

The Ozona Stockman

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MEET THE CANDIDATES

Crockett County Sheriff

Editor's note: The Ozona Stockman is featuring Q&A articles with local candidates in contested primary races. This week features the four candidates for Crockett County Sheriff in the Democratic Primary.

WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?



JOSE GUTIERREZ

I'm currently retired after 23 years in Law Enforcement. I grew up here in Ozona. I graduated cum laude from Ozona High School. I attended Angelo State University, where I made the Dean's List. I am the son of Juanita Gutierrez and the late Hector Gutierrez. My mother worked for the school system here for many years and my father worked for the road department for 27 years before retiring.

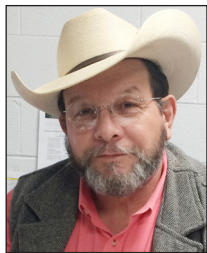
I have two daughters, April and Grace and one granddaughter Kamryn. April is a home healthcare nurse in San Angelo and Grace and Kamryn attend San Angelo Public Schools. I have two brothers; Hector and Bert. Hector works for 1st Community Federal Credit Union in San Angelo and Bert is in Carthage, N.Y. and works for a Private Security Company.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?

I have 23 years' experience in law enforcement gained while working with several agencies. These include the San Angelo Police Department, Tom Green County Sheriff's Office,

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WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?



ROBERT RODRIGUEZ

I am currently the Crockett County Sheriff, having taken office in January 2013. I have an Immediate Police Officer Certificate. I have over one thousand, one hundred hours of continuing education, TCOLE approved courses, including drug interdiction, interviewing and interrogation, search warrants and most currently courses on active shooter situations and terrorism, and very often legislative updates since the law and court decisions change so often.

I was born and raised in Ozona. My parents are the late Joe V. Rodriguez and the late Hilda Flores Porras. I have been married to my wife Linda for 41 years and we have five children. We also have 13 grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and one poodle.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?

I have 17 years of law enforcement experience, all in Crockett County, and I am currently the sheriff. Along with the continuing

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WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?



EMILIO TAMBUNGA

I am currently retired since 2013.

I am a 1974 Ozona High School Graduate. The only college I attended was the "College of Hard Knocks," the U. S. Marine Corps.

My Parents Renal and Ercilia Tambunga. I have six siblings, Johnny, Raymundo, Rene, Rosario, Francisco and Veronica, all of who were Ozona graduates.

My marital family consists of my wife of 32 years, Maria Socorro Alvarez, and my children Virginia Lea and Timothy Jesepersen reside in Plano, Texas, Elisa Michelle Tambunga and her daughter Emilia reside in Ozona. Both Virginia and Elisa are Ozona graduates.

WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?

I began my law enforcement career here in Ozona after my 13 years of military service. I began as a jailer/dispatcher in 1989. Graduated from Peace Officer Academy in San Angelo, I was promoted to Jail/Dispatch Supervisor where I learned to keep our jail budget under

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Candidate forum Feb. 22

Crockett County Voters will have lots of choices in this year's upcoming March 1 Primary Election.

A public forum sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and the Crockett County Democratic and Republican Parties will be held at 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the Civic Center.

The candidates running for positions in the March 1 Primary Election will be available to meet with the public and answer questions at that time.

Early voting begins Tuesday, Feb. 16, and ends Friday, Feb. 26, at the courthouse annex. Hours will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday.

The primary election day voting will be 7 a.m.-7 p.m. March 1. Polling locations are: Precinct 1 - Crockett County Courthouse Annex in the commissioners' courtroom; Precinct 2 - Crockett County Senior Center; Precinct 3 - Crockett County Civic Center; Precinct 4 - Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

In order to vote in person, voters must show a form of photo identification. Acceptable forms of photo ID are: Texas driver license, Texas Election Identification Certificate issued by DPS, Texas personal identification card issued by DPS, Texas license

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President's Day holiday closings

Monday, Feb. 15, is President's Day and several local businesses will be closed.

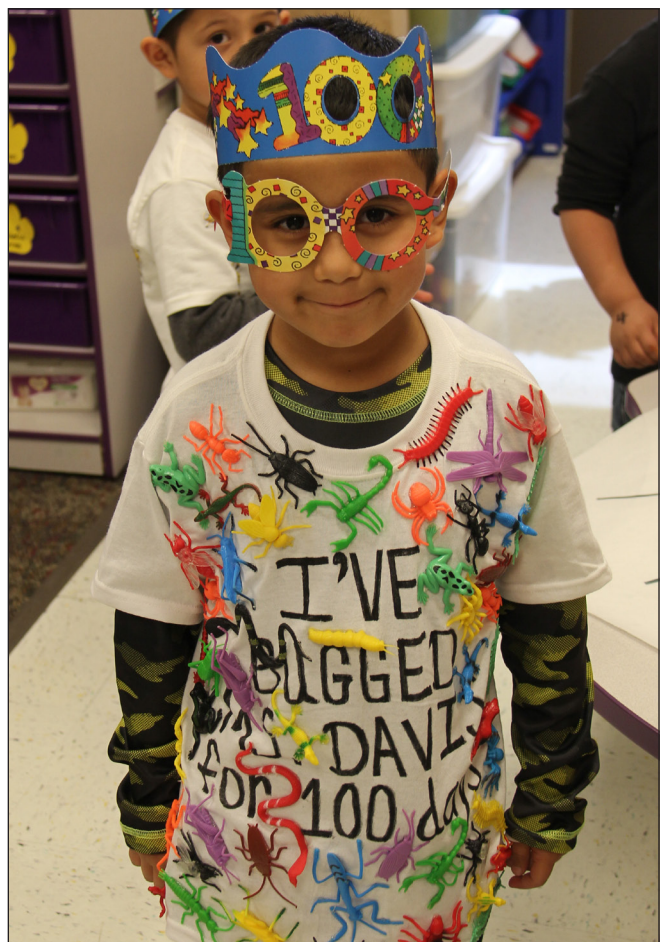
Crockett County Offices, local banks and the U.S. Post Office will be closed.

Many Crockett County Offices will close at noon Friday, Feb. 12.

Crockett County Schools and The Ozona Stockman will be open on President's Day. Deadline for the Feb. 17 Ozona Stockman is noon Monday, Feb. 15.

The Family Health Center of Ozona will also be open on Monday, Feb. 15.

100 days of school



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN
 NATHANIEL ORTEGA has "bugged Ms. Davis for 100 days." OES Pre-K celebrated the 100th day of school on Friday, Feb. 5.

Commissioners approve sale of jail, wellness center bonds

BY MELISSA PERNER
 THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court approved the selling of the bonds for the jail and wellness center projects.

At Monday's regular meeting, Vince Viaille with Specialized Public Finance presented the commissioners with the bond bids.

Two bids were received on the \$6 million jail bond. The winning bid went to Frost Bank with 1.75 percent. Ozona Bank is also in the bid with Frost Bank.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga abstained from voting on the jail bonds due to being employed with Ozona Bank.

On the wellness center, Viaille said no bids were received on the \$4 million

bonds. Viaille said he approached Frost Bank but they said no. Next, he approached Signature Public Funding Corp. who said they would purchase the bonds at a rate of 1.97 percent.

Signature Public Funding Corp. also purchased the tax notes for the new \$3 million health clinic at the same rate of 1.97 percent.

Viaille said the county's tax base being mainly oil and gas with a lot of mineral evaluation, and the current low price of oil, was one of the reasons no bids were received for the wellness center bond.

"We also felt this was better to go through commercial banks, which limits your marketplace," Viaille said. "All three issues sold under 2 percent interest rate, which is a very good thing for the county."

Closing for the jail and wellness center bonds is expected to be March 8. At that time the county will receive the funds.

All three projects are set for five-year terms on the bonds and tax note.

The new interest and sinking tax rate for all three county projects will be \$.01196 per \$100 valuation.

The current total tax rate is \$1.70670 per \$100 valuation. This is \$.14735 higher than last year's total tax rate.

Crockett County tax rates include the county general tax rate, \$.50509, county road and bridge, \$.09302, CCCCS local maintenance rate, \$1.06, CCCCS interest and sinking rate, \$.036 and the water rate, \$.01259.

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OHS LIONS VS. IRAAN BRAVES
 5 P.M. TUESDAY AT OHS DAVIDSON GYM

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2015 dietary guidelines reaffirm beef's role in a healthy diet

On Jan. 7, The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the U.S. Health and Human Services (HHS) released the final version of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

I am pleased the new dietary guidelines reaffirm the important role lean beef plays in a healthy dietary pattern. As a physician and rancher from Winters, Texas, I can tell you that lean beef is not only delicious – scientific research studies have proven time and time again that it is also incredibly healthy. The new guidelines are based

on sound science and confirm that Americans are, on average, consuming fresh lean meat (including lean beef) at levels consistent with the 2015 Dietary Guidelines.

Beef provides 10 nutrients that are essential to a



CATTLEMAN'S COLUMN

RICHARD THORPE III

healthy, active way of life. It includes Zinc, which strengthens your immune system to help fight against illness. It also contains a high amount of Iron to create red blood cells and keep you from being anemic. If you are lacking energy, you might consider eating more lean beef because it contains B-complex vitamins to boost your metabolism, create energy and maintain brain function.

Beef is most known for being a Protein-packed food source. Protein is the building block of all the cells in your body that

form and maintain your muscles and bones.

Additionally, it contains Choline to support your nervous system, Selenium to protect blood cells from damage, Riboflavin to convert food to fuel and Phosphorus to build strong bones and teeth.

No single food group can provide all the nutrients you need daily, so I always recommend my patients practice balance by including fruits and vegetables along with beef. This is why I also encourage Americans to consider the 2015 Di-

etary Guidelines as they build a diet that works for them.

The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) appreciates the Congressional leaders who worked to make sure lean meat was included in the 2015 Dietary Guidelines.

TSCRA also thanks the many ranchers and beef industry leaders who submitted comments to the USDA and HHS.

Lastly, and perhaps most importantly, TSCRA appreciates the many members and ranchers for providing a product that continues to be included in the

Dietary Guidelines. Due to their tireless work, there are now 38 cuts of beef that meet government guidelines for lean meat. This is an impressive number we can all be proud of as cattle raisers, and I know we will only continue to produce a healthy product that should always be included in the Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

RICHARD THORPE III is the owner and operator of Mesa T Ranch, headquartered in Winters, Texas. Thorpe currently serves as the First Vice President of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA), and he became a TSCRA director in March 2006.

Get out and vote

It's time for our voices to be heard.

The 2016 Primary Election Day is two weeks away, which means it's time for Crockett County citizens to get out and vote.

In the past three week's issues, the Ozona Stockman profiled the three local contested races that Crockett County voters will decide on March 1. Early voting begins Monday, Feb. 16, and ends Friday, Feb. 26, at the courthouse annex. A candidate forum is scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, Feb. 22, at the Civic Center.

This is a critical time for voters. Local races are where a person's vote is really counted.

It's easy to fall into the mindset believing that your vote doesn't matter. Like any competition, there are winners and there are losers. Not everyone will be happy when the ballots are tallied.

That doesn't mean voters should stay home. Voting is crucial no matter how certain the outcome seems.

For democracy to work, people in Crockett County, the state and the country need to believe their vote matters and actually go cast it.

Voting is one of the most basic rights of citizenship. We have the chance to pick the leaders we believe will best serve us in our county, state and in Washington.

Information is the key in determining one's vote. Not only has our paper published information about the local candidates, we have seen these candidates visiting with voters.

As voters, it is our duty to become informed before we head to the polls. Just because someone is running for office doesn't mean we have to wait for them to approach us.

This is Ozona, a community of around 3,000 people, it's not hard to find our local candidates.

If the candidate doesn't want to take time to listen

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to voters then maybe they should rethink why they are running for office.

This year local voters have a choice of ballots in the Primary Election.

Primaries are for the political parties to nominate candidates to be on the fall ballot. Texas has open primaries, meaning you can cast a ballot in either party's primary, regardless of whether you've voted in that party's primary before.

However, you cannot vote in both primaries, you have a choice to make.

Local officials are running in both primaries.

We are not telling you which primary to vote in, that is your decision. We are just informing people that you have choice.

You must take one of the following IDs with you to the polls: a Texas driver's license, a U.S. passport, a state-issued ID card, a state-issued election certificate, a Texas concealed handgun license, a U.S. military ID or a citizenship certificate with a photograph issued by the federal government. With the exception of the citizenship certificate, none of the forms of identification may be expired for more than 60 days.

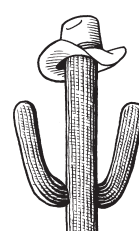
Free state-issued ID cards are available at our local DPS Driver's License Office.

Whether you vote during the early voting period or on Election Day, one thing is important: that you vote.

So read the newspaper, attend the candidate forum and learn who will best represent you. And then go vote.

As President Franklin Roosevelt said, "Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves, and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

Truck Genetics



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

I loved Animal Breeding when I was in college. No, not that kind of animal breeding, get your mind out of the gutter. I'm referring to a class I took where we learned about heritability.

I'm so old that when I went to college there were no EPD's for beef cattle and that's a shame because that stuff fascinates me. I'm so interested because of all the recessive traits in my family that waited for me to come along so they could express themselves.

Let's just say, DNA has not been kind to me.

Wouldn't it be great if we could develop EPD's for people as we have done for cattle? It might tell us why in some people the truck gene is very strong while in others it's not. For example, I come from a GM family, and that doesn't refer to "genetically modified" but General Motors. My parents never bought anything but Oldsmobile cars and GMC or Chevy trucks. This was strange because my grandparents on both sides were Ford folks. So much so that when my great grandmother died and left her Cadillac to my grandparents my Grandpa quickly traded it in on a Ford station wagon. He wouldn't even drive the Caddy to the dealership because he didn't want to be caught dead in a GM product. If he knew that the hearse that gave him his final ride was made by General Motors it would have killed him, if he hadn't already been, well, you know.

I'd love to get a hundred million dollar grant to study why there are Ford families, Chevy clans and Dodge households. I can't tell you why my wife and I don't buy Fords, after all, when I see a great looking Ford, Dodge or Tundra truck on the road I have to bite my lip and turn my head so that I don't become infatuated and unfaithful and have an affair with one.

In some families the shopping gene appears to be highly heritable while in others, not so much. My grandfather wouldn't set foot in a Sears store and my mom wouldn't either but my wife and I buy all our appliances there and my shop is full of great Craftsman tools. I find it really interesting that while grandpa wouldn't shop at Sears because he thought it was killing Main Street in small town America, my wife and I don't shop at Walmart for the exact same reason. I have come to the conclusion that the shopping gene, while highly heritable, does seem to suffer from leakage and transference.

It's not just trucks and refrigerators. I know ranchers who only ride on Paint horses, Polaris four wheelers and John Deere tractors. A friend of mine (the same

fella who served chicken at his branding) would not have a black bull on his place. While the rest of the cattle universe was having a big black attack he still bet all his cow chips on red. He left behind a great herd of cattle when he passed away a year ago and, interestingly, his sons seem to have inherited the red gene because they only buy red bulls too. I think we can therefore accurately conclude that the red gene is highly heritable in cattlemen.

I'd love to know why I'm genetically prone to wear only a Stetson felt, a Resistol straw and a Pendleton shirt. The only trait or tradition I've been able to change was when I switched to Wranglers instead of Levis, but I suspect my choice in jeans had more to do with the escalating price of Levis than it did my other genes.

I'm sure if we threw enough money at the subject we could create EPD's for people like we did cattle. Then we could use those EPD's to reduce the number of rotten marriages and stupid kids by identifying the low-lives with a tendency to be alcoholics, abusers and skirt chasers. We could answer age-old questions such as how can the idiot who married your daughter be the father of the world's smartest grandchildren? In just a few generations we could eliminate men like me with bad genes because, as women have been telling us for years, all human faults come from the male side of the species.

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Governor, congressman seek details on border security cuts

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott and U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, D-McAllen, are asking U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson for detailed information regarding border security cuts.

Of particular interest to Abbott and Cuellar is the federal agency's decision to cut resources for aerial-based border security support in a program known as Operation Phalanx. Specifically, the Department of Homeland Security's request for aerial detection, situational awareness and monitoring capability support for Operation Phalanx from the Department of Defense for calendar year 2016 was 50 percent lower than that of recent years.

The decrease came despite the governor's Sept. 30, 2015, request for additional aerial observation resources along the border, and despite the fact that Congress fully funded Department of Defense

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

support for Operation Phalanx in the recently passed omnibus appropriations bill, according to the governor's office.

"Given the recent surge of migrants from Central America and Cuba along the southern border, we believe (the Department of Homeland Security) should be requesting more surveillance and security resources, not fewer," Abbott and Cuellar wrote in a Feb. 1 letter to Johnson. "Any decrease in aerial observation is not only imprudent, but contradicts the very mission of border security enforcement."

Abbott and Cuellar noted that the Department of Homeland Security's decision to decrease surveillance resources "is unsettling" and requested the following information:

- Metrics used to determine that a 50 percent reduction in aerial resources would sufficiently support Operation Phalanx;

- Detailed plans on how the cuts would impact staffing, resource allocation and operation levels in Laredo, the Rio Grande Valley and Tucson; and

- What resources the department plans to use "to backfill any gaps" the reduction presents.

ABBOTT POSTS FIRST YEAR REPORT

Gov. Abbott on Feb. 2 released a "Report to the People of Texas" listing highlights of his first year in office.

The report, as stated in a news release, "takes a look at the economy and businesses that expanded or relocated to Texas, in addition to provid-

ing an overview of legislation passed to cut taxes, improve Texas' public and higher education systems, build new roads, secure our border and chart a course that keeps the Lone Star State a beacon of individual liberty and economic opportunity."

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Classified ads are \$6 for the first 25 words and \$30 for each additional word.

Classified ads and Cards of Thanks are payable in advance unless customer carries a regular account.



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CORRECTIONS

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, reputation or standing of any individual, firm or corporation will be corrected when called to the attention of the management by the next issue.



OZONA FIREFIGHTERS battled a truck fire Saturday on Interstate-10. No injuries were reported.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS



UNIFIRST has been named Business of the Month by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

Business of the Month: UniFirst

BY SHANON BIGGERSTAFF
OZONA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

UniFirst was founded in 1936 by Aldo Croatti, a hard working entrepreneur who provided uniform services to Boston area businesses. Always conducting business according to a customer-focused set of "core values," Aldo, along with his son and current UniFirst CEO, Ronald, led the company to become one of the largest, most successful textile service organizations in the world. Employing over 12,000 team partners in order to provide services to over 1.75 million workers week after week.

Locally, UniFirst employs a team who is focused on maintaining the long standing and mutually rewarding partnership we have with our Ozona area customers: Chris Herrera, route sales representative, Danelle Espinoza, customer service representative, Amy Ramirez, office administrator, and Alex Villasana, branch manager. Providing service to over 60 customers in the Ozona business community from large to small (e.g. Hitchin' Post Steakhouse, El Chato's, DCP Midstream, J. Cleo Thompson, Key Energy, Lilly Construction, Triple C Hardware, etc.).

The primary factors that distinguish UniFirst from our competition is our rich family culture and our founding "core values" consisting of customer focus, respect for others, and com-

mitment to quality. Each year, upon our founders' anniversary, all team partners take pride in a customer pledge that states: "Customers are the focus of everything I do. I, therefore, pledge my best efforts to exceed my internal and external customers' expectations and to assist my team partners in achieving their very best...ensuring that every UniFirst customer becomes a customer for life."

There are a number of companies you can choose from to satisfy your workwear and facility service program needs; but there must be valid reasons why UniFirst is the leading provider in the Ozona business community. Responsive customer service is the key to an effective program and no other company provides customer-oriented service better than UniFirst.

We welcome the opportunity to earn your business and become a "customer for life." For more information about our company, products and services, visit the company website at www.unifirst.com.

For immediate personalized assistance, call (325) 651-4626 to schedule a free VIP Cost Analysis of your business and/or we can help you optimize the value of your current program.

Thank you, from your UniFirst San Angelo team.

The Ozona Chamber of Commerce would like to recognize UniFirst as an asset to our business community and for the quality service provided to local businesses.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, February 10

- Ash Wednesday
- Kindergarten, Second Grade and Fourth Grade Lunch at OES.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- KC Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
- Lenten Lunch Series, 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
- Livestock Judging, 4 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office.
- Ash Wednesday Service, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Thursday, February 11

- OHS Powerlifting Teams at Sonora.
- OHS Tennis Teams in the Lake View Invitational at San Angelo.
- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thank You Note meeting, 3:30-6:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office.

Friday, February 12

- OHS Tennis Teams in the Lake View Invitational at San Angelo.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OES Valentine's Day parties in the afternoon.
- OHS JV and Varsity Lions vs. Christoval, 5 p.m. at Christoval.

Saturday, February 13

- OHS Academic Team at Eldorado.
- OMS Math and Science Teams at Ozona Meet.

Sunday, February 14

- Valentine's Day

Monday, February 15

- President's Day - Crockett County Offices, local banks and U.S. Post Office closed.
- OHS Lady Lions Golf at Crane.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center

Tuesday, February 16

- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OHS JV and Varsity Lions vs. Iraan, 5 p.m. at the OHS Davidson Gym.
- Lamb and Goat Showmanship Clinic, 6 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office.

Wednesday, February 17

- Early release day for students at Ozona Schools.
- Pre-K, First, Third and Fifth Grades Pride Lunch at OES.
- OHS Lions Golf at Crane.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- KC Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
- Lenten Lunch Series, 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

Eldorado Game Association sponsors predator hunt

The Eldorado Game Association is sponsoring a Predator Hunt Contest for Schleicher and surrounding counties.

Hunting will begin at noon on Saturday, March 12, and check in will be on Sunday, March 13, at 11 a.m. at the Eldorado Civic Center on State Highway 277 South.

Hunting may be done in Schleicher, Irion, Crockett, Sutton, Menard, Kimble, Concho and Tom Green counties.

No county bounty will be paid for animals killed.

Entry fee is \$200 per four person team payable in cash only.

Entry forms are available at Forlano Chiropractic Center in Eldorado or on the

EGA website at www.eldoradogame.org.

Contest pays first and second Place for total points with a 10 animal cap.

A Jackpot Prize will also be awarded for total points on all animals killed with no cap and no bonus points.

- Point System:
- Coyote 25 points
 - Grey Fox 10 points
 - Bobcat 20 points
 - Feral Hog 5 points
 - Red Fox 15 points
 - Raccoon 3 points

For more information, visit the EGA website at www.eldoradogame.org for complete rules and entry form. After 5 p.m., call Kary Gibson at (325) 650-9553 or Stuart Lux at (325) 226-5198.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Feb. 10 - Coleman Quaid, Clay Childress, Adam Hopper, Rebekah Shaw, Katie Friend, Mari Campos and Leon McDowell

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 Tambun-

ga, Leticia Madrid, Marisella Paradez and Chris Lara

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

Ozona Schools early release on Feb. 17

Ozona Schools will release at noon on Wednesday, Feb. 17, for all students. This is so teachers and staff may attend a mandatory STAAR testing staff development meeting.

For more information, call 392-5501.

Senior dance deposit due Feb. 29

Attention 2016 OHS Senior Parents: The deadline for the deposit for the Senior Dance is Feb. 29.

The account is at ONB -

Class of 2016.

Anyone with any questions as to how much they need to deposit, contact Selena Newby or Patty Villarreal.

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.

FEB. 10

Scalloped ham and potatoes, turnip greens, apricots, dinner roll, gelatin parfait, chunky fruit medley and milk.

FEB. 11

Chili with beans, tossed salad, dressing, cornbread, fruit cup, ambrosia cup and milk.

FEB. 12

Grilled moroccan chicken, rice pilaf, roasted carrots, whole wheat bread and streusel pound cake.

FEB. 15

Stuffed bell pepper, green pea salad, capri vegetables, whole wheat bread, fruit crisp and milk.

FEB. 16

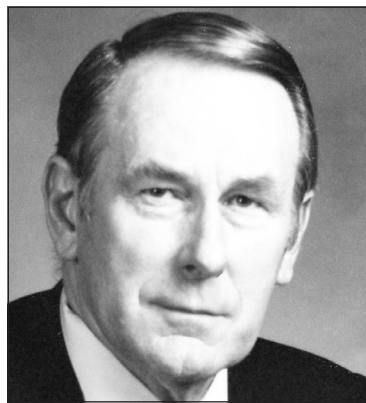
Country ham, whipped sweet potato, seasoned vegetables, wheat roll, margarine, ambrosia cup and milk.

FEB. 17

Chicken tenders, garlic mashed potatoes, cream gravy, vegetable medley, dinner roll, margarine, chunky fruit medley and milk.

OBITUARIES

Alfred T. (Toby) Carleton



Alfred T. (Toby) Carleton, Jr. of Midland, was born March 5, 1929 in Houston, Texas to Alfred T. Carleton, Sr. and Winnie Snell Carleton. He grew up in Houston, and attended school there. He graduated from Lamar High School in Houston in 1947. He then attended the University of Texas in Austin, from which he earned a BS in Geology in 1951 and a MA in Geology in 1952. During his time at the University, he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. It was through this association that he was introduced to a cute little blue-eyed blond named Corinne Phillips from Ozona, Texas. They were married on June 20, 1953 and she became his best friend, business partner, and love of his life for some 63 years.

His work experience includes: Geologist with the Ohio Oil Company (now Marathon), Chief Geologist with Zapata Petroleum Corporation (merged into Pennzoil Company), General Partner in Structurmaps, Ltd., Vice President and Western Division Manager for Pogo Producing Company (later sold

to Plains Exploration and Development). Most of his professional career has been as an independent geologist or managing his own businesses. He was President of Toco Investments, Inc. (a family business), and Member in Imperial Operating company (with his son, Phil). He and his wife also operated ranches in Crockett and Val Verde Counties, Texas. Phil is hunting manager in these enterprises.

Professional activities include: President of West Texas Geological Society, Chairman Midland Chapter Society of Independent Professional Earth Scientist, Chairman of House of Delegates and

President of American Association of Petroleum Geologists and National President of SIPES. Professional honors include Honorary Membership in West Texas Geological Society, SIPES and AAPG.

Social and Community activities and/or memberships include Midland Country Club, Petroleum Club (past President), Exchange Club of Midland (past President), and Dirty Dozen Luncheon Club. He and his wife are long time members of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church.

Toby loved to travel and he and Corinne (and the children when they were younger) traveled extensively. They have driven around and through all 50 states and have been in every province of Canada. They have traveled in much of the Caribbean. In addition they have been to many countries in Europe, Asia, South America and Central America, Africa, and have toured New Zealand, Australia, the Bahamas and Bermuda.

More than any of the above, however, he was a loving and devoted husband, a caring father, and a doting grandfather

to his 6 grandchildren

Toby was preceded in death by his mother and father; his sister Carolyn Carleton Reynolds and her husband Roy Reynolds of Austin, Texas, and several cousins.

Toby is survived by his loving wife, Corinne Carleton, his children: Cathy Carleton Martin and David Martin of Kerrville, Texas; Elaine Carleton and Dori DeJong of Denver Colorado; Phil Carleton and Kim of Midland, Texas; sister-in-law, Diane Phillips of Estes Park, Colorado. He is also survived by several cousins.

Honorary pallbearers will be, Bill Fisher, Charles Fraser, Gary Garlitz, Jim Gibbs, Bill Gipson, Will Green, Bob Holvorsen, Jim Lucas, Jim McAnelly, Budge McDonnold,

Charles Pruitt, Duer Wagner, Jr., and the Kappa Sigma Fraternity Brothers.

A special thanks to Ceasar Carrillo for all of his care and friendship for Toby over the last year.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be donated to The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas, 79701 or The University of Texas at Austin Jackson School of Geosciences, 2305 Speedway, Austin, Texas, 78712-C1160.

The family will receive friends on Monday, February 8, 2016 from 5:00-7:00PM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 1:00PM at The Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity. Graveside services will be held at 11:00AM on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 at Cedar Hill Cemetery in Ozona, Texas.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

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What about you and autoimmune disease?

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Many of the autoimmune diseases alternate between periods of remission and flare-up, with symptoms varied or similar in nature. There can actually be more than one illness or condition occurring simultaneously. These factors can make the process of diagnoses very difficult and the treatment rendered is focused merely on relieving symptoms, rather than a cure.

Autoimmune diseases often run in families, similar genetics and 3 out of 4 of those affected are female. African American, Hispanic, and Native American ethnicities are at an even greater risk of developing autoimmune disease.

While the cause of autoimmune disease is not known, the theories abound about what prompts autoimmune disease to become evident, including; microbes or viruses, drugs, chemical and environmental irritants, and family history.

With autoimmune disease, a substance enters and infiltrates the cells of the body, which stimulates the production of an antibodies. Antibodies fight what the immune system perceives as an invader. Diagnosis involves identifying the antibodies the body is producing.

Some of the tests used to diagnose an autoimmune disease include; autoantibody tests - any of several tests that look for specific antibodies to your own tissues, antinuclear antibody tests - a type of autoantibody test that looks for antinuclear antibodies, which attack the nuclei of cells in your body, complete blood count - measures the numbers of red and white cells in your blood, C-reactive protein (CRP) - elevated CRP is an indication of inflammation throughout your body, and erythrocyte sedimentation rate - this test



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

JIM FISH

indirectly measures how much inflammation is in your body. While treatment of autoimmune diseases involves attempts to control the course of the disease

and minimize symptoms, mainly during flare-ups, they are chronic illnesses and conditions with no cure.

The AARDA suggests things you can do; eat a balanced and healthy diet, exercise regularly, get plenty of rest, take vitamin supplements, decrease stress, limit sun exposure and avoid any known elements that trigger flare-ups.

Medical interventions can include; hormone replacement therapy, blood transfusions, anti-inflammatory medication, pain medication, immunosuppressive medications and physical therapy.

Alternative therapies have brought relief for some sufferers. They include; herbs, chiropractic therapy, acupuncture and hypnosis.

Most significantly, it is what you do that matters most. You are your chief advocate in the strategy for optimum health. Elimination of all possible causations should be step one. Sugar, grains and dairy consumption are implicated in most known autoimmune diseases. They should be avoided for 4 to 6 weeks and reintroduced into your way of eating, one item at a time to ascertain their affects in your body.

Be mindful of your environment; the quality of the air you breathe, chemicals to which you are exposed, hazards in your workplace and even the habits of your significant others.

While your genetic assembly is much like a blueprint in your body's construct, it's the elements and nutrients (good and bad) introduced by you that cause your genes to express themselves in the manner they do. Knowingly or not, you control everything that goes into your body and you; therefore, are the most valuable player in the quality of your life.

Here's to your health.

JIM FISH is an Integrative Nutrition Health Coach. Contact him with your health related questions or citations to this article at (325) 276-2150, jimfish@usa.com or P.O. Box 905, Ozona, Texas 76943

WHAT A BATTLE

Last night I watched super bowl 50, wow what a battle. My wife had recorded it earlier while we were at Church so when I got home I could watch it. I had been catching small news clips about the two teams and the players the last week. They were well seasoned, tough and had the records to prove it. They had defeated many to get there and now the final moment. This would be final victory for one and final defeat for the other. That event reminds me of something in the Bible. It talks about one final big monster battle between evil forces and good forces. One team or army will be the devil, anti-Christ, false prophet, fallen angels and all evil forces. The other team or army will be Christ, His angles and His Bride, The Church, (Titus 2:13, Matthew 24:3). Jesus Christ wins the battle and is declared the victor once and for all. There will be no more battles. The anti-Christ and false prophet will be cast into lake of fire and the Devil bound for a thousand years and eventually judged and also cast into the lake of fire, (Revelation 20:2&3). We need to make sure we are on the winning team. If we have never accepted Jesus Christ we are not on the winning team. It is not to late make Him your Lord and savior now, (John 1:12&13).

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All pastors of Ozona churches are invited to submit columns.

GUTIERREZ:

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Brady Police Department and the Crockett County Sheriff's Office. I have held the ranks of Master Patrolman, Sergeant, Captain and Chief Deputy. My experience covers patrol, criminal and narcotic investigations, courthouse security and tactical operations. I have vast amount of experience and training in all of these areas. I hold a Master Peace Officer License with 3,434 hours of in-service training, which include hundreds of hours of training in investigations both criminal and narcotic, as well as in interviewing and interrogation techniques. I also hold a Police Instructor License and cannot only teach classroom but I'm also certified as a Firearms and Chemical Agent Instructor, I am also a former DARE instructor. I taught DARE here in Ozona for several years.

While working for the

Tom Green County Sheriff's Office I was promoted to the Criminal Investigative Division. I investigated and also assisted in investigations dealing with homicides, kidnappings, burglaries, robberies, aggravated assaults and sexual assaults as well as narcotic investigations, one of these narcotic investigations led to the seizure of over 160 pounds of high grade marijuana. Other investigations resulted in the clearing of close to 50 residential burglaries that were committed by two subjects. Many of the investigations I conducted were in conjunction with or assisting other law enforcement agencies federal, state and local. I was also chosen to lead the Tom Green County SWAT Team, where I not only planned, coordinated and ran high risk search warrants but also oversaw the team's monthly training. I am a member of the Texas Narcotics Officers Association and have been elected to the Executive Board year-

ly as a West Region Director for the past 10 years. As a member and board member I receive and also conduct trainings throughout West Texas on not only narcotic related subjects but also active shooter, outlaw motorcycle gangs, prison gangs, defensive tactics, investigative procedures, interdiction and firearms. I have put on and helped coordinate classes here in Ozona, Fort Stockton, Odessa, San Angelo, Abilene, Brownwood, Kerrville, Lubbock, El Paso and Amarillo.

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED?

1. Proactive patrols so that we can better combat the drug problem and also other crimes like thefts and burglaries, criminal mischief. Deputies would target problem areas verses waiting for a call.

2. Community policing, deputies would be more visible throughout all the neighborhoods and business areas.

They would be encouraged to stop and interact with people and business owners to find out their concerns and get their input. Citizens making a call for service would be "kept in the loop" as to the status of their case. Community oriented policing would also help build a better relationship between the sheriff's office and the people it serves.

3. Training, I would ensure the deputies are more than just the minimum training required by law (Texas Commission on Law Enforcement). I have access to a network of connections and resources through my affiliation to TNOA to bring in Instructors to train the deputies here locally for a very nominal cost. Deputies would get the necessary training so that they could thoroughly and effectively investigate all calls for service and be able to document their findings in their reports.

WHAT IS LIKELY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FACING YOUR OFFICE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND WHY?

The drug problem, most of the issues we face here locally are the same ones that other law enforcement agencies face throughout the state and country. A lot of the problems can be traced back to the drug problem; problems such as thefts, burglaries usually lead to someone that steals so that they can either sell or trade their ill-gotten gains to obtain more of the drug they crave. Even some assaults can also be traced back to the drug problem as they are committed by people on drugs or alcohol. There are several new drugs such as synthetic marijuana and even variations of other existing illegal drugs that cause violent behavior, paranoia and in some cases seizures and have even led to overdoses.

VOTERS APPROVED A BOND FOR A NEW JAIL, HOW DO YOU PLAN

I personally talked with three different detention architects in regards to the needs of Crockett County. After much consideration the plans that were accepted are on display now in the sheriff's office and are the plans that were available at the town meeting for public information. This is the plan that was approved by the bond election. I intend to consult with the contractors to make sure this jail is built to the state standards and the facility that will best benefit the citizens of Crockett County for years to come.

ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO VOTERS:

I would like to continue in office to accomplish the vision I have for Crockett County. The law assures violators the right to have bond set while awaiting trial. This is necessary and unavoidable, but as long as I am sheriff I will do everything I can to protect the people of Ozona.

I am a local Christian man with friends and family here and I strive to treat everyone fairly, but hold everyone accountable. I have always been part of Ozona, raised my family here and will always be here and strive to make Ozona a safe place to live for everybody.

RODRIGUEZ:

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education courses, and dealing with not having an approved jail facility, I feel like I am qualified to continue as Crockett County Sheriff. Our challenge of finding appropriate housing for our various prisoners has been occurring since I took office and has been an issue every day since.

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED?

The most significant issue, or should I say what I hold as my main priority, is keeping Crockett County and its citizens safe. Every day brings a new challenge and I believe that my deputies and entire staff are up to the task. One of those challenges is the narcotics problem. Narcotics is a problem our entire country faces and unfortunately that includes Crockett County. I believe other crimes like theft go hand in hand with this epidemic. There have always been two deputies on duty at night, but we are making an extra shift to attempt to lessen some of the violators that are active during this shift.

We have cooperated with

other agencies including the Tom Green Sheriff's Department, San Angelo Police Department, U.S. Marshall's Office, Homeland Security, Texas Rangers, Texas Department of Public Safety, and Border Patrol.

Making narcotics cases is not an easy job. We have prosecuted several narcotics cases recently and have gotten some good sentences with the cooperation from our District Attorney's Office. We have been able to recover alot of property. We have also made some good cases that have not yet been to trial.

The last thing I would like to mention is an ongoing goal of our department. We are consistently striving to ensure our County has the best and most professional department we can. We take advantage of training opportunities and attempt to have the best and most efficient officers available. We are working hard and will continue to fight the drug problem. It is such a nationwide epidemic and the sheriff needs the citizens to know how the system works and how much help they could be to reduce the problem. Any information can be helpful and my door is always open. Drug cases are not easy to prosecute, but the more informa-

tion the sheriff's office has the more likely we will be to make a case that will hold up in court.

WHAT IS LIKELY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FACING YOUR OFFICE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND WHY?

I have been dealing with the Crockett County Jail problem since elected. Our personnel have dealt with placing our offenders in other counties' jails and transportation to ensure the prisoners are properly attended to.

It is very important to the Sheriff's Department that the County Jail be a reality. I have compared detention designs and design companies and determined what I would believe would be the best design to accommodate the needs of Crockett County.

I have consulted with different detention architectural firms and the diagram that was on display at the town meeting was the one that was selected. I have this plan in my office on display if anyone would care to come see it and ask any questions they might have.

VOTERS APPROVED A BOND FOR A NEW JAIL, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO SEE THE PROJECT IS ACCOMPLISHED?

ING YOUR OFFICE IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS AND WHY?

Besides the continued fight against drugs, the constant ups and downs of the oil industry tend to affect the community. People become desperate when facing economical bad times. The sheriff's office needs to deal with these times, but can do it by treating everybody fairly.

The construction of the new jail facility shall be the most significant issue in the near future. Our operational policies should be prepared and ready to use prior to the completion of the facility. Properly cross trained employees should make operations easier for a sheriff.

VOTERS APPROVED A BOND FOR A NEW JAIL, HOW DO YOU PLAN TO SEE THE PROJECT IS ACCOMPLISHED?

The construction of the new jail facility shall be a most significant issue facing us. State jail approved operational policies should be ready for use prior to the completion of the facility. A well-qualified jail supervisor with properly cross trained employees should make the operations of the facility easier for the sheriff's office. Constant supervision of all jail/dispatching by a sheriff that is familiar with the duties will help.

ANY ADDITIONAL

TAMBUNGA:

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control, and the requirements of State Jail Standards during my yearly inspections. I have attended numerous required training for jailers, dispatchers and peace officers, along with supervisor classes.

I was moved to Patrol Deputy, and have held all ranks sergeant, captain and chief deputy which I held until 2013 when I honorably retired holding a "Master" Level in both Corrections and Peace Officer Fields.

During my time in the military, as a field radio operator with top secret clearance, I attended leadership and supervisor training. I lead Marine fire teams, squads and radio platoons. I also completed three years as a Marine Drill Instructor in San Diego, Calif. where I helped train numerous recruits.

I have handled stressful situations in the military and law enforcement careers. I have the qualifications, experience and confidence to handle the duties of a jail facility and the sheriff's office.

WHAT ARE THREE THINGS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ACCOMPLISH IF ELECTED?

1. I am a firm believer of cross training employees, each employee should be able to step in and fill

in the duties of another person. Properly crossed trained employees provide more trained office personnel available for emergency situations. I would like to be able to provide patrols of our county roads more frequently having enough trained employees could provide it. I would like to leave behind a full staff of employees all trained, and qualified to step in and fill the duties of a sheriff.

2. Keep employees motivated; keep challenging them to provide professional attitudes during public service duties. Keeping the same employees working together for longer periods tends to create a better camaraderie. Properly trained, equipped, uniform appearances, and rewarding good employees will help.

3. Continue to fight against illegal drug use in Crockett County. We will always have a drug problem, but constantly harassing within legal limits of our known drug pushers will make it harder for them. Educating our kids and entire community to participate in this war will be a great asset to Law enforcement community. I would like to restart the "D.A.R.E." program in our elementary schools and conduct occasional drug awareness classes for adults.

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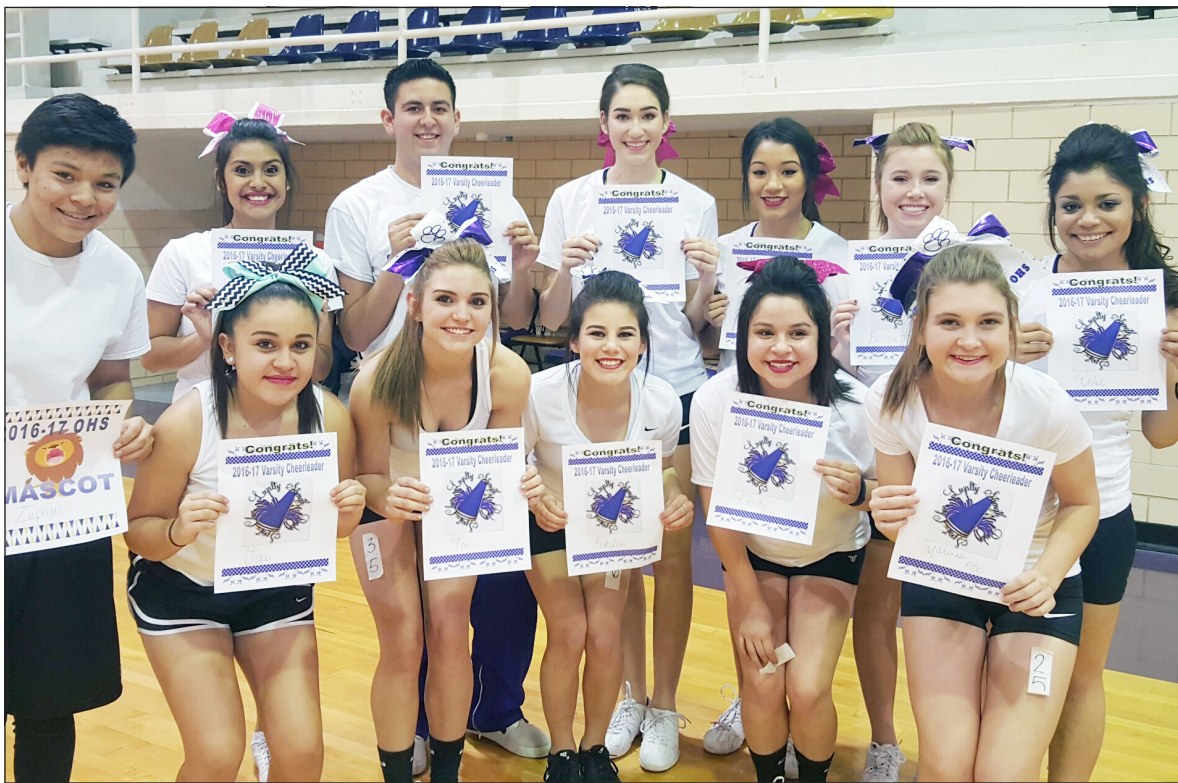
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UIL SOLO AND ENSEMBLES TRYOUTS: (left to right) Denise Rodriguez 1st division, Gavin Grannis 3rd division, Gavin Mejia 1st division, Autumn Villarreal 1st division, Trystian Galindo 1st division on solo and 1st division on trio, Estefania Torralba 1st division for trio, Brenna Hale 1st division for trio, David Landin 1st division, Sara Gunnels 2nd division and Coulter McWilliams 1st division. Trio will be advancing to state.



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2016-2017 OHS VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: (back row left to right) Mascot Zephen Cuevas, Esperanza Ramirez, Raven Perez, Co-Captain Madison Galindo, Co-Captain Asia Lara, Brenna Hale and Rachel Mendoza; (front row, left to right) Josae Coy, Toni Parker, Azaylea Tovar, Kassidy Gonzalez and Makenna Fox.



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2016-2017 JUNIOR VARSITY CHEERLEADERS: (left to right) Raelee Borrego, Mariana Garza, Autumn Villarreal, Wendy Mata, Carlie Ramos and Roslynn Mendez.

OHS Tennis Team medals at San Angelo meet

The OHS Tennis Team competed at San Angelo last week. Walker Whitten was sec-

ond in boys singles.

Rachel Mendoza won consolation in girls singles. Jordan Martin won con-

solation in boys singles.

Autumn Villarreal and Maiah Jurado won consolation in girls doubles.



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JORDAN MARTIN

Lions edge Hornets

The OHS Lions defeated Irion County, 39-37, on Feb. 2. Score by quarters: Ozona - 7 9 10 13 - 39; Irion County - 9 8 5 15 - 37.

Scoring: Jadon Perez 9; Kobe Rodriguez 12; Jose Ojeda 13; Jacob Schroeder 5. The Lions lost to Eldora-

do, 61-40, on Feb. 5. Score by quarters: Ozona - 6 5 15 14 - 40; Eldorado - 9 20 12 20 - 61.

Scoring: J. Perez 5; Rodriguez 9; Ojeda 6; Felipe Irlas 4; Alex Hopper 1; Jackson Abbey 3; Juan Venegas 2; Schroeder 9.



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JOSE OJEDA, KOBE RODRIQUEZ AND JUAN VENEGAS (r. to l.) in the Varsity Lions Feb. 5 game against Eldorado.



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OHS FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES attended ASU First last week at Angelo State University in San Angelo. The event was for freshmen and sophomore students that will be first generation college students.

Sonora High School hosting FAFSA Night

Sonora High School is hosting FAFSA Night on Feb. 18. The event will start at 5:30 p.m. in the SHS Auditorium and move to the library and computer labs from 6-7 p.m. Students from Sonora, Ozona and Eldorado, as well as the public, are invited to

attend. College and university representatives will be in attendance to help with financial aid applications. Priority deadline is March 1. For more information, call Pam Hailey, assistant principal, at (325) 387-6490 ext. 3304.

OHS Academic Team competes at Sonora

The OHS Academic Team competed at the Sonora Meet on Feb. 5. Coulter McWilliams was third and David Landin fifth in Novice Prose. Ivana Hernandez placed second in Novice Poetry. Julie Marshall won the Ready Writing event. The Journalism Team

placed second overall. In Feature Writing Kaelan Savala was sixth. In Editorial Writing Brenna Hale was second. She also placed sixth in Headline Writing. Alyssa Newlin placed fourth in Headline Writing. Ozona was eighth out of 18 teams, mostly 3A schools.

Lady Lions drop the ball in Irion County and Eldorado

The OHS Lady Lions lost to Irion County, 52-23, on Feb. 2. Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 7 5 7 - 23; Irion County - 11 12 14 15 - 52. Scoring: Breanna Piedra 7; Zephen Cuevas 4; Madison Galindo 3; Asia Lara 2; Estefania Torralba 2; Julie Marshall 2. Also playing: Priscila Rodriguez, Kelly Sewell, McKenna Moses and Madison

Childress. The Lady Lions lost to Eldorado, 50-42. Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 8 16 14 - 42; Eldorado - 10 11 8 21 - 50. Scoring: Lara 12; Galindo 7; Zep. Cuevas 6; Torralba 5; Childress 5; Moses 4; Lozano 3. Also playing: Zethany Cuevas, Piedra, Marshall, Sewell and Rodriguez.

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Seventh Grade Lions win district tournament



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SEVENTH GRADE LIONS won at the district tournament Saturday at Eldorado.

The Seventh Grade Lions won the district tournament on Feb. 6 in Eldorado.

In their first game, Ozona defeated McCamey 41-24.

Scoring: Josh Mahannah 10; Joe Perez 7; Marco Rodriguez 5; Jose Dominguez 4; Emmanuel Venegas 4; Jose Munoz 3; Jesse Vega 2; Michael Esparza 2; Coby Mendez 2; Reece Mosqueda 2.

"This was a great way to start off the tournament. We started slow in the first, but our defense really picked it up in the second quarter and led to some fast break opportunities. We did a great job of rebounding and not allowing them second chance shots. Down the stretch we did a good job of moving the ball and taking care of business," said Coach John Esparza.

The Lions defeated Eldorado, 32-30, in their second game.

Scoring: Mahannah 10;

Vega 7; Rodriguez 6; Mendez 4; Esparza 3; Mosqueda 2. Also playing: Dominguez, Munoz, Perez and Venegas.

"What a great way to end an undefeated season. We struggled through most of the ballgame. We had some guys banged up and not feeling well, but they stuck together and came through for each other. It truly took all 10 of us to get this win," Esparza said. "I was very proud of the composer they showed. We were behind most of the game and did not have a lead until less than two minutes left. We hit some key free throws and some really big shots in the fourth. It was so much fun coaching these young men this year, and the future is very bright for our program. On behalf of all the coaches and players we would like to say thank you to all the family, friends, and the community for all the support this year."



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EIGHTH GRADE LIONS were second at the district tournament Saturday at Eldorado.

Eighth Grade Lions second at district tournament

The Eighth Grade Lions placed second at the district tournament Feb. 6 at Eldorado.

Ozona defeated Iraan 29-19 and then lost to Irion County 32-37.

The Lions defeated Miles,

42-22, on Feb. 4.

Scoring: Alec Lara 14; Zachary Talamantez 4; Sebastian De La Cruz 8; Lazaro Rodriguez 6; Justin Yeager 6; Jacob Childress 3; Manuel Torralba 1. Also playing: Humberto Torralba.



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OMS B TEAM LIONS won at the district tournament Saturday at Eldorado.

OMS B Team Lions win district tourney

The OMS B Team Lions won the district tournament on Feb. 6 in Eldorado.

The team defeated Christoval 21-10 and Eldorado 15-13.



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SEVENTH GRADE LADY LIONS placed third at the district tournament Saturday at Christoval.

Seventh Grade Lady Lions third at district tourney

The Seventh Grade Lady Lions placed third at the district tournament on Feb. 6 in Christoval.

Ozona won their first game, 17-7, against Irion County.

Scoring: Maddie Castro 3; Dorisel Sanchez 6; Paige Sanchez 2; Shelbie Galindo 5;

Reaghan Gonzalez 1.

In the second game, Ozona lost 22-2 to Forsan.

Scoring: D. Sanchez 2 and Gonzalez 2.

In the third game, Ozona defeated Miles 15-10.

Scoring: Galindo 5; D. Sanchez 2; P. Sanchez 2; Gonzalez 3; Castro 4.

Eighth Grade Lady Lions compete at district tourney

The Eighth Grade Lady Lions competed in the district tournament on Feb. 6 in Christoval.

The Lady Lions lost to Miles 41-17 in their first game.

Scoring: Jasmine Fraire 2; Alyiah Ortiz 3; Miranda Villarreal 2; Kaitlyn Tambunga

2; Carlie Ramos 2; Krista Dominguez 6.

In their second game, Ozona lost to Iraan, 20-16.

Scoring: Kenzee Talamantez 2; Roslynn Mendez 2; Alyiah Ortiz 2; Villarreal 2; Kaitlyn Tambunga 4; Ramos 1; Dominguez 1; Kendra Sarabia 2.

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Photography workshop Feb. 27

A 4-H Photography Workshop will be held from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the Crockett County Extension Office, 1301 Avenue AA.

The workshop will cover camera anatomy, lighting, composition, skill building and more. Bring a camera if you own one; otherwise there will be extra cameras to share.

Wear comfortable shoes and clothing as part of the workshop will be outdoors and involve bending, sitting and squatting.

RSVP with the county extension office by Feb. 19 as space may be limited and lunch will be provided.

For more information, or to RSVP, call (325) 392-2721.

County Extension Office for all 4-Hers to complete thank you notes for stock show donors. This is not a required meeting, and you are welcome to complete thank you cards on your own time.

Thank you notes are required before checks are distributed.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Livestock judging will begin at 4 p.m. today, Feb. 10. Call Aaron Renfro at 392-2721 or 226-0761 with any questions.

SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC

Lamb and Goat Showmanship Clinics will continue every other Tuesday at 6 p.m.

4-H MEETING

The next 4-H Meeting will be at 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Crockett County Extension Office.

TEXT REMINDERS

Text @cc4hclub to 81010 to receive text reminders on your phone.

4-H OFFICE

The Crockett County 4-H Office can be reached at (325) 392-2721 or crockettcounty@ag.tamu.edu.

Aaron Renfro, CEA-AG/NR, can be reached at (325) 226-0761 or arenfro@ag.tamu.edu.

Kailey Roberts, CEA-FCS, can be reached at (210) 705-2887 or kailey.roberts@ag.tamu.edu.

Lydia Munoz, secretary, lydia.munoz@ag.tamu.edu.

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CLOTHING and TEXTILES MEETING DATES

Clothing and Textiles will meet from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office on the following dates: Feb. 22, Feb. 29, March 7, March 14, March 21 and March 28.

Duds to Dazzle competition will be held in early April.

For more information, call Lydia or Kailey at 392-2721.

HORSELESS GOAT ROPING

There will be a Horseless Goat Roping Fundraiser for the 4-H Horse Project on Saturday, Feb. 20, at 1 p.m. The event is open to everyone.

For more information, call Ed Hale at 450-4431 or David McGuire at 226-2599.

THANK YOU NOTES

A meeting will be held from 3:30-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, at the Crockett

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Thursday: 2-10 p.m.;
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and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

CLOSED SUNDAYS

OHS MEAL NIGHT:
Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH GRADE:
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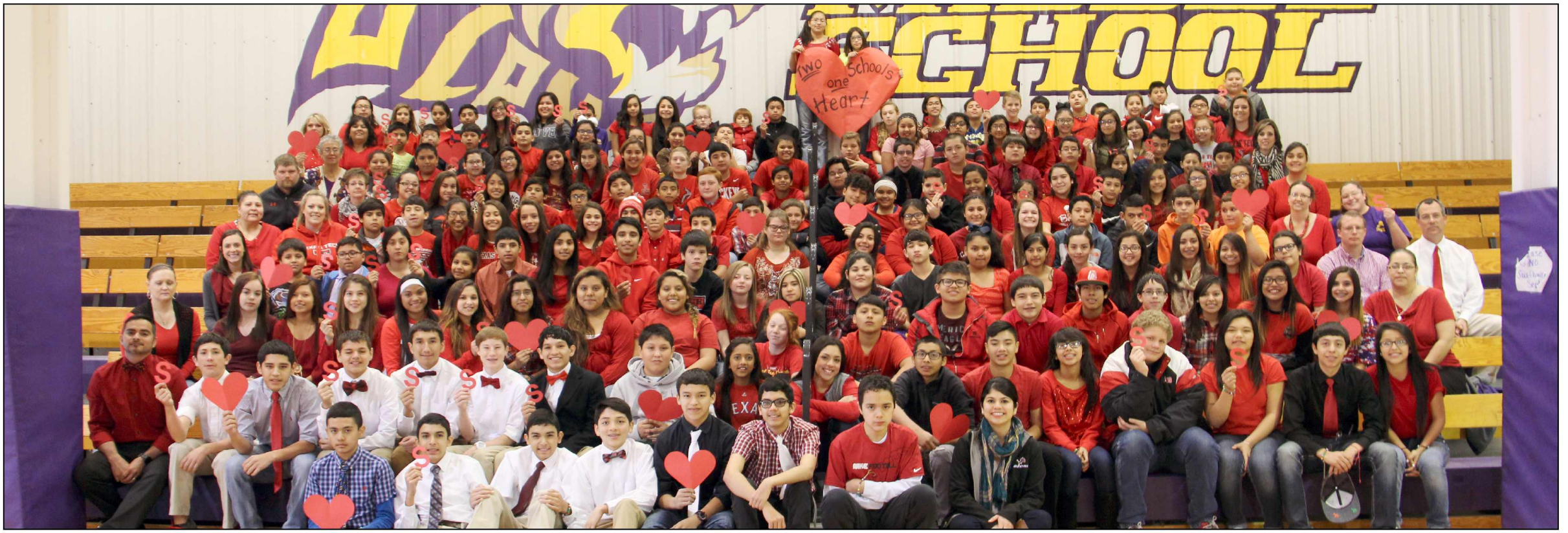
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OZONA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND OZONA HIGH SCHOOL participated in "Thinking of you Thursday" for Stevie Smith and Sonora HS last week. Stevie Smith, a freshman at Sonora High School, was killed in a vehicle accident on Jan. 31. Donations can be made to the Sutton County 4-H Scholarship Fund at the Crockett County Extension Office through Feb. 26, or at The Bank and Trust in Sonora for the "Stevie Smith Memorial Scholarship."

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sinking tax rate comes from the \$3 million school bond that was passed by local voters in September 2014.

The commissioners also approved a contract with Bickerstaff Heath Delgado & Acosta LLP to contract with Shannon Medical Management on operation of the new health clinic once it has been construction. Shannon is furnishing \$275,000 in new equipment for the clinic.

Also on the jail project, the commissioners approved the design development phase documents. This is the architect drawings for the new facility.

County Judge Fred Deaton said the county can now move on to the construction documents.

The commissioners also approved to authorize the solicitation of a construction manager at risk for the jail project.

BUDGET

Deaton told the commissioners that right now the county is facing a 40 percent drop in appraisal values next year, which will make the county short about \$4 million in revenue.

Deaton said the county may have to increase the general tax rate to \$.70 to maintain \$12 million in tax revenue. The maximum general tax rate a county can adopt is \$.80.

"Watch all your expenses and those that come under budget that money can go back into the general fund," Deaton said.

While the commissioners don't usually start budget workshops until the summer, Deaton said he wanted to make everyone aware of the situation.

"We need to go ahead and start working now," Deaton said.

Commissioners Pleas Childress III said the county could look at using a zero-based budget based exactly on what every department needs.

"This budget process we're really going to have to look at every department and every item," Childress said.

BURN BAN and FIREWORKS

The commissioners approved to reinstate the countywide burn ban for 30 days.

They also discussed the use of fireworks for Texas Independence Day.

A new state law allows commissioners courts to determine whether they want to authorize fireworks sales for three new holidays: Texas Independence Day, March 2; San Jacinto Day, April 21; and Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

The commissioners did not adopt an order authorizing the sale of fireworks for Texas Independence Day.

However, the commissioners also approved to ban restricted fireworks, such as "skyrockets with sticks" and "missiles with fins."

Under the previous state law fireworks sales were allowed only twice a year — leading up to the Fourth of July and New Year's Day.

LIBRARY

Library Board President Beth Hoover announced that Susan Williams will be taking over as the new librarian in June.

Louise Ledoux announced that she will be retiring at the end of March after 30 years at the Crockett County Public Library.

Hoover said a joint committee of the Friends of the Library Board and the Library Board interviewed candidates and selected Williams due to her leadership skills, work ethic, 15 years' experience in business management, payroll and her 30 years as a teacher. Williams currently teaches first grade at Ozona Elementary School.

"She has great ideas for the summer reading program and our annual meeting. She is interested in carrying on



SUBMITTED PHOTO | OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

OZONA FIREFIGHTERS conduct a back burn on a grass fire north of Ozona on State Highway 137 Sunday afternoon. The Crockett County Commissioners' Court reinstated a 30-day countywide burn ban Monday due to dry conditions throughout the county.

the work Louise has done. She is familiar with our library and is looking forward to working with our library and the public," Hoover said.

Williams will start her new position in June. Ledoux said Margaret Longoria and Sylvia DeHoyos-Longoria will be running the library. Ledoux said she will help as needed.

Deaton said the commissioners will approve Williams at a future meeting due to the item not being on the agenda.

Also, Deaton presented testimony from the State Culture, Recreation and Tourism Committee, which held an interim hearing on Jan. 26 in Austin.

State Rep. Andrew Murr, R-Junction, sits on the committee and shared with Deaton testimony from Gloria Merez, of the Texas Library Association, who stated that without the public computers at the Crockett County Public Library Joseph Adan Valadez, owner of Rows Field Service, would not have been able to complete OSHA training for his 40 local employees.

"If it hadn't been for that place," Valadez said, "I would have definitely lost a contract that helped a lot of people out. Because the library was capable of meeting our needs as far as computers and space, 40 local families had incomes they wouldn't have had otherwise. For us small companies, these places (libraries) are very important."

In her testimony, Merez asked the committee to supporting and increasing the capacity of the state's libraries, archives and the Texas State Library and Archives Commission during the next legislative session.

The commissioners also approved to advertise for bids to replace the library's roof.

THE COMMISSIONERS ALSO APPROVED:

- iDocket software for clerk's office.
- To advertise for bids for credit card fuel system at the Ozona Airport.
- Contract between Crockett County and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce for the Visitors Center.
- To hire SKG Engineering to design specifications for Gantry Crane for road de-

partment.

• Purchasing of an all-terrain vehicle and trailer for predator control program.

• Renewal of the yearly contract for the Reverse 911 Service with Blackboard Connect for \$2,700.

• Pay application 2 for

\$8,949 to Harrison Roofing Co. for the annex building.

FUTURE MEETING

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The Ozona United Methodist Church will host a Lenten Study from noon-1 p.m. starting today, Feb. 10.

The study will be "On the Road Again: a Faith Journey" by James Moore.

The study will be each Wednesday through March 30 at the church.

The study be Moore re-

flects on Jesus' experience on the road and gives a closer look at some of the people he met along the way. There is no need for any preparation, except to read the scripture if possible.

Lunch will be provided. Everyone is invited to attend

For more information, call 392-3060.

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Wed. - **(3) Fish Tacos** w/Beans & Rice or Charro Beans \$7.95

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Monday, Feb. 15. . . (1) Pork Chop & (1) Cheese Enchilada w/Rice & Beans - \$9.95

Wed., Feb. 17 Chicken Fry Steak w/Green Beans & Mashed Potatoes - \$9.95

Friday, Feb. 19 Fried Catfish w/Trimings - \$9.50

Monday, Feb. 22 Hamburger Steak w/Mashed Potatoes & Corn - \$9.95

Wed., Feb. 24 (2) Chalupas w/Rice - \$6.25

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To vote by mail, apply by Feb. 19 in the Crockett County Clerk's Office in the courthouse annex. Mail-in votes must be received by 7 p.m. on election day or five days after for those voting outside the United States.

Those eligible to vote by mail include those who will be away from the country on election day and during early voting, who are sick or disabled, 65 years of age or older on election day or are confined in jail but still eligible to vote.

The following is the candidates who will appear on the ballots.

Candidates that filed on the Democratic Primary ballot:

- Sheriff - Robert F. "Bob" Rodriguez, incumbent, Jose Gutierrez and Emilio Tambunga. - Commissioner, Precinct 3 - Wesley Bean, Mike Preddy and Max Schroeder. Incumbent Randy Branch said he will not be seeking another term as commissioner. - Treasurer - Karen Webb, incumbent, Shelly Childress, Marie Pierce and Annette C. DeHoyos. The treasurer's seat is up for election due to it being an unexpired term. - Commissioner, Precinct 1 - Frank Tambunga, incumbent. - Tax Assessor-Collector - Michelle Medley, incumbent. - County Attorney - Jody Upham, incumbent. - Constable - Raymond P. (Bear) Borrego, incumbent. - State Senator, District 19 - Carlos I. Uresti, incumbent, and Helen Madla. - State Representative, District 53 - Stephanie Lochte Ertel. - Texas Railroad Commission - Lon Burnam, Cody Garrett and Grady Yar-

- brough. - Texas Supreme Court Justice, Place 3 - Mike Westergren. - Texas Supreme Court Justice, Place 5 - Dori Contreras Garza. - Texas Supreme Court Justice, Place 9 - Savannah Robinson. - Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 2 - Lawrence "Larry" Meyers, incumbent. - Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 5 - Betsy Johnson. - Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 6 - Robert Burns. - State Board of Education District 1 - Joe Fierro Jr., Lynn Oliver and Georgina Perez. - U.S. Representative, District 23 - Pete Gallego and Lee Keenen. - U.S. President - Hillary Clinton, Roque "Rocky" De La Fuente, Calvin Hawes, Keith Judd, Star Locke, Martin J. O'Malley, Bernie Sanders and Willie L. Wilson.

Candidates that filed on the Republican Primary ballot:

- Sheriff - Paul Stroope. - Commissioner, Precinct 3 - Weldon Nicks. - 112th District Attorney - Laurie English, incumbent. - State Senator, District 19 - Peter P. Flores. - State Representative, District 53 - Andrew Murr, incumbent. - Texas Railroad Commission - Lance N. Christian, Wayne Christian, Gary Gates, John Greytok, Ron Hale, Doug Jeffrey and Weston Martinez. - Texas Supreme Court, Place 3 - Debra Lehrmann, incumbent and Michel Massengale. - Texas Supreme Court, Place 5 - Paul Green, incumbent and Rick Green. - Texas Supreme Court, Place 9 - Eva Guzman, incumbent and Joe Pool. - Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 2 - Mary Lou Keel, Chris Oldner and Ray Wheelless. - Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 5 - Sid Harle, Steve Smith, Scott Waker and Brent Webster. - Court of Criminal Appeals Judge, Place 6 - Michael E. Keasler, incumbent and Richard Davis. - U.S. Representative, District 23 - Will Hurd, incumbent, William "Hart" Peterson, of Marfa. - President - Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Chris Christie, Ted Cruz, Carly Fiorina, Elizabeth Gray, Lindsey Graham, Mike Huckabee, John Kasich, Rand Paul, Marco Rubio, Rick Santorum and Donald Trump.

Voters must choose to vote in either the Democratic Primary or the Republican Primary. Voters cannot vote in both party primaries. If a candidate fails to achieve a majority of votes, the two top vote getters will meet in a runoff election on May 24.

The winner of each primary election will then be placed on the Nov. 8 General Election ballot.

For more information, visit www.votetexas.gov.

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

Weekly Activity Report

Table with columns: Monthly Status Report - January 2016, Total Placed in Jail, Total Released, Currently Incarcerated - Ozona, etc.

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE RESIGNS

State Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon, D-San Antonio, who is suffering from lung cancer, resigned from office effective Jan. 26.

Gov. Abbott set May 7 as the date for a special election to fill the House District 120 seat held by McClendon for the last 20 years.

The winner of the special election will serve out the rest of McClendon's term, which expires Dec. 31, 2016.

SALES TAX REVENUE DECREASES

Texas Comptroller Glenn Hegar on Feb. 2 said state sales tax revenue in January totaled \$2.47 billion, down 4 percent compared to January 2015.

"As expected, reduced spending in oil and gas-related sectors resulted in a fall in total sales tax revenue," Hegar said. "Collections from industries mainly driven by consumer spending, including retail trade, restaurants and services, continued to grow, as did receipts from the construction sector."

However, Hegar noted, sales tax collections in January 2015 were a record high and represented a double-digit percentage increase over January 2014, meaning this month's collections are being compared to unusually high collections from a year ago.

HEROES DAY IS PROCLAIMED

Gov. Abbott has proclaimed Feb. 2 to be Texas Military Heroes Day.

Last year, Feb. 2 was celebrated as Chris Kyle Day to honor the late Medal of Honor recipient who became widely known as the U.S. military's most prolific sniper.

Abbott said his proclamation now calls Texans to remember "scores whose names are unrecognized and have quietly done their duty, serving Texas and the United States faithfully. Today, and from every Feb. 2 hereafter, we will honor all who have sacrificed and served on behalf of the Lone Star State. No matter the battle, no matter the job, they deserve our thanks."

1ST ZIKA CASE IS REPORTED

The Texas Department of State Health Services on Feb. 2 reported the first case of Zika virus disease contracted in Texas.

According to the agency, the case involves a Dallas County resident who had sexual contact with someone who acquired the Zika infection while traveling abroad.

Seven other Texas cases of Zika virus disease are known and all are related to foreign travel to areas where Zika is currently being transmitted, the DSHS reported.

There is currently no vaccine or treatment for the virus, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control currently recommends that pregnant women delay travel to foreign countries where Zika is being transmitted.

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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 Disable 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 thorough 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:
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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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