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## January is School Board Appreciation Month

BY RAUL CHAVARRIA  
CCCCSD SUPERINTENDENT

January is School Board Recognition Month and Crockett County Consolidated Common School District is joining other districts across the state to thank these local leaders for their dedication and willingness to serve as advocates for our children and public schools.

"Even though we are making a special effort in January to show appreciation to our board members, we realize their many contributions reflect a year-round commitment. They generously give of themselves to ensure that decisions directly affecting our local schools are made by representatives of this community, people who are close to our schools and know our teachers, parents, and students," said Raul Chavarria, CCCCS superintendent. "As elected officials, they are the voice of their communities, serving first and foremost in the best interest of our staff and schoolchildren."

Our board has worked together in setting and maintaining goals for CCCCS. This past year our board, along with the Crockett



JANUARY IS SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION MONTH: CCCCS School Board Members are (front row, left to right) Amy Newton, Secretary Grizz Medina, Vice President Orlando DeHoyos, President David McWilliams (back row, left to right) Dwight Childress, Roland DeHoyos and Ryan Bean.

County Commissioners proposed and supported a bond issue for new school buses, technology, and supplies for the students of our school district. Our board has also listened to the concerns of our community and provided direction for those concerns to our administration.

"Board members should

der critical responsibilities and often make difficult choices. Their ultimate goal is always focused on the future success of the children in our district," Chavarria said.

Board members serving CCCCS are:

· David McWilliams, President-board member since

2011

· Orlando DeHoyos, Vice President-board member since 2012

· Griselda Medina, Secretary-board member since 2008

· Amy Newton, board member since 2012

· Roland DeHoyos, board member since 2010

· Dwight Childress, board member since 2005

· Ryan Bean, board member since 2014.

Please help us thank these dedicated volunteers for their efforts to make a difference and their unfailing commitment to the continued success of our students now and in the future.

## Spicewood man killed in accident

A Spicewood, Texas man was killed Saturday during another ice storm that hit Crockett County.

Clifford Bennett, 69, was pronounced dead at the scene by Crockett County Justice of the Peace Evelyn Lozano, according to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety.

Mary Catherine Weiss, of Austin, was transported by Crockett County EMS to Shannon Medical Center with serious injuries, the report stated.

Bennett was driving a 2006 Toyota pickup when he lost control on the ice covered bridge near the 363 mile-marker on I-10, about two miles west of Ozona.

The vehicle overturned causing Weiss to be ejected and Bennett partially ejected from the vehicle, the report stated. Both people were not wearing seat belts, the report stated.

The accident occurred at 9:47 a.m. Saturday.

It was investigated by DPS Trooper Castulo Bilano, of Ozona.

## EMS continuing part-time weekend shifts

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

More time is needed to see if the part-time EMS weekend shifts are working, said Crockett County EMS Director Eddie Martin.

At the Jan. 8 Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Service Board meeting, Martin said the new idea was met with mixed reviews.

For the past month, the EMS has been allowing a person to be paid for a full 24-hour shift on Saturday and then another person paid for a 24-hour shift on Sunday.

During eight hours of the 24-hour shift, Martin said the person is doing work around the EMS Building, such as inventory on the ambulances, washing the ambulances and other work around the office.

For January, Martin said there are still shifts that need people, but that one person has come back to Crockett County from working for Big Lake.

"Some don't want the full pay because they like to be flexible. Sundays are the

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**John L. Henderson**

President of the Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board

worst day of any. We're still at the point where we need to let it soak in a little bit," Martin said.

Martin said not once has an ambulance call gone uncovered, including the recent ice storms where three ambulances were running with crews.

"We're confusing calls with open holes. We've never had a shift go uncovered. Ambulance people are not going to let it fail," Martin said.

Martin said to give the program a couple more months and then reevaluate.

"I am going to still hold tight with what we've talked about. It sounds like to me you've got some people who will complain regardless. We are trying to take care of our own people. This board has gone to great lengths to try and help our local folks.

Looks to me with this 24-hour shift, more local people would be jumping on that," said John L. Henderson, board president.

Martin said one ambulance did break down during the recent ice storms. There was a thermostat problem, but that has been fixed.

The new ambulance should be in Ozona Thursday or Friday. Cost is around \$127,000 with \$20,000 coming from the Concho Valley Regional Advisory Council.

### CARE CENTER WAITING LIST

The board asked Care Center Administrator Robert Stecher if he could prioritize the center's waiting list to those living in Crockett County be placed first.

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## Commissioners discuss new jail, clinic

BY MELISSA PERNER  
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Moving forward on a bond for a new jail and clinic was discussed at Monday's Crockett County Commissioners' Court meeting.

On the jail, the commissioners approved a motion to receive a proposal from DRG Architects, of San Antonio, on a jail bond.

"On any of these projects, if you are going to do a November election you have to start right now in preparing the project," said County Judge Fred Deaton. "It would be hard for me to choose somebody without having a price. I would like for the firm to come here."

The county has budgeted \$50,000 for jail plans.

Sheriff Robert Rodriguez said DRG Architects has been the only firm to express the most interest in the project.

Rodriguez said he would like a 24-27-bed new jail, but that the Texas Jail Commission states they can run up to a 34-bed jail with the same number of staff.

"I'm not pushing for a 34-bed jail. That's just what I was told from the jail com-

mission," Rodriguez said.

On the clinic, the commissioners agreed to hold a joint meeting with the Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 22 at the courthouse annex. The meeting will be open to the public.

The commissioners said they had questions about the location and design of the new clinic.

One concern is if the new clinic is built where the old north swimming pool was located, across the street from current clinic, then care center residents would have to be transported over by ambulance or van.

"That's something we need to consider. There are a lot of things to consider. If Shannon equips are they going to be holding that over our heads every time we want to do something? Do we want to get into a bind like that," said Commissioner Frank Tambunga. "Here's the opportunity to try and get all this together and plan it."

Shannon Medical Center has offered to equip the new clinic if the county builds the facility.

It was on the agenda to discuss hiring an architect for the new clinic project, but the commissioners felt questions needed to be answered first.

"The main thing before we hire an architect is everyone sit down and hammer out all the issues we may or may not have," Deaton said.

### HAMPTON INN PROJECT

The commissioners received three engineering proposals and two management proposals pertaining to the Hampton Inn project, which is being assisted by the a 2014 grant from the Texas Capital Fund of the Texas Community Development Block Grant Program.

The commissioners decided to take more time to read over the proposals before making a decision. The commissioners will revisit the issue at a noon special called meeting on Jan. 22.

The 70-bed motel will be located on the property of the old intermediate school building.

The Texas Capital Fund provides grants for infra-

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## Rural mail will suffer with more plant closures

A friend of mine from South Dakota noted that the U.S. Postal Service delivered a lump of coal to many small towns last Christmas when it proceeded to eliminate overnight mail in most of the nation in 2015. That was a good description. USPS will slow delivery officially by one day for First-Class and Periodicals mail. Many members of Congress have asked it to hold off. But USPS is plowing ahead.

The USPS plans to close more than 80 mail processing plants in 2015. Smaller plants will be

consolidated into urban plants. It has already closed nearly 150 plants in the past three years and says service was not affected.

That is hard to believe, at least in small towns.

Longer road trips for most mail, traf-



GUEST EDITORIAL

JOHN EDGECOMBE JR.

fic delays in urban areas to get sorted mail back to the local post offices, post office closings and shorter business hours have made claims of good service hard to trust. There is also the upheaval while workers lose their jobs or have to be retrained. Now, according to the nation's mail agency, cost-cutting means admitting service will be even slower, even in urban areas, by at least a day.

What the public announcements do not say is that when America's mail sneezes, rural mail gets pneumonia. Cutting a

service day is a big sneeze even in the metro areas. But rural and small town mail had already contracted the illness. Many subscribers who receive newspapers by mail have been disappointed by late deliveries. The scattered reports we may hear of delayed credit card payments and business invoices would be much louder if consumers felt there was any point in complaining.

Unfortunately for many—seniors without Internet capabilities, lower income residents, rural folks without good Internet service and people who just

don't trust the Internet—the mail is a necessity.

The USPS inspector general last October chastised the agency for not fully analyzing the impact from its proposed plant closings and the Postal Service said it would do so—but only after its slower service standards go into effect.

The Postal Service provides a public report to its regulator, the Postal Regulatory Commission, on how well it performs against its service standards. See Periodic Reports at [www.prc.gov](http://www.prc.gov). USPS gathers information on speed of

delivery from several sources, including its own digital scanning. The greatest volume of mail is in urban areas, so national statistics may look ok. But the law doesn't require USPS to report on how the rural mail is doing.

For a list of cities where changes in mail processing are scheduled in 2015 go to <https://ribbs.usps.gov/index.cfm>. Then open "2015 Network Consolidations."

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## What Texas learned from the last boom gone bust

In December 1982, just before the 1983 legislative session, I became chief revenue estimator for Texas Comptroller Bob Bullock, meaning I was responsible for the state's revenue forecast. Although my predecessor warned me, I was too green to realize that I was blundering into the oil price bust of the 1980s.

That was a long time ago, and Texas now faces what some experts believe is a similar situation — a sharp decline in oil prices ahead of a legislative session. We even have a new revenue estimator.

I don't want to diminish the problems that falling prices present for Texas or the new estimator, but the situation isn't the same. Not exactly. The Texas economy is more diverse than it was in the early 1980s. On the other hand, Dale Craymer, another former estimator and now the president of the Texas Taxpayers and Research Association, has estimated that between one-third and 40 percent of the economic recovery in Texas since the recession can be attributed to the oil and gas industry. Assuming the rest of the economy performs well in 2015, as is expected, oil industry problems might be a major economic drag, but not a 1980s-style economic calamity.

State finances also are different today. In the 1980s, oil and gas taxes made up a fifth of state taxes, and the industry also had a surprisingly large impact on the state's most important tax source, the sales tax. Oil and gas taxes now account for less than 10 percent of taxes, and much of their growth goes not to the general fund but to the state's Rainy Day Fund, which was created because of the problems of the 1980s. Today, the sales tax is an even more important source of revenue than it was in 1983, accounting for more than half of state tax revenue. However, its base is broader than it was then, another product of the 1980s.

Despite the changes, if oil prices stay low for an extended period, it could spell trouble for state finances but, again, not of the magnitude of the 1980s. Although a large percentage of oil and gas taxes go to the Rainy Day Fund, some of the revenue supports general spending. More important is the impact of



TRIB TALK BILLY HAMILTON

the industry on the sales tax. Many of the items used in oil and gas production, from drill bits to fluids, are taxed. Oil and gas-related spending doesn't make up an overwhelming percentage of sales tax collections, but its impact is magnified by the tax's outside role in state finances.

So that leaves us with the current state of uncertainty. Worrisome, I admit. But things could be worse. The state's budget outlook may be dented by falling prices, but economic diversification — and prudence with oil and gas tax revenues and overall spending — should mean it won't be upended.

Of course, much depends on how low prices go and how long they stay there. My theory is that the drop will look something like the decline in 2008-09. Prices peaked at \$145 per barrel in July 2008. They then nosedived to \$37.58 the day after Christmas of that year. However, they climbed back to \$70 per barrel by the following August and stayed in the \$70-to-80-per-barrel range until early 2011, when they climbed higher, reaching \$100 per barrel in March 2011.

A similar trajectory is possible this time around. The problem is that like the other theories being floated these days, mine is just that — a theory. No one really knows. That's why I got out of revenue estimating. It's hard on the nerves.

The good news is that the comptroller-elect, Glenn Hegar, is taking steps to give legislators the best estimate he can for the legislative session. He held a meeting of former estimators in December to get their input — which we all enjoyed thoroughly since the problem is his, not ours. If he can dust off the over-the-hill gang, it means he's looking for answers before deciding. That's another sign Texas will be much better prepared for 2015 than it was for 1983.

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## Just A Rancher



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I was talking to my friend Phil on Thanksgiving about his father, Peter Tognazzini, and I mentioned that there would be a good turnout for his funeral. Phil, in his modest manner said, "Why would there be a crowd, he was just a rancher."

Just a rancher, indeed! Pete was engaged in an occupation as old as the human race. He was just a rancher who made the land come alive providing nourishing food for people who live in big cities, and then turn right around and criticize those responsible for their sustenance. Pete was just a rancher who made two blades of grass grow where there had only been one before. Just a rancher who loved being in the company of cows, and those who raised them. Pete liked his cows red, his grass green, his hay cheap, and his rain regular.

Pete had been just a dairyman, but when he heard there were cows you didn't have to milk twice a day he became just a rancher. And a good one. I knew Pete for nearly 40 years but we got off to a rocky start. I mentioned in my column that Pete had served chicken at his branding. To this day I still get people who come up to me and ask, "Did that guy really serve chicken at his branding?"

Well, it wasn't like he handed out boxes of KFC to all his neighbors. No, that would have cost too much. "You really didn't want me to waste beef on a bunch of ropers did you?" Pete asked in self defense.

Thirty-five years ago Pete went from being just a rancher to being just a farmer too. It's bad enough that a rancher, and president of the county cattlemen's organization, served poultry but then to become a farmer too! A stump rancher, a tree trimmer. Nothing worse. Probably started taking showers every day too.

The only thing worse for a rancher than eating chicken and farming would be if Pete was a banker. But I suppose serving on the Board of Farm Credit for 30 years made him one of their ilk too.

To say that Pete was just a rancher is like saying he was just a husband. Married to the lovely Amelia for 66 years! I've heard of others being married that long but it wasn't all to the same woman! After 66 years the two looked at each other with a gleam still in their eyes as if they were teenagers in love. They finished each other's sentences and talked with that sass, spunk and sparkle that made every day special.

But Pete was not just a husband and a rancher, he was just a father too. Pete was so proud of his children, justifiably so, and their home is filled with several gen-

erations of history and accomplishment.

Pete was just a patriot too, having served in the Army Air Corp during World War II. He served in England and France helping build the gliders that carried soldiers to the Battle of The Bulge. He served on a plethora of committees and cared deeply about the only community he ever had.

Pete was also just a friend. A salt of the earth good neighbor who liked nothing more than a branding or a barbecue. Simple pleasures for simple people who celebrated life on a daily basis.

Pete was just a religious man who lived by the Golden rule, the ten commandments and the word of God. He had a strong sense of morality. He believed with all his heart that he would be reunited one day with his beloved Amelia. And rest assured, heaven will be Pete's final address. I've delivered eulogies for business titans, politicians and all sorts of big shots but this was the first time I could say with 100% certainty where the deceased would end up. And I hope to see him there one day, just not too soon. Maybe Pete will have a welcome barbecue for me and Pete, it had better not be chicken!

Peter Tognazzini... just a rancher, just a husband, just a father, just a friend. Just a man who loved his wife, his family, his God and, yes, his cows. And that my friends is just the legacy of one wonderful man.

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## Proposal would put contracts under increased scrutiny

AUSTIN — Signaling his intent to promote transparency and accountability in the 84th Texas Legislature, House Speaker Joe Straus on Jan. 9 announced that in the coming weeks the House would release a budget proposal designed to strengthen oversight of state agency contracts. The Legislature convenes Jan. 13.

Agencies or institutions of higher education, under the proposal, would have to meet new reporting requirements prior to awarding a contract or making a purchase worth more than \$10 million, Straus said. Requirements also would apply to contracts and purchases worth more than \$1 million and which do not go through a competitive bidding process, he added.

At least 30 days prior to making such an expenditure, a state agency issuing a contract would have to notify the Legislative Budget Board, governor, state auditor, chair

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of the House Appropriations Committee, chair of the Senate Finance Committee and chairs of any other committees with jurisdiction over contracting. Along with that notification, an agency, before finalizing such a contract, would provide to the Legislative Budget Board and the others:

- Information about the nature of the contract and the vendor awarded it.
- A certification by the agency's executive director that the process used to award the contract or make the purchase complies with the state's Contract Management Guide, State of Texas Procurement Manual and all applicable laws.
- A certification by the agency's executive director that the agency can verify vendor performance and deliverables, payment of goods

and services only within the scope of the contract, and other information.

Furthermore, Straus said, the next state budget "will make clear that the state comptroller should not allow the expenditure of funds if the Legislative Budget Board says the requirements listed above have not been met."

### AG PAXTON IS SWORN IN

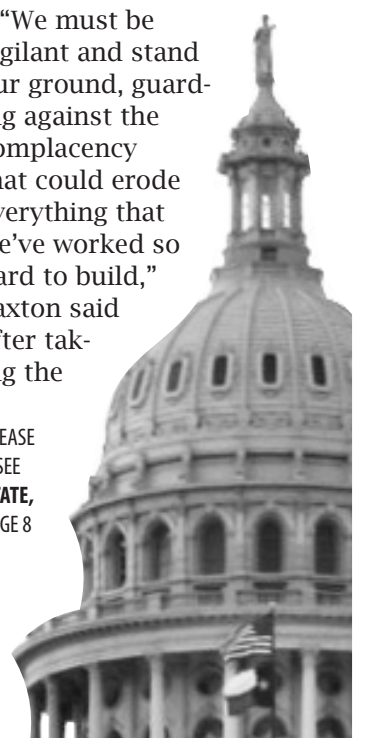
Ken Paxton of McKinney was sworn in as Texas's 51st attorney general on Jan. 5 with Gov. Rick Perry, Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, U.S. Sen. Ted Cruz, governor-elect Greg Abbott, lieutenant governor-elect Dan Patrick and Texas Supreme Court Justice Don Willett, family and friends present for the Senate Chamber ceremony.

Paxton, a McKinney Republican who served as a state senator from 2012 to 2014

and as a member of the Texas House from 2002 to 2012, succeeds governor-elect Abbott as the state's chief law enforcement officer.

"We must be vigilant and stand our ground, guarding against the complacency that could erode everything that we've worked so hard to build," Paxton said after taking the

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# Mr. and Mrs. Jake Walter Schwartz

Julia Leeann Henderson and Jake Walter Schwartz were married in a double ring candlelight ceremony on Saturday, November 8, 2014 at the Ozona United Methodist Church with Pastor Jean Reardon officiating. The bride is the daughter of Jeannine and John L. Henderson, III of Ozona. The groom is the son of Cecilia and James Schwartz of Garden City.

The bride is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Perry of Ozona, Ms. Martha Henderson of Eldorado, and the late Mr. John Lee Henderson, Jr. The groom is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Lange of San Antonio, Mrs. Betty Joyce Schwartz of San Angelo and the late Mr. David William Schwartz.

Matron of Honor was Mrs. Jenna Leigh Penner of Houston, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Miss Morgan Schwartz, sister of the groom, Miss Brittany Owen of Bryan, Mrs. Kyann Slaughter of San Angelo, and Mrs. Frankie Kay of Ozona. The flower girls were Kate Bunker and Sadie Childress of Ozona, cousins of the bride. The candle lighters were Cambree and Kristen Schwartz of San Angelo, cousins of the groom. Registering guests and handing out programs were Courtney Hoelscher of Garden City, Paige Tambunga and Erica Venegas of Ozona. Coordinating the wedding ceremony was Virginia Howell, the bride's aunt.

Best Man was Colton Schwartz of Louisiana, brother of the groom. Groomsman were Chandler Homeyer of Iowa, Travis Gully, Hayden Halfmann and Eric Hirt all of Garden City. Ushers were Kiley Book of Veribest, Landon Craft of Plains, Reid Niehues of Wall, Bo Eggemeyer and Cole Schwartz of Garden City and Darin Perry of San Antonio. Ringbearer was Wyatt Bean of Ozona, cousin of the bride.

The bride, given in marriage by her parents and escorted by her father, wore an elegant Casablanca Bridal gown fashioned of ivory beaded French Alencon and Chantilly laces applied on Point D'Esprit soft netting layered over champagne luxe satin. Sparkling Swarovski crystals, clear sequins and glass beads highlighted the floral design of each lace motif. Her gorgeous vintage-look wedding dress offered custom design features selected by Julia for her walk down the aisle. The romantic sweetheart neckline boasted an embellished lace bodice to the semi-empire waistline, caught by a champagne satin sash. From the waistline fell a soft, A-line skirt beautifully highlighted by scattered, beaded floral Alencon lace motifs which descended to a full chapel length train. Inset scalloped lace encircled the lower skirt and hemline to enrich the design. A romantic lace-up corsette enhanced the back of her gown. Julia wore an ivory chapel length veil trimmed with clear beading and accented with a gold vintage hairpiece. Following bridal tradition of "something old", she carried in her bouquet a handkerchief which was given to her grandmother, Willa Perry, by Julia's great-great grandmother, Ollie Godwin. "Something new" was her wedding dress and veil, given to her by her parents and a pearl necklace and earrings given to her by her fiancé. "Something borrowed" was her mother's gold and pearl vintage bracelet and a



sixpence given to her by her sister which was worn at her wedding. "Something blue" was a blue monogrammed tag sewn into her wedding dress.

Julia and her bridesmaids carried clutch bouquets of amnesia, vendela, and mother of pearl roses, white hydrangea and silver dollar and seeded eucalyptus. Julia's ivory and champagne bouquet wrap was accented with lace and pearls.

Continuing with her vintage theme, Julia's matron of honor and bridesmaids wore graceful formal length gowns of English netting over satin in a lovely cameo color. The netting was swept over one shoulder and covered the bodice and strapless slip lining. The satin waistband topped the full, A-line, floor length skirt. The candle lighters also wore cameo floor length dresses made of English netting over satin with ruffled straps and a jeweled waistband. The flower girls wore tea length ivory satin and organza dresses which boasted a cameo sash with a bow back to match the bridesmaids dresses. They wore an ivory satin bow in their hair and carried baskets decorated in ivory lace and pearls with pink ribbon and flowers and filled with rose petals.

The bridegroom wore a black tuxedo with an ivory herringbone vest and ivory silk tie while his attendants, ring bearer and ushers wore black tuxedos and vests with black silk ties. Accenting their attire were boutonnières with a single amnesia rose with baby's breath and seeded eucalyptus.

A special arrangement adorned the church altar in loving memory of the couple's grandparents Mr. John Lee Henderson, Jr. and Mr. David William Schwartz. On each side of the altar table were beautiful brass candelabras. The church rails were decorated with silver dollar eucalyptus and baby's breath and the church aisle was decorated with pew markers made of ivory ribbon and amnesia, vendela, mother of pearl roses and baby's breath. The mother and grandmother of the bride were escorted in by Darin Perry, cousin of the bride, and the mother of the groom was escorted by her son Jake Schwartz, while the grandmothers of the groom were escorted by their grandson Colton Schwartz. All were escorted into the church to the classical tune "Air on a G String" played by violinist, Paula Woyton. She then

played "One Hand, One Heart" as the altar and family candles were being lit and "Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring" as the attendants entered.

The congregation stood as Julia, escorted by her father, entered the church and made their way down the aisle to "Canon in D" played by the organist, Marilyn Cox. Following the scripture reading "Canticle of Love" read by Jerry Perry, grandfather of the bride, the congregation sang "When Love Is Found." Pastor Jean Reardon then presented God's message, the vows were repeated and the blessing and exchange of rings took place. "Yours and Mine" was sung by Aaron Pearl as the Unity Candle ceremony was performed, followed by the congregation reciting "The Lord's Prayer". After the newlyweds were presented to the congregation, the couple exited the church to "The Wedding March" and family and friends followed to the song "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee."

A reception followed at the Crockett County Fairpark Convention Center. Guests were welcomed into an entry of vintage elegance where Julia's great great grandparent's, Mattie Roach and A.K. Bailey's antique furniture was displayed under a brilliant chandelier along with portraits of the bride and groom and a jeweled "S" made by the groom's mother. After guests registered at the vintage dresser decorated in lace they were drawn through a draped doorway to a table display of old family wedding photos. From there one could see the romantic candlelit ballroom where a sweeping balloon valance with twinkle lights glowed along with a variety of vintage chandeliers of crystals and pearls that hung from the ceiling. The guest tables were covered with champagne cloths with lace toppers and ivory chairs decorated with beautiful champagne bows. The tables were adorned with a variety of magnificent candelabras draped in pearls and holding crystal votives and silver julep vases. Each centerpiece held lavish floral arrangements of cameo, blush, mother of pearl, and white roses, white hydrangeas, peach stock, pink snapdragon, and baby's breath along with curly willow, green coffee bean berries and a variety of greenery. The tables were complimented with crystal candlelit silver votives. The floral arrangements were made by family

and friends from Garden City.

In the center of it all was a special table for the wedding party with the bride and groom at the head sitting in special vintage chairs. This table was set with white dishes on silver chargers complete with fanned linen napkins, a fantastic arrangement and lots of candles. The head table sat directly in front of the elaborate cake and champagne tables which were covered in crushed satin and rosette designs and were showcased by two magnificent floral arrangements spotlighted with three silver and crystal chandeliers. Both cakes were displayed on silver ornate cake risers in front of a champagne and ivory damask backdrop with the bride and groom's name made by the groom's mother. Displayed in the center of the champagne table was a special candelabra that was Jewel Bailey's, the bride's great grandmother. The bride's cake consisted of 6 layers of white cake with amaretto raspberry filling and was decorated with champagne lace made of buttercream icing and the groom's cake was a three tiered German chocolate cake with chocolate covered strawberries and topped with an Aggie T-star. Since both the bride and groom were A&M graduates, two pictures were displayed next to the cakes. One was a gift to the couple by the bride's parents, a drawing signed by Aggie artist, Benjamin Knox, of an Aggie man and woman's ring bonded together with the couple's graduation years inscribed on them and the other was a portrait of the couple under the famous "Century Tree" on the Texas A&M campus.

The bride and groom along with the bridal party entered the reception through a receiving line of family and friends. Guests were served hors'dourves and cocktails as they entered. Speeches were then given by the best man and matron of honor and toasts were made to the newly married couple. The grandfather of the bride then said a special prayer and a delicious dinner buffet was served.

Throughout the night, all enjoyed the traditional cutting of the cake, tossing of the bouquet and garter, having their pictures taken in a photo booth, and dancing to music provided by the "Nolen Pick Band" of Waco. Special dances of the night were the bride and groom's first dance, "Keeper of the Stars", the father-daughter dance, "I Loved Her First", the mother-son dance, "My Wish", The German Wedding March, "Under Eagle's Wings", and The Aggie War Hymn.

At the stroke of midnight, the bride and groom made their way through a farewell line of family and friends holding glowing sparklers to the waiting white limousine. After a relaxing wedding trip to San Antonio, the newlyweds are at home in Garden City.

Julia is a 2008 graduate of Ozona High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from Texas A&M University in 2012. She is pursuing her Master's degree in Education in Guidance and Counseling. Julia is employed by Glasscock County I.S.D. as a kindergarten teacher. Jake is a 2009 graduate of Garden City High School and received a Bachelor of Science degree in Agricultural Systems Management from Texas A&M University in 2013. He is self-employed.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### Wednesday, Jan. 14

- 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.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7 p.m. at the high school.

### Thursday, Jan. 15

- OMS Lions and Lady Lions in the Ozona Tournament.
- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Movies, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.

### Friday, Jan. 16

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Miles, 4 p.m. at Miles.

### Saturday, Jan. 17

- OMS Lions and Lady Lions in the Ozona Tournament.
- OHS Powerlifting at the Irion County Meet in Mertzon.
- West Texas Rehab 45th annual telethon, 5:30 p.m. on KLST-TV.

### Sunday, Jan. 18

- Bingo, 3 p.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall.
- Winter Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

### Monday, Jan. 19

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OMS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Eldorado, 5 p.m. at the OHS and OMS Gyms.
- Winter Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

### Tuesday, Jan. 20

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Crockett County 4-H Stock Show Thank You Notes, 4-6 p.m. at the 4-H Office.
- OHS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Christoval, 5 p.m. at Christoval.
- Lamb and Goat Showmanship Clinic, 6 p.m. at the 4-H Barn.
- Winter Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- DeerFest Check Presentation, 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Park Convention Center.

### Wednesday, Jan. 21

- 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.
- Winter Bible Study, 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- CCCCSD School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7 p.m. at the high school.

## Chance to win a photo session at Jan. 26 Relay For Life meeting

Crockett County Relay For Life will hold a meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 26 at the Civic Center. There will be a drawing for a free mini-photo session by Britni Rutledge of Eighth and Auburn Photography.

Bring a friend and you both will be entered twice. Only those who come to the meeting will be entered into the drawing.

The 2015 Crockett County Relay For Life is set for April 10-11. If you'd like to learn more about what Relay For Life is and how you can get involved to help fight back

against cancer in your community, join us on Jan. 26.

In 2014, Crockett County won an award for the awesome number of caregivers registered at our Relay; With your help, imagine what kind of a difference we can make in 2015!

Come and take the amazing opportunity to save lives and help us create a world with more birthdays.

For more information, call Shelly Childress, event chair, at (325) 277-5381 or Britni Rutledge, ACS Relay Specialist, at (325) 450-5822.

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**Jan. 15** - Esther Williams, Jessica Phelps, Justin Ray Yeager, Samuel Perez and Di-

ana Rodriguez

**Jan. 16** - Amenda Poindexter, West Richardson, Jane Chandler, Miranda Villarreal, Richard Jackson and Vivian Medina

**Jan. 17** - O'Rion Bilano, Maria Camarillo, Amenda

Poindexter, Irma Fernandez, Leticia Payne, Irma Ortiz, Isabel Aguilar, Michelle Camarillo, Mark Hernandez, Kay Shaffer, Donna Sanders and Gary Vannoy

**Jan. 18** - Amy Rodriguez, Chuck Morris, Pricila Rodriguez,

Oflia Rios, Lane White, Mariah Cordova and Devin Adcock

**Jan. 19** - Westyn Hubbard, Betty Bullard, Jose Lozano, Allie Black and Socorro Maldonado

**Jan. 20** - A.J. Montanez, Lynne Haire and Jennifer Vitela

**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 Welton Nicks at (325) 392-3600.

**JANUARY 14**

· Smothered pork chop, fluffy rice, mixed vegetables, white and wheat roll, fruited cherry gelatin and milk.

**JANUARY 15**

· Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, okra and tomatoes, dinner roll, rosy pears and milk.

**JANUARY 16**

· Beef enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tossed salad, peaches and milk.

**JANUARY 19**

· Hamburger on a bun, baked beans, lettuce, tomato, pickle and onion, mustard, orange wedges and milk.

**JANUARY 20**

· Italian meatballs, spaghetti with sauce, broccoli, garlic bread stick, hot spiced peaches and milk.

**JANUARY 21**

· Grilled chicken sandwich, fiesta corn, spicy pinto beans, lettuce, tomato, pickles, mustard and mayo, banana pudding with wafers and milk.

**JANUARY 22**

· Roast turkey with gravy, cornbread dressing, herbed green beans, candied sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, mandarin orange fluff, dinner roll and milk.

**JANUARY 23**

· Crunchy baked fish, potato wedges, tangy coleslaw, hush puppies, hot cinnamon apples and milk.

**JANUARY 26**

· Chicken enchilada bake, Spanish rice, tossed lettuce salad, saltine crackers, hot cinnamon pears and milk.

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1st Monday in  
February at 7:30 p.m.

# West Texas Rehab's annual Telethon Saturday

BY JUSTIN M. DELOACH  
WEST TEXAS REHAB

Crockett County and surrounding community residents have an opportunity between now and midnight on Saturday, Jan. 17, to help West Texas Rehabilitation Center by making a gift to Rehab 2015, the Center's 45th annual Telethon.

Volunteers from the Ozona Women's League are spearheading local solicitation efforts in Ozona and are conducting an advanced mail campaign as well as working the phones asking businesses and individuals to make donations to the Rehab Center.

"We hope our families and friends will ring the phones during the Telethon," said Colbey Bunger, "because Rehab makes a difference in the lives of many area residents and this is a way we can all do our part."

Contributions may be given by returning gifts to your local Phone Coordinator, dropping them by the Rehab Center or by calling the Rehab Center at (325) 223-6414.

The telethon will be carried by 10 state-wide television stations, including KLST in San Angelo and KTAB in



**You'll be seeing stars.**

RED STEAGALL AND NEAL MCCOY are just two of the many stars that will be performing at Saturday's West Texas Rehab annual Telethon.

Abilene. The show also will be streaming live at www.WestTexasRehab.org.

Popular country star Neal McCoy will be joined on stage at the Abilene Civic Center by host Charlie Chase of the Nashville network as well as Texas legend Red Steagall and the Boys in the Bunkhouse, Bill and Susan Hayes, Brad Maule and Twyla Foreman.

Suddenlink Communications is the official sponsor of the five-hour telecast and Edward Jones/Gary and Connie Decker is on board as the new toteboard sponsor.

NTS Communications provides support for the auction

of merchandise and services and Hilton Garden Inn is the host hotel.

In addition to entertainment, the live production showcases the services of the Rehab Center which annually provides care daily to more than 500 children and adults with disabilities and communication disorders at facilities in Abilene, San Angelo and Ozona.

Also, Rehab 2015's auction will include approximately 350 items donated by businesses and individuals ranging from agricultural products and home improvement items to collectibles and sports/travel packages.

Interested persons may bid online at www.WestTexasRehab.org beginning right after Christmas or by phone on Saturday, Jan. 17.

"The telethon is a critical fund-raiser for the Rehab Center because we count on it to launch the New Year in a good position to meet the needs of those we'll serve in the next 12 months," said WTRC President Woody Gilliland. "That's why we're so grateful to local volunteers staffing phone banks ... why every advance gift and every pledge called in during the show are so deeply appreciated."

**BINGO**  
3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 18,  
at the OLPH Parish Hall  
Sweets and drinks sale!

**OBITUARIES**

## Rudy Ramirez

Rudy Ramirez, 69, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, Dec. 27, 2014, in Ozona, Texas.

"A limb has fallen from the family tree that says, 'grieve not for me.' Remember the best times, the laughter, the songs, the good life I lived while I was strong."

Preceding him in death were his parents Jose and Lilly Ramirez.

Survivors are his wife of 52 years, Anna Delia Ramirez; children Lidia Heard, of Amarillo, Yvonne Ramirez, of Ozona, and Rudy Ramirez, of Ozona; brothers and sisters Elia Alloy, of Kerrville, Joe Ramirez and wife Rachel, of San Antonio, Dickey Ramirez, of Oklahoma, Danny Ramirez and wife Edna, of Del Rio, Freddy Ramirez and wife Le-



ticia, of San Antonio, Armando Ramirez and wife Judy, of Pampa and Mario Ramirez and wife Sharon, of San Angelo; grandchildren Marc Powell, Dustin Williamson, Shandi Williamson, Sierra Powell and Dillen J. Ramirez and six great-grandchildren.

**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

## Bingo Monday night

BY BRENDA NEWTON  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Brrr, it is so cold. I hope all of you are keeping warm. If not you should come to the center and visit or do puzzles, or watch TV, or play games. It is warm out here and we love to have you come and visit.

I talked to Pat Gomez the other day and she said she had finished all of her certification to do the Wesley Nurse job at the Ozona United Methodist Church. She was so excited to be able to actually get acquainted with the people of Ozona and help them out with their insurance, Medicare and Medicaid, nutrition and anything else she can be of assistance with. She will be coming to the center a couple of times a week to check blood pressures and diabetes. We had a nice visit and I am looking forward to working with her and learning from her.

Ludy Vargas is coming back on Monday, Jan. 19, at 3:30 p.m. to help us with the pretty scarves she can teach us how to make. It is really fun to do but I forgot how to end the end the thing. There comes a point that you have to finish the project. Remember to get the Sachay thread and #6 needles. One skein of thread will make a scarf. The

General Store has what you need.

The Garden Club will be meeting here this coming Monday at 1:30 p.m. The bridge ladies can use another room to play their game so they can both meet at the same time.

We had a really cute movie this past Thursday. I am really sorry I did not put it in the paper what was showing. I have to get back in the swing of things after all the days off. This week's movie will be "Eat, Pray, Love" starring Julia Roberts, James Franco, Billy Crudup and Javier Bardem. People magazine said it was "a fascinating journey so full of delicious surprises." Come on out and enjoy yourself with popcorn puffs and drinks.

Remember that you can come to the center at night if you let me know when you want to.

- Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday
- Bridge - 1:30 p.m. Monday
- Balance Exercise - 9 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday
- 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.

**Card of Thanks**  
I, Caitlyn Marie Flores, along with my parents, Robert and Sylvia Flores and my grandparents, Albino and Anna, wish to thank each and everyone that participated in my VX Anos celebration. This would not have happened without all of your help. Thank you for all the gifts and money that I received. From the bottom of my heart I want to thank everyone that traveled from out of town to attend. May God bless you all.  
Thanks again,  
Caitlyn Flores

**Card of Thanks**  
We wish to acknowledge the many expressions of love, concern and compassion from friends and loved ones during this time of bereavement. Words cannot express the strength you have given us during these most difficult of times. Rudy Ramirez's bright spirit lives on in us all. Special thanks to Hospice and Johnny Rodriguez who remained by his friend's side from the beginning until the end. God Bless  
The Ramirez Family

### ONE DIME OR ONE MILLION DOLLARS

Near the end of last year every time I went to the mail box it was full of letters or cards from different groups or organizations wanting me to send or give money. They were saying hurry you only have a few days to give. Those cards and letters reminded me of something in the Bible. Giving to God was instituted at the very beginning of mankind. We find Adam and Eve's first two sons, Cain and Abel giving offerings to God, (Genesis 4:3-5). We may give to God but it may not be pleasing or acceptable to Him. The way we give or what we give and especially the attitude of our heart is so important, (Genesis 4:6&7). There is also the possibility that we may be actually taking money from or robbing God, (Malachi 3:8&9). The tithe or one tenth of how God has blessed us is what was given or was expected in the Old Testament times, (Leviticus 27:30). It does not make any difference if we raised it or worked for it God would like us to give Him a tenth of the increase in return for His blessing us, (2 Chronicles 31:4-6). The offering is for God's work, to build places to worship, pay the pastors, the expenses of ministry and for sending missionaries to the uttermost parts of the world, (Matthew 28:18-20, Numbers 18:21&26). My favorite story is in, (Mark 12:41-44).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 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><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Templo Bautista Jerusalem</b> 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church</b> 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth &amp; 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><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat &amp; 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><b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b> 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona Every Second Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.</p>
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# Will Hurd's First Day in Congress

BY ABBY LIVINGSTON  
TEXAS TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The eager congressman-elect's first day on the job began with breakfast tacos and drama.

On the first day of the 114th Congress, Will Hurd, the newly arrived San Antonio Republican, found himself caught in the middle of a row among the normally tight-knit Texas Republican delegation over the re-election of U.S. House Speaker John A. Boehner.

U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert, R-Tyler, announced on Sunday that he would challenge the House leader. By Tuesday, another Texan, U.S. Rep. Randy Weber, R-Pearland, had joined the anti-Boehner faction.

When a small group of Texans met Tuesday morning over breakfast tacos ahead of the vote, Hurd watched as U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith, R-San Antonio, confronted Weber about the attempted coup and, according to the Capitol Hill publication Roll Call, relayed a message that leadership was ready to retaliate.

Back in November, Hurd had narrowly ousted former Democratic Rep. Pete Gallego to win his seat at the congressional table. His actions for the rest of the day would set the tone for his first term in office: Would Will Hurd spend it working with or against House Republican leadership?

"Louie's an Aggie buddy, and I think he has been a principled leader up here in Washington, D.C." Hurd said on the walk through Capitol tunnels to his swearing-in. "But he doesn't have the votes to win this election."

That walk to the chamber revealed how Hurd, a former CIA agent and Texas A&M student body president, is not your average freshman. A small press entourage, including a national news network camera crew, tagged along because, as one of the few black Republicans in Congress, Hurd is a source of interest and unique power.

His position was highlighted last week as Democrats piled on to reports that House Majority Whip Steve Scalise, R-La., attended a meeting of a Louisiana white supremacist group in 2002.

Hurd could knife Scalise, or give him cover.

He opted for the latter. "Steve Scalise made a grave decision to go to that, and he's admitted it," Hurd said on the walk. "But the thing is, I haven't gotten any calls from my constituents on the issue."

He added that, instead, his priorities and focus would be on border security.

Arriving on the House floor, Hurd picked up his congressional lapel pin and the card he will use to register his votes.

"I think it sunk in, this is for real," he said of his first moments in the chamber. At noon, his official congressional website went live, but he was still not an official member.

Hurd sat with fellow Texas freshman U.S. Rep. John Ratcliffe, R-Heath, as the entire House of Representatives engaged in a rare roll call vote for speaker.

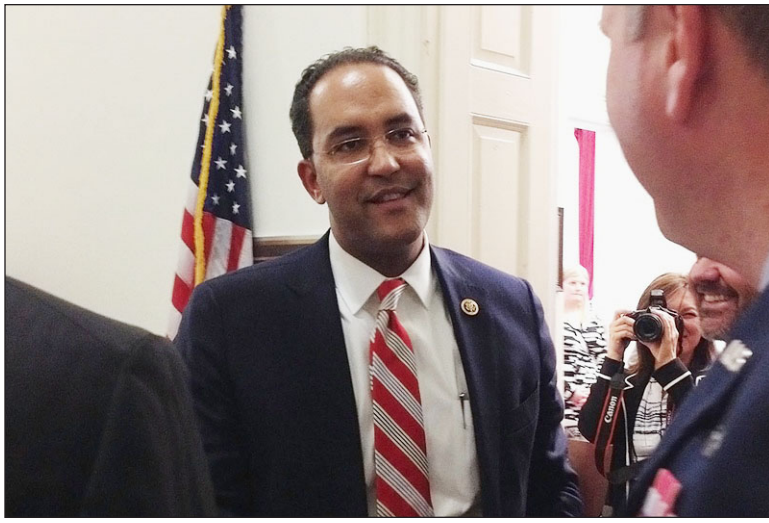
When Hurd's turn came, he called out, "Boehner!"

Boehner easily won a third term as speaker, despite tense moments in the chamber. Gohmert picked up only three votes, including his own. Boehner then swore in Hurd and the rest of his colleagues.

Eventually, the new congressman made his way back to his office. Cameras, family, staffers, Aggies, political consultants and supporters spilled into the hallway and greeted his arrival with applause. His exhausted mother, Mary Alice, entered the room and rested in a chair, still beaming with pride.

Hurd might be an ex-spy, but he's also a hugger with this crowd. The surroundings revealed an emotional side.

"To be able to look up [in



FRESHLY MINTED U.S. REP. WILL HURD

the gallery], and see my parents ..." Hurd said, choking up as he described his swearing-in. "That's pretty special."

The walls and desks around him were bare — Hurd's team did not get the keys until Saturday. But his staffers were satisfied nonetheless — they had prime office real estate.

Back in November, new members took part in a lottery to determine the order in which they chose offices. Hurd did well enough to land digs on the third floor of the Cannon House Office Building — avoiding the dreaded fifth floor.

Similarly, Hurd must contend with his personal surroundings, namely, finding a place to live.

For now, he's staying in a hotel. How does a congressman find a home?

"Just like everybody else — Zillow!" Hurd laughed. "Zillow has been my friend."

Washington-based friends have made recommendations, he said, and it's been a humorous process with prospective landlords.

"[They're] like, 'Why did you come up to D.C.?' 'Well, I just got elected to Congress,'" he recounted.

As the afternoon wore on, South Carolina Sen. Tim Scott stopped by and huddled with Hurd.

Last term, Scott was the only African-American Republican in Congress. Thanks to Hurd and Utah Rep. Mia Love, the number tripled on Tuesday.

Next on the Hurd agenda was the traditional mock swearing-in photo-op with Boehner and Hurd's parents. Members are assigned a time to take photos with the speaker and their family members, pretending to be sworn in.

But amid the excitement, drama and exhaustion, a very real question already lingered — whether or not Hurd will be here two years from now for the next swearing-in day.

National Democrats are already eyeing his old foe, Gallego, for a rematch. With 49.78 percent of the vote, Hurd did not cross the majority threshold in that first bid.

Before long, the freshman will be under pressure to raise money, and undertake all the tasks an incumbent faces to win another term.

"Re-election has already started," Hurd said. "I said this from the beginning, I came up here to do my job. And in two years, the residents get to judge me and grade my paper."



SUBMITTED PHOTO

AUSTIN MORAN had an early morning successful hunt on Dec. 28 at the Gregory Ranch. He is the grandson of Tina and Joe Moran of Ozona.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

BRYCE HOKIT shot this Mule Deer last month in Brewster County. He is the son of Kent and Melissa Hokit of Ozona.

## LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE NEWS

BY TRACYE SWINDLE  
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE

On Sunday Levis and Lace Square Dance Club had lessons at the Crockett County Senior Citizen Center from 6 to 8 p.m.

Spin chain thru, left swing thru, dixie style to a ocean wave and box the gnat were some of the calls you could see the students performing to the calling instruction of Carol Adcock, student instructor.

Students attending were Mary Williamson, Melvyn Mejia, and Karan Heffelfinger.

Angel dancers attending were Dale Bebee, Nell Wester, JoAnn Babbitt, Frank Fred, Adam Hopper and Carol Adcock.

Visitor attending was Shawna Hopper.

Dances are scheduled on the second and fourth Saturdays each month.

For more information, call Dale Bebee at (325) 392-2238.

Student graduation will be Feb. 14 with Tracy Dowell

as the caller.

New student lessons will start on Feb. 15 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Crockett County Senior Citizens Center.

For information about lessons, call Carol Adcock at (325) 392-2912 or (325) 650-0265. Come and join us for fun and fellowship set to music.

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*Crockett County EMS Building - 6:30 p.m.*

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## Lions beat Hornets at the buzzer

The Ozona Lions defeated Irion County, 30-29, right at the final second of the game Friday night.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 10 0 14 - 30; IC - 7 6 8 8 - 29.

Scoring: Tommy Fay 7; Ryan Porras 7; Kalen Perez 4; Johnny Venegas 4; Jose Ojeda 3; Ben Badillo 3 and Ricky Porras 2. Also playing: Jadon Perez, Felipe Irlas, Omero Rodriguez and Jackson Abbey.

The Lions lost to Forsan,

55-42, on Jan. 6.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 14 11 12 7 - 42; Forsan - 16 8 16 15 - 55.

Scoring: Ryan Porras 8; Kalen Perez 7; Jose Ojeda 6; Ben Badillo 6; Johnny Venegas 4; Bryce Gutierrez 3; Jackson Abbey 3; Ricky Porras 2 and Juan Rodriguez 2. Also playing: Jadon Perez, Felipe Irlas, Omero Rodriguez and Josh Porras.

Ozona is 2-13 overall and 1-2 in district play.



CHRIS CANTU | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**VARSITY LION JADON PEREZ IGNORES THE HAND as he sets up a play for the Lions in their thrilling 30-29 win over Irion County on Jan. 9.**



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**JV LADY LION BOBBI JO VARGAS**

## JV Ladies fall to Forsan, Irion County

The JV Lady Lions lost to Forsan 36-34 on Jan. 6.

Scoring: Zethany Cuevas 10, Zephan Cuevas 9 and Julie Marshall 5.

On Jan. 9 Ozona JV lost to Irion County 43-37.

Scoring: Zephan Cuevas 11, Dacie Taylor 7, Julie Marshall 6, Zethany Cuevas 5 and Bobbie Jo Vargas 4.

The JV Lady Lions will play Miles at 4 p.m. Friday at Miles.

## Lady Lions fall to Forsan, Irion County

Varsity Lady Lions lost to Forsan, 54-22, on Jan. 6.

Scoring: Madison Galindo 5, Bethany Martinez 3, Madison Childress 3 and McKenna Moses 3.

Lady Lions lost to Irion County 47-15 on Jan. 9.

Scoring: Rachel Mendoza 7, Meagan Espinosa 4 and Kamryn Lozano 4.

Lady Lions are 12-8 overall and 1-4 in district play.

Ozona will face Miles at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Miles.

## Shots from OMS Basketball on Jan. 8



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**7TH GRADE LION ALEC LARA**



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**8TH GRADE LADY LION JULIETA HERNANDEZ**

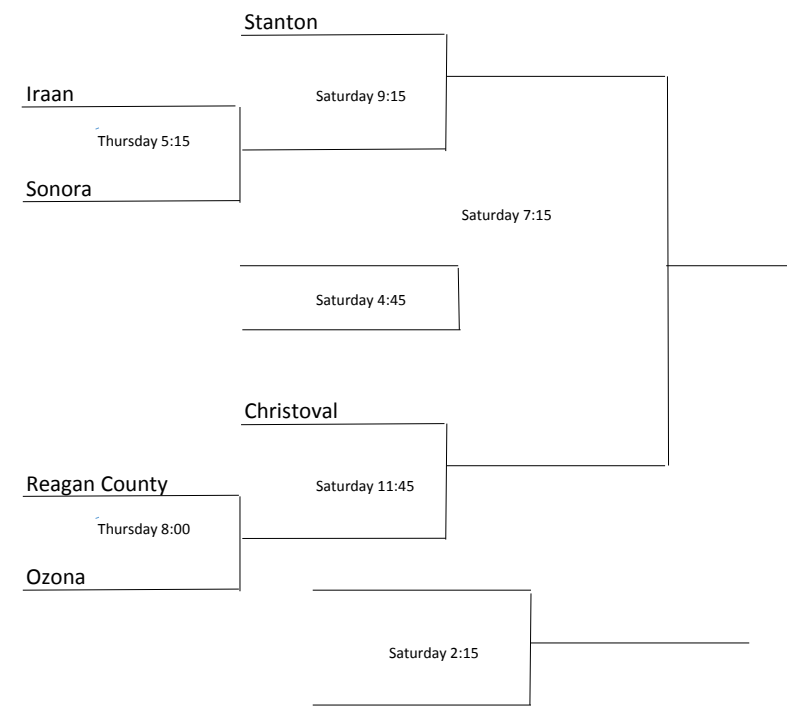


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**7TH GRADE LADY LION ESMI CASTILLO**

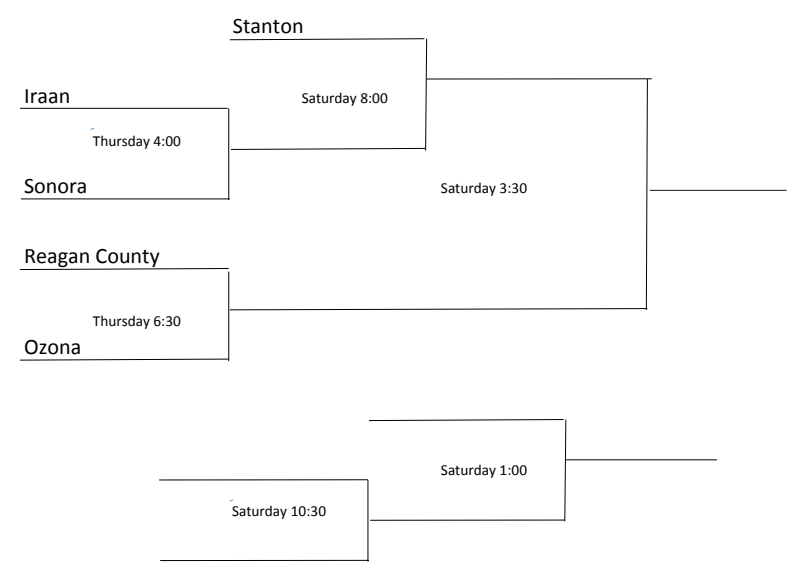
## Ozona Middle School Basketball Tournament Brackets - Jan. 15 - 17

### EIGHTH GRADE BOYS



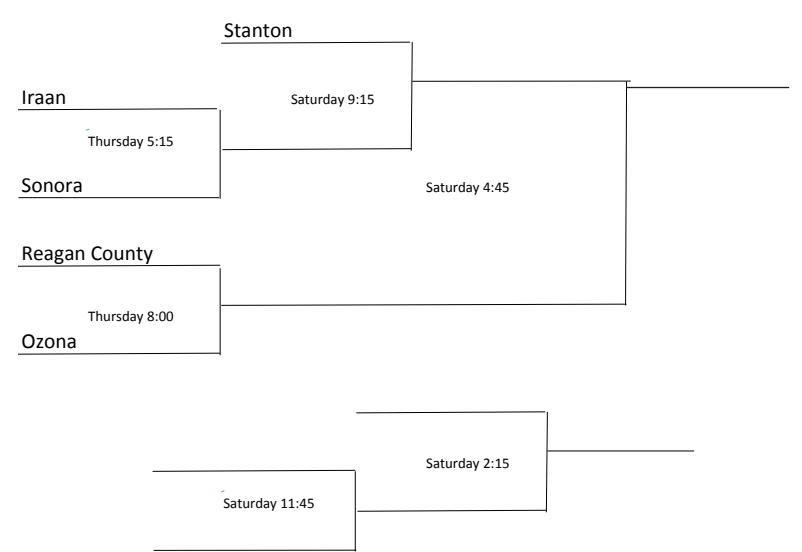
Team on the bottom will be home team and wear white

### SEVENTH GRADE BOYS



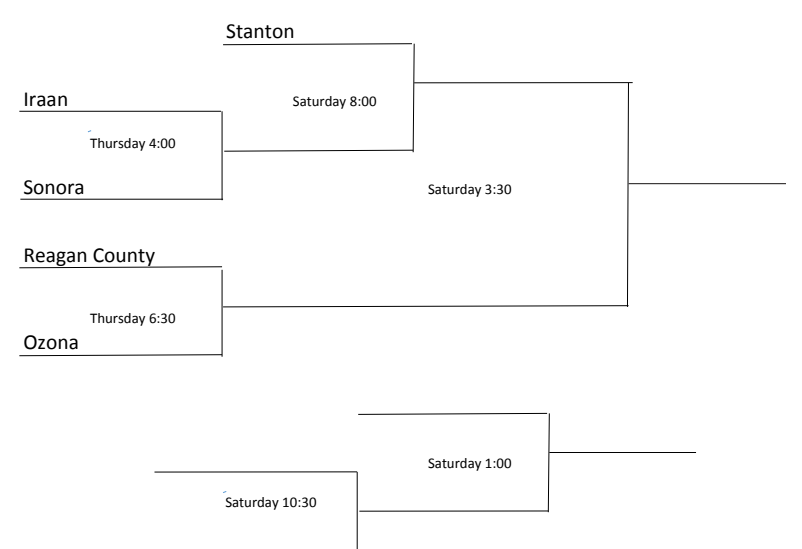
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### EIGHTH GRADE GIRLS



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### SEVENTH GRADE GIRLS



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# OHS Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance

## A HONOR ROLL Third Six Weeks

**Freshmen** - Brenna Hale, Larissa Hernandez, Samantha Torralba and Christian Yruegas

**Sophomores** - Madison Galindo, Asia Lara, Timothy Maldonado, Julie Marshall, Rachel Mendoza, Carissa Perez and Dacie Taylor

**Juniors** - Pily DeHoyos, Dalton Gunnels and Jeremy Munoz

**Seniors** - Salma Calderon, Kaylenn Elston, Bryce Gutierrez, Jadie Marshall, Ricky Porras, Yeni Rodriguez, Zackary Taylor and Dalan Wilson

## A-B HONOR ROLL

**Freshmen** - Aurora Collett-Gary, Josae Coy, Zephen Cuevas, Roman Esparza, Makenna Fox, Audrey Gandar, Matthew Gunnels, Sara Gunnels, Andy Hernandez, Brandon Jara, Murray Logan, Danny Posadas, Savannah Ramos, Denise Rodriguez, Kaelan Savala and Hunter Smith

**Sophomores** - Jackson Abbey, Thomas Cruz, Edgar Damian, Zachary Dockal, Trystian Galindo, Gabrielle Granada, Garry Held, Maiah Jurado, Jennifer Lewis, Kamryn Lozano, Dusty McNew, Anthony Perez, Sidney Perez, Everett Raymond, Amery Robison, Leticia Santos and Kelly Sewell

**Juniors** - Daisy Cantu, Madison Childress, Maria Guerrero, Travis Gunnels, Valeria Hernandez, Felipe Irlas, Dipesh Kala, Dakota Lee, Bryce Martin, Alyssa Newlin, Estefania Torralba and Kevin Villarreal

**Seniors** - Justice Adkins, Angel Aguilar, Justin Badillo, Megan Bullard, Michelle Delgado, Kristen Hernandez, Michael Hill, Gabby Martinez, Jon Rodriguez, Abelardo Rodriguez, Alan Salazar, Nathaniel Valdes, Nydia Valdes and Dylan Wynns

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Narda Aguilar, Aurora Collett-Gary, Josae Coy, Gregorio DeHoyos, Jesus DeHoyos, Kaylenn Elston, Itzel Esmerado, Roman Esparza, Meagan Espinosa, Marc Flores, Makenna Fox, Madison Galindo, Trystian Galindo, Matthew Gunnels, Sara Gunnels, Travis Gunnels, Bryce Gutierrez, Cora Harrison, Andy Hernandez, Valeria Hernandez, Oscar Hernandez-Garza, Michael Hill, Brandon Jara, Maiah Jurado, Dipesh Kala, Shiv Lala, Asia Lara, William Lofland, Murray Logan, Jadie Marshall, Julie Marshall, Bethany Martinez, Rachel Mendoza, Oraldo Meza, Lauren Miles, Jeremy Munoz, Alyssa Newlin, Carissa Perez, Jadon Perez, Kalen Perez, Sidney Perez, Everett Raymond, Francisco Rivera, Amery Robison, Alberto Rodriguez, Jennifer Rodriguez, Robert Rodriguez, Yeni Rodriguez, Cameron Rutherford, Brianna Sanchez, Cierra Sanchez, Kelly Sewell, Jacob Talamantez, Dacie Taylor, Estefania Torralba, Samantha Torralba, Juan Venegas, Kevin Villarreal, Joshua Whitaker and Dalan Wilson

## A HONOR ROLL First Semester

**Freshmen** - Brenna Hale, Danny Posadas, Denise Rodriguez and Samantha Torralba

**Sophomores** - Madison Galindo, Asia Lara, Timothy Maldonado, Julie Marshall, Rachel Mendoza, Carissa Perez and Dacie Taylor

**Juniors** - Pily DeHoyos, Jeremy Munoz and Kevin Villarreal

**Seniors** - Salma Calderon, Bryce Gutierrez, Jadie Marshall, Ricky Porras, Alan Salazar, Zackary Taylor, Nathaniel Valdes and Dalan Wilson

## A-B HONOR ROLL

**Freshmen** - Aurora Collett-Gary, Josae Coy, Gregorio DeHoyos, Roman Esparza, Makenna Fox, Matthew Gunnels, Sara Gunnels, Andy Hernandez, Larissa Hernandez, Brandon Jara, William Lofland, Murray Logan, Toni Parker, Savannah Ramos, Kaelan Savala, Hunter Smith, Autumn Villarreal and Christian Yruegas

**Sophomores** - Jackson Abbey, Thomas Cruz, Edgar Damian, Zachary Dockal, Trystian Galindo, Gabrielle Galindo, Garry Held, Maiah Jurado, Jennifer Lewis, Kamryn Lozano, Dusty McNew, Anthony Perez, Sidney Perez, Everett Raymond, Amery Robison, Leticia Santos and Kelly Sewell

**Juniors** - Madison Childress, Maria Guerrero, Dalton Gunnels, Travis Gunnels, Felipe Irlas, Dipesh Kala, Dakota Lee, Bryce Martin, Alyssa Newlin, Estefania Torralba and Walker Whitten

**Seniors** - Justice Adkins, Michelle Delgado, Kaylenn Elston, Aliyah Guerra, Kristen Hernandez, Michael Hill, Gabby Martinez, Jon Rodriguez and Yeni Rodriguez

## PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Kaylenn Elston, Roman Esparza, Makenna Fox, Madison Galindo, Andy Hernandez, Michael Hill, Brandon Jara, Maiah Jurado, Asia Lara, William Lofland, Murray Logan, Jadie Marshall, Jeremy Munoz, Alyssa Newlin, Carissa Perez, Francisco Rivera, Amery Robison, Alberto Rodriguez, Kelly Sewell, Dacie Taylor, Samantha Torralba and Joshua Whitaker



THE OHS ACADEMIC TEAM WON THEIR ANNUAL WINTER INVITATIONAL UIL ACADEMIC MEET HELD IN OZONA ON JAN. 9. The students racked up 277 points to edge out Eldorado's 273.

# OHS wins Winter Invitational Academic Meet

Ozona High School hosted their annual Winter Invitational UIL Academic Meet on Jan. 9.

Ozona won the meet with 277 points. Eldorado was second with 273 points and Sonora third with 174 points.

Schools participating were: TLCA, Iraan, Rankin, McCamey, Sonora, Fort Stockton, Eldorado, Christoval, Ozona, Horizon and Crane.

"We had a couple of schools cancel due to weather, and we cancelled the debate meet due to weather and where the schools were traveling from," said UIL Coordinator Dottie DeLeon. "We had a great start to our UIL Academic Season and are looking forward to district competition on April 11 in Mertzon. A great big thank you to everyone who helped make our meet a success and especially our administration and school board for their continuous support of our UIL Academic activities."

Ozona results:  
Gabby Martinez - fifth place informative speaking  
Carissa Perez - fifth place prose

Bryce Gutierrez - first place in headline writing and number sense

Julie Marshall - fourth place in headline writing and editorial writing

Alan Salazar - first place current events and computer applications

Timothy Maldonado -

sixth place social studies

Dalan Wilson - fourth place mathematics

Lauren Miles - sixth place ready writing

Brenna Hale - second place editorial writing

Jadie Marshall - first place news writing, ready writing and computer science

Alex Hopper - sixth place science and third place computer science

Jeremy Munoz - fifth place computer science

Alysa Newlin - third place news writing

Sidney Perez - fourth place news writing and first place feature writing

Makenna Fox - second place feature writing

Dacie Taylor - fifth place

news writing

Dalton Gunnels - second place computer applications

Everett Raymond - fifth place computer applications and second place computer science

Teams - first place current events, computer science and journalism, second place social studies and third place number sense.

## Ozona Schools honoring MLK Day

Ozona Schools will be honoring Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Monday, Jan. 19.

OHS Principal Ronny Clayton said all social studies classes will be showing a video of King's speech throughout the day.

OMS Principal Tammy McWilliams said they are

having special lessons in all of their social studies, English and technology classes on the day, as well as during their announcement time to start the day.

OES Principal Janina Savala said each teacher is going to incorporate a lesson during the day.

## CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

### Thank you notes due Tuesday

Crockett County Stock Show Thank You Notes to be completed on Tuesday, Jan. 20, from 4-6 p.m. at the 4-H Office.

Crockett County Junior Livestock Show participants will receive the county show checks once thank you notes are completed and approved.

A lamb and goat showmanship clinic will be held at 6 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 20, at the 4-H Barn.

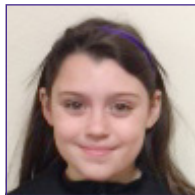
### MAJOR STOCK SHOWS

Kerrville will be Jan. 22-23 and Fort Worth will be Jan. 29-Feb. 1

For more information, call the 4-H Office at 392-2721.

### SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

## OES Student of the Week



Tori Nowell

## OES Teacher of the Week



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### 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:

Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

### 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.

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The Ozona Stockman Deadline is

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on

# MONDAY

**Dr. William Edmiston**  
of the  
**Eldorado Animal Clinic**  
will be in **OZONA** on  
**Thursday, Jan. 15**  
from 10:00 a.m. - to 5:00 p.m.  
at 1205 Sheffield Road  
**During office hours on Thursdays call 392-2508**  
To make an appointment or for more information call  
**Eldorado Clinic at 325-853-2572**

## ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

DECEMBER 2014	
Animal related contacts	71
Impounded dogs	12
Animal Bite investigations	0
Owner surrenders	4
Number of animals surrendered	5
Impounded cats	15
Destroyed animals	14
Livestock calls	1
Animal disposal	9
Animal traps set	22
Wildlife caught	2
Dangerous animal reports	4
Written warning citations	1
Written citations	8
Welfare checks	13

Call Ozona Animal Control at 392-3676

## CENTER: from page 1

Stecher said he has 10 people on the center's waiting list and that the majority of them are from Crockett County. He also said that he did not know the answer to the board's question, and that he would have to talk to some sources and check with the state. Martin said why don't they just make the list with Crockett County residents first and the rest after that. "I want all Crockett County people in here before anyone else. We may go ahead and make that a rule because we care about our own folks," Henderson said. Board member Russell Crenwelge said most people do not realize how much the Care Center is subsidized by the county. The 2015 county budget for the Care Center is around \$4.1 million. Due to a shortage of staff, the Care Center has kept their resident count to around 40. "I myself have to watch letting my heart get in the way of good judgment. If there is any way I can just-

fy going with my heart I will do that. There's that other element that I will not compromise my license because it's my livelihood. If I was to move a person all the way up to the top of the list, and I've Crockett County residents above them then I've broken what you have set. I'm the one that's responsible. That's all I'm trying to say," Stecher said. Henderson said the board was pleased with the way Stecher has been running the Care Center. "I don't want the state running my business. I hate to make a rule. I hate to put you (Stecher) in an issue that will put us in a jam. What I care about is our residents and our potential residents from Crockett County," Henderson said. "We would never ask upon you to do something that wasn't straightforward." Stecher thanked the board and said he would do more research. The board also approved a motion to ask the Crockett County Commissioners' Court to ear tag \$665,334.80 from 2014 back to the roof and air conditioning at the Care Center. The commissioners took no action on the request.

## COURT: from page 1

structure development to create or retain permanent jobs in primarily rural communities and counties, according to their website. The firm of Carlos Colina-Vargas, AICP is seeking the grant for the hotel for help fund construction of water and sewer lines on the property. For more information on the project, see the public notice on page 10. **SCHOOL BOND** Vince Viaille, with Lubbock-based Specialized Public Finance Inc., presented a calendar outlining the steps that CCCSD will be taking on the

\$3 million school bond that passed in November. The next step is to meet with Standard and Poors to get a bond rating for the district. On Feb. 5, the district will receive bids for the bonds, and on Feb. 9 the result of the bids will be presented to the commissioners for approval. Once approved by the commissioners, then the bond goes to the Texas Attorney General's Office for approval. Viaille said they are looking at March 4 as the final closing date. He also said the bond tax rate is expected to be around \$2.8 per year. **OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:** • Hire new auditors Eckert and Oliphant. • Renew annual membership to the Texas Pecos Trail Region. • Resolution to approve bonds as required for Crockett County Elected Officials and Deputies. • Bond for district and county clerk. The commissioners will hold two special called meetings on Jan. 22. The first one at noon and the second at 6:30 p.m. both at the courthouse annex. The next regular meeting will be 9 a.m. Feb. 9 at the courthouse annex. All meetings are open to the public.

## CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Crockett County Sheriff's Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls	Count
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	3
911 medical/fire assistance	5
Civil complaints	8
Civil documents served	3
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	9
Juvenile/School	4
Motorist assist/ locked vehicle	11
Reckless driving/ speeding complaints	4
Minor/major traffic accidents	12
Alarms	0

**OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:**  
1-9-15  
• Sheriff's deputies responded to an altercation at the Ozona High School Gym. No one was charged.  
**1-10-15**  
• All Crockett County EMS, including Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Crockett County Sheriff's Department and DPS responded to a motor vehicle accident resulting in one fatality on I-10 at the 363 mile marker.  
**1-11-15**  
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a domestic disturbance on Avenue J. Dispute was resolved without any charges.  
• Sheriff's deputy arrested Amanda Rae Ramirez, of San Angelo, on an outstanding warrant for theft by check. Subject has been booked into the jail and is awaiting her arraignment.

## EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

1-9-15	• 8:36 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren	Family Health Clinic 911 Response (Emergency)
	• 12:13 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren	Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)
	• 10:02 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren	Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)
	• 10:02 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren	Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)
	• 5:37 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport	911 Response (Emergency)
	• 5:38 a.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren	911 Response (Emergency)

## TEXAS PECOS TRAIL NEWS

### Pecos Trail event Thursday

BY SCOTT JORDAN  
TEXAS PECOS TRAIL

The Texas Pecos Trail will hold their bi-monthly Pecos Trail Partners Event at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 15, at the West of the Pecos Museum in Pecos. The event is open to the public. It will feature a tour of the Texas Rodeo Hall of Fame, lunch at the museum and presentation on the depot restoration. For more information, call Scott Jordan at (325) 387-3900 or e-mail info@texaspecostrail.com.

## STATE: from page 2

oath of office. "We will remain steadfast in our dedication to principles and values that have made Texas great." **AG CHIEF MILLER TAKES OATH** Sid Miller of Stephenville was sworn in as Texas' 12th commissioner of agriculture before a crowd of family, friends, supporters and colleagues during a ceremony at the Capitol on Jan. 5. Gov. Perry, who served as agriculture commissioner from 1991-1999, administered the oath. Present were Lt. Gov. Dewhurst, lieutenant governor-elect Patrick, three former Texas agriculture commissioners, several legislators and other state office-holders. "Agriculture touches the lives of every man, woman and child in Texas more times a day than any other industry," Miller said. "It doesn't matter whether you live on a farm in Hockley County or in the suburbs of Houston. Life doesn't work without agriculture."

**3 RACES REQUIRE RUNOFFS** Special elections were conducted Jan. 6 for one state Senate seat and two state House seats. No candidate received more than 50 percent of the vote in any of the contests, so runoffs will be held in the near future between the top two vote-getters in each election. In Bexar County, State Rep. Trey Martinez Fischer, a Democrat, received 43 percent of the vote in a five-candidate race to fill the Senate District 26 seat vacated by Leticia Van de Putte. State Rep. Jose Menendez, also a Democrat, placed second, receiving 25 percent of the vote. The winner of the runoff will finish out the remainder of Van de Putte's four-year term, which expires in 2017. In five-way race to succeed Tim Kleinschmidt as the state representative for House District 17 the top two vote-getters were Republicans John Cyrier, who received 46 percent of the vote, and Brent Golemon, who received 26 percent. The district includes Bastrop, Caldwell, Gonzales, Karnes and Lee counties. Kleinschmidt resigned from the House in November to accept a position as general counsel for the Texas Department of Agriculture. Six candidates competed in the special election to succeed state Rep. Mike Villarreal in the San Antonio House District 123 seat. Democrat Diego Bernal received 47 percent of the special election vote and in the runoff will face Republican Nunzio Previtera who received 21 percent. Villarreal, like Van de Putte, is a candidate for mayor of San Antonio.

**Last Puzzle Solution**

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- illegal block by a Cowboy
- Valley plant
- TXism for "cry"
- "welcome" sight at front door (2 wds.)
- TXism: "siesta"
- civil law recovery
- TXism: "frisky \_\_\_ unsaddled horse"
- TXism: "tame \_\_\_"
- former A&M coach Slocum
- TXism: "he has short \_\_\_ and deep pockets" (frugal)
- TX Willie Nelson's father
- with "The," TX Tommy Lee film fierce Indians of early Texas
- former league for the Astros (abbr.)
- this TX Smith was an early singing cowboy in film
- Santa \_\_\_\_, TX
- TX Charley Pride's "Kiss An \_\_\_ Good Morning"
- "mouse wrangler's" play thing (3 wds.)
- mob disturbances
- Quannah Parker's medicine man
- TXism: "got half a mind \_\_\_"
- "Star Wars" troop transport (abbr.)
- chili \_\_\_ carne
- Ford model '65-'86

**DOWN**

- mineral of TX High Plains: sodium \_\_\_
- TXism: "the tail \_\_\_"
- TX A.J. Foyt won at \_\_\_ Mans, France in '67
- ta daaa!
- rain, sleet, etc.
- TXism: "sticks out like \_\_\_ thumb"
- TXism: "\_\_\_ horn" (amateur)
- dir. to Dublin from Abilene
- nickname for Stuart
- beach bathhouse
- camel-like animals raised in TX
- in Wichita Co. on hwy. 287
- critter fur
- county prosecutor (abbr.)
- TXism: "short \_\_\_ musician Coleman"
- exasperates
- trucker radio
- room for scientific experiments
- Valley's "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- real name of TX Cyd Charisse: Tula \_\_\_ Finklea
- this "King" got training at Fort Hood in TX (init.)
- missile defense for the U.S. (abbr.)
- what TX Tech Lady Raiders BB team won in '93 (2 wds.)
- noted TX sax/trumpet musician Coleman
- exasperates
- trucker radio
- room for scientific experiments
- Valley's "Turtle Lady" Loetscher
- real name of TX Cyd Charisse: Tula \_\_\_ Finklea
- TX singer Willie
- TXism: "critters"
- TX Dan Jenkins book: "You \_\_\_ Play Hurt"
- \_\_\_ Worth
- "My Gal \_\_\_"
- 1st TX pres.: David \_\_\_ Burnet
- Seur \_\_\_ Salle led 1st French expedition to TX
- \_\_\_ Star State
- TXism: "hissey \_\_\_"
- TX wheeler-dealer Billie Sol
- slightly wet

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Janie Chandler  
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**Public Notice**  
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**Early Notice and Public Review of Activities Proposed in a 100-year Floodplain**  
**TxCDBG Texas Capital Fund Project No. 7214342**

To: All interested Agencies, Groups, and Individuals

This is to give notice that Crockett County has conducted an evaluation pertaining to its Texas Community Development Block Grant Program/2014 Texas Capital Fund grant project, as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 Subpart C, Procedures for Making Determinations on Floodplain Management, to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and wetland will have on the human environment. The proposed project will provide water system improvements consisting of the relocation of 710 linear feet of 8" water transmission line, installation of one fire hydrant, and appurtenances; the project also includes relocation of 815 linear feet of 8" sewer collector line. The purpose of these improvements is to provide essential water service and sewer service to a new motel. The existing lines currently are not located in dedicated easements. The proposed water system improvements and sewer system improvements are located in an area designated "Zone A", an area of 1 00-year flood hazard.

The proposed project is located in an urbanized area that already is developed in a low-density residential pattern where utility services, electric power, and paved streets now exist. There are no natural functions and values of the floodplain that may be adversely affected by the proposed activities. The designated Zone A area associated with this project is estimated to be six acres in size, and is located in the northwest quadrant of the community of Ozona in Crockett County, Texas.

The water system improvements are located on Jones Street from 13th Street to 14th Street, and on 14th Street from Jones Street from approximately 265 linear feet west; the sewer system improvements are located on the 13th Street right-of-way from Jones Street to the Drainage Channel and along the Drainage Channel from 13th Street to the Avenue H right-of-way, then on the Avenue H right-of-way from the Drainage Channel to 14th Street. (Location maps are available for public examination.)

Written comments must be addressed to the attention of the Hon. Fred Deaton, County Judge, at the Crockett County Courthouse at 905 Avenue D in Ozona, Texas, and must be received by the county on or before January 30, 2015. Comments may also be made to the Office of the County Judge by telephone at (325) 392-2965, on weekdays during the hours between 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM, or may be submitted via email addressed to fred.deaton@co.crockett.tx.us. All comments must be received by the January 30, 2015, deadline.

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