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Commissioners place jail, clinic architects on hold

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Hiring architects for the new jail and clinic have been put on hold until Crockett County Commissioners can hire additional advisors.

At Monday's regular meeting, Wayne Gondeck, of DRG Architects in San Antonio, gave a presentation to the commissioners regarding the new jail.

During the Jan. 12 meet-

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

The commissioners also heard from Care Center, Health and Emergency Services Board President John L. Henderson about hiring O'Connell Robertson, out of Austin, as architect for the new clinic.

During their meeting on Feb. 2, the Care Center board

met with Rick Burnight of O'Connell Robertson and agreed to present the firm to the commissioners.

Burnight said the firm has worked with Shannon Medical Center, as well as medical facilities in Uvalde, Clifton, Eagle Pass, Sonora, Rankin, McCamey and Iraan.

"Our focus is primarily rural health care," Burnight said. "We enjoy health care architecture. We do understand dollars are important,

along with cost-effective design and effective use of materials."

"I'm hearing nothing but positive things about this project," Henderson added. "I think this is a win-win situation for everybody."

The commissioners also visited with Vince Viaille, with Lubbock-based Specialized Public Finance Inc., who is representing CCCCSD on the \$3 million school bond.

County Judge Fred Dea-

ton said the commissioners need to hire an attorney, a financial advisory and then the architect at the same time.

"We keep learning as we go. We need to do this in order," Deaton said.

The commissioners said they hold a special called meeting to discuss the hiring of the architects for the two projects further.

The county is aiming to get a bond for the new jail

and the new clinic to the voters by the November election.

FIRE DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT

The commissioners distributed copies of the interlocal agreement between the county and the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department to the fire department and county officials.

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Baker Hughes pulls plug on Eldorado yard

BY RANDY MANKIN
THE ELDORADO SUCCESS

The Baker Hughes Eldorado yard last week became a casualty of falling oil prices, according to a number of former employees who report that they received pink slips. The employees also report that the Eldorado yard has been closed, along with the Baker Hughes yard in Snyder.

A woman answering the phone Tuesday afternoon at the Baker Hughes Eldorado office declined to give her name and referred questions to the company's Houston office. She would not confirm or deny the report that the yard had been closed.

One woman advised the Eldorado Success that she drove to the Eldorado yard in an attempt to make contact with company officials only to find trucks were positioned in such a way as to block the entrances to the property.

A former employee advised that he and several others had been presented with a severance package that amounted to several weeks worth of pay, plus unused vacation time.

Another report indicated that all of the office employees and over half of the



INDUSTRY IN FLUX: Trucks and equipment sit idle at the Baker Hughes yard south of Eldorado on Tuesday after a round of reported layoffs and the closure of the yard.

crews at the Eldorado yard were laid off.

So far, no one with Baker Hughes or the Concho Valley Workforce Solutions has confirmed exactly how many people are involved in the

layoff.

The Success has learned that some of the company's more experienced employees and ones with specialized skills, were given the opportunity to transfer to another

Baker Hughes facility and specific mention was made of the company's yard at Odessa.

It was also reported that representatives from the company's Human Resource

Department in Houston were expected in Eldorado on Feb. 4 to review options and severance packages with affected employees.

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Texas bearing brunt of drop in oil drilling

BY REGAN ELLMER
CHIEF OF STAFF STATE REP. MURR

Want a concrete sign of the oil industry's troubles? Just look to the horizons of Texas' drilling country, where rigs are laying down like willows after a windstorm.

Due to a mix of geopolitics and supply and demand, the per-barrel price of West Texas crude has plummeted to around \$50, less than half what it was worth last June. After months of lag time, nightmares about idled rigs have become reality, and they are hitting Texas the hardest.

Texas rigs began to tumble in November, a month after the Railroad Commission began issuing fewer drilling permits.

As of last Jan. 30, 1,937 rotary drilling rigs were at work across the United States and Canada, according to Baker Hughes, which publishes weekly industry data. That's down 426 rigs — about 18 percent — from the count on Nov. 21, 2014.

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Crockett County has steady rainfall in 2014

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Rainfall was steady in 2014. The Crockett County Groundwater District reported last week that the average county rainfall for 2014 was 17.57 inches.

This is down from 2013's total of 20.44 inches. The driest year still remains 2011 with a total of only 5.54 inches.

The wettest month in 2014 for Crockett County was June with 4.71 inches. May was second with 3.89 inches. The driest month was January with no rainfall recorded.

The National Weather Service is predicting West Texas should see rainfall through March.

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CROCKETT COUNTY had an average of 17.57 inches of rainfall for 2014. The wettest month was June with 4.71.

Vehicle registration, inspection stickers partnering up in Crockett County

Crockett County is gearing up for a new Texas Two Step. Beginning March 1, 2015, the state will no longer issue vehicle inspection stickers and will move to a "Two Steps, One Sticker" program. Under the new system, Texas vehicle owners will need to pass inspection prior to renewing their registration. The familiar blue-bordered Texas Department of Motor Vehicles (TxDMV) registration sticker will serve as proof of both inspection and registration.

"Crockett County is prepared to make this transition as smooth as possible for



our residents," said Crockett County Tax Assessor-Collector Michelle Medley. "During the first year of the program beginning March 1, 2015, all you will need to do is make sure you already have a valid passing vehicle inspection before you renew your registra-

tion in our office, online or by mail."

When vehicle owners renew their registration, the system will automatically verify whether the vehicle has a valid inspection. Without a passing inspection, the vehicle will not be eligible for registration renewal.

During the second year of the program, beginning March 1, 2016, vehicles' inspection and registration expiration dates will align to the date that is on the registration sticker. Once the expiration dates are aligned in that

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Where is the common sense?

It is amazing what you discover when you decide to do your own research and try to educate yourself by not listening to the "popular social propaganda" and try doing a little research on your own. I don't mean reading a "Best Seller" by a famous Doctor who has a TV show and gets paid by the drug companies every time he or she promotes a new drug or medical device. I mean court cases, case studies, the CDC, and FDA's own websites.

Let's talk a little about a hot topic these days, Vaccines. I can hear the hate speech al-

ready, how dare he right? Well let's start with something simple like the CDC. Did you know according to the CDC, there are far more non-immune vaccinated children than exempted children? At least 5 to 15 percent of vaccinated children do not develop immunity, while the national exemption rate averages 1.8 percent, and exempt children may develop natural immunity without even developing symptoms. This should be enough to prove the problem of infectious disease is not about children that were exempted from them. But we will go on.

The CDC website states that in the last ten years there have been 0 deaths from measles but 108 deaths "that were reported" due to the MMR Vac-

cine. Even the U.S. Supreme court says that vaccines are "unavoidably unsafe." And the Federal Vaccine Injury Compensation Program (VICP) pays out approx. \$100,000,000 yes one hundred million annually for vaccine injury and death, \$3 billion to date. How many of you knew death and injury happened so often they have a special fund for it, when only 1-10 percent of adverse effects are actually reported. Why do we routinely require newborn infants (though you have the right to refuse) to risk their lives with a Hepatitis B vaccine for a disease they have virtually no risk of contracting and cannot spread by casual contact, and the "protective effect" will wear off before they

are at risk of contracting the disease.

I could go on and on but the main point is; where is the common sense in America today? The measles is a benign childhood disease that most of your parents had along with the chicken pox and now have a lifelong immunity. The measles vaccine was introduced in 1963 but the mortality rate, like most illnesses, had declined by 98 percent from 1900 before the vaccine due to hygiene most likely. Why do you listen to the media whip this up into a frenzy and call for children to be taken away from their parents and thrown in jail, for not vaccinating? What about the 14th amendment Due pro-

cess right to parent your child and that includes medical decision making?

The real scary thing is people are actually calling for the government to make vaccines mandatory! Have you read the vaccine inserts, many of them admit they cause the illness they are supposed to prevent and much more, and yes, mercury, formaldehyde, MSG, and aluminum are all still used in vaccines. Some openly admit they don't work and have never been tested by any clinical trials. If a child is protected by a vaccine how is an unvaccinated child a threat, the vaccinated child should be immune now right?

Did you know medical freedom was almost an amend-

ment written by Dr. Benjamin Rush, a signer of the Declaration of Independence? He warned "Unless we put medical freedom into the Constitution, the time will come when medicine will organize into an undercover dictatorship to restrict the art of healing to one class of Men and deny equal privileges to others; the Constitution of the Republic should make a Special privilege for medical freedoms as well as religious freedom."

Last I remember, we were still a Republic and individuals still had the freedom to make their own decisions, but for how long if we have no common sense?

Slate Williams, Ozona, TX

A budget that works for all Texans

We have a great opportunity in Texas this legislative session. We can make schools stronger by hiring more teachers to ease overcrowded classrooms. We can ensure that more kids have access to quality health care. We can support community colleges, a key down payment on the workforce of tomorrow. And we have the money to do all of this responsibly while keeping our savings account flush.

We're a strong state, with a golden opportunity to prove that we value health and education. But we're on track to squander this opportunity. Why?

Let's start with the general revenue lawmakers have to invest through August 2017 — \$113 billion, according to the state comptroller. And that doesn't even include the \$11 billion that will be in our state savings account, the Economic Stabilization Fund.

To secure Texas' future, lawmakers could smartly invest that \$113 billion in three significant ways: maintaining current levels of services, ending "budgeting tricks" to ensure transparency, and investing in our schools and children's education. Yet the budgets proposed by the Texas House and Senate fall short on all three counts.

Let's look first at the \$98 billion in general revenue that the House proposes for education, health care and other existing programs. It's encouraging to see the House propose investing another \$2.2 billion in school finance formulas, leaving open the possibility of greater investments in schools. But if passed in its current form, the House proposal would leave other services short by at least \$3 billion from even the inadequate levels of overall investments we're making today. Remember that Texas has the highest uninsured rate, the second-lowest investments in mental health and is the eighth-worst state to be a kid.

The Texas Senate's \$96 billion proposal maintains important investments in mental health care. But overall, the Senate proposal



TRIB TALK
EVA DELUNA CASTRO

would mean even deeper cuts than the House proposal, including an inexplicable 4.5 percent cut to community colleges. Cutting investments in core educational and job training

opportunities, particularly at a time when the middle class is getting pushed out of four-year universities due to rising costs, defies logic.

I understand that both budget proposals are mere starting points. And we all want a Texas budget that makes strategic investments and reduces wasteful spending. But neither chamber's initial budget proposal makes sufficient investments to help hard-working Texans or their families.

To build a budget that works for Texas families and children, legislators should inoculate themselves against tax cut fever. Touting tax cuts is a great way to score political points, but remember that cutting state taxes forces us to find the money elsewhere for necessary services — like raising tuition or local property taxes.

Texas is already a low-tax state overall. Residents in only 10 other states devote a smaller percentage of personal income to state and local taxes than Texans do — and only two of those states face our dual challenges of a fast-growing and changing population. Rather than continuing to push costs to local governments or let needs go unmet, we can responsibly invest in growth.

The House and Senate have launched their budget proposals. Now it's time for lawmakers to carefully consider the facts about our state's real needs. Both budgets contain some promising elements. As Texans, let's urge our elected officials to invest our resources wisely for a future in which all Texans are healthy, well-educated and financially secure.

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Have you attended one of these auctions where bulls are sold in a theater-like setting, displayed on a big screen and aren't run through the ring? It's heresy, I say! Pure laziness!

I think a purebred Brangus breeder in Texas was the first to have the courage to try a bull sale without all the bull, and this past fall more breeders used the format. Ranchers looked at the bulls out in pens before the sale, gathered in a heated building in comfortable chairs, were fed a nice meal, promptly fell asleep with their heads falling into their cake and slept right through the entire sale it was so boring. Just kidding.

There's no reason the concept won't work, after all, ranchers have sold their calves and yearlings in video auctions for decades with good results. Grudgingly, I must say it does make sense. Bulls won't get jostled around and hurt, buyers will be more comfortable and sales will be faster because you don't have to get stubborn animals in and out of a ring. It will also cut down on the number of bidders buying the wrong animal because of all the confusion. But I think the real reason purebred breeders are switching is because they can buy high-def televisions to show the bulls, write off the purchase as a sale expense and the rest of the year they can have a monstrous 72 inch TV in their bathroom. And every other room in their house too

No Bull



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

Personally, I'm going to miss all the wrecks and disasters that happened the old way. I can't begin to count the auctions that were interrupted when a gate broke or bulls turned around in the lead up chute and had to be delivered into the ring with a breech delivery. One time the sale was delayed for half an hour because a bull got stuck behind the bull board and we couldn't get him out. One of my favorite disruptions was when an athletic bull managed to jump on the auction block with the auctioneer and sale manager. What a hoot that was!

Auctioneers will like the new format because it will be cleaner and they won't be swallowing big gulps of organic matter because they had their mouth open at the wrong time. There will be no more dust from the sawdust in the ring that can make an auctioneer sound like a five-pack-a-day smoker. I'll probably never again see a Colonel get his lip tore off and two teeth broken when a bull rammed the microphone into his mouth. One of my favorite moments was when a ring man was using a whip and accidentally popped the man with the gavel. (At

least I think it was an accident.)

Most auctioneers are very fastidious and I'll never forget the time when the auctioneer got some recycled hay on his expensive hat. He got so flummoxed that he took it off to survey the damage and then put in on backwards. And that's the way it stayed for the rest of the sale! That was almost as funny as the time a big shot in the business sat on the front row at a sale and got plastered with manure and instead of admitting that he made a poor choice of where to sit, he sat there frozen for the rest of the sale because if he moved, liquified grass would drip off the front of his Stetson.

Ring men will like the new arrangement because they'll be no more breaking their hand when they turn in a bid by flinging their fingers into the sale ring pipes. And their wives will like it a lot because there'll be no more getting stubborn stains out of white shirts.

Other than a free lunch there's no reason now for buyers to show up for a sale when they can watch and bid at home on the Internet. What's next, bull sales on eBay?

I suppose I might as well get used to the concept because evidently this is the future: cleaner, faster, safer, more efficient and B-O-R-I-N-G. As for me, call me a purest but I prefer the broken body parts, the danger, the confusion, the wrecks, the manure and the mayhem.

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Senate panel hears testimony on funding needs

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Last week, the Senate Finance Committee began groundwork for its budget-writing duties with public hearings on four consecutive days.

Led by Chairwoman Jane Nelson, R-Grapevine, the 15-member panel heard testimony from the offices of the governor, comptroller and attorney general.

Input also was received on state pension funds, courts and payments on state debt. Currently, the budget is an estimated \$4.5 billion for all of those "general government" functions and an increase of \$200 million has been proposed for 2016-2017.

The panel also received testimony on the state government's fraud and corruption investigation body that for three decades has been a division of the Travis County District Attorney's Office. Then-Gov. Rick Perry's veto of the Public Integrity Unit's

funding in 2013 is the subject of ongoing court action. Nelson said no funding for the unit had yet been placed in the budget.

Meanwhile, in the Senate Transportation Committee, Chairman Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, said voters could decide via constitutional amendment whether to set aside revenue from the state motor vehicle sales tax as a longterm way to fund road and bridge maintenance and construction overseen by the Texas Department of Transportation. Such revenue could amount to more than \$2 billion a year, he said.

CHRIS KYLE DAY PROCLAIMED

Gov. Greg Abbott proclaimed Feb. 2 as Chris Kyle Day in honor of the former U.S. Navy SEAL credited as the U.S. military's most prolific

sniper.

Kyle, who retired in 2009 and was living with his family in Midlothian, was shot and killed along with fellow Texan Chad Littlefield at a shooting range in Erath County on Feb. 2, 2013. Ten days later, Kyle was buried with full honors in the Texas State Cemetery.

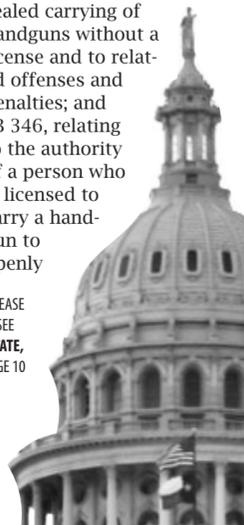
Abbott called Kyle "the face of a larger force for freedom that has made this country the bravest, strongest and freest in the history of the world," and added, "Today, we commemorate his passing, and we honor his service and the service of his comrades in arms who have joined him to defend our great nation."

PATRICK MOVES ON GUN BILLS

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who earlier suggested he was not aware of enough support to bring up concealed handgun

legislation, on Feb. 2 referred two such bills to the body's State Affairs Committee: SB 342, relating to providing for the open and concealed carrying of handguns without a license and to related offenses and penalties; and SB 346, relating to the authority of a person who is licensed to carry a handgun to openly

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Tambunga-Skehan to wed in May

Wendy and Robert Tambunga, of Ozona, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Catherine Paige Tambunga, to Bryan James Skehan, son of Laura and Jim Skehan, of Ozona.

Paige is the granddaughter of Doris of Gene Hood, of Ozona, and the late Albina and Santiago Tambunga, of Ozona.

Bryan is the grandson of Mr. Billy Gene Stuard and the late Betty Ann Stuard, of San Angelo, Texas, and Mr. Francis A. Skehan and the late Mary Pat Skehan, originally from Comstock, Texas, now residing in San Angelo, Texas.

The future bride is a 2003 graduate of Ozona High School, a 2007 graduate of Hardin-Simmons University and a 2010 graduate of Texas Tech School of Law in Lubbock, Texas. She is currently self-employed as an Attorney at Law in Ozona.

The future groom is a 2004 graduate of Ozona High School, a 2008 graduate of Texas A&M University and is currently employed with Newpark Drilling Fluids, LLC.

They are planning a May 16, 2015 wedding.

Newton graduates from Texas A&M

Taylor K. Newton graduated from Texas A&M University during the fall commencement ceremonies.

Newton graduated with a Bachelor of Science in ag leadership and development.

He is the son Amy and Victor Newton of Ozona.

Diplomas were awarded to approximately 3,800 Texas A&M University graduates during the ceremony.

Ozona Schools early out Feb. 18

CCCCSD will have an Early Out at noon Wednesday, Feb. 18, so that teachers may attend STAAR Test Administrator Training.

This is a mandatory training set up by TEA, and all teachers and staff involved with the STAAR Test must attend.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 11 - Jayton Rodriguez, Liz Franco, Nelly Gibson, Stanley Flanagan, Raul Arredondo Jr., Mary Jo Clark and Guillermo Rios

Feb. 12 - Xavier Allsup, Shelby Ortiz, Sara Hignight, Angie Tambunga, Kristie Armendariz and Vanessa De La Rosa

Feb. 13 - Doug Meador, Michelle Necessary, Karen Huffman, Samantha Tambunga, Leticia Madrid, Marisella Paradez and Chris Lara

Feb. 14 - Kara Bird, Kaleigh Rae Thomas, Kimberly Borrego, Amparo Hernandez, Matilda Ortiz, Lisa Jay Var-

gas, Melonie Williams, Janet Talamantez, Jesus Vega Jr., Connie Robledo and Jesse Ramos Jr.

Feb. 15 - Desteny Quaid, Nathaniel Ortega, Jovita Perez, Jon Sanchez, Darolynn Webster, Cathy Huffman and Desa Ray Goff

Feb. 16 - Jacob Lara, Dylan Perez, Lana Sanchez, Abbie Hubbard, Willa Perry and Abby Zamarripa

Feb. 17 - Alyssa Rose Dominguez, Ray Martinez, Chris Gregory, Lacey Sanchez, Debbie Long and Margaret Villarreal

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



OZONA TRUCK TOWING & EMERGENCY REPAIR: (left to right) Mechanics Toby Ramsey, Juan Chavez, Owner Paul Stoope and Mechanics David Lott, David Noah and Troy Ramsey.

Business of the Month: Ozona Truck Towing & Emergency Repair

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize OTTER (Ozona Truck Towing & Emergency Repair) as our business of the month.

OTTER, formerly known as S&S Trucking, opened its doors in Ozona in 2003, changed their name and began operating as OTTER in 2007.

"We do a little bit of everything," said owner Paul Stoope. "Much of our business is interstate and oil-field servicing. I would say 75 percent of our business is repair, and 25 percent is towing. On the repair end, we also work with area hunters and landowners. We work on their ranch vehicles, cattle trailers, sprayers and feeders. We always have a mechanic on duty, two of which are ASE certified. We work on diesel and gas engines. We can handle major mechanical work, electrical, brakes, and advanced computer diagnostics. We do DOT

Inspections only."

"We do not work on RV's, motorcycles or foreign vehicles because we can't get the parts. We also spend a lot of time rescuing travelers off the interstate by bringing them gas," said Paul.

OTTER employs five Mechanics; David Lott, David Noah, Troy Ramsey, Juan Chavez, Toby Ramsey, and Office Administrator Shelly Mutschler.

"We work very hard to satisfy all of our customers, and we want to thank the community for their continued support," said Paul.

The Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize OTTER for their continued effort to provide quality service and for being an asset to the local business community.

OTTER is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and on Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

They are located at 1203 Avenue J, adjacent the Dollar General Store.

For more information, call Paul Stoope at 392-2481.

SKYWARN training March 10

The National Weather Service in San Angelo will hold a 2015 SKYWARN training at 7:30 p.m. March 10 at the Crockett County EMS Building.

Anyone with an interest in public service and/or severe weather is encouraged to participate in the Skywarn program.

Skywarn may be for you if you have ever had an interest in severe weather and would like to learn more about storm structure, the identification of severe weather features, or what to do when severe weather strikes. The only requirement for participation in the program is the completion of a free spotter training

course provided by the National Weather Service. These courses are offered in numerous communities and generally last approximately two hours.

Topics covered in these courses include:

- Basics of thunderstorm development
- Fundamentals of storm structure
- Identifying potential severe weather features
- Information to report
- How to report information
- Basic severe weather safety

For more information, visit <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/sjt/?n=skywarn-schedule2015>

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Feb. 11

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Health Coverage services, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Crockett County Public Library.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- FCA at 7 p.m. in the high school.

Thursday, Feb. 12

- OHS Tennis Teams at the Lake View Invitational in San Angelo.
- 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.
- OHS One Act Play rehearsal, 7 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.

Friday, Feb. 13

- OHS Tennis Teams at the Lake View Invitational in San Angelo.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Go Red for Women Luncheon, 12:30-1:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- OHS Baseball scrimmage at Eldorado.
- Ozona Lions vs. Christoval, 5 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.

Saturday, Feb. 14

- Valentine's Day
- OHS Powerlifting Teams at Lee Middle School in San Angelo.
- OHS Tennis Teams at the Lake View Invitational in San Angelo.
- OHS Softball vs. Pecos, Presidio and Marfa at Pecos.
- OMS Math and Science Teams at TMSCA Meet in Snyder.

Monday, Feb. 16

- President's Day
- Begin 5th Six Weeks at Ozona Schools.
- OHS Golf Team in the Ozona Tournament at the country club.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- OHS One Act Play rehearsal, 7 p.m. at the OHS Auditorium.
- OHS Baseball scrimmage, 5 p.m. at Fort Stockton.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Lions vs. Iraan, 5 p.m. at Iraan.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

- OHS Golf Team in the Ozona Tournament at the country club.
- Ash Wednesday
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ozona Schools dismissed at noon due to teacher training.
- Lenten Lunch, Noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ash Wednesday Services, noon, 4 p.m. for children and 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.
- Ash Wednesday Service, 5 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

AARP free tax preparation March 7

The Schleicher County Resource Center will sponsor the AARP Free Tax Preparation for the Eldorado, Sonora, and Ozona area again this year.

This is for one day only, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 7. Cost is free.

To get on the schedule,

call Patsty at the resource center at (325) 853-2574 and leave a message with a phone number and name if no one is in the office.

There is a form that needs to be filled out before your appointment time. The form will be mailed with the appointment time.

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

FEBRUARY 11
 · Smothered pork chop, rice pilaf, romaine salad with dressing, dinner roll, cinnamon apricots and milk.

FEBRUARY 12
 · Cabbage patch stew, carrot coins, cornbread dressing and cherry dump cake and milk.

FEBRUARY 13
 · Crunchy baked fish, spicy pinto beans, red and green coleslaw, hush puppies, tartar relish sauce, fruit cups and milk.

FEBRUARY 16
 · Chili with beans, tangy coleslaw, whole wheat bread, ambrosia cup and milk.

FEBRUARY 17
 · Pork roast, cornbread dressing, brown gravy, Italian green beans, dinner roll, mandarin oranges and milk.

FEBRUARY 18
 · Chicken and broccoli stir fry, fluffy rice, spicy carrots, romaine salad, white/wheat bread, fruited cherry gelatin and milk.

Relay For Life Survivor Appreciation Dinner Feb. 23

On Monday, Feb. 23, Crockett County Relay For Life will hold their annual Survivor Appreciation Dinner and Relay for Life Kick Off at 6 p.m. at the Crockett County Civic Center.

All teams need to have their team captain, or someone to represent their team there.

If the teams are raffling anything this is a great time to display their raffle item.

Luminarias will also be for sale.

Information about this year's relay, Friday, April 10, will also be presented.

The list of cancer survivors also needs to be updated. This also applies to caregivers.

Any and all cancer survi-



vors and caregivers can register online at <http://www.relayforlife.org/crockettcotx> or call Sylvia Longoria at (325) 392-3565.

ROPING

Crockett County Relay For Life will hold a Horseless Goat Roping on Saturday, March 28, at the Crockett County Rodeo Arena. Books open at 11 a.m.

and roping starts at noon. Cost is \$5 donation per run.

For more information, call Shelly Childress at (325) 277-5381.

This year's Crockett County Relay For Life will be held at 7 p.m. Friday, April 10, at Lion Stadium.

The event will feature games, activities, as well as honoring cancer survivors and caregivers.

Teams can sign up online, and donations can be made online as well.

Information about this year's relay can be found on Facebook at www.facebook.com/CrockettCountyRelayForLife or online at <http://www.relayforlife.org/crockettcotx>.



AURORA V. GUTIERREZ celebrated her 97th birthday on Feb. 3 at the Crockett County Care Center surrounded by family and friends.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Movies every Thursday

BY BRENDA NEWTON
 SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

I missed just one day of work and I haven't been able to catch up since. I just do not move as fast as I used to, nah things are moving faster right? I hope your new year is going well. We are still trying to get information from Area Agency on Aging and Concho Valley offices. I did talk to the Concho Valley Community Action office and she said they would not be able to come with the electricity help until April. The coordinator for all of these agencies is no longer working at that job and it is difficult to get

information.

This week's movie will be "August Rush" starring Freddie Highmore, Keri Russell, Jonathan Rhys Meyers, Terrance Howard, and Robin Williams, CBS-TV "Your heart will be singing and your spirit it will soar!" Come on out and enjoy yourself with popcorn puffs and drinks at 2 p.m. Thursday.

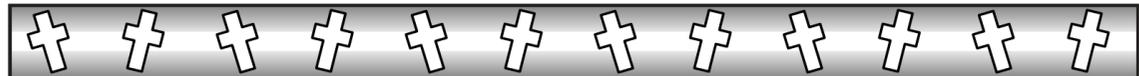
The Quilting ladies have been working on a beautiful quilt in black and white, poka dot trimmed with a red binding, and a small heart on the front corner. It is really something to see. You should come out and see this and the Valentine decorations at the cen-

ter. We are all festive and loving out here, and would like to have you visit with us. Remember that this building is for all citizens of Ozona that are 50 and over. Also remember that you can come to the center at night if you let me know when you want to.

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday - 9 a.m. Exercise
 Monday - 1:30 p.m. Bridge
 Tuesday and Thursday - 9 a.m. Balance Exercise
 Wednesday - 1:30 p.m. Mexican Train; 3 p.m. Prayer Group
 Thursday - 9:30 a.m. Quilting; 2 p.m. Movies
 Come on out, the coffee is on.

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



HEARTS, CARDS, CANDY OR A SPECIAL GIFT

It is on this Saturday, February 14, Valentine's Day that we remember or think of the people that are special to us. It may be for a certain special someone or a wife or husband. It could be for a child, grandchild, family member, relative, friend or it might be for all of the above. Many years ago it started with little love notes sent in the shape of a heart and secretly passed on to that special person. Later on doves and little cupids were associated with Valentine's Day. It is estimated that over one billion cards will be sent this year worldwide. I plan to purchase cards for the people that are special in my life and plan to discreetly leave them for my loved ones. It should not only be on this day of the year but we need to show love and appreciation for them all the time. I am also reminded of someone else that not only said He loved us but He also demonstrated His love for us, (John 3:16). It was many years ago at a place called Golgotha where the Son of God, Jesus Christ was nailed to a cross and after much suffering and agony, died, (John 15:9, Romans 5:8). Our special love note was nailed on a cross. Do not forget those cards and candy and hugs for our loved ones. 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" 354 Highway 163 South Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. (325) 226-3060 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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Health coverage assistants at the library today

The Disability Connections Resource Center will be at the Crockett County Public Library from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. today, Feb. 11, to help those needed health coverage.

Certified Healthcare Navigators will assist people through the healthcare.gov website.

For more information, call 1-877-233-4965.

Ash Wednesday services

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 18. Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will hold mass at noon, 4 p.m. for children and 7 p.m. that day. The Ozona United Methodist Church will hold service at 5 p.m. that day in the chapel.

Lenten lunch study starts Feb. 18

The Ozona United Methodist Church will hold a Lenten Study starting Feb. 18 through March 25. The study will be from noon-1 p.m. Wednesdays. Lunch will be provided. The study will feature the

book "Revival" by Adam Hamilton.

Several study books have been ordered. They are also available as ebooks or on Kindle.

For more information, call 392-3060.

Go Red for Women heart luncheon Friday

A Go Red for Women luncheon will be held from 12:30-1:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 13, at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Speaker will be Dr. Kristy Edwards, family practice physician from Sonora Medical

Clinic. Everyone is welcome to attend.

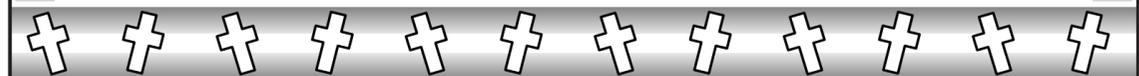
For more information, call Patricia Gomez, RN, BSN, Wesley Nurse, at (325) 206-2649 or the Ozona United Methodist Church at (325) 392-3060.

Friday, February 13th
 12:30pm - 1:30pm
Ozona United Methodist Church
 12 E. 11th St.
 For More Information Call Patricia Gomez, RN, BSN, Wesley Nurse with Methodist Healthcare Ministries of South Texas, Inc. at 325-206-2649

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	JAN	FEB.	MAR.	APR.	MAY	JUN.	JULY	AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.	NOV.	DEC.	TOTAL	10 YR. AVG.	1ST 6 MO. TOTAL	2ND 6 MO. TOTAL
1931	2.2	1.4	0.5	2.95	3.05	1.1	1.18	0.32	0.2	0.4	2.8	2.2	18.30	11.20	11.20	7.10
1932	0.78	1.55	0.5	1.5	4.49	3.1	2.33	4.3	6.65	0.25	0.3	2.35	28.10	11.92	16.18	16.18
1933	0.5	0.3	0.15	0.2	0.31	0	0.18	3.05	0	1.35	1.95	0.15	8.14	1.46	6.68	6.68
1934	1.29	0.1	1.35	0.98	2.1	2.25	0.85	0	0.33	0	0.8	0.25	10.30	8.07	2.23	2.23
1935	0	1.75	0	0.78	7.28	2.4	4.13	0.9	7.53	0.85	1.05	0.63	27.30	12.21	15.09	15.09
1936	0.33	0.4	1.3	1.1	3.83	0	2.47	0	3.84	1.5	0.5	0.5	15.77	6.96	8.81	8.81
1937	0.2	0.4	1.95	1.5	2.1	2.25	1.4	1.4	3.8	1.5	1	2.84	20.34	8.40	11.94	11.94
1938	4.97	0.5	0.4	1.83	2.58	2.43	7.49	0.35	0.7	0.5	0	0.72	22.47	12.71	9.76	9.76
1939	2.23	0	0.47	1.13	2.12	0.47	5.13	2.38	0.47	2.2	2.7	0.95	20.25	6.42	13.83	13.83
1940	0.55	1.24	0.83	1.7	2.15	2.65	0.28	3.95	0.27	2.97	2.95	0.2	19.74	9.12	10.62	10.62
1941	2	1.57	2.58	4.1	2.14	6.2	2.5	3.21	4.78	7.65	0.28	0.98	37.99	18.59	19.40	19.40
1942	0.37	0.55	0	2.08	0.1	0.2	1.6	4.26	1.1	3.91	0.9	1.25	16.32	3.30	13.02	13.02
1943	0.45	0	0.43	0.25	3.13	2.7	1.18	0	3.37	0.25	0.78	1.85	14.39	6.96	7.43	7.43
1944	1.73	1.12	0	0.73	1.68	1.84	13	3.01	5.2	0.22	1.04	137	20.04	7.10	12.94	12.94
1945	0.81	0.86	1.58	1.55	0.67	8.54	5.56	0.63	1.97	3.19	0	0.22	25.58	14.01	11.57	11.57
1946	1.8	0	0	0	3.9	2.7	0.8	0	1.1	3	0.3	0.3	14.30	8.40	6.30	6.30
1947	2.7	0	1.8	0	0.5	2.1	0.2	2.8	1.5	0.6	25	1	15.30	7.10	8.60	8.60
1948	0	1.5	0.1	0.7	1.9	0.1	2.3	0.3	0.5	1	0	0.3	8.70	4.30	4.40	4.40
1949	2	1.7	0.2	2.5	4.6	24	1.3	2.5	4.2	7.4	0	1.1	29.90	13.40	16.50	16.50
1950	0.3	0.5	0	2.4	3.7	0.6	2.8	1.6	5.4	0	0	0	17.30	20.06	7.50	9.80
1951	0	0.18	1.26	1.39	1.04	1.31	0.33	1.4	0.05	0.27	0	0	7.23	5.18	2.05	2.05
1952	0	0	0.5	1.61	2.16	0.27	0.9	0	0.82	0	1.04	0.97	8.27	4.54	3.73	3.73
1953	0	0.2	1.26	0.41	1.32	1.73	0.5	4.4	0.17	2.45	0	0.33	12.77	4.92	7.85	7.85
1954	0.18	0.22	0.11	5.95	1.91	12.46	0.22	1.16	0	2.49	0	0	24.70	20.83	3.87	3.87
1955	1.09	0.59	0.13	1.41	2.54	1.55	2.15	1.68	1.24	0	0.63	0	13.01	7.31	5.30	5.30
1956	0.8	0	0	2.81	1.64	0.35	0.43	0.48	0.52	1.63	0.07	0.38	9.11	5.60	3.51	3.51
1957	0.54	2.79	1.26	1.21	7	0.83	0.44	0.3	1.1	4.05	25	1.53	23.55	13.63	9.92	9.92
1958	2.5	2.41	1.18	0.07	2.46	1.31	0.35	4.85	5.69	4.14	0.71	0	25.67	9.93	15.74	15.74
1959	0	1.16	0.12	1.12	2.24	2.82	5.31	0.88	0.53	5.8	1.36	0.98	22.32	7.46	14.86	14.86
1960	2.09	1.52	0.81	0.15	1.38	0.58	4.2	0.56	0.09	2.28	0.2	1.34	15.20	16.18	6.53	8.67
1961	2.81	0.56	0.27	0.04	1.38	5.08	2.99	0.93	3.84	0.44	1.28	0.19	19.81	10.14	9.67	9.67
1962	0.1	0.29	0.64	1.45	0.42	1.59	1.26	1.22	1.07	1.55	0.87	1.19	11.65	4.49	7.16	7.16
1963	0.12	1.94	0	2.47	3.26	1.38	0.14	1.25	0.82	0.44	2.92	0.46	14.18	8.15	6.03	6.03
1964	0.75	1.26	0.65	0.75	1.03	2.3	1.13	0.63	4.92	0.87	1	0.22	15.51	6.74	8.77	8.77
1965	0.29	2.38	0.42	0.65	2.76	3.87	0.25	1.14	1.32	1.61	0.08	0.98	15.75	10.37	5.38	5.38
1966	0.61	0.89	0.92	1.08	1.38	2.03	0.2	3.54	5.15	2.37	0	0	18.37	7.11	11.26	11.26
1967	0	0.95	0.86	0.78	0.53	0.53	1.45	1.51	4.18	0.57	1.34	1.38	13.86	3.45	10.41	10.41
1968	2.08	1.12	1.28	2.6	3.06	2.14	3.61	2.09	1.69	0.27	2.38	0.3	22.62	12.28	10.34	10.34
1969	0.02	2.02	1.47	5.93	1.69	3.06	1.18	3.32	1.1	4.2	2.39	1	27.38	14.19	13.19	13.19
1970	0.45	1.7	2.01	0.87	1.44	1.27	0.02	0.16	2.85	0.38	0	0	11.15	17.03	7.34	3.41
1971	0.07	0.08	0	4.46	0.7	2.11	4.2	9.9	6.37	3.41	0.21	0.65	32.16	7.42	24.74	24.74
1972	0.74	0.1	0	0.31	4.66	5.06	0.6	5.19	4.89	2.72	0.18	0.03	24.48	10.87	13.61	13.61
1973	1.23	1.88	1.63	0.77	0.57	0.36	4.7	0.08	4.36	2.74	0.11	0.01	18.44	6.44	12.00	12.00
1974	0.1	0	0.63	2.6	2.85	0.51	0.53	5.59	10.53	3.22	1.5	1.28	29.34	6.69	22.65	22.65
1975	0.6	1.22	0	1.17	3.67	0.53	3.66	1.28	2.37	2.76	4.62	0.59	22.47	7.19	15.28	15.28
1976	0	0	0.74	1.3	1.98	0.56	9.15	0.21	4.78	5.93	0.46	0.33	25.44	4.58	20.86	20.86
1977	0.63	0.25	1.66	3.74	4.29	1.76	0	0.19	0.3	2.07	0.52	0	15.41	12.33	3.08	3.08
1978	0.85	0.62	0.21	1.58	2.22	2.89	1.2	0.95	3.92	0.61	2.83	0	17.88	8.37	9.51	9.51
1979	0.03	1.17	2.5	0.86	1.56	3.76	2.03	2.76	0.85	0.87	0	0	16.39	9.88	6.51	6.51
1980	1	0.39	0.45	0.2	3.06	0.57	0	2.96	4.29	0.21	0.51	1.38	15.02	5.67	9.35	9.35
1981	1.18	0.26	2.37	6.39	4.18	2.65	0.38	1.22	1.78	5.88	0.1	0	26.37	17.03	9.34	9.34
1982	0.43	1.33	0	0.52	6.05	1.43	0.59	1.74	0	1.66	1.13	1.06	15.94	9.76	6.18	6.18
1983	2.43	1.21	1.01	0.61	1.06	2.14	0	1.5	0	6.81	0.87	0	17.64	8.46	9.18	9.18
1984	2.21	0	0.81	0.14	1.06	1.44	0.96	0.2	1.65	3.68	1.7	2.87	16.72	5.66	11.06	11.06
1985	0.54	0.72	1.52	3.14	1.96	5.29	1.83	1.03	5.79	2.55	0.66	0	25.03	13.17	11.86	11.86
1986	0	0.5	0.47	0.59	2.75	3.41	0.31	5.29	0.38	7.73	3.7	2.62	27.75	7.72	20.03	20.03
1987	0.6	2.25	1.37	1.77	4.81	2.71	0.25	5.72	2.2	0.41	0.27	1.4	23.76	13.51	10.25	10.25
1988	0	0.13	0	0.29	1.94	2.45	3.69	0.66	7.35	0	0	0.7	17.21	4.81	12.4	12.4
1989	0.6	3.64	1.26	0.1	1.45	0.49	0.1	0.92	1.66	2.52	0.31	0.1	13.15	7.54	5.61	5.61
1990	0.7	2.49	1.81	1.17	3.76	0	8.1	2.29	6.79	2.8	2.87	0.02	32.80	21.64	9.93	22.87
1991	2.41	0.1	0.22	0.9	2.11	1.92	3.84	0.6	5.23	0.6	0.71	3.58	22.22	7.66	14.56	14.56
1992	1.91	255	2	3.84	7.33	2.7	1.76	0.9	0.1	1.21	0.7	0.5	25.50	20.33	5.17	5.17
1993	0.72	1.62	0.61	0.69	2.45	3.21	2.9	2.58	1.85	4.49	0	0.92	18.04	9.30	8.74	8.74
1994	1.65	0.4	0	1.27	3.04	0.65	0.97	0.7	0.81	1.85	1.2	1.3	13.84	7.01	6.83	6.83
1996	0.21	0.69	1.23	3.9	4.77	0.5	1.03	2.01	2.32	0.75	2.27	0.27	19.95	11.30	8.65	8.65
1996	0	0	0.15	1.12	1.17	0.05	0.91	5.42	2.38	1.67	239	0.18	15.44	2.49	12.95	12.95
1997	0.3	0.6	0.98	1.73	2.61	2.6	0.1	1.25	0.41	1.1	0.77	1.16	13.62	8.82	4.80	4.80
1998	0	0	2.01	0	0.58	1.11	0.1	8.69	0	0.9	3.06	0.67	17.12	3.70	13.42	13.42
1999	0	0.3	3.65	3.88	1.4	4.61	0.26	1.8	0	1.46	0	0.55	17.91	13.84	4.07	4.07
2000	0.11	0.18	0.67	0.61	0.74	6.29	0.15	0	2.23	4.57	2.56	0.23	18.34	18.201	8.60	9.74
2001	1.83	0.71	3.00	0.37	2.35	0.00	0.52	2.93	0.68	0.44	4.16	0.28	17.27	8.78	9.01	9.01
2002	0.15	0.62	0.96	0.84	0.30	1.24	1.82	0.74	1.15	8.84	0.49	0.57	17.72	4.11	13.61	13.61
2003	0.15	1.94	1.02	0.28	2.26	2.75	1.94	1.76	2.62	3.88	0.30	0.00	18.90	8.40	10.5	10.5
2004	1.57	1.62	3.31	3.17	1.01	2.73	2.10	5.85	2.23	6.10	4.76	0.29	34.75	13.41	21.33	21.33
2005	0.52	1.43	1.33	0.19	4.17	1.42	1.88	2.52	0.24	3.91	0.02	0.15	17.88	9.06	8.72	8.72
2006	0.06	0.38	1.46	0.65	0.40	1.86	0.69	2.62	1.58	1.88	0.00	1.45	13.02	4.81	8.22	8.22
2007	1.63	0.49	4.72	1.43	7.12	4.55	1.83	3.76	1.96	0.50	0.66	0.23	28.89	19.94	8.94	8.94
2008	0.33	0.03	1.76	0.31	0.22	2.59	0.54	3.05	3.73	1.66	0.23	0.10	14.54	5.24	9.31	9.31



SUBMITTED PHOTO

STATE BOUND OHS BAND STUDENTS are: (left to right) Brenna Hale, Trystian Galindo, Jadie Marshall, Gabby Martinez and Estefania Torralba.

OHS students compete in Solo and Ensemble

OHS Band Students participated in the UIL Solo and Ensemble competition on Saturday, Feb. 7, in San Angelo.

The flute quartet of Trystian Galindo, Gabby Martinez, Estefania Torralba and Brenna Hale received a 1 rating and are headed to state competition.

Jadie Marshall is also state bound with a 1 in her flute solo.

Also receiving 1 ratings on their solos were: Gabby Martinez, Trystian Galindo, Brenna Hale, Kristen Hernandez, Jadie Marshall and Gavin Grannis.

Jeremy Munoz received a 2 rating for his saxophone solo.

Also competing was the brass quintet of Kim Borrego, Alex Hopper, Gavin Grannis, Kristen Hernandez and Aurora Collett.



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OHS BAND STUDENTS PARTICIPATED IN THE UIL SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTEST on Saturday, Feb. 7, in San Angelo. Pictured are: Jadie Marshall, Kristen Hernandez, Trystian Galindo, Gabby Martinez, Brenna Hale, Estefania Torralba, Gavin Grannis, Aurora Collett, Kim Borrego, Jeremy Munoz and Alex Hopper.

OHS Book Fair Feb. 23-27

Ozona High School will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 23-26 and 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 27 at the OHS Library.

The book fair will feature a special Family Night event with refreshments, read-alouds, book talk and door prizes from 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 25, at the OHS Library.

The Book Fair offers specially priced books and educational products, including popular series, award-winning titles, new releases, adult bestsellers, and other great reads

from more than 100 publishers.

Funds raised will help purchase books for the library. Families, faculty, and the community are invited to attend this fun reading event that helps inspire children to become lifelong readers.

You can also support OHS by shopping online through Feb. 27.

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The web address is <http://book-fairs.scholastic.com/homepage/ozonahighschool>.

OHS Baseball Alumni Game

BY RAY TALAMANTES
OHS BASEBALL

The Ozona Lions Baseball Program would like to bring back former baseball players by putting on an Alumni baseball game this year.

This will allow our current athletes to go up against former athletes.

We are hoping to make this an annual tradition just to show our appreciation of all the baseball athletes that have come through Ozona.

The Alumni game will take place on Friday, Feb. 20, at the high school field followed by a home run derby.

The cost will be \$25 per individual for the alumni game. To participate in only the home run derby it will be \$15. To participate in both the alumni game and home run derby the cost will be \$35.

Start time will be at 7 p.m. and there will be a 90 minute time limit.

If you are interested, feel free to contact me by e-mail at ray.talamantes@ozonaschools.net.

Forms may also be picked up at the Athletic Field House.

Criteria for participation:
- Must have graduated from Ozona High School

- Baseball pants must be worn. No blue jeans or shorts.

- You can wear metal spikes.

- No alcoholic beverages.

- There will be no profanity. You will be asked to leave if you cannot comply. No Refunds!

This is for the community of Ozona and the baseball program.

All the proceeds will go to the baseball program for any necessary equipment purchases or field maintenance.

We want this to be a fun event for everyone involved. Thank you.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

VARSITY LION TOMMY FAY

Lions fall to Irion County, Eldorado

The Ozona Lions lost to Irion County 32-47 on Feb. 3.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 0 6 7 19 - 32; Irion County - 10 10 13 14 - 47.

Scoring: Jackson Abbey 8; Johnny Venegas 7; Kalen Perez 5; Ryan Porras 4; Tommy Fay 3; Jose Ojeda 3; Bryce Gutierrez 2.

Also playing: Rick Porras, Felipe Irlas and Ben Badillo

The Ozona Lions lost to Eldorado 25-49 on Feb. 6.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 7 3 9 - 25; Irion County - 8 11 14 16 - 49.

Scoring: Johnny Venegas 5; Rick Porras 3; Bryce Gutierrez 3; Ryan Porras 3; Ben Badillo 3; Tommy Fay 2.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

THE OZONA HIGH SCHOOL ACADEMIC TEAM MEMBERS COMPETED IN THE SONORA UIL ACADEMIC MEET LAST WEEK.

OHS competes in Sonora UIL Meet

Ozona High School students competed in the Sonora UIL Academic Meet last week.

19 schools participated in the meet.

Results of the Sonora Meet are:

Dalton Gunnels - third place computer applications

Everett Raymond - fourth place computer applications

Alan Salazar - fifth place computer applications

Jadie Marshall - second place computer science, third place ready writing and third place headline writing

Brenna Hale - fifth place feature writing

Bryce Gutierrez - third place computer science, fifth place mathematics

Julie Marshall - second place feature writing, second place editorial writing

Gabby Martinez - eighth place informative speaking

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OZONA HEAD START STUDENTS DISPLAY THE POSTERS THEM MADE WHEN CELEBRATING 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL LAST WEEK.

2015 Lion Baseball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	JV	V
Mon., Feb. 16	Scrimmage - Ft. Stockton	Away	-	5:00 p.m.
Fri., Feb. 20	ALUMNI GAME	HOME	-	7 p.m.
Feb. 26-28 (Thurs.-Sat.)	Pecos-Ft. Stockton Tour.	Away	-	TBA
Tues., Mar. 3	SA Grapecreek	HOME	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Mar. 5-7 (Thurs.-Sat.)	Monahans Tournament	Away	-	TBA
Tues., Mar. 10	Eldorado*	Away	AFTER VARSITY	4:30 p.m.
Sat., Mar. 14	Bandera (POSSIBLE DH)	Away	-	12 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 17	Johnson City*	HOME	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 20	Menard*	Away	-	4:30 p.m.
Tues., Mar. 24	Junction*	Away	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Fri., Mar. 27	Mason*	HOME	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Mon., Mar. 30	Harper*	Away	5 p.m.	7 p.m.
Thurs., Apr. 2	Center Point*	HOME	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Mon., Apr. 6	Eldorado*	HOME	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 10	Johnson City*	Away	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Tues., Apr. 14	Menard*	HOME	-	6 p.m.
Fri., Apr. 17	Junction*	HOME	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Tues., Apr. 21	Mason*	Away	5 p.m.	VARSAITY FOLLOWS
Fri., Apr. 24	Harper* (Senior Night)	HOME	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Tues., Apr. 28	Center Point*	Away	4:30 p.m.	7 p.m.

* Denotes District Game

2015 Lady Lions Softball Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	PLACE	TEAM	TIME
Sat., Feb. 14	Pecos, Presidio & Marfa	Pecos	Varsity	TBA
Tues., Feb. 24	Marfa	Fort Stockton	Varsity	TBA
Mar. 5-7 (Thurs.-Sat.)	Big Spring Tournament	Big Spring	Varsity	TBA
Tues., Mar. 10	Eden*	Eden	Varsity	5:00
Fri., Mar. 13	Eldorado*	Eldorado	Varsity/JV	5:00
Tues., Mar. 17	Miles*	OZONA	Varsity	5:00
Wed., Mar. 18	Menard*	Menard	Varsity	5:00
Tues., Mar. 24	Junction*	Junction	Varsity/JV	5:00
Fri., Mar. 27	Mason*	OZONA	Varsity/JV	5:00
Fri., Apr. 3	Eden*	OZONA	Varsity	5:00
Mon., Apr. 6	Eldorado*	OZONA	Varsity/JV	5:00
Fri., Apr. 10	Miles*	Miles	Varsity	5:00
Tues., Apr. 14	Menard*	OZONA	Varsity	5:00
Fri., Apr. 17	Junction* (Senior Night)	OZONA	Varsity	5:00
Tues., Apr. 21	Mason*	Mason	Varsity	5:00

*Denotes District Game

2015 Lion & Lady Lion Varsity Tennis Schedule

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	TEAM	JV
Thurs., Feb. 12	Lakeview Invitational	San Angelo	San Angelo	JV
Fri. & Sat., Feb. 13-14	Lakeview Invitational	San Angelo	San Angelo	Varsity
Thurs., Feb. 19	Reagan County Winter	Big Lake	Big Lake	JV
Fri. & Sat., Feb. 20-21	Reagan County Winter	Big Lake	Big Lake	Varsity
Thurs., Feb. 26	Forsan Invitational	Forsan	Forsan	JV
Fri. & Sat., Feb. 27-28	Forsan Invitational	Forsan	Forsan	Varsity
Fri., & Sat., Mar. 6-7	Team Tennis	TBA	TBA	Varsity
Fri. & Sat. Mar. 27-28	Ft. Stockton Invitational	Ft. Stockton	Ft. Stockton	JV/Varsity
Thurs. & Fri. Apr. 9-10	District Tournament	San Angelo	San Angelo	JV/Varsity

2015 Lion & Lady Lion Varsity Golf Schedule

DATE	TOURNAMENT	SITE
Mon., & Wed., Feb. 16 & 18	Ozona	Ozona
Wed., Feb. 25	Big Lake	Big Lake
Wed., Mar. 4	Comfort	The Buckhorn Golf Course
Mon., Mar. 9	Christoval	Bentwood Country Club
Tues., Mar. 17	Iraan	Iraan
Tues., Mar. 24	District Round #1	San Angelo Country Club
Thurs., April 2	Leakey	The Club at Concan
Mon., Apr. 6	District Round #2	Bentwood Country Club
Wed. & Thurs., April 15 & 16	Regional Golf	Odessa, Ratliff Ranch GC
Wed. & Thurs., April 29 & 30	State Golf	Austin, Roy Kizer GC

2015 Lion & Lady Lion Varsity Track Schedule

DATE	MEET	SITE
Saturday, Feb. 21	Comanche Relays	Fort Stockton
Saturday, Feb. 28	Ozona Relays	Ozona
Friday, March 6	Brave Relays	Iraan
Thursday, March 12	Hornet Relays	Mertzson
Saturday, March 21	Sonora Relays	Sonora
Friday & Saturday, March 27 & 28	San Angelo Relays	San Angelo
Tuesday, April 7	District Track Meet	Mertzson
Thursday, April 23	Area Track Meet	San Angelo
Friday & Saturday, May 1 & 2	Regional Track Meet	Odessa
Thursday - Saturday, May 14 - 16	State Track Meet	Austin

2015 OHS Powerlifting Schedule

DATE	MEET
Saturday, Jan. 24	Sonora
Saturday, Jan. 31	Reagan County
Saturday, Feb. 14	San Angelo - Lee Middle School
Saturday, Feb. 21	Girls Last Qualifiers - TBA
Saturday, Feb. 28	Boys Last Qualifiers - TBA
Friday, March 6	Girls Regional Meet - Mertzson
Saturday, March 14	Boys Regional Meet - Sundown
Fri. & Sat., March 20-21	Girls State Meet - Corpus Christi
Fri. & Sat. March 27-28	Boys State Meet - Abilene

OZONA TMSCA Schedule

Ozona Middle School will start this week competing in Texas Math and Science Coaches Association meets. Schedule of meets:
 Feb. 14 - Snyder
 Feb. 28 - Qualifying Meet at Lincoln Junior High in San Angelo.
 March 7 - Regional Qualifiers Meet at Wylie Junior High in Abilene.

April 11 - State Meet in San Antonio.
 TMSCA is dedicated to promoting excellence in math and science through competition. Meet events include Number Sense, Calculator Applications Mathematics and Science. For more information, visit www.tmsca.org.

2015 OMS Track Schedule

DATE	MEET	SITE
Thursday, Feb. 26	Ozona Middle School Relays	Ozona
Thursday, March 5	Brave Middle School Relays	Iraan
Tuesday, March 10	Hornet Middle School Relays	Mertzson
Thursday, March 26	Reagan County Middle School Relays	Big Lake
Thursday, April 9	Middle School District Track Meet	Iraan

Youth Center Calendar of Events

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.

CLOSED SUNDAYS

Boosters Spring Sports T-Shirt Sale

Ozona Athletic Boosters are holding their spring sports T-Shirt sale. Deadline to order is 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 15. Online orders only. Orders can be placed at <https://ozonaabc.itemorder.com>

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TXDOT WORKED last week to install a new set of traffic lights on US 67 in Barnhart. The light is located at the intersection of 67 and State Highway 163. According to TxDOT Public Information Officer Karen Threlkeld, the lights are scheduled to be operational, meaning red, green and yellow, by the end of February. The signal will flash for several days before that happens to alert drivers to the change. There will also be message boards in place before the intersection to let people know about the changes.

J.L. MANKIN | THE BIG LAKE WILDCAT

Murr, Uresti receive committee assignments

Crockett County state legislatures have received their committee assignments for the 84th Legislative Session.



ANDREW MURR

State Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, was named to three committees, including the powerful Transportation Committee, as well as Culture, Recreation & Tourism, and Rules & Resolutions.



CARLOS URESTI

Murr will be the only member of the Transportation Committee from the Hill Country, and he said he is excited to get to work on the issues of importance to House District 53.

"With three different TxDOT districts inside House District 53, having a seat at this table is critical for our part of the state, and for rural Texas in general," Murr said. "In fact, there is only one other member on the committee from rural Texas, so I have no doubt that the challenges ahead will be great; particularly in light of all the changes to TxDOT funding on the agenda for this session."

Murr will also be the only representative from the Hill Country on the Culture, Recreation & Tourism Committee.

This will be an important committee assignment as well because it has over-

sight over Texas Parks and Wildlife, and because of the wide range of outdoor activities that take place in District 53 such as hunting and hiking, in addition to the tourism appeal of area wineries, bed & breakfasts and other weekend getaway destinations.

Rules and Resolutions is primarily a procedural committee where resolutions are streamlined to ensure that the limited amount of time for debate on the House floor is allocated to the most pressing issues facing the state.

State Senator Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, will serve on the Senate committees on Finance, Natural Resources & Economic Development, Health & Human Services, and Senate Administration as Vice Chair.

"I look forward to working with my Senate colleagues to tackle the many challenges we face as a growing state. My committee assignments will ensure that the families and interests of Senate District 19 are fully represented in the Texas Capitol," Uresti said.

Uresti is the only member from San Antonio to be appointed to the powerful Senate Finance Committee and will leverage his leadership and legislative experience to help draft the State budget.

As the only member of the Senate to represent areas in both the Eagle Ford and the Permian Basin plays, Uresti is uniquely aware of the needs in our energy sectors. Senator Uresti will once again serve on the Senate Natural Resources Committee.

Perry files bills to decrease regulations on rural Texas

Senator Charles Perry, R-Lubbock, has filed two bills with the aim of decreasing burdensome regulations on rural communities.

Since 2007, Texas schools have been subject to a legislative mandate that delays the start of the school year until the last week in August. SB 395 grants local rural school districts the discretion to set their own start date as early as the second week of August.

"Many school districts wish to begin earlier than this for a variety of reason,

predominantly so that finals are not delayed until after Christmas Break," said Senator Charles Perry. "Many teachers and administrators argue that uneven semesters can force educators to condense their lessons and teach around a calendar, not what makes most sense for students."

SB 394 requires the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) to allow cities and counties that are first time offenders of a particular offense, the opportunity to apply their pen-

alties towards fixing the problem for which they are cited.

"Environmental laws and rules change so rapidly, it is hard for small rural communities to keep up and correct issues," Perry said. "Often times, communities are unaware a problem even exists until they are assessed a big fine from the TCEQ. If a community hasn't committed the offense before, we should give them some leniency and let them fix the problem before we hit them with a hefty fine."

"In talking with educators and leaders of local government, both of these issues were top priorities in many of the counties I represent," Perry said. "Excessive regulations and penalties are stifling our small rural communities. Passing these bills should give our local communities much needed relief."

For more information, or to make comments about this bill or any of Perry's legislative agenda, call Travis McCormick at (512) 463-0128 or travis.mccormick@senate.state.tx.us.

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OIL: *from page 1*

The totals include both oil and natural gas rigs, but oil rigs are far more plentiful. Gas rig counts, of course, are tied to natural gas prices, which have stayed low in recent years.

In the same time span, Texas lost a whopping 211 of its 906 rigs — more than 23 percent — pushing the state's count to its lowest in four and a half years.

"It's just because our plays are so big," Allen Gilmer, CEO of Drillinginfo, an oil and gas research firm, said of the decline's outsized impact on Texas.

Texas is the nation's oil king. Spurred by technological advances like hydraulic fracturing, Texas is pumping more oil than it has in 30

years, accounting for more than one-third of all U.S. production.

Rig losses vary across Texas' long-stretching oil plays.

Lower prices have hit West Texas' Permian Basin — the country's most productive drilling region — and the Granite Wash, in East Texas, particularly hard. The reason is simple, Gilmer said: Drilling there tends to cost more, even if there's plenty of oil to tap.

Rig counts offer a simple proxy for industry trends, but they no longer reveal exactly how much — or when — production will fall, experts say. Despite the tumble, oil production continues to rise in Texas and elsewhere.

That's partly because the wells drilled today produce far more oil than the conventionally drilled wells of years past (though the output of those wells trails off more

rapidly). Operators now drill multiple wells on one site, and the rigs themselves have become more efficient.

"I'm not sure that you can point to an industrial process anywhere that has seen the kind of efficiency and improvements that you've seen on the drilling side," Gilmer said.

The federal Energy Information Administration expects U.S. operators to pump an average 9.5 million barrels per day in 2016, up from 9.2 million in December 2014. That could keep oil prices, and drilling, low for some time.

Several major petroleum and oilfield service companies have already sliced their budgets and announced layoffs. For instance Schlumberger, the world's biggest oilfield service company, said last month it would cut 9,000 employees — about 7 percent of its total workforce.

ASU Art Lectureship to feature painter

Angelo State University will present an exhibit of contemporary paintings by Houston-based artist Howard Sherman, the featured guest for the 2015 Henry Edwards Distinguished Lectureship in Art. The exhibit will open Friday, Feb. 13, in the Carr Education-Fine Arts (EFA) Building, 2602 Dena Drive.

The exhibit will be housed in the EFA Building's Gallery 193 and will be open for public viewing from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through Friday, March 13. On Wednesday, March 11, Sherman will make a presentation titled "Shambolic Power" from 3-5 p.m. in the EFA Building's Room 101. Both

the exhibit and lecture are free and open to the public.

Since receiving a Master of Fine Arts in painting and drawing from the University of North Texas in 2006, Sherman has been a leader in a new generation of bombastic contemporary painters in the Texas art world.

Sherman's work is featured in several museum collections and is on permanent display at Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston. Fresco Books recently published "Texas Abstract: Modern + Contemporary" by Michael Paglia and Jim Edwards with cover artwork by Sherman and including an essay and photo spread

about his artworks.

More information on Sherman's art and career is available at www.howard-sherman.com.

The Henry Edwards Distinguished Lectureship in Art is an outgrowth of the Edwards Family Trust, established in 1992 by Joseph Henry Edwards and Winona Edwards of San Angelo to provide funding for the art program in ASU's Department of Visual and Performing Arts. In addition to the lectureship, the Edwards Family Trust supports scholarships for outstanding visual art students and an artist residency program.

For more information, call (325) 942-2085.

PLANT: *from page 1*

The future of the Eldorado facility has been in limbo ever since news broke in November that Halliburton Company had agreed to purchase Baker Hughes Incorporated for \$34.6 billion in stock and cash.

The buyout was expected to be finalized later in 2015 with the complete wrap-up of the purchase taking a few years to finalize.

While the fate of the Eldorado yard has been in question ever since the Halliburton deal was announced, the unexpected closure of the local yard and the layoff of about half the workforce appears to be more closely tied to the price of oil which has plunged in recent weeks. After topping out over \$100 per barrel in mid-2014, the price plummeted to near \$40 per barrel after members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) and especially Saudi Arabia increased production.

American shale oil, widely credited with bolstering world oil supplies, is much more costly to find and produce. So, as prices dropped, rigs in the U.S. fell idle as did related sectors of the market, such as cementing, completion and stimulation, where Baker Hughes makes its money.

A statement released Tuesday evening by Baker Hughes stated, "Oil and gas market conditions have become increasingly challenging. In order to remain competitive in this environment, Baker Hughes is making the very difficult business decision to reduce workforce and spending company-wide. All impacted employees will be eligible for severance packages. Even as we take these difficult but necessary steps, we remain focused on customers and have plans in place to ensure that we maintain high quality service levels."

In 2014, Baker Hughes was Schleicher County's second largest taxpayer with property valued at \$43.39 million. Jani Coffey, Chief Appraiser of the Schleicher

County Appraisal District said Tuesday that she had only just heard the news about the company and declined to speculate about its immediate impact on the county's tax base.

Meanwhile, representatives of the Concho Valley Workforce Solutions office encourage anyone affected by the layoffs to contact their San Angelo office at 325-653-2321 or by coming to the office located on Henry O. Flipper Street next to the Fort Concho Stables.

The agency also advises employers that there are options for employers who expect to be laying off employees. "Employers can file a mass claim prior to a layoff to reduce the burden on them from the Texas Workforce Commission Unemployment Insurance Department," says Cathy Ballard, director of planning for the Workforce Board. "They can also choose to enter into a Shared Work Agreement with the State that allows them to keep their good employees on a part time basis."

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The agreement will be approved at a future meeting after everyone has had a chance to read the document.

AMBULANCE

The commissioners also discussed selling the 2007 ambulance to Ballinger EMS.

Crockett County EMS recently purchased a new ambulance.

Deaton said the coun-

ty can't sell equipment to a hospital district, but they can sell it to Runnels County. If Runnels County approves then they can sell it to Ballinger EMS.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED:

- Authorizing the issuance, sale and delivery of CCCSD Unlimited Tax School Building Bonds, Series 2015.

- Renew of the AirMed contract for \$14,000.

- Hiring Eckert & Oliphant Auditing Co.

- Resolution authorizing the submission of a Texas Community Development Block Grant Application to the Texas Department of Agriculture for Community Development Funds.

- E-file system with Net-data

- Advertising for bids for the fire department building repairs.

The next regular commissioners' court meeting will be 9 a.m. March 9 at the courthouse annex. The meeting is open to the public.

STICKER: *from page 1*

second year, you will have a convenient 90-day window to pass inspection first and then renew your registration before the end of the month listed on your sticker.

"When the Two Steps, One Sticker" program is fully implemented, Crockett county residents will appreciate having just one sticker in the corner of their windshield

and only one expiration date to worry about," said TxD-MV Executive Director Whitney Brewster. "And because a passing vehicle inspection will be a requirement to renew your registration, more vehicle owners will comply with inspection requirements leading to safer and more environmentally sound cars on Texas roads."

The implementation of "Two Steps, One Sticker" is a result of House Bill 2305

which passed during the 83rd Legislative Session in 2013. The program is joint effort by the TxD-MV, the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, in collaboration with the 254 county tax assessor-collector's offices which process vehicle registrations and vehicle inspection stations across the state.

For more information, visit www.TwoStepsOneSticker.com.

UPDATED PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR TEXAS TAXPAYERS

New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by the Crockett County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions, appraisals and is of value to select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons who are 65 years of age or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or a taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws," said Rhonda Shaw, Chief Appraiser of the Crockett County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issue with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs.

Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans – The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by veterans who are disabled, spouses and survivors of deceased disabled veterans and spouses and survivors of military personnel who died on active duty. The amount of exemption is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100% exemption for 100% disabled veterans and their surviving spouses, beginning in 2009.

Property Tax Exemptions – Non-profit organizations that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units, firms that ship inventory out of Texas, and businesses that acquire pollution control property may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

Rendering Taxable Property – If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming or ranching.

Appraisal Notices – If a taxpayer's property value increased in the last year, the Texas taxpayer will receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

Property Taxpayer Remedies – This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, which issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the option of taking a taxpayer's case to district court or entering into binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

Homestead Exemptions – A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence of January 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

Productivity Appraisal – Property owners who use land for timberland production, agricultural purposes, and wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on how much the taxpayer produces, versus what the land would sell for in the open market.

Residence Homestead Tax Deferral – Texas homeowners may postpone paying the currently delinquent property taxes due on the appreciating value of their homes by filing a tax deferral affidavit at their local county appraisal district. This tax relief allows homeowners to pay the property taxes on 105 percent of the preceding year's appraised value of their homestead, plus the taxes on any new improvements to the homestead. The remaining taxes are postponed, but not cancelled, with interest accruing at 8 percent per year.

Property Tax Deferral for Persons Age 65 or Older and Disabled Homeowners – Texans who are 65 years of age or older, or who are disabled as defined by law, may postpone paying current and delinquent property taxes on their homes by signing a tax deferral affidavit. Once the affidavit is on file, taxes are deferred, but not cancelled, as long as the owner continues to own and live in the home. Interest continues to accrue on unpaid taxes. You may obtain a deferral affidavit at the appraisal district.

Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication – Chief appraisers of a county appraisal district and appraisal review boards may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically in place of mailing.

Protesting Property Appraisal Values – Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes, or for any other action that adversely affects them, may protest their property value to the appraisal district's appraisal review board.

For more information about these programs, contact the Crockett County Appraisal District at P.O. Drawer H 909 Avenue D Ozona, Texas 76943 (325) 392-2674

More information is also available from the state Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division website at www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/ or contact the Texas Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division at (800) 252-9121 and press "2" to access the menu, and then press "1".

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RIG LOCATIONS

Crockett, Irion, Sutton, Schleicher, & Reagan Counties

As of Feb. 6, 2015

PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
7200	Legacy Reserves Oper	University 47-2w #2401bh	Latslaw Drilling #15	Drig Ahead
7800	Approach Operating	University -42-#2113hb	Nabors Drilling #M23	Drig Ahead
8999	Ep Energy E&P	University Salt Draw #4102ch	Sidewinder Drig #222	Drig Ahead
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7782	Broad Oak Energy	Farmar A #N716hm	Nabors Drilling #M10	Drig Ahead
9000	Devon Energy	Clark #2h	Precision Drig #600	Drig Ahead
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7800	Discovery Natural	Rock Hollow 186 5e Unit #1865h	Helmerich & Payne #467	Drig Ahead
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9000	Foreland Oper Llc	Lorie -26-#2 H	Patterson Uti #217	Drig Ahead

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9000	American Energy-Perm	Watkins 1229 #11h	Ensign Us Drig Sw #760	Drig Ahead
8700	Parsley Energy Earl	Hankamer #1hb	Helmerich & Payne #220	Drig Ahead
8000	Bta Oil Prod Llc	Texas-Coates -A- Unit 2 #1hu	Scandril Inc #Produc	Drig Ahead
7800	Discovery Natural	Divide Draw #1245an	Patterson Uti #118	Drig Ahead
9000	American Energy-Perm	Watkins 1229 #15h	Ensign Us Drig Sw #786	Drig Ahead
8601	American Energy-Perm	University 09 #1802h	Ensign Us Drig Sw #765	Drig Ahead
8601	Enduring Resources	University -09- #1828 H	Ensign Us Drig Sw #784	Drig Ahead
11000	Laredo Petro Holt	A-Sugg B-V (Alloc) #136-5sm	Independence Drig #201	Drig Ahead
11000	Parsley Energy	Ringo #0 #2	Mattlock Drilling #6	Drig Ahead
9630	Apache Corp Srh	North #1630hl	Pioneer Energy #57	Drig Ahead
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12000	Laredo Petro	Sugg A-Halfmann (Alloc) #171-8nc	Helmerich & Payne #312	Drig Ahead
8900	Callon Petro Op Co	Cactus Drilling #162	Cactus Drilling #162	Drig Ahead
11000	Oxy Usa Wtp	Lp Merchant #1402bl	Helmerich & Payne #332	Drig Ahead
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9000	Parsley Energy	Pettit 8a-8 #5h	Latslaw Drilling #22	Drig Ahead

PTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
4300	Mercury Oper Llc	Jeffrey #1b	Blue Line Drilling #1	Drig Ahead
5700	Ser E&P, Inc	A M Murphy #15	Blue Line Drilling #7	Drig Ahead
6300	Summit Petroleum Llc	Louann #02wc	Propetro Services #207	Drig Ahead

TxDOT, Texas high schools focus on saving teen lives

AUSTIN - Vehicle crashes are the leading cause of death among teenagers. In an effort to curb this deadly trend, the Texas Department of Transportation is partnering with more than 900 Texas high schools to remind teens to "Click It or Ticket."

"All traffic fatalities are tragic, but it's especially difficult to hear about teenagers having their lives cut short," said TxDOT Executive Director LtGen Joe Weber, USMC (Ret). "We're asking families, teachers and peers to remind teens to buckle up every time they get in a vehicle. It's the law and it can save their lives. Don't let your child be the next fatality."

In 2014, 293 teen drivers and passengers (ages 15-20) died as a result of traffic crashes in Texas. Of those fatalities, 134 (46 percent) were not wearing their seat belts at the time of the crash.

To help raise awareness and save lives, TxDOT is sending free "Teen Click It or

Ticket" educational toolkits to high schools across the state. Each kit contains banners, posters, brochures and parking lot signs reminding students to wear their seat belts or face costly tickets, injuries or even death.

Throughout the spring, TxDOT also will promote "Teen Click It or Ticket" at University Interscholastic League (UIL) competitions. A real-life, mangled truck display and an audio recreation of what happened to the teens who survived it, will be set up at boys' and girls' state high school sports tournaments in San Antonio, Georgetown and Austin.

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), properly worn lap-shoulder belts reduce the risk of fatal injury to front-seat occupants by 45 percent. Texas law requires all vehicle drivers and passengers to be buckled in a seat belt or face fines and court costs up to \$200.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls	Count
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	3
911 medical/fire assistance	2
Civil complaints	2
Civil documents served	1
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	10
Juvenile/School	5
Motorist assist/locked vehicle	10
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	5
Minor/major traffic accidents	3
Alarms	1

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

2-3-15

- Sheriff's deputies took a report of criminal mischief on Cherry Street.

2-4-15

- Sheriff's deputies arrested Alex Rodriguez, of Ozona, on a Sutton County warrant for non-payment with fine. Subject paid fine and was released.
- Sheriff's deputies took a report on someone hitting a trash Dumpster and two vehicles at the Crockett Apartments.
- DPS Troopers arrested Samantha Buchanan, of Sonora, for driving while license invalid. Subject was arraigned, posted bond and was released.
- Sheriff's deputy arrested Moses Galindo Jr., of Sonora, Texas, for assault/family violence. Subject was arraigned then transported to Upton County.

2-6-15

- DPS Troopers arrested Mark Jackson, Quentin Shelton and Kendrick Shelton, all of Houston, Texas, for manufacturing/delivery of a controlled substance in penalty groups 1,2,3. All subjects have been arraigned and transported to Upton County.
- Sheriff's deputy arrested Librado Palacio, of Ozona, Texas, on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia. Subject was arraigned then transported to Upton County.
- Sheriff's deputy arrested three juveniles on a charge of burglary of a habitation. The juveniles met with the juvenile probation officer, arraigned, then released to their parents awaiting a juvenile hearing.

2-7-15

- Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal dispute on Cherry Street.
- Sheriff's deputy arrested Angel Adrian Perez, of Del Rio, Texas, on a charge of assault/family violence. Subject was arraigned, posted bond and was released.
- Sheriff's deputy arrested Rodolfo Cavillo Rios, of El Paso, Texas, on a Val Verde County warrant. Subject is being held at the Crockett County Jail awaiting arraignment.

2-8-15

- Sheriff's deputies assisted U.S. Border Patrol in a search for an undocumented immigrant that escaped apprehension on Howard Draw Road.
- Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Rugged Road.

Texas Brigade program seeking youth, adult applications

The Texas Brigade program needs you. We are on the hunt for youth and adults that would like to be a part of a once in a lifetime opportunity as we prepare you to be a conservation leader for the future of Texas' wildlife. This will be the 23rd year of the Brigades so help us fill each and every program to make this the best year yet.

Our mission is to educate and empower youths with the leadership skills and knowledge in wildlife, fisheries, and land stewardship to become conservation ambassadors for a sustained natural resource legacy.

The application deadline is March 16 and may be found at <http://www.texas-brigades.org/Applications/applications.html>.

Participants are selected through a competitive ap-

plication process. Helen Holdsworth, Executive Director, said they are looking for youth ages 13-17 years of age. Texas Brigades is also accepting applications for adult volunteers. No experience is necessary, but applicants should have a strong interest in learning about wildlife, natural resources, livestock, and/or the environment.

The 4.5 days camps are held on beautiful private ranches across the state.

"These landowners open their gates to us for five days, allowing us to utilize the land as a living laboratory. Natural resource professionals give of their time to mentor the youth. This is an invaluable networking opportunity," she said.

The cost of the camp for youth applicants accepted into the program is \$400, but scholarships and financial assistance are available. "We do not want the fee to be a barrier to anyone. We have donors who are willing to support the youths' educational experience," says Holdsworth.

For more information, call 855-TXBRIGS or (210) 556-1391 or email hhholdsworth@texas-wildlife.org.

Last Puzzle Solution

TEXAS CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

- this Bob founded TX cafeteria chain
- West TX Reservoir: "O.H. ____"
- Tommy Lee was this Woodrow in TX "Lonesome Dove" series
- TX Waylon was once a DJ on this Lubbock FM station
- TX Perot started this co. in 1982
- book Margaret Hunt Hill wrote about H.L. Hunt (2 wds.)
- this Ryan is pres. of Houston Astros
- inactive lifestyle
- TX Bob Willis' "Take ____ Back to Tulsa"
- TXism: "just two whoops ____ holler away"
- "Texas ____" (oil)
- ancient Greek poet
- TXism: "mad enough to ____"
- this Robb married LBJ's daughter, Lynda (init.)
- distinctive aspect of a cowboy hat
- "Enchanted Rock State Natural ____"
- past TX atheist, Madalyn Murray
- unseasonable crop? (2 wds.)
- TX Jimmy Webb wrote "By the Time I ____ Phoenix"
- Harlingen festival
- E=mc2 dude (init.)
- what starts as a bill, becomes ____
- adversaries
- "Hill Country State ____ Area"
- convenience store: "Stop ____"
- Dove's
- citrus drink suffix
- this Malone was a Rocket ('76-'82) and a Spur ('94-'95)
- old age medical insurance "____care"
- "don't sit there like a bump ____"
- TX Don Henley was a co-writer of "Take ____ to the Limit"
- TX Tommy Lee 1984 film: "The River ____"
- TXism: "high tailed it"
- solo music performance
- Peter of PP & M
- careful not to offend anyone (abbr.)
- anger
- TXism: "within ear shot"

DOWN

- TXism: "skillet ____" (dog)
- home town of past TX VP "Cactus Jack" Garner
- longtime Dist. 25 state senator
- TXism: "beller"
- TX Helen Wagner soap opera: "____ the World Turns"
- TXism: "____ old range cow"
- writer of TX novel "Giant," Ferber
- TXism: "____ ninety"
- TXism: "got ____ like a spring lamb" (swindled)
- TX highway book
- "____ and haw"
- where TX mohair is exported
- "T" of IBT union
- ____ Ward, TX
- "Toys for ____"
- "got no ____ for it"
- San Antonio's "ugly king" of "Fiesta"
- TXism: "he'd argue ____ fence post"
- TXism: "____ that like a duck needs an umbrella"

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HIRING COOKS & DISHWASHERS: Apply in person at the Hitchin' Post. tfc02

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CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FULL TIME DEPUTY SHERIFF: Applicant must be currently licensed or have successfully passed the State Peace Officers Test and meet the minimum standards for a Peace Officer License as required by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education. Starting annual salary is \$17.50 with pay raises, designated by the Sheriff, or County Commissioner's Court. County Health, Eye & Dental Insurance available. Uniforms, duty weapons, and patrol vehicle are furnished by the Sheriff's Office. Applicants must be a United States citizen, possess a Texas Driver's License, and successfully complete a background investigation, a physical examination, psychological evaluation and drug test. Applicant packets are available at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office at 903 Ave "D", Ozona, Texas. Call the Office Administrator 325-392-2661. Applications, resumes should be returned to: P.O. Box 1931, Ozona, Texas 76943. Position open until filled. Crockett County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. tfc46

HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS is hiring a front desk clerk. Must be able to work all three shifts. Apply in person at 1308 Avenue E. 3c03

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CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IS ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FULL TIME JAILER/DISPATCHER: The Crockett County Sheriff's Office is currently accepting applications for the position of Corrections Officer/Dispatcher. Annual starting salary approx. \$29,000, at \$12.41 per hour. State licensed applicants preferred, but not required. All pay raises subject to Sheriff's & County Commissioner's Board approval. Applicant should be prepared to work 8 to 12 hour rotating day/night shifts. Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen, Possess a High School Diploma/GED, at least 18 yrs old. Applicant must pass a background check, never been on court ordered community supervision or probation for any criminal offense about the grade of Class B misdemeanor, or currently under indictment for any criminal offense; not been convicted of an offense above the grade of a Class B misdemeanor or a Class B misdemeanor within the last ten years; never been convicted of any family violence offense; is not prohibited by state or federal law from operating a motor vehicle or possessing firearms or ammunition. Applicant must pass a County drug test, Physical agility tests, pass a physical, and psychological exam. Applicant agrees to complete state required training for Corrections Officer, and Dispatcher within 1 year of employment. Pick up applications/job description details at the Crockett County Sheriff's admin office at 903 Ave D, Ozona, Texas or Call 325-392-2661. tfc46

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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- 2006 Chevrolet Impala 124,000 miles - MINIMUM BID \$2,000
- 2003 Ford F-350 110,000 miles - MINIMUM BID \$1,000

Sealed bids will be accepted until February 23, 2015 until 3 p.m. at which time the bids will be opened at the Administration building located at 797 Ave. D. Please label as "BIDS". The bid award announcement will be made at the regular board meeting in February 2105. Crockett County Consolidated Common School District reserves the right to accept and /or reject any and all bids as they may appear advantageous to the district.

For more information, contact: Raul Chavarria, Crockett County CCSD, P.O. Box 400 Ozona, Tx. 76943 Telephone (325) 392-5501. 2c3

NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONED VEHICLE

Date 2/11/2015 Second Notification

1976 Mercury Comet, Licence Registration BQY599 TX, VIN: 6J23H515232; IMPOUND DATE 1/2/15, ATTEMPT TO NOTIFY OWNER. Total towing fees: \$130, Notification fee \$50.00, Storage fees accrue until vehicle is removed at \$15.00 a day plus state tax. Total charges cannot be computed until vehicle is claimed. Proof of ownership is required. Vehicle is stored at JohnCo Storage Facility 305 Ave. J. Ozona, Texas 76943. Vehicle will be sold at a public sale 30 days after second notice. 2c03



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NOTIFICATION BY PUBLICATION: FIRST NOTIFICATION

Vehicle Stored at Sheffield Towing Storage Facility: 1986 Ford F250 Black & White; Plate: B29597C WA; VIN: 1FTHX-26L7GKB64761. Total charges: \$709.25 includes towing charges, \$50 notification fee, \$20 per day storage and tax. Vehicle is stored at Sheffield Towing Service, 900 Garrett St. Sheffield, Texas 79781, 432-836-4623 phone; 888-655-9064 fax; TDLR Storage Facility License# 0641691VSF.



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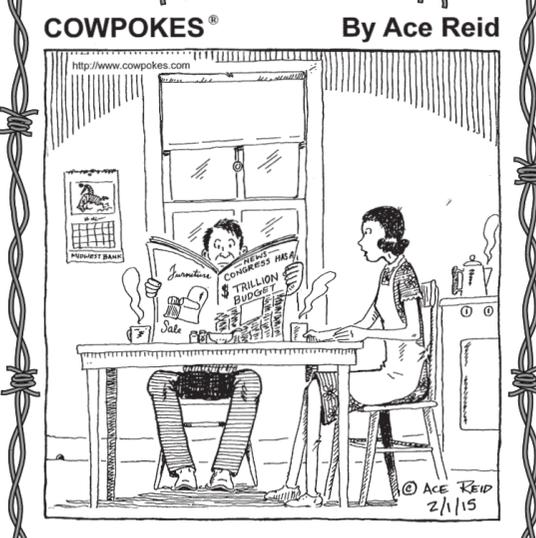
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102 Dove Dr. - SALE PENDING	\$158,000
1105 Ave. C - 4 bedroom, 3 bath	Price Reduced - \$235,000

Average & Lots

New Listing - 73 acres, Val Verde County	\$1,950/acre
New Listing - 107 acres, Texas West Ranch, Tract 74	\$738/acre
New Listing - 66 acres, Val Verde County	\$650/acre
New Listing - 132 acres, Dog Canyon Rd., Tract 27 w/mobile home, travel trailer & storage	\$1,060/acre
Commercial Property - 1006 Sheffield Road SOLD	\$235,000
65 acres in Crockett Co. on Hwy. 190	\$3,846/acre
1686 acres, Val Verde Co., w/house	\$1,275/acre
112.7 acres, South Sutton Co., fenced	\$1,250/acre
600 acres, Sutton Co., South Service Rd., fenced	\$1,950/acre
65.41 acres, Sutton Co., Baker Road, w/house	Price Reduced - \$1,595/acre
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**TEXAS COMMISSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY
Revised Notice of Draft Federal Operating Permit**
Draft Permit No.: O3190

Application and Draft Permit. Regency Field Services LLC, 2001 Bryan Street, Ste. 3700, Dallas, TX 75201-3093, has applied to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for a renewal of Federal Operating Permit (herein referred to as Permit) No. O3190, Application No. 21011, to authorize operation of the Tippett Gas Plant, a Natural Gas Liquids facility. The area addressed by the application is located 6 miles south of McCamey on Hwy 1901 in McCamey, Crockett County, Texas 76943. This link to an electronic map of the site or facility's general location is provided as a public courtesy and not part of the application or notice. For exact location, refer to the application. You can find an electronic map of the facility at: <http://www.tceq.texas.gov/assets/public/hb610/index.html?lat=31.037777&lng=-102.221666&zoom=13&type=r>. This application was received by the TCEQ on March 3, 2014. The purpose of a federal operating permit is to improve overall compliance with the rules governing air pollution control by clearly listing all applicable requirements, as defined in Title 30 Texas Administrative Code § 122.10 (30 TAC § 122.10). The draft permit, if approved, will codify the conditions under which the area must operate. The permit will not authorize new construction. The executive director has completed the technical review of the application and has made a preliminary decision to prepare a draft permit for public comment and review. The executive director recommends issuance of this draft permit. The permit application, statement of basis, and draft permit will be available for viewing and copying at the TCEQ Central Office, 12100 Park 35 Circle, Building E, First Floor, Austin, Texas; the TCEQ San Angelo Regional Office, 622 S. Oakes St., Ste. K, San Angelo, Texas 76903-7035; and the Crockett County Public Library, 1201 S. Avenue E, Ozona, Texas, beginning the first day of publication of this notice. The draft permit and statement of basis are available at the TCEQ Website: www.tceq.texas.gov/goto/tvnotice

At the TCEQ central and regional offices, relevant supporting materials for the draft permit, as well as the New Source Review permits which have been incorporated by reference, may be reviewed and copied. Any person with difficulties obtaining these materials due to travel constraints may contact the TCEQ central office file room at (512) 239-1540.

Public Comment/Notice and Comment Hearing. Any person may submit written comments on the draft permit. Comments relating to the accuracy, completeness, and appropriateness of the permit conditions may result in changes to the draft permit.

A person who may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the permitted area may request a notice and comment hearing. The purpose of the notice and comment hearing is to provide an additional opportunity to submit comments on the draft permit. The permit may be changed based on comments pertaining to whether the permit provides for compliance with 30 TAC Chapter 122 (examples may include that the permit does not contain all applicable requirements or the public notice procedures were not satisfied). The TCEQ may grant a notice and comment hearing on the application if a written hearing request is received within 30 days after publication of the newspaper notice. The hearing request must include the basis for the request, including a description of how the person may be affected by the emission of air pollutants from the application area. The request should also specify the conditions of the draft permit that are inappropriate or specify how the preliminary decision to issue or deny the permit is inappropriate. All reasonably ascertainable issues must be raised and all reasonably available arguments must be submitted by the end of the public comment period. If a notice and comment hearing is granted, all individuals that submitted written comments or a hearing request will receive written notice of the hearing. This notice will identify the date, time, and location for the hearing.

Written public comments and/or requests for a notice and comment hearing should be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-105, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, Texas 78711-3087, or electronically at www.tceq.texas.gov/about/comments.html and be received within 30 days after the date of newspaper publication of this notice. If you communicate with the TCEQ electronically, please be aware that your email address, like your physical mailing address, will become part of the agency's public record.

A notice of proposed final action that includes a response to comments and identification of any changes to the draft permit will be mailed to everyone who submitted public comments, a hearing request, or requested to be on the mailing list for this application. This mailing will also provide instructions for public petitions to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to request that the EPA object to the issuance of the proposed permit. After receiving a petition, the EPA may only object to the issuance of a permit which is not in compliance with the applicable requirements or the requirements of 30 TAC Chapter 122.

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