bring a valid voter registration card or submit a voter registration application

through the Texas Department of Public Safety)

- Be a Texas resident
- Be 17 years and 10 months or older

To avoid delays or complications, DPS urges potential applicants to make sure they have the necessary documentation before arriving at the office.

The EIC receipt an individual receives will include their photo and can be used for voting until the permanent card is delivered by mail.

The EIC is free of charge to qualifying applicants and is valid for six years. There is no expiration date for an EIC for citizens 70 years of age or older. The EIC can only be used for the purpose of voting in an election and may not be used as personal identification.

For more information on the requirements, exemptions and process for obtaining an EIC, visit: <http://www.dps.texas.gov/DriverLicense/electionID.htm>.

For more information visit www.votetexas.gov.

USDA unveils key new programs to help farmers manage risk

WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack earlier this week unveiled highly anticipated new programs to help farmers better manage risk, ushering in one of the most significant reforms to U.S. farm programs in decades.

Vilsack also announced that new tools are now available to help provide farmers the information they need to choose the new safety net program that is right for their business.

"The 2014 Farm Bill represented some of the largest farm policy reforms in decades. One of the Farm Bill's most significant reforms is finally taking effect," said Vilsack. "Farming is one of the riskiest businesses in the world. These new programs help ensure that risk can be effectively managed so that families don't lose farms that have been passed down through generations because of events beyond their control. But unlike the old direct payment program, which paid farmers in good years and bad, these new initiatives are based on market forces and include county - and individual - coverage options. These reforms provide a much more rational approach to helping farmers manage risk."

The new programs, Agricultural Risk Coverage (ARC) and Price Loss Coverage (PLC), are cornerstones of the commodity farm safety net programs in the 2014 Farm Bill, legislation that ended direct payments.

Both programs offer farmers protection when market forces cause sub-

stantial drops in crop prices and/or revenues.

Producers will have through early spring of 2015 to select which program works best for their businesses.

To help farmers choose between ARC and PLC, USDA helped create online tools that allow farmers to enter information about their operation and see projections about what each program will mean for them under possible future scenarios.

The new tools are now available at www.fsa.usda.gov/arc-plc.

USDA provided \$3 million to the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute (FAPRI) at the University of Missouri and the Agricultural and Food Policy Center (AFPC) at Texas A&M (co-leads for the National Association of Agricultural and Food Policy), along with the University of Illinois (lead for the National Coalition for Producer Education) to develop the new programs.

"We're committed to giving farmers as much information as we can so they can make an informed decision between these programs," said Vilsack. "These resources will help farm owners and producers boil the information down, understand what their options are, and ultimately make the best decision on which choice is right for them. We are very grateful to our partners for their phenomenal work in developing these new tools within a very short time frame."

Starting Monday, Sept. 29, 2014, farm owners may begin visiting their local Farm Service Agency (FSA)

offices if they want to update their yield history and/or reallocate base acres, the first step before choosing which new program best serves their risk management needs.

Letters sent this summer enabled farm owners and producers to analyze their crop planting history in order to decide whether to keep their base acres or reallocate them according to recent plantings.

The next step in USDA's safety net implementation is scheduled for this winter when all producers on a farm begin making their election, which will remain in effect for 2014-2018 crop years between the options offered by ARC and PLC.

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.

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ASU hosting Manhattan Short Film Festival

Angelo State University will host the Manhattan Short film festival at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4, in the Modular Theatre of the Carr Education-Fine Arts Building, 2602 Dena Drive.



ASU's Alpha Psi Omega theatre honor society will co-host the free film festival with San Angelo's West Texas Counseling and Guidance. The 17th annual Manhattan Short film festival is a global event that will include

10 films from eight countries: the U.S., England, the Netherlands, Australia, Norway, France, Mexico and Germany. Audiences in San Angelo and more than 250 cities around the world will have

the opportunity to vote on Best Film and Best Actor. The results will be announced Monday, Oct. 6, online at <http://manhattanshort.com>.

The finalists were drawn from 589 short film entries from 47 countries. Past finalists have won the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences' Oscar Award in the Short Film category.

For more information, call (325) 486-6190 or visit <http://manhattanshort.com>.

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"The EDC plans on using the study to reach out new retail businesses around the state and country," Baggett said. "Big Lake is far more likely to garner the attention of national chains with this study than without."

Baggett said that the study will also be a major benefit to the City of Big Lake.

"One big selling point for the study was to figure out exactly what Big Lake's population is right now," Baggett said. "They have done just that. The city now has the backing to show our population is well over 5,000 people. That can open a lot of doors."

According to the study, Big Lake has a current population of 7,631. That figure was arrived at by taking all of the trailer parks, man camps, hotels/motels and RV parks in or near the city limits and figuring 2 people to each room.

That figure, 4,030, was added to Big Lake's 2010 census figure, 3,601, to come up with a current population

The study points out that the City can request that the state officially re-certify Big Lake's population to the 7,631 number.

According to the study, a city with a population greater than 5,000 has the option to change to a "Home Rule City" and to extend its extra territorial jurisdiction (ETJ) from .5 miles to one mile.

"I think the study gave us a lot of great ideas," Big Lake Mayor Kyle Rockwell said. "It is now on the city council to look at those ideas and see how we can best leverage them for the betterment of our community."

Rockwell also said that he thinks the population estimate in the study is realistic.

"I think it is still an estimate though," Rockwell said. "I don't feel it is 100 percent right, but I'm not sure how you would get a formal number short of having another census."

The study also indicates that a "Home Rule City" will

have the ability to create its own unique charter that fits the community's specific needs.

One of the biggest benefits of this, according to the study, is for the city to be able to annex more surrounding areas.

"I think our current path to annexation is best," Rockwell said. "We are currently annexing just over 850 acres to the east of Big Lake, and that is going smoothly. After that we will turn our attention to the south."

The city is currently cutting agreements with developers that trades city utilities for voluntary annexation.

The study also outlines that extending the city's ETJ to one mile will give the city and county more authority to 'regulate the subdivision of property including the extension of streets and utilities.'

The ETJ would automatically be increased if the city re-certifies the population to over 5,000. The city would remain a "General Law City" until the city council agreed to move to a "Home Rule City."

The study, which cost the BLEDC in the neighborhood of \$45,000.00, points out that Big Lake, though it is strained by the rapid growth, has some major factors working in its favor.

One of the biggest items is that Big Lake has a long range, high-quality water supply.

"We are seeing it now," Lead author of the study, John Adams, Jr., Ph.D, said. "Communities are shrinking all around us. It is because of limited water supplies. Big Lake has a resource that is more valuable than land or oil, and that is its water."

The study also points to Reagan Hospital District's \$32.2 million bond to construct a new medical complex just north of town.

"Big Lake is in the center of a region," Adams said. "That hospital, no matter how anyone felt about it during the bond election, is going to be a major part of Big Lake's growth. It is huge."

The study also states that the County's airport is another major calling card for big

business.

"I would say that over 98 percent of this community does not use that airport," Adams said. "But every one of them is affected by it. These big oil and retail companies want to be able to fly directly in here without having to drive from San Angelo or Midland. The money the county has invested in upgrading and extending runways is going to come back ten fold."

The study also says that Big Lake should develop a branding strategy that focuses on the fact that the community is strategically located in the heart of the biggest oil and gas play in North America.

"I have a map that shows Big Lake directly in the center of the Sprayberry, Wolfcamp and Cline formations," Adams said. "San Angelo and Midland are on the edges. Big Lake is the heart."

The study concludes with a series of recommendations.

"The intention of this study is not to tell Big Lake what to do," Adams said. "But to give options. It is up to the community to decide how to best leverage these things going forward."

The recommendations include: updating the population; consider modifying the form of governance to "Home Rule City;" develop annexation plan to incorporate more property; develop a branding campaign to highlight the strategic location of Big Lake; encourage and support RCISD in the implementation of programs to provide welding and related training programs; continue to invest in infrastructure to address current and future needs; capitalize on the regional location of Big Lake; explore options to enhance the revitalization of downtown Big Lake; host 'Town Hall' meetings to highlight special events and projects in the community or area, and continue an active dialog with existing oil and gas companies to identify and encourage attraction of suppliers and services to Big Lake.

Baggett said that she will make the study available to anyone that wants a copy.

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chunks of West Texas deserts, mountains and canyons, explored rivers including the Pecos and Devils, and in the late 1980s and early '90s, he recorded firsthand information of the Old West when he interviewed 76 men who cowboyyed and worked on ranches before 1932.

"These men have great stories to tell, and I feel like if I don't record their stories, no one's going to," Patrick once said. "They'll be lost. Most of these men have never been interviewed on this level. A lot of them have never been interviewed before, period."

Information Patrick collected from his cowboy interviews and his research in West Texas became a bedrock of his books, fiction and nonfiction.

"I'm the grandson of a 19th-century cowboy, but I can't ride, rope, or brand. After the single occasion that I spent a half-day on a horse, I couldn't sit down for a week," he said.

"The Big Drift," Patrick's latest carefully constructed western, is set in 1885 during the greatest mass migration of open-range beeves in history.

A blizzard roaring south from the Great Plains drives 200,000 free-ranging cattle southward, where they run into fences built to keep them from drifting south through Texas.

Nonetheless, the freeze-



THIS IS AN EARLY PHOTO OF VANCE DAVIS, one of 76 pre-1932 cowhands interviewed by Patrick Dearen for his new book "The Big Drift." Dearen will speak at the Friends of the Library Annual Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 7, at the Civic Center.

ing animals die by the thousands as they pile up on the snow-covered fences.

"They grazed the valley bare and died by the thousands," Patrick recently explained on Facebook. "Carcasses filled the river and circling buzzards darkened the sky. The big drift of winter had given way to the big die-up, events with which my characters must cope."

The characters come to life in Patrick's book as a handful of cowboys to save the herd and one another.

The men discover they may not even be able to save

themselves from the army of terrified longhorns, violence, bitter cold and their own demons.

Dearen has also devoted eight books to the Pecos River, and is currently working on his most in-depth effort, according to his Facebook page.

Dearen will answer questions and have books on hand to sell. The book is also available at the Cactus Book Shop in San Angelo or on Amazon.com.

-San Angelo Standard-Times Columnist Rick Smith contributed to this article.

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ACROSS

- TX-born Kathy Baker won one for "Picket Fences"
- TXism: "got as much to ___ a hibernating bear"
- TX Bush beat this AI "against" prefix
- TXism: "___ cane" (celebrated)
- 45th gov., Richards
- TX Tom Danaher was stunt pilot in this '90 film (2 wds.)
- TX actress Darrell (init.)
- end-of-high-school formal event
- TXism: "the bigger they ___ harder they fall"
- this Palmeiro played for the Rangers
- amigos
- Laredo TV station
- TXism: "come hell ___ high water"
- '70 Hurricane Celia caused this (2 wds.)
- jeans brand
- bird found at Rio Grande State Park
- TX rancher Chuck Norris '81 film: "An Eye ___"
- movie candy
- "Enchanted Rock" State Natural ___
- TXism: "___ rag" (flaccid)
- San Antonio-filmed "The Big ___"

DOWN

- De ___, TX
- TXism: "you stirred up a hornet's ___"
- 18-wheelers
- dir. to Austin from Abilene
- TXism: "sticks like ___ on a road"
- TXism: "attracted like ___ to a magnet"
- ball capture by a Spur, Rocket, or Maverick
- TX oil: "black ___"
- ___ Grange, TX photos
- TX coast birds
- TX ZZ Top album: "___ Hombres"
- TXism: "the ___ out" (left quickly)
- newspaper: "Alice ___ Journal"
- birth month of TX Don Meredith
- yearly competition: "Miss Texas ___"
- owned by Dr Pepper Snapple: ___ Cola
- dog's bark
- TX-born Tracy Lawrence's "Today's Lonely ___"
- ___ Maples State Natural Area
- TXism: "skinny as ___"
- TXism: "pay it no never mind"
- carrying a gun
- TX Henry Thomas film: "___ John"
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Table with columns: COUNTY, OPERATOR, LEASE, CONTRACTOR/RIG, ACTIVITY-DEPTH. Lists various rigging companies and their current projects across Crockett, Irion, and Reagan counties.

Windows phone scam hits Ozona

A phone scam targeting Texans is on the rise. The scam artists are calling mobile or land lines claiming to be from the computer company Microsoft. They say they are from "Windows" or the "Windows help desk."

Several Ozona residents have reported they have received these calls.

People have reported that the caller states they are from Windows, not Microsoft, and then ask for the person's e-mail address so they can clean out the viruses in the person's computer for free.

If the person gives them an e-mail address, and allows the caller access to their computer, they then state the computer has numerous viruses and the person needs to pay a \$250 fee.

People who have paid the fee have then had to cancel their credit cards, and clear out their computers.

Here are safety tips from the BBB:

Microsoft's Online Safety and Security Centre states that neither Microsoft nor its partners make unsolicited phone calls.

Here are some of the organizations that cybercriminals claim to be from:

- Windows Helpdesk
• Windows Service Center

- Microsoft Tech Support
• Microsoft Support
• Windows Technical Department Support Group
• Microsoft Research and Development Team (Microsoft R & D Team)

BBB advises consumers follow these tips to protect themselves from scammers attempting to access their computer:

- Go through your service provider directly. If you are concerned your computer may be exposed to viruses or other security threats, contact your service provider directly. Some providers offer free tools that can help detect and remove viruses.

- Install virus detection. To help protect your computer from viruses make sure you have virus detection software installed on your computer. This software can also help identify if a virus appears on your computer.

Never give out personal information, over the phone, to someone you don't know. If the caller claims there is a security threat to your computer, hang up and call your computer company directly.

- Find a computer repair company you can trust. Go to bbb.org to find a BBB Accredited Business you can trust

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report

Table with columns: Type of Calls, Count. Includes categories like Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints, 911 medical/fire assistance, Civil complaints, etc.

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

- Sheriff's deputy filed a theft from a local convenience store.
• Sheriff's deputies arrested Francisco Pena Ortiz, of Ozona, on a charge of assault family violence.
• Sheriff's deputies arrested Patricia Rodriguez, of Ozona, on a charge of assault family violence.

bond and was released.
• DPS arrested Star Curnutt, of Artesia, N.M. on a charge of possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 2A. Curnett was arraigned, posted bond and was released.

• Sheriff's deputy filed a felony theft report in relation to construction equipment. Equipment was later recovered and case closed.
• Sheriff's deputy filed a dog bite report from a local resident.

• Benny Dale Elliott, of Zavala, Texas, turned himself in on a local warrant for assault. Elliott was arraigned, posted bond and was released.

• Sheriff's deputy arrested Raymundo Borrell Villarreal, of Ozona, on a local warrant for debit card abuse. Villarreal was arraigned, posted bond and was released.

• Sheriff's deputy filed a burglary of a Habitation report from a local resident.

• DPS arrested Billy Ray Curnutt, of Artesia, N.M., on a charge of possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 2A. Curnett was arraigned, posted

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ENERGY REPORT IS RELEASED

State Comptroller Susan Combs on Sept. 23 released a report that she said urges policymakers and elected officials "to discontinue costly subsidies and tax breaks driving development of new electricity generation and allow a more market-driven approach to providing reliable power to millions of Texas consumers when they need it most."

In the report titled "Texas Power Challenge: Getting the Most From Your Energy Dollars," Combs also said she "challenges the wind energy industry to ensure taxpayers and ratepayers are not double-burdened with infrastructure costs and tax subsidies for power sources that are intermittent."

"It's time for wind to stand on its own two feet," Combs said. "Billions of dollars of tax credits and property tax limitations on new generation helped grow the industry, but today they give it an unfair market advantage over other power sources."

SEARCHERS WORK IN BROOKS

The Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas State Guard announced Sept.

19 they have special search teams to assist the Brooks County Sheriff's Office with locating and recovering human remains in remote areas north of the Texas-Mexico border.

According to the announcement, the majority of the remains are suspected to be those of illegal immigrants who died attempting to avoid detection while entering the United States. The first of these search missions began this week and will continue through the weekend."

'NO CHILD' WAIVER EXTENDED

Texas Education Commissioner Michael Williams on Sept. 22 announced the U.S. Department of Education granted his request to extend the state's conditional waiver from specific provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (commonly known as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001).

The extension will run through the 2014-2015 school year pending approval of the agency's proposal for new teacher and principal evaluation and support systems in Texas. The systems are a specific component of the federal waiver and are scheduled to be piloted in school districts and charters during the 2014-2015 school year.

EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

9/22/2014
• 12:07 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)
• 11:40 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

9/23/2014
• 11:32 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport 911 Response (Emergency)

9/24/2014
• 6:42 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Reagan Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

9/25/2014
• 8:45 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

9/26/2014
• 10:09 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

9/27/2014
• 7:22 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

9/28/2014
• 6:21 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

9/29/2014
• 1:46 a.m. - Transported Lights/Siren Shannon Air Med 1 911 Response (Emergency)

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CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC NOTICE

BID NOTICE
Care Center van: Ford E-450 Super Duty Year: 2000 Mileage: 196128 Conversion by Champion Accepting sealed bids until October 13. Bids can be submitted to the Crockett County Auditor's Office. Addition information call Eddie Martin 325-226-4808

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
BY VIRTUE OF A WRIT OF EXECUTION issued out of the Justice of the Peace of Crockett County in the case of Plaintiff Triple C Hardware vs Jonathan Weddle, Defendant, Cause No. 2014-0006JC. To me, as Sheriff of Crockett County, directed and delivered, I have levied upon the May 8, 2014, and will at 10:00 am on October 21, 2014 and the Crockett County Courthouse located at 907 Ave D proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all right and interest which the aforementioned defendant hand on May 8, 2014 or any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property to wit;

- Samsung Notebook with charger
- Set of Hogan golf clubs and bag
- Tippmann Paint ball gun AR type with extra barrel, hopper and air canister
- Spyder Paint ball pistol with hopper and air canister

Said property being levied on as the property of aforesaid defendant and will be sold to satisfy a judgement in Cause No. 2014-0006JC in favor of Triple C Hardware. Crockett County Sheriff Robert Rodriguez

PUBLIC NOTICE TO BIDDERS
THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF CROCKETT COUNTY, TEXAS will receive sealed bids, October 13, 2014, until 2:00 p.m. for replacing roof at the **CROCKETT COUNTY CIVIC CENTER**. Each bid envelope must be plainly marked (CIVIC CENTER ROOFING). Any bid received after stated opening time will not be considered and will be returned unopened. Bids shall be mailed or given to Janie Chandler, County Auditor, P.O. Box 989, Ozona, Texas 76943. Crockett County reserves the right to reject any or all bids that are received on the opening date and also reserves the right to accept either all or part of a bid. Crockett County reserves the right to not necessarily accept the lowest bid or to waive any technicalities in determining what best suits our needs.

Janie Chandler
Crockett County Auditor

PUBLIC NOTICE
Pursuant to section 152.013 of the local Government Code of Vernon's Texas Statutes, the following notice is published. The Commissioners' Court of the County of Crockett are proposing raises in compensation for the year, beginning January 1, 2015 for the following elected officials:

- Justice of the Peace - \$1,800
- County Attorney - \$1,800
- Constable - \$1,800
- County Sheriff - \$1,800
- County Judge - \$1,800
- County Commissioners - \$1,800
- County Auditor - \$1,800
- County Treasurer - \$1,800
- Co. and District Clerk - \$1,800
- County Tax Assessor - \$1,800

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court met September 8, 2014 for a budget hearing and the adoption of the 2015 budget.

MISCELLANEOUS
\$500.00 DOLLAR REWARD During the past year person or persons unknown have damaged County road signs. The person who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of those responsible will be eligible for the \$500.00 reward. Those having information should call Sheriff Robert "Bob" Rodriguez. Callers names will remain anonymous. tfc16

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