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# Preparing for STAAR

*Ozona campuses start testing next week*

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Taking a test is never easy. When it comes to taking the STAAR test, students and parents both have to be prepared.

During a special meeting on March 3, OES Counselor Katie Parker and CCCSD Testing Coordinator Tonya Poindexter gave tips, answered questions and distributed as much as information as possible to third, fourth and fifth grade parents about the upcoming standardized tests.

One change that the state has issued for this year pertains to the math tests.

School districts and charters have been advised by Commissioner of Education Michael Williams that due to the transition to revised statewide curriculum standards in mathematics grades fifth and eighth will only be taking the math test once this year.

As a result, the Student Success Initiative (SSI) requirement that students in grades 5 and 8 must pass the STAAR mathematics assessment in order to move onto the next grade level will be suspended for the coming school year.

Math scores in the other grades also do not count

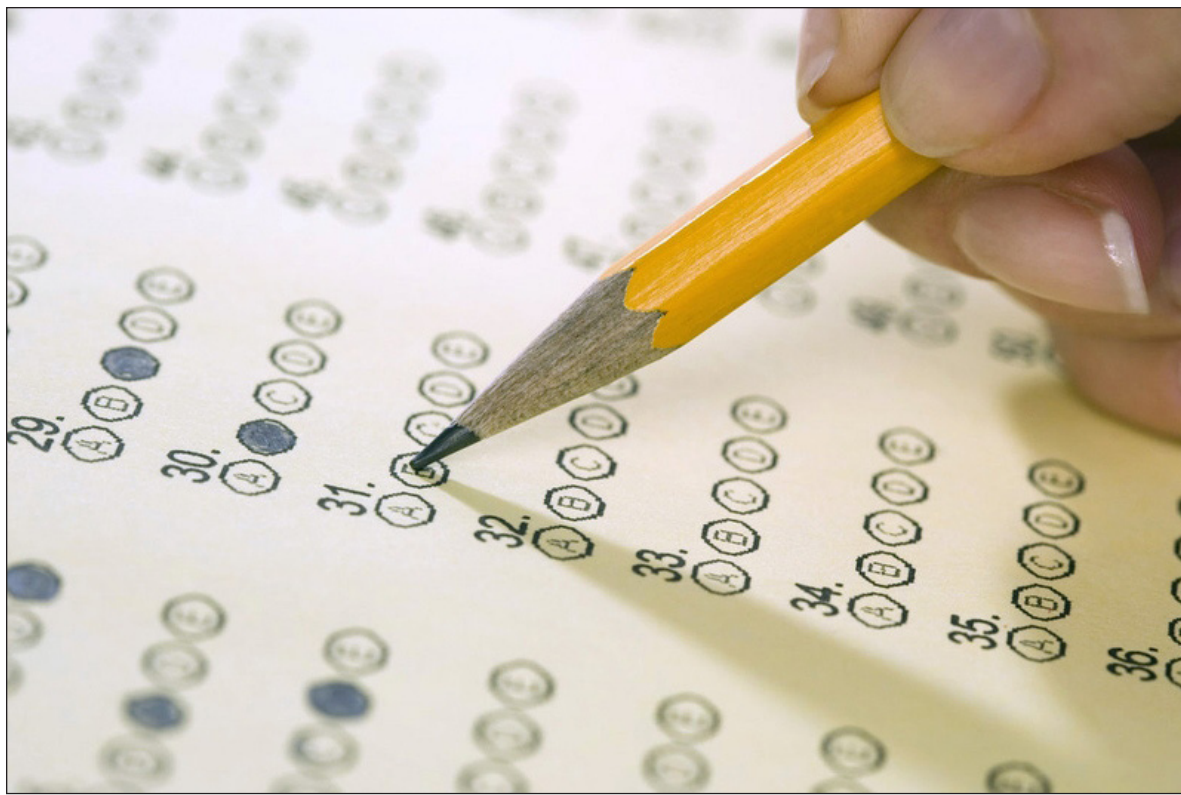


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against the district.

These changes are for this year only, Williams said.

Fifth and eighth grade students will have to pass their reading in order to advance to the next grade, Parker said.

"We won't get the scores for math until late August or September. Pass or fail, it doesn't count," Parker said.

Passing standards, set by the state, for this year's STAAR tests are:

- Third Grade Math - 27 out of 46 questions correct or 59 percent.
- Third Grade Reading - 21 out of 40, 53 percent.
- Fourth Grade Math - 29 out of 48, 60 percent.
- Fourth Grade Reading -

23 out of 44, 52 percent.

- Fourth Grade Writing - 23 out of 44, 52 percent.
- Fifth Grade Math - 27 out of 50, 54 percent.
- Fifth Grade Reading - 25 out of 46, 54 percent.
- Fifth Grade Science - 26 out of 44, 59 percent.

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## STAAR TESTING DATES:

- Monday, March 30:**  
Grades 4 & 7 Writing Day 1  
EOC English I
- Tuesday, March 31:**  
Grades 4 & 7 Writing Day 2  
Grades 5 & 8 Reading
- Wednesday, April 1:**  
EOC English II
- Monday, April 20:**  
Grades 5 & 8 Mathematics
- Tuesday, April 21:**  
Grades 3, 4, 6 & 7 Mathematics  
Grades 8 Social Studies
- Wednesday, April 22:**  
Grades 3, 4, 6, & 7 Reading  
Grades 5 & 8 Science
- May 4-8:**  
EOC Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History
- Tuesday, May 12:**  
Grades 5 & 8 Reading retest
- Tuesday, June 23:**  
Grades 5 & 8 Reading retest
- Monday, July 6:**  
EOC English I retest
- Wednesday, July 8:**  
EOC English II retest
- July 6-10:** EOC Algebra I, Biology, U.S. History retests

EOC (end-of-course exams for OHS)

## Texas Senate approves open carry of handguns

BY MORGAN SMITH  
TEXAS TRIBUNE

A bill lifting some of the state's restrictions on handguns cleared the Texas Senate along a party line vote of 20 to 11 last week.

Senate Bill 17, from state Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, would allow concealed weapons permit holders to carry holstered handguns openly. It is the first measure to come to the Senate floor not related to Gov. Greg Abbott's emergency items.

"In other states that have taken this step ... it's been deemed pretty much a non-event," Estes told his colleagues as he introduced the legislation. "We have searched really hard far and wide for problems, and we haven't found any."

After the upper chamber takes a final vote on the measure, it will head to the House.

State law currently allows the open carrying of long guns like rifles and shotguns. Handguns

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## Rodriguez sixth, Borrego ninth at state powerlifting meet

Lady Lions Kim Borrego and Alexis Rodriguez competed Saturday in the Class 1A/2A Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Championships in Corpus Christi.

In the 181-pound class Borrego placed ninth with a 725 total (285 squat, 165 bench, 275 dead lift).

In the 220-plus category, Rodriguez placed sixth with a 770 total (305 squat, 150 bench, 315 dead lift).

Hawley won the 1A/2A team title with 31 points, followed by Seagraves (17), Shelbyville (16), Three Rivers (14) and Cumby (14).

"The girls competed hard and represented Ozona well," said Coach Todd Harrison.

Ozona's John Jurado will be competing in the Texas High School Men's Powerlifting Association State Championships Saturday, March 28, in Abilene.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

LADY LIONS POWERLIFTERS competed at the state meet on Saturday in Corpus Christi. Kim Borrego (left) placed ninth and Alexis Rodriguez was sixth. Also pictured is Coach Todd Harrison.

## Graduation policy on tonight's school board agenda

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County School Board will discuss amending the OHS graduation policy at tonight's (March 25) regular meeting.

The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building. It is open to the public.

The board will consider amending the policy to allow students who do not pass their end-of-course exams to be allowed to participate in the graduation ceremony.

The district's policy currently states "no student shall be allowed to participate in commencement activities and ceremonies without meeting the applicable coursework requirements and either: 1. The applicable exit-level and EOC testing requirements; or 2. The remediation and retesting requirements outlined in this policy."

At the Feb. 25 regular meeting, parents Velma Sifuentes and Cathy Castro addressed the board during public comments about changing the district's graduation policy in regards to students who do not pass their end-of-course exams.

"We are here for our seniors. We want you all to reconsider this policy," Sifuentes said.

If students have earned all their school credits, then Sifuentes said they should be allowed to walk the stage at graduation and receive a certificate, which could then be traded in for a diploma after they pass the state tests later.

"I think they deserve to walk if they have earned all the credits. We're here for them. We ask you to reconsider it, from all the senior parents," Sifuentes said.

In 2013, the board temporarily changed the policy to allow a student to participate in

the graduation ceremony due to the student having been ill for most of the school year. The student received a certificate of completion at the ceremony.

Due to the item not being listed on the board agenda for the Feb. 25 meeting, board members could not comment or make a decision, according to the district's open forum/public comment policy.

This same issue is currently being discussed in the Texas Legislature.

On March 17, the state Senate overwhelmingly passed Senate Bill 149, which would allow panels made up of educators, counselors and parents to weigh factors like grades, college entrance exam scores and attendance to decide whether a student should graduate despite poor performance on state standardized exams.

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Search engines and small business truly have a mutually beneficial partnership when it comes to accessing local information from the Internet. Most search engines offer a free listing service in which a business owner can claim a listing and add pertinent information about the business, such as location, hours of operation, contact information, and even a link to their website. Search engines rely on business owners to help keep their information up to date, thereby making the

search engine itself more credible. Today I will focus on one of the most popular search engines, Google. Google is an integrated network that provides access to many different features all with a free



**BUSINESS TIPS**  
DEZARAY JOHNSON

Google account. With access to the Google network you can not only improve your listing, but also create a Google+ page for your business. Google+ looks and feels like some of the other online social media accounts. One of the most popular aspects of Google listings is the map feature. From the map feature you are able to access most of the pertinent business information. In most cases, Google will have already created a basic listing for your business. In order to fully take ad-

vantage of this free service it is best to claim the basic listing and then add your specific business information. You will be able to find this information by doing a simple search on Google for "Google My Business." Once you have located this webpage you can select the option to "Get on Google." Do a simple search for your business and see what Google already has listed. If your company is already listed as a place you can then claim that particular listing. If nothing appears

feel free to "Add a New Business." Once you have asked to claim your business listing, Google will then send you a postcard to the address listed to make sure they have the right information. This postcard usually has a pin number that you can enter into your Google accounts page. This verifies the account and you will now have access to make updates and changes to your listing. These are just a few steps to help you get your small busi-

nesses information to the public. There are many other ways to improve your online presence through multiple listing sites. By seeking out these various free options you are able to keep search engines up to date and useful for your potential customers.

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## Upgrade loathing

I have come to the conclusion that technology and I have a love/hate relationship. I'm sure many of you can relate to this. As a journalist, my iPhone has become one of my main reporting tools. It has a camera, video recorder, voice recorder, social media, e-mail, texting and a telephone all in one device. A couple of weeks ago, I left my iPhone at the office during my lunch hour. For that whole 60 minutes, I kept reaching for my phone that wasn't there. It's like this thing has become a third limb and I felt lost without it. Let's face it, I am technologically dependent. Aren't we all?



**WHAT'S ON MY MIND**  
MELISSA PERNER

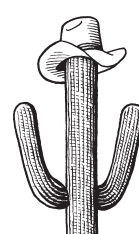
There's one word that comes with technology that I loathe, upgrade. I hate that word. That word means something is going to change. That means I'm going to have to learn something new. I don't want to learn something new. I just want my device to work the way it has been working because it has been working fine. I understand how to use it. I know what to do. Whenever an upgrade comes along, it seems like I have to learn all over again. Like Facebook seems to upgrade every time I turn around and I'm having to Google (more technology) to find an article to see what is new. Frankly, I find Facebook confusing right now. Twitter is less confusing, only 140 characters at time, but if you stay in Twitter too much you get information overload. If Twitter has been upgraded it is less noticeable than Facebook. The computers in our office are approaching their fourth year. In technology life, this is getting old, but I don't want to upgrade right now. We have Windows 7 on our computers. I love Windows 7. It's simple, easy to use and makes sense to my brain. If we upgrade our computers that means we have to learn...Windows 8 or Windows 8.1. Everyone keeps telling me that I will get Windows 8.1 after I start using it. I better get it quick because I will probably have to teach it to my mom if the school upgrades her laptop. Windows 8, or 8.1, looks like a giant iPhone to me with all the tiles that look like apps and you click on those to move around or open a program.

There's also an option to make the program look like a regular desktop, but it doesn't totally function like a regular desktop. What gets me is how Microsoft Office has to join into this party. Everyone uses office. I especially use Word a lot to type articles, like this column. Why must they change it? Nothing is ever in the same place. I miss the paper clip help tool. My laptop is even older than our office computers. I purchased it in 2008 and it has Windows Vista, the Windows program before 7 that nobody liked. This is practically ancient by technology standards. I'm not crazy about Vista either, but it's still working, still functioning. I keep putting off buying a new laptop because of the whole Windows 8 thing. Cost is a factor too. Deciding which one is also a factor. We have laptops, tablets and smart phones to keep our technology with us on the go. Pretty soon I think we'll have a tablet phone. Wait, I think we already have that. Laptops can now be tablets. You can turn them all different directions so you can, I guess, get the experience of working at a different angle in hopes of getting the most out of a machine you just paid \$2,000 for, even though the original price was \$1,500, but you had to have Microsoft Office added for the additional \$500. Why don't all computers just come with Microsoft Office? As Delia Ephron says "One is helpless in the face of technology marching needlessly on." Yes, we need technology. It is great, it is helpful, but it is also costly and frustrating thanks to upgrading. I don't want more options. I want fewer options. I want less apps, one remote control to the TV (we have three, five if you count the Blu-Ray player and the Xbox 360) and a simple Windows program with a simple Office program on my computer. That's all I ask. All I want is for technology to keep it simple. Now, where did I put my phone?

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## Here's Mud In Your Eye

Wine tastings are so over. The trendy thing now in California and Europe are dirt tastings in which folks with seemingly too much money and not enough to do, swirl a muddy concoction of dirt in a glass, hold it up to the light, stick their snoot in a soil slurry full of humus and then make sophisticated statements such as, "It's a bit dusty but I taste an echo of loam with just the right notes of compost. And was that a hint of clay on the mid-palate?" Or, "I simply love the creamy and complex texture, with a surprising vegetative nose and a barnyard finish that is simply divine."



**IT'S THE PITTS**  
LEE PITTS

And you thought eating snails and bugs was bad! I've tasted my share of dirt in my life and, quite frankly, I don't see the attraction. I'd eat eggs or Lima beans before I'd eat soil on purpose. At the age of five I ate dirt on a dare and it left a bad taste in my mouth to this day. And any rancher who has worked his share of cattle through a squeeze chute with his mouth open has also tasted a bovine vintage, so to speak. I am told that people in Georgia have been known to eat powdered clay called kaolin for its antidiarrheal properties and for a long time Kaopectate® was made from this dirt. My mother used to feed me Kaopectate® when I ate too many cherries and I'd have to say I'd rather have the worst case of the trots on earth than to ever taste that chalky remedy ever again. I think this whole dirt tasting fad was

started in places where they couldn't grow grapes but wanted to get in on the fun the wine snobs were having. I hate to rain on their parade but one vital ingredient to this merriment is missing in most dirt and that's alcohol. But as a farmer I could see the advantages of raising dirt versus growing grapes. There's no planting, just harvesting. Start up the backhoe or skip loader, scoop up a bucket full of your 2015 vintage and that's pretty much all there is to it. I'd say that at \$30 a bottle that's a fairly good return that compares favorably with Two Buck Chuck and boxed wines.

The idea behind dirt tastings is for insufferable snobs to make the connection between the food they eat and the dirt it was grown or raised in. Believe me, I sure made the connection when my mother forgot to wash the tubers sufficiently. Or when we ate boysenberry cobbler made with berries that were grown over our septic tank. I am told that such an area is known as a "terrior", which I think is French for "mental illness." I don't want to spoil the dirt snob's party but I'd be real hesitant if I were you

to eat anything grown in the soil around the cow towns of Dalhart, Greeley or Coal- ing, if you know what I mean. I can see it all now. At all the hoity-toity restaurants rich guys will order an appetizer of "Your best South Dakota loamy clay." Or a "vertical" of Gallo's best sods. Dirty journalists will write bestsellers with titles like "The Best Soils of the San Joaquin". Instead of wine tours people will go on dirt tours in big long limousines with hot tubs in them, and FFA kids who were on the soils judging team in high school will become dirt sommeliers or tasting room associates. Instead of wine cellars, rich folks will build dirt cellars. Believe me, I've had relatives who lived in dirt cellars and I'm not going back. If I have piqued your interest in dirt tasting I am told that you should mix the dirt with a little water, decant and pour in the typical manner, being careful to let the soil breathe. Or at least let the microbes in the soil breathe. Now swirl the muddy concoction clockwise, NEVER counter clockwise, lower it under your nose and note the vibrant aroma of a cow on carrots. Close your eyes, take a sip in quiet contemplation and note the textures of fertilizer, fungicides, mold and sludge, being careful not to break a tooth on the complex and rocky structure. Finally, SPIT IT OUT! You're eating dirt for gosh sakes!

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## House passes human trafficking, border security bills

**STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS** By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Bills to address the illegal importation and exploitation of persons and to protect the state's border with Mexico moved through the Texas House last week. They were the first major statewide legislation to be approved by the body since Jan. 13, the opening day of the 140-day session.

The human trafficking bill, House Bill 10 by Rep. Senfonia Thompson, D-Houston, concerns criminal and civil consequences for the smuggling or trafficking of human beings. On March 17, it passed on a final vote of 145-0. The border security bill, HB 11 by Rep. Dennis Bonnen, R-Angleton, passed March 19 on a final vote of 130-11. The eleven who voted against the bill were: Reps. Diego Bernal, Joe Farias, Roland Gutierrez, Trey Martinez Fischer, Justin Rodriguez, all Democrats of San Antonio; Rep. Cesar Jose Blanco, D-El Paso; Rep. Mary Gonzalez, D-Clint (near

El Paso); Rep. Celia Israel, D-Austin; Reps. Borris Miles and Armando Walle, both Houston Democrats; and one Republican, David Simpson of Tyler. Some of the opposition resulted from the bill's heavy focus on Hidalgo and Starr counties, and issues also arose over the cost of the legislation and how the funding might be better spent on other budget priorities.

Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, who chairs the House Committee on International Trade and Intergovernmental Affairs, issued the following statement on the passage of HB 11: "First, HB 11 gets the state guard off the border. Militarizing the border sends the wrong signal to our states' No. 1 trading partner, Mexico, and costs the state \$650 million in annual gross product. Next, it deploys important law enforcement

resources to help interdict international drug cartels and criminal gangs. Finally, it establishes southbound checkpoints to stop the flow of illegal guns from Texas which have been used by cartels to terrorize the people of Mexico."

### SENATE PASSES 'CARRY' BILL

On a party-line vote of 20-11, the Texas Senate's Republican majority approved SB 11, legislation to permit concealed handgun license holders to carry weapons on college and university campuses. The bill's primary author, Sen. Brian Birdwell, R-Granbury, said, "The people of the state of Texas own our public universities, therefore we ought not be limiting a right on public property," referring to the Constitution's Second Amendment. SB 11

would allow public universities to set rules for storage of weapons and ammunition in dorms and other on campus residences.

Any bill originating in one house of the Legislature must be approved by the other house of the Legislature before being enacted into law. In other news, the Senate

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**CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS**

**Business of the Month: Hospice of San Angelo**

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF  
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Hospice of San Angelo started in 1982 as a project of the Junior League of San Angelo. The first three years of this project included a lot of research and planning and in 1985 Hospice of San Angelo accepted its first patient. Three promises were made to that patient: 1. We will control your pain and symptoms, 2. We will put you in charge of your treatment, and 3. We will walk with you on your journey. Those same three promises have been made to over 10,000 patients that have been served in the 30 years Hospice of San Angelo has been in existence.

Originally Hospice of San Angelo served the city of San Angelo and a 15 miles radius surrounding it. Today it serves 15 counties in the Concho Valley, including the city of Ozona in Crockett County. With such a large service area, nurses are hired that live in the outlying communities to better serve the patients. By doing this patients are not waiting for someone to drive from San Angelo when they have a need. Hospice of San Angelo currently has 56 employees to serve its patients and families.

Hospice of San Angelo cares for any individual a physician certifies has six months or less to live. Of course, some will live much longer than six months as this is by no means an exact science. In fact, with hospice care, an individual's pain and symptoms are sometimes so well controlled that they improve and are able to 'graduate' from hospice services because they are doing so well. Hospice patients are cared for in the setting that they choose, whether that be their home, a nursing home, or even the hospital. Executive Director, Gina Councilman, says, "In meeting the patient where they live, we can give them the care they need in the setting that most closely aligns with the wishes they have for their last days."

Once on service with Hospice of San Angelo, the staff works with each patient



**NURSES SERVING OZONA LEFT TO RIGHT: Anna Fitzgerald, Cristy Rodriguez and Rosemarie Romero.**

to develop an individualized plan of care based on their goals. Pain and symptom management are always a top priority but much more than that is also addressed. Nurses and physicians concentrate on the pain and symptom management, but other disciplines are available to provide care as well. CNAs are available to help with the daily care of the patient, such as helping with a bath or shower.

Chaplains address the spiritual needs of the patient, no matter what their belief system is, and social workers help address any psycho-social needs, such as helping a patient apply for Medicaid.

Hospice of San Angelo also has an outstanding bereavement program that serves hospice patients and their families, as well as people from the community that have not otherwise used hospice.

In addition, there is a full-time children's bereavement coordinator that helps children deal with grief, both in one-on-one sessions and through a children's bereavement program that is held each Fall and Spring called Building Bridges. This is a six-week program that is open to any child in grades K-12.

All of these services are provided at no charge to the patient. Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance are all funding sources for hospice care and Hospice of San Angelo accepts that as payment in full. The patient will never receive a bill from Hospice of San Angelo. All of these funding sources pay a set amount for each day of

care provided. Some of the patients require more interventions and care than this per diem rate covers. Also, there are patients that have no funding source. "We provide the same level of care to all patients, knowing that for some we will not receive any payment. That is where community support comes in. We rely on the support of those in our community to help cover the costs we incur to take care of these patients," says Executive Director Gina Councilman. Hospice of San Angelo is a non-profit organization and gratefully accepts donations, memorials and bequests.

Gina says of the consultation process at Hospice of San Angelo, "We are always available to meet with you to discuss our services and evaluate the patient for hospice appropriateness. There is no cost for this consultation and there is no obligation to enroll in hospice. It is our desire to simply provide enough information to allow people to make an informed decision on the care they seek."

If you believe that hospice might be right for you or a loved one you can contact Hospice of San Angelo at (325) 658-6524.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize Hospice of San Angelo for their continued effort to provide quality service and for being an asset to our community.

**Survivor dinner Thursday, Roping Saturday**

On Thursday, March 26, 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 Room.

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 will also be presented.

We would like to continue updating our list of Survivors and Caregivers, so let us know of anyone you may know of, and we will add them.

**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 3:30 p.m. and roping starts at 4:30 p.m. 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.

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

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, March 25**

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- 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.
- CCCSD School Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes, 7 p.m. at the high school.

**Thursday, March 26**

- OHS One Act Play at Zone Competition in McCamey.
- 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.
- OMS Track Teams at the Reagan County MS Relays, 4 p.m. in Big Lake.
- Relay For Life Survivor Dinner, 6 p.m. at the Crockett Room.

**Friday, March 27**

- OHS Track Teams at the San Angelo Relays.
- OHS Tennis Teams at the Fort Stockton Invitational.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Lions Baseball vs. Mason, 4:30 p.m. at OHS Baseball Field.
- Lady Lions Softball vs. Mason, 5 p.m. at OHS Softball Field.
- Spring Fling Daddy/Daughter, Mother/Son Dance, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.

**Saturday, March 28**

- OHS Lions Powerlifting at State Meet in Abilene.
- OHS Track Teams at the San Angelo Relays.
- OHS Tennis Teams at the Fort Stockton Invitational.

**Sunday, March 29**

- Palm Sunday

**Monday, March 30**

- STAAR Testing - Grades 4 and 7 Writing Day 1 and EOC English I.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lions Baseball vs. Harper, 5 p.m. at Harper.

**Tuesday, March 31**

- STAAR Testing - Grades 4 and 7 Writing Day 2 and Grades 5 and 8 Reading.
- Balance exercises, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.

**Wednesday, April 1**

- STAAR Testing - EOC English II.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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**March 28** - Marie Maskill, Roky Vega, Leonel Rodriguez

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**March 29** - Edna Tambuna, Diane Phillips and Maria Jose

**March 30** - Fernando Galvan, Alice Borrego, Doug Meador Jr., Sydney Fierro, Bill Seale, Allan Stover and Stephanie Borrego

**March 31** - Margaret Longoria, Britni Alex Gonzalez, Simon J. Garza, Linda Stapper, April Trevino and Patricia M. Tambunga

**County Easter Egg Hunt April 5 at pool park**

The annual County Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 5, at the Swimming Pool Park south of Interstate 10 across from the elementary school.

If weather is bad, the hunt will be held under the pavilion by the rodeo arena.

The Easter Egg Hunt is County Wide for children up

to 10 years old.

"Our goal is to have all plastic and individual candy eggs. We will have prized eggs. Anyone wanting to donate may bring the plastic or candy eggs to us on that day by at least 1 p.m.," said Coordinator Frank Tambunga.

For more information, call 392-2827.

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

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Traditional Worship Service @ 11:00 a.m.

No Sunday School OR Evening Worship on Easter Sunday

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**HELPING HANDS NEWS**

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

**MARCH 25**

· Chicken salad sandwich, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, chunky fruit medley, mustard, mayo, chocolate chip cookie and milk.

**MARCH 26**

· Salmon pattie, buttered rice, lemon broccoli, fruit cup, oatmeal cookie, white roll and milk.

**MARCH 27**

· Barbecue beef on a bun, potato salad, romaine salad, Italian dressing, strawberries and peaches and milk.

**MARCH 30**

· Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, green beans, tropical fruit salad, dinner roll and milk.

**MARCH 31**

· Chicken spaghetti, broccoli, peaches and cherries, oatmeal cookie, wheat bread and milk.

**APRIL 1**

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RED BIRD WAS THE SUBJECT OF THE MARCH 2 WONDERFUL WORKS ART ACADEMY ART PARTY. Pictured are: Sydney Knaack, Dawn Burns, Sadie Davidson, Shannon Hunnicutt, Arretta Gandy, Ana Knaack, Kimberly Harris, Cindy Owens, Lisa Mitchell and Marsha Tomlinson.

**OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS**

BY VICKI STOKES  
OZONA GARDEN CLUB

The Ozona Garden Club met at the Civic Center with Belinda Wilkins and Willa Perry serving as hostesses.

After the business meeting, members worked together to make flower arrangements to deliver to the residents of the Crockett County Care Center.

Members in attendance were Marolyn Bean, Tina Bean, Charlotte Harrell, Jeannine Henderson, Pamela Maresch, Jean Odom, Willa Perry, Vicki Stokes, Laura Skehan, Belinda

Wilkins, Esther Williams, Heidi Williams and Rosalind Williams.

The next meeting will be April 13 at Carmen Sutton's home.

Ms. Allison Watkins, Tom Green County Extension Agent, will discuss her drought resistant rose program, which she is doing under the auspices of Texas A&M University.

We invite you to become a member of our club and attend our next meeting.

For more information, call Rosalind Williams at 392-3269.

**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

**Movies every Thursday**

BY BRENDA NEWTON  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Can you believe it? Easter is less than two weeks away. I have the Easter eggs hidden and bunnies around. You need to come see the decor and visit with us.

This week's movie will be "Music and Lyrics" starring Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore. "Funny and enchanting, Hugh Grant and Drew Barrymore have great chemistry," said U.S. Weekly. Come on out and enjoy yourself with popcorn puffs and drinks at 2 p.m. Thursday.

Don't forget to come out April 7 for the Concho Valley Community Action representative to help with your electricity payments. I have passed out the things you have to have before they will

talk to you. Stop by and get them. They have not received as much funding for this program, so you need to take advantage of this meeting. You will need to go to San Angelo in the future.

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.

**All Class Reunion information**

The 2015 All Class Reunion will be held July 4, 2015.

Schedule of events:  
Friday - Left open for individual class gatherings

Saturday  
· 8 a.m. Annual GI Joe Run  
· 9 a.m. Reunion Registration at the Convention Center \$15 per person  
· 10 a.m. - Tour of Ozo-

na Schools (Meet at Ozona Elementary School)

· Noon - 7 p.m. - Park Activities in the Town Square, Food Booths, Games, Entertainment, etc.

· 8 p.m. - Fourth of July Parade  
· 9 p.m. (dark) - Fourth of July Fireworks Display  
Reunion Dance at the Convention Center, 8 p.m. -

midnight. Cost is \$20 per person or \$35 per couple; tables of eight may be reserved in advance. Performing will be Chris Story and the Southern Edge Band.

Anyone that wants to be a contact person for their class, or is part of the classes of 80-84 and wants to help with the reunion, call Bobby Jack Maness at (325) 277-7231.

**WHAT WE LIKE TO HEAR**

Maybe it was my being laid up after knee surgery or my wife caring for me when I got home. Anyway it brought me to the place of thinking about life and some of the things that are important. I realized that relationships are one of the most important things we have in life but we tend to take them for granted. As my wife was working so hard to take care me I found myself being very thankful for her and I told her I really appreciated all that she did for me. I also began to rethink my relationship to others and especially my relationship to God and I found that I fall short in thanking them or being thankful enough. People like to be appreciated and they like to hear a sincere thank you every now and then. Maybe our fast paced lifestyles or materialistic culture keeps us from thinking, evaluating and appreciating the important things of life. Jesus took time to thank God the Father for many things, for instance, food (Matthew 14:19). All through the Bible we find people giving thanks to God and we are told to do likewise (Psalm 86:12, 95:2, 100:4, 139:14). Yes, there will be many who will not give thanks (Romans 1:21) but let's be like the Samaritan leprous man who was healed and returned to thank Jesus but the other nine did not, (Luke 17:11-19).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p><b>First Baptist Church</b> 901 Ave. D Pastor John Curry Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Morning Bible Study - 10 a.m. Awana - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays Wednesday Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona Church of Christ</b> 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p><b>Ozona United Methodist Church</b> 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. &amp; 11 a.m.</p>
<p><b>Templo Bautista Jerusalem</b> 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Faith Lutheran Church</b> 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church</b> 2121 Santa Rosa St. Pastor Ruth &amp; Gerson Posadas Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida</b> Corner of Secretariat &amp; Man O' War Pastor Juan Avila Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 6 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia</b> 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Perpetual Help</b> 219 Martinez St. Fr. Patrick Akpanobong Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona Every Second Sunday of the Month: Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.</p>
<p><b>Calvary Baptist Church</b> 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><b>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday.</b></p>	
<p><b>New Beginnings Ozona "church...but different"</b> 354 Highway 163 South Pastor JC Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m. (325) 226-3060 www.newbeginningsozona.com</p>	<p><b>Apostolic Church</b> 307 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Refugio Vega Sunday School: 3 p.m. Sunday Worship: 4 p.m. Tues &amp; Thur. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p><b>Iglesia de Cristo</b> 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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**OZONA FIREFIGHTERS** responded to a motor home on fire pulling a trailer Sunday evening near the 334 mile marker on Interstate-10. No injuries were reported. Crockett County Sheriff's Office, Pecos County Sheriff's Office, Sheffield and Iraan Volunteer Fire Departments, TxDOT and Tretro's Towing also responded.

## Hurd votes to rein in EPA red tape

BY SHANA TEEHAN  
 U.S. REP. WILL HURD'S OFFICE

Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the EPA Science Advisory Board Reform



WILL HURD

Act in an effort to improve the EPA's oversight process. Established in 1978, the Science Advisory Board (SAB) is critical in reviewing the scientific foundation for the EPA's regulatory decisions.

"The scientific reasoning used by the EPA should be objective and transparent," said U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-San Antonio. "EPA regulations significantly impact many industries, including agriculture and the energy sector in my district. Increasing public oversight of the regulatory process and enabling local and federal cooperation will help make sure that EPA rules are based on sound science and not political objectives."

The House also voted to pass the Secret Science Reform Act, a bill which prohibits the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) from proposing, finalizing, or disseminating regulations based on science that is not transparent or reproducible.

"When it comes to influencing our nation's laws, the EPA's scientific studies should be transparent, accessible, and undisputed. Anything less puts undue burdens on our employers and inhibits much-needed growth in our local economy," Hurd said.

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## Crockett County Appraisal District reminds businesses to render their taxable property by April 15

If you own tangible personal property that is used to produce income, you must file a rendition with the Crockett County Appraisal District by April 15, 2015.

A rendition is a report that lists all the taxable property you owned or controlled on Jan. 1 of this year.

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.

"The appraisal district may use the information submitted in the rendition to set property values," said Rhonda Shaw, Chief Appraiser.

You can also file a report of decreased value to notify the appraisal district of significant depreciation of your property. "For example, if your property was damaged by a storm, flood or fire last year, you should file a report of decreased value. The appraisal district will look at your property before assigning a value in 2015," said Shaw.

The last day to file a rendition or report of decreased value is April 15, 2015.

If a rendition is filed late or incomplete or not at all, a 10 percent to 50 percent penalty may be imposed.

Property owners who need more time to file their renditions may file a writ-

ten request with the chief appraiser on or before April 15 to receive an automatic extension to May 15 or the next business day.

The chief appraiser may also grant an additional 15 days after the postponed deadline, if necessary.

For more information about rendering property, deadline extensions, penalties and rendition forms, taxpayers may contact the Crockett County Appraisal District at 909 Avenue D Ozona, Texas.

Information is also available from the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/](http://www.window.state.tx.us/taxinfo/proptax/).

## 911 emergency address signs available at Crockett SWCD

While traveling in adjoining counties, you may have noticed signs, especially blue and white numbers, hanging from fences or gates in rural areas, denoting the resident's 911 Emergency Address.

Crockett County 911 emergency address signs are now available for \$10 through the Crockett Soil & Water Conservation District.

Since it is sometimes not possible for emergency staff, law enforcement, electric cooperatives and other services to be familiar with names of every ranch or landowner in the county, having uniform signs at gates or home entrances may cut minutes from response time, perhaps even saving a life.

"We feel that the sale of these signs will greatly enhance the safety and security of the landowners we serve. Quick response to an emergency might help save a life

or critical minutes gained in the event of any tragedy," said Paul C. Perner III, board chairman.

The Board of Directors agreed that it would be beneficial if emergency personnel were looking for uniform signs rather than each landowner trying to build something on their own. As a promotional project for the SWCD any money that is earned goes back into local conservation.

To verify your correct 911 address, call the 911 addressing coordinator's office at 392-8888.

Once you've obtained your 911 address, come by the Crockett SWCD office located at 201 11th St. to purchase your sign. The signs are single-sided for \$10.

Our office is open Monday-Friday 8:15 a.m.-noon.

For more information, call Crockett SWCD at 392-2301 ext. 3.

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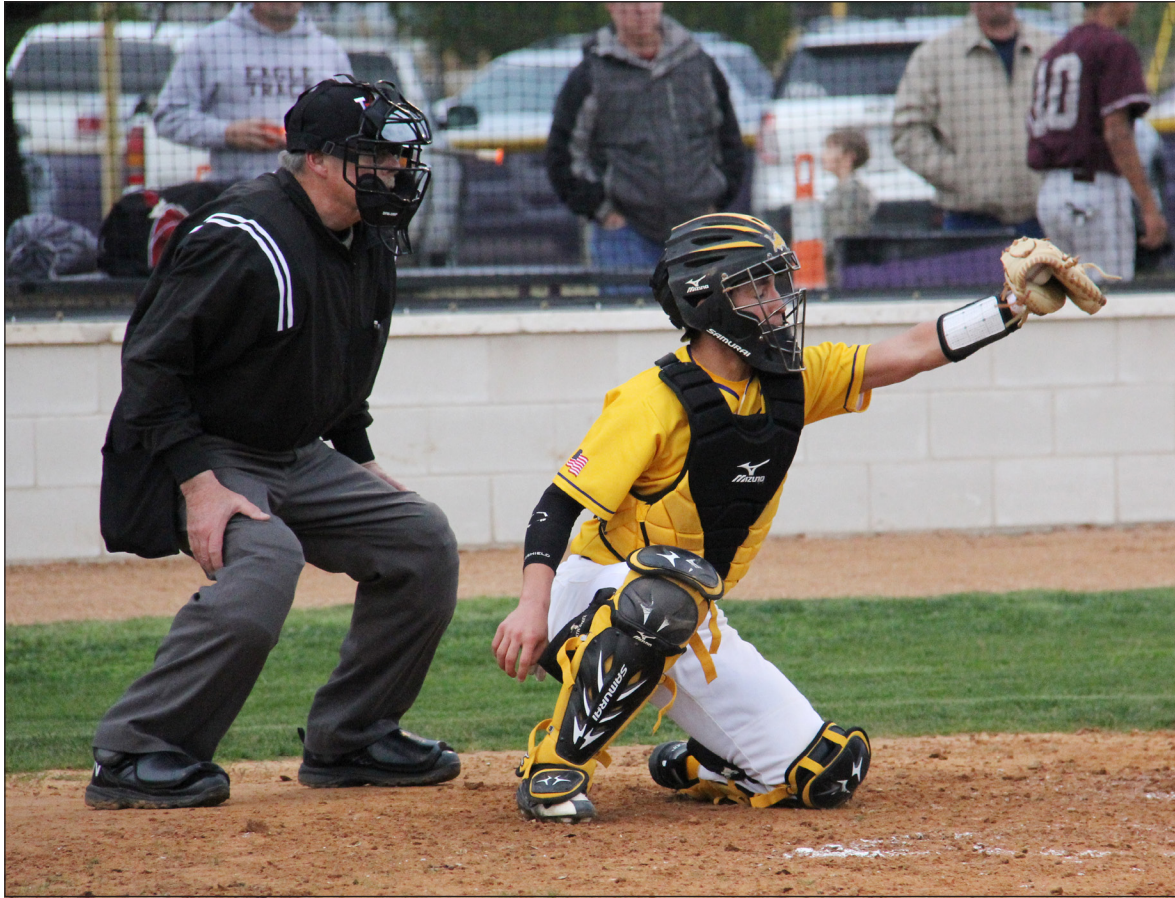
# Lions stomp 'Jackets

The OHS Lions shutout Menard 20-0 on March 20. Pitchers - Aiden Fierro; Catcher - Tommy Fay.

Chase DeHoyos was 3 for 4, hit a grand slam home run and 6 RBIs; Jayton Rodriguez was 3 for 4 with 2 RBIs; Kalen Perez was 2 for 4, 1 RBI and stolen base and

Fay was 3 for 4 and 3 RBIs. Fierro and Smith threw a combined four innings, no hitter against the Yellowjackets. Each pitcher threw two innings a piece and allowed only one base runner. Ozona lost to Johnson City 7-0 on March 17. Pitcher - Rodriguez and

DeHoyos; Catcher - Fay. Rodriguez was 1 for 3, 2B and pitched five strikeouts in four innings; Preston McCutcheon was 1 for 2. The Lions will face Mason Friday at the OHS Baseball Field. JV will play at 4:30 p.m. followed by varsity at 7 p.m.



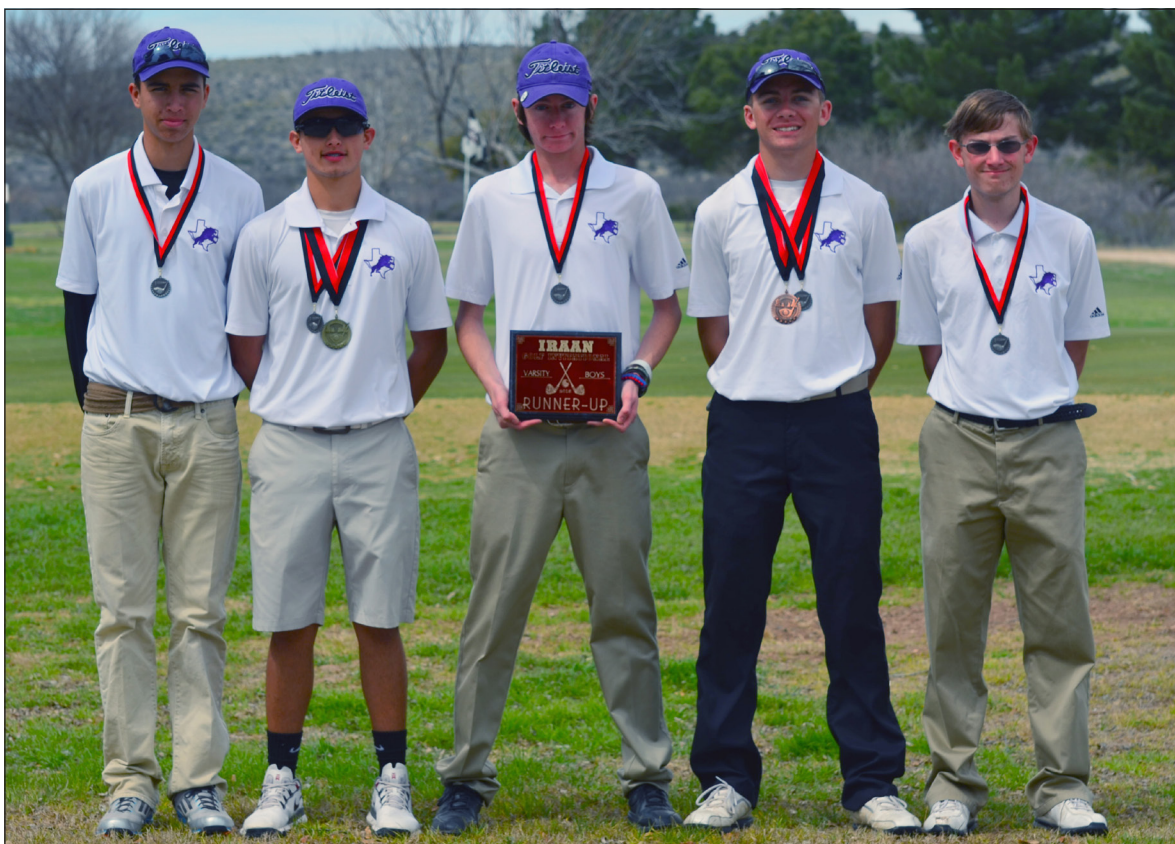
TOMMY FAY AND THE OHS LIONS TOOK OUT MENARD WITH THEIR EYES CLOSED. The Varsity team trampled the Yellowjackets in a 20-0 shutout on March 20.



RACHEL MENDOZA catches with intense concentration in the Lady Lions 13-7 victory over Miles on March 17.



MADDIE CHILDRESS sprints past home plate as the ref calls her safe. The Lady Lions beat Miles 13-7 on March 17.

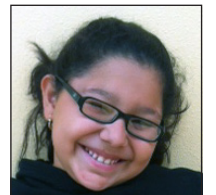


THE OHS GOLF TEAM TOOK RUNNER-UP HONORS AT THE IRAAN GOLF TOURNAMENT ON MARCH 17. Pictured are: (left to right) Jackson Abbey, Hunter Smith, Michael Hill, Alex Hopper and Everett Raymond.

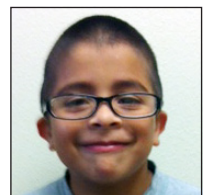


BETHANY MARTINEZ at bat for the Lady Lions against Miles on March 17.

## OES Students of the Week

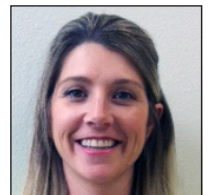


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## OES Teacher of the Week



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# Ozona High School students compete at VASE



OHS students competed at the Texas Art Education Association's Visual Arts Scholastic Region 15 Event held on March 21 in Brady.

Carissa Perez (Division III - 3,4) and Cole Parker (Division IV - 4,4) both scored 4 superior ratings.

"I couldn't be more proud of those two. Excellent job," said OHS Art Teacher Ariel Kellogg.

The mission of the TAEA Visual Arts Scholastic Event is to recognize exemplary student achievement in the Visual Arts by providing art students and programs a standard of excellence in which to achieve.

SUBMITTED PHOTO

**CARISSA PEREZ** received a 4 superior rating at the Region 15 VASE event in Brady.



Dear Sara Gunnels,  
Will you go to the Prom with me?

Jeremy Munoz

## CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

### Range Evaluation Team competes at Hackamore Ranch

The Crockett County 4-H Range Evaluation team went to their first contest of the year on Saturday, March 14.

They traveled to Cameron and competed at the Hackamore Ranch Invitational.

The Senior team won the first place buckles.

Individually, Lanna Stapper was second, Kinsey Chandler third, Jadie Marshall fourth and Thomas Cruz 12th.

Two Juniors competed as individuals.

Jenna Marshall was second and Sydney Flores was fourth.

Besides the contest, another highlight of the trip for most of the kids was getting to eat fried alligator on Friday night.

Any student that is at least in third grade and is interested in joining the judging teams should contact the Agrilife Extension office at 392-2721.

The judging teams com-

pete in Plant Identification, Range Evaluation, Wool Evaluation and Mohair Evaluation.



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**CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H RANGE EVALUATION TEAM:** (front row, left to right) Kinsey Chandler, Jadie Marshall, Jenna Marshall and Sydney Flores; (back row, left to right) Lanna Stapper and Thomas Cruz.

## Spring Fling

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# Prospects good for Spring Turkey Hunting

BY STEVE LIGHTFOOT  
TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE

AUSTIN - With a good mixture of mature gobblers and fearless young toms to challenge hunters, this year's spring turkey season holds plenty of promise, according to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

The general season in the South Zone runs March 21-May 3 and culminates with another youth-only weekend May 9-10.

In the 101 counties comprising the North Zone, the youth-only weekend seasons are March 28-29 and May 23-24. The North Zone general season opens April 4 and runs through May 17. A special one-gobbler limit season runs April 1-30 in Bastrop, Caldwell, Colorado, Fayette, Jackson, Lavaca, Lee and Milam counties.

Last season, hunters observed good numbers of two-year-old gobblers throughout most of the state's Rio Grande turkey range. With good carryover of those birds, prospects are bright for calling in some big boss toms this season, says TPWD turkey pro-

gram leader Jason Hardin.

"There will be a good distribution of age classes on gobblers across the Rio Grande turkey range this season. A few jakes were observed across the Rio range last year, so there should be a good number of less wary birds out there," Hardin said.

Hardin said that last summer's rains provided a much-needed bump in turkey production late in the nesting season and hunters can also anticipate seeing a handful of jakes again in the mix this spring.

As for eastern turkey prospects, Hardin indicates growing populations north of U.S. Highway 82 along the Red River from Grayson to Bowie County. "Reports out of the Pineywoods have been mixed and I expect we will see a bump in harvest, but nothing substantial," he said.

Eastern spring turkey hunting in the 28 counties having an open season is April 15-May 14. All eastern turkeys must be reported to TPWD within 24 hours of harvest. A list of check stations can be found online at <https://tpwd.texas.gov/huntwild/hunt/season/stations/>. In addition to physical check stations, hunters have the option of reporting harvests online at [www.tpwd.texas.gov/turkey/](http://www.tpwd.texas.gov/turkey/) or on the new My Texas Hunt Harvest app. The app is now available for download for Android devices at Google Play and will be available soon for iOS devices at the App Store. Hunters who use the electronic reporting options will be issued a confirmation number upon completion of the registration process. Hunters still have to tag harvested birds.

This will be the final hunting season that physical check stations will be open as TPWD is transitioning from physical check stations for mandatory eastern turkey harvest reporting to electronic reporting in spring 2016.

The new harvest reporting app can also be used as a tool for voluntarily reporting and tracking harvests of other resident game species, including Rio Grande turkey. With My Texas Hunt Harvest, hunters can log harvested game animals and view harvest history, including dates and locations of every hunt.

## TxDOT aims to save lives, curb work zone crashes

AUSTIN - With 146 people killed in Texas work zone crashes last year - an increase of more than 20 percent from 2013 - the Texas Department of Transportation urges drivers to slow down, pay attention and be extra cautious when driving through work zones and construction areas. TxDOT's call-to-action, "Drive Safe in Work Zones So We All Get Home," coincides with National Work Zone Awareness Week, March 23-27.

"People often think work zone crashes result in the deaths of roadside workers, but last year, 87 percent of work zone fatalities were motorists," said TxDOT Deputy

Executive Director John Barton. "Our TxDOT employees and contractors are obviously at risk, but so too are drivers and their passengers. We urge everyone to be careful and responsible in work zones so our roadside workers and passing motorists, alike, can arrive safely at home to their loved ones."

With around 400,000 people moving to Texas each year, the price of progress can mean more than 2,500 active TxDOT work zones at any given time. Last year, 19,393 work zone crashes marked a 12-percent increase over 2013.

The top two factors of work zone crashes are fail-

ure to control speed and driver inattention. Traffic fines in work zones double when workers are present and can cost up to \$2,000.

Outside of TxDOT work zones, a new law passed last year now makes it mandatory for drivers to move over or slow down when approaching work crews, emergency vehicles or tow trucks stopped on the roadside or shoulder with flashing blue or amber lights.

During National Work Zone Awareness Week, TxDOT's permanent message signs along state highways and roadways will remind drivers to use caution in work zones.

## GUNS: from page 1

may only be carried in a concealed fashion by those who obtain a license.

During a four-hour debate, lawmakers in the upper chamber considered almost two-dozen amendments to the bill. Most were offered by Democrats - who made various attempts to soften the bill including calling for increasing training, background checks, and other licensing requirements to obtain a handgun - and almost all failed along straight party lines.

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, came close to shouting as he argued in favor of an amendment exempting the Capitol complex from open carry if it passes.

Relating his experiences dealing with angry or mentally ill individuals before his committee, Whitmire said it would now be easy for such a person to grab handgun out of a holster to use it to attack bystanders.

"It's dead wrong...to say there's not disturbed people

in this building," said Whitmire, who chairs the Criminal Justice committee. "It's not if it's going to happen it's when it's going to happen, and you know it and I know it."

Estes called such a circumstance "far-fetched."

Democrats also argued that the change would increase risk to police officers responding to the scene of the crime, who might now be faced with several people with firearms and have no way to determine the bad actors.

"Have you thought about what dangers you're fixing to expose on law enforcement?" asked Whitmire during the debate, noting the widespread opposition to such a law from the state's police associations.

SB 17 is among a slate of high-profile gun bills up for consideration this session. So far it is one of two that have made it out of committee.

The other is Senate Bill 11, which would allow handgun license holders to carry their firearms on college campuses. Both bills passed along party lines 7 to 2, only

opposed by the panel's Democrats. The legislation will advance to the House for approval.

Though all 20 Senate Republicans supported Estes' proposal, at least one did so with reservations.

State Sen. Don Huffines, R-Dallas, rose before the chamber took a vote to say Estes' bill did not go far enough in restoring Second Amendment rights.

"I will vote for SB 17 but I do so with a very heavy heart," said Huffines, who described the merits of so-called "constitutional carry" legislation.

Favored by vocal factions within the gun rights movement, constitutional carry bills would repeal handgun permitting rules altogether. It has yet to receive committee hearings in either chamber.

A House panel considered two gun bills - one permitting open carry with a license and another allowing concealed carry on college campuses - last week. The committee did not vote on either bill.

## BOARD: from page 1

About 28,000 students in the class of 2015 still must pass one or more of the five state exams in U.S. history, biology, algebra I, English I and English II required to graduate. Of those in the class of 2015 who need to retake exams, about half must retake more than one.

The bill now heads to the House.

Other items on the agenda:

- District spotlight
- Open forum/public comments

· Transportation and Maintenance, Principals, Athletic Director, Technology Director, Band, Cafeteria and Food Service, Nurse, Special and Federal Programs and Superintendent Reports.

· Financial and Bills - bills, board report and monthly investment report.

· Amendments to the 2014-2015 Official Budget.

· Approve minutes from the Feb. 25 regular meeting.

- Approve purchase of buses as listed from Blue Star Sales: 2 Blue Bird Activity buses.

· Review and or adopt policy regarding school colors for CCCSD Ozona Lions.

· Executive/closed session - board self-evaluation (tabled from January Board Meeting) and superintendent evaluation and contract.

· New business

· Future business - April 2015 Regular Board Meeting (suggested date April 22).

-The Texas Tribune contributed to this article.



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**STAAR:** from page 1

- Sixth Grade Math - 22 out of 52, 42 percent.
- Sixth Grade Reading - 25 out of 48, 52 percent.
- Seventh Grade Math - 24 out of 54, 45 percent.
- Seventh Grade Reading - 26 out of 50, 52 percent.
- Seventh Grade Writing - 39 out of 72, 54 percent.
- Eighth Grade Math - 22 out of 56, 39 percent.
- Eighth Grade Reading - 26 out of 52, 50 percent.
- Eighth Grade Science - 30 out of 54, 56 percent.
- Eighth Grade Social Studies - 26 out of 52, 50 percent.
- EOC Algebra I and Biology - 20 out of 54, 37 percent.
- EOC English I - 44 out of 92, 48 percent.
- EOC English II - 47 out of 92, 51 percent.
- EOC U.S. History - 28 out of 68, 41 percent.

High school students take end-of-course tests, instead of STAAR tests.

"Those rates will build up over the years," Poindexter said.

**PREPARATION**

In preparing all children for the test, Poindexter said that parents should try to do something fun the evening before, so the child goes to bed happy, and try to keep things as calm as possible the morning of the test.

OES does provide breakfast for all children on test days, Parker said.

Also the school allows water, mints and gum during the four-hour test.

Poindexter said chewing gum helps some students concentrate.

"We encourage them to take their time on the test," Poindexter said.

Poindexter also said the school understands if students get sick or nervous on test day.

If a student is sick on a test day, they may be able to make up the test later during the testing week.

If they are sick a whole week, or out the whole week of testing, that will be considered an excused or unexcused absence, depending on the reason, Poindexter said.

The critical grades for the test are fifth, eighth and high school due to promotion and graduation.

Students who fail, or miss, tests are evaluated by their teachers to determine if summer school is needed, or if they need to be placed in the elementary's Jump Start program at the beginning of August.

Retests are available in fifth and eighth grades and in high school.

Students who may be out on test day due a school activity can make arrangements to reschedule their test, Poindexter said.

Practice questions are also available at the school or on the Texas Education Agency's website.

"Tell your child it's a test, just a test. In the end, they just need to do their best," Poindexter said.

**TESTING TIPS FOR PARENTS:**

- Do make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before the test. The National Sleep Foundation recommends that children up to the age of 12 get nine-11 hours of sleep each night.
- Do wake up early and in plenty of time so the child will not feel rushed the morning of the test.
- Do emphasize that test scores do not determine a person's worth. Remind them that test scores are not perfect measures of what they can achieve. Reassure your child, no matter the outcome of the test, that you will still love them. Simply encourage them to do their best.
- Don't over emphasize the importance of the test. It is important for the child to stay relaxed test day. Try not to say things to make them feel nervous.
- Do something fun the night before to take their mind off the test (see a movie, play a board game, participate in a sports activity). That way their mind and emotions are more relaxed in the time leading up to the test.
- Do eat a hearty breakfast. Ozona schools provides breakfast for students on test days.
- Do ensure that your child arrives at school on time and is relaxed. Children should come to school on test days. Attendance on test days is critical. Texas Education Agency requires a test participation rate of 95 percent of students for a school to be in compliance with Texas' accountability system.
- Do dress in comfortable clothing. Bring a sweater or jacket to accommodate for temperature fluctuations. Wear quite shoes with rubber soles, such as sneakers.
- Do bring extra reading material. Students are not allowed to do any other activity than reading once the test is completed.

Source: CCCSD

Students can also take breaks, but they will count as part of their test time.

Third-graders can have the math test read to them if the student requests it by raising their hand during the test.

Fourth-graders can have the writing prompt read to them if they ask.

"Sometimes if you hear it, it's completely different," Poindexter said.

Students are also allowed to wear ear plugs or headphones, not connected, to block out noise.

Teachers can remind students to put their answers on the answer sheet, but they can't force them, Poindexter said. She also said teachers can remind students to stay on task and remind them of time.

"There are lots of options," Parker said. "However, if the kids hasn't been using the accommodations regularly then giving them something new may do more harm than good."

"We are a small district. We know everyone so well that we try to give the student everything they need," Poindexter added.

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**

Special education students will also see a change.

In previous years, special education students who met certain qualifications were able to take a STAAR modified test. The modified version would have one less answer choice to choose from, bigger text, simplified wording of questions, no field questions, and would limit the amount of steps necessary to solve the problem, said Valerie Moos, OES Special Education Teacher.

This year, the state has taken the modified version of STAAR away and replaced it with STAAR Accommodat-

ed (STAAR A).

"There are still certain qualifications that must be met in order for a student to take the STAAR A," Moos said.

The STAAR A is an on-line test as opposed to paper/ pencil. There are several accommodations built in to the program such as several "tools" that they can click on to manipulate, Moos said.

There is a highlighter tool that works just like a high-

lighter, a ruler that students can move around the screen to help them measure in math, and several of the multi-step questions can be changed from paragraph format to bullet format to allow them to better see the steps necessary.

"My student's favorite part about the STAAR A is the pop-up boxes built in throughout the test. There are underlined words that they can click on. Depending on

the word they click on, there can be several different pop-ups. Some of the pop-ups contain definitions for the more difficult words, animated pictures to allow them to visualize what the question is asking, and the math questions that contain graphs will have a pop-up eliminating any extraneous information," Moos said. "Students that had oral administration of the test before still have that option, but

now the computer will read them the allowable portions as opposed to a teacher."

**FUTURE TESTING DATES**

On March 20, Commissioner of Education Michael Williams announced changes to testing dates for the 2015-2016 school year.

Beginning in 2016, the administration dates for STAAR grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 mathematics and reading, grades 5 and 8 science, and grade 8 social studies assessments will be scheduled for May 9 through May 13.

TEA originally posted a draft of the 2015-2016 testing calendar in fall 2014. At that time, public comments were requested. As a result of the comments received by TEA, a revised calendar with additional changes was then posted for public comment in February 2015, according to a press release.

"In addition, it will eliminate one week of testing from the overall test administration schedule," Williams said.

Williams also said that the later testing dates in 2016 will alter report dates for student assessment results. Districts and charters will receive reports for the 2016 May STAAR grades 5 and 8 mathematics and reading assessments by May 31. Reports for all other 2016 STAAR 3-8 testing will be provided by June 15.

The changes affect the Student Assessment testing dates for 2015-2016. Testing dates for the current 2014-2015 school year will not be affected.

For more information, call Poindexter at 392-5725, Parker at 392-5501 ext. 5803, Moos at 392-5501 ext. 5812 or visit the TEA website at <http://tea.texas.gov/>

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DPS TROOPERS investigate a two vehicle accident that killed three and injured two 36 miles south of Big Lake on Friday off of FM 1357.

## Reagan County accident kills three men

A two vehicle accident killed three people Friday south of Big Lake. Saul Duarte Lechuga, 48, of Chihuahua, Mexico, Esteban Garcia-Valdez, 41, of Tucson, Ariz. and Andres Blanco-Manriquez, 35, of Grand Prairie, Texas were all pronounced dead at the scene by Reagan County Justice of the Peace Patty Creech, according to a report by the Texas Department of Public Safety. The three men, along with Jose Oscar Blanco-Manriquez, 36, of Grand Prairie, Texas, were all traveling in a 2003 Dodge Neon on Farm-to-Market Road 1357, the report stated. The vehicle was driven by Lechuga. A 2002 Chevrolet Silverado 1500, driven by

Brenden David Barrett, 24, of Leander, was also traveling on FM 1357, when it failed to drive in a single lane and struck the Neon head-on that was negotiating a curve, the report stated. Barrett was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released. Blanco-Manriquez was transported to Big Spring State Hospital where he is listed in critical condition, the report stated. The accident occurred at 6:10 a.m. around 36 miles south of Big Lake. The report state road conditions were wet. The accident was investigated by Ozona Highway Patrol Troopers.

## Odessa man killed in Upton County

An Odessa man was killed in a vehicle accident on Friday north of Rankin. Monroe Donald Gordon Jr., 46, of Odessa was pronounced dead at the scene

by Upton County Justice of the Peace Paige Lopez, according to a report from the Texas Department of Public Safety. A 2013 Kenworth Truck Tractor towing a 2013 Gall trailer was turning north on State Highway 349 from east-bound County Road 117E when the 2014 Ford Pickup, driven by Gordon, struck the left side of the trailer, the report stated. Gordon was traveling south on State Highway 349. The truck tractor was driven by Luis Acosta Jr., 43, also of Odessa. He was not injured, the report stated. The accident occurred around 5:25 a.m. 25 miles north of Rankin. Road conditions were wet, the report stated. The accident was investigated by Midland Highway Patrol Troopers.

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11 TX Jim J. Bullock was on this TV "alien" series  
12 TX cosmetics queen Mary Kay popular product from New York, TX  
13 popular product from New York, TX  
14 TX Chester Nimitz's \_\_\_\_ in WWII was admiral  
15 UT has \_\_\_\_ Stanley Gardner's complete study  
16 drove fast  
18 election day (abbr.)  
20 this Young created storied "Curtain Club" at UT (init.)  
23 \_\_\_\_ Belo Corp. is was on this TV "alien" series  
24 dir. to Corpus from San Antonio (abbr.)  
25 TXism: "fast as \_\_\_\_ up a rafter"  
26 desolate by death  
27 TXism: "unnecessary \_\_\_\_ grease on a jackrabbit"  
32 TXism: "let \_\_\_\_ rip!"  
33 Ken Paxton's TX position (abbr.)  
34 22-across init.  
36 "Honest \_\_\_\_"  
37 TX "Moonraker" actress Chiles  
38 outlaw Hardin quote: "Texas, \_\_\_\_"  
39 TXism: "I'd have \_\_\_\_ better to die"  
40 "tall Texas \_\_\_\_"  
41 bit of gossip  
43 to Austin from Dallas  
45 George H. to George W. (abbr.)  
47 DART is Dallas mass \_\_\_\_  
48 "\_\_\_\_ la vista"  
55 X-mas gift (2 wds.)

## CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT Weekly Activity Report

**Type of Calls**

Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	0
911 medical/fire assistance	2
Civil complaints	4
Civil documents served	1
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	17
Juvenile/School	1
Motorist assist/ locked vehicle	5
Reckless driving/ speeding complaints	4
Minor/major traffic accidents	4
Alarms	1

**OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:**  
3-17-15  
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of theft from the Stripes Store on Del Rio St.  
• Sheriff's deputies took a report of theft of computers from CC Wrecker on 12th Street.  
• DPS Trooper arrested Laurissa Lozano Garza, of Ozona, on charges of driving while intoxicated, possession of marijuana less than two ounces and possession of a prohibited substance in a correctional facility. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.  
3-18-15  
• Sheriff's deputy took a report of criminal mischief from the elementary school.  
• Sheriff's deputy went to a complaint of loud music at Beall and Avenue J. The music was turned down.  
3-19-15  
• Sheriff's deputy arrested Rocky Munoz,

of Ozona, on charges of public intoxication and criminal mischief. Subject was arraigned and was transported to Sutton County.  
• DPS Trooper arrested Ilayda Sahinler, Fernando Albert Riveroll, Justin Elie, Byron Guzman, all of California for possession of marijuana less than two ounces. These subjects were arraigned and posted bond. A fifth person, Jose Rhabyn Valdez, was arrested for possession of marijuana, amount more than four ounces and less than five pounds. He has been placed on detainer by U.S. Border Patrol.  
• Sheriff's deputy arrested Angel Frank Quihuz on a Midland County warrant. Subject was arraigned and transported to Sutton County.  
3-20-15  
• Sheriff's deputy detained an undocumented immigrant at 14th Street and Avenue D. Subject was released to U.S. Border Patrol.  
3-21-15  
• Sheriff's deputies went to a report of loud music from a residence on Mulberry Street. The music was turned down.  
3-23-15  
• Sheriff's deputies went to a report of loud music from a residence on Corto Street. The music was turned down.  
• Sheriff's deputies stopped a vehicle going the wrong way down the interstate at the 372. Two undocumented immigrants were detained and released to the U.S. Border Patrol.

## EMS DEPARTMENT RUNS

3/16/2015  
• 6:14 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport  
911 Response (Emergency)  
• 6:14 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren  
Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)  
• 6:35 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren  
Shannon Air Med 1911 Response (Emergency)  
• 10:45 p.m. - No treatment, No Transport  
911 Response (Emergency)

3/17/2015  
• 6:05 a.m. - No treatment, No Transport  
911 Response (Emergency)  
3/18/2015  
• 5:06 p.m. - Transported No Lights/Siren  
Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)  
• 8:07 p.m. - Transported Lights/Siren  
Shannon West Texas Memorial Hospital 911 Response (Emergency)

## FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

**DISTRICT COURT**  
March 2015  
• Nofal Mohammed Alsolami, 23, of San Antonio, possession of a controlled substance, entered into a voluntary agreement to participate in the pre-trial intervention program.  
**COUNTY COURT**  
Closed Cases - February 2015  
• Amanda Ramirez, theft by check, dismissed - paid restitution and court cost.

• Grant Cuba, theft by check, dismissed - paid restitution and court cost.  
• Jose Luis Ibarra, possession of a controlled substance penalty group 2A less than two ounces, dismiss - does not wish to further prosecute.  
• Rigoberto Alferrez-Aguirre, driving while intoxicated-first, conviction - fine \$500, court costs \$488 and three days in jail.  
• Kelsie Dawn Dean, assault/bodily injury, nine months pre-trial diversion.

## STATE: from page 2

Finance Committee approved SB 1 and Senate Joint Resolution 1, by Committee Chair Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound. The bill and proposed constitutional amendment, if approved by voters, would increase the homestead exemption from the current \$15,000 to 25 percent of the median home price. Nelson's committee also approved SB 7 and SB 8, measures to cut franchise taxes by \$2 billion. SB 7 would reduce the franchise tax rate and SB 8 would exempt businesses that make less than \$4 million in annual revenue from paying the tax.

**11 GOVERNORS WRITE TO EPA**  
Gov. Greg Abbott last week asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to void its proposed changes to the

National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone in favor of maintaining the current standard of 75 parts per billion. In a letter dated March 16 that he signed along with 10 other governors, Abbott pointed to air quality improvements in Texas and other states since the U.S. Clean Air Act took effect and expressed concern that the EPA's proposed standards could not be achieved even in Texas' most pristine national parks. The governors of Oklahoma, Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Wisconsin, Georgia, Idaho, South Carolina and Arkansas joined Abbott in signing the letter. In the letter, Abbott said the federal government's proposed air quality standards violate "free-market policies that promote job growth and economic innovation by imposing an onerous, job-crushing standard." The Clean Air Act, written to protect the public from airborne contaminants known to be hazardous to human health, was originally passed by Congress and signed into law on Dec. 17, 1963, by President Lyndon B. Johnson and was renewed in 1970, 1977 and 1990.

**RIG LOCATIONS**  
Crockett, Irion, Sutton, Schleicher, & Reagan Counties

As of March 20, 2015

**Crockett County**

FTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
7800'	Approach Operating	Baker - B #294hc	Nabors Drilling #415	Assigned
7800'	Approach Operating	Baker 2 Aw #110hc	Nabors Drilling #415	Drig Ahead
8999'	Ep Energy E&P	University Salt Draw #4102th	Noram Drilling #21	Drig Ahead

**Irion County**

FTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
10000'	Discovery Natural	Springhole #3032d	Patterson Utg #118	Assigned
7800'	Discovery Natural	Rock Hollow Unit #1863jan	Helmerich & Payne #467	Drig Ahead
9000'	Broad Oak	Energy Farmer #45737hu	Nabors Drilling #M10	Drig Ahead
10000'	Discovery Natural	Springhole #3031e	Patterson Utg #118	Drig Ahead

**Reagan County**

FTD	OPERATOR	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
9000'	American Energy-Perm	Ham Unit Re M 2 #1hs	Ensign Us Drig Sw #765	Assigned
9000'	American Energy-Perm	Turner Ar Unit #35hs	Ensign Us Drig Sw #786	Assigned
9000'	American Energy-Perm	University 12 Re #1029hs	Ensign Us Drig Sw #784	Assigned
9000'	American Energy-Perm	Turner Ar Unit #31ha	Ensign Us Drig Sw #786	Assigned
10605'	Henry Resources Llc	University Ng #6024nb	Canelson Drig #36	Moving On
9000'	American Energy-Perm	Ham Unit Re M 2 #2ha	Ensign Us Drig Sw #765	Drig Ahead
11000'	Ory Usa Wtp Lp	Merchant #1401a	Canelson Drig #45	Drig Ahead
9000'	American Energy-Perm	Turner Ar Unit #36ha	Ensign Us Drig Sw #786	L.D.D.P.
12000'	Laredo Petro	Lane Tr E 43-42 (Alloc-D) #4mc	Ensign Us Drig Sw #151	Drig Ahead
12000'	Laredo Petro	Srh A - #11 4sm	Independence Drig #203	Drig Ahead
8999'	Ep Energy E&P	University East #4324ih	Sidewinder Drig #222	Drig Ahead
9000'	American Energy-Perm	Watkins 1229 #12h	Ensign Us Drig Sw #760	Drig Ahead
8702'	Parsley Energy	Headliners - 6 - #4413h	Helmerich & Payne #220	Drig Ahead
11000'	Ory Usa Wtp Lp	Merchant #1402cu	Helmerich & Payne #332	Drig Ahead
9000'	American Energy-Perm	University 49 #0813hs	Ensign Us Drig Sw #784	W.O.O.
8966'	Parsley Energy	Kathryn 41-32 #5h	Lashaw Drilling #22	Drig Ahead
7800'	Callon Petro Op Co	Pembrook 1011 #8h	Cactus Drilling #162	Drig Ahead

**ABBOTT APPOINTS AGENCY CHAIR**  
Gov. Abbott on March 18 named former state representative Tryon Lewis of Odessa as chair of the Texas Transportation Commission for a term to expire at the pleasure of the governor. The commission oversees the Texas Department of Transportation. Lewis served as a member of the Texas House from 2008 to 2015. He practiced law in Odessa from 1973-1984. In 1985, Lewis took office as a state district judge of the 161st District and served in that capacity until February of 2006, after which he returned to practicing law.

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102 Dove Dr. - <b>SALE PENDING</b>	\$158,000
1105 Ave. C - 4 bedroom, 3 bath	Price Reduced - \$225,000

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New Listing - 100 acres, Tract 25 on Hersey Ranch, w/house	\$1,900/acre
73 acres, Val Verde County	\$1,950/acre
107 acres, Texas West Ranch, Tract 74	\$738/acre
66 acres, Val Verde County	\$650/acre
132 acres, Dog Canyon Rch., Tract 27 w/mobile home, travel trailer & storage	\$1,060/acre
Commercial Property - 1006 Sheffield Road <b>SOLD</b>	\$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
655.41 acres, Sutton Co., Baker Road, w/house	Price Reduced - \$1,595/acre
1,550 acres, North Sutton Co., w/pens, RV sites, water & elect.	Price Reduced - \$990/acre
100 Acres, Rim Rock Ranch, Tract 54	Price Reduced - \$700/acre
100 Acres, Deer Canyon, Tract 42	Price Reduced - \$599/acre
92.40 acres, Sutton County, Rolling Hills Ranch, Tract 1	\$1,500/acre
96.59 acres, Sutton County, Rolling Hills Ranch, Tract 3	\$1,500/acre
103.33 acres, Sutton County, Rolling Hills Ranch, Tract 2	\$1,800/acre
105.01 acres, Sutton County, Rolling Hills Ranch, Tract 5, water well & electricity	\$1,800/acre
184.8 acres, Sutton County, Rolling Hills Ranch, Tract 4	\$1,500/acre
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