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Lions named All-District

The OHS Lions Basketball Team have two players named to the

OZONA, TEXAS



All-District Team. Jose Ojeda and Kobe Rodriquez **KOBE RODRIQUEZ**

both received honorable men-

tions on the team. Ojeda, a senior, made 41 baskets for 102 points during the season. He also had 66 rebounds, 4 blocks, 17 steals, 7 de-

flections and 22 assists. Rodriguez, a sophomore, made 34 baskets for 99 points. He also had 118 rebounds, 37 steals, 13 deflections and 38 assists.

Fort Lancaster Visitors Center reopens

BY JEFFERSON SPILMAN FORT LANCASTER

SHEFFIELD, Texas -Fort Lancaster State Historic Site, a Texas Historical Commission property recently reopened its visitors center after being closed for more than a year.

A grand reopening of the visitors center is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, at 1 p.m. during the annual Western Frontier Days event.

Fort Lancaster State Historic Site spans 82 acres and commemorates the vestiges of an 1855 military post that played an important role in westward expansion by protecting mail carriers, wagon trains, and settlers traveling the San Antonio-El Paso Road.

The site contains ruins of the once sizable military installation with an interpretive trail for visitors to explore the grounds.



SUBMITTED PHOTO | FORT LANCASTER

THE FORT LANCASTER VISITORS CENTER has reopened after being remodeled. A grand reopening is scheduled for 1 p.m. May 21 during the annual Western Frontier Days event.

The remodeled visitors center includes a new exhibition featuring artifacts, historical images, map, scale models, firearms, soldier dress-up station, and a lifesized camel replica.

The building also has a conference room, gift shop, shade canopy and rest rooms.

The site is open to the public seven days a week, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3 for children ages 6-18, and free for children ages 5 and younger.

For school groups, admission is \$1 per student and advance reservations are required. There is no admission fee for outreach programs.

Golf carts are available for use on a first-come, firstserved basis.

More information is available at www.visitfortlancaster.com and (432) 836-4391.

Good **Friday** closings, Easter events

The Ozona Stockman will be closed for Good Friday, March 25.

Deadline is noon Monday, March 28, for the March 30 edition.

Also closed for Good Friday are Ozona Schools, Ozona Community Center, Ozona Head Start, Crockett County Water Control and Improvement District #1 and Crockett County offices. Some county offices will close at noon Thursday, March 24.

The Family Health Center of Ozona, the U.S. Post Office and local banks will be open Fri-

Lowe's Grocery Store will be closed Easter Sunday, March 27.

EASTER EGG HUNTS

Ozona Elementary School will host Easter Egg Hunts on Thursday, March 24.

Pre-K will be at 12:30 p.m. at the Pre-K wing.

Kindergarten will be at 2 p.m. on the playground by the kindergarten wing.

First Grade will be at 2 p.m. at the Swimming Pool Park.

Second Grade will be 2 p.m. in the back of the school.

The annual Knights of Columbus County Easter Egg Hunt will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 27, at the Rodeo Park by the Rodeo Arena.

Age groups will be 0-3, 4-6 and 7-10.

The event will feature prize eggs, music by TKO, hotdogs, chips and drinks.

EASTER SERVICES

Local churches will be holding special services and events this week.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church will have Holy Thursday Mass at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 24. Following Mass there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the OLPH Parish Hall hourly until midnight.

Good Friday Stations of the Cross will

PLEASE SEE **EASTER**, PAGE 4

'Lucky to be alive'



ASKING ALEXANDRIA BASSIST SAM BETTLEY (right) talks on his cell phone after his Budget van flipped on Interstate-10 last week when the vehicle's tire blew out. No injuries were reported in the accident.

Rock group bassist survives I-10 accident

A member of the rock group Asking Alexandria said he is "lucky to be alive" after his van flipped last week on Interstate-10 near Ozona.

Sam Bettley, 25, was driving a Budget rental van when a blown tire caused him to flip the vehicle, according to reports.

The vehicle landed upright blocking both lanes of traffic with all contents

spilled out on the roadway. The accident occurred near the 365 mile-marker on March 17.

Bettley said although his possessions have been destroyed, he feels fortunate to walk away from the accident "without a scratch."

Bettley is the bassist of the U.K. metalcore band. The day before (March

16), Bettley indicated via Twitter that he was embarking on a long auto excursion.

He then posted on Twitter on March 18 that he was in Austin for a few days.

"Seriously, so touched by the amount of support and love from everyone," he posted on his Twitter page.

Traffic was rerouted until the vehicle and contents could be removed.

Crockett County EMS, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Crockett County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Transportation all responded.

- Billboard.com contributed to this article.



OHS LADY LIONS POWERLIFTERS competed at the state meet on March 18 at Corpus Christi. (left to right) Coach Todd Harrison, Rachel Mendoza, Dulce Rodriguez, Kim Borrego, Maria Mejia and Tisha Harrison.

Lady Lions place at state meet

Four members of the OHS Lady Lions Powerlifting Team competed at the Texas High School Women's Powerlifting Association State Meet on March 18 in Corpus Christi.

Dulce Rodriguez placed third in the 132-pound class with 315-pound squat, 130 bench press and 345 dead lift for a total of 790 pounds.

Maria Mejia placed fourth in the 220-plus class with 435 squat, 175 bench press and 340 dead lift for a total of 950. Kim Borrego placed seventh in the 181 class with 320 squat,

180 bench press and 320 dead lift for a total of 820. Also competing for the Lady Lions was Rachel Mendoza.

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LADY LIONS SOFTBALL VS. MENARD 5 P.M. THURSDAY AT THE OHS SOFTBALL FIELD



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Proper etiquette on how to display flags at a business

I am continually fascinated how our past experiences shape our future decisions. The principal called to offer me a fifth grade teaching position and before I accepted, I asked, "May I ask about the procedure on how flags are raised and lowered each day at school?"

Her answer surprised me,
"The janitor takes care of that."
To which I replied, "I would like
to have the fifth grade class
be in charge of the flag." Having students, studying American history as fifth graders,
raise and lower the flag was

a natural fit. The principal said "Yes, that would be nice." And I had my first teaching job.

When your business decides to add anything flag related to your image, I hope that one of my former students works for you and



BUSINESS TIPS

PEGGY ROSSER

can assist you in the proper flag etiquette.

Here are some regulations for a business setting. When you hang a flag in a window or out front of your business, place the blue union in the upper left, as viewed from the street.

If the flag is displayed across a street, it should be suspended vertically with the union to the north over an east and west street, or to the east over a north and south street.

Flag Code Section 8d reads, "The flag should never be used as wearing apparel." strict set of rules which govern how it is displayed. When flown out-of-doors on a pole, the white stripe is uppermost and the red stripe is below the white. Students learned a trick

The Texas flag also has a

white. Students learned a trick to remember how to hang it by imagining that the red symbolized blood and if it were at the top, the blood would run into the white stripe and that would mean the flag was up-

side down.

If displayed vertically in the window or in front of a business, the blue stripe with the

star should be uppermost and the white stripe should be to the state flag's right (observer's left)

If you fly the flags together, the U.S. flag is always above the Texas flag. With both flags clipped to the lanyard, swiftly raise the flags to the top of the pole, then slowly and respectfully lower to half-staff.

Flying the flags of our country and our state evoke an innate sense of patriotism. Just make sure it's properly displayed by raising them after dawn and lowering them prior

to dusk unless it is illuminated. If it's an all-weather flag, it can be left flying, but if not – bring it inside.

Use this site for USA flag rules military.com and for the Texas flag-texasalmanac.com.

The entire ten years I was flag sponsor, I could always count on someone calling the school if the fifth grade students ever raised the flags incorrectly.

"BUSINESS TIPS" was written by Peggy Rosser, Certified Business Advisor of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at peggy.rosser@angelo.edu.

Three extra special Texas Republican Delegates

hree Texas Republicans could have golden tickets to their national political convention this summer; unlike their colleagues, they'll be allowed to vote for any presidential candidate they choose, all because Marco Rubio dropped out of the race last week.

It would be a hoot to interview them, but nobody knows who they are.

In a year when Republicans might not settle on a presidential nominee until they convene in Ohio in July, those three Texans — and their counterparts from other states — could be wined and dined and threatened and cajoled as the remaining candidates claw for the votes needed to win the party's nomination.

Rubio suspended his campaign after earning 169 delegates, including the three from Texas. It's a relatively small number, but it could be enough people to make or break a candidate on the first round of voting at the national convention. If the current leader, Donald Trump, is within striking distance of the nomination, Rubio's delegates could come into play, either making him a winner or denying him a first-round nod.

At the moment, it's possible to say which candidates have how many delegates from Texas but impossible to say who those delegates are. None have been selected, but the process is underway. It began earlier this month, after the primaries, at party precinct conventions.

Those precinct partisans elected delegates to the party's county and senate district conventions. And on Saturday, the people gathered at those meetings will choose the delegates to the May state convention in Dallas.

On the Saturday morning of that state convention, delegates will go to their congressional district meetings and decide on the three people in each meeting who will represent them at the national GOP convention in Cleveland in July.

So, while their names are not known, it is possible to say they live in the 7th, 16th and 32nd Congressional Districts: in Harris, El Paso, and Collin and Dallas counties.

Most of the state's 108 delegates (3 for each of the 36 districts) will be "bound" — required, at first, to vote as the state's voters did. The 47 at-large dele-



STATE ANALYSIS

ROSS RAMSEY

well. Based on the Texas Secretary of State's unofficial vote counts, Ted Cruz will have 104 delegates, Donald Trump will have 48 and Marco Rubio will

be bound as

have 3.
Once they are picked to go to the national convention and then assigned — by a vote — to Rubio a couple of hours later, those three Texans will be the only unbound delegates in the state's delegation. The others — assigned to Cruz and

to Trump—will be bound.
Like the "superdelegates" on the Democratic side of the field, they will be limited only by their promises. No law or rule requires them to go with one candidate or another, or to pay any attention to the voters back home.

Here's how Eric Opiela, a iawyer wno nas been knee deep in the Texas GOP's rules for years, analyzed the possibilities in a memo earlier this year: "The 'uncommitted' delegate provision may provide a wellorganized campaign an opportunity to unofficially gain additional delegates. Good organizational skills and strategy at the congressional district meeting level will be required to achieve this possibility.

That is an understatement. An ambitious conservative with foresight might have started the play already, attending the small precinct meeting with an eye to becoming one of the few superdelegates in a party that doesn't officially recognize any such thing. Someone even now might be forging a trail through the party politics and rules to a position where all of the remaining national candidates come pleading for the vote that could move them closer to the White House.

Perhaps the nomination will be locked up before the national convention, like it usually is, and the Republicans from Texas and other states and territories will assemble in July not to choose a candidate but to hail one. But maybe...

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Bovine Beauticians

Look behind any Grand Champion steer or show heifer these days and you'll see an army of young men responsible for turning the beast into a thing of beauty. There's the tail specialist, leg virtuoso, tailhead hotshot and clipper maestro. When I showed cattle 50 years ago if a teacher, fair official or parent saw anyone even helping to fluff a tail you and your steer would be unceremoniously kicked off the fairgrounds.

Recently I received a thick catalog filled with show-jock-endorsed paraphernalia for show hogs, sheep, cattle and goats. Goats! In my day if someone showed up at the fair with a goat they'd be denied entrance. And a show hog was just a common pig wearing lipstick. Kids are also showing rabbits, chickens and turkeys. I wonder, do you use a showstick or a cane to show a turkey?

Not a single show jock I knew 50 years ago owned a set of clippers. Our FFA chapter owned a pair and a week before the fair our ag advisor would show us how to clip the head and belly. Then on show day we'd wet our animals down, line them with a grotesque looking device and brush the hair up. The resulting hairdo was supposed to make the animal look longer. About a month before the fair we trimmed the feet on our calves so that after we crippled them they'd still have time to regrow some hooves by show day.

As a gung-ho FFA steer jock I made my own show box and my showstick was a broom handle with a nail in it. These days you need a fitting chute with telescoping head tie, a diamond plate show box,



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

our entry numbers on with a diaper safety pin, the best dressed showman these days needs a "number harness" and expensive denim jeans with embroidered rear pockets. It seems to be very important that your equipment has just the right amount of "bling". Whatever that is.

and a show stick with a

padded grip. Whereas

our mothers pinned

Occasionally I bathed my animals with dish-

washing soap but now there are nourishing shampoos with vitamins, whitening shampoos with chamomile, and even waterless shampoos. It seems that adhesives can be the difference between Grand Champion and Reserve. There are special adhesives for the tail and the legs and in light, medium or heavy strength to make the hair stand up and create the illusion of muscle. Of course you'll need an adhesive remover. When we wanted hair to stand up we used "Butch wax", a gooey concoction that would turn a steer judge's hand into a gooey mess. Even the winners wouldn't shake the judge's hand!

Besides all the chemical concoctions it seems you need a "total system" including foamers, sprayers, blasters, fans and foggers. And you'll need a "neck system" to sweat a cleaner and more attractive neck so

prized in today's restaurants and butcher shops.

I remember being quite the showring rebel because I made my own blower out of my Grandma's Eureka vacuum. There was even a discussion in a closed fair board session if this vacuum was an unfair advantage.

Now your typical show person has a blower that will strip the paint off a car and show jocks stand around discussing blower horse power like we talked about 56 Chevys and Dodge Chargers. They also talk about "building the volume of hair" as if they were Hollywood hair stylists.

Another reason for disqualification in my day was if you dyed any part of your animal. In Denver one year the Grand Champion was stripped of its title when it started changing from an Angus to a Charolais on the wash rack. Now you can create colors for your steer like a paint salesman at Home Depot.

I went through the showring catalog and added up all the things I'd need to fit my show steer these days and the total came to more than I ever sold one of my Grand Champions for.

I do see one big change that is a vast improvement: rubber and plastic combs and brushes. If I'd have had one of those 50 years ago maybe I wouldn't have a big round ugly scar of concentric circle on my derriere from the time I sat on my curry comb. Ouch, that hurt!

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Paxton seeks halt to regional haze rules

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on March 18 asked an appeals court to prevent the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency from implementing new regional haze regulations until a trial of the state's pending lawsuit challenging the new rules.

Paxton filed the 328-page motion in the New Orleans-based U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit.

In February, Paxton filed suit, acting on behalf of the State of Texas and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality, the Public Utility Commission of Texas and a list of power-generating companies. The suit came after the EPA in January rejected Texas' proposed revision to its state implementation plan for reducing regional haze.

The EPA rejected the state's plan in favor of a federal plan that Paxton said would require power generators "to install costly, unnecessary up-

grades to become compliant. This could both make electricity more expensive, and could result in fewer plants at a time when Texas needs more capacity, not less."

DISASTER DECLARED, AID GRANTED

Gov. Greg Abbott issued an emergency disaster proclamation on March 14 and two days later revised it to include a total of 21 counties to address severe weather and flooding.

The disaster proclamation applies to the counties of Angelina, Erath, Gregg, Hardin, Harrison, Henderson, Hood, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Madison, Marion, Newton, Orange, Parker, Sabine, San Augustine, Shelby, Smith, Tyler and Walker.

Abbott toured the area to survey damages from the

storms, which began March 7. Gov. Abbott on March 18 requested Individual Assistance and Public Assistance for Orange, Jasper and Newton counties from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

On March 19, Abbott's request was granted, opening the door for affected citizens in those counties to apply for federal "Individual Assistance" grants of up to \$33,000 and low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

"As Southeast Texas continues to face severe weather, it is imperative that Texans receive the vital assistance needed to begin rebuilding and restoring their communities," Abbott said.

Abbott said the state government is working with local

partners "to ensure life safety needs continue to be met" and with federal government partners "to ensure Texans receive all eligible assistance they need to recover from, and ultimately surmount, the challenges posed by the flooding in Southeast Texas." At 11 p.m. on PLEASE STATE, PAGE 8

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Crockett County Official attends County Management and Risk Conference

BY LONNIE HUNT TEXAS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

AUSTIN - Karen D. Webb, Crockett County Treasurer, attended the County Management and Risk Conference on March 9-11 in Galveston, which was presented by the Texas Association of Counties.

During the event, Texas county officials and managers attended sessions that provided resources and solutions for counties on the latest in risk management, human resource trends, Health Care Reform, workplace wellness and more.

Angelo State University

sophomores

will welcome high school

and juniors and their fami-

lies to campus on Satur-

day, April 16, for "Discover

ASU," a half-day program

that provides a firsthand

introduction to campus life

and educational opportuni-

Pizza Mia

on the Square

ribbon cutting

March 30

Commerce will host a ribbon

cutting at 12:15 p.m. March

30 at Pizza Mia on the Square

welcomed and encouraged to come out and congratu-

call the chamber at (325)

located at 512 9th Street.

late the business.

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The Ozona Chamber of

Chamber members are

For more information,

ties at the university.

freshmen,

Breakout presentations covered topics such as handling the mentally ill in coun-



KAREN WEBB

ty jails, protecting county facilities through preventative maintenance, body-worn cameras for law enforcement, improving safety in county operations, navigating the aftermath of natural disasters, workplace wellness and health care cost drivers.

Angelo State hosting 'Discover ASU' April 16

8:15 a.m. in the Houston

Harte University Center,

information sessions about

academic programs, general

information for students

getting ready to transition

to ASU, a campus tour and

opportunities to visit ASU

1910 Rosemont Drive.

Check in will begin at

Activities will include

The group also heard speakers discuss the qualities of leadership that create a culture of teamwork and collaboration, and the Affordable Care Act reporting mandates imposed on county group health plans.

The LBJ School of Public Affairs at the University of Texas at Austin served as educational co-sponsor for this TAC conference.

Officials attending received continuing education credits, which apply toward mandatory continuing education requirements.

There is no cost to at-

To learn more about

tend, but advance registra-

Discover ASU, or to reg-

ister, call the ASU Admis-

sions Office at (325) 942-

2041 or 800-946-8627, or

go online to angelo.edu/

residence halls.

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discover.

Crockett County Commissioners meeting **Tuesday**

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court will hold a special called meeting at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at the courthouse annex. The meeting is open to the public.

clude discussion and action on bridge and Interstate-10 access road south of Interstate-10 and discussion and action on auditor's report.

Tyra Branch, Michelle Medley

March 24 - Kari Renfroe, Alfred Enriquez, Vicki Stokes, Zachary Wright, Angela Moore, Kristine Flores

don, Cynthia Hokit, Cameron Martinez, Rita Vasquez, Albert Talamantez Sr., Taylor Newton, Alex Hopper and Emilio Tambunga

March 26 - Michael Joel Vargas Jr., Pife Borrego, Juan Molina Jr., Steve Hubbard, Jose I. Dominguez Jr., Albert Trevino, Chapo Leal, Melvin Parker Jr., Enrique Delgado, Letha Allen and Vanessa Tobar

March 27 - Cynthia Castillo and Justin Rodriguez

March 28 - Marie Maskill, Roky Vega, Leonel Rodriguez Jr., Wendy Wilson, Debbie Arrott, Charlie Branch, Amber McClanahan, Romeo Perez III, Veroinica Talamantez and Donavon Santiago

Jose

Items on the agenda in-

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

March 23 - Melissa Hubbard, Tres Perez, Cynthia Flores, Barbara Guerrero,

and Austin Borrego

March 25 - Tommy Rear-

March 29 - Edna Tambuna, Diane Phillips and Maria

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 23

- OHS Band at UIL Concert and Sight Reading in Crane. • Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Kindergarten, Second and Fourth Grades Pride Lunch at OES.
- KC Kitchen, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center • Range Project, 4:15 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office.
- Wool and Mohair Project, 5:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office.

Thursday, March 24

- · 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.
- Livestock Judging, 4:15 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office.
- OHS Baseball vs. Mason, 5 p.m. at Mason.
- OHS Softball vs. Menard, 5 p.m. at the OHS Softball Field.
- Jesus' Last Passover Meal, 6 p.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall. • Holy Thursday Mass, 7 p.m. followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament hourly until

midnight at OLPH Catholic Church and the OLPH Parish Hall. Friday, March 25

- Good Friday Stations of the Cross, 1 p.m. staring at OLPH Catholic Church.
- The Prison and the Cross, 6 p.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Chapel.
- Good Friday Service and Special Children's Service, 7 p.m. at New Beginnings Church.

• Passion Service, 7 p.m. at OLPH Catholic Church.

- Saturday, March 26
- New Beginnings Church Spring Eggstravaganza, 10 a.m. at the Rodeo Park. • Easter Vigil Mass, 9 p.m. at the OLPH Catholic Church.
 - Sunday, March 27

- Easter Sunday • Sunrise Service and Breakfast, 8 a.m. at the town square and Hoover Building at the First Baptist Church.
- Easter Vigil Mass, 9 a.m. at Good Shepherd Mission Church in Sheffield.
- Easter Service, 10 a.m. at New Beginnings Church.
- Children's Easter Egg Hunt and Pot-Luck Easter Meal after 11 a.m. service at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
- Easter Service, 11 a.m. at First Baptist Church.
- Knights of Columbus County Easter Egg Hunt, 2:30 p.m. at the Rodeo Park.

Monday, March 28

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center • Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Clothing and Textiles, 4:30-6 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office.
- OHS Softball vs. Miles, 5 p.m. at Miles.

Tuesday, March 29

- STAAR Testing, Fourth Grade Writing and Fifth Grade Math at OES.
- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center • OHS Baseball vs. Harper, 6 p.m. at the OHS Baseball Field.
- Crockett County Commissioners' Court Special Called Meeting, 6 p.m. at the courthouse annex.

Wednesday, March 30

- STAAR Testing, Fifth Grade Reading 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.
- Ribbon Cutting, 12:15 p.m. at Pizza Mia on the Square.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center • Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Reception for Librarian Louise Ledoux, 4-6 p.m. at the Crockett County Public Library.
- Range Project, 4:15 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office. • Wool and Mohair Project, 5:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office.
- Crockett County CCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

Business plan seminar Tuesday

The ASU-SBDC will host "How to Write Your Business Plan Part II: Focus on Financials," 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at 69 N. Chadbourne, Suite 110 in San Angelo.

Register in advance for this event so that we can provide adequate seating and handouts for everyone. For more information, or to register, call at (325) 942-2098 or register online at www.sbdc.angelo.edu

354 New Highway **Beginnings** 163 South Church Ozona, TX $church\dots$ but different Friday Services and a Special Children's Service guest speaker Wayne Kaufman Friday, March 25 7:00 p.m. New Beginnings Church Spring

Eggstravaganza Saturday, March 26

10:00 a.m.

Rodeo Grounds Park

Easter Service

Sunday, March 27

w/ guest speaker Wayne Kaufmar

10:00 a.m. New Beginnings Church



WOUNDED WARRIORS were welcomed to Ozona Friday as they made a lunch stop at the Hitchin' Post Restaurant after being escorted into town by the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department. The group was headed to Del Rio on a fishing trip with the Reel Thanx Program in Midland.

Card of Thanks

I, Lupe Martinez, would like to say THANK YOU to each and everyone for all the prayers, phone calls, visits and flowers throughout my hospital stay. I'm at home still recuperating, but doing a lot better. I'm still receiving lots of phone calls and visits, which is a blessing. A big shout out to my daughter's OES family for all the prayers and concerns. Blessings to all.

Lupe Martinez and Family





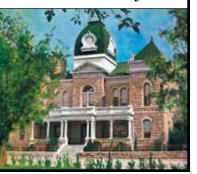
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Helping Hands is in need of volunteers to deliver meals to the elderly. If you have some time, or need some community service for school, come by or call (325) 392-5026.

MARCH 23

· Pork fritter, yams, steamed cabbage, wheat bread, fruited gelatin and milk.

MARCH 24

· Crunchy baked fish, oven baked French fries, pinto beans, cucumber tomato salad, tarter sauce, ketchup, seasonal fresh fruit and milk.

MARCH 25

Closed for Good Friday.

MARCH 28

· Smoked sausage, green beans, seasoned cabbage, whole what bread, fresh apple slices and milk.

MARCH 29

· Chicken noodle casserole, seasoned green beans, dinner roll, mandarin oranges and cherries and milk.

MARCH 30

Salisbury steak, baked potato, capri vegetables, dinner roll, banana pudding with wafers and milk.

MARCH 31

· Pork cutlet paprikash, butter beans, glazed carrots, whole wheat bread, fruited gelatin and milk.

APRIL 1

· Cilantro lime chicken, garden blend rice, zucchini, wheat roll, oatmeal raisin cookie and milk.



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'A river runs through it'

Like the proverbial "river of life", the digestive track meanders through our body enabling our most intimate relationship with the environment and planet.

Oh yeah, it is most definitely more than just a "hose" sprinkling food molecules around the body.

Our digestive tract is a system of interdependent organs, muscles and connective tissues working together in refining and metabolizing all we eat and drink into nutrients that will be distributed throughout the body.

They are then genetically expressed according to function and type for each cell, as well as the cells of the microbes and bacteria we host.

The cells of our microbes outnumber our own body's by 10 to 1.

Also called the "gut flora", the microbes that reside within our digestive tract, along with our lymphatic tissues, comprise 60 to 70 percent of our immune system.

Let it suffice to say... "If the gut ain't happy... the body ain't happy."

Nutrients go from the small intestine, through the liver and are distributed throughout the body once in the bloodstream.

We are in a perpetual state of detoxification, rejuvenation and transformation from the building materials we ingest as food from the moment of conception, until we take our last breath.

We are, quite literally, what we eat.

Nevertheless, in order for our food to 'become us', our digestive system has to work in the manner it was de-



HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH

JIM FISH

signed and we should be mindful exactly of what we are putting into it.

Digestion bewith gins the first thought of the food about to be eaten. The

mouth begins to salivate and the pancreas immediately begins discharging insulin and enzymes in preparation of the anticipated task. The sense of smell further amplifies the signals to the mouth, gut and brain.

When food enters the mouth, chewing further stimulates the salivary glands to start producing saliva with more enzymes that help start the digestive process.

These actions soften the food to form a bolus and get it ready for a smooth sail down the esophagus and into the stomach.

The swallowed bolus mixes with acidic fluids in the stomach and is further reduced to a thick liquid known as chyme.

"Chyme is the liquid substance found in the stomach before passing through the pyloric valve and entering the duodenum. It results from the mechanical and chemical breakdown of a bolus and consists of partially digested food, water, hydrochloric acid, and various digestive enzymes," as it is explained by Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia.

In the duodenum, the

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chyme is very actively being digested as it combines with many different enzymes from the stomach, liver, gallbladder and pancreas and moves on into the jejunum and small intestine.

The chyme is further prepared by the gut flora and bacteria as it navigates its way through about 18 feet of small intestine and is processed into nutrients for absorption by the liver.

A small portion chyme survives and is moved on into the large intestine, or colon, which is much shorter (about 5-feet) but larger in diameter.

There, it ferments and is processed by more microbes and bacteria before being absorbed or stored and evacuated; anywhere from 8 to 72 hours after ingestion.

As the "river of life" in our body, the digestive tract will respond to and metabolize all substances that travels its corridor. If we mindlessly ingest artificial foods, chemicals and toxins, the result will be malnutrients genetically expressed to the detriment of the body in numerous ways and varied symptoms.

Each of us needs to understand what our body is trying to tell us and heed its warnings. We need to assume the responsibility of our own good health, make it our main priority and be mindful about the food we eat.

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

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Senior Center closed Friday for holiday

BY BRENDA NEWTON

SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

The Crockett County Senior Center will be closed Friday, March 25, for Good Friday. Hope everyone has a Happy Easter.

Weekly schedule of activi-

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

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

Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday Prayer Group - 3 p.m.

Wednesday Quilting - 9:30 a.m.

Thursday Bingo - 2 p.m. Thursday Come on out, the coffee

OZONA GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Next meeting April 11, trip to Fredericksburg

is on.

BY CHARLOTTE HARRELL

OZONA GARDEN CLUB

Fifteen members and one guest, Tamara Dominguez, of Ozona Garden Club met at the Crockett County Public Library on Monday, March 14. Hostess Pamela Maresch and her daughter, Tamara Dominguez, provided the delicious refreshments. Librarian and member Louise Ledoux welcomed everyone to the library. New member Gilda Hamilton was welcomed to the club.

President Vicki Stokes conducted the business meeting. Mary Anne Deaton agreed to explore the idea of cooperating with the Ozona Middle School to establish a butterfly garden as a teaching tool for the children. She will report her findings at the next meeting.

Charlotte Harrell reported on the District VIII convention held in Ozona March 4. Forty members of the District registered, and all the contributions to the Silent Auction raised \$1,285.50. Forty percent of the proceeds, \$514.20 go to support District VIII; and 60 percent, \$771.30, is kept by Ozona Garden Club. of \$381.79 above convention expenses, making the proceeds for Ozona Garden Club \$1,153.09.

Fifteen members of Ozo-

na Garden Club were registered for the convention, and several other members helped with silent auction contributions, decorating, and other aspects of the pre-convention work. Charlotte thanked everyone for their support and hard work. A detailed account of the convention appeared in The Ozona Stockman on March 9.

Tam Honaker owner of A Farmer's Daughter came to Ozona to present "Gods in the Garden," a program on succulents. She distributed a detailed handout with pictures and instructions for propagating and caring for succulents. She gave each member a paper bag containing all items necessary to propagate a new succulent plant. She also gave away a lovely dish garden of succulents, which Jeannine Henderson won in the drawing.

Vicki Stokes discussed plans for the April 11 meeting to be held at the Herb Farm in Fredericksburg.

Members attending were Marolyn Bean, Tina Bean, Arlene Clayton, Mary Anne Deaton, Gilda Hamilton, Charlotte Further, there was an overage Harrell. Jeannine Henderson, Louise Ledoux, Pamela Maresch, Jean Odom, Willa Perry, Vicki Stokes, Carmen Sutton, Esther Williams, and Rosalind Williams.

Sunday, March 27, at Good

Shepherd Mission Church in

ist is holding "Traveling the

will be 6 p.m. Thursday,

March 24, in the fellowship

Road to Resurrection."

Ozona United Method-

Jesus' Last Passover Meal

Sheffield.

hall.

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take place at 1 p.m. Friday, March 25, beginning at the OLPH Church and proceeding through the south side of town. Passion Service will follow at 7 p.m.

Easter Vigil Mass will be 9 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at OLPH Church and 9 a.m.

Sunday School

10:00 a.m.

<u>Easter</u>

Worship Service

11:00 a.m.

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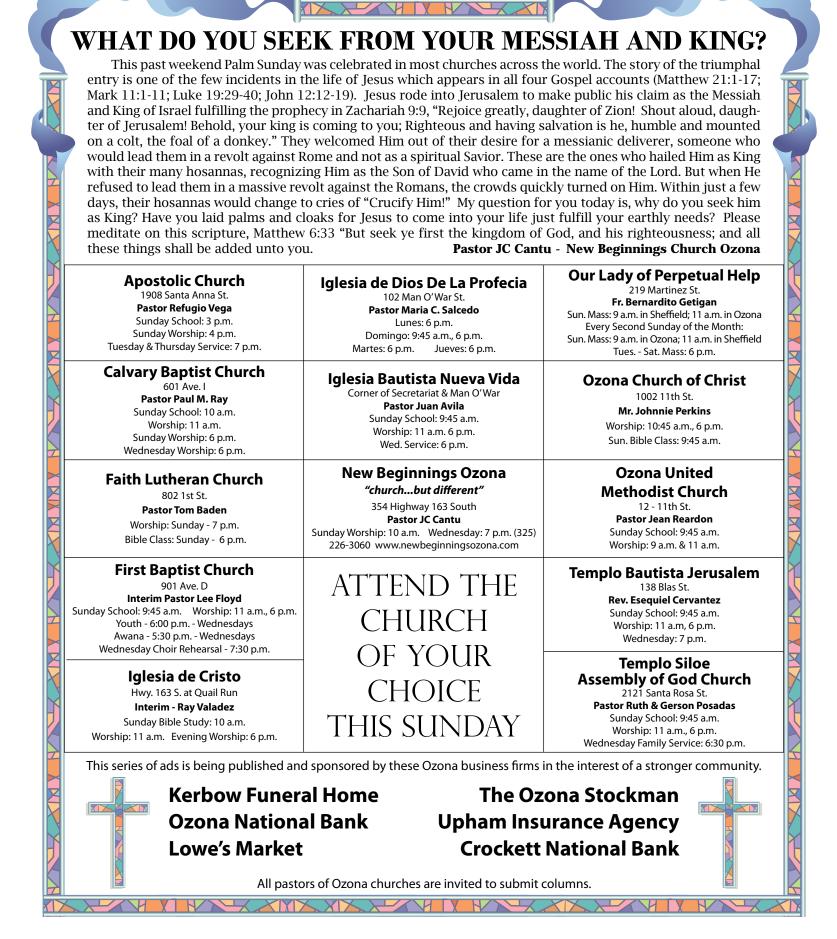
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The Prison and the Cross will be 6 p.m. Friday, March 25, in the chapel. Easter Sunday, March 27, **FIRST** will be The Joyful Road with Sunday School at 10 a.m., **BAPTIST** Worship Service at 11 a.m. and a Children's Easter Egg **CHURCH** Hunt and Pot-Luck Easter Meal following the Worship EASTER Service. SUNDAY The First Baptist Church SCHEDULE will hold a Sunrise Service at 8 a.m. Sunday, March 27, at SUNDAY, the town square. Everyone MARCH 27 is invited to bring their lawn chairs. SUNRISE Breakfast will be held at the Hoover Building following the Sunrise Service. 8:00 a.m. Sunday School will be On The Square 10 a.m. with Easter Worship <u>Breakfast</u> Service following at 11 a.m. Hoover Building Immediately Following New Beginnings Church Sunrise Service will have a Good Friday Ser-

vice and Special Children's Service at 7 p.m. Friday, March 25. They will have a Spring Eggstravaganza at 10 a.m.

Saturday, March 26, at the Rodeo Park by the Rodeo Arena. Easter Service will be

10 a.m. Sunday, March 27, with guest speaker Wayne Kaufman.



Jones named district engineer for TxDOT San Angelo

BY KAREN A. THRELKELD TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Mark Jones became the new San Angelo District Engineer effective March 14.

Mark has devoted over 25 years to transportation engineering in the public and private sectors.

His TxDOT career began in 1992 in the Construction Division and he transferred to the Austin District in 1996.

He left TxDOT in 1999 to work in the private sector where he assisted in the accelerated planning and development of over 24 miles of toll roads through central Texas.

In 2004, Jones rejoined TxDOT as the Georgetown assistant area engineer and later as area engineer, managing the first pass-through toll program in Williamson County.

He became director of construction for the Waco District in 2015.

Jones earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from New Mexico State University.



"This region of our state is very dynamic when it comes to transportation," Mark said. "We reach out across both rural and urban communities and maintain over 150 miles of interstate highway. Connecting communities, supporting economic growth and providing a safe system will certainly be a challenge."

The San Angelo district covers 15 counties: Coke, Concho, Crockett, Edwards, Glasscock, Irion, Kimble, Menard, Reagan, Real, Runnels, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton and Tom Green and has over 7,000 miles of roadway infrastructure.

Reagan County Ag Day Tuesday

BY STEVE BYRNS TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION

BIG LAKE - Organizers promise a wealth of ranching information to those attending the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service's Reagan County Ag Day on Tuesday, March 29, in Big Lake.

The program will begin with an 8:30 a.m. registration followed by the program from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the AgriLife Extension office in Reagan County, 1430 N. Ohio St.

"We have a wide array of topics and plenty of them." said Chase McPhaul, AgriLife Extension agent in Reagan County. "We also have a top slate of speakers lined up, so I predict this will be a very productive and informative day for our region's producers."

The program topics will include:

Ag Law, Hot Topics in

- · Chemical Drifting.
- · Hunting Agreements. · Wildlife and Livestock
- Interaction.
- · Protein Feeding What Are the Benefits?
- · Chronic Wasting Disease.
- · Feral Hogs.
- · Livestock Guardian Dog Publication.
- · Benefits of Hair Sheep. · Cattle Market Outlook,
- a Three-Year Plan. · Livestock Risk Protection.
- · Economic Benefits from
- Wildlife for Landowners. · Spring Toxic Weeds -
- What to Look For. · Mapping Soil and Com-

paring that to Brush Control. · U.S. Department of Ag-

riculture Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency updates. Speakers will include, specialists with AgriLife Extension: Tiffany Dowell-Lashmet, agriculture law, Amarillo; Dr.

Alyson McDonald, range, Fort Stockton; Dr. John Tomecek, wildlife; Bill Thompson, econ-

omist, and Dr. Reid Redden,

San Angelo. Also, Cory Pence, Texas Department of Agriculture, San Angelo; Stephen Zuberbueler, Natural Resources Conservation Service and Jed Hruska, Farm Service Agency, Big Lake.

Individual registration is \$10 due upon arrival. The fee includes coffee, donuts and lunch, but RSVPs are required by March 24. For more information, and to RSVP, call the AgriLife Extension office in Reagan County at (325) 884-2335.

Three Texas Department of Agriculture continuing educations units, two general and one laws and regulations, will be offered.

AgriLife Extension sets second Sandhills Cattlemen's Conference

BY STEVE BYRNS TEXAS AGRILIFE EXTENSION

MONAHANS - The second annual Sandhills Cattlemen's Conference has been set for 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 12 in the Ward County Coliseum south of Monahans on State Highway 18.

The multi-county event is a collaborative effort among the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service offices in Ward, Winkler, Loving, Andrews and Ector counties and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service serving those counties, said Caleb Eaton, AgriLife Extension agent in Ward County.

"This conference will center on topics specific to ranching in Far West Texas," Eaton said. "We've been blessed with good rains over a lot of our normally dry area and much of the information presented will deal with topics relating to that. After the flooding on the Pecos River in 2014, discussions have resurfaced about the growing salt cedar issue along the river. Ranchers are asking about their control options and how to handle the resulting debris.

"Integrating stocker cattle into grazing plans is another area we'll address as cow/calf operators are interested in that production aspect after the last few wet seasons."

Individual registration is \$30 due by March 28. The fee will include a meal.

One Texas Department of Agriculture continuing education unit in the integrated pest management category will be offered.

Topics and speakers will include:

Vaccination Programs for Far West Texas and Stocker Cattle 101, Dr. Bruce Carpenter, AgriLife Extension livestock specialist, Fort Stockton.

· Natural Resources Conservation Service Updates, Jeremy Rychlik, Natural Resources Conservation Service district conservationist, Monahans.

· Keynote Address: Cattle Industry and Policy Update, Brian McLaughlin, Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association board member, Midland.

· Salt Cedar Management on the Pecos River, Dr. Alyson McDonald, AgriLife Extension range specialist, Fort Stockton.

"We'll also have a conference trade show, and we are currently seeking vendors who provide ranch-related services and products," Eaton said.

For more information on the conference or the accompanying trade show, call any of the following AgriLife Extension agents: Eaton, Ward County, (432) 943-2682; Dena Floyd, Winkler/Loving counties, (432) 586-2593; Amanda Necessary, Andrews County, (432) 524-1421; or Steve Paz, Ector County, (432) 498-4071.







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Wednesday, March 30, 2016 Crockett County Public Library 1206 Ave. G Ozona, Texas





POSTER CONTEST WINNERS: The Crockett County Soil and Water Conservation District Poster Contest winners (left to right) Ysabella Flores, first place, Kayleigh Dominguez, second place, and Brianna Maskill, third place. Also pictured are Jim Skehan with Ozona Bank and Jack Baggett and Pleas Childress, directors.

Lions lose to Miles, Johnson City

The OHS Lions Baseball Team lost to Miles, 17-12, on March 18.

Pitching - Kobe Rodriquez, Mark Ybarra and Jacob Schroeder.

Catcher - Kalen Perez. Aiden Fierro hit a home run for a Lions.

The Lions lost to Johnson City, 19-3, on March 15. Pitching - Fierro.

Catcher - Perez. Ozona will face Mason at 5 p.m. Thursday, March 24, in Mason, and then Harper at 6 p.m. Tuesday, March 29, at the OHS Baseball Field.

Autism Awareness Day Thursday, April 1

The Crockett County Public Schools will start the month of April with an Autism Awareness Day on Thursday, April 1.

Following is a schedule of events:

· 8 - 8:20 a.m. - Kickoff Event at Ozona Elementary School with guest Speakers Kay Spurlin and Paige Stewart. They will speak to students about Autism. Students from Ozona Elementary School and Ozona Middle School Life Skills Class will act as hosts and hostesses.

· 10 -10:25 a.m. - Paige Stewart will speak to Ozona High School students and staff about overcoming challenges in the OHS Auditorium.

· 12:45 - 1:15 p.m. -Paige Stewart and Kay Spurlin will speak to the students and staff at Ozona Middle School about overcoming daily challenges.

Stewart is from Florence, Texas and currently attends Central Texas Community College. She was diagnosed with Autism as a young child and has overcome many obstacles. Spurlin is a veteran spe-

cial educator and current ARD Facilitator for Georgetown ISD. Each campus, during the

month of April, will participate in activities to promote awareness of Autism. The Ozona Middle School Life Skills students will be

promoting "Penny Wars" at the OMS and OES campus to collect money for a donation to Autism Speaks.

Moses wins pole vault, high jump at Sonora

The OHS Lady Lions Track Team competed in the Sonora Relays on March 19.

High Jump - 1. McKenna Moses, 5-feet.

Pole Vault - 1. Moses, 11-

Long Jump - 4. Madyson Hubbard, 15-11.25; 6. Toni Parker, 14-7.25.

Shot Put - 8. Aurora Collett, 27-03.

3200-meter run - 6. Gabby Treto, 13 minutes, 27.43 seconds; 7. Itzel Esmerado, 14:31.81.

100-meter dash - 8. Hubbard, 13.65

200-meter dash - 6. Parker, 28.87; 7. Hubbard, 29.10. 400-meter dash - 5. Moses, 1:08.20.

1600-meter run - 2. Moses, 5:47.02.

100-meter hurdles - 8.



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 ${\bf McKENNA\ MOSES\ WON\ GOLD\ MEDALS\ in\ the\ high\ jump,\ pole\ vault\ and\ was}$ second in the 1600 at the Sonora Relays on March 19.



| Lions compete in Sonora Relays

The OHS Lions Track Team competed in the Sonora Relays on March 19.

Discus - 5. Juan Venegas, 109-feet, .5 inches.

Pole Vault - 6. Roman Esparza, 10-0.

3200-meter run - 5. Alex Hopper, 10 minutes, 51.14 seconds.

400-meter relay - 5. Ozo-

na, 50.20.

800-meter run - 5. Esparza, 2:17.62; 6. Lane Rust, 2:27.06; 7. Danny Posadas, 2:27.63.

800-meter relay - 5. Ozo-

na, 1:45.30. 400-meter dash - 8. Posadas, 1:04.70.

1600-meter run - 2. Hopper, 4:54.25; 5. Rust, 5:02.31.



ALEX HOPPER PLACED SECOND IN THE MILE and fifth in the 3200 at the Sonora Relays on March 19.

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OZONA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTO

PTO meeting Tuesday, April 12

OES PTO will have their next regular meeting Tuesday, April 12, at 6 p.m. in the Ozona Elementary School Library.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The organization will vote on officers and committee chairs. Nominations are due March 31.

For more information, email Kayla Davidson at kaysdavidson@yahoo.com.

Youth range workshop June 26-July 1

The Texas Section Society for Range Management will host their 62nd Youth Range Workshop from June 26-July 1 at the Texas Tech University Campus in Junction.

The workshop is open to youth who are 14-18 years old and have completed the eighth grade but have not graduated from high school.

Cost is \$350 and includes all meals, lodging and educational materials needed during the week.

Participants are encouraged to seek out sponsorships from various sources, including soil and water conservation districts or local ranches, and are then asked to go back after the workshop to present what they learned to those sponsors.

At the workshop, participants gain useful knowledge and skills in the areas of ecology, inventory practices, management and evaluation of resources.

Experts from across the state are recruited to teach the participants in fields ranging from watershed management, to prescribed burning, to soil health and

many areas in between. Additionally, youth are trained in the areas of public speaking, advocacy and leadership, so that they are armed with the knowledge they need to effectively educate others in the area of rangeland management, regardless of the career path they ultimately choose.

Applications can be found at http://www.texasglc.org/media/1070/youthrange-workshop-app.pdf.

They are also on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/TSSRMYouth-RangeWorkshop/

For more information, call Hoyt Seidensticker at (210) 414-6603, Jenny Pluhar at (806) 679-8729 or Paul Loeffler (432) 386-3101.

Community scholarship applications needed

Ozona community organizations need to contact Tisha Harrison, OHS Counselor with their scholarship information and application forms.

Scholarships will be given at the OHS Academic Banquet

on May 9. Recipients for local scholarships need to be chosen a week before the banquet.

For more information, call Harrison at (325) 392-5501 or e-mail tisha.harrison@ozonaschools.net.

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Record Book Training **March 31 in Sonora**

The Sutton County Extension Office will be hosting a free Record Book Training for 4-H parents and members at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, at the Sutton County Civic Center.

This training will focus on useful knowledge and skills in record book prepa-

The training will be conducted by Megan Logan, District 10 4-H Extension Program Specialist.

For more information, or to sign up, call (325) 387-3604.

CLOTHING and TEXTILES Clothing and Textiles

will meet from 4:30-6 p.m. at the Crockett County Extension Office on Monday, March 28.

Beginning in April, the group will meet once per month. The April meeting will be held at 4:30 p.m. April 18.

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

> **SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS**

Applications for the Dan Bean Memorial Scholarship, the Crockett County Fair Association Scholarship and the Crockett County 4-H Youth Show Association Scholarship are available at the extension office.

Applications are due by noon Friday, April 29.

RANGE, WOOL

and MOHAIR Range Project will meet every Wednesday at 4:15 p.m. and Wool and Mohair Projects will meet at 5:30 p.m. Wednesdays.

The District 6 Range and

Pasture Grass ID Contest will be held April 16.

The District 6 Wool and Mohair Contest will be held April 20.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING Livestock Judging meetings will be held at 4:15 p.m. on March 24 and March 31.

SHOOTING SPORTS

The Crockett County 4-H Shooting Sports Annual Shoot will be held at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, May 14.

HORSELESS GOAT ROPING Another Horseless Goat

Roping is being planned for April 30. Proceeds will benefit the Crockett County 4-H Horse Club.

For more information, call David McGuire at (325) 226-2599.

TEXT REMINDERS

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

4-H OFFICE

The Crockett County 4-H Office will close at noon March 24 and be closed all day March 25 for Good Friday.

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

Aaron Renfroe, CEA-AG/NR, can be reached at (325) 226-0761 or arenfroe@ 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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Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.; Thursday: 2-10 p.m.; Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

CLOSED SUNDAYS

7TH & 8TH GRADE:

Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.; Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.; Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

OHS MEAL NIGHT:

Mondays - 7-10 p.m.

7TH & 8TH MEAL NIGHTS: Every other Tuesday - 7-10 p.m.

Mondays & Wednesdays

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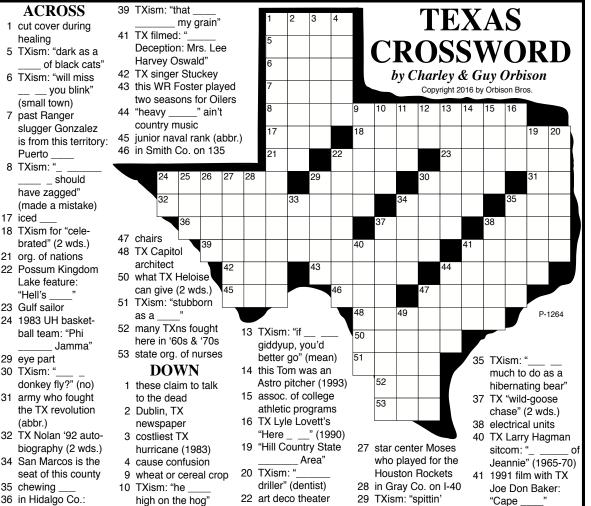
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When it's warm in Texas, snakes are on the move

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COLLEGE STATION When it's warm in Texas that means people should watch out for snakes. It's the time of year when snakes slither away from their comfortable winter surroundings and are on the move.

Dr. Jill Heatley, associate professor of veterinary medicine at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine & Biomedical Sciences (CVM), said active snakes could mean bad news for people and their pets. Heatley and veterinarians in the Small Animal Hospital at the CVM are expecting to see an increase in snakebite cases.

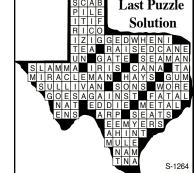
"If you believe your pet has been bitten by a snake, you need to seek veterinary care and the doctor can determine what kind of treatment is necessary," Heatley said.

A snakebite on a human can be painful — and also expensive. It is not uncommon for a person bit by a venomous snake to have hospital bills up to \$50,000. Hospital treatments can range from one day to several weeks, and include care for damaged tissues and antivenom treatments that can run into the thousands of dollars, according to Heatley.

Although snakes are found in most parts of the world — Ireland, Iceland and New Zealand are some of the few snake-free countries — only four types of snakes found in Texas are venomous: the coral snake, copperhead, rattlesnake and cottonmouth (also called water moccasin).

"The thing to remember about snakes is that they generally want to be left alone." Heatley said. "They are probably more afraid of you than you are of them."

"Of the four types of venomous snakes in Texas, the coral, copperhead, and rattlesnake are almost never aggressive unless they are provoked," Heatley said. "The cottonmouth has been known to be a little on the aggressive side, so you should



be a little more wary of it, especially if you are near a creek or lake where they are

frequently seen." Heatley says an inquisitive pet could also be a snakebite victim. If bitten, a dog usually suffers the bite on its face or nose, while cats tend to be nicked on their paws.

"The area that has been bitten will usually begin to swell almost immediately, which is a tell-tale sign of a snake bite," Heatley said. Venom can spread quickly inside the animal, potentially resulting in kidney failure within 12 to 24 hours.

It is important to know that not all snakebites are the same. "Sometimes an animal or person will get just a small amount of venom from a bite, and sometimes it's much more," Heatley said. "There is also such a thing as a 'dry bite' in which no venom is injected at all. Interestingly enough, larger snakes tend to have lesser amounts of venom than smaller ones."

Although many of us may be fearful of snakes, snakes do have a useful purpose they control the rodent, lizard and even bug populations.

"One of the questions we often get in the veterinary hospital is, 'How can you tell a venomous snake from a harmless one?" Heatley said. "The answer is that it is difficult because there are numerous types of snakes that are not venomous that look very similar to a venomous one."

Heatley suggests looking for a triangular-shaped head in identifying poisonous snakes but does not encourage getting too close.

Another frequently asked question in the Small Animal Hospital is how to keep snakes away.

Heatley said that most chemicals tested to do this are also quite toxic to pets and people.

"It is better to be mindful of our surroundings, especially in places with pets and children. Try to create an open habitat, which will be less attractive to snakes," she said.

"When cleaning up brush and leaf piles, it's a great idea to wear closed toed boots, heavy pants and garden gloves for protection against snake bites," Heatley said.

For more information, Heatley suggests the Texas Parks and Wildlife site at http://tpwd.texas.gov/education/resources/texas-junior-naturalists/snakes-alive

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Monthly Status Report - February 2016 Total Placed in Jail **Total Released** 18 Currently Incarcerated - Ozona 0 Currently housed outside county 23 Housing Cost - Mitchell Co. \$13,984 \$16,312.50 Housing Cost - Upton Co. Housing Cost - Sutton Co. \$0 Housing Cost - Schleicher Co. \$0 Housing Cost - Pecos Co. \$0 **Total Housing Cost** \$30,296.50 **Total Civil Papers** 10 Civil Papers Served (state and out of county) 7 **Total Unserved** 3 **Total Fines Collected** \$438 **Total Civil Fines Collected** \$195 Cash Bonds Collected \$0 **Bonding Fees Collected** \$135 Traffic Citations Issued 54 Illegal Aliens Held Overnite for Ins (BP) 0 Inmates Transported **Total Dispatch Calls** 284 25 911 Landline

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OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Avenue L. One of the parties in question left the residence to stay elsewhere.

 Sheriff's deputies arrested lles Delores Rodriguez, of Ozona, and Caitlin Sierra Rodriguez, of San Angelo, on charges of possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Subjects were arraigned and released on bond.

• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud music call on Willow. The music was turned

· DPS Trooper arrested Christian Vieda Gurrola, of El Paso, for failure to identify as a fugitive. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.

3-17-16 · DPS Trooper arrested Kendra Lashon Ford, of Houston, on an out of county warrant. Subject was arraigned and remains in custody.

· Sheriff's deputies arrested Jimmy Munoz Jr., of Ozona, for evading arrest and detention. Subject has been arraigned and remains

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Santiago Lopez Jr., of Ozona, for outstanding traffic warrants. Subject is awaiting arraignment.

· Sheriff's deputies issued citations for minor in consumption of alcohol to Henry Weston Fay and Benjamin Badillo, both of

• Sheriff's deputies arrested Lee Allen Cole III, of Pearland, for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

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Animal related contacts 134 Animal disposal Impounded dogs 14 Animal traps set 26 **Animal Bite investigations** Wildlife caught Owner surrenders 3 Dangerous animal reports Number of animals surrendered 3 Written warning citations 25 Written citations 3 Impounded cats **Destroyed animals** 26 Welfare checks Livestock calls Call Ozona Animal Control at 392-3676

STATE: from page 2

March 18, the Texas Department of Transportation said eastbound and westbound lanes of Interstate 10 at the Texas-Louisiana border had reopened, three days after the roadway was closed because of rising waters. TxDOT officials said floodwaters had receded and affected areas would be monitored and inspected.

BUSINESS FILINGS INCREASE

February brought a doubledigit increase in the number of business formations processed by the Office of the Texas Secretary of State compared to a year ago, the state agency reported March 8.

Some 15,325 certificates

of formation were filed with the Texas Secretary of State in February, a 17.83 percent increase over February 2015, which saw the formation of 13,006 new business entities. These numbers exclude nonprofit entity formations.

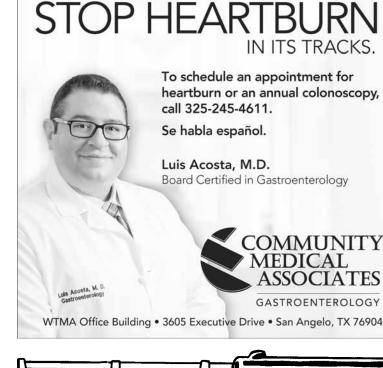
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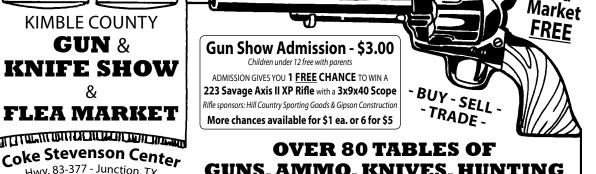
The Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on March 14 announced Texas game wardens, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Domestic Nuclear Detection Office and the U.S. Coast Guard "are deploying an impenetrable maritime border to stop the threat of radiological or nuclear material smuggling into U.S. waters."

Coastal patrols will be using recently acquired advanced detection equipment designed to identify and intercept potential radiological or nuclear threats. Since January, the Parks &

Wildlife Department said, Texas game wardens have been conducting land search exercises, waterborne vessel stop exercises and dockside searches as part of an intensive training program on radiological and nuclear matter, and the use of the equipment to detect and identify dangerous materials.

Texas Game Warden Assistant Commander Cody Jones said, "While we focus on our core mission of conserving and protecting the state's natural resources, enforcing game and fish laws and conducting water safety, it is imperative that we continue to deploy the tools required to keep our homeland safe from illegal activity and terroristic threats that face our nation."





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The bids will be publicly opened and read at the Courthouse Annex in Ozona, Texas on April 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

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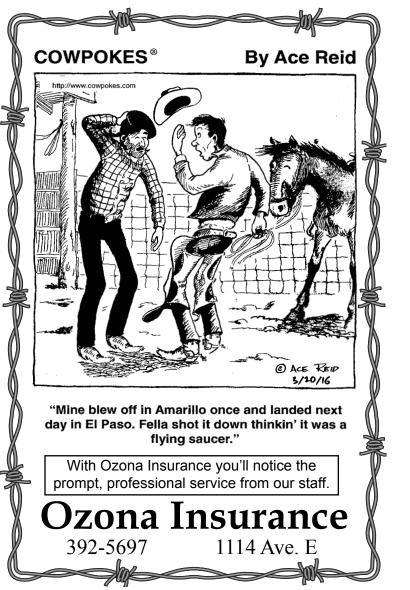
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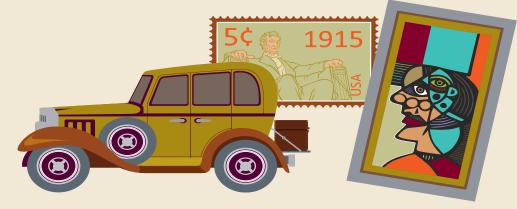


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