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New turf: school board okays playing field change

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

When the Ozona Lions take the field this fall, they will be playing on a different surface.

Last week, the CCCSD School Board unanimously approved installing a new artificial turf football field at Lion Stadium.

"We have arrived at a point where something had to be done with our field at Lion Stadium. Obviously the choices are natural grass versus synthetic turf," said Athletic Director Ray Brown. "I believe our school board members weighed the maintenance costs involved in rehabilitating and maintaining a natural grass field over time versus the initial expense of installing artificial turf and came to an informed research-based decision."

At the meeting, the board was presented a comparison cost analysis between installing a new grass field and a turf field.

Overall cost for installing a new grass field is around \$220,747. This includes installation of new sod, local labor, watering, field paint, equipment, fertilizing and top dressing.

To install a turf field, the initial cost is \$673,894.



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THE FOOTBALL FIELD at Lion Stadium is in for a change this fall. Last week the CCCSD School Board unanimously approved to install artificial turf.

This includes installation, equipment and maintenance.

However, the cost analysis presented showed that over a 16-year period, which included replacing the turf field after the eight-year warranty and maintenance and care for both types of fields, the synthetic field would cost Crockett County taxpayers an estimated \$1.2 million while a grass field would cost taxpayers

an estimated \$1.5 million.

Most synthetic turf fields in West Texas have been lasting 10-plus years, the cost analysis stated.

Funding for the new field will come from the Qualified School Construction Bond federal funds.

"My job is to give you the best advice I can give you to deliberate. I do not have a recommendation for you on this approach," said Superintendent Chris duBois.

With the entire state still battling drought, board members discussed that turf would help save on watering costs. It costs CCCSD around \$5,300 annually to water the football field.

"I say we go with the turf. We don't know what future water rationing is going to be," said Board Member Roland DeHoyos.

"Maintenance goes up on the regular grass field. Do this you're done," added Board Member Dwight Childress.

The board included in their motion to go with Carter Construction of Fort Worth for the installation.

Some of their turf clients include Texas Tech University, University of North Texas, Copperas Cove, Aledo, Bronte, Blackwell, Forsan, Early, Weatherford, Texas, Clyde, Zephyr, as

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Administrator contracts approved

BY MELISSA PERNER
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

The CCCSD School Board unanimously approved extensions on administrator contracts during their Feb. 15 regular meeting.

Elementary Principal Amanda Jackson, Elementary Assistant Principal Janina Savala, Technology Director Keith Harmsen and Athletic Director Ray Brown each received a contract extension of their current two-year term contracts through the 2013-2014 school year.

Middle School Principal Tammy McWilliams received an extension and conversion of her one year term contract to a two-year term contract through 2013-2014.

High School Principal Josh Carty and Director of Special and Federal Programs Kim Wilson each received a conversion to one year term contracts through the 2012-2013 school year.

The board approved the contracts after an hour-long executive-closed session.

OHS BOND POSTPONED TO NOVEMBER, ESTIMATES PRESENTED

Due to a new state law passed during the last legislative session, common school districts can only hold elections in even-numbered years at the same time as the county's elections.

Since the county does not hold May elections, the school district is forced to

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Becoming heart healthy

BY MELISSA PERNER
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It sounds so simple. Eat right, exercise, don't smoke and get the right health screenings.

Simple if you just read it on paper.

February is American Heart Month. Several Ozona ladies learned last week how to be more heart healthy at the annual Go Red for Women luncheon.

Presented by E.A. Wadsworth, RN with the Wesley Nurse Foundation, those that attended were treated to a heart healthy meal and information.

"Heart disease is so much bigger that it overlaps every health problem," Wadsworth

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San Antonio Champions



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CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H STUDENTS competed at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo last week. Kelbie Renfro (left) won Reserve Grand Champion of the Junior Market Lamb Show. Allie Black (right) won Reserve Champion Finewool Lamb. Alex Hopper placed second in his Finewool Class. Jarett Justiss placed fifth in his Finewool Class. Sydney Flores placed eighth in her Finewool Class. Timothy Maldonado seventh in his Finewool Class. Lane Hale placed seventh in his Finewool Cross Class. In the Junior Market Goats, Lane Hale placed eighth and Brenna Hale ninth. Also participating: Trace Justiss and Abby Newton.

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4 P.M. FRIDAY AT LION STADIUM

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Innovation will help achieve the promise, meet the challenges of the Eagle Ford Shale

In a free society based on educational attainment, innovation, a strong work ethic, and the ability to recognize and take advantage of economic opportunity, a bright future will always be in hand.

In parts of South Texas, including a new swath of Senate District 19, the future is also beneath our feet. Indeed, for producers of the Eagle Ford Shale and the thousands of Texans working in the oil fields and related jobs, the future is now.

The extraction of oil from this prolific formation is already affecting the economy

and boosting tax revenues for the state. In fact, sales tax collections in January exceeded \$2 billion, the second time in three months they have done so.

While restaurants and the service sector played a role, State Comptroller Susan Combs gave the energy



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CARLOS I. URESTI

industry most of the credit, saying the monthly increase was led by the oil and natural gas-related sectors.

The state collected \$1.98 billion in sales tax revenues in the last month of 2011, the best December in at least five years. In her report, Combs noted that in the fiscal year ending Aug. 31, 2011, sales tax revenues from mining surged by 72 percent, with West Texas playing its part as well.

The increase, she said, resulted from "the boom in the Eagle Ford Shale play and the increased activity in the Permian Basin resulting from higher

oil prices and improved extraction technologies."

Great opportunities often come with great challenges, and Combs touched on one of them in her report.

To get oil out of shale, producers employ hydraulic fracturing, or fracking, an extraction process that requires millions of gallons of water to get each well on line and producing.

A steady supply of water will be necessary for Eagle Ford Shale production to continue, but can we count on that?

The Texas Railroad Commission has stated that there's

enough water in the Carrizo-Wilcox aquifer in South Texas to meet the demand for oil shale production and other users, such as the agriculture industry.

Going forward, we need to know how much water is available in the aquifer and other South Texas reservoirs for all purposes, particularly with forecasts for an extended drought.

This information will help us plan for the future — one that includes the continued play of the Eagle Ford Shale.

In his State of the Union address, President Obama pro-

claimed that, "Nowhere is the promise of innovation greater than in American-made energy." I agree, and I believe that innovation will allow the United States to pursue its own energy resources — with the goal of independence — in a way that protects the environment and other crucial industries.

Remember, innovation is one of the tools that puts the future in our hands. I am confident that it will help us extend the life and the economic promise of the Eagle Ford Shale.

SENATOR URESTI represents Senate District 19, which includes Crockett County.

Young and Immoral? Not So Fast

In the 8th century B.C., the Greek poet Hesiod lamented, "I see no hope for the future of our people if they are dependent on frivolous youth of today, for certainly all youth are reckless beyond words."

Not long ago, New York Times op-ed columnist David Brooks added to a long tradition of criticizing the moral vision of youth, this time targeting Millennials in his commentary "If It Feels Right." Pointing to a 2008 study by Notre Dame sociologist Christian Smith and a group of graduate students, Brooks criticized the high level of moral individualism in young America.

"Now more people are led to assume that the free-floating individual is the essential moral unit," he wrote. "Morality was once revealed, inherited and shared, but now it's thought of as something that emerges in the privacy of your own heart."

But not a few Millennials will beg to differ.

"I think the researchers got it wrong," said Valarie Kaur, director of Groundswell, a social action initiative at Auburn Seminary in New York City. "My generation is the most open-minded in history."

What's different today is Millennials represent the first generation to grow up in a digitally hip, multicultural environment — one marked by the unprecedented volume of ideas, and competing moral points of view, they encounter in the course of daily life. That has led to a degree of intellectual complexity and, some argue, a generally finer feel for social and cultural diversity than previous generations.

"Nearly half of us are non-white or multiracial," Kaur added. "Most of us support interracial dating, and the majority of us, including conservatives, accept gays and lesbians. We don't frame our moral commitments in the black-and-white language of previous generations because we've inherited the damage that comes from absolutes, whether partisan politics or fundamentalisms."

According to a 2004 study, "It's all good: Moral Relativism and the Moral Mind," conducted by Developmental Testing Service, the Millennial Generation has had access to the Internet and a diverse range of viewpoints and topics during their most inquisitive years. Its members therefore have more flexibility to choose the standards they agree with.

"I don't believe my generation is more or less moral than the generations that follow," said Kathy Olfers, 43, a stay-at-home mom who is



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raising teenage Millennials. "I think we may have had an easier time establishing what we believe to be right because we did not have as many choices to make. This generation of young people is bombarded with information, and it is difficult for people who are just forming moral standards to distinguish what is true, false, real or imagined."

Green agrees. "Younger people now are much less expecting of privacy. They are much less bigoted about homosexuality, ethnicity, or drug use. So there are differences, but they are products of our evolving culture, not innate."

In his column, Brooks warned of moral individualism, in which a person's moral compass is determined not by either-or teachings inherited from previous generations, but instead created through personal emotion and experience.

According to Rabbi Geoffrey A. Mitelman, that can be a good thing. Writing in the Huffington Post, Mitelman asserted that it is essential for young people to engage moral issues at a critical and personal level. "If we can lead young people to own their sense of morality — rather than feeling like it was 'given' to them — we may be able to help them further develop their sense of right and wrong," he wrote.

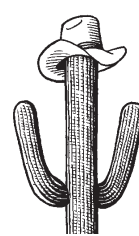
This sense of ethics often comes from conflicting sources — not just friends but also television and films. And at least to that degree Millennial moral coordinates may line up with those belonging to Babyboomer parents or grandparents, as well.

"I would be lying if I said the media has not affected my morals," said Hilary Holmes, 21, a psychology major at UT-Austin. "It would be impossible not to be affected by the media that happens around us unless we fully secluded ourselves from it entirely. At various times in my life, a movie or the Internet probably did affect what my morals were. However, this effect was likely fleeting because morals are not created based on one event, but rather on the way in which we perceive the world."

What would Hesiod have said about that?

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The Unknown Politician



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

This time next year we'll know if we'll suffer through four more years of the current resident of the White House or suffer four more years under his Republican challenger. Whoever wins, we'll find a way to suffer and survive. We always have.

I developed my lack of interest in all things political at a young age when Fred Triplebottom was elected President of our Junior High School.

Through all of recorded history the school president had gotten good grades, participated in sports and student council, and was quite often the teacher's pet.

Fred Triplebottom was none of the above. He skipped classes, got caught carrying a knife, never had the proper stationery, like pen and paper, and worst of all... he was a known smoker! Fred was slow as an ox, but not as smart, and today he'd be put in special classes and labeled learning disabled, mentally challenged or intellectually unremarkable. His parents never put a bumper sticker on their car bragging about their honor student and it wasn't just because his pop was in prison or his mom's car had no bumpers.

He'd been flunked several times and was much older than all of us yet he still got D's in school. D as in DUMB! I think his teachers just passed him along because they got tired of looking at him. It was considered a possibility by all of us that at his present rate of progress he'd have kids in the same grade as he was.

Fred had never shown the slightest inter-

est in anything to do with school. He didn't play in the band, or on any sports teams, and he hung around with the town's riff raff, not the sons and daughters of the town's aristocracy. That's why it was so puzzling when he announced he was running for school president. Why he wanted the position I have no idea. I don't think it was wealth and power, nor that it would look good on his resume. Fred didn't really need a resume where he was headed. A rap sheet yes, but a resume no. Maybe he thought it would look good when he applied for early parole?

Lacking a political machine and any record in politics, Fred relied on crudely made posters that said "Vote for Me." (How were we supposed to know who "Me" was?) Fred ran as a centrist candidate and a man of the people. You could say he was the "food candidate" as brownies and burgers were his platform. You see, we all had to eat in the school cafeteria, either that or starve. (Which was a viable alternative.) Fred promised brownies and burgers would be served three times a week. It was a brilliant strategy. The brownies we got occasionally were delicious, with a dusting of powdered sugar on top and the burg-

ers were always great. Usually all we got was mystery meat spaghetti, fish with the consistency of Jell-O and beans.

Lots and lots of beans, which despoiled the classroom environment in classes held after the lunch hour.

The reason we all believed that Fred could influence the menu in the school cafeteria was because his mom worked there. Mind you, she wasn't the nutritionist who decided what cheap slop to feed us every week, she was just one of the lady's in hairnets who slung the hash. But at that tender age we didn't know how the system worked. For all we knew, it was within her power to give us burgers and brownies every day of the week. Fred's campaign fed off this ignorance.

The elections were held at the end of seventh grade but his term didn't start until eighth grade, so this left the entire summer for school officials to stew over the apocalypse with Fred as president. Never before had someone from this low in the social pecking order been elected to any office. He was the Unknown Politician!

As it turned out Fred didn't do anything and brownies and burgers showed up on the menu at the same rate as they did before. But every time they did Fred would point out, "See there, look what I did for you."

The school survived Fred's reign as president and I suspect that whoever is elected this November, we will too.

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Redistricting solutions: One down, two to go

AUSTIN — Redistricting work continued last week and one part of the puzzle was solved.

State Sen. Wendy Davis, D-Fort Worth, on Feb. 15 announced an agreement with Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott that will keep her Senate District 10 boundaries as they were in 2001, instead of the version state lawmakers enacted last spring. Davis is plaintiff and Abbott defendant in one of three ongoing redistricting lawsuits. The GOP-dominated Legislature reconfigured SD-10 in a way that divided traditional communities of interest and would have made it nearly impossible for Davis, a freshman elected in 2008, to be reelected.

On Feb. 17, state Rep. Trey Martinez-Fischer, D-San Antonio, chair of the Mexican American Legislative Caucus, released a statement alleging discrimination against Latino and other minority voters in the creation of the state House and congressional plans, and added, "As such, MALC cannot set aside its principles for the sake of expediency."

So, still up in the air are Texas' U.S. congressional and

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state House district maps, the subjects of two consolidated multi-plaintiff lawsuits, both known as *Perez v. Texas*. If settled, those sets of maps, along with the agreed-upon state Senate district map, still must be submitted for preclearance in accordance with the U.S. Voting Rights Act. When or if that occurs, state party primaries could be set on a single date, and the path paved toward the picking of nominees who will face each other in the November general election.

But likelihood of this time-consuming litigation was forewarned during the regular session of the Texas Legislature when Democrats, in the face of a Republican supermajority, protested the drawing of maps that would not reflect the growth of minority populations, and Latinos most pointedly, between Census 2000 and Census 2010.

Republican majorities in both houses of the state Legislature nevertheless pushed through House, Senate and congressional redistricting maps that

sparked federal lawsuits, and those maps have been in litigation ever since.

Two weeks ago, Attorney General Abbott optimistically suggested that April primaries were still attainable. But, because of candidate filing periods and ballot printing deadlines — and because revised state House and U.S. congressional districts are not settled — and because the preclearance process through the U.S. Department of Justice and the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals will need to be satisfied — it may be late May before the primaries can be conducted.

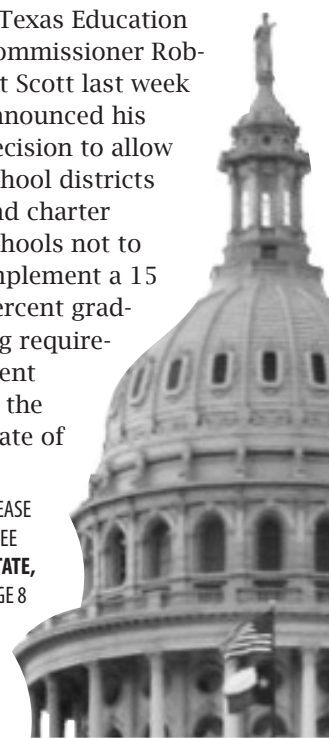
It's generally accepted that the earlier a state's primaries are conducted, the greater the influence on the presidential race because of momentum-building and fund-raising. But Texas' high-stakes battles for increased representation between partisan and non-partisan constituencies have pushed the primaries later and later on the calendar. Some say that the power of the Texas vote is diminished or even nulli-

fied. But with its 36 congressional seats and a winner-takes-all rule on election night in November, the importance of Texas can still pack a wallop in the presidential race.

GRADING REQUIREMENT ON HOLD

Texas Education Commissioner Robert Scott last week announced his decision to allow school districts and charter schools not to implement a 15 percent grading requirement in the State of

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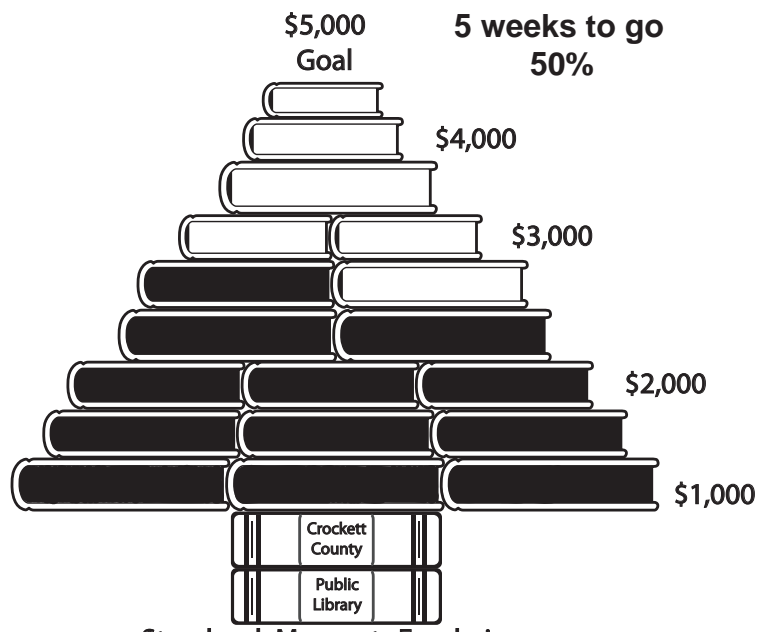
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Chamber banquet aiming to raise funds for library

The Crockett County Public Library has partnered with the Ozona Chamber of Commerce to conduct a fund raiser to supplement the County budget and the Friends of the Library fundraising efforts to maintain the current level of service provided by our library, due to a loss in state and federal library funding. Our goal is to raise \$5,000 or 100 \$50 donations. How Can you help?
 -Buy a ticket to the chamber banquet for \$15 and join us at the Civic Center on Thursday, March 29.
 The chamber will announce the Business of the Year, our cam-

paign results, and the Way Off Broadway Players will perform a portion of the play, "Ruthie's Cafe" set in a small town diner. Have a great meal, enjoy a production, and help the library all at the same time. Call 392-3737 to make your reservations.
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Fenton-Holloway to wed in June

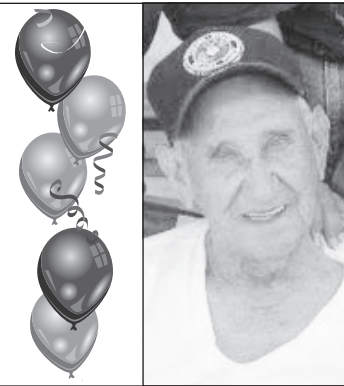
Mr. and Mrs. Shane Fenton, of Ozona, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter, Peyton Shea Fenton, to Justin Paul Holloway. Justin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Holloway of Buffalo Gap, Texas and a 2005 graduate of Abilene Christian University. Peyton will graduate from ACU on May 12, 2012 and the couple will marry June 2, 2012 in San Angelo, Texas.

Happy Birthday

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- Feb. 23** - Mary Capps and Tonya Bullard
- Feb. 24** - Billie Morris, Shana Granger, Jaylynn Tijerina, Billy Nowell and Jacob Moran
- Feb. 25** - Greg Hopper,
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- Feb. 26** - Jose E. Mata, Christian Kaleb Fuentes and Camille Allen
- Feb. 27** - Paula Ramirez
- Feb. 28** - Krislynn Harris, Brenda Venegas, Desiree Marshall and Alfredo Lopez

Happy 89th Birthday Welo

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Wednesday, Feb. 22**
- Ash Wednesday - services at noon, 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at OLPH Catholic Church.
 - Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, Feb. 23**
- Lions baseball at the San Angelo Lake View Tournament.
 - Tornado drill, 9:30 a.m. at Ozona Schools.
 - Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - OHS Band to participate in UIL Concert Clinic, 7-9 p.m. at OHS Band Hall.
- Friday, Feb. 24**
- Lions baseball at the San Angelo Lake View Tournament.
 - Lady Lions softball at the West Texas Classic Tournament in Midland.
 - OHS UIL Computer Science teams to compete at College Station.
 - OHS Tennis Team at Fort Stockton.
 - Nutrition/Food Pantry, 9:30 a.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
 - OMS Track Meet, 4 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- Saturday, Feb. 25**
- Lions baseball at the San Angelo Lake View Tournament.
 - Lady Lions softball at the West Texas Classic Tournament in Midland.
 - OHS UIL Computer Science teams to compete at College Station
 - OHS Tennis Team at Fort Stockton.
 - OMS Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls to attend STEM Conference at Angelo State University.
 - Levis and Lace Square Dance, 2 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Sunday, Feb. 26**
- Congressman Francisco "Quico" Canseco visit, 1 p.m. at the courthouse annex.
- Monday, Feb. 27**
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Lions baseball vs. Reagan County, 4:30 p.m. at Big Lake.
 - Elevator Open House, 6-8 p.m. at the Crockett County Museum.
- Tuesday, Feb. 28**
- Dominos at the Senior Center.
 - Lady Lions softball vs. McCamey, 5 p.m. at McCamey.
 - Levis and Lace Square Dance Lessons, 7 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Wednesday, Feb. 29**
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.

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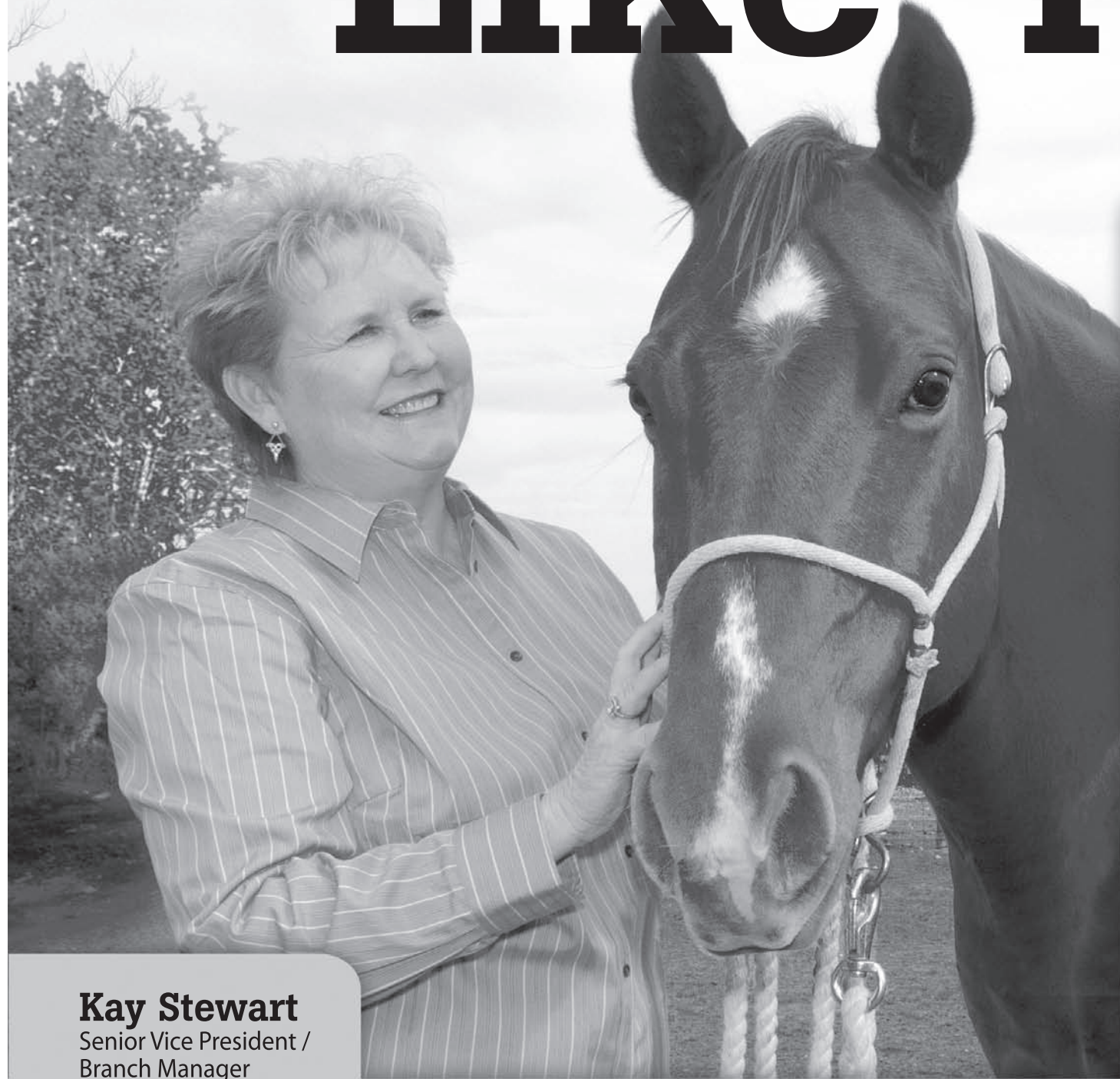
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said. "It's our responsibility, not the doctor, not the pharmacist. We are the only ones that can choose how we live every day."

More than a quarter of deaths in the United States are caused by some form of heart disease, according to the American Heart Association.

Heart disease is also the number one killer for women, second only to cancer. The American Heart Association states that heart disease causes one and three deaths each year, which is around one each minute.

Around 11.7 million women are affected by heart disease, which adds up to a national cost of \$43.6 billion and a per capita cost (per person cost) of \$3,723,

Wadsworth said in her presentation.

These costs come from insurance, non-insured, medications and medical treatment.

"Eighty percent of heart disease is preventable," Wadsworth said. "It comes from what we eat and what we don't do."

One of the biggest lifestyle changes people can make is to stop smoking, Wadsworth said.

Another big change is to become better educated on being healthy.

Four factors that contribute to long-term weight gain include French fries, potato chips, sugar sweetened beverages and red meat.

"It's not as much as what we eat, but how often we eat it and what we choose," Wadsworth said. "What's

in our kitchen cabinet and what should we be eating."

Also too-little activity can be a contributing factor. Wadsworth said workplaces should get employees motivated to "get moving."

"In the long haul it will save in having healthy employees," she said. "We don't think about 10 years down the road. We're too busy and we don't have time."

Tips for a healthy lifestyle include eating smart, having a healthy weight, be active, no tobacco, low or no alcohol, recommended health screenings, lifelong learning and staying connected with friends and family.

"You do what you can to not get into those predicaments," Wadsworth said.

To learn more about being heart healthy, visit www.goredforwomen.org

DEATH NOTICES

Linda Sherek

Linda Sherek, 67, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2012 at her residence.

Graveside service was Friday, Feb. 17, 2012 in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include two sisters; Bonnie Ogle of Ozona and Dorothy Wilson of Sonora; five brothers, Bobby Harris of San Angelo, James Harris of Eola, Cliff Harris of Fort Stockton, Hal Harris and Rusty Harris both of Ozona.

OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS

Bingo social Thursday

BY LYNN ENGLISH
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

Senior Center book supply it would be greatly appreciated if you did so.

On Tuesday, Feb. 21, the Ozona Woman's Forum met here at the Senior Center. Members brought canned goods for the Helping Hands.

Garry and Sharlotte Wester spoke about Sharing Ecuador Missions. Garry is the son of Nell Wester.

Gus Richardson dropped by the Senior Center, went by and put a piece in the puzzle we are working on. Gus you should come more often and help finish this puzzle.

On Thursday, Feb. 23, Answers on Aging will be here at the Senior Center from noon-1 p.m. Helping seniors to learn more about services offered.

Our Bingo Social will be held Thursday, Feb. 23, at 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center. We will be serving Subway sandwiches, cookies, coffee, iced tea or water. We hope all of you will come. Mark your calendar. Come and bring a prize.

There is still no news concerning Concho Valley Community Action. Watch this column and I will let you know as soon as I know something.

We still do not have enough calendars to send out to the people that Helping Hands deliver meals to. We would greatly appreciate any more extra 2012 calendars that you may have.

Also if you have books that you can donate to the

The bridge game will be played on Monday at 1:30 p.m. Those who attend have the best time playing bridge and they appreciate using our Senior Center.

Levis and Lace square dance lessons will be on Tuesdays but will occasionally be on a Monday night. Check with a square dance member to make sure of the day they are giving lessons.

Also Levis and Lace have changed their regular square dances to every second and fourth Saturday from 2-4 p.m.

Tuesdays have been set aside for any of you who would play dominos. You can play in late AM or early afternoon.

If you would like to set up a game call Lynn English at 392-9094.

On Wednesday a group meets to play Mexican Train. These players get very competitive and have fun playing this exciting game.

We have our regular activities: bridge, bingo, pool, canasta, domino games, and puzzles. We also have a collection of books, magazines, a Wii game, and two computers that have internet for seniors to use.

We also have a projector with stand, a screen, and also have a wonderful key board.

Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults 50 years old and older.

Nutrition/Food Pantry program Friday

The Nutrition/Food Pantry program will be held Friday, Feb. 24, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

This class focuses on nutritious foods and spending your food money wisely.

Recipes will be given.

The class is open to all interested persons. However, in order to receive a food box, you must pre-register.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

Medicare program March 8

The Area Agency on Aging of the Concho Valley will present a Medicare Information program on March 8 at the Ozona United Methodist Church.

Lunch will be served at noon with the program to follow.

Jim Bright, a certified benefits counselor from the Concho Valley Area Agency on Aging, will present the program that will benefit members of Medicare and persons nearing Medicare enrollment.

The program is de-

signed to help people have a better understanding of Medicare and to provide consumers with the resources in order to make informed decisions.

Medicare Part A, Part B, Part C and Part D will all be covered.

There is a wealth of information to be discussed in addition to answering questions.

Medicare open enrollment is Oct. 15-Dec. 7.

For more information, call the Area Agency on Aging at (325) 944-9666.

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CHOICES

Recently I heard a country music song about choices and I believe it was by George Jones. The song went on to say we live with those choices. We are faced with choices all of our lives and they can be enjoyable and wonderful or they can be painful or heartbreaks. I remember in school when I did not make good choices and met with the board of education and I can assure you it was a painful experience and it led me to making different choices. The Bible talks a lot about choices. God created Adam and Eve and also made a beautiful place for them to live called the Garden of Eden. They chose to disobey God and they were thrown out of that beautiful place, (Exodus 3:17-19&24). Some bad choices may be when we chose to start drinking alcohol, using tobacco products, experimenting with drugs, premarital or extramarital sex and the list goes on and on, (Romans 6:23, Ephesians 5:18 1 Thessalonians 5:5-11). Some good choices may be choosing to read the Bible, going to Church or Sunday school, hanging out with people who love God and this list goes on, (Psalm 119:9, 1 Peter 2:2). The greatest choice we can make is to accept Jesus Christ as personal Lord and Savior, (John 1:12&5:24). Other choices follow after that and those should bring honor to us and God, (Ephesians 5:15-17). See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Pastor Chris Johnson Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Ozona Church of Christ 1002 11th St. Mr. Johnnie Perkins Worship: 10:45 a.m., 6:00 p.m. Sun. Bible Class: 9:45 a.m.</p>	<p>Ozona United Methodist Church 12 - 11th St. Pastor Jean Reardon Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>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. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Iglesia de Dios De La Profecia 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Maria C. Salcedo Lunes: 6:00 p.m. Domingo: 9:45 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. Martes: 6:00 p.m. Jueves: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Nilo Nalugon Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Tues. - Sat.: 6 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Sunday Worship: 6 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Carlos Cantu Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>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.</p>	

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Cancer prevention class March 6

The Cancer Empowerment and Resource Center will present an educational class on cancer prevention and screening from 12:15-1 p.m. March 6 in the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

The class is free and open to anyone in the com-

munity. Please bring your own lunch.

The event is funded in whole or in part by the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute of Texas.

For more information, call E.A. Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060 or e-mail cancerempowerment@shannonhealth.org.

AARP free tax preparation March 3

AARP free tax preparation will take place from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. March 3 in Eldorado Public Library, 201 SW Main St., at Eldorado.

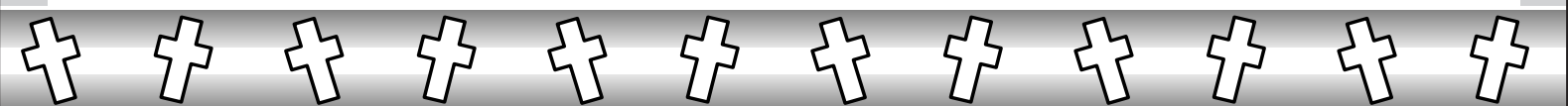
People in Eldorado, Ozona, Sonora, Mertzson and Menard are invited to make

an appointment to have their income tax prepared and filed electronically.

For more information, or to make an appointment, call Patsy Kellogg at (325) 853-2574 and leave a message.

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push back a bond election until November.

"This means we have plenty of time," said Larry Harvey, architect with Chapman Harvey Architects in Lubbock.

Harvey presented estimates on the five-phase concepts that were presented to the board last month.

For all five phases, plus rock excavation, estimated cost for renovations and new buildings to Ozona High School is \$44 million.

The amount is based on prices from the last six to eight months, Harvey said.

"As you change your mind and items are adjusted, this all may change, but this is where we are today. These are also high estimates and we are also trying to figure in inflation on what the cost would be five years from now," Harvey said.

The concepts include connecting the existing Heritage and Main Buildings with new classrooms and a new band hall.

The existing cafeteria would be relocated into a renovated main building, along with renovating the auditorium. District Administration Offices would be relocated to the Heritage Building.

The old buildings along Avenue D would be demolished to make room for a new event center or gymnasium that would attach to the existing Davidson Gymnasium.

Also, Avenue D would be closed off to make room for a new band practice field and landscape areas.

At last week's meeting, Harvey presented some changes to the concept. These changes include moving the band hall out in front of the new buildings that will join the existing Heritage and Main Buildings together.

Also, a road from Rugged Road to Avenue E, that would be constructed to allow traffic through, was presented as wider. This is due to the closing of Avenue D in the concept.

The existing cafeteria would become a new parking lot instead of classroom space. Classrooms planned in the original concept would now be in the new buildings between Heritage and Main.

Technology buildings next to the existing cafeteria would also be renovated to allow for more office space.

"We have plenty of time before November," Harvey said.

The board asked Harvey to bring concepts without the closing of Avenue D to the March meeting and to start working on a model of what the school would look like.

FIELD HOUSE RENOVATIONS

Harvey also presented the board with updated information on the Lion Stadium Field House Project.

Advertising for bids and notices sent to contractors has been done, including contacting Waldrop Construction in Brownwood and four contractors in the Lubbock area, Harvey said. Waldrop Construction built the new Ozona Elementary School.

"It's in your best interest to get as many bids as possible, to your advantage to get as many interested contractors as possible to get the best price," Harvey said.

The board is not committed to anything until they decide, and the board can reject all bids.

A pre-bid conference is set for 10 a.m. today (Feb. 22) with bid opening to be at 2 p.m. March 8. Between March 8-21, Harvey said he will check all the bids and call references for each one and then present a recommendation to the board at their March 21 meeting.

The board does not have to accept Harvey's recommendation.

Once the board accepts a bid, then construction can begin on an addition for the field house that will include girls and boys locker areas, weight room area, public restrooms for the visitor side of the stadium and a joint athletic training area.

Superintendent Chris duBois said the district does not have an exact cost yet, due to waiting on bids.

The project was originally planned to be funded through the Qualified School Construction Bond funds the district received from the federal government.

duBois said the school district's attorneys have cau-

tioned them on using QSCB funds for the entire project due to restrictions.

QSCB funds are to be used for renovating existing facilities, not building new ones. Part of the field house project includes building new facilities.

"We will have to pay with other resources," duBois said.

The district could set aside some of their current fund balance to pay for the project, and then reimburse the amount if a bond is passed.

The district has around \$1.5 million left of the original \$3.4 million in QSCB funds.

Part of the \$1.5 million will go toward the new football field turf at Lion Stadium (see article on page 1), leaving around \$800,000 for part of the field house project.

duBois said all of the projects the board has authorized with the funds have been completed, which include new heating and air condition for the Heritage Building, roofing repairs to school buildings, renovations to the stands, new track, concession stand and field events area all at Lion Stadium, sunshades over playground equipment at the elementary school and roofing, flooring and driveways on school housing.

SPECIAL POPULATIONS REPORT

Wilson gave the board a presentation and report on the district's special populations programs and work she has been conducting.

Wilson said she has been on every campus helping teachers and working on getting the district up to compliance in different areas.

During her presentation, Wilson also reported on the public meeting held Jan. 26 about the different programs. At the meeting, several positive things were mentioned about parents receiving information on their child and communicating with teachers.

More information on how parents can attend workshops and training for their child, along with state and local contact information each year, is needed, she said.

Wilson also said programs such as Power Hour at OHS, RTI at OMS and OES and AVID need to continue.

"We do have good things going on our campuses," she said.

DISTRICT SPOTLIGHT

Several representatives of Ozona Schools gave a presentation at the Texas Association of School Administrators Mid-winter Convention earlier this month.

The presentation focused on several CCCCSD programs, including the OHS Walk for Success that involves home visits to students' families, the AVID program, college and financial aid nights, students making college visits, programs in OMS to prepare students for high school and more.

"We talked a lot about relationship building with the kids. Make them know it is possible to go to college, a trade school or technical college and that they can go on and do something with their lives," Carty said.

OPEN FORUM/PUBLIC COMMENTS

Local resident Tina Bean addressed the board at the beginning of the meeting.

Bean spoke to the board about district programs, such as Read Right, AVID and the Go Center for college preparation, and how they were brought by duBois.

"I can't believe changing the administrative leadership would be advantageous to the children of this district when we are moving in the right direction. Our superintendent is highly revered in the administrative circles. I hope we can continue with his programs and his direction," she said.

OTHER APPROVED AGENDA ITEMS

·District Mission, Vision and Goals.

·The 2012-2013 official school calendar.

·Wavier from the Texas Education Agency for 10 staff development days.

·Letter of engagement from the district's financial audit for the year ending August 2012 with Eckert and Co. L.L.P.

FUTURE BUSINESS

The next regular school board meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. March 21 at the Administration Building.

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well as several schools in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

The type of turf that will be installed in Ozona is called Sportturf 419.

According to the company's website, Sportturf 419 was developed in cooperation between the oldest continually operated turf factory in the United States and Carter Construction Company.

"We believe we have developed the best turf on the market. It has more fiber than our competitors turf and it looks more realistic," the website states.

Brown said one of the advantages of turf is that practices can be held on it, instead of being on the practice field which is smaller. Band practices and Pee Wee Football can also be held on a turf field.

"You can practice on it every day," Brown said. "At one time only the bigger schools had artificial turf but now you see it in many smaller districts as well. Our kids are excited."

Other area schools that have turf include McCamey, Grape Creek, Crane, Pecos, Monahans and Kermit. Robert Lee and Wink are currently having it installed, Brown said.

With the new field, Ozona will be the only football team in its new Class 1A district with turf.

However, the Lions will be playing Grape Creek and Crane for non-district games. Ozona has also played on McCamey's field, along with the turf field in San Angelo Stadium and at Midland Christian.

Crane's Coach Naldo Esparza said the Golden Cranes have played on turf for three seasons now.

"I wouldn't have it any other way," Esparza said. "When it rains, the drainage system is good. The field is playable. The playing surface is a lot better."

Crane's field was one of the first installed in West Texas. At first, Esparza said they had problems with some of the seams coming loose, but the company came back and fixed the issue.

"Most fields don't have that problem," he said.

Maintenance on the field is minimal. Alan Swinford, Crane's maintenance director, said they clean and groom the field and once a year run a magnet over it to pick up any metal that may have fallen from uniforms or equipment.

"The biggest advantage in our part of the country is that we save the water. That's significant," Swinford said. "When you first buy your field, there is so much preparation and construction cost that you don't realize your savings. In the second year, you see the monetary savings."

During last year's drought, the idea of turf fields started becoming more appealing to school districts.

According to a report from KUT News in Austin, Cavalier Stadium, home to Austin's Lake Travis High School, saw watering costs skyrocket from \$6,000 to \$10,000 during May-September.

Mike Brooks at the Texas Association of School Boards said it's another reason for districts across the state to switch to artificial turf, the KUT News article stated.

"I think that's what was sort of the tipping point. Part of it also is the lack of funds for maintenance and operations. It costs a lot less to maintain and operate artificial turf fields, versus natural grass," Brooks said.

However, the heat did not exempt turf fields from problems.

At Wylie High School outside Abilene, the athletics department had to water its artificial turf last summer. The scorching triple digit temperatures warmed the rubber infill up to 185 degrees in some parts.

Esparza said they tried watering the turf in Crane to cool it down last summer, but the results were more humidity.

"One of the things we are real careful with now is keeping the kids hydrated," Esparza said. "Our kids get use to it and having a trainer on hand helps. In the long run, it pays off."

McCamey ISD Superintendent Donny Wiley, said

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Cost of Options - Football Game Field			
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Natural Turf - Local Projections Using Vendor Quote for New		Annually	Yrs
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Local Labor (35% of Groundskeeper Payroll)		\$ 13,300	16 \$ 212,800
Water (Municipal Source)		\$ 5,300	16 \$ 84,800
Field Paint		\$ 800	16 \$ 12,800
Equipment		\$ 3,500	2 \$ 7,000
Contracted Maint / Chemicals		\$ 5,340	12 \$ 64,080
Top Dressing		\$ 12,340	4 \$ 49,360
	Total:		\$ 611,007
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Initial Installation		\$ 667,394	1 \$ 667,394
Replacement at 8 Yrs		\$ 340,000	1 \$ 340,000
Equipment		\$ 3,000	2 \$ 6,000
Contracted Maint		\$ 3,500	16 \$ 56,000
	Total:		\$ 1,069,394
	Associated Borrowing Cost		\$ 117,633.3
	Total Cost to TaxPayers		\$ 1,187,027
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since the installation of their turf field four years ago, it has "cut back drastically on water bills."

"This is one of the best investments our school district ever made," Wiley said.

McCamey's field has also brought additional revenue to their district and community. The turf field has allowed the school district to host playoff games, along with hosting last year's Six-Man Shootout that featured a day-long event of six-man football games.

"We are really pleased," he said.

One of the biggest issues with turf fields has been player injuries compared to grass fields.

According to the KUT News report, the fake grass being used these days has come a long way since Astro-Turf was first installed in the Houston Astrodome in 1966.

"A lot of the stuff you hear, the rumors you hear, 'Well my son tore his ACL the first year they put in turf.' Well, he may have torn it anyways," Brian Farr, the director of the Athletic Training Education Program at the University of Texas, told KUT News.

"So I think the rumor has taken over, so when you look back at when people have actually studied it, there's no truth to it. There's no trend." CCCCSD's Athletic Trainer Vance Gohlke said he has researched grass versus turf injuries and was surprised by his findings.

"In my eyes field turf to natural grass has always been pretty close to an equal trade off in the injury category, but according to this study I was mistaken," Gohlke said.

Gohlke's research led him to a study conducted by Dr. Michael C. Myers of Montana St. University published in the "American Journal of Sports Medicine."

Myers conducted a three-year independent study on game related college football

injuries from seven different conferences including: ACC, BIG 12, Big East, Mountain West, Conference USA, WAC and PAC 10.

The study covered a total of 465 games, 230 on Field Turf and 235 on Natural Grass, from the seasons of 2006 to 2008.

Within the study they defined an injury as something that you had to miss game time for.

In substantial injuries, that are missing a minimum of seven days to a maximum of 21 days, there were only 114 incidents on field turf compared to 169 on natural grass. That is 32 percent fewer on field turf than natural grass.

Severe injuries, that is missing a minimum of 22 days and there is not a maximum amount of days, there were only 61 incidents on field turf compared to 96 on natural grass. That is 35 per-

cent fewer on field turf than natural grass.

The study continues on to give many statistical numbers on different injuries, such as 85 percent less muscle tears on field turf, 48 percent fewer ligament tears, 22 percent fewer concussions and 58 percent less ACL trauma.

Esparza said for the players in Crane, the injuries over the past three seasons have been very minimal and only one concussion, which was mild.

"When people ask me about field turf, and their perceived notion that it causes more injuries, I try to explain my point of view of it to them like this. Why would an NFL owner put down a surface for his million dollar athletes to play on that is proven to cause more injuries? They would not risk their investments like that," Gohlke said.

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Lady Lions win first game over Reagan County

The Ozona Lady Lions Softball Team won their first game of the season, 18-1, over Reagan County on Feb. 14.

Adrienne Sanchez and Samantha De La Garza were the pitchers for the Lady Lions with Kodi Glosson catching.

The Lady Lions wasted no time as Cynthia Garcia led off the game by getting on base and scoring, after a double by Glosson.

Sanchez was in full force pitching mode as she held the Lady Lions scoreless for four innings and struck out 10 batters.

The Lady Lions scored seven runs in the first inning, followed by two in third and then a whopping 10 in the fourth.

The Lady Lions only run came in the fifth inning.

Scoring runs for the Lady Lions were: Cynthia Garcia 2; Glosson 3; Bethany Martinez 2; Sanchez 3; De La Garza 3; Vivian Medina 3; Lexi Poindexter 2; Kyann Hernandez 1; Keyanna Perez 1. Also playing: Lazarae Rodriguez, Jade Carty, Meagan Espinosa, Kaylee Ramirez and Jennifer Marquez.

"We were all anxious to get out on the field and play an actual game against an opponent. We are a young team and couldn't wait to see how we would respond in game situations," said Coach Butch Gonzalez. "The girls exceeded my expectations as they roared out of the dugout and showed no signs of nerves. We are in the process of growing and improving daily with our focus being on effort, fundamentals and having fun."

In their second game, the Lady Lions lost to a very talented Fort Stockton team 8-5 on Feb. 18.

The Lady Lions fell behind early and closed the

gap late in the game, but fell short at the end.

Fort Stockton would get the early lead in the first four runs, but the Lady Lions would come back with three in the second.

The Lady Prowlers would score four more times in the third, fifth and sixth, holding Ozona scoreless until the sixth inning.

Pitching for Ozona was Sanchez and catching was Glosson.

Scoring for the Lady Lions: De La Garza 2; Medina 2 and Marquez 1. Also playing: Perez, Glosson, Garcia, Sanchez, Martinez, Carty, Rodriguez and Ramirez.

"I was really impressed with the way our girls competed and they way they finished the game," Gonzalez said. "We started some players in different positions for a variety of reasons, but our message to the team was 'the best part of playing a game is that we don't know the outcome. That's what makes it fun and challenging.' I was proud of the way they responded to the challenge, and it was fun."

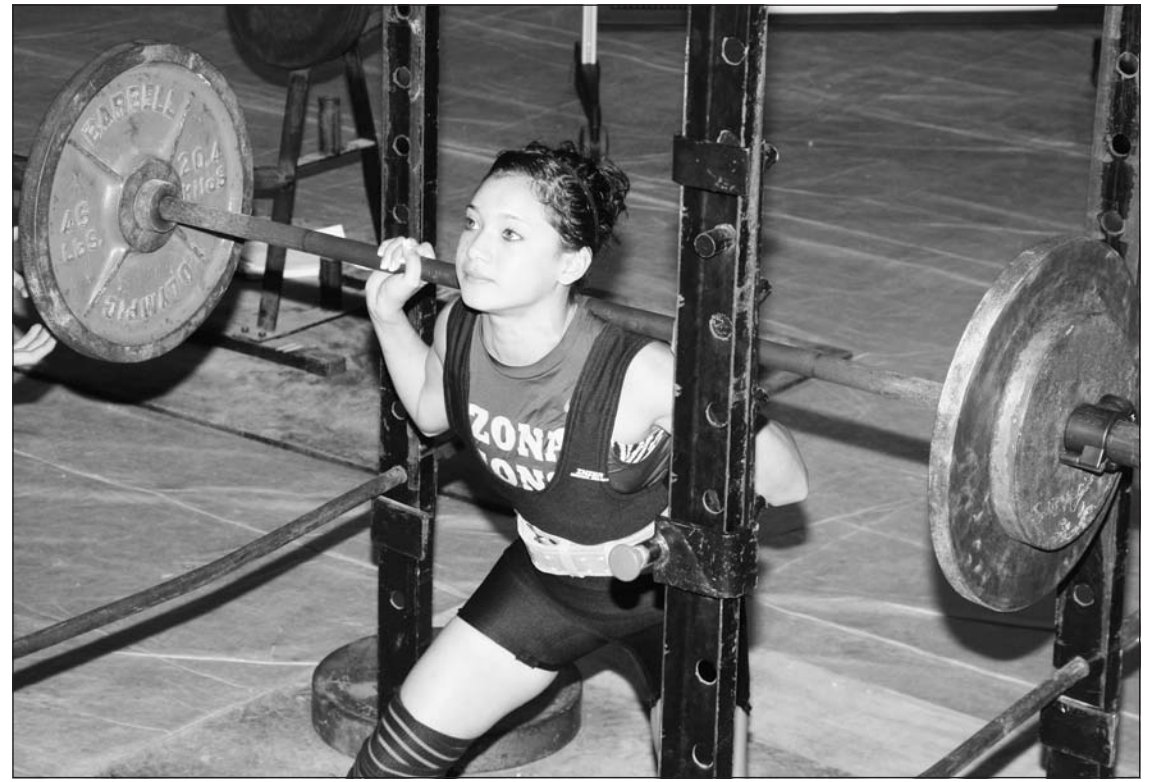
The Lady Lions will play in the West Texas Classic Friday and Saturday in Midland.

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DAISY GUERRA CAME HOME WITH THIRD PLACE IN THE 105 WEIGHT CLASS with a weight total of 510 pounds at the powerlifting meet held in Eldorado on Feb. 18.

Lady Lions Powerlifting perform well in final meet of the year

The Ozona Lady Lions powerlifting team traveled to Eldorado this past Saturday to compete in their final meet and possibly a spot in the regional meet.

The ladies scored a total of 12 points to finish eighth out of 14 teams.

In the 105 weight class, Daisy Guerra took third place with a weight total of 510 pounds and Elizabeth Kennedy tied for fourth place with an improved to-

tal of 485.

In the 148 weight class, Jenny Venegas brought home second with a 680 pound total while Nicole Higgins took third with a 615 total.

Kyann Hernandez and Rebecca Hernandez occupied the sixth and seventh spot with a 535 and 510 total.

Nancy Rodriguez put up a good 230 pound squat but unfortunately struggled

during the bench press competition.

"These young ladies worked hard preparing for every meet and, regionals or not, we are very proud of them," said Coach Todd Iglehart. "All ladies improved every meet but the two with the most impressive increases from the first meet were Elizabeth (90 pounds) and Rebecca (120)."

Regional qualifiers will be announced later this week.



OHS STUDENTS spent the weekend on a College Road Trip. Joaquin Meza (right) and Jerrod duBois are finishing up a great day at Aggieland Saturday by heading to the A&M vs. Missouri men's Basketball game.

Lions Powerlifting finish regular season at Eldorado

Hazael Damian led the Lions by placing third in the 220 pound class with a total of 1,060 pounds.

Saul Vargas placed fourth in the 132 pound class with a total of 855 pounds.

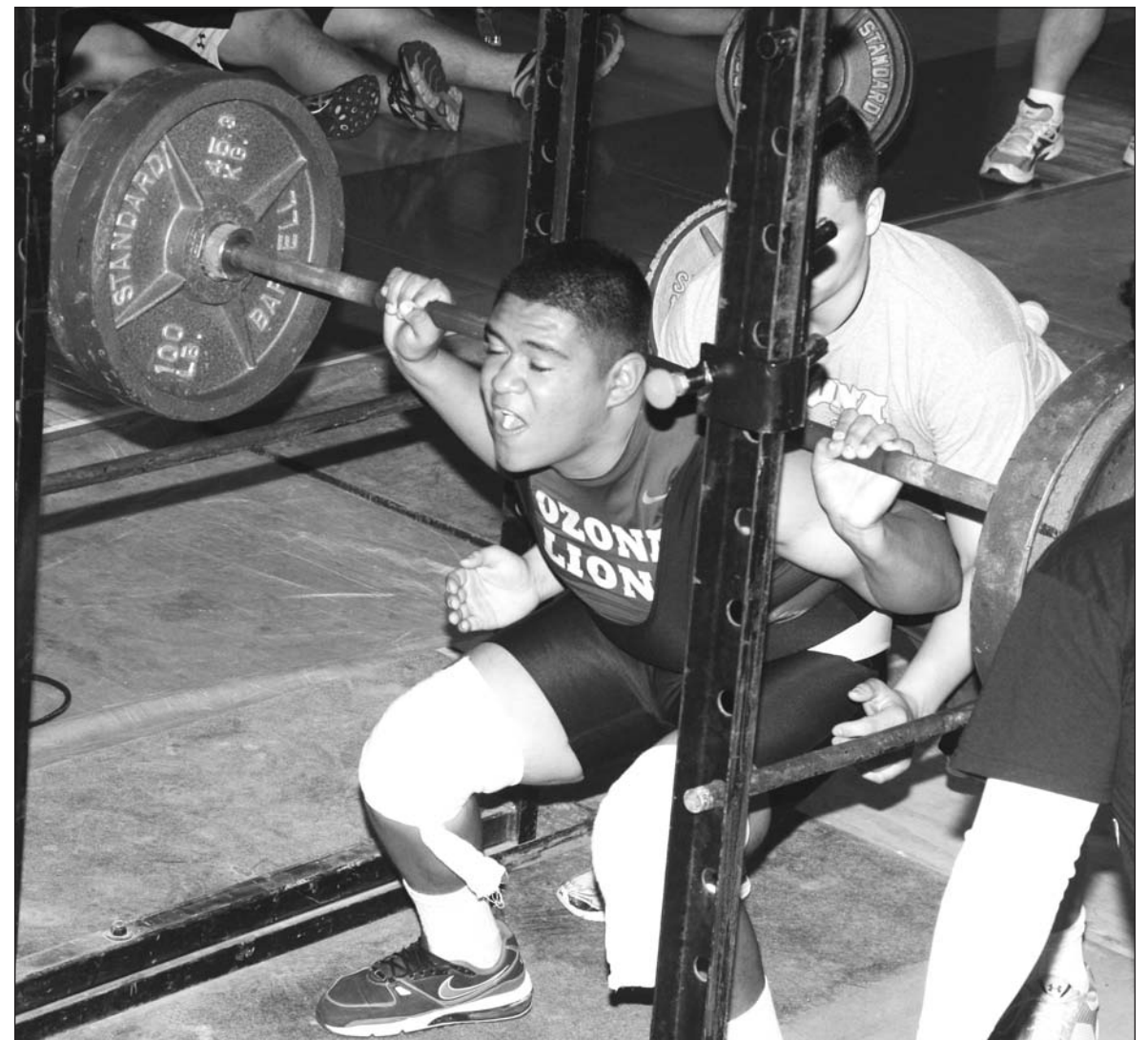
Other lifters and totals were: Ryan Kennedy (148) - 900 pound total, Daniel Lombrana (181) -

905 pound total, Rigo Rodriguez (220) - 960 pound total, Emilio Mendez (220) - 750 pound total, and Chris Cantu (148) - 880 pound

total. "This was a successful season because all lifters improved their totals each meet and that means we

are getting stronger," said Coach David Kennedy.

Regional qualifiers will be announced later this week.



RIGO RODRIGUEZ LIFTED A TOTAL OF 960 POUNDS IN THE 220 LB. WEIGHT CLASS at the powerlifting meet held in Feb. 18 in Eldorado.

JV OHS Tennis plays at Reagan County

OHS JV Tennis players competed in the Reagan County Tournament this weekend.

In girls' singles, Lazarae Rodriguez, Ozona def Katy Wade, Reagan County, 8-0; Abby Garcia, Sonora def Jadie Marshall, Ozona, 8-1 and Sassy Howard, McCamey, def Alex Rodriguez, Ozona, 8-2.

Rodriguez won her second round match 8-7(5).

The tournament was stopped due to hail and rain. No consolation matches were played.

The Varsity Tournament was cancelled due to rain Friday and Saturday.

The varsity team will play in Fort Stockton this weekend.

Ozona Middle School Relays Schedule Of Events - Friday, Feb. 24, 2012

- 3:00 p.m. Scratch Meeting
- 4:00 p.m. Field Events
 - Shot Put (3 Throws, No Finals) - South Ring
 - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls
 - Discus (3 Throws, No Finals) - North Ring
 - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls
- 4:00 p.m. - 3200 Meter Run 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls

ALL RUNNING EVENTS ARE FINAL

- 400 M. Relay - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls
- 800 M. Dash - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls
- 100 M. Hurdles - 7th Girls, 8th Girls
- 110 M. Hurdles - 7th Boys, 8th Boys
- 100 M. Dash - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls
- 800 M. Relay - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls
- 400 M. Dash - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls
- 300 M. Hurdles - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls
- 200 M. Dash - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls
- 1600 M. Run - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls
- 1600 M. Relay - 7th Girls, 7th Boys, 8th Boys, 8th Girls

OHS Track Schedule

- Fri., Feb. 24 Ozona
- Thur., Mar. 1 Sonora
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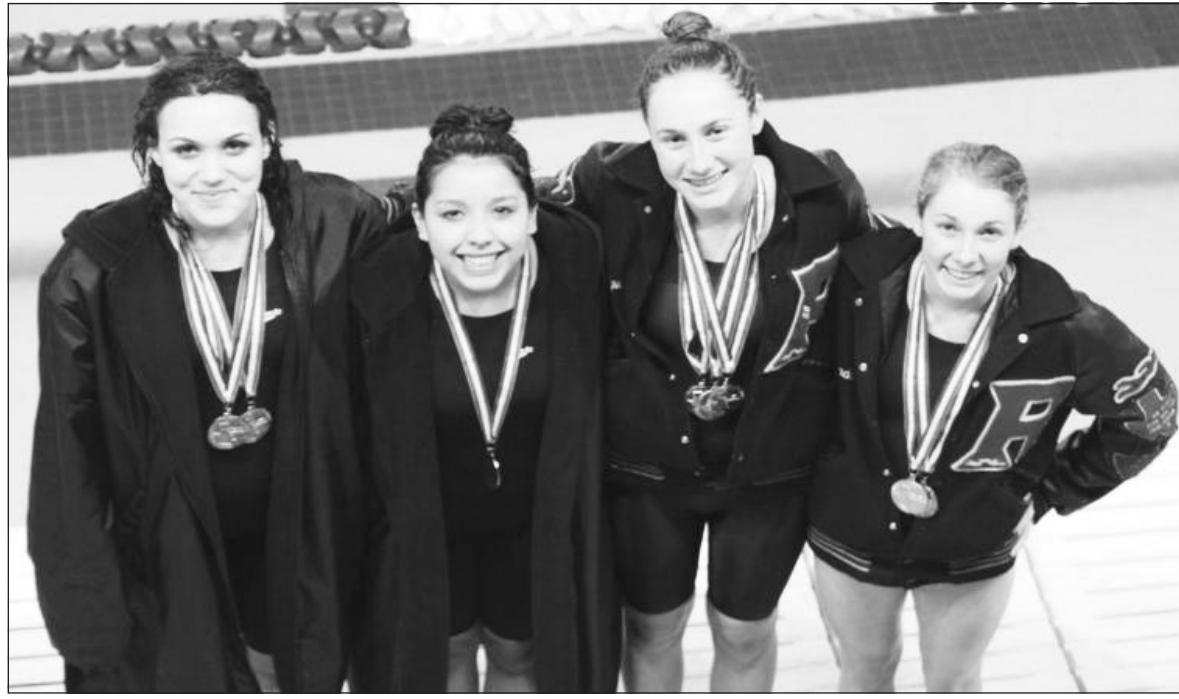


CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H WOOL AND MOHAIR JUDGING TEAM won first place at the 2012 San Angelo Stock Show. Pictured are: (left to right) Coach Carlon Stapper, Linda Stapper, Kinsey Chandler, Thomas Cruz and Lanna Stapper.

Wool and mohair team wins San Angelo Show

The Crockett County 4-H Wool and Mohair Judging team placed first overall at the San Angelo Stock Show this weekend. Crockett County was first over Kerr County and Sutton County in overall teams. Crockett County was also High Point Team in Mo-

hair. In High Place Individuals for Mohair, Linda Stapper placed first and Kinsey Chandler was third. In Overall Individuals, Linda Stapper was second and Kinsey Chandler third. Also participating were Lanna Stapper and Thomas Cruz.



MONICA VALLEJO TAMBUNGA (pictured with her teammates) will be representing Rouse High School as a member of the 400 freestyle relay at the 4A state swimming championships in Austin on Friday, Feb. 24. The 400 freestyle relay placed second at the 4A regional swimming championships in San Antonio on Feb. 11 to qualify for the state championships. Monica is the granddaughter of Lito and Diego Pena of Ozona.

Eighth Grade Lions wrap up season

The Eighth Grade Lions wrapped up the 2011-2012 basketball season on Feb. 6. The A Team won 46-23 over Grape Creek. Scoring: Kalen Perez 15; Ben Badillo 7; Michael Graham 4; Jose Ojeda 4; Alan Landa 14 and Dakota Lee 2. Also playing: Javier Barra. "This was a good way to end the year. We came out flat in the first quarter and did not play very good defense and were trying to do too much," said Coach John Esparza. "We settled down in the second quarter and played Lion basketball. We did a great job of moving the ball around and finishing at the basket. This was a good year and I look forward to watching these young Lions mature and move on to big-

ger and brighter things." The B Team also defeated the Eagles, 27-23. Scoring: Walker Whitten 6; Johnny Venegas 7; Felipe Irlas 6; Calib Villa 2; Kevin Villarreal 2 and Erby Blanco 4. Also playing: Alex Hopper. "This was a great way for us to end the season these guys worked hard all year and good things were showing. We played really good defense throughout the game and moved the ball well. The team did a great job of rebounding and not allowing many second shot opportunities," Esparza said. "We had a lot of fun this year and learned a lot of basketball I look forward to see what these young men will accomplish in the future."

Ozona sixth-graders to participate in Fitness Frenzy Program

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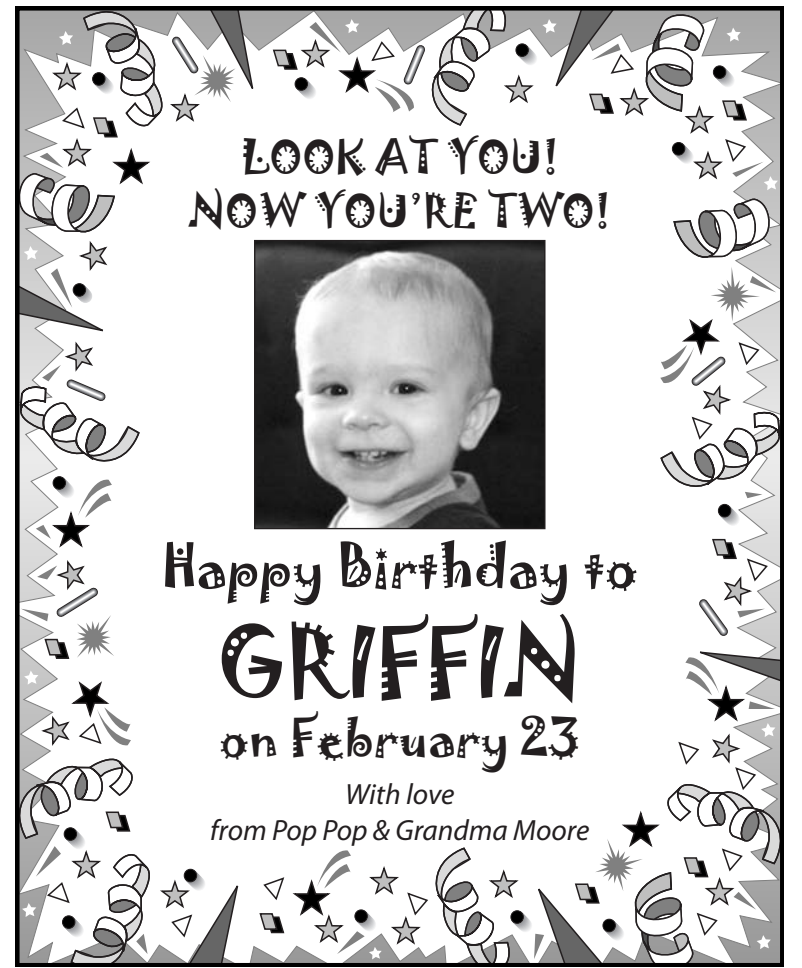
During the month of March, Ozona Middle School sixth grade students will be participating in the Fitness Frenzy Program sponsored by the Hill Country Chapter of the American Red Cross. During their PE class, the sixth-graders will be walking, skipping, running and hopping around the track. Their goal is walk at least four miles during the month. They are also raising money for the Red Cross. They are seeking supporters to sponsor them for any dollar amount per mile. On Friday, March 2, the sixth-graders will begin asking for sponsors. They will have a registration form on which the sponsor will indicate how much they are willing to pledge or donate. For example, if someone wants to sponsor a student for \$2 per mile and that student walks four miles, the sponsor would be making an \$8 (4 miles x \$2.00 per mile) donation. The students will be walking each Wednesday in March during their PE class time. Between

April 4-13, the students will be collecting their donations. The Hill Country Chapter of the American Red Cross serves eight counties, including Crockett County. They provide disaster relief for families in our county that suffer a disaster, such as a home fire. In addition, they provide canteen services for the fire fighters as they are fighting wildfires, such as during the Oasis Pipeline Fire this past April/May. In addition to disaster relief, they also provide training in first aid, CPR, babysitting, lifeguard training and water safety. The funding for these programs comes from grants and donations, donations like those the sixth grade students will be seeking from their family, friends, neighbors and business associates. So, if a sixth grader asks for your support, please consider sponsoring them and in turn, you will be helping your local Red Cross chapter. Your support is very much appreciated. Also note, all donations stay here in the Hill Country Chapter service area.

Acer Tablets still available for OHS students

If parents are interested in their OHS Seniors, Avid 3, or Dual Credit students receiving a Acer Tablet and they were unable to make the meeting on Feb. 13, call 325-392-5501 ext. 5755 to make an appointment to re-view the CCCCSD Tech Acer Agreement.

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Texas Assessments of Academic Readiness end-of-course examinations for the 2011-2012 school year. The requirement, which would have made an end-of-course exam count as 15 percent of a student's grade, was included in the Texas Legislature's House Bill 3 enacted by the previous Legislature. The requirement was meant to enhance accountability, lawmakers said in 2009. Scott said he made the decision to defer the requirement after receiving input from parents, educators, State Board of Education members, and statutory clarification from state leaders. "For this school year, the ultimate decision whether to include end-of-course exam

scores as part of course grades will be determined locally by school districts and charter schools," Scott said.

AMES-JONES RESIGNS TO RUN

Texas Railroad Commission Chairwoman Elizabeth Ames-Jones of Austin resigned from office last week, the state agency that regulates oil and gas announced last week. A former member of the Texas House of Representatives and an RRC member since 2005, Ames-Jones is running against long-term incumbent and fellow Republican state Sen. Jeff Wentworth of San Antonio for Senate District 25, which runs from San Antonio to Austin. The district includes parts of Travis and Bexar counties and Kendall, Comal, Guadalupe and Hays counties.

Ozona man receives 20-year prison sentence

An Ozona man has been sentenced to 20 years in prison after pleading guilty to sexually assaulting a local woman.

Victor Adrian De La Garza, 26, pled guilty last week in district court to one count of aggravated sexual assault family violence, first-degree felony.

De La Garza was sentenced to 20 years in prison, no fine and ordered to pay \$472 court costs by Judge Brock Jones, according to court documents.

De La Garza also has to register as a sex offender, the court documents stated.

Along with the aggravated sexual assault charge, De La Garza was originally charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, unlawful restraint and interfering with an emergency telephone call. The documents state that the other

charges have been abandoned.

De La Garza was arrested on June 18, 2011 by the Crockett County Sheriff's Office, after a deputy interviewed the victim at the local emergency room.

According to a complaint affidavit from the Crockett County Justice of Peace's Office, the victim stated that De La Garza allegedly sexually assaulted her and held her against her will.

The affidavit also states that De La Garza allegedly took her cell phone to prevent her from calling the sheriff's office for help, and did all this while displaying a knife and threatening to kill her.

The affidavit also states that De La Garza allegedly punched and kicked the victim in the face while displaying the knife.

FOR THE RECORD: WEEKLY COURT PROCEEDINGS

BAIL BONDS
•Nicholas Gusa, Athens, Texas, possession of marijuana, misdemeanor, \$2,000.
•Monique Michelle Smith, Del Rio, possession of a substance in penalty group one, state jail felony, \$10,000; possession of a substance in penal-

ty group one, felony, \$20,000.
•Brian Lee Satterfield, Del Rio, theft, misdemeanor, \$2,000 and possession of marijuana less than two ounces, \$2,000.
•Juan Manuel Morales Jr., San Antonio, failure to appear, misdemeanor, \$5,000.

FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

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From Ozona Fire Chief Bob R Falkner - The Crockett County burn band was lifted Jan.9. Special note, please notify Ozona Volunteer Fire Department at (325) 392-2626 if you are going to burn brush. We get tons of calls and it takes time

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•8:05 a.m. - Tank battery fire off County Road 209. Four units, seven firefighters, Barnhart unit with two firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 53 minutes.

CROCKETT COUNTY CONSTABLE REPORT

Crockett County Constable's January Monthly Report:
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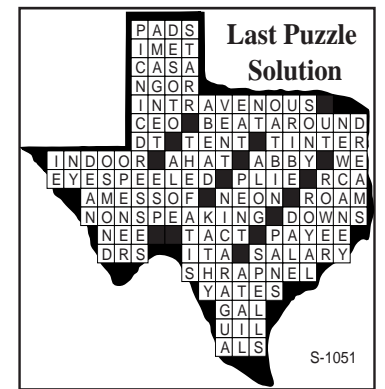
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