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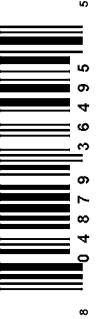
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## Truck crashes into house, no injuries



**AN 18-WHEELER TRUCK-TRAILER** crashed into the side of a house owned by Yolanda Borrego on Jan. 23 at the corner of State Highway 163 and 1st Street. No one was in the house at the time of the accident and the driver of the truck refused ambulance service. Crockett County EMS, Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, Crockett County Sheriff's Office, Texas Department of Public Safety and Treto's Towing all responded.

SUSAN CALLOWAY | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

## Commissioner candidate's eligibility questioned

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

A county commissioner candidate's eligibility came into question last week, after a post was made on The Ozona Stockman Facebook Page.

Commissioner Eligio Martinez posted Friday:

"Dear Ozona Stockman, I just wanted to inform you and my constituents of Precinct 4 that yesterday was an interesting day for me. I have learned that one of my opponents, Michael Medina Jr. might not be eligible to run in this election. For whatever specific reason I am not being told but our Democratic Chairperson welcomes an investigation into his campaign, gave me the information on where to call and stated 'They will be able to advise you as to next steps, and what your options are. As County Chair, I am not allowed or authorized to do any sort of investigations, and I do not have any authority to disqualify a candidate.'

TAC (Texas Association of Counties) told me that I would have to go through a lengthy process and hire a lawyer out of my own pocket but that it's too late to take Mr. Medina's name off the ballot.

I have told our DC person that if there is any truth to his ineligibility then he should be made aware of the consequences if he ever intends to run for office in the future. I will not call for an investigation at this time to allow Mr. Medina to address this issue. The election process must be respected, and ineligible candidates should not participate.

Thank you, Commissioner Eligio Martinez" Martinez then posted the following after speaking with Crockett County Democratic Chair Margaret Riquelmy:

"Dear Ozona Stockman, I have to be clear about my last post. Our Democratic Chairperson is not calling for or requesting an investigation. When I said that she welcomes one, I meant that she will give me any information that I need to follow through. She is not and cannot welcome an investigation into Mr. Medina's campaign. She can only provide me with the information on who to contact. Thank you."



MICHAEL MEDINA JR.



ELIGIO MARTINEZ

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# MEET THE CANDIDATES

## Crockett County Commissioner, Precinct 4

Editor's note: The Ozona Stockman is featuring Q&A articles with local candidates in contested primary races. This week features the three candidates for Crockett County Commissioner, Precinct 4 in the Democratic Primary.

### WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?

I, Patricia Hernandez, a candidate for Crockett County Commissioner, Precinct 4, have been employed at the Crockett County Care Center for 18 years where I work in the Dietary Department. I enjoy my job and interacting with the residents. They soon become like a part of your family. I attended Brackett High School, where I acquired my GED.

I have been married to Victor for 33 years. We have four children and eight grandchildren.

Our oldest, Victor Jr., is retired from the U.S. Marine Corps. During his service, he did two tours in Iraq.

He works for the state and is a member of the Tex-

as State Guard. He has a daughter, Rosa Mara, and a son, Victor III.

Our daughter, Anna, is married to Caleb Mitchell, a First Class Nuclear Electricians Mat currently serving on board the CVN78 in Norfolk, Va. Anna is pursuing her bachelor's degree in science in health care administration. They have three sons, Ian, Gavin and Jacob.

Our son, Robert, works for MK Transfer where he is a supervisor. He is married to Nancy and they have three daughters, Anahi, Andrea and Alejandra.

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PATRICIA HERNANDEZ

### WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?

I am an honors graduate from Ozona High School, class of 2012. I have worked in the oil and gas industry for almost five years now and am employed at DCP Midstream. I am the son of Michael (Sr.) and Grizz Medina. My wife Jennifer is also an OHS graduate, and we married in 2015. We currently have no kids, but would like to someday. Since we do not yet have kids of our own we volunteer our time to teach weekly CCE classes at our local church, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic church.

### WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?

I believe that the qual-

ities it takes to be a good county commissioner can't be measured on paper or simply by some degree.

The qualities I have that make me a great fit for a county commissioner are dedication, fairness, and approachability. Taking on the role of county commissioner can be a busy job if done correctly. It would certainly take dedication to maintain a strong fire every day and the desire to serve the community. Fairness may be the most important of the three qualities. I promise to always treat

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MICHAEL MEDINA JR.

### WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION, EDUCATION AND FAMILY?

I have two great jobs. I work for my constituents of Precinct 4 and serve as their commissioner in Crockett County first and I also work for Revolution Broadcast, LLC. in Kerrville, Texas as a radio personality/sales representative. I operate the local radio station KYXX Ozona.

I am an Ozona High School graduate of the Class of 1984. I earned an Associate's Degree from The Art Institute of Houston in Music Business and Video Business in 1991.

I am the youngest son of the late Elpidio Martinez, Sr. and Sulema Martinez. I am not married and I have no children but I do have two siblings and many wonderful nieces and nephews.

### WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?

I am the incumbent commissioner with eight years of experience working on our local county budget. I have earned all of my required continued education hours for commissioners from the Texas Association Of Counties in the past eight years (16 yearly). In 2017, I earned more hours than were required and I was able to carry those hours over into 2018. I am also very familiar with the Texas Health and Safety Codes that apply to unincorporated counties.

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ELIGIO MARTINEZ

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## Decrypting crypto currencies: Unraveling the mysteries behind bitcoins

The use of crypto currencies to make transactions online has grown in popularity over the past few years, but one has begun to dominate the market — bitcoin.

According to Bitcoin.com, there are currently 16.67 million Bitcoins in supply with 12,000 transactions made per hour. Several businesses in major Texas cities like San Antonio and Austin even accept it.

As popular as this new form of currency has become, many are left wondering what it is, how it even works and the risks involved.

Unlike dollars, pesos or yen, bitcoins are not backed by a government or distributed by a central bank.

Instead, bitcoins are simply lines of programming code created on a peer-to-peer network through a process called "mining." People involved in this



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process use special computer resources to compete with other "miners" to solve complex mathematical puzzles. Solving the puzzle awards the winner a "block" of bitcoins.

Transactions can then be made online or through an app on your phone.

Since there is no regulatory agency, the value of Bitcoin can fall just as quickly as it can rise depending on demand. For example, the value of Bitcoin hit a record high of nearly \$20,000 per coin back in December. It has since dropped to less than half that value and, by the time

you read this article, that number will probably be drastically different. The Federal Trade Commission has found that some online merchants that accept Bitcoin as payment do not deliver the product on time or they provide refunds with store credit rather than currency.

That is why it is important to always know the seller and their policies before making a purchase.

Better Business Bureau advises if you choose to use or invest in Bitcoin, use extreme caution. Be sure to do your homework first, to understand the

rules and risks of Bitcoin transactions.

Check out the seller's reputation. Make sure you know where the seller is located and how to contact someone if there are problems.

If you pay with bitcoins, the only way to get a refund is through the seller or payment processor, so it's important to choose companies you trust.

How much will your refund be? The value of a bitcoin changes constantly so the seller should tell you before you buy what exchange rate will be used for refunds.

Read the seller's privacy policy to find out what other information might be collected and shared. If the seller uses a payment processor, check its privacy policy, too.

If you have a problem with a bitcoin-related product or service, file a complaint with the FTC. To report a scam, go to the BBB Scam Tracker. To find trustworthy businesses, go to BBB.org

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### Texas' most persistent policy problem

You can't untangle school finance in Texas unless you do one of three politically dangerous things:

- Cut spending on public education.
- Raise local property taxes to keep up with growth and rising costs.
- Raise state spending (and state taxes) to keep up with costs while keeping local property taxes down.

State lawmakers cut spending in 2011. Texans didn't like it much, and the state has, to this day, never recovered the even balance of state and local spending it had set just five years before those cuts.

High and rising property taxes have become — for understandable reasons — a major concern for voters and, in turn, for the people who rely on voter favor to stay in office.

And the current crop of state officials elected by a price-sensitive electorate — you might remember that the now-assimilated TEA Party movement was an acronym for Taxed Enough Already — isn't in the mood for a sudden increase in state spending, for education or anything else.

This week, the Texas Commission on Public School Finance started work on one of the state's most intractable problems, hoping to come up with remedies in advance of 2019's 86th legislative session.

You wouldn't be out of line wondering why this didn't happen in 2017. Or 2015. Or 2013. The prompt now is that property taxes have gotten so far out of hand that lawmakers have no choice but to act.

The governor is in on this, too, recently unveiling his proposal — a worked-over version of legislation that fell short last year — to limit increases in local property taxes without voter approval. The governor's plan doesn't call for lower property taxes and, in fact, in a detailed version of the proposal from Abbott's political campaign, he makes the case for higher state spending on public education.

"A major effect of capping the growth of local property tax collections will be to reduce the extent to which local revenue for public schools is able to grow," the proposal says. "The state must therefore be prepared to increase its share to the extent necessary to ensure that public schools have access to the funding they need."

Declining public education



STATE ANALYSIS

ROSS RAMSEY

of the costs of public education dropped to about 38 percent in 2017 from about 45 percent in 2007, according to the Legislative Budget Board. The local share — reliant on those rising property taxes — rose to 52 percent from 45 percent. (Federal funds accounted for the remainder.)

During that period, overall spending rose about 25 percent; adjusted for inflation, it fell almost 6 percent. State funding rose, but not as fast as the student population; the result was a per-student drop in state spending and a local increase in per-student spending.

That shift to local funding increases Texas public education's reliance on "recapture" — a formula that balances differences in local property values by taking money from property-rich school districts and distributing it to property-poor districts. That redistribution is built into the state system, but when Texas cuts its share of the total, it increases the load on local property taxpayers — both for their own schools and for recapture.

Abbott contends his limits would also limit recapture but also says it would increase pressure on the state to put up the money to equalize spending across school districts.

"It is difficult to estimate the exact amount of funding that the state would have allocate for this purpose, though it is worth noting that a revenue cap would not likely eliminate the entire \$1.7 billion in annual recapture payments," the governor's proposal says.

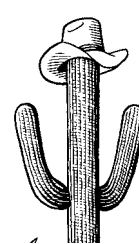
The governor, like the legislators who make up a good part of the new school finance committee, is on the ballot in 2018, and he's clearly siding with property taxpayers. That built-in nod to increased state spending can wait until the Legislature comes back — or until the new committee starts crunching the numbers.

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Warning: This article was written as a research paper but was rejected by the Journal of Animal Science, New England Journal of Medicine, Mayo Clinical Proceedings, European Medical Journal, Journal of Experimental Medicine and The Nance County Journal. Although it was written with a sincere desire that it would further the study of animal breeding, I can understand why feminists may find it highly offensive. As will those of the "politically correct" persuasion and anyone else who finds a frank discussion about reproductive physiology to be in poor taste. If you are included in any of the previously-mentioned groups please STOP READING NOW! For the rest of us, those with open minds and a scientific curiosity, it is now safe to continue reading.

Woody and I were responsible for the care and feeding of the bulls on test at the college we attended. Actually, Woody fed the bulls and I had the demanding task of peppering the bull's rumps. Yes, you heard me correctly, I said "peppering their rumps!" You see, when large numbers of breeding age bulls from many different ranches are confined in a small space for extended periods they become bored and shall we say, for lack of a better word, rambunctious. There being no bovine of the opposite gender in the pens with them they, well, use your imagination. But this behavior injured the bulls and the sensitivities of some of the stuffed shirts on campus who thought such behavior was perverted and

### Ah-Choo!



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

breeder's bulls spent most of their time sneezing indicating a high degree of libido. So, later, when I had a cow herd of my own, I went to this breeder's bull sale to purchase one of his bulls. For the sake of this story we shall call this breeder Roy, because that happened to be his name.

I went to Roy's sale because I knew he had great bulls and better yet, he had begun the practice of libido testing his yearling bulls. He did this by turning his sale bulls one at a time into a pen with a heifer in heat. If the bull went straight to the feed bunk he was designated as a one star, bull but if he showed a passing interest in the heifer he was designated as worthy of two stars. What I was after was a "three star bull".

I wanted a three star bull because I

disgusting.

So it fell upon me to pepper the bull's rumps. I would periodically spread liberal amounts of black pepper on their rumps and then when another bull approached from the rear and smelled the other bull the offending bull would spend the rest of the day sneezing instead of acting in a repulsive manner. It was during this period of my education that I noticed that a certain Red Angus

figured that I could get by with one bull instead of two, saving on the purchase price and yearly expense associated with bulls. That was how we came to purchase "Steve." We named our bull Steve after a prominent baseball player of the era who was definitely a "three star" player, if you know what I mean.

Steve lived up to his three star billing and performed exactly as expected for several years. But after five all-star seasons I thought Steve might need some help. Besides, nearly all the cows in my herd were his daughters. They were that good. The problem was that Roy was no longer libido testing his bulls. It seems the animal rights and feminists considered locking a bull and heifer in a pen together as nothing less than rape! I am not kidding.

So one day at another breeder's sale I noticed a good looking bull in the pen that was acting in a very aggressive manner towards the other bulls. I took this behavior to mean that this bull would be a three star bull and a worthy successor to Steve.

We took Steve The Second home and turned him in a pasture with the original Steve and a group of cows. To make a long story short, my theory proved incorrect. The original Steve bred all the cows and I had to spend most of the breeding season peppering Steve's rump.

From then on we had a new nickname for Steve The Second.

We called him Sneezzy.

www.LeePittsbooks.com

## Governors urge congressional leaders to pass disaster aid funding

STATE CAPITAL HIGHLIGHTS By Ed Sterling | Texas Press Association

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott and the governors of California, Puerto Rico and Florida on Jan. 24 asked U.S. House and Senate leaders to hurry up and pass supplemental disaster funding, and to send the legislation to President Trump.

"Over the past several months, we have received numerous assurances that adequate disaster funding was imminent," the governors wrote in a joint letter. "Its continued delay only exacerbates ongoing uncertainty in devastated areas. Simply put, the communities devastated by these storms cannot be completely put back together until the federal government makes good on its promise to our citizens. If ever there was a time and role for the federal government to urgently help its citizens rebuild communities damaged by epochal disasters, now is the time to step up and fill that role."

The letter, signed by Ab-

bott, California Gov. Jerry Brown, Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rosselló, and Florida Gov. Rick Scott, was addressed to U.S. Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Kentucky, Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-New York, U.S. House Speaker Paul Ryan, R-Wisconsin, and House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-California.

The governors also said in their letter, "While no longer front page news in Washington D.C., ongoing suffering becomes more acute the longer Congress waits to finish its work and pass a substantial disaster supplemental funding package" for critical relief measures in communities damaged by "epochal disasters."

PAXTON FILES DACA BRIEF

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton on Jan. 25 was

joined by 12 other states in filing a court brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a lower court ruling that would prevent the Trump administration from phasing out the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program in March.

The ruling, issued by a U.S. District Court in California earlier in January, blocked the federal government from phasing out DACA, an Obama-era policy.

Paxton, in the text of the 36-page brief, informed the Supreme Court that Texas would be forced to consider whether to file suit challenging the June 15, 2012 memorandum by President Obama that created DACA and provided for its continued implementation. It is furthermore stated that such a challenge would be brought by June 15, 2018, in order to avoid issues about

the possible application of a six-year statute of limitations.

"Without this court's prompt intervention, the district court's injunction could last for over a year, frustrating the very purpose of the executive's decision here of promptly terminating disputes about the legality of a past policy

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# Large, permanent message signs being installed on I-10

BY KAREN THRELKELD  
TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

The addition of 14 back-to-back permanent, overhead message signs in the median of 150 miles of Interstate-10 in the San Angelo District will provide travelers with important information regarding weather, road incidents and construction.

They can also display Amber Alerts, which are controlled by the Texas Department of Public Safety, and display traffic safety messages.

Each sign is 9 feet tall by 30 feet wide and stands 20 feet off the ground. The new signs are connected to the Traffic Management Center in San Antonio and can message in real time.

Two boards are being installed in Kimble County, east and west of Junction; two in Sutton County, east and west of Sonora; and two in Crockett County, east and west of Ozona.

Additionally, two signs



INSTALLATION OF OVERHEAD PERMANENT MESSAGE SIGNS is taking place along Interstate-10 by the Texas Department of Transportation.

are being installed on I 10 three miles west of the Pecos River.

By providing timely and accurate information, motorists can make informed travel decisions, and may choose

to save time by selecting an alternate route.

Motorists traveling across the state along the I 10 corridor will now see current travel information from El Paso to Beaumont.

# Ranchers hope to eradicate disease carrying tick from federal land

BY JEREMY FUCHS  
TEXAS AND SOUTHWESTERN  
CATTLE RAISERS ASSOCIATION

FORT WORTH, Texas — In the late 1800s and early 1900s a disease termed cattle fever caused enormous economic losses to the cattle industry. It is deadly to cattle that have not developed an immunity, and the mortality rate is estimated to be up to 90 percent in these "naive" cattle. The disease was found to be transferred from animal to animal by a tick found in much of the southern United States. The only viable way to prevent the disease is to control the tick that spreads it. The Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association (TSCRA) has been deeply involved in the issue since being founded in 1877.

Today, the disease and its vector, referred to as the cattle fever tick, are not well known to most Americans who reside outside of South Texas, even those who raise cattle for a living. That is because the tick was largely eradicated from the United States by 1943, preventing the spread of the deadly disease.

In recent years the tick has spread, and outbreaks outside of the permanent quarantine zone have occurred with increasing frequency. In fact, 2,969 premises encompassing nearly 1.4 million acres are under some level of quarantine due to the ticks. Ranchers in quarantine areas are required to meet the treatment requirements prescribed by USDA and the Texas Animal Health Commission, which in some cases can be overly burdensome and difficult to achieve. Cattle fever ticks are making a resurgence and once again threatening the cattle industry.

While cattle are closely monitored to prevent spreading the tick, growing wildlife populations can also inadvertently spread the tick as they travel in search of food and water. This is particularly true in the Laguna Atascosa and Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuges where the tick population has grown, largely unchecked. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) oversees the refuges and has begun taking steps to better control the tick on federal lands.

In continuing their efforts, FWS requested comment on an environmental assessment that outlined eradication strategies on the two refuges. TSCRA, other organizations and many individual ranchers have responded by strongly supporting the continuation of existing eradication strategies and swift implementation of proposed eradication strategies that are outlined in the environmental assessment.

Cattle, nilgai and white-tailed deer are the most common cattle fever tick hosts present in South Texas. TSCRA asserts that all of these potential hosts must be addressed for eradication efforts to be successful, and stressed the importance of implementing additional cattle fever tick eradication strategies due to their negligible adverse impact on the environment and the many advantages realized by eradicating cattle fever ticks from Laguna Atascosa and Lower Rio Grande Valley National Wildlife Refuges.

Currently, FWS is utilizing controlled burning and is responsibly reducing certain wildlife populations to help mitigate the tick resurgence. Additional strategies are required to effectively control the tick on the two refuges. In recognition of this, the environmental assessment pro-

poses the use of ivermectin-treated corn for white-tailed deer treatment. A previous study conducted by USDA found negligible effects on the environment, and the medicated corn will kill ticks on white-tailed deer, one of the three major hosts for the tick. The treatment will not only improve the health of the deer population, but will prevent the deer from spreading ticks to adjacent properties.

The assessment also proposes allowing cattle grazing on the refuge. While it may seem counter intuitive, it is effective because cattle are preferred by the tick and unlike wildlife the cattle can be rounded up and treated year-round. Cattle still graze many of the over 550 refuges in the National Wildlife Refuge System.

"We greatly appreciate the actions taken by FWS thus far to eradicate the cattle fever tick on federal lands, including the utilization of prescribed burning and the responsible reduction of both native and invasive wildlife host population," said Richard Thorpe, a rancher and current president of TSCRA. "Their commitment to furthering eradication efforts by implementing these new strategies will benefit affected wildlife, surrounding communities and the entire beef industry."

# Heart Health Lunch and Learn Friday

In honor of American Heart Month, join us as we address heart health concerns, risk factors, and share heart healthy recipes.

Enjoy a light lunch, food demo, and door prizes.

This program is no cost and open to all. RSVP is appreciated but not required.

For more information, call 392-2721.

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# Local scholarships information needed

Ozona community organizations interesting in supporting the Class of 2018 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.

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## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Wednesday, Jan. 31

- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

Thursday, Feb. 1

- Balance Exercise, 9 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Quilting, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- Bingo, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center

Friday, Feb. 2

- Groundhog Day
- OHS Golf Teams at the Sandhill Invitational at Monahans
- Heart Health Lunch and Learn, 11:45 a.m. at the Crockett Room

Saturday, Feb. 3

- OHS Band at UIL Solo and Ensemble Contest at San Angelo

Monday, Feb. 5

- Last day to register to vote in March Primary Election
- Take Your Child to the Library Day at the Crockett County Public Library
- OHS Golf Teams at the Permian Invitational at Odessa

- Balance Exercise, 9:30 a.m. at the Senior Center

- OMS Lions and Lady Lions vs. Forsan, 5:30 p.m. at Forsan

Tuesday, Feb. 6

- Exercise with Niki Bishop, 10:30 a.m. at the Senior Center
- OHS JV and Varsity Lions and Lady Lions vs Miles, 4 p.m. at OHS Davidson Gym.

Wednesday, Feb. 7

- Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center
- Prayer Group, 3 p.m. at the Senior Center

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Jan. 31 - Heather Shepard Krumbholz and Lexi Poindexter

Feb. 1 - Marisa Salazar, Michael King, Ashley DeHoyos and Ernesto Borrego Jr.

Feb. 2 - Jan Miller, Eli Irlas, Robert Ogle, Terry Dickerson, Gino Tambunga, Matilda Camarillo, Orfelinda Alaniz, Duncan Knox, Lalo Longoria Sr., Philip Dennis, Leland Wellman, Conner Holmsley and Josh Ramos

Feb. 3 - Lalo Longoria Jr., Andra Rossa, Romelia Fierro, Raymon Cedillo, Blanca Mar-

tinez, Asia Dawn Lara, Kameron Ortiz and David Ray Casarez

Feb. 4 - Allison Landa, Georgia Morrow, A John DeHoyos, Dottie Fonseca, Ryan James Sanchez, Shelly Lechuga, Wesley Silva and Elizabeth Venegas

Feb. 5 - Gay Stokes, Tate Renfroe, Jason A. Samarripa, Josh Tambunga, Park Preddy, Abey Lara and Crystal Vasquez

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# CROCKETT COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY EVENTS!

## Take Your Child to the Library! February 5

**All Day Event!**  
**FREE GIFT FOR EACH CHILD**  
**Accompanied by their parents!**

**Join the fun!**  
**It's a way for libraries to welcome and encourage families to become regular library users by celebrating and showing what they have to offer.**

**BOOK CLUB**  
**6 p.m.**  
**Thursday, Feb. 8.**  
**Everyone Welcome!**

Ask about our new children's program  
[ABCMouse.com](http://ABCmouse.com) for kids ages 2-8!

Crockett County Public Library  
1201 Avenue G • Ozona, Texas  
(325) 392-3565  
<http://crockett.ploud.net>  
Facebook page:  
Crockett County Public Library.

**HOURS**  
Monday: 9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Tuesday: 9 a.m.-8 p.m.  
Wednesday & Thursday:  
9 a.m.-6 p.m.  
Friday: 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**New York Times Best-Sellers Available at the Library!**

- Fiction**
- "The Woman in the Window" by A.J. Finn
  - "City of Endless Night" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child
  - "Iron Gold" by Pierce Brown
  - "Origin" by Dan Brown
  - "Little Fires Everywhere" by Celeste Ng
  - "The Rooster Bar" by John Grisham
  - "The People vs. Alex Cross" by James Patterson
  - "The Immortalists" by Chloe Benjamin
  - "Before We Were Yours" by Lisa Wingate
  - "The Wife Between Us" by Greer Hendricks and Sarah Pekkanen
  - "Sing, Unburied, Sing" by Jesmyn Ward
  - "End Game" by David Baldacci
  - "Munich" by Robert Harris
  - "The Midnight Line" by Lee Child
  - "Robicheaux" by James Lee Burke

- Non-Fiction**
- "Fire and Fury" by Michael Wolff Holt
  - "Andrew Jackson and the Miracle of New Orleans" by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger
  - "Killers of the Flower Moon" by David Grann
  - "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance
  - "When Breath Becomes Air" by Paul Kalanithi

## Lunch Specials \$9.99

Includes Drink and Dessert

Wednesday, January 31	Chicken Strips
Thursday, February 1	Meatloaf
Friday, February 2	Fried Fish
Saturday, February 3	Club Sandwich - \$8.99
Sunday, February 4	Salisbury Steak
Monday, February 5	Green Chicken Enchiladas
Tuesday, February 6	Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Wednesday, February 7	Grilled Chicken Breast

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### THE Cafe

**NEXT DOOR**

Open: 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. • Seven Days a Week  
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**Light Lunch Special**  
**MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**



**HELPING HANDS NEWS**

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

**JAN. 31**

Ham and beans, smothered cabbage, carrots, dinner roll, bread pudding with lemon sauce and milk.

**FEB. 1**

Barbecue riblet on bun, corn O'Brien, cucumber tomato salad, cherry crisp and milk.

**FEB. 2**

Chicken and broccoli stir fry, fried rice, egg roll, fortune cookie, mandarin oranges and milk.

**FEB. 5**

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

**FEB. 6**

Beef tips with brown gravy, egg noodles, Tuscan blend vegetables, bread stick, lemon iced cookie and milk.

**FEB. 7**

Chicken fried steak, cream gravy, mashed potatoes, okra and tomatoes, wheat roll, tropical fruit and milk.

**FEB. 8**

Chicken and dumpling, two bean salad, spinach salad, dinner roll, chocolate mousse and milk.

**FEB. 9**

Crunchy baked fish, oven baked French fries, pinto beans, frosted spice cake and milk.

**FEB. 12**

Turkey tetrazzini, peas and carrots, romaine salad, dressing, garlic bread stick, yellow cake, whipped topping and milk.

**FEB. 13**

Grilled chicken breast, poultry gravy, fluffy rice, mixed vegetables, wheat roll, margarine, orange zephyr whip and milk.

**Ozona Lodge #747 A.F. & A.M.**  
Next meeting 1st Monday in February at 7:30 p.m.

**TEXAS PECOS TRAIL NEWS**

**Pecos Trail Region hosts Jody Nix & Texas Cowboys for fundraiser**

BY MELISSA HAGINS  
TEXAS PECOS TRAIL



SUBMITTED PHOTO

MIDLAND, Texas - The Texas Pecos Trail Region will host a Sweethearts Dinner and Dance on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 7 p.m. to midnight in The Historic Yucca Theater located at 208 N Colorado in Midland, Texas.

Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sweethearts-dance-tickets>. No tickets will be sold at the door.

There will be dinner provided by Esquisite Catering and the entertainment will be provided Jody Nix & the Texas Cowboys. There will also be a cash bar.

This event is to benefit the Texas Pecos Trail Region

**JODY NIX & THE TEXAS COWBOYS will be the entertainment at the Feb. 10 Texas Pecos Trail Region Sweethearts Dinner and Dance Fundraiser in Midland.**

a program of the Texas Historical Commission.

"The Texas Heritage Trails are celebrating our 50th anniversary this year. We are so excited to be able to share with our communities the great history of our region and state," said Melissa Hagins, Executive Direc-

tor of the Texas Pecos Trail Region.

The Texas Heritage Trails were started by Governor Conally in 1968 as a program to help promote the history of Texas and share with visitors the heritage of Texas.

The Texas Pecos Trail Region is just one of 10 regions in the state.

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, visit [texaspecostrail.com](http://texaspecostrail.com).

**OBITUARIES**

**Maria T. Hernandez**

Maria T. Hernandez died January 26, 2018 at the Crockett County Care Center surrounded by her family.

Maria was born on October 18, 1939.

Services were held Monday, January 29, 2018, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Ozona. Arrangements by Kerbow Funeral Home.

Maria has left behind her husband, Natividad Hernandez Sr., her sister, Ramona Trevino, her children, Juan Hernandez and wife, Amabel, Petra Hernandez, Romelia Fierro and husband, Federico, Natividad Hernandez Jr. and wife, Amparo, Victor Manuel Hernandez Sr. and wife, Patricia, Jose Luis (Joe) Hernandez, Graciela Borrego and husband, Joey, Martha De La Garza and husband, Adam, Griselda Medina and husband, Michael Sr., and Ernesto Hernandez and 32 grandchildren, 51 great-grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Maria has now reunited in Heaven with her parents Josefa and Victor Trevino and her daughter Teresa Moran.

Pallbearers were: Juan Hernandez Jr., Nat Hernandez III, Federico Fierro Jr., Victor M. Hernandez Jr., Manuel Gonzalez Jr., Joe Hernandez Jr., Mikey Medina Jr. and Daniel Hernandez.



**Shirley M. Alisch**

Shirley M. Alisch, age 94, passed away peacefully on January 22, 2018 at the Crockett County Care Center in Ozona. She was born September 12, 1923 in Detroit, Michigan, the daughter of Harry and Charlotte Lane.

Shirley was a faithful and godly woman with a heart for service. These qualities must have been evident, because, it was love at first sight when her husband, Albert Alisch, first met Shirley on a blind date. On this first date, Albert said to Shirley, "I'm going to marry you." And so he did, while on military leave a year later, Shirley and Albert married on January 4, 1944 and started their family.

She was a loving mother who was able to make a home into a home wherever their military travels took them. Professionally, Shirley worked as a bookkeeper, a tax preparer and as the Chief Underwriter for Loyal American Life Insurance Company in Mobile, Alabama.

Throughout her life she was a devoted volunteer. She earned appreciation awards and special recognition from a number of organizations: Caregivers, Inc. in Mobile, the American Red Cross, AIM, Inc. (Aid for Inmate Mothers) and Widow Persons Service. She was also a volunteer at Mobile Infirmary for twenty-five years and received honored attention during National Volunteer Appreciation Week for her efforts there. Shirley, with the help of other women, founded the Mobile chapter of Meals-On-Wheels. For many years, she served as its treasurer, bookkeeper and a driver.

Shirley loved to sew and knit. At age 85, she was knitting scarves for a local boutique in Mobile. Then she had her first stroke. Shirley's strong faith helped her persevere and accept her new limitations. She was an inspiration for others.

Shirley was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Mobile and later became a chartered member of Holy Trinity Church in Daphne, Alabama. In her later years, she continued to worship with her daughters at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Mobile and Ozona Church of Christ in Ozona. She was a Sunday School teacher, served on Social Ministry Committees, attended Women's Bible Studies and participated as a member of Church Women United. She never wavered from her faith.

Shirley was predeceased by her parents, her husband of nearly 50 years, Albert H. Alisch, her brother, Harry Lane, Jr. and her sister, Lois Thomas.

Shirley is survived by her five daughters and their husbands, Judith C. Pedersen and Peder Pedersen of Scottsdale, Arizona, Patricia L. LaGrange and Ronald LaGrange of Columbia, South Carolina, Catherine J. Alisch and Jeffrey Staley of Portland, Oregon, Rebecca S. Harris and Randy Harris of Ellijay, Georgia and Vicki L. White and Jim White of Ozona. She is also survived by fourteen grandchildren and nineteen great grandchildren. She also leaves behind numerous other loving relatives and friends.

Services will be held at a later date in Mobile, Alabama where she will be placed beside her husband.

The family, especially, wishes to thank all those who cared for her during the last years of her life, including the incredible caregivers and Hospice staff at Crockett County Care Center.



**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

**Bingo every Thursday afternoon**

BY BRENDA NEWTON  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

I am so proud of the girls that put on Girl Power 2018. That is a lot of work and is so good for the young girls in this area. Way to go girls. Glad it was a success. It is so wonderful to see our young people picking up the ball that we older ones can no long throw and run with it.

Niki will be here next week. Come on guys! If we don't start coming, she will quit coming. If you have forgotten the time, it is Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Her exercises are so helpful for people our age and she will be keeping your vital signs on record

for you.

We still have Bingo on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. Bring your nickels and play as many cards as you can handle at a nickel a card per game. We serve Cokes and popcorn and laugh and hope we get a bingo.

I still have copies of the Senior Sourcebook for 2017 that lists all the services available for us older folks. Stop by the Senior Center for a copy you can keep. There are a lot of people working to help us with our problems. We need to take advantage of this information.

Eat these! Kale, cauliflower, tomatoes and broccoli are among the numerous nu-

tritious choices that can diversify your diet and possibly fend off disease. With all the flu and other things going around, we need more of these disease fighting foods.

The center will open at 8:30 a.m. and close at 4:30 p.m.

Monday - 9:30 a.m. Balance Exercise

Tuesday - 10:30 a.m. Exercise with Niki Bishop (skip next week)

Wednesday - 1:30 p.m. Mexican Train; 3 p.m. Prayer Group

Thursday - 9 a.m. Balance Exercise; 9:30 a.m. Quilting; 2 p.m. Bingo

Friday - Open  
Come on out, the coffee is on.

**WATCHING THE BIRDS**

Sitting in the living room and looking out the big picture window this morning I noticed a lot of movement going on outside. There were all kinds of birds, different colors, shapes and sizes hoping around. There is a one very small tree and a few bushes near the window where they can play, rest, find protection and food. Most of the birds are looking for food and finding it because my wife has four or five different little feeders for them. She buys several kinds of bird seed and sometimes we even put out our old bread crumbs. We used to have a cat and the birds were always in constant danger but we gave the cat to a friend with a little granddaughter. Those little birds usually don't stay in one place to long they are always on the watch for danger and moving around. The Bible tells Christians to always be on the lookout and alert. We have all kinds of enemies but we should especially be on the lookout for the Devil or Satan, (1 Peter 5:8). He wants to rob, kill and destroy us, (John 10:10). It is just not Satan there are people who want to do evil and cause all kinds of trouble to Christians and churches. We are warned and told to watch out for them at all times, (Philippians 3:2, Luke 21:36, Mark 13:37). See you in Church next Sunday.  
Brother J

**Apostolic Church**

1908 Santa Anna St.  
Pastor Refugio Vega  
Sunday School: 3 p.m.  
Sunday Worship: 4 p.m.  
Tuesday & Thursday Service: 7 p.m.

**Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia**

102 Man O'War St.  
Pastor Maria C. Salcedo  
Lunes: 6 p.m.  
Domingo: 9:45 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Martes: 6 p.m. Jueves: 6 p.m.

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

219 Martinez St.  
Rev. Hilary Ithedioha  
Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. in Sheffield; 11 a.m. in Ozona  
Every Second Sunday of the Month:  
Sunday Mass: 9 a.m. in Ozona; 11 a.m. in Sheffield  
Tuesday - Saturday Mass: 6 p.m.

**Friendship Baptist Church**

611 Ave. I  
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.  
Sunday Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.

**Faith Lutheran Church**

802 1st St.  
Pastor Tom Baden  
Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m.  
Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.

**New Beginnings Ozona**

"church...but different"  
354 Highway 163 South  
Pastor JC Cantu  
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.  
(325) 226-3060 [www.newbeginningsozona.com](http://www.newbeginningsozona.com)

**Ozona United Methodist Church**

12 - 11th St.;  
Pastor Jean Reardon  
9 a.m. Informal Worship, Fellowship Hall  
10 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
11 a.m. Traditional Worship, Sanctuary

**First Baptist Church**

901 Ave. D  
Pastor Mark Fricke  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Youth - 6:00 p.m. - Wednesdays  
K.I.D.S. - 5:30 p.m. - Wednesdays

**ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY**

**Templo Bautista Jerusalem**

138 Blas St.  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
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  
Sunday School: 9:45 a.m.  
Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Family Service: 6:30 p.m.

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**Lowes Market**

**Upham Insurance Agency**  
**Crockett National Bank**  
**KYXX 94.3 FM** **The Ozona Stockman**

All pastors of Ozona churches are invited to submit columns.

**Groundhog Day: 'West Texas Style'**

BY MICHAEL PRICE  
EATON HILL NATURE CENTER & PRESERVE

Who needs "Punxsutawney Phil" to tell us what our weather here in west Texas will be?

On Friday, Feb. 2, the Eaton Hill Nature Center would like to invite the public to join us as we celebrate Groundhog Day with a West Texas flair by introducing "Whitey Ford," a native Black-tailed Prairie Dog.

At 10 a.m., "Whitey Ford" will come out of his box and,

just like his Yankee cousin does for the north, will let us know if folks here can expect six more weeks of cold weather by looking at his shadow.

This fun event will be held at the Sonora Elementary playground in Sonora, Texas, and again, everyone is invited to attend.

For more information, call Michael Price at (325) 387-2615, email [director@eatonhillnaturecenter.org](mailto:director@eatonhillnaturecenter.org) or [wildabouttexas@gmail.com](mailto:wildabouttexas@gmail.com).



## HERNANDEZ:

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Our daughter, Rebecca, attended Texas College of Cosmetology and is a licensed beautician working as a full-time stylist at Smart Styles in San Angelo. She plans to return to school in the fall to further her education and become a licensed cosmetology instructor.

### WHAT QUALIFIES YOU FOR THE POSITION YOU ARE RUNNING FOR?

Being involved on the Park Community Board, and with the experience I have working for the county, helps me understand how the county government works. Having accomplished meeting our goals for the parks thus far, gives me the confidence I feel I need to fulfill what the voters have confided in me.

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

I feel that there are some areas in our town that need some cleanup. I would like to set up a schedule where each precinct is given the equal amount of time for pickup (branches, things on the side of the road that shouldn't be there, vehicles, etc...), the sweeper, cleaning the draws, alleys, whatever is needed to be done to make it look clean throughout the whole community. If we stick to a schedule, and work together, Ozona will stay clean all year round, and not just cer-

tain times of the year.

I would like for the community to come together as a whole with ideas and activities that we could do with our youth, families and elected officials, such as a summer barbecue, movies under the stars, lunch in the park, end of summer water bash, just to name a few. Like we do for the Fourth of July. All come together as a community and get to know one another.

### WHAT DOES PRECINCT 4 NEED MOST FROM A COUNTY COMMISSIONER?

I feel that Precinct 4 needs more than just a voice. They need a face. One that is present. One that communicates with the people, and one that listens to the people.

### HOW MUCH OF YOUR TIME DO YOU ANTICIPATE THE JOB OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER WOULD CONSUME?

It's hard to determine the exact amount of time. If elected, I will be talking to the people on a regular basis to what needs to be addressed. I will be their voice, not just once a month, but every day.

### ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO VOTERS:

If elected as Crockett County Commissioner, Precinct 4, I would like to let the people know that I am here because of them and for them, to strive and make Precinct 4, and our community, a clean, safe environment to raise our children. They are the future.

## MEDINA:

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everyone fairly no matter their race, social status, or the size of their pockets... at the end of the day every person's vote is tallied the same.

Approachability should be a quality that anyone even considering this type of position should have.

I'm an easy guy for anybody to talk to and will never turn a deaf ear to any citizen. Good ideas and solutions to problems can come from anyone, regardless of their age or role in the community.

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

If elected as county commissioner I would first like to implement a system to help keep my constituents informed and up to date on county news and topics being discussed during upcoming commissioners court meetings.

An idea I've come up with to help keep citizens in my precinct informed is a quarterly newsletter type system that would feature future agenda topics and things we would be voting on during upcoming meetings.

Secondly, I would like to find a way to incentivize our county employees to stay longer and even attract younger future employees. Some ways we could do this are paying employees during county holidays instead

of them having to use their already-earned PTO hours, bringing back paid insurance for retired long-term county employees, or simply giving all county employees a respectable raise in pay (which most departments have not seen in three years already).

The third thing I'd like to accomplish would actually be keeping something from being accomplished.

There has been a lot of speculation and talks of plans to turn the street following the interstate 10 east-bound exit ramp in to a "one-way" street. This is a project that I firmly believe would cause more damage than good.

Aside from inconveniencing most of the people who live in Precinct 4 it would also seriously impact local family owned businesses, including El Chato's.

### WHAT DOES PRECINCT 4 NEED MOST FROM A COUNTY COMMISSIONER?

It is no secret that Precinct 4 usually always has the lowest percentage of our citizens vote every election year.

However, that doesn't mean that we don't have any opinions on county issues or items being voted on. Precinct 4 just simply lacks involvement from our current county commissioner.

A good county commissioner should work tirelessly to always seek the opinions of their constituents.

During my campaigning process I've spoken to many families who say they've never even met our county commissioner, much less been asked for their input or feelings toward county matters.

With that being said, how can our current county commissioner confidently say he's speaking for or representing us all as a whole if he's never asked many us of our opinions?

In short, Precinct 4 just needs a dedicated county commissioner who will seek the opinions of their constituents and work to keep them informed and up to date. Both of which I believe I can do better if elected.

### HOW MUCH OF YOUR TIME DO YOU ANTICIPATE THE JOB OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER WOULD CONSUME?

I foresee the role of county commissioner being a 24/7 around the clock job. That doesn't mean it would be impossible to do while still maintaining another full-time job, which I do plan to keep.

My work hours allow me to be off by 3:30 p.m. Monday-Friday with an occasional weekend to work. I can promise that every minute I'm not on company time will be your time.

It doesn't matter whether I'm out of town or on a weekend vacation. I will always return your call or message as soon as possible.

Being a county commissioner, you never know when something will come up, but I can give my word that I will always remain approachable and reachable to anyone.

I understand this may cut in to my "free time," but I can't think of any better way to spend that time than serving my precinct.

I firmly believe that even with a full-time job I can perform the job of county commissioner, at least, twice as good as it's currently being done.

### ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO VOTERS:

To all the citizens and voters of Precinct 4, I believe it is time we get our taxpayer money's worth from our county commissioner.

If you're seeking a county commissioner who will dedicate his time and attention to every single one of his constituents, then I'm the candidate for you.

If you're seeking a county commissioner who will treat everyone fairly and not cater to any group, then I'm the candidate for you.

If you're seeking a county commissioner who will always remain approachable by anyone and get the whole precinct involved in current county issues, then I'm the candidate for you.

If elected, I'm looking forward to positive change including a vocal and more informed Precinct 4.

## MARTINEZ:

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

1. I want to be more involved in the preliminary budget process to make sure that we give each department a budget that allows them to provide services to our community as efficiently as possible.

2. At the moment, we have two new projects being built. A Sheriff's Department and a Wellness Center. I want to see those two buildings completed according to the contracts and that they operate in the professional manner that was presented to the community before the bond elections.

3. I want to continue making Precinct 4 a clean and safe environment to live in. I want to continue making water drainage improvements all around our precinct and we have some paving to do in town this summer. We will continue to maintain our county roads and cattle guards outside of town but if something needs to be brought to my attention, the time to ask is now.

### WHAT DOES PRECINCT 4 NEED MOST FROM A COUNTY COMMISSIONER?

What Precinct 4 needs the most from their county commissioner is someone who knows how to take care of their tax dollars. The majority of what we do at commissioners' court is work with the county budget. I have eight years of experience doing just that.

### HOW MUCH OF YOUR TIME DO YOU ANTICIPATE THE JOB OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER WOULD CONSUME?

A county commissioner can dedicate as much or as little time to the position after they get elected as they wish. They are not required to answer phone calls or text messages, attend the monthly meetings or even vote. (Yes, they still get paid.) It is what you make it. I am passionate and dedicated to my work whether I am in commissioners' court or not. I choose to make it an "on-call-24/7" job. I am always available.

### ANY ADDITIONAL COMMENTS TO VOTERS:

Thank you and yes. It is

important for my constituents to know that my opponents have a lot of things in common.

First, they are from the same family. Mrs. Patricia Hernandez is the aunt of Mr. Michael Medina, Jr. Only Mr. Medina has ever attended a full day at a commissioners' court meeting in the eight years that I have been serving and it was just recent. I have also been recently informed that it is questionable to whether or not Mr. Medina is even eligible to run for this office. I will not call for an investigation.

Mrs. Hernandez has only attended one meeting to be accepted and appointed by commissioners to the parks volunteer board. Commissioners' Court now meets five times a month.

Second. Both of my opponents live in the Chandler-Dale West Addition which is in a flood zone area. This is the same area where I have been making water drainage improvements. Their own family has benefitted from the work we have done there.

Thirdly. Both my opponents and everyone living in the flood zone area, will soon have access to an I-10 off-ramp and bridge that is designed to get them and their families across Gurley Draw to safety during a flood. It will connect to Rio Grande Street. I brought this need to the attention of Commissioners Court, TxDOT, The Federal Highway Administration and to our Texas State Representatives for them. I do not live in this area. Commissioners Court and TxDOT thankfully came to an agreement and we will hold public hearings before construction begins this year.

Finally, neither of my opponents have ever once in eight years voiced their concerns to me. I cannot address anyone's concerns when they do not allow me the opportunity to do so. I welcome everyone's concerns.

Editor, because I do not know what my opponent's platforms are or if we will have a public forum this year, I would like some further comments for my constituents and county employees please? Thank you.

Precinct 4, when I ran for office eight years ago, I said that I would improve the quality of living in our

precinct. I worked endlessly with the Texas Association of Counties to solve the horse population problem we had. Today, by working together with Animal Control, we have reduced the number from approximately 16-18 horses to only four. Sheep, goats and ponies were also removed or relocated outside of our precinct.

I also said that I would clean up properties that were left unattended to. With the use of the Texas Health and Safety Code Sec. 343.011. PUBLIC NUISANCE which applies to the "unincorporated areas within a county", many properties were cleaned up. However, my biggest frustration is to have someone finally clean their property only to return several weeks later with dilapidating trailer houses and more junk. I turned those properties over to our tax attorney's office this past summer and as soon as I receive an update from them, I will let you know.

Speed bumps. There is a difference between placing speed bumps at Quail Run vs The Chandler-Dale West Addition. The homes at Quail Run were built on a pad first. The pad elevates the homes above street level. At the Chandler-Dale West Addition, most of the homes were either built at or below street level. Adding speed bumps anywhere on those roads will only redirect rushing waters back into properties and underneath the homes.

Gurley Draw. Even though the county maintains the draw, commissioners are not fully in control of it. Vegetation is recommended by The Soil and Water Conservation District who oversees our dams and draws. If the county removes all of the vegetation, owners will begin to lose their property to the draw each time it fills up with water. Please contact their office for more information.

Street lights. I drive around every several months to check street lighting and I report burnt out bulbs in for replacement or repair. I have listed some very dark neighborhood areas and alleys that need lighting. I will be making requests for light poles to be installed as the budget allows.

I have been asked about building a new Care Center. I can only answer this with a

couple of questions. Where would we send our residents to? Where will all of the employees work while we tear down and rebuild? We would have to build it at that same location.

Wellness Center. As I anticipated, it is way under budget and I expect it to more than double next year. And as of right now, there are no qualifications needed to be hired for wellness center director. Not even a high school diploma or GED is required to apply and be hired.

To our county employees. I am the commissioner who brought your concerns of unequal pay and PTO time to the attention of our County Attorney. Mrs. Upham addressed it in Commissioners Court and commissioners have the same understanding that all elected officials are responsible for making sure that their employees time sheets are filled out correctly and that they use their PTO hours just the same as everyone else who is paid with county tax dollars. But please understand that it takes more than just one commissioner to enforce this. It takes a majority. I cannot do anything alone.

Precinct 4, you have invested your trust in me and I am thankful to you. I just want to assure you that you already have what you need with me. The work I have

done for you has not come easy. Eight years ago, I was told by many people that there was no way for us to do the things that we have accomplished thus far in an unincorporated county. But we educated ourselves and we found the way to do it.

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borhood that you and your kids can be proud of.

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# OHS Academic Team competes at McCamey, Mertzon

The OHS Academic Team competed in two meets on Jan. 27. Part of the team competed in McCamey and others competed in Mertzon.

At the McCamey meet, Ozona finished second.

**MCCAMEY RESULTS:**  
Number Sense - 4. Braeden Gutierrez; 6. Citlalli Cano.

Calculator - 1. Chantz Elliott and Michael Esparza; 3. Densie Rodriguez; 4. Citlalli Cano; 6. Josh Knaack; Second Place Team of Chantz

Elliott, Michael Esparza, Citlalli Cano, Josh Knaack and Denise Rodriguez.

Mathematics - 1. Chantz Elliott; 2. Citlalli Cano; 6. Josh Knaack; Second Place Team of Chantz Elliott, Citlalli Cano, Josh Knaack and Tyler Webb.

Ready Writing - 1. Lexi Montgomery; 4. Rebecca Flores.

Social Studies - 5. Steban Flores; Second Place Team of Steban Flores, Christian Val-

des and J.J. Rangel.

Current Events - 3. J.J. Rangel; Second Place Team of J.J. Rangel, Carson Childress and Ebony Ramirez.

News Writing - 6. Kenzee Talamantez.

Feature Writing - 1. Brenna Hale

Editorial Writing - 1. Brenna Hale

Science - 5. Christian Yruegas

Literary Criticism - 6. J.J. Rangel

Computer Science - 1. Chantz Elliott; 2. Josh Knaack; 3. Citlalli Cano; First Place Team of Chantz Elliott, Josh Knaack, Citlalli Cano and Michael Esparza.

**MERTZON RESULTS:**  
Poetry - 1. Ivana Hernandez; 2. Gavin Grannis.

Computer Applications - 1. Danny Posadas; 5. Dorisel Sanchez.

Headline Writing - 6. Samantha Torralba.

## OHS LIONS AND LADY LIONS 2018 TENNIS SCHEDULE

DATE	TOURNAMENT	LOCATION	TEAM
Feb. 9-10	Brandon Clark Tournament	San Angelo	Varsity
Feb. 15	Reagan County Winter Inv.	Big Lake	JV
Feb. 16-17	Reagan County Winter Inv.	Big Lake	Varsity
Feb. 20	Fort Stockton Invitational	Fort Stockton	Varsity
March 2-3	Regional Team Tennis	Big Lake	Varsity
March 6	Fort Stockton Invitational	Fort Stockton	JV
March 9-10	State Team Tennis (if we qualify)	Round Rock	Varsity
March 20	Sterling City	Sterling City	JV
March 23	Sterling City Invitational	Sterling City	Varsity
March 29	Wall/Lake View	TBA	TBA
April 6-7	District Tournament	Mertzon	JV/Varsity
April 18-21	Regional Tournament	TBA	Varsity
May 17-18	State Tournament	College Station	Varsity

## OHS LIONS AND LADY LIONS 2018 TRACK SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	SITE
Feb. 24	Ozona Relays	Ozona
March 3	Brave Relays	Iraan
March 9	Junction	Junction
March 22	Christoval	Christoval
March 29	Eldorado	Eldorado
April 4-5	District Track Meet	Mertzon
April 16	Area Track Meet	San Angelo-ASU
April 27-28	Regional Track Meet	Odessa
May 10-12	State Track Meet	Austin

## OMS LIONS AND LADY LIONS 2018 TRACK SCHEDULE

DATE	MEET	SITE
Feb. 22	Ozona Middle School Relays	Ozona
March 2	Brave Middle School Relays	Iraan
March 8	Reagan County	Big Lake
March 23	Christoval	Christoval
March 26	Middle School District Track Meet	Forsan

# Lady Lions fall to Winters, Forsan



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**ZEPHEN CUEVAS** scored 17 points and had 3 rebounds and 3 steals in the Lady Lions Jan. 23 games at Winters.

The OHS Lady Lions lost to Winters, 49-46, on Jan. 23.

Ozona - 11 16 9 10 - 46; Winters - 6 20 10 11 - 49.

Zephen Cuevas 17 points, 3 rebounds and 3 steals; Xena Vargas 11 points and 3 rebounds; Victoria DeHanis 8 points, 2 rebounds, 1 assist; Reagan Gonzalez 8 points and 3 rebounds; Zethany Cuevas 4 points, 3 rebounds and 3 assists; Shelbie Galindo 2 points; Lucy Rodriguez 2 rebounds; Dorisel Sanchez 1 assist.

The Lady Lions lost to Forsan 71-31 on Jan. 26.

Ozona - 5 8 8 10 - 31; Forsan - 15 19 16 22 - 71.

Zephen Cuevas 12 points, 8 rebounds and 7 steals; Zethany Cuevas 9 points and 1 assist; Xena Vargas 8 points; Reagan Gonzalez 2 points and 3 rebounds; Shelbie Galindo 4 rebounds; Victoria DeHanis 4 steals and 1 assist.

The OHS Lady Lions are 20-10 overall and 4-5 in district play.

The Lady Lions will play Christoval at Friday in Christoval, Miles on Tuesday at the OHS Davidson Gym and Irion County on Feb. 9 at the OHS Davidson Gym. All games begin around 6:30 p.m.

### 2018 Ozona Baseball Schedule

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Feb. 16	Sonora (scrim)	Ozona	4:30
Feb. 20	Crane	Crane	6:00
Feb. 22-24	Ozona Tournament	Ozona	TBD
Feb. 27	Ingram	Ozona	6:00
March 2	Stanton	Stanton	4:30 (DH)
March 6	Eldorado*	Ozona	6:00
March 9	Menard*	Menard	4:30
March 13	Sonora	Sonora	11:00 (DH)
March 14	Grape Creek	Grape Creek	1:00
March 20	Junction*	Ozona	6:00
March 23	Mason*	Mason	5:00
March 26	Harper*	Ozona	6:00
March 29	Center Point*	Center Point	6:00
April 3	Eldorado*	Eldorado	4:30
April 6	Menard*	Ozona	6:00
April 10	Christoval	Ozona	6:00
April 13	Junction*	Junction	6:00
April 17	Mason*	Ozona	6:00
April 20	Harper*	Harper	6:00
April 24	Center Point*^	Ozona	6:00

District Game\* Senior Night ^

## Ozona Lady Lion Softball 2018

Date	Opponent	Place	Team	Time
Feb 13 <sup>th</sup>	TLCA	San Angelo	Varsity/JV	5:00
Feb 15 <sup>th</sup> -17 <sup>th</sup>	I-20 Kickoff Classic	Monahans	Varsity	TBA
Feb 20 <sup>th</sup>	Sonora	Ozona	Varsity/JV	4:30
Feb 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Christoval	Ozona	Varsity	5:00
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	McCamey	Ozona	Varsity	5:00
Mar 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup>	Big Lake Tourney	Big Lake	Varsity	TBA
Mar 5 <sup>th</sup>	Sonora	Sonora	Varsity/JV	4:30
Mar 9 <sup>th</sup>	Big Lake	Ozona	Varsity/JV	4:30
Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Eldorado*	Ozona	Varsity/JV	11:00
Mar 20 <sup>th</sup>	Menard*	Ozona	Varsity	5:00
Mar 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Junction*	Junction	Varsity/JV	5:00
Mar 27 <sup>th</sup>	Miles*	Ozona	Varsity/JV	5:00
Mar 29 <sup>th</sup>	Mason*	Mason	Varsity/JV	5:00
Apr 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Eldorado*	Eldorado	Varsity/JV	5:00
Apr 6 <sup>th</sup>	Menard*	Menard	Varsity	5:00
Apr 10 <sup>th</sup>	Junction*	Ozona	Varsity/JV	5:00
Apr 13 <sup>th</sup>	Miles*	Miles	Varsity/JV	5:00
Apr 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mason*#	Ozona	Varsity/JV	5:00
Apr 26 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup>	BI-DISTRICT			
May 3 <sup>rd</sup> -6 <sup>th</sup>	AREA			
May 10 <sup>th</sup> -13 <sup>th</sup>	REGIONAL QUARTERFINAL			
May 17 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	REGIONAL SEMIFINAL			
May 34 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	REGIONAL FINALS			
May 31 <sup>st</sup> -June 1 <sup>st</sup>	STATE TOURNAMENT			

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OES AND OMS HAD 110 GIRLS AND MOMS attend the 2018 Girl Power Event Saturday at San Angelo. The event is sponsored by the Laura W. Bush Institute for Women's Health and San Angelo Community Medical Center. The mission of Girl Power nonprofit program is to engage 4th-7th grade girls and their mothers (or other important women in their lives) to help improve self-esteem, activity level, nutrition, internet safety and communication with each other. This year's speakers were author of "Lipstick Gospel," Stephanie May Wilson and Miss Dallas, Madison Fuller.

**CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H NEWS**

## Food Challenge Teams place in San Angelo



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

THE CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H FOOD CHALLENGE TEAMS competed at the San Angelo Food Challenge on Jan. 24. The Third Grade Cooks won the Junior Fruit and Vegetables category. The Diva Delights placed fourth in Intermediate Main Dish. The Crockett County Cooks competed in Intermediate Fruit and Vegetables. The Food Challenge Teams were coached by Dana Criswell.

### Youth Center Calendar of Events

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

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**7TH & 8TH GRADE:** Tuesday: 7-10 p.m.; Wednesday: 2-7 p.m.; Saturday: 7-10 p.m.

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**Ozona Middle and Ozona High Schools:** Breakfast is \$1.40 and Reduced Breakfast is \$0.30 Lunch is \$2.55 and Reduced Lunch is \$0.40  
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<p><b>Wednesday, Jan. 31</b>  <b>Breakfast</b>                  Breakfast Pizza or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.  <b>Lunch</b>                  Cheeseburger, Hamburger Garnish, Broccoli, Sweet Potato Fries, Mixed Fruit, Crispy Cereal Treat and Milk.</p>
<p><b>Thursday, Feb. 1</b>  <b>Breakfast</b>                  Sausage, Egg and Cheese on a Croissant or Cereal Bar and Yogurt, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.  <b>Lunch</b>                  Pizza Choice, Salad, Carrot, Apple Slices and Milk.</p>
<p><b>Friday, Feb. 2</b>  <b>Breakfast</b>                  Biscuit and Gravy with Scrambled Eggs or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.  <b>Lunch</b>                  Barbecue on a Bun, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Oranges and Milk.</p>
<p><b>Monday, Feb. 5</b>  <b>Breakfast</b>                  Sausage and Biscuit or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.  <b>Lunch</b>                  Hamburger or Cheeseburger, Hamburger Garnish, Oven Fries, Veggie Cup, Mixed Fruit and Milk.</p>
<p><b>Tuesday, Feb. 6</b>  <b>Breakfast</b>                  Breakfast Burrito and Hashbrown or Cereal Bar and Yogurt, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.  <b>Lunch</b>                  Tex-Mex Stack, Charro Beans, Spanish Rice (OHS only), Lettuce and Tomatos, Salsa, Tomato Cup, Hot Cinnamon Apples and Milk.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday, Feb. 7</b>  <b>Breakfast</b>                  Chicken and Waffle or Cereal and Toast, Fruit, Fruit Juice and Milk.  <b>Lunch</b>                  Calzone, Marinara Sauce, Tuscan Vegetables, Salad, Peaches, Cookie and Milk.</p>



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SIXTH GRADE CONSERVATION POSTER CONTEST WINNERS: Raelynn Barrera, Mia Venegas, Robert Barrera and Lauren Albers pictured with Ozona Bank's Frank Tambunga and CCSWCD Directors Jack Baggett and Pleas Childress.

## Annual Sixth Grade Conservation Poster Contest

BY DIANE WOMACK  
 CROCKETT COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Each year, the Crockett County Soil & Water Conservation District sponsors a conservation poster contest. We team up with Ozona Bank and they are so great to support us by donating the prize money for the winners. The poster contest is one of the methods we use to teach the next generation, in a fun way, the importance of taking care of our natural resources.

The theme this year was "Healthy Soils Are Full of Life." This year, all the kids did an amazing job, which made it difficult for the directors to pick only three. As a matter of fact, for the first time ever, there was also an Honorable Mention awarded.

On Jan. 24, awards were presented for the top four posters that were chosen. Raelynn Barrera, first place, Mia Venegas, second place, Robert Barrera, third place and Lauren Albers, honorable mention. Awards day is always fun. Jack Baggett challenges

the minds and memory of the students by presenting a Question & Answer session.

It is focused on water facts and really gets the kids excited and willing to participate.

An interesting thing, the students are always eager to engage and take that chance of giving the wrong answer, time and time again.

They are so willing to learn. They are very supportive of one another as well, happy for their classmates when they get it right, even if they themselves have gotten it wrong.

We are very proud of the time and effort the students put forth. The learning process is something wonderful to see. Many thanks go to the teachers who teach and guide these kids each day.

The Soil & Water Conservation District was represented by directors Pleas Childress, III and Jack Baggett. Frank Tambunga was on hand to represent

Ozona Bank.

Natural Resources Conservation Services was represented by Tori Dutton, the local District Conservationist.

We would like to thank Ozona Bank for their support. They will be displaying the top four posters in their lobby through Feb. 9.

If you're in the bank, please take time to look at the posters.

If you don't have bank business, we encourage you to take the time to go check out the posters and see the creativity the students used to communicate the theme they were given.

Again, this wouldn't be possible without help from the teachers and we thank them very much for arranging their schedules to accommodate this extra activity.

Thanks also to Susan Calloway from The Ozona Stockman for coming and taking pictures for us.

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# I-10 main route for Human Trafficking

BY MELISSA PERNER  
AND SUSAN CALLOWAY  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Human Trafficking is not something most Ozona citizens think about while living on an interstate.

At a special program presented by Methodist Healthcare Ministries, information was presented about Human Trafficking, the different types, how to report it and what to look for what people should know about the issue being called "modern day slavery."

Valerie Fierro, RN, Public Health Nurse III from the Texas Department of State Health Services, and the Rev. Denise Barker, founder and executive director of Magdalena Ministries Inc. in San Antonio, gave the presentation on Jan. 23 at the Civic Center.

Human trafficking happens when one person is controlled through violence, deception or coercion in situations of commercial sex, forced labor, or domestic servitude.

Human Trafficking is the second most profitable illegal industry. The profits are in the billions, Fierro and Barker said. Traffickers often pray on people who are hoping for a better life, lack of employment opportunities, have an unstable home life or have a history or sexual abuse.

Traffickers can be men and women, parents and family members, neighbors, boyfriends and girlfriends, peers, employers, gang members or anyone, Fierro said.

"Usually it's someone they know," she said.

When it comes to Human

Trafficking in Texas, Fierro said 1 in 5 victims of human trafficking in the United States travel through Texas along Interstate-10.

In fact, I-10 in Texas is a main route for human trafficking from El Paso to Houston, and the interstate through Texas is the longest continuous un-tolled freeway under a single authority in North America.

Places where trafficking can occur are cities and towns, neighborhoods, schools, foster and group homes, shelters, malls and parks, hotels, truck stops and online social media.

According to a study by the Institute on Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault at the University of Texas at Austin School of School Work:

- There are an estimated 313,000 victims of human trafficking in Texas.

- Approximately 79,000 minors and youths are victims of sex trafficking in Texas.

- Approximately 234,000 workers in Texas are victims of labor trafficking.

- The study also stated that: Traffickers exploit approximately \$600 million per year from victims of labor trafficking in Texas in the most at-risk industries and economic sectors, including migrant farm work, construction, kitchen workers in restaurants, and landscaping services.

- An estimated \$6.5 billion is spent on the lifetime costs of providing care to victims and survivors of minor and youth sex trafficking in Texas, including costs related to law enforcement, prosecution and social services.



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**THE REV. DENISE BARKER, of Magdalena Ministries Inc. in San Antonio, talks about Human Trafficking at a Jan. 23 program at the Civic Center.**

Both Fierro and Barker presented examples and court cases of human trafficking, including San Antonio's first case in May 2008 where Timothy Michael Gerab, a convicted sex offender, pled guilty and received 10 years in prison for recruiting two Mexican teenagers to engage in prostitution.

According to the Texas

Attorney General's website, trafficking is a crime separate and distinct from smuggling. You can be an American citizen trafficked by another American citizen inside the territorial borders of the United States. Smuggling, on the other hand, requires the illegal crossing of an international border.

In the crime of smug-

gling, one person pays another to bring them across an international border illegally. Both are committing a crime against the nation they are trying to enter but there is nothing involuntary about the exchange. The crime of smuggling can become the crime of trafficking if the smuggled person is then placed in debt bondage or made to labor for another through force, fraud or coercion, including threats to turn the person over to immigration authorities.

Trafficking is a crime against a person. Under Texas law you don't have to be moved to be trafficked. You can be trafficked in your own home. For instance, a mother who brings men to her home to have sex with her underage child is trafficking that child without ever moving her. In the crime of trafficking, only the trafficker is committing a crime even if the trafficked person is being made to engage in a criminal activity like prostitution because either the trafficked person is being forced, defrauded or coerced or because the trafficked person is under the age of 18 and being made a victim of a sexual offense.

Some of the signs of a victim of human trafficking are:

- Being controlled
- Avoiding eye contact
- Can they leave their job if they want?
- Do they have adequate identification?
- Signs of abuse
- Signs of branding
- Denied life necessities
- Are they free to contact friends and family?
- Have they or their fam-

ily been threatened?

- They are a minor in a relationship with a much older person.

- Discusses a large amount of debt that they are working to repay.

- Unreasonably afraid of law enforcement.

The Texas Attorney General's Office has created a new human trafficking training video, "Be the One." The video shares the stories of human trafficking from the perspective of victims and good Samaritans.

The video is available for the public at [www.texasattorneygeneral.org/human-trafficking](http://www.texasattorneygeneral.org/human-trafficking).

Fierro and Barker said people should not approach suspected victims, traffickers or buyers due to potential danger or putting the victim in danger.

Gather as much information as possible from a distance: height, weight, hair color, tattoos, scars or bruising, clothing, trafficker description and car description.

Barker also talked about Magdalena House, a transitional home that serves mothers and their children who have fled dangerous and abusive lives by providing transformation through education, nurturing, community and programming in San Antonio.

"We rescue the lease and the lost, sharing hope for a new beginning," Barker said.

If anyone suspects that someone is a victim of human trafficking, the first step is to call 911 and the call the National Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888 or report online at [report@polarisproject.org](mailto:report@polarisproject.org).

## UPDATED PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE FOR TEXAS TAXPAYERS

New and updated property tax information has just been compiled by Crockett County Appraisal District and is available now to assist taxpayers. This property tax information is current and covers a wide range of topics, such as taxpayer remedies, exemptions and appraisals, and has information for select groups, such as disabled veterans and persons age 65 or older.

"Whether you are a homeowner, business owner, disabled veteran or taxpayer, it's important you know your rights concerning the property tax laws," said Janet M. Thompson, Chief Appraiser of the Crockett County Appraisal District. "You can contact us about any property tax issues with full confidence that we will provide you the most complete, accurate and up-to-date available information to assist you."

This includes information about the following programs.

- **Property Tax Exemptions for Disabled Veterans** - The law provides partial exemptions for any property owned by disabled veterans or surviving spouses and surviving children of deceased disabled veterans. Another partial exemption is for homesteads donated to disabled veterans by charitable organizations at no cost or not more than 50 percent of the good faith estimate of the homestead's market value to the disabled veterans and their surviving spouses. The exemption amount is determined according to percentage of service-connected disability. The law also provides a 100 percent homestead exemption for 100 percent disabled veterans and their surviving spouses and surviving spouses of U.S. armed service members killed in action.

- **Property Tax Exemptions - Non-profit organizations** that meet statutory requirements may seek property tax exemptions and must apply to their county appraisal district by a specific date. Businesses that receive tax abatements granted by taxing units; ship inventory out of Texas that may be eligible for the Freeport exemption; store certain goods in transit in warehouses that are moved within 175 days; construct, install or acquire pollution control property; own and operate energy storage systems; convert landfill-generated gas; or store offshore drilling equipment while not in use may also be eligible for statutory exemptions.

- **Rendering Taxable Property** - If a business owns tangible personal property that is used to produce income, the business must file a rendition with its local county appraisal district by a specified date. Personal property includes inventory and equipment used by a business. Owners do not have to render exempt property such as church property or an agriculture producer's equipment used for farming.

- **Appraisal Notices** - Normally, taxpayers receive a notice of appraised value from the appropriate local county appraisal district. The city, county, school districts and other local taxing units will use the appraisal district's value to set property taxes for the coming year.

- **Property Taxpayer Remedies** - This Comptroller publication explains in detail how to protest a property appraisal, what issues the county appraisal review board (ARB) can consider and what to expect during a protest hearing. The publication also discusses the options of taking a taxpayer's case to district court, the State Office of Administrative Hearings or binding arbitration if the taxpayer is dissatisfied with the outcome of the ARB hearing.

- **Homestead Exemptions** - A homestead is generally defined as the home and land used as the owner's principal residence on Jan. 1 of the tax year. A homestead exemption reduces the appraised value of the home and, as a result, lowers property taxes. Applications are submitted to the appropriate local county appraisal district.

- **Productivity Appraisal** - Property owners who use land for timberland production, agricultural purposes or wildlife management can be granted property tax relief on their land. They may apply to their local county appraisal district for an agricultural appraisal which may result in a lower appraisal of the land based on production, versus market value.

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- **Notice of Availability of Electronic Communication** - In appraisal districts located in counties with a population of more than 200,000 or that have authorized electronic communications, and that have implemented a system that allows such communications, chief appraisers and ARBs may communicate electronically through email or other media with property owners or their designated representatives. Written agreements are required for notices and other documents to be delivered electronically instead of mailing.

- **Protesting Property Appraisal Values** - Property owners who disagree with the appraisal district's appraisal of their property for local taxes or for any other action that adversely affects them may protest their property value to the appraisal district's ARB.

**For more information about these programs, contact Crockett County Appraisal District at:**

**PO Box 1569**

**909 Ave D**

**Ozona, Texas 76943**

**(325) 392-8258.**

**Information is also available on the Comptroller's Property Tax Assistance Division's website at [comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/](http://comptroller.texas.gov/taxes/property-tax/).**



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## CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S REPORT

### Weekly Activity Report

Type of Calls	Count
Livestock/wild/domestic animal complaints	2
911 medical/fire assistance	5
Civil complaints	4
Civil documents served	2
Criminal complaints/disturbances/loud noise	7
Juvenile/School	0
Motorist assist/locked vehicle	1
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	1
Minor/major traffic accidents	6
Alarms	1

### OFFENSE REPORTS/ARRESTS:

1-23-18

• Sheriff's deputies took a report of criminal mischief at a residence on Perez Street.  
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a verbal argument on Santa Rosa.  
**1-27-18**  
• Sheriff's deputies arrested Alfredo Moreno Tobar Jr., of Ozona, for possession of marijuana less than two ounces in a drug-free zone and driving while license invalid.  
Subject was arraigned and released on bond.  
**1-28-18**  
• Sheriff's deputies responded to a loud noise complaint on Avenue E.

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by taking an undisputedly lawful course going forward," Paxton said.

### SPECIAL ED: SURVEY OPEN

The Texas Education Agency on Jan. 23 made available an online survey to solicit feedback from the public on its draft corrective action plan for special education.

The survey, available on the agency's website, is open to anyone wishing to provide input on the draft plan.

At the direction of Gov. Abbott, the TEA drafted an initial corrective action plan concerning support and delivery of special education services in public schools.

The draft addresses issues identified in a recent federal monitoring report, including the proper identification of special education students and assuring access to services at the local level.

### REPORTED:

**6 MEASLES CASES**  
The Texas Department of State Health Services on Jan. 23 announced that six

measles cases among unvaccinated people in Ellis County were being investigated.

DSHS officials have advised health care providers in the area to take precautions and consider measles as a possible diagnosis in patients with a fever and rash in addition to a cough, runny nose or conjunctivitis.

The highly contagious nature of measles means it is possible that more cases will occur in the community. People involved in the outbreak have connections to Waxahachie and Midlothian, state health officials said.

### DPS IMPLEMENTS HB 1729

The Texas Department of Public Safety on Jan. 25 announced that customers applying for or renewing a driver license, identification card or commercial driver license may donate \$1 or more to the Sexual Assault Evidence Testing Grant program.

As of Jan. 8 the program — administered by the Criminal Justice Division of the Office of the Governor — had received more than 8,900 donations for a total of nearly \$25,000, the DPS reported.

## Game Warden Field Notes

COMPILED FROM TEXAS PARKS AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT REPORTS.

### NO HERDING ALLOWED

On Jan. 14, Sabine County game wardens were patrolling Toledo Bend Reservoir for duck hunting violations

when they heard a group of duck hunters shooting nearby. As they motored close by to check for compliance, the wardens observed another hunter in a mud boat traveling towards a group of coots and canvasbacks. The hunter rallied the ducks and proceeded to shoot the birds as they attempted to fly. While the boat was rallying the ducks, the other hunters began firing as well. Multiple citations were issued for hunting from a boat and rallying ducks.

## CANDIDATE:

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Martinez is running for re-election in Precinct 4 in the Democratic Primary. He is being challenged by Medina and Patricia Hernandez.

In response to Martinez's statement, Medina submitted the following to The Ozona Stockman:

"Dear citizens of Crockett County,

I would like to address the comments made by commissioner Eligio Martinez on Jan. 26. On Friday morning Commissioner Martinez decided to make a 'post' on the Facebook page of The Ozona Stockman. In this post he wrote that he had learned that one of his opponents, then mentioned me by name, 'might not be eligible to run in this election.' Then in the next sentence states 'For whatever specific reason I am not being told.'

It sounds to me like Commissioner Martinez may not believe I meet all the requirements to run for the position of county commissioner. If this is what Commissioner Martinez is bringing in to question I'll go ahead and address each requirement individually.

First requirement is that the candidate must be a U.S. citizen, I am.

Second requirement is that the candidate must be a Texas resident for at least 12 months, I have been.

Third requirement is that the candidate must reside in the district for at least six months, I have lived in my house in precinct 4 for over two years now, so I meet that qualification.

Fourth requirement says that I must be registered to vote in area elected from, I am a registered voter in precinct 4, so that qualification is also met.

Final requirement says that the candidate must be over 18 years old, which I am. This information is easily available on the Texas Secretary of State website.

If Commissioner Martinez is questioning my eligibility for any reason pertaining to these qualifications I can't see what the problem is, and obviously the State of Texas doesn't see a problem either as they had to have verified all my information before my name was even allowed to be placed on the ballot.

I wish I could be more thorough in addressing the Facebook post made by Commissioner Martinez, however he was very vague and never even stated what it could be that would keep me from being eligible to run. I would like to add that I did find it extremely classless for Commissioner Martinez to make his online 'post' before speaking to me about whatever issue was mysteriously

brought to his attention. Had he approached me with his concern I'm sure I could have answered whatever questions he may have had. This would have saved a lot of time and effort on everyone's part.

If I was in Commissioner Martinez's shoes that Friday morning I would have definitely made sure I had all the facts straight before posting something so serious and misleading on social media. Quite honestly it comes off as childish, unprofessional and the prime example of not thinking before you act.

With that being said, if anyone would have any more questions related to this issue I will gladly meet with you in person or by phone."

The Crockett County Clerk's Office confirmed that a deed to Medina's house on Native Dancer Street has been on file since 2015.

The Crockett County Tax Office confirmed that Medina is registered to vote in Precinct 4 at his residence on Native Dancer.

Medina filed to run on Nov. 15, Riquelmy said. The filing period ran from Nov. 11-Dec. 11.

Riquelmy said Martinez contacted her regarding Medina's eligibility dealing with the residency requirement.

Riquelmy said she referred him to contact the Texas Ethics Commission for more information.

"I have no authority nor any ability to make any kind of decision on a candidate's eligibility," Riquelmy said. "Any candidate that has any question about eligibility should contact the Texas Ethics Commission. As the county chair it is very important to me that everyone plays by the same rules."

When the Stockman asked Martinez about the Facebook post, he said Riquelmy is not calling for an investigation into Medina's campaign.

"I was made aware that he (Medina) may not be eligible and that I should look into his eligibility. My intention was to give him an opportunity to address this issue and not to imply that our party chairperson is asking for me to investigate or encouraging me to do so," Martinez said.

The commissioner also said he apologized to Riquelmy.

"She can only give me the information on who to call and is neutral when it comes to situations like this," Martinez said.

Hernandez declined to comment on the issue.

Friday is the last day to register to vote in the March 6 Primary Election. Early voting runs Feb. 20-March 2.

Crockett County Residents can register to vote at the tax office in the courthouse annex.

For more information, visit [www.votetexas.gov](http://www.votetexas.gov).

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**ACROSS**

1 police officers

5 TXism: "he 'a \_\_\_ bricks shy of a load"

6 TX Jack Valenti was longtime pres. of this movie assoc.

7 TX Dennis Quaid was in 1994 film "Wyatt \_\_\_"

8 fleur-de-\_\_\_

9 this David created a TX auto dealership empire

16 sweater imperfection

18 TX Belle Starr's nickname: "\_\_\_ Queen"

21 Evans of TV's "The Big Valley" (init.)

22 TXism: "he's \_\_\_ to walk the river with" (reliable)

23 stat. for Astro or Ranger pitcher

24 the stallion \_\_\_ foal (sired)

30 Bastrop State Park: "\_\_\_ of TX"

34 great TX RB for UT and old Oilers (init.)

35 TXism: "we \_\_\_ out our differences"

36 a steak order

37 Johnny Cash wrote "\_\_\_ the Line"

39 Santa Rosa, TX has one for sugar cane (2 wds.)

43 relating to a birth

44 Grand \_\_\_\_, TX

45 "Duck Dynasty" cable network

46 TX-born \_\_\_ Austry

47 TXism: "went to the well \_\_\_ often"

49 lingered

52 Japan telecomm. co.

53 ninth gov. of TX: \_\_\_ Lubbock

54 TX-born Olympic pole vaulter Owen \_\_\_ Smith

55 TXism: "like \_\_\_ with a fence post" (obstinate)

58 Italian actress Sophia

59 short profile of someone

60 TXism: "don't shoot \_\_\_ your mouth" (rash talk)

61 TX Tanya (init.)

**DOWN**

1 hump-backed mammals

2 old Astrodome nickname: "House \_\_\_"

3 seat of Frio County

4 exchange stuff

9 seat of Titus Co.: \_\_\_ Pleasant

10 "St. Paul the Apostle" \_\_\_

11 this Moore starred with TX Swayze in 1990 film "Ghost"

12 some want \_\_\_ on guns in the U.S.

13 TXism: "spinning like a weather \_\_\_ a whirlwind"

14 TX Don Henley co-wrote "New Kid \_\_\_ Town"

15 TX-born President Eisenhower (init.)

17 "\_\_\_ the Jungle" cartoon

19 Dublin, TX might have been named for the capital of this country

20 Tyron Smith's position on the Cowboys

24 two-part eyeglasses: \_\_\_ focals

25 unit of energy

26 "trail mix," informally

27 TXism: "she could talk the legs off \_\_\_ stove"

28 a TXn who rents from a landlord

29 TX B.J. Thomas was once this

31 TX "\_\_\_ the Sham"

32 Amarillo hosts "\_\_\_ State Fair & Rodeo"

33 shaping metal

38 TXism: "parental plague" (2 wds.)

40 anger

41 TCU was 2017 champ of this BB tournament

42 1992 film: "A \_\_\_ Their Own"

48 type of exam

50 disintegration

51 "\_\_\_ Tin Tins" bloodline was preserved in TX

56 android

57 petty swindle

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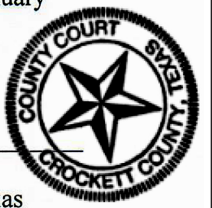
You and each of you, are commanded to appear and to answer before the County Court of Crockett County, Texas, Courthouse in Ozona, Crockett County, Texas, at or before 10 a.m., on the first Monday after the expiration of 42 days from the date of issuance of this citation, being at or before 10 a.m. on Monday, March 5, 2018, then and there to answer the petition of LaDawn Adcock and Gary Adcock in cause Number 18-01-01297-PR, styled Estate of Jettie Lee Adcock, Deceased, filed in the County Court of Crockett County, Texas.

LADAWN ADCOCK and GARY ADCOCK (Applicants) and the UNKNOWN HEIRS of Jettie Lee Adcock, Deceased, are defendants. The petition, filed on January 10, 2018 discloses that the nature of the suit is as follows: Application to Declare Heirship.

If this citation is not served within 90 days after the date of its issuance, it shall be returned unserved.

ISSUED AND GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THIS COURT on January 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2018 at Ozona, Crockett County, Texas.

*Ninfa Preddy*  
NINFA PREDDY, By: Deputy Clerk



County Clerk, Crockett County, Texas

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1208 Hereford St., Ozona	\$50,000
908 Ave. G, Ozona, 3 bdr., 1 ba, w/workshop & storage bldg/ on .598 acre lot	\$50,000
809 9th St., Ozona - <b>SOLD</b>	\$80,000
606 Ave. G, Ozona	\$90,000
1002 Ave. F, Ozona - 3 bdr., 1 ba	\$90,000
501 Ave. G, Ozona, on .53 acre lot - <b>SALE PENDING</b>	\$93,000
616 W. 9th St., Iraan, 3 bdr., 2 ba - <b>SOLD</b>	\$160,000
1004 Ave. F - 4 bdr., 2 1/2 ba (1 bdr w/ba & bonus room upstairs) <b>Price Reduced</b>	\$170,000
401 W. 7th St., Iraan, 3 bdr., 2 1/2 ba on two lots w/guest house & shop <b>Price Reduced</b>	\$195,000
8 miles NW of Ozona - 5 bdr., 3 ba, home on 10 acres	\$225,000

**Acres & Lots - Crockett County**

New Listing - 100 acres, Hershey Ranch, SD, Tract 32, w/3 bdr., 2 ba, mobile home	\$225,000
New Listing - 100 acres, Rimrock Ranch, Tract 4, 2 cabins, blinds and feeders	\$150,000
237 acre lot - 101 Sunset Drive <b>Price Reduced</b>	\$35,000
375 acre lot - 910 Ave. G	\$150,000
30 acres - 8 miles NW of Ozona - No restrictions - <b>SALE PENDING</b>	\$179,000
99.5 acres - Texas West Ranch - w/house, electricity & well	\$1,007,055
1449 acres, Hwy 163 S - Water, electricity	\$1,192,500
794 1/2 acres - On Hwy 163 - Two water wells, shop, barn and apartment	\$934,383

**Acres - Sutton County**

New Listing - 585+/- acres - Rolling Oaks Ranch subdivision, Lot 9, w/2 bdr., 1 ba, camp house w/well, septic & electricity	\$239,500
New Listing - 24.55 acres - w/3 bdr., 2 ba, house, barn, pens & 2 water wells	\$100,000
24.397 acres, within city limits - Unimproved	\$144,898
105.38 acres - North I-10 Service Road - Unimproved	\$250,000
150.01 acres - Rolling Hills Ranch subdivision, Tract 5 - <b>SOLD</b>	\$300,000
184.8 acres - Rolling Hills Ranch subdivision, Tract 4	\$350,000
178.86 acres - Rolling Hills Ranch S/D, Tract 6 - House, water, elect. - <b>SOLD</b>	\$395,000
119 acres - Loop 467 - Two cabins, barn & pens - <b>SOLD</b>	\$957,000
600 acres - South I-10 Service Rd. <b>Price Reduced</b>	\$984,746
772.35 acres - SCR 403 - Off of Hwy 277 South	\$1,225,000
400 acres - 680 RR 864 - Ft. McKavett Road - 3 bdr./2 ba, home, pens, barn	\$3,600,000
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3934 acres - RR 4412 - Some minerals included, pens, barns, utilities	\$4,500,000
2500 acres - FM 2597 - Highly improved	\$986,205

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New Listing - 1,419 acres, Hwy 163 S - Water, electricity	\$795-\$895/acre
Live Oak Valley Ranch - Sutton Camp - Tracts from 200 acres to 1000 acres	\$85,000
Live Oak Valley Ranch, Ozona Camp - Tracts from 300 acres & up	\$295,000
5.46 acres - Rough Canyon at Lake Amistad - Commercial lot - <b>SALE PENDING</b>	\$1,066,155
26.27 acres - Juno Road - House, cabin, barn - <b>SOLD</b>	\$2,200,000
New Listing - 630 acres, Edwards County - 3BR/2B house	\$4,880,000
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New Listing - 113 Country Club Dr. - **SALE PENDING** - .636 acres, - \$20,000  
New Listing - 115 Country Club Drive - .417 acres, Country Club Estates Addition - \$20,000  
New Listing - 301 Ave. J. - 2 bdr., 1 ba, 2 lots, 212 acres, metal bldg. **PRICE REDUCED** - \$119,000  
New Listing - 302 11th St. - 4 bedroom, 3 bath on 2.4 acres, large, mature pecan trees - \$229,000  
New Listing - 101 Hummingbird Lane - 4 bedroom, 3 bath home on two lots - \$224,500  
301 11th St. - 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, swimming pool, game room, 2-car garage - \$220,000  
119 Oakwood St. - 3 bedroom - **SOLD** - 2 bath - \$169,000  
210 Ave. J - Newly - **SOLD** - renovated - \$130,000  
309 Hillcrest - 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, hardwood floors, updated kitchen, **PRICE REDUCED** - \$119,750  
702 4th St. - 2 bdr., - **SOLD** - 2 bath house - \$110,000  
902 Angus Drive - 4 bedroom - **SALE PENDING** - 1 1/2 ba. - **PRICE REDUCED** - \$89,000  
904 Almond St. - 3 bedroom, - **SALE PENDING** - 2 1/2 ba. - **PRICE REDUCED** - \$87,000  
28 Crockett Heights Dr. - 3 bedroom, 1 bath, newly remodeled, carport - \$84,500  
210-A 14th St. - 2 bedroom, - **SALE PENDING** - 1 bath, I-10 frontage - \$59,000  
406 Young St. - 2 bedroom, 1 bath, attached garage - \$45,000

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New Listing - 402 Ave. E - Highway 163 Frontage - 0.53 acre lot - \$45,000  
211 Crockett Heights Ln. - 5 acres, 10,000 sq. ft. shop/2,500 sq. ft. office - **FOR SALE OR LEASE** - \$635,000  
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200 Acres - High Lonesome Ranch, - **SOLD** - Tract 22 & 23 - \$170,000  
100 Acres - High Lonesome Ranch, - **SALE PENDING** - House, **PRICE REDUCED** - \$140,000  
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