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## Seven Lions named to All-West Texas Football

Seven Ozona Lions have been named to the Class 2A All-West Texas Football Team by the San Angelo Standard-Times.

**Kobe Rodriguez, running back** - The Lions' junior running back was one of the best in West Texas, as he ran for 1,342 yards on 137 carries (9.79-yard average) and 20 touchdowns while playing nine games. Rodriguez helped Ozona win the District 3-2A Division I title under first-year head coach Kyle Freeman. Coming off a 4-7 showing in 2015, the Lions finished 6-4 after losing to Forsan in bidistrict.

**Ornaldo Meza, offensive lineman** - The Lions amassed 3,740 yards of offense in 10 games and averaged 27 points per contest, in large part to the job of offensive linemen like Meza, who graded at 88 percent with 10 pancake blocks. He didn't allow any sacks in 2016.

**Juan Mendez, offensive lineman** - Mendez was also a standout on the O-line for Ozona. The senior received a grade of 86 percent with blocking and he had six pancake blocks. He allowed just one sack on the year.

**Chance Johnson, defensive**



KOBE RODRIQUEZ



ORNALDO MEZA



JUAN MENDEZ



CHANCE JOHNSON



CALEB MARTINEZ



BRANDON MEZA



TOMMY FAY

**ive lineman** - The Lions' senior defensive end recorded 27 tackles and four sacks in 2016 and was one of Ozona's top defensive performers.

**Caleb Martinez, defensive lineman** - With Johnston taking care of business on the other side of the D-line, Martinez held up his end of the bargain with 25 tackles

and five sacks. The Lions' 1-2 punch on the defensive front combined for nine sacks.

**Brandon Meza, linebacker** - Meza had a memorable final season with the Lions, recording 82 tackles, six for losses, as one of Ozona's stalwarts on that side of the ball.

**Tommy Fay, defensive**

**back** - Opposing quarterbacks had to be very wary of what Fay was capable of doing. In his senior season, he finished with five interceptions and three pass break-ups for the Lions. He helped Ozona win the District 3-2A Division I championship under first-year head coach Kyle Freeman.

## Library security system receives approval

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court approved a new security system for the Crockett County Public Library during a special called meeting Monday.

The commissioners approved a one-year contract with Securitas Electronic Security for \$8,789 to install the new system that will have cameras and monitors inside and outside the building.

Librarian Susan Williams first talked to the commissioners at their Nov. 16 meeting about installing a security system after the library was recently broken into.

Commissioner Frank Tambunga secured the quote from Securitas Electronic Security. Securitas does security for Ozona Bank.

The commissioners also approved a budget amendment to move \$11,133 from the library's 2016 budget to 2017 to pay for the system, as well as the new fiber optic internet system at the library.

They also approved a second budget amendment to move \$89,934 from the library's 2016 budget to 2017 to pay for the library's new roof.

Also at Monday's meet-

ing, the commissioners took no action on the 2016 fund balance for equipment replacement for the road department.

The commissioners decided to leave the extra funds in the road and bridge general fund budget.

### PTO

During the Jan. 9 meeting, the commissioners discussed the county's personal time off (PTO) policy.

The commissioners did not vote on a motion, but agreed that each department head, or elected official, should check into their employees' PTO and make sure they are using their PTO.

Also, the commissioners said employees must use their PTO this year or lose it, which means no one will be paid for unused PTO time as was done in 2016.

### OTHER AGENDA ITEMS APPROVED AT THE JAN. 9 MEETING:

- Updated by laws for the Crockett County Civic and Youth Center.

- Contract between the commissioners' court and the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center for the renewed lease of the land on which the Visitor Center and chamber is currently located for one year.

## West Texas Rehab telethon Saturday

BY JUSTIN DELOACH  
WEST TEXAS REHAB

This year's 47th edition of the West Texas Rehabilitation Center's telethon promises to be one of the best yet featuring favorite guests along with two great co-headlining entertainers, Lauren Alaina and Charles "Chip" Esten, the online auction, and more.

This year's telethon takes place on Saturday, Jan. 21, at the Abilene Civic Center from 6 p.m.-midnight.

Lauren Alaina and Charles "Chip" Esten are the co-headliners for the 2017 telethon. Alaina is an American country music singer and songwriter from Rossville, Georgia. Alaina was the runner-up on the tenth season of American Idol. Her debut studio album, Wildflower was released on Oct. 11, 2011 and she currently has three singles on the top 40 country list. Esten is an American actor, singer and comedian best known for his role as Dea-



LAUREN ALAINA



CHARLES "CHIP" ESTEN

con Claybourne on Nashville (2012-present) which will air this year on CMT. Esten previously appeared on the improvisation show "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" regularly between 1999-2005.

In addition to the co-headliners, Charlie Chase, longtime co-host of the popular "Crook and Chase" talk show on the Nashville Network will return to anchor the Rehab 2017 host desk. Texas legend Red Steagall will be back along with The Boys in the Bunkhouse for the show. Other "regulars" lined up to appear are Brad

Maule (General Hospital) and Twyla Foreman.

The Rehab relies on its sponsors to help make the telethon a continued success. This year, Suddenlink Communications & Capital Farm Credit are the official corporate partners of the live show. The special tote board, which tallies the night's fundraising total, is sponsored by Edward Jones/Gary and Connie Decker. Our check presentation sponsor is Zach, Lou and Robert O. Briley, host hotel is the Hilton Garden Inn and the auction sponsor is NTS Communications.

Live coverage of the telethon will be carried on television stations in Abilene, San Angelo, Corpus Christi, Midland/Odessa, Lubbock, Amarillo, Waco/Temple/Bryan, & Lawton, OK. The show will stream live at WestTexasRehab.org.

Bids for the annual internet auction of merchandise and services provided by friends and businesses, can be seen at WestTexasRehab.org and bids will be accepted until midnight on Saturday, Jan. 21. These auction items will also be on display at the Abilene Civic Center beginning at 6 p.m. on the 21st. An auction television show featuring all items will air in Abilene and San Angelo from 5:30-7 p.m. on the night of the telethon.

You can join the conversation by posting your Rehab story by using the hash tag #WestTexasRehab on social media and you may see your post on the show.

For more information, call (325) 223-6364.

## School board meeting tonight

The CCCSD School Board will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. tonight, Jan. 18, in the Administration Office Board Room at 797 Avenue D. The meeting is open to the public.

Items on the agenda:

- School Board Recognition

- District Spotlight - All-State Band
- Open forum/public comments

- Reports: Transportation, Maintenance, Principals, Athletic Director, Technology, Band, Cafeteria/Food Service, Special and Federal Programs, Superintendent and Financial and Bills - Board Report, Monthly Investment Report and Student Activity Funds.

- BuyBoard Report of Fees
- Addendum to "FCC

(Regulation)" Policy - Transportation of Foster Kids.

- Accept Audit Report as prepared by Eckert & Company CPA's.

- Public Meeting - Review and Accept School Report Card on 2015-2016 Results.

- Review and discuss future A-F Rating System. Possible adoption of A-F Rating Resolution.

- Consent Agenda: Approve minutes from Dec. 14 regular meeting.

- Evaluation of Superintendent and Contract Review - A. CCCSD Board Self-Evaluation.

- Executive/closed session - personnel matters and real property.

- Possible action from executive/closed session.

- Future Business - 6:30 p.m. Feb. 15, 2017 regular board meeting.

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## Paving the way for better healthcare, ending Obamacare

“What’s the point of having health insurance anymore?” I’m often asked this question by constituents who are pummeled by out-of-pocket costs under Obamacare. It’s a great question. And after six years of this experiment, it is clear that Obamacare has failed the American people. Families face skyrocketing premiums and soaring deductibles, making healthcare more unaffordable than ever. In Texas this year alone, we’ve experienced a 34 per-

cent increase in Obamacare premiums, forcing us to pay more each month just to keep our coverage. Couple that with multiplying deductibles in the thousands of dollars, and it’s no surprise that many people feel



**HURD ON THE HILL WILL HURD**

like they don’t have coverage at all. Obamacare is collapsing as we speak. Only five of the original 23 health insurance CO-OPs remain in business, and these failures have cost taxpayers more than \$1.8 billion. As insurers continue to drop like dominos, options for healthcare coverage continue to shrink. Currently, over a third of counties nationwide have only one choice for health insurance. That is not a choice – that’s a mo-

nopoly. A modern-day health care model should allow patients—along with their health care providers— to make decisions about their health care needs, instead of a federal administrator. Loving parents working with their local doctor would do a far better job of protecting the health of their children, and caregivers at home know far more about their family’s need than bureaucrats in Washington. The good news is that we

are finally on the same page. Eight in ten Americans agree that we need to significantly change or repeal Obamacare altogether, and Congress is responding by repealing Obamacare and paving the way for better healthcare for all Americans. We already have a replacement plan, and it provides more choices and less top-down mandates. It also makes sure that you never have to worry about being turned away because of pre-existing

conditions, age, income, or circumstance. Our plan eliminates unnecessary bureaucracy to accelerate the development of life-saving devices and therapies, and it protects Medicare for today’s seniors, while preserving the program for future generations. I am fighting with my colleagues to provide relief for millions of struggling families. The end goal is a patient-centered system that lowers

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### When watching lawmakers, think of the high school cafeteria

Here’s a bit of industry-specific folk wisdom about legislatures: They operate just like high school — but with money. The state’s lawmakers started their 85th session last week. They will file more than 6,000 bills and resolutions — not an exaggeration — and by the end of April, they’ll have so many balls in the air that no single person will have a good handle on everything that’s going on.



**STATE ANALYSIS**

**ROSS RAMSEY**

There are other groups, some permanent, some that appear for a session or two and disappear — like the motorcyclists who lobbied in force for a couple of sessions to get

the state’s helmet laws changed. Lawmakers — the group the other groups are here to see — are interested in whatever the people around them are interested in, whether that’s lobbyists, reporters, political consultants or the public. But they also have serious work that gets more day-to-day attention from lawmakers themselves than from others, like whether to cut spending or tap the Rainy Day Fund to balance the budget, new ethics and election laws, and how to fix child protective services, foster care and other flailing and failing state programs. Legislatures are more about specific items than general ones. It’s not just public education in general they’re working on, it’s how much money to spend, how many students per teacher, whether special-needs kids are going to get educated, whether to expand pre-kindergarten programs.

Everything breaks down that way, and so do the various groups. Businesses follow money, contracts and regulation. Journalists chase conflict, controversy and other sources of friction that suggest things are out of whack. Lawmakers are focused on the things that can get them elected, promoted and thrown out of office: Not messing up what’s expected of them and bringing in new issues that will rev up their constituents. Regular Texans aren’t usually walking the halls of the Capitol because they get paid to; they seem to want everything to work the way it is supposed to work, and they are much more likely to appear at the Capitol when they think things are screwed up and need fixing. Their table is the most interesting one in the cafeteria.

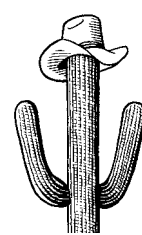
Once you’ve got the groups set in your mind — business lobbyists, do-gooders, media, citizens and lawmakers themselves — you’ve got a general idea of what to watch and what to ignore. If it’s business you’re interested in, note the things that preoccupy business lobbyists: business-to-business debates like those pending in title insurance and hail damage insurance, state contracting and the billions of dollars attached to that, and scope-of-practice battles between professionals trying to protect their livelihoods from disruption.

Do-gooders are lobbyists battling for their causes and not for the money and often find themselves battling economic interests over the environment, health care, welfare, animal rights and so on. Chasing headlines? Follow reporters around and you’ll be seeing the shiny things that preoccupy them, like hot tempers and other conflicts, bathroom regulations, ethics, secret meetings and documents.

Regular humans — citizens, if you prefer — are there, too, with their worries over standardized testing, property taxes, immigration, immunization, utility bills and everyday items like water, roads and air.

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### A Faults Alarm



**IT’S THE PITTS**

**LEE PITTS**

There’s an unwritten rule of nature that says when two species share the same territory the weaker one will sooner or later leave or be run off. This is called “competitive exclusion” by educated people who want to show how smart they are. Basically, it’s nature’s way to keep everything where it belongs. It’s why Texans have rattlesnakes, fire ants and spiny brush, why Wyoming has wind, and why New Mexico has red and green chilies. If you can’t take the heat... feel free to get out of the kitchen.

I’m a fifth generation Californian and we’re famous for two natural disasters: earthquakes and liberals. In the case of some people who lived nearby, competitive exclusion is working just fine in keeping the riff-raff out and eliminating poor breeding stock.

I don’t know where they came from but when these liberals moved close by they thought they’d discovered paradise. It didn’t take long before it started losing its charm. I can pinpoint exactly when the luster started wearing off: about ten o’clock one morning when we had a baby earthquake. It was nothing really, and I probably wouldn’t even have noticed if the doors to my shop hadn’t rattled off their hinges. When you’ve lived through as many earthquakes as I have, 6.0 on the Richter scale is no big deal. A faults alarm, you might say. I hardly looked up from my leatherwork. But from a quarter mile away I heard this terrible scream and my new neighbor lady

was running out of her house in her curlers and pajamas looking like she’d just seen a ghost. She ran over to my place seeking protection and yelled “that was an earthquake!” “Nah,” I replied. “Not really. That was just a tremor.”

“But my refrigerator was walking across the kitchen floor!” she replied and for a moment there I thought she was going to have “a movement” herself if she didn’t calm down. I tried to calm her nerves, “You know there could be a few aftershocks.”

My new neighbor overreacted and wouldn’t go back into her house and when it got dark I went over to warn her about the mountain lions that prowled the neighborhood at night looking for something to eat. She ran back into her house as fast as she had run out of it that morning. Poor thing probably didn’t sleep a wink.

The next time I heard her she was screaming, “I just saw a rattlesnake in my back yard!”

“Yeah, they like to eat the rats around here,” I said. “If you kill any rattlers would you save their skins for me as I make knife sheaths out of them.” She looked at me like I ate children or something. The very next

day there was a “For Sale” sign in front of the house they hadn’t lived in a month. I swear it’s true.

Later I saw a realtor friend and asked why my fraidy-cat neighbors had moved and my friend mentioned the earthquake, the rattlers and the rats, but the last straw she said was “a neighbor who brings wild animals into his house. I will not live next to a bunch of hillbillies who share their home with livestock,” my former neighbor supposedly said.

I guessed she was talking about yours truly. She must have been referring to the calf with scours we brought home from the ranch to treat and take care of.

I don’t know where my ex-neighbor moved but I’d guess it was North Dakota because it’s the only state in America that has never had an earthquake. If she is living there my North Dakota friends will know because on the first “brisk” day she’ll be the one wearing 14 heavy jackets, three pair of long johns, her teeth will be chattering and she’ll be screaming, “it’s 20 below zero. How do you people live here?”

If you do see her tell her it’s probably good she left California because we recently had a pretty good little shaker. It even had me worried when I tried to get out of my house and the front door kept moving. Even the rattlesnakes left their underground homes. Yeah, it’s probably for the best that she got out when she did.

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## Texas Legislature convenes in 85th regular session

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

AUSTIN — Lawmakers gathered at the state Capitol in their respective houses on Jan. 10, opening day for the 85th regular session of the Texas Legislature. The 140-day session will conclude on May 29.

After taking the oath of office and being sworn in, the Texas House of Representatives, on a vote of 150-0, unanimously re-elected Rep. Joe Straus, R-San Antonio, to a fifth term as speaker of the House, tying a record for the most terms as speaker. Meanwhile, after being sworn in, the Texas Senate voted unanimously in favor of Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, as speaker pro tempore.

Seliger will wield the Senate gavel in the absence or temporary disability of Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, who presides over the 31-member body. Should the governor and lieutenant governor be temporarily unavailable, he

will serve as governor in their absence. Newly appointed Secretary of State Rolando Pablos conducted roll calls in the assembled House and the assembled Senate, and Texas Supreme Court Chief Justice Nathan Hecht administered the oath of office to each body.

In the coming days, while Speaker Straus and Lt. Gov. Patrick go about naming committees and assigning chairs and members to them, lawmakers will continue filing legislation. As of Jan. 10, House and Senate members had filed about 1,300 bills since Nov. 14, the first day “pre-filing” of legislation was allowed. Each bill proposes to create, amend or repeal a state law. The total number of bills, not including resolutions, filed in an average ses-

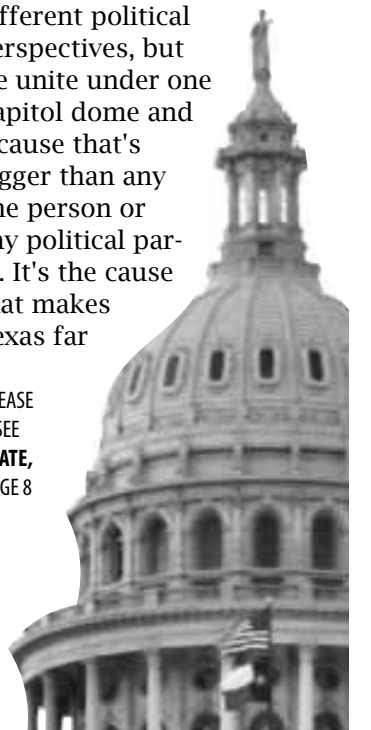
sion many grow to more than 6,000.

After Straus was re-elected as speaker, he delivered a 1,500-word speech. During his remarks, he said: “If you walk into a factory or a restaurant or a hospital, you will find citizens of different races, religions and political beliefs working together every day. And that’s what Texans should expect of us. So let’s follow their example. Let’s govern with the same sense of goodness, the same humanity and decency that we so clearly recognize in the people we represent.”

Seliger, in wrapping up his comments after being elected Senate pro tempore, called for the 85th Texas Legislature to be “the standard of deliberation, cooperation and leadership that should define service.”

Gov. Greg Abbott, in separate speeches to the House and to the Senate, told legislators: “We may bring different political perspectives, but we unite under one Capitol dome and a cause that’s bigger than any one person or any political party. It’s the cause that makes Texas far

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STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANDREW MURR, R-Junction, (center) was sworn in last week at the beginning of the 85th Texas Legislative Session in Austin. He is pictured with staff members Regan Ellmer, Kellie Early, Brooke Bohlen, David Griffith, Dylan Boyd, MaKlay Simon and his son Coke at the State Capitol.

## Uresti Brothers take oath of office

AUSTIN - Senator Carlos Uresti, D-San Antonio, and newly elected State Rep. Tomas Uresti, D-San Antonio, took their respective oaths of office last week at the Texas State Capitol.

The 140-day legislative session runs through May 29. The brothers are the first siblings in Texas to serve concurrently representing House and Senate districts.

"This is an exciting day for our family and for our supporters. Our parents instilled in us the importance of serving our community, and the opportunity to do so together at the Capitol is an honor for our family. Now that we're sworn in, I think I can speak for both of us and say that it's time to get to

work," said Carlos Uresti, whose district includes Crockett County.

Tomas Uresti, elected in November to represent District 118 in the Texas House is a longtime public servant, having served on the Harlandale School Board for 10 years.

He is also a longtime small business owner in the district, and a mentor and coach for children.

"The Southside of San Antonio is changing rapidly, and more than ever there is a need for leadership that is steady, transparent, and



CARLOS URESTI



TOMAS URESTI

ready to fight for the needs of our students and teachers. Our kids deserve to graduate college or career ready, and our current inequitable system is an impediment, and needs to change," said Tomas Uresti.

"We may not see eye to eye on every single issue, but we both agree, serving our districts comes first. We hope to hear from our constituents as session progresses, whether they have an opinion on a bill or issue, or need help with a matter before a state agency. We're here to serve," added Carlos Uresti.



THE MAGIC OF MR. K Magic Show was presented by the Ozona Elementary School PTO to Pre-K and Kindergarten Students on Jan. 6.

## KC Kitchen last Wednesday

The Knights of Columbus will begin the KC Kitchen on the last Wednesday of each month. The meals will be served once a month.

The meals are open to anyone, no questions asked, from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall.

Anyone wanting to make a donation towards the KC Kitchen meals may do so to the Knights of Columbus account is opened at the Ozona Bank.

## Local scholarship information needed

Ozona community organizations interesting in supporting the Class of 2017 with local scholarships need to contact Leanna Childress, OHS Counselor, with their scholarship information and application forms.

You can reach Mrs. Childress at (325) 392-5501 ext. 5742 or email leanna.childress@ozonaschools.net.

### TEXAS PECOS TRAIL NEWS

## Public welcome to partners event

BY MELISSA HAGINS  
TEXAS PECOS TRAIL

The Texas Pecos Trail Partners Event will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Kimble County Museum in Junction. The event is open to the public.

Guests will tour the new Kimble County Museum that was the original hospital of Kimble County. This building has been renovated to give the residents of Junction a new facility for meetings and sharing their history with others. There will also be an area dedicated to genealogy.

After the tour of the new facility guests will have an opportunity to visit the current museum. They will get to see the history of Kimble County and Junction. The original museum is in the original American Legion building built in 1938.

Cost of lunch is \$10 per person and will be collected at the door. The regular board meeting will be held before and after lunch depending on schedule.

For more information, call Melissa Hagins at (432) 212-5910 or info@texaspecostrail.com.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

#### Wednesday, Jan. 18

- Mock STAAR Practice Exam for Fifth Grade Reading.
- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Pride Lunch for Pre-K, First, Third and Fifth Grades at OES Cafeteria.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- CCCCSD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.

#### Thursday, Jan. 19

- Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Fall Sports Dinner, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center

#### Friday, Jan. 20

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center

#### Monday, Jan. 23

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Crafts, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- OMS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Winters, 5:30 p.m. at the OMS and OHS Gyms.

#### Tuesday, Jan. 24

- Sit Down Exercise, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs. Winters, 4 p.m. at OHS Gym.

#### Wednesday, Jan. 25

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Pride Lunch for Kindergarten, Second and Fourth Grades at OES Cafeteria.
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Jan. 18** - Amy Rodriguez, Chuck Morris, Pricila Rodriguez, Ofilia Rios, Lane White, Mariah Cordova, Serena Diehl and Devin Adcock.

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

**Jan. 20** - Kirsten Mae Castro, A.J. Montanez, Lynne Haire, Martha Johnson and Jennifer Vitela.

**Jan. 21** - Louise Ledoux, Polly Perner, Vanessa Sandate, Carolyn Stover, Tom Diehl, R.J. Borrego, John L.

Henderson, Manuel Longoria III and Joseph Tambunga.

**Jan. 22** - Jesus "Chuy" Martinez, Vada Pridemore, David Borrego, Dena Webb and Joseph Conrad Perez.

**Jan. 23** - Marilyn Moran, Jerri Lynn Pierce, Adrienne Dendebe, Javier Elizondo and Abel Lara.

**Jan. 24** - Janie Riggs, Katrece Hale, Charlie Ramos, Ludy Vargas, Stephen Humphrey, Manuelita Tobar, Tom Anderson, Romelia Ortiz, Donna Carson, Keshia Allsup and Anthony Villarreal.

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**JANUARY 19**

Roast turkey w/poultry gravy, cornbread dressing, herbed green beans, dinner roll, cranberry sauce, mandarin orange fluff and milk.

**JANUARY 20**

Crunchy baked fish, potato wedges, tangy coleslaw, hush puppies, pear slices and milk.

**JANUARY 23**

Chicken enchilada bake, Spanish rice, corn and black bean salad, saltine crackers, vanilla pudding and milk.

**JANUARY 24**

Beef steak fingers, garlic mashed potatoes, cream gravy, Capri vegetables, wheat bread, cinnamon pears and milk.

**JANUARY 25**

Cajun jambalaya, fluffy rice, mixed vegetables, wheat bread, fruit cup and milk.

**JANUARY 26**

Salmon patty with tartar sauce, buttered corn, broccoli, wheat bread, mixed fruit salad, pumpkin cake cookie and milk.

**JANUARY 27**

Barbecue beef on a bun, hot potato salad, roasted carrots, romaine salad, dressing, strawberries and peaches and milk.

**JANUARY 30**

Pork carnitas, Mexican rice, south American black beans, wheat tortilla, chocolate pudding and milk.

**JANUARY 31**

Potato crusted fish, hominy, coleslaw, hush puppies, fresh fruit and milk.

**Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M.**  
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**Escaping the villain 'hidden in the shadows'**

As the proverbial villain with sinister features, cloaked in black and hiding in the shadows in anticipation of his next victim, Carbohydrate Intolerance (CI) awaits us all. CI has claimed more lives throughout the world community than all the victims slaughtered in our world's wars, catastrophes, chemicals and terroristic attacks combined.

Dr. John Yudkin, FRSC tried to warn us about CI in "This Slimming Business" in 1958. Robert C. Atkins, M.D. warned us in "Dr. Atkins' Diet Revolution" in 1972. In 1997, Richard K. Bernstein, M.D. went into detail in "Dr. Bernstein's Diabetes Solution" about how carbohydrates are at the root of almost, if not all our so-called "western diseases."

Fast-forward 20 years and the medical, pharmaceutical and food industries, as well as our public health agencies are still not 'getting it'. CI is claiming more and more lives at alarming rates of acceleration. Ironically, the solution could be as simple as recognizing it by name.

In all candor, carbohydrate is not a "bad guy," it is a macronutrient we have over-indulged for more than 150 years; to the point that it threatens our existence as a specie. It is also called "saccharide," which is derived from the Greek word "sakkharon," or "sugar." Saccharides are a group of micro-nutrients that include sugars, starch, and cellulose. Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia explains that "the term carbohydrate often means any food that is particularly rich in the complex carbohydrate starch (such as cereals, bread and pasta) or simple carbohydrates, such as sugar (found in candy, jams, and desserts)."

Significant problems for the human body arise because; "Relatively high levels of carbohydrate are associated with processed foods or refined foods made from plants, including sweets, cookies and candy, table sugar, honey, soft drinks,



**HERE'S TO YOUR HEALTH**

JIM FISH

glycemic and refined carbohydrates that have been available in our food supply for the past three millennia.

Further complicating the dilemma in the worldwide health crisis is the fact that all the refined sugars, refined grains and processed foods are products of the most recent 150 years. Our blood sugars have increased to levels that become toxic over time and are spreading to our progeny. We are nowhere near developing the genetics to sustain life through the consumption of simple and refined carbohydrates; and they dominate almost every food item manufactured or processed.

In the article "White Paper: Carbohydrate Intolerance - Its Implications in Health and Fitness," on Dec. 8, 2016, Dr. Phil Maffetone warns, "Unfortunately, the early signs and symptoms of CI, while well-recognized by some researchers and clinicians, are ignored by too many health practitioners, patients and other individuals. Traditional medicine considers these as separate, isolated conditions, rather than part of a spectrum of metabolic impairment. It is therefore typical to find that CI is not treated until it has progressed to later stages, when risk factors such as hypertension or disease states like Type 2 diabetes are diagnosed (and even then is treated symptomatically rather than by addressing the cause)."

Most of us; dieticians, doctors and laypersons alike, are ignorant of the significant roles food and beneficial

nutrition plays in our lives, health and wellbeing. Yet, we hasten to believe the dogma, scare tactics, marketing strategies and advertising imposed on our lives by the pharmaceutical, medical and food industries. We seem oblivious to the fact that this hype is designed, not for our benefit, but for theirs. It doesn't make them 'bad guys'; "they are just doing their job."

Dr. Phil Maffetone advises us to call it by name, "By referring to this condition as CI, an opportunity emerges: Key underlying problems (insulin resistance, chronic inflammation, increased body fat) and the full spectrum of their associated conditions, and signs and symptoms, can be presented as part of one integrated model. The benefits of this terminology include:

- Simplifying the full spectrum of CI, in all its complexities.
- Aiding in the process of assessment and treatment.
- Preventing lower quality of life.
- Avoiding chronic end-stage diseases.
- Defining CI's impact on exercise and the overtraining syndrome.
- Patient education.
- Self-management of health.

We all need to be doing our job and manage our own health. It's our life and our body, and each of us suffers when it's bad and benefits when it's good. Let us recognize the full spectrum of diseases that plagues us by what it is, Carbohydrate Intolerance; and not poison ourselves with sugars and grains, the food industry's "Franken foods" and exacerbate our intolerances with pharmaceutical industry's toxic chemicals. Each of us is in command of but one body at this plane of existence. It is our individual responsibility to insure it serves us well... or not. 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

**OBITUARIES**

**Daniel Carl Fleming Sr.**

Daniel Carl Fleming Sr. age 59, of Odessa, Texas passed from this life at University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas on Sunday, January 8, 2017 after lung injuries sustained from a house fire. He was born in Hobbs, N.M. on Monday, December 16, 1957 to the late Daniel Burnett and Ruth Evelyn (Thompson) Fleming. He had his Masters of Divinity and was an ordained Baptist minister.



everyone equally.

On July 26, 1976, Daniel married the love of his life, Debbie Kay Dean, in Andrews, Texas. Together, they had three sons. Daniel and his family lived in Andrews, where he worked in the oilfield and also operated a computer store with his wife. In 1992, he moved his family to Ozona, where he served as a minister for 14 years at Calvary Baptist Church.

He retired from the ministry in 2006 and moved to Odessa. Daniel and his wife lived in Odessa for 10 years. They stuck by each other through thick and thin, sipping coffee in their favorite chairs. Daniel and Debbie were married for 37 years until separated by her death on January 13, 2014.

Daniel was a self-professed Jack of All Trades, 'Master of None' and a well-known jokester, who loved to laugh. He loved everyone and always treated ev-

Those left to cherish his love and memories are his sons: Daniel Fleming Jr. and wife Melissa of Fort Stockton, and Shannon Fleming and wife Shawna of Odessa and William Fleming of Cameron; brother: Leonard Fleming and wife Karen of Fort Stockton; sisters: Geannie Cradock and husband Rodney (Pops) of Odessa and Patsy Mosley and husband Willie of McCamey; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife: Debbie Kay Fleming; and one sister: Barbara Belt.

Funeral services were at Acres West Funeral Chapel on Friday, January 13, 2017. Interment followed at the Peaceful Gardens section of Ector County Cemetery, where he was laid to rest with Debbie. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West and condolences to the family may be sent online at [acreswestfuneral.com](http://acreswestfuneral.com)

**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

**Crafts Monday afternoon**

BY BRENDA NEWTON  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Oh no, our Cowboys got beat. It was not because of poor playing though. They played their own good game. They just gave too much time for the others to make a comeback. Wow, what a game.

I am still having the craft get-together at 3 p.m. Mondays. We can still learn to do the mesh wreaths, or we can change to something else. Look on Pinterest and let me know if you would like to try something else.

Don't forget the sit down exercise at 10:30 a.m. Tuesdays. Nikki Bishop is leading this exercise. She is the Wesley Nurse at the Methodist Church. Such a sweet girl, and she will take your blood pressure and keep record of your progress. If you have any questions about diabetes, or any other age related problems, give her a call at the Methodist Church. She is aware of all kinds of helpful tidbits that might be helpful.

There will be a Bingo Social on Feb. 20. Chicken salad sandwiches on croissants with ice cream sandwiches will be served. There will also be bingo at 2 p.m. this Thursday. Come join us. We are having balance ex-

ercise at 9:30 a.m. Thursday. Come join us. It is not a very hard exercise, but will help strengthen your muscles for the balance we all need to keep us from those dreaded falls. Isn't a little discomfort in your muscles better than the disablement of a broken hip? Just saying!

I have been reading some literature on dementia and found out that some of the main influences on brain functions decline is poor blood sugar control, high blood pressure, depression and maybe vitamin B12 deficiency. Another thing it says is we live in a culture where processed foods are cheap, 60-plus works weeks are plentiful, sleep is scarce and exercise is inconvenient. This lifestyle can lead to dementia and to Alzheimer's. I thought this was interesting.

- Exercise - 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday.
- Bridge - 1:30 p.m. Monday
- Crafts - 3 p.m. Monday
- Sits down Exercise - 10:30 a.m. Tuesday Wesley Nurse
- Mexican Train - 1:30 p.m. Wednesday
- Prayer Group - 3 p.m. Wednesday
- Quilting - 9:30 a.m. Thursday
- Balance Exercise - 9:30 a.m. Thursday
- Bingo - 2 p.m. Thursday
- Come on out, the coffee is on.

**DOING PAPERWORK**

It is not something I really like to do all the time but it has to be done. So every year about this time my wife and I close out our books for the year. There are usually papers scattered all over and we are busy helping each other to get everything added up. I always hold my breath to see if we have given enough to the Lord. It is our goal or we try to give at least a tenth of our income. (Psalm 76:11). Several years ago we were real busy and I didn't watch our giving and when we totaled our giving we found out we had given very little that year. I felt so ashamed and I purposed in my heart I didn't want that to happen again. God has been so good to us and we want to thank Him and honor Him with our giving. It could even be a way of saying thanks. We try to tithe to our local church, (Malachi 3:10) and we also give to other special needs if we can, (Psalm 41:1). We have given when it was difficult and we have given when we had a little extra and God blessed both. Attitude plays an important part in our giving, (2 Corinthians 9:6-11). You can sure look at someone's checkbooks and see where there heart is, (Matthew 6:19-21). Be sure the books balance.

Brother J

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Sunday Worship: 4 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m.

**Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia**

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219 Martinez St.  
Fr. Bernardito Getigan  
Sun. Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona  
Every Second Sunday of the Month:  
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Tues. - Sat. Mass: 6 p.m.

**Calvary Baptist Church**

601 Ave. I  
Pastor Paul M. Ray  
Sunday School: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m.  
Sunday Worship: 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship: 6 p.m.

**Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida**

Corner of Secretariat & Man O'War  
Pastor Juan Avila  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m.  
Wed. Service: 6 p.m.

**Ozona Church of Christ**

1002 11th St.  
Mr. Johnnie Perkins  
Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

**Faith Lutheran Church**

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Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

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12 - 11th St.  
Pastor Jean Reardon  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**First Baptist Church**

901 Ave. D  
Pastor Mark Frieke  
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Awana - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays

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138 Blas St.  
Rev. Esequiel Cervantez  
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Worship: 11 a.m. 6 p.m.  
Wednesday: 7 p.m.

**Iglesia de Cristo**

Hwy. 163 S. at Quail Run  
Interim - Ray Valadez  
Sunday Bible Study: 10 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m. Evening Worship: 6 p.m.

**Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church**

2121 Santa Rosa St.  
Pastor Ruth & Gerson Posadas  
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# Texas lawmakers hoping to plug 'loopholes' keeping government contracts secret

Editor's note: Part of this article was accidentally left out of the Jan. 11 edition. Here is the full article for our readers.

AUSTIN - A pair of Texas lawmakers have filed legislation aiming to plug what they called major "loopholes" in public records law that have left taxpayers in the dark about key details of some contracts involving public funds.

"We are here today because I think some things have been broken - particularly in transparency and the Public Information Act," state Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, said at a press conference Tuesday, Jan. 3.

He teamed up with state Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, to file legislation - two bills in each chamber - pushing back against a pair of recent controversial Texas Supreme Court rulings that immediately made it easier for those involved with government contracts with private companies to shield parts of what those contracts say.

In the months that have elapsed since the rulings, companies and non-profit groups contracting with governmental bodies such as cities, schools and hospital districts increasingly have used the "competitive disadvantage" clause to avoid releasing financial data related to projects financed by taxpayers. In some cases, the clause was even cited as an example for the governmental entities themselves to keep the information secret.

Examples of the results of the court rulings discussed at the Capitol press conference included:

- The City of McAllen won't say how much entertainer Enrique Iglesias was paid for a local concert in 2015, saying it might hurt the city's ability to negotiate and compete with neighboring cities for future concerts;

- A search firm retained to help a public hospital in El Paso hire a new administrator did not have to release details of the administrative contract because officials alleged competitors might use the information against them;

- City-owned Denton Municipal Electric refused to release bid information and contracts for its new \$265 million power plant - the largest capital purchase the city has ever made; and

- Non-profit groups contracting with cities to perform economic development work aren't required to release financial information even though their efforts are funded by tax dollars.

The stated purpose of the Texas Public Information Act - to enable people to remain informed so they can retain control over their government - has been undermined by the court rulings closing off access to information once deemed clearly public, Watson said.

Watson pointed out that the decisions weakened the law by allowing governmental bodies and private entities that receive public funds to more easily conceal their



STATE REP. GIOVANNI CAPRIGLIONE (center) addresses the media about two bills filed by him and State Sen. Kirk Watson (right) that would plug major "loopholes" in public records law dealing with local governments. Also pictured are Laura Lee Prather of the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas and Bill Patterson, publisher of the Denton Record-Chronicle.

dealings.

"I believe it is our duty as the Legislature to ensure the people of Texas can track how government spends public money," he said.

"Taxpayers have a right to know how their money is being spent," Capriglione said. "The original intent of the Public Information Act was to be as permissive as possible in favor of the citizens of Texas. The bills filed today will get us back to that intent and bring Texans true transparency. As the first bills I have filed this session, I hope to underscore their importance to citizens and legislators alike."

One of the new proposals (House Bill 792 and Senate Bill 407) would limit the competitive interest threshold that governments could use to withhold information and states that all finalized contracts would be released.

Another proposal (HB 793 and SB 408) would restore a legal test that made private entities subject to state open records law under certain circumstances - if they receive public funds to perform services traditionally regulated to

government agencies, for instance.

Among those consulted were the Texas Attorney General's Office; the Freedom of Information Foundation of Texas, represented at the press conference by attorney Laura Lee Prather, past board president; the Texas Press Association, represented by Bill Patterson, chairman of the TPA Legislative Advisory Committee and publisher of the Denton Record-Chronicle; Texas Association of Broadcasters; Texas Municipal League; Texas Association of Counties; and Texas Conference of Urban Counties.

"Texans need to know who the government is making deals with and how the money is being spent," Prather said.

The two bills will be top priorities for TPA in the upcoming session, said Donniss Baggett, executive vice president of the association. "We have been extremely concerned about the terrible damage that these two court rulings have done to transparency and accountability in Texas," Baggett said. "These are

monumental governance issues, and our legislative team is grateful to Rep. Capriglione and Sen. Watson for their willingness to take the lead in addressing the problems."

In June 2015, the justices

ordered Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton to block the release of information in a lease between Boeing and the Port Authority of San Antonio because the aerospace manufacturer said making the details public could tip off its competitors.

That ruling expanded the secrecy of government contracts in two key ways, experts say: by broadening an exemption in public records law used to protect the government's competitive interests and by affirming that businesses could invoke it, too.

Originally, lawmakers sought to prevent a bidder for government work from nabbing a competitor's bids on a contract. And once that contract was finalized, it was considered public. But the Boeing v. Paxton decision lowered the threshold for what can be secret while affirming that private entities could invoke that protection when doing business with governments in Texas.

Since that ruling, Paxton's

office has been flooded by requests to shield the release of contract details - more than 300 have cited it, Watson said.

Capriglione suggested that people in government "generally behave better if they know some people could be watching." He said he was worried that the Public Information Act could be rendered "effectively moot" in Texas if the Legislature did not act this session and the "loopholes" became more widely used.

He said he didn't expect vocal opposition to the legislation, though that didn't necessarily mean they would pass without a fight.

"Whenever we try to broaden transparency, we've found that most of the people who battle it will do it in darkness," Capriglione said.

- This article was compiled from the Texas Press Association and the Texas Tribune. The Ozona Stockman is a member of the Texas Press Association and Stockman Editor and Publisher Melissa Perner is a member of the TPA Legislative Advisory Committee.

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## Angelo State Dean's List

The following Ozona students made the 2016 Fall Semester Dean's List at Angelo State University: Lorenzo Francisco Hernandez, Amber Nicole Lewis, Desiree Starr Marshall, Dulce Lucero Rodriguez, Loren Blaine Talamantez and Sierra Monique Trevino.

To be eligible for the ASU Dean's List, full-time students must maintain a 3.25 or better grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

AUDITOR'S QUARTERLY REPORT						
OCTOBER 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2016						
	OCTOBER 1, 2016					DECEMBER 31, 2016
	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS IN	CASH DISBURSEMENTS	TRANSFERS OUT	ENDING BALANCE
GENERAL FUND:	13,670,527.08	1,238,703.22	0.00	(1,840,235.06)	(780,277.20)	12,288,718.04
ROAD & BRIDGE:	1,346,719.18	310,227.22		(919,605.98)		737,340.42
CARE CENTER:	(21,777.52)	466,409.03	503,238.48	(911,792.25)		36,077.74
HSC:	393,631.81	0.00	188,451.24	(26,171.61)		555,911.44
EMS:	23,325.84	82,945.40	88,587.48	(144,182.91)		50,675.81
	<b>15,412,426.39</b>	<b>2,098,284.87</b>	<b>780,277.20</b>	<b>(3,841,987.81)</b>	<b>(780,277.20)</b>	<b>13,668,723.45</b>





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**ZEPHAN CUEVAS SCORED 24 POINTS** in the Lady Lions 57-45 victory over Miles on Jan. 13.

## Lady Lions defeat Miles

The OHS Lady Lions defeated Miles, 57-45, on Jan. 13.

Scoring: Zephan Cuevas 24; Asia Lara 10; Madison Galindo 9; Kelly Sewell 7; Julia Marshall 4 and Bobbi Jo Vargas 3.

The Lady Lions lost to Christoval, 57-23, on Jan. 10.

Scoring: Rachel Mendoza 8; Lara 6; Kamryn Lozano 6; Marshall 2 and Galindo 1.

The Lady Lions lost to Eldorado, 53-36, on Jan. 6.

Scoring: Zephan Cuevas 17, Bobbi Jo Vargas 6, Madison Galindo 5, Rachel Mendoza 4 and Asia Lara 2.

Ozona lost to Forsan, 49-31, on Jan. 3.

Scoring: Cuevas 11, Lara 10, Julie Marshall 4, Kamryn Lozano 4 and Galindo 2.

The Lady Lions are 13-9 overall, 2-4 in district play and are tied for last playoff spot after first district round completed.

## Lions fall short to Bulldogs

The OHS Lions lost to Miles, 46-42, on Jan. 13.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 10 12 7 13 - 42; Miles - 10 15 11 10 - 46.

Scoring: Marcus Perez 9; Riley Williams 5; Alec Lara 3; Esteban Flores 2; Roman Esparza 12; Jackson Abbey 7; Donovan Hunt 4.

The Lions lost to Christoval, 70-30, on Jan. 10.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 10 8 8 - 30; Christoval - 7 23 25 15 - 70.

Scoring: Perez 3; Williams 5; Lara 3; Flores 1;

Esparza 8; Abbey 9; Hunt 1.

The Lions defeated Eldorado, 48-20, on Jan. 6.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 16 8 9 15 - 48; Eldorado - 1 8 4 7 - 20

Scoring: Perez 1; Williams 2; Lara 13; Sebastian De La Cruz 3; Esparza 13; Abbey 6; Hunt 10.

Ozona lost to Forsan, 64-24, on Jan. 3.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 8 6 8 2 - 24; Forsan - 12 20 14 18 - 64

Scoring: Perez 1; Lara 7; De La Cruz 3; Esparza 6; Abbey 5; Hunt 2.

## Ozona Invitational held Jan. 13

The OHS Academic Team competed in the Ozona Invitational Meet on Jan. 13.

428 students from 17 schools entered the meet.

Ozona was the Journalism and Computer Science Champions.

Computer Science - 1. Manuel Torralba, Chantz Elliott, Humberto Torralba and Citlali Cano; 4. Manuel Torralba; 5. Chantz Elliott; 6. Humberto Torralba.

Literary Criticism - 3. Carissa Perez

News Writing - 4. Jacob Schroeder; 6. Sidney Perez

Editorial Writing - 1. Julie Marshall; 2. Brenna Hale

Ready Writing - 4. Sidney Perez; 6. Julie Marshall

Headline Writing - 6. Julie Marshall

Feature Writing - 1. Brenna Hale; 2. Makenna Fox; 4. Sidney Perez; 6. Kaelen Savala

Computer Applications -

1. Danny Posadas; 4. Samantha Torralba

Social Studies - 6. Kamryn Lozano

Number Sense - 5. Manuel Torralba

Current Events - 2. Greg Williams, Timothy Maldonado and Brenna Hale; 4. Greg Williams; 5. Brenna Hale

"A special thank you to everyone who helped make our winter invitational a success. A great big thank you to Mrs. Camarillo who once again shined in the hospitality room. Thank you to our outstanding custodial and maintenance crew who helped move tables and kept things looking great. Thanks to Rita Vasquez who helped work the debate meet on Saturday and a huge thanks to Eli De La Cruz who stepped in to help with grilling, and as always a special thank you to my family," said Dottie De Leon, OHS Coordinator.

# Lady Lions win Irion County Powerlifting Meet

The OHS Lady Lions Powerlifting Team won the Irion County Meet on Jan. 14.

Ozona placed first above Reagan County, Lake View, Eldorado, Irion County, Grape Creek, Sonora, Christoval and Rocksprings.

Rachel Mendoza placed first in the 132-pound weight class with a 300 squat, 175 bench press, 300 dead lift for a 775 total. Her performance qualified her for the regional and state meets.

Also placing in the 132 class was Carissa Perez who finished eighth with 180 squat, 115 bench press, 175 dead lift for 470 total.

Maiah Jurado also placed first in the 148 class with 250 squat, 135 bench press, 320 dead lift for 705 total.

Also placing in the 148 class was Asia Lara who finished third with 260 squat, 135 bench press, 265 dead lift for 660 total.

Kendra Sarabia won the 220 class with 250 squat, 100 bench press, 215 dead lift for 565 total.

In the 97 class, Azaylea Tovar placed fourth with 170 squat, 90 bench press, 185 dead lift for a 445 total. Ralee Borrego was fifth with 150 squat, 70 bench press, 170 dead lift for 320 total.

In the 105 class, Cierra Sanchez was fourth with 150 squat, 80 bench press, 145 dead lift for a 375 total.

In the 114 class, Kenzee Talamantez was third with 170 squat, 70 bench press, 185 dead lift for 425 total.

In the 123 class, Julie Marshall was third with 250



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**THE OHS LADY LIONS POWERLIFTING TEAM WON THE IRION COUNTY MEET** held in Mertzon on Jan. 14.

squat, 100 bench press, 250 dead lift for 600 total.

In the 165 class, Jade Borrego placed fifth with 210 squat, 105 bench press, 185 dead lift for 500 total.

In the 181 class, Krista Dominguez placed fourth with 175 squat, 105 bench press, 200 dead lift for 480 total.

In the 198 class, Ashley Moran placed fifth with 160 squat, 95 bench press, 155 dead lift for 410 total.

In the 259 class, Kayla Sarabia placed third with 225 squat, 100 bench press, 205 dead lift for 530 total.

The OHS Lions Powerlifting Team also competed at the Irion County Meet.

Anthony Perez was second in the 165 class with 365 squat, 255 bench press, 405 dead lift for 1,025 total.

Emmanuel Sarabia was



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**THE OHS LIONS Powerlifting Team competed in the Irion County Meet.**

sixth with 355 squat, 190 bench press, 355 dead lift for 900 total. Austin Damian was ninth with 285 squat, 140 bench press, 270 dead lift for 695 total. Lazaro Rodriguez was 11th with 260 squat, 125 bench press, 270 dead lift for 655 total.

In the 148 class, Aiden Fuentes placed 10th with 300 squat, 155 bench press, 300 dead lift for 755 total. Marcus Perez placed 13th

with 240 squat, 130 bench press, 275 dead lift for 645 total.

In the 181 class, Steban Flores was third with 380 squat, 285 bench press, 410 dead lift for 1,075 total.

In the 198 class, Edgar Damian was fifth with 350 squat, 255 bench press, 365 dead lift for 970 total. Irving Rodriguez was 10th with 305 squat, 185 bench press, 260 dead lift for 750 total.

## JV Lady Lions defeat Eldorado Lady Eagles

Ozona lost to Christoval, 32-21, on Jan. 9.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 5 4 8 - 21; Christoval - 9 2 7 15 - 32

Scoring: Xena Vargas 8; Kaitlyn Tambunga 4; Zoe Jones 2; Roslynn Mendez 2; Mariana Garza 2; Esmie Castillo 2. Also playing: Kenzee Talamantez, Kameron Ortiz, Paige Villarreal, Audrey Gander, Esperanza Ramirez, Alyiah Ortiz, Lucy Rodriguez, Kendra Sarabia and Kayla Sarabia.

The JV Lady Lions defeated Eldorado, 31-21, on Jan. 6.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 17 4 6 4 - 31; Eldorado - 2

5 6 8 - 21

Scoring: Vargas 17; K. Ortiz 6; Carlie Ramos 4; Paige Lewis 2; Tambunga 2. Also playing: Talamantez, Wendy Mata, Lexi Montgomery, Ramirez, A. Ortiz, Miranda Villarreal, Castillo and Kayla Sarabia.

The Lady Lions lost to Forsan on Jan. 3.

Score by quarters: Ozona - 4 4 4 0 - 12; Forsan - 4 12 11 8 - 39.

Scoring: Vargas 8; Lucy Rodriguez 2; Paige Lewis 2. Also playing: Zoe Jones, K. Ortiz, Roslynn Mendez, Audrey Gander, Ramirez, A. Ortiz, Villarreal, Ramos, Kendra Sarabia and Tambunga.



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**OMS BAND STUDENTS ROXANA CAMARILLO, MONSERRAT BLANCO AND VARUN KALA** attended the clinic and concert for the Region 6 West Zone Band on Jan. 13-14. They performed on Jan. 14 after two full days of rehearsals. The students had the opportunity to perform with advanced students from several other schools, which made up the rest of the band. These students worked hard for this opportunity and represented Ozona well.



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**THE OMS EIGHTH-GRADERS TOURED THE CAMPUS** at Sul Ross State University last week. The group had a great time. Go Lobos!



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**THE OMS LADY LIONS placed third** at the Comstock Tournament on Jan. 14.

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### CCCCSD School Menus

Jan. 18-25, 2017

Cafeteria Costs:

#### Ozona Elementary School

Breakfast is free for all students!  
Lunch is \$2.45 and Reduced Lunch is \$0.40

#### Ozona Middle & Ozona High Schools

Breakfast is \$1.20 and Reduced Breakfast is \$0.30  
Lunch is \$2.45 and Reduced Lunch is \$0.40  
Menus are subject to change.  
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#### Breakfast

##### Wednesday

Biscuit, scrambled eggs and sausage or cereal with Texas toast

##### Thursday

PB&J Sandwich or cereal with graham crackers

##### Friday

Muffin with yogurt or cereal with Texas toast

##### Monday

Waffles with bacon or cereal with Texas toast

##### Tuesday

PB&J sandwich or cereal with graham crackers

##### Wednesday

Cinnamon roll with sausage or cereal with Texas toast  
Everyday - Fruit, fruit juice and milk.

#### Lunch

##### Wednesday

Beef taco, tamales, Spanish rice (OHS only), seasoned corn, charro beans, salsa, lettuce and tomato, applesauce and milk

##### Thursday

Chili with cornbread, tomato cup, broccoli, oranges and milk

##### Friday

Popcorn chicken, roll, oven fries, cucumber dippers, fruit, cookie and milk  
**OHS and OMS:** Sloppy Joe sandwich, oven fries, cucumber dippers, fruit, cookie and milk

##### Monday

Steak fingers, gravy, potatoes, carrots, apples, cookie and milk

##### Tuesday

Tangerine chicken, egg roll, rice, tomato and cucumber cup, salad, snowball salad and milk

##### Wednesday

Pizza, carrots with ranch, broccoli, fruit and milk

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# Ozona Elementary Honor Roll

#### A HONOR ROLL Third Six Weeks

**First Grade** - Cameron Asbill, Michael Bennet, Addyson Chavez, Sadie Childress, Dylan Gallarzo, Cavin Geary, Rylee Hamm, Bobby Hernandez, Jose Mata, Mikell Moran, Avaree Perez, Bella Perez, Kaleb Ramon, Malakai Rodriguez, Anna Shaffer, and Mia Webb.

**Second Grade** - Mark Alvarez, Addison Badillo, Rielee Barrera, Wyatt Bean, Leonel Blanco, Lillian Bunker, Marina Contreras, Mara Crenwelge, Avery Davidson, Darrius Galindo, Christina Geary, Charles Harger, Nolan Martinez, Avery Mendoza, Ciera Morales, Atleigh Morris, Ariston Pratt, Robert Puckett, Aaliyah Renteria, Nicole Rojo, Machaih Rosendaal, Emily Shaffer, Skylah Thomas, Kirra Tijerina, Kaydee Timms, Grace Upham, Jordan Vega and Cole Wyatt.

**Third Grade** - Kelynn Bean, Serenity Briggs, Ella Childress, Madolyn Childress, Maria Damian, Jakelynn Hernandez, Luna Hernandez, Jaycee Maldonado, Mercedes Perez, Timothy Porras, Michael Preddy, Jacoby Ramos, Juliet Rodriguez, Thalén Roller, Bradyn Scherr, Colt Scroggins, Dwayne Smith and William Webb.

**Fourth Grade** - Maria Aranda, Rico Capetillo, Rogelio Capetillo, Alexandra Cervantes, Ysabella Esparza, Gabriel Fullingim, Catherine Geary, Jakob Little, Sarai Meza, Blayk Mitchell, Luke Puckett, Jezebel Ramirez, Moses Ramirez, Jae Rodriguez, Sienna Tatum, Carissa Thomas, Trystin Timms and Kaitlyn Trujillo.

**Fifth Grade** - Jesus Aranda-Avila, Claire Bean, Bernardo Blanco, Grant Childress, Seth Childress, Emma Crenwelge, Mia Cruz, Mia Davidson, Asa Forehead, Sebastian Fullingim, Jonessa Jurado, McKenna Luckie, Kaitlyn Preddy, Nicholas Ramon, Vanesa Rodriguez, Alexis Scroggins, Audrey Upham, Noah Veirs and Ryan Williams.

#### A-B HONOR ROLL

##### Third Six Weeks

**First Grade** - Madison Albers, McKenzie Dalton, Brian Dominguez, Jace Dominguez, Izabella Escalante, Timothy Fluckers, Monkia Gomez, Brenda Hernandez, Koby Hernandez, Ivan Mata, Ace Mejia, Hy-Leh Merrifield, Ambrie Perez, Arturo Rivera, Aurora Rodriguez, Andon Silva, Elijah Veirs and Aubrey Villarreal.

**Second Grade** - Jocelynn Ayala, Jonathan Borrego, Aden Cervantes, Freddy Chaves, Caden Dominguez, Angel Elizondo, Lindsey Galindo, Alexas Garza, Victoria Guajardo, Faith Guerra, Ayumi Hernandez, Ayumi Hernandez, William Higginbottom, Hailey Larson, Destiny Locklear, Joshua Manosvalva, Alexander Mata, Jesus Mendoza, Tommy O'Byan, Dorian Perez Jaythron Perez, Nickolas Perez, Rikki Radican, Aaliyah Renteria, Alyiah Rodriguez, Luis Romero, Bryan Serrano, Snayjder Sot, and Alejandro Tello.

**Third Grade** - Tessa Albon, Alison Allsup, Jaden Bennet, Charles Claburn, William Claburn, Austin Dominguez, Destiny Dominguez, Sofia Elizondo, Yesenia Escalante, David Esparza, Graciano Garcia, Ademari Garza, Christian Gomez, Osvaldo Gonzales, Adrian Guerra, Taylor Hamm, Jonathan Hernandez, Kaidence Hernandez, Mylin Hernandez, Joe Jurado, Wilbert O'Bryant, Angel Radican, Maci Ramirez, Monica Rodriguez, Trey Ruiz, Faith Sifuentes, Ian Smith, Katherine Vargas, Abygale Veirs, Shelby Venegas, Melody Villarreal and Matt Ybarra.

**Fourth Grade** - Hillary Mashay Alvarez, Avery Badillo, Kurt Bean, Macaiele Blanco, Sebastian Camarillo, Luz Carranza, Michael Daniels, Savannah De La Cruz, Adrienne Delgado, Serena Diehl, Rhies Dominguez, Iran Elizondo, Michael Flores, Corey Galindo, Zury Hernandez, Adrian Jara, Kaitlyn Longoria, Yulissa Lopez, Maddac Luna, Delaney McGee, Yesenia Mendez, Israel Perez, Bayea Porras, Perfecto Quiroz, Vania Ramirez, Mireya Rivera, Samuel Sandate, Hunter Sertain, Leara Thomas, Bayleigh Tinney, Exander Whitby and Evelyn Yeager.

**Fifth Grade** - Lauren Albers, Raelynn Barrera, Roberto Barrera, Felipe Cano, Matthew Daniels, Jack De La Garza, Robyn Dominguez, Salomon Duron, Esmeralda Fraga Mata, Alondra Garza, Valeria Garza, Audym Geary, Alexia Gomez, Ashlynn Gomez, Jacob Guajardo, Brylee Gutierrez, Mia Gutierrez, Patrick Hensley, Miguel Hernandez, Jadyln Hunt, Callie Martinez, Laramie Nowell, Ty Nuttall, Cameran Ochoa, Cora Peruez, Kaitlynn Poindexter, Faith Quiroz, Christopher Ramirez, Jaycelynn Rodriguez, Frank Soeell, Jaylynn Tijerina, Andrea Torres, Rigoberto Treto, Alyssa Vargas, Ricardo Velasquez, Kaitlyn Venegas, Mia Venegas, Jesse Villarreal and Nikolas Villarreal.

## Fall Sports Dinner Thursday

There will be a Fall Sports Dinner for all trainers, cheerleaders and athletes who participated in football and cross-country this fall at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 19, at the Civic Center. Athletes will eat free. Parent and family plates will be \$10 each.



THE OMS EIGHTH GRADE LIONS won the Ozona Tournament on Jan. 14.



THE OMS EIGHTH GRADE LADY LIONS won the Jan. 14 Ozona Tournament.



THE OMS SEVENTH GRADE LIONS won the Ozona Tournament on Jan. 14.



THE OMS SEVENTH GRADE LADIES took third in the Ozona Tournament.

## OHS LIONS 2017 BASEBALL SCHEDULE

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	JV	V
Fri., Feb. 17	Sonora (scrimmage)	Away	-	4:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 20	Crane	Away	-	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 23-25 (Thurs.-Sat.)	Ozona Tournament	HOME	-	TBA
Tues., Feb. 28	Ingram	Away	-	6:00 p.m.
March 2-4 (Thurs.-Sat.)	Crane Tournament	Away	-	TBA
Tues., March 7	Eldorado*	Away	-	6:00 p.m.
Fri., March 10	Utopia	HOME	-	6:00 p.m.
Tues., March 14	Menard*	HOME	-	6:00 p.m.
Fri., March 17	OPEN	-	-	-
Tues., March 21	Junction*	Away	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Fri., March 24	Mason*	HOME	-	6:00 p.m.
Tues., March 28	Harper*	Away	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Fri., March 31	Center Point*	HOME	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Tues., April 4	Eldorado*	HOME	-	6:00 p.m.
Fri., April 7	Menard*	Away	-	6:00 p.m.
Tues., April 11	OPEN	-	-	-
Thurs., April 13	Junction*	HOME	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Tues., April 18	Mason*	Away	-	5:00 p.m.
Fri., April 21	Harper* (SENIOR NIGHT)	HOME	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.
Tues., April 25	Center Point*	Away	4:30 p.m.	6:30 p.m.

\* Denotes District Game

## OHS LIONS AND LADY LIONS 2017 TENNIS SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	TEAM
Feb. 3	West Texas Championships	San Angelo Central	JV/Varsity
Feb. 9-10	Brandon Clark Tournament	San Angelo Lakeview	JV/Varsity
Feb. 16	Reagan County Winter Inv.	Big Lake	JV
Feb. 17-18	Reagan County Winter Inv.	Big Lake	Varsity
Feb. 23	Fort Stockton Invitational	Fort Stockton	Varsity
March 3-4	Regional Team Tennis	Big Lake	Varsity
March 9-10	State Team Tennis (if we qualify)	Round Rock	Varsity
March 7	Fort Stockton Invitational	Fort Stockton	JV
March 9	Dual Match	Sterling City	Varsity
March ?	Dual Match	TBA	
March 23	Sterling City Invitational	Sterling City	Varsity
Mar. 31-Apr. 1	District Tournament	Mertzon	JV/Varsity
April 17-18	Regional Tournament	Odessa	Varsity
May 18-19	State Tournament	College Station	Varsity

## OHS LIONS AND LADY LIONS 2017 TRACK SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	SITE
Saturday, Feb. 18	Comanche Relays	Fort Stockton
Saturday Feb. 25	Ozona Relays	Ozona
Thursday, March 9	Brave Relays	Iraan
Thursday, March 18	Bronco Relays	Sonora
Saturday, March 25	Alpine	Alpine
Wed. & Thurs., April 5-6	District Track Meet	Mertzon
Thursday, April 13	Area Track Meet	Abilene-McMurray
Fri. & Sat., April 28-29	Regional Track Meet	Odessa
Thurs. & Fri., May 11-12	State Track Meet	Austin

## OMS LIONS AND LADY LIONS 2017 TRACK SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	SITE
Thursday, Feb. 23	Ozona Middle School Relays	Ozona
Friday, March 3	Brave Middle School Relays	Iraan
Thursday, March 9	Crane	Crane
Thursday, March 16	Reagan County Middle School Relays	Big Lake
Thursday, March 30	Colt Relays	Sonora
Tuesday, April 11	Middle School District Track Meet	Forsan

## Youth Center Calendar of Events

#### HIGH SCHOOL:

Monday: 7-10 p.m.;  
Tuesday: 2-7 p.m.;  
Wednesday: 7-10 p.m.;  
Thursday: 2-10 p.m.;  
Friday: 2 p.m.-midnight  
and Saturday: 2-7 p.m.

#### 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 AND 8TH MEAL NIGHTS:

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from 10:00 a.m. - to 5:00 p.m.  
at 1205 Sheffield Road  
During office hours on Thursdays call 392-2508  
To make an appointment or for more information call Eldorado Clinic at 325-853-2572

# USDA Farm Service Agency expands bridges to opportunity nationwide

BY ISABEL BENEMELIS  
USDA - FARM SERVICE AGENCY

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Farm Service Agency (FSA) has announced the expansion of a unique service for farmers and ranchers.

FSA's Bridges to Opportunity program provides a one-stop-shop that connects producers with resources, programs and educational services offered across the department, as well as from other USDA partner organizations. Bridges to Opportunity, which currently provides enhanced customer support to more than 150,000 customers in 20 states, will expand to serve customers across the country before the end of the month using fiscal year 2016 funds.

"By partnering with numerous local, state, regional and national agricultural organizations, FSA employees now can provide farmers and ranchers with comprehensive information about resources, grants, courses, events and activities provided throughout USDA and from external partner organizations," said FSA Administrator Val Dolcini. "Bridges to Opportunity is another example of how USDA is working to reconnect people to their government and provide enhanced services to farmers and ranchers, who, in turn, provide our nation and the world with safe, affordable and reliable food, fuel and fiber."

FSA's presence in over 2,100 county offices, in nearly every rural county, puts the agency in a unique position to partner with non-governmental organizations to reach thousands of agricultural producers who can benefit from the programs and services.

Bridges to Opportunity allows FSA employees to search and obtain a list of all local, state, regional and national organizations that may be able assist local produc-

ers with their specific need. For example, FSA's Houston County office in Texas partnered with many agricultural organizations to serve producers affected by severe drought.

When drought-stricken agricultural producers came to the county office looking for assistance, FSA employees were able to provide traditional services, such as the Livestock Forage Disaster Program (LFP) and the Emergency loan program administered by FSA, as well as connect local farmers with local, regional, and national organizations that provide drought assistance and education.

Bridges to Opportunity was developed by FSA to provide producers with a more comprehensive customer service experience by connecting them with other USDA agencies and nonfederal partners.

Through Bridges to Opportunity, FSA county office employees have the tools to connect farmers, ranchers and anyone interested in agriculture with customized expertise on topics ranging including organic production, beginning farmer resources, integrated pest management, disaster assistance, conservation practices, agricultural educational courses, loans, grants and other financial assistance that can start, grow or benefit farming and ranching operations.

"Bridges to Opportunity embodies FSA's modernized approach to customer service. By providing a broader array of resources than FSA or USDA alone, FSA is bringing farmers and ranchers one step closer to achieving their version of the American Dream," said Dolcini.

For more information about Bridges to Opportunity, contact your local FSA county office. To locate your FSA county office, visit <https://offices.usda.gov>.

Over the past eight years, USDA has taken big, bold steps to forge a new era for civil rights and ensure all Americans who come to USDA for help are treated fairly, with dignity and respect. Through coordinated outreach and consistent engagement, USDA is forming new partnerships in diverse communities and regaining trust where it was once lost.

Learn more about our progress during the Obama Administration to increase access to opportunity for all Americans, and to create a more equal and inclusive USDA in chapter 8 of our yearlong results project: The People's Department: A New Era for Civil Rights at USDA.

# CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

## Weekly Activity Report

Monthly Status Report - December 2016		911 medical/fire assistance	
Total Placed in Jail	20	Civil complaints	6
Total Released	14	Civil documents served	1
Currently Incarcerated - Ozona	0	Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	6
Currently housed outside county	16	Juvenile/School	1
Housing Cost - Mitchell Co. \$0 (No Invoice Yet)		Motorist assist/ locked vehicle	8
Housing Cost - Upton Co.	\$17,437.50	Reckless driving/ speeding complaints	1
Housing Cost - Sutton Co.	\$0	Minor/major traffic accidents	5
Housing Cost - Schleicher Co.	\$0	Alarms	2
Housing Cost - Pecos Co.	\$0		
Total Housing Cost	\$17,437.50		

OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:	
<b>1-11-17</b>	
- Sheriff's deputies arrested Ryan Thomas Ramos, of Ozona, for possession of marijuana less than two ounces. Subject was arraigned and released on bond.	
- Sheriff's deputies arrested Abel Rodriguez, of Ozona, for public intoxication, and Abel Rodriguez Jr. for driving while license invalid. Both subjects were arraigned. Rodriguez Sr. was released after payment of fine. Rodriguez Jr. was released after posting bond.	
<b>1-13-17</b>	
- Sheriff's deputies took a report of burglary of a habitation from a residence on Piedra Street.	
<b>1-14-17</b>	
- Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Corto Street.	

Type of Calls	Count
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	3

# FOR THE RECORD: COURT PROCEEDINGS

**DISTRICT COURT**  
**Jan. 6, 2017**

- Curtis Wayne Robertson, 53, of Barnhart, pled guilty to felony driving while intoxicated, second-degree felony, sentenced to 10 years in prison, \$60 DPS Lab restitution and \$375 court costs.
- Manuel Vargas Villarreal IV, 24, of Rankin, pled true to assault - family member, third-degree felony, sentenced to two years in prison, \$920 old fine and \$471 old and new court costs.
- Reynaldo Gaitan Galindo Sr., 62, of Ozona, pled guilty to assault against family member with previous conviction, third-degree felony, sentenced to two years deferred adjudication, 100 hours of community service and mandatory anger management.
- Joel Morales Najjar, 36, of Ozona, pled guilty to possession of a controlled substance, state jail felony, sentenced to five years deferred adjudication, \$1,500 fine, \$180 restitution, 120 hours community service and \$215 court costs.

# ANIMAL CONTROL REPORT

DECEMBER 2016			
Animal related contacts	51	Animal disposal	4
Impounded dogs	11	Animal traps set	20
Animal Bite investigations	1	Wildlife caught	12 (4 skunks, 8 raccoons)
Animals quarantined	0	Dangerous animal reports	0
Owner surrenders	1	Written warning citations	2
Number of animals surrendered	1	Written citations	1 - unrestrained
Impounded cats	16	Welfare checks	1 - pitbull (no shelter)
Destroyed animals	17		
Livestock calls	1 - ponies		

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costs and provides more choices for the American people.

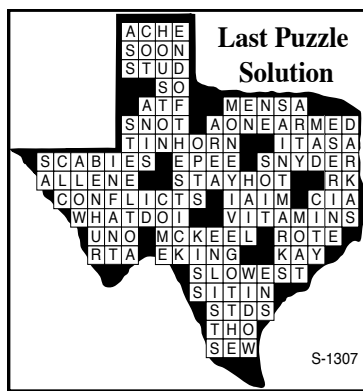
As we work to replace Obamacare with something better, there will be a stable transition period so that no one has the rug pulled out from underneath them. Patients currently on the healthcare exchange will not lose coverage without a replacement, kids will still be able to stay on their parent's plans, and patients with pre-existing conditions will not be turned away.

Our blueprint lays out a step-by-step process that begins with a budget resolution for fiscal year 2017, authorizing Congress to fast-track repeal legislation with only simple majorities in the House and Senate. This legislation passed last week, paving the way for us to begin

in earnest to repeal and replace this job-killing law that has neither made healthcare more affordable nor protected patients. In the coming months, Congress will work to first repeal tax-related provisions, such as the individual mandate that eliminated choice for patients across the country, while maintaining protections for those with pre-existing conditions and strengthening successful programs like Medicare Advantage and Health Savings Accounts.

We are committed to doing this the right way so that every American has access to quality, affordable coverage for years to come. Learn more about our plan at [www.abetterway.speaker.gov](http://www.abetterway.speaker.gov).

WILL HURD represents the 23rd District of Texas, which includes Crockett County. Contact him at: <http://hurd.house.gov>



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**ACROSS**

- TX Don Henley co-wrote "Heart \_\_\_\_\_ Tonight"
- "S" of ASAP
- stallion
- "Texas, our Texas! \_\_\_\_\_ wonderful so great!"
- this agcy. raided the Branch Davidians near Waco
- high IQ organization
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ rag" (handkerchief)
- TXism: "busy as \_\_\_\_\_ paper hanger"
- TXism for "amateur"
- TX Rick Perry didn't make \_\_\_\_\_
- most poky
- 1960s protest method (2 wds.)
- contagious itchy skin disease
- TXns just call it a sword
- Scurry County seat
- mother of ex-Cowboy coach, Jimmy Johnson
- TXism: "his axles \_\_\_\_\_" (active)
- Kleberg County was named for him (init.)
- wags, e.g.
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_" (intend)
- TX George H. W. was director of this agcy. for a year
- TX Don Henley co-wrote, "\_\_\_\_\_ Do with My Heart"
- organic compounds that are nutrients
- "one," south of the border
- this TX John was held hostage in Iran for 444 days
- this TX Kyle was an All-American RB at SMU
- Afghanistan government broadcasting org.
- Texas A&M's original "12th Man": \_\_\_\_\_ Gill
- TX "Mary \_\_\_\_\_ Cosmetics"
- most poky
- 1960s protest method (2 wds.)
- intimate diseases (abbr.)
- informal "though" use needle & thread
- Ranger radio announcer, Eric (init.)
- dir. to Azle from Weatherford
- Dallas prep school: \_\_\_\_\_
- School of Texas"
- pretentiously artistic
- TXism: "attracted like \_\_\_\_\_ magnet"
- "Enchanted Rock State Natural \_\_\_\_\_"
- TXism: "hopping \_\_\_\_\_"
- compound used in eye drops
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ the bottom of a well"
- makes a choice
- baby
- TX Linda Ellerbee's "And \_\_\_\_\_ Goes"
- Staubach's \_\_\_\_\_
- Mary's pass in 1975
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ have to get better to die"
- Gonzales flag: "\_\_\_\_\_ and Take It"
- Archer \_\_\_\_\_, TX
- castle defense
- San Antonio FM
- joins up
- TXism: "\_\_\_\_\_ maker" (mean bull)
- junior naval officer (abbr.)

**DOWN**

- biblical donkey
- Bowie's Alamo bed
- most populous city in TX
- TXism: "got the short \_\_\_\_\_" (unlucky)
- (unlucky)
- cuckoo birds at the "Bentsen-Rio Grande Valley State Park"
- TX Lefty Frizzell's "If You've Got the \_\_\_\_\_ Time" (1950)

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The Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District (District) will receive public input at a hearing on proposed amendments to the District's rules intended to (1) implement changes to statutory law enacted by the 84th Texas Legislature, which amendments address matters including but not limited to (i) permit renewal procedures; (ii) procedures for permit hearings, including preliminary hearings, hearings referred to the State Office of Administrative Hearings, and uncontested hearings; (iii) Board review and consideration of a Proposal for Decision on a permit hearing; (iv) language describing the export of groundwater outside of the District and associated fees; (v) procedure and considerations for appealing desired future conditions of the aquifers underlying the District; (vi) the regulation of aquifer storage and recovery; (vii) definitions of terms used in the rules or commonly used during District business; and (viii) specify the procedure for appealing decisions of the District; (2) clarify protection of historic groundwater use and the District's management policies set forth in Rule 1.6; (3) address rules related to enforcement; (4) clarify authority regarding water quality protection; (5) provide for rule-making procedures; and (6) specify various deadlines by calendar day or business day.

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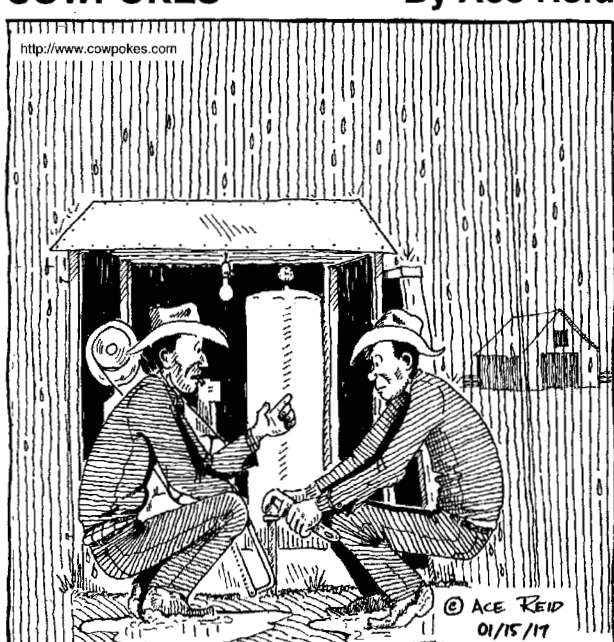
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