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Fireworks and rain

BY FRANK TAMBUNGA
CROCKETT COUNTY VETERANS

The Fourth of July Festival at the park turned out to be big success.

I guess having the holiday fall during the week really helps because we had more attending the festivities and more participation in parades.

We had 15 different types of food and game booths along with some good music by DJ TKO "Johnny Tambunga" throughout the afternoon.

Alex Ochoa chaired the washer pitching contest.

Our Children and Pet Parade had more participants.

We had several participating in the Patriotic Parade with different types of Parade Floats.

The Knights had some secret judges that had a hard time making their decision for the winners.

We had the Texas Game Warden Waddell Family with the most Patriotic Parade Float, The Glittering Hearts Twirlers with Most Inspiring and Most Creative were the kids on the Big Ranger.

Winners of the Children and Pet Parade were First Place Emilia Tambunga and her patriotic car, Second Place Zander Almagueer and his red, white and blue bicycle and Third Place Constance

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A FAST AND FURIOUS FIREWORKS SHOW was held July 4 at the north baseball field as rain showers loom on the horizon. The show was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. More photos, page 7.

JEAN REARDON | SPECIAL TO THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Commissioners review revenues in budget workshop

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court looked at revenues for the 2018 County Budget during Monday's regular meeting.

County Judge Fred Deaton said final revenue numbers would not be available from the Crockett County Appraisal District until July 25, but he presented a rough estimate to the commissioners.

Using the same tax rate as last year, 80 cents per \$100 valuation, the county is expected to generate around \$13.8 million in the county's general fund.

This includes taking around \$1.3 million from the county's fund balance for the general budget and \$114,532.81 out of the road and bridge fund balance, in order make a balance budget and avoid severe cuts in county expenses.

According to the Texas Constitution, the county cannot levy a tax rate in excess of \$.80 per \$100 of property value for the county's general fund, permanent improvement fund, road and bridge fund and jury fund. On top of the \$.80, the county is authorized to levy a \$.15 road and bridge tax and a \$.30 farm-to-market road/flood control tax; however, these taxes are subject to voter approval.

The bond payment for

the new jail and wellness center is expected to be \$2.4 million.

Deaton cautioned the commissioners about having to take money from the county's fund balance if oil and gas production doesn't increase by next year.

"If not, we will have to make some cuts that will be hard to make. We may have to run a smaller county if things don't turn around. The bonds really hurt us. The oilfield being down has hurt us," Deaton said.

The commissioners plan on having more budget workshops before adopting the 2018 County Budget in September.

CONVENTION CENTER

Commissioner Eligio Martinez presented options for partitioning the convention center to make two rooms available to rent instead of just one large room.

No action was taken on the agenda item. The commissioners said the Fair Park Convention Center Board needs to be part of the discussion.

"We're looking at a budget year that's tough and we don't need any more projects," said Commissioner Pleas Childress.

Martinez said he brought up the ideas because people were complaining about the noise

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In Central Texas, reloading ammunition is more than a hobby

BY KAULIE LEWIS
REPORTING TEXAS

When Anthony Mowry inherited a single-stage ammunition press from a girlfriend's grandfather, all he saw was a way to save a little money reloading his own used ammunition.

"Shooting is really expensive when you're in college and you're broke," Mowry now says, almost 10 years later. "So we started playing with this press," seeing whether it would be possible to make enough 9mm ammunition to offset some of the costs.

It quickly became evident this wasn't going to work; the press was old, small and fitted with components that weren't suited for the project Mowry was undertaking with his dad. So they bought another machine. Then they bought another. Now they run Parabellum Research, a reloading operation based in Kyle, which supplies "re-manned" ammunition to eight ranges and sells to private customers.



MATT UNRUH began remanufacturing ammunition as a hobby, but it's grown into a "booming" business, he says.

AUSTIN PRICE | REPORTING TEXAS

While reloading ammunition is primarily a hobbyist's activity, a number of small companies in Central Texas have made the jump to remanufacturing ammo for retail sales. Like Parabel-

lum, many got their start in the late 2000s, when the ammunition industry was thriving in part due to the perception that the Obama administration would make it harder to own guns.

Now a sharp shift in the federal government's attitudes towards the firearm industry — President Donald Trump campaigned as a supporter of the NRA and repeatedly has said he supports

"Second Amendment rights" — has caused gun sales to dip as consumers feel less urgency. Though overall firearm sales numbers aren't publicly available, FBI background checks, a commonly accepted replacement measure, have dropped by about 20 percent in the months since Trump's election, as have the share values of several major arms companies.

But that hasn't stopped Central Texas's remanufacturing companies from turning a profit.

"We're booming," says Matt Unruh, the owner of Round 2 Brass and Reloading in Leander. "We've taken something from a hobby to a successful, growing — really growing faster than I want it to right now — business."

An estimated 10 billion rounds of ammunition are manufactured in the U.S. every year, but only a tiny fraction are "remanufactured," or made with recycled brass casings. While the process of reloading those casings with fresh primers, gunpowder and bullets long has been

a part of firearm culture, it was mostly done for personal use. Some reloaders simply wanted cheaper ammo; many treated it as a craft, customizing ammunition to suit their needs and interests.

A growing number of small companies has turned ammunition remanufacturing into a profitable business, filling niches left by larger ammo manufacturers. The process of turning used casings into like-new ammunition is labor intensive, requiring hours of sorting, cleaning and resizing. But if done on a large enough scale, it can be very cost-effective, allowing companies to offer products at a lower price point.

Unruh says a box of reloaded 9mm ammunition would cost \$11.50, compared to \$13 for new.

"When I started this business, my goal, my motto was to produce quality, dependable product at a price that kept people shooting. Because if people can't afford to do it, they won't. And if

PLEASE SEE RELOAD, PAGE 7

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SUMMER READING PROGRAM
9:30 A.M. TODAY AT THE LIBRARY



CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

'Customer Service That Counts' luncheon Thursday

The Angelo State University Small Business Development Center Network will present "Customer Service That Counts" from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Thursday, July 13, at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center.

Business owners, managers and front-line employees can all benefit from either an introduction or a "refresher" course on the importance of quality customer service.

This program emphasizes

topics such as:

- Lifetime Value of a Customer
- Internal Customer Service
- How to Hire Employees for Good Customer Service
- Ultimate Question Regarding Customer Satisfaction
- Economic Impact of Customer Service on your Community
- What's in it for you to provide superior service

· General Customer Service Tips and Employee Training Resources

Business owners, managers and employees are welcome to attend.

Speakers are: Dave Erickson, ASU-SBDC Director, and Dezaray Johnson, certified business advisor.

Cost is \$10, includes lunch.

For more information, or to register, call (325) 392-3737.

Ozona High School Fish Camp July 31

Ozona High School will host Fish Camp at 6 p.m. Monday, July 31, at the high school.

All incoming freshman

and their parents are invited to attend.

The event will include orientation, tour of the campus and students and parents

will be able to meet new OHS Principal Rene Valeriano.

For more information, call (325) 392-5501 ext. 5711.

OHS Drama camp July 28-29

The Ozona High School Theatre Department is hosting a drama camp for all CCCSD students who will be in seventh-12th grade for the 2017-2018 school year.

Camp dates at 1-5 p.m. July 28 and 9 a.m.-noon and

1-4 p.m. July 29 at the OHS Auditorium.

This camp is free of charge, but participants must register in order to attend.

Registration forms are available at the Administration Building or on the

school's website at <http://ozonaschools-ohs.ss11.sharpschool.com>.

Registration forms will be accepted until July 26.

For more information, email Dottie De Leon at dottie.deleon@ozonaschools.net.

Lil' Cheer Camp Aug. 9-11

The OHS Cheerleaders will host Lil' Cheer Camp Aug. 9-11 at the OMS Gymnasium.

Registration will be 8:15 a.m. Aug. 9.

Camp will run 9 a.m.-noon Wednesday, Aug. 9, and Thursday, Aug. 10.

On Friday, Aug. 11, it will start at 10 a.m. with a Pep

Rally at 11:30 a.m.

Campers will receive a water bottle and a cheer T-Shirt. Campers need to wear comfortable shoes (tennis shoes) and workout clothes. Cheer uniforms can be worn but not required.

If campers bring pom poms, or any personal items, have them write their name

on them.

The camp is for ages Pre-K through sixth grade.

Cost is \$25 per camper. Each additional sibling camper is \$20.

All checks must be payable to OHS Cheerleaders.

For more information, call Tiffany Esparza at (325) 277-6249.

TEXAS PECOS TRAIL NEWS

Midland hosting Partners Event July 21

BY MELISSA HAGINS
TEXAS PECOS TRAIL

The Texas Pecos Trail Partners Event will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, July 21, at the Crockett County Museum. The event is open to the public.

Guests will tour the Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home and the George W. Bush Childhood Home.

The board will also be attending Summer MuMmers.

Lunch and the Texas Pecos Trail Region Board meet-

ing will be held at the Downtown Library, 301 W. Missouri St.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region encompasses 22 West Texas counties in the Trans-Pecos area: Andrews, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Edwards, Glasscock, Kimble, Kinney, Loving, Martin, Maverick, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Sterling, Sutton, Terrell, Upton, Val Verde, Ward, and Winkler.

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

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The Texas Heritage Trails Program is the Texas Historical Commission's award-winning tourism initiative designed to help Texas communities promote tourism, revitalize local economies, and foster community leadership through historic preservation.

The Texas Heritage Trails program is the only statewide resource for heritage travelers - who spend \$8.5 billion annually in Texas.

CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS

Clothing and textile workshop today

A 4-H Clothing and Textiles Workshop will be held from 9 a.m.-noon today, July 12, at the 4-H Office.

Participants need to bring two bandanas, one two or three inch roll of ribbon and one 20-ounce bag of stuffing for pillow.

LIVESTOCK SHOWS

For youth interested in showing livestock for the upcoming season, hair sheep will be shown as well as Fine Wool and Fine Wool Cross, meat goats, angora goats and hogs.

Youth that have never shown in Crockett County may show ewe lambs or nanny kids.

Anyone that needs assistance in finding a sheep or goat project, contact Ryan Bean or Les Hale. They can direct people to a breeder.

TEXT REMINDERS

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

4-H OFFICE

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

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.

Like the Facebook page at www.facebook.com/crockettextension.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 12

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Clothing and Textiles Workshop, 9 a.m.-noon at the 4-H Office
- REPCO Wildlife Encounters Summer Reading Program, 9:30 a.m. at the Crockett County Public Library
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

Thursday, July 13

- Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- ASU-SBDC Customer Service That Counts lunch, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce Visitor Center
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center

Friday, July 14

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

Sunday, July 16

- Bingo, 3 p.m. at the OLPH Parish Hall
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church; registration at 5 p.m.

Monday, July 17

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Tuesday, July 18

- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

Wednesday, July 19

- Exercise Class, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Story Time, 10 a.m. at the Crockett County Public Library
- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Vacation Bible School, 5:30-8 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.
- CCCSD School Board meeting, 6 p.m. at the Administration Building

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

July 12 - Emma Mata, Karen Komechak, Eric Mendoza, Christi Smith, Vicky Treto, James Montgomery, Shirley Kirby, Jose Aguayo and Stormy Bell

July 13 - Agnes Payne, Myna Flores, Quinton Anthony Porch, Katie Parker, James G. Swearingen and Naomi Barriga

July 14 - Bryan Arras, Cindy Komechak, Mayra Orna, Annalu Gonzales, Bethani Trevino, Grace Williams, Raul De La Rosa III and Jimmy Nowell

July 15 - Enrique Galvan, Miranda Flores, Kendra A. Sarabia, Kayla A. Sarabia, Nathan Pena-Alfaro, Luis Villar-

real and Linda Borrego

July 16 - Jackie Martinez, Zyra DeHoyos, Lisa Vasquez, Nancy Hale, Burl Myers and Joanie Medley

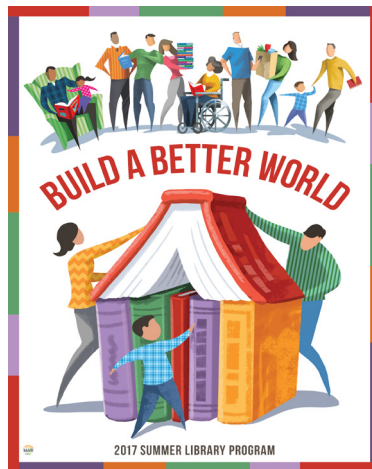
July 17 - Joe Galvan, Albert Barrera, Stanton Tambunga, Susie Black, Jerry Perry, Connie Marshall, Drew Fierro, Jessie Lynn Ramos, Coleen Everett, Brayden Mears and Terry Crawford

July 18 - Yazmin Tambunga, Catherine Bernice Fierro, Osvaldo Gonzales, Yazmin Camarillo, Gloria Moran, Mark Fierro, Jazelle Pintado, Connie Gonzales, Anthony Avila, Ashlee Ramos and Jessica Borrego

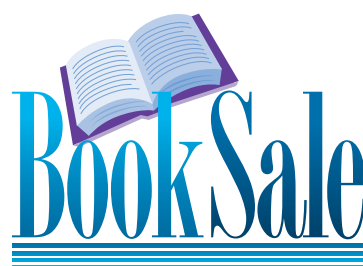
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at the library



Story Time
Wednesday,
July 19
10 a.m.
at the library



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Wednesday & Thursday:
9 a.m.-6 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Hurd stopping in Ozona Aug. 9

BY RACHEL HOLLAND
OFFICE OF U.S. REP. WILL HURD



WILL HURD

U.S. Rep. Will Hurd, R-San Antonio, has announced dates and stops for his third annual DC2DQ trip, a series of public meet-and-greets held at local Dairy Queens throughout South and West Texas.

The informal town hall meetings are open to the public and designed to offer constituents an authentic opportunity to engage with their congressman in a way that was never-before seen under previous representatives.

Hurd will stop in Ozona on Wednesday, Aug. 9.

More details to follow. Full schedule:

- Aug. 6 - El Paso and Clint
 - Aug. 7 - Presidio, Alpine and Fort Stockton
 - Aug. 8 - Pecos, Kermit and Monahans
 - Aug. 9 - Ozona, Del Rio and Eagle Pass
 - Aug. 10 - Carrizo Springs, Uvalde and Hondo
 - Aug. 11 - Devine, Pearsall, Dilley and Cotulla
 - Aug. 12 - Castroville, Somerset and Helotes.
- Stay up to date as details are announced at HurdHouse.gov/DC2DQ.

Paisano Baptist Encampment 101st meeting July 23-28

BY KELLY HERZOG
PAISANO BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT

For over 100 years, Paisano Baptist Encampment has been deeply rooted in holy ground as the cowboy camp meeting brings together families, friends, and churches for worship, fellowship, and a refreshing break from the world's hectic activity. Come join old and new timers for the 101st meeting beginning with Sunday evening supper on July 23, and continuing through Friday lunch on July 28.

Preachers include Steve Wells, pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, and Matt Snowden, pastor of First Baptist Church of Waco. Larry McGraw, Associate Dean of Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons University, will lead adult Bible study.

Nursery, preschool, children's day camp, and youth programs occupy those from birth through high school in the mornings while adults have their own experiences. Each day family ministry and missions focus begin at 8:45 a.m., Bible study at 9:45 a.m., and morning worship at 11 a.m. The evening service starts at 8 p.m. with choir practice at 7 p.m. Supper is served at 6 p.m. Nursery, preschoolers, and children have their own evening activities except on Wednesday when the whole family joins together in worship, and childcare is available only for nursery age.

Kelly Barnett, Senior Pastor at The Worship Place in Sun City, will share insights during family ministry using

Paul's prayer in Ephesians 3:14-21. He will discuss relationships with God and others from the perspective of attachment needs, injuries and God's design for healing and strengthening relationships. Nate Sprinkle, Director of Missions/Prayer for Sugar Creek Baptist Church in Sugar Land, will host the missions focus with different individuals speaking each day about their unique experiences. They will also offer inspiring insights into how God is engaging his followers around the world.

Afternoon recreation, sports tournaments, a men's prayer meeting, and other activities exercise the body and spirit and create deep friendships that last generations. An all-camp fellowship and bell-ringing will be held on Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. around the museum. Paisano encourages family togetherness and spiritual renewal.

In August 1916, West Texans gathered and George W. Truett preached the first Paisano sermon standing on the bed of a wagon with a wooden barrel as the pulpit. Families camped in tents or slept under the stars. Attendees picnicked or cooked over campfires. The tradition of family and faith continues with the addition of a tabernacle, dining shed, and cabins. The beauty of stars in the evening hasn't changed, and all are still welcome.

Paisano Baptist Encampment is located in Paisano Pass, between Alpine and Marfa, in far West Texas.

For more information, visit www.paisanoencampment.org.

Ozona Girl Scouts events

The Ozona Girl Scouts will be hosting three upcoming events in July and August.

HEALTHY LIVING: CIRCUS FIT CAMP

The Girl Scout Healthy Living Camp will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. July 17-18 at the Girl Scout Building on Waterworks Drive in Ozona. Cost is \$40 per girl. Ages Kindergarten-12th Grade. Registration deadline is Thursday, July 13.

Join the Girls Scouts in working toward a healthy living badge, learn about eating habits, exercising and fitness. Activities include word games, fun exercise challenges, circus themed workouts, healthy snacks, a certificate and jump rope.

Girls must bring lunch daily. A morning and afternoon snack will be provided. Wear closed-toed shoes, no sandals or flip flops. Bring sunscreen and a refillable water bottle.

For more information, or to register, call Melissa O'Bryant at (325) 226-5025 or Sheena Green at (432) 570-9188 ext. 502 or sgreen@gstdsw.org or visit www.gstdsw.org.

BE BRAVE ARCHERY

The Girl Scout Be Brave Archery event will be from 3-5 p.m. July 24 at the Girl Scout Building on Waterworks Drive in Ozona.

Cost is \$5 per girl. Registration deadline is July 20. Ages fourth-12th Grade.

The event will cover beginner and intermediate archery.

Wear closed-toed shoes, no sandals or flip flops. Bring sunscreen. Must be a registered Girl Scout.

For more information, or to register, call Melissa O'Bryant at (325) 226-5025 or Sheena Green at (432) 570-9188 ext. 502 or sgreen@gstdsw.org or visit www.gstdsw.org.

GIRL SCOUTS OUTDOORS

The Girl Scout Outdoor Badge Work event will be 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Aug. 7-8 at the Girl Scout Building on Waterworks Drive in Ozona.

Cost is \$40 per girl. Ages Kindergarten-12th Grade. Registration deadline is Thursday, Aug. 3.

Join the Girl Scouts in two fun-filled days of earning the outdoor explore badge by making wildlife artwork, nature impressions, wood work, leaf pressing, exploring nature, observing nature, making a galaxy T-shirt and more.

Girls must bring lunch daily. A morning and afternoon snack will be provided.

Wear closed-toed shoes, no sandals or flip flops.

Bring sunscreen and a refillable water bottle. Bring a white T-shirt.

For more information, or to register, call Melissa O'Bryant at (325) 226-5025 or Sheena Green at (432) 570-9188 ext. 502 or sgreen@gstdsw.org or visit www.gstdsw.org.

LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE CLUB NEWS

Next dance Aug. 12

BY CAROL ADCOCK
LEVIS AND LACE SQUARE DANCE

Tim Mangrum, of Stephenville, was the featured caller for the regular dance of Levis and Lace Square Dance Club on July 8 at the Senior Center.

Lots of skirt twirling could be seen as Tim put the dancers through their paces. Debbie, Tim's wife, was very gracious and danced several tips with members of the club.

Wynn Alston, of San Angelo, called a special tip for the dancers. He is a new caller and did a super job. Thanks, Wynn. This also gave Tim an opportunity to square dance a tip with his wife.

Attending from Levis and Lace were: Karen McDonald, Bobby McDonald, Karen Hef-

felfinger, Robert Pena, JoAnn Babbitt, Frank Fred, Mary Williamson and Carol Adcock.

Dancers from the Promenade Squares in San Angelo were: John Geen, Wynn Alston, Marilda Johnson, Dixie Porter, Bill Stovall, Gene Olston and Shela Olston.

Our next scheduled dance is 7 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Senior Center. John Geen, of San Angelo, will be calling.

On Aug. 26, the Levis and Lace Square Dance Club will be participating in the Davy Crockett Days and dancing in the gazebo.

They will also have a regular dance that night at 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.

Everyone is encouraged to come watch the dancing. There is no charge for watching.

Square dancing is fun and fellowship set to music.

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Fourth of July Fun



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and Christa Montgomery with their star-spangled bulldogs.

We appreciate all the businesses and individuals that participated in our Parade.

As I presented the flag to our community during the parade the flag was escorted by Felipe Irlas member of the United States Army as he was home on leave.

The fireworks show was a short this time due to the weather.

As we rushed to set up the fireworks we could see the clouds moving in.

I wanted to do the fireworks show for everyone but we had a limited time so we apologize for it being so short.

Thanks to Roman, Noah, Roland, Johnny, Ely, and others that assisted me. We managed to do our fireworks show right before the rain came down.

The knights would like to say thank you to all that donated for the fireworks we used. I do like to remind everyone that the account is available at the Ozona National Bank throughout the year. We used \$2,600 worth of fireworks to do our show.

If you liked the show and would like to help us keep it going each year you can donate anytime during the year.

As always, the parades and fireworks show takes a lot of planning and coordinating. I would like to thank everyone that assisted me with the Fourth of July celebration, especially my brother knights.

I would also like to say thank you to the Crockett County Sheriff's Department, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department and the Crockett County Road Department.

Please keep this in mind the county does not contribute funds to the fireworks show, but they do provide support in whatever is needed to make sure everyone enjoys the show. We also had Eligio Martinez and 94.3 FM KYXX provide Patriotic Music during the fireworks show. Thank you, Eligio. A special thank you to my lovely wife Irma Tambunga and my family for all that they do in all events we have.

Planning all these events for our celebration takes several to put together. If I failed to mention anyone I apologize it was not intentional.

Thank you.



MATT UNRUH, the owner of Round 2 Brass and Reloading, sorts through fired ammunition to be reloaded or remanufactured in his garage shop in Leander.

RELOAD:

nobody's [shooting], the industry goes away."

"I wanted to keep the industry going," he continues, "not just from a money standpoint but from a patriotic standpoint. I don't want to see this go away. At a far extreme, I don't want to see our rights taken away."

Like many remanufacturing companies, Round 2 opened about 10 years ago, although Unruh didn't make the business his full-time focus until 2012. At first, "I reloaded for my own shooting and to keep me at the range," he says. Then friends began asking for a little ammo, then a little more.

"I got the point where, one, it was like 'this could be a business,' and two, I need to be licensed because I'm starting to load for a lot of people and I don't want to go to jail," Unruh remembers.

The license Unruh needed was a Federal Firearms License 6, required to legally manufacture ammunition for firearms.

"Everybody who loads has an FFL," Mowry says, and the FFL 6 "is actually the easiest to get in the sense of you can't buy guns, you can't sell guns, you can't transfer guns, you can't do anything" without seeking further licensing.

Aside from the FFL and local business oversight, the ammunition remanufacturing industry is largely unregulated, unless you count the suspicion of many firearms enthusiasts. Reloaded ammo has a checkered history, with many hobbyists ruining guns or causing accidents trying to fire poorly made and dangerous products. Even though reloaded product is cheaper than new ammunition, some firearms enthusiasts keep their distance.

"There's a stigma around a lot of it," Unruh says. That's why he and many other manufacturers push the "remanufacturing" label.

"This is a company, there's quality control in place with a lot of procedures and checks before any ammo even goes out the door," he says. "It's not just me sitting in a spare room saying I'm going to press out some rounds."

In fact, reloading high quality ammunition requires a breadth and depth of knowledge beyond anything casual hobbyists usually would achieve. Walking through the Parabellum Research shop in Kyle, Mowry rattles off a long litany of considerations that go into

manufacturing ammunition. There's the amount and type of powder to include, and calculations to increase speed and accuracy.

"It's a lot of learning, a lot of reading, a lot of trial and error," Mowry says. "It's like everyone who opened breweries but didn't know the first thing about yeast culture, the first thing about the fatty acid content of the grain. There's all these things that you need to have a background in. So us shooting helped, but more so being interested in the knowledgeable portions of it and accepting learning."

Though the remanufactured ammunition industry is only lightly regulated, a bill currently in the Texas House could reduce the oversight even more. House Bill 131 exempts firearms and ammunition made and sold in Texas from federal regulation, and it's drawing criticism from gun violence prevention groups across the state.

"It's unnecessary," says Andrea Brauer, the executive director of Texas Gun Sense, a nonprofit organization that advocates for "common sense" gun violence prevention policies. "There's no reason to undo federal oversight."

Still, the presence of the remanufactured industry is largely unbecoming to Brauer. "I work on the policy that we can change in Texas, and that is not oversight of ammunition," she says.

In order to change Texas gun policy at all, Brauer emphasizes the need to work with the firearms industry and the people who love it.

"We're in Texas," she says. "We can't make progress without gun owners. And I think actually a lot of people are in the middle, they respect that Second Amendment but they want some regulation."

That's a stance Unruh can agree with. "I think we should have some oversight in some areas," he says. "I don't ever want to see innocent people be victimized or get hurt, and I think there's ways that our legislators could make that happen without actually infringing on my rights."

Meantime, Unruh, Mowry and others are happy to continue working in the ammunition industry, and they say Central Texas is the best location possible for their work.

"There's probably not a greater area in the country to be in the firearms industry than Central Texas," Unruh says. "It's a hotbed for this industry."

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APRIL 1, 2017 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2017						
	APRIL 1, 2017					JUNE 30, 2017
	BEGINNING	RECEIPTS	TRANSFERS	CASH	TRANSFERS	ENDING
	BALANCE		IN	DISBURSEMENTS	OUT	BALANCE
GENERAL FUND:	17,293,271.11	432,962.79	0.00	(1,675,433.12)	(718,159.74)	15,332,641.04
ROAD & BRIDGE:	2,176,684.46	161,163.37		(501,459.73)		1,836,388.10
CARE CENTER :	23,018.52	309,202.54	524,802.24	(930,027.23)		(73,003.93)
HSC:	682,872.12	3,900.00	144,332.49	(17,352.04)		813,752.57
EMS:	53,966.07	79,719.58	49,025.01	(126,753.58)		55,957.08
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WATER AND SEWER IMPROVEMENTS
ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
FOR CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

The Crockett County Water Control & Improvement District (WC&ID) #1 will receive Sealed Bids for the construction of the Water and Sewer Improvements Project, at the Crockett County WC & ID #1 office, located at 511 11th Street, Ozona, Texas 76943, until 2:30 p.m. local time on Thursday, August 3, 2017. Bids received will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Ozona National Bank, Crockett Room, located at 509 11th Street, Ozona, Texas 76943 at 2:30 p.m. local time on Thursday, August 3, 2017.

The Project consists of constructing gravity-flow sewer line replacement with manholes, a sewage lift station and associated sewer pressure force main, a flow metering manhole, sludge removal from sewage treatment lagoons, installation of an automated water meter reading (AM) system, installation of emergency generators at four pump stations, water line replacement, various valves, fire hydrants, pavement replacement, bore with encasement, water and sewer service reconnections and appurtenances.

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The Bidding Documents may be obtained from Civcast at www.civcastusa.com. Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Engineer's Office on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and the Crockett County WC & ID #1 office, on Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

A PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at 1:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 at the Ozona National Bank Crockett Room, located at 509 11th Street, Ozona, Texas 76943. Attendance at the pre-bid conference is highly encouraged but is not mandatory.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

Date: July 5, 2017
Owner: Crockett County WC & ID #1
By: Doug Meador
Title: Manager 2c25

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Crockett County WC & ID #1
Doug Meador, Manager
July 5, 2017

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