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## New jail a hot topic at candidate forum



**CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S CANDIDATES:** (left to right) Paul Stroope, Bob Rodriguez, Roy Glenn Sutton and Ron Hawthorne, addressed voters last week at a candidate forum sponsored by the Knights of Columbus.

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Candidates running for office in Crockett County hit on several topics, including building a new jail and prosecuting criminals, during last week's candidate forum.

The forum, held at the Crockett County Civic Center, was sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and moderated by Melissa Perner, editor and publisher of The Ozona Stockman.

The forum featured candidates running in the May 29 Democratic Primary.

**CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF**

The candidates running for Crockett County Sheriff, Ron Hawthorne, Bob Rodriguez, Paul Stroope and incumbent Roy Glenn Sutton, each spoke in detail about the issue of a new jail for Crockett County.

Sutton said on average the county pays \$13,000 a month to house and transport prisoners to Upton County. Upton County deputies transport the prisoners.

He said that Crockett County is going to have to make a decision build a jail

or continue to put inmates in other facilities.

The current jail has now become a holding facility where prisoners are held for 72 hours in Crockett County. This is because of the jail becoming out of compliance with the Texas Jail Commission Standards.

Sutton mentioned the old intermediate school building, which could house law enforcement and emergency personnel, such as the fire department and ambulance services.

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**OZONA ELEMENTARY** hosted a Pre-K Cinco de Mayo celebration on May 3. Pictured are (left to right) Janina Savala, assistant principal, Jan Patter-son, fourth grade teacher, Patricia Sutton, aide, Tiffany Esparza, assistant technology, and Jessica Luckie, first grade teacher. More photos, page 7.

## Challenges ahead in CCCCSD budget

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

**Fourth in a four-part series**

Once again, Crockett County CCSD will be tightening its budget belt.

CCCCSD Superintendent Chris duBois gave the fourth and final part on his series of School Finance public meetings on May 2.

In the first three meetings on March 26, April 9 and April 23, duBois spoke about the different revenue sources that brings money into the district, broke down the district's budget and talked about the process of how they begin to build it each year and discussed some of the regulations schools districts have to follow, the district's annual audit and some of the state rating systems for school finance.

During this last session, duBois went over challeng-

es facing the district's 2012-2013 budget and beyond.

The biggest issue facing the district is the loss of \$490,232 in federal and state cuts. duBois also said Crockett County appraisal values did drop some this past year. duBois presented some ideas to increase district revenue, including the rental increase approved earlier this school year on district-owned housing that generated \$40,000 more in revenue. He also said the district doesn't charge fees to use their facilities.

Another area the district and school board will be exploring is a tax ratification election.

The maximum amount a school district can tax right now is \$1.04 per \$100 valuation.

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## County, school district have a lot in common

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

When it comes to local government, Crockett County is unique.

The town of Ozona is unincorporated. That means the Crockett County Commissioners' Court must deal with city issues and county ones.

The school district is also unique. Crockett County Consolidated Common School District also shares a relationship with the county.

Last week, the commissioners' court and school

board held a joint workshop to discuss what the relationship is between the county and CCCCSD.

"In recent months, several questions and discussions have been raised about all kinds of concerns and the right relationship in a common school district world with the county," said Superintendent Chris duBois. "Can we share? Can we own? Can we lease? What are those arrangements? What's the right relationship and not make a mistake."

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## Lions fall to Blanco in bi-district series



**THE OZONA LIONS** get ready for their bi-district game against Blanco Saturday. The Lions lost the series 11-5, 5-1. More coverage, page 6.

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## Hospitality goes a long way with businesses

Hospitality is one of those things that means different things to different people. The dictionary defines hospitality as, "cordial and generous reception of guests." In our hospitality seminars at the SBDC, we broaden the term to include the appearance of a retail shop or public establishment and the overall experience for the customer. Recently, I had an opportunity to visit Charleston, S.C. This was my first visit to Charleston and I was extremely impressed with the excellent hospitality. As a customer, I can say that hospitality is a critical component of

a retail or restaurant experience.

It was obvious that the retailers and restaurateurs of Charleston are comfortable catering to tourists and guests of their city. One young waiter was very enthusiastic about his job and the service he provided,



**BUSINESS TIPS**

CINDY HARTIN

and even asked the kitchen to prepare a special item that was not listed on the menu. Afterwards, the restaurant manager stopped by the table to check in on my experience and he mentioned that the young waiter would soon be promoted to management.

What is interesting about hospitality is the finesse required to give your customers a positive experience without obvious effort. Unfortunately, soon after returning from Charleston, I had lunch at a San Angelo restaurant and had a very different experience. Even though

the wait staff was doing their best to provide service, hospitality was lacking. Our food was delayed and one meal did not arrive because it was no longer available and the wait staff failed to notify our table of the change. Even with the best intentions, there is no substitute for training and mentoring front-line employees in providing good service.

If there is one message to business owners, it is to be focused on the level of hospitality offered to your customers. Hospitality applies to all types of businesses far beyond retail

shops and restaurants. If you provide services and products to customers, hospitality is necessary for your business, because a good customer experience is a key ingredient in getting both repeat business and good word-of-mouth publicity.

If you own a business, an attitude of servitude can be the first step to excellent hospitality. Greet your customers when they come to your business. A polite hello and a short, "How can I help you?" can go a long way with a customer. In today's world where everyone seems to be in a hurry, it is important

to meet the needs of your customer, efficiently. If you can't, apologize. Let your customer know that you want to meet their needs and explain how and when you can help them.

My visit to Charleston will be memorable for a variety of reasons but I can honestly say that the hospitality made me more likely to return. Hospitality is the key that makes a city, and a business, enjoyable.

"Business Tips" was written by Cindy Hartin, CBS Fellow and Assistant Director and Certified Business Advisor III of Angelo State University's Small Business Development Center. Contact her at cindy.hartin@angelo.edu.

## Truth about Postal Reform

Now that US Senate has passed a bill, S 1789, to reform the ailing US Postal Service, critics are trying to disable the bill on its way to the House of Representatives. Business Week recently catalogued unhappy stakeholders, including postal unions, postal management and some Republicans who wrongly think the bill burdens taxpayers.

Rep. Darrell Issa, R-CA, whose own bill awaits action in the House, blasted "special interests." But Business Week says, "Considering how many people are unhappy with the bill, it isn't clear which special interests Issa is referring to."

If you consider that survival of the service means maintaining the circulatory system for a \$1.1 trillion mailing industry - or in other words, making sure cash, greeting cards, packages and newspapers and magazines arrive on time, the Senate bill is good medicine.

Issa's bill would let USPS immediately end Saturday mail, close half the mail processing centers and thousands of post offices, and put a new board of political appointees in charge. The new board would be expected to trim workers' benefits and maybe wages, and direct the Postmaster General to favor profit over service.

At the other extreme might be Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-VT, who wanted to keep everything open. Labor unions backing him say that USPS will heal as the economy heals. Then there is the White House's notion: to raise postage rates.

For Sens. Susan Collins, R-ME, and Joe Lieberman, I-CT, neither extreme is suited to long-term survival of USPS.

To many experts, Issa's approach is likely to frighten away businesses that mail. The Lieberman-Collins bill agrees that USPS needs a more flexible, less costly workforce. It keeps mail flowing through today's network while cost-cutting is underway. For example, they would end Saturday mail delivery in two years, but only if USPS has taken other big steps toward financial viability.

They would allow the closing of postal plants now, if USPS takes preserves local mail delivery speed.

Consider: --The Postal Service's plant-closing plan is based on a desire to amass more mail at automated urban centers, where costly machines sit idle much of

### GUEST EDITORIAL BY REED ANFINSON

the day. To optimize machines, USPS would haul mail much farther. But the hauling would slow the mailstream, particularly in small towns and rural areas that are far from mail plants and create a set of second-class citizens who get and send mail more slowly than urban dwellers. It will also hamper smaller communities' quests for economic development.

- Many Americans say they wouldn't miss Saturday mail. But USPS builds its system around senders, not receivers. Who would be hurt by a 5-day delivery regime? Anyone who depends on timely mail delivery. Shutting down the system two days a week—three when Monday holidays occur—would create delay, according to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Then there are those who need prescriptions delivered when they are at home; small-town citizens who get the newspaper by mail and businesses needing 6-day cash flows.

- Closing small post offices seems a no-brainer to city dwellers who spot those one-room POs at the roadside on the way to the beach. Surely not all are needed. But rather than closing them entirely, USPS could have circuit-rider postmasters to open them a few hours a day. That is affordable if worker benefits are brought into line with the private sector. For those communities, a circuit rider could continue their links to the world.

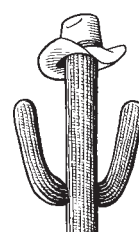
- The Congressional Budget Office says the Senate bill would cost \$33.6 billion, adding to the federal deficit. But postage payers, not taxpayers, carry that burden. Taxpayers face a liability as the funder-of-last resort only if postage revenues dry up - which is more likely to happen if the mail slows to a crawl.

Finally, members of Congress may differ on how they see USPS. Is it a corporation? Is it a government agency responsible for binding the nation together?

Fact: it is a Government-Sponsored Enterprise or GSE, more like Fannie Mae than like IBM or the Defense Department. It has to use business tools, but carry out a public mission. And it has enormous power in the marketplace.

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## Background Check



IT'S THE PITTS

LEE PITTS

We met at high noon, she was dressed completely in green from her pilates shoes to her forest green sweatband. She wore spandex leotards, an Audubon pin and a Sierra Club tee shirt with John Muir's face on it. The leotards and Muir's likeness were distorted by her 250 pounds of greenness. I wore jeans, boots and a free cap from an auction market. It was obvious that we were from different warring tribes.

She sneered at me and drew first as both our hands reached for the door to the ice cream novelties in the frozen food aisle of our local grocery store. I'd seen her around town ever since she and her diminutive husband moved from the big city to our little town. I knew her only by reputation. She'd immersed herself in local politics and spent six nights a week going to meetings, and I bet her henpecked husband sure dreaded that seventh night when she stayed home. She was busy saving salamanders, watching birds through binoculars, carrying protest signs and going on sit-down strikes. And believe me, she had a considerable amount to sit down!

When she took the last box of Skinny Cow® fudge bars I was in a fighting mood. "That's a nice tee shirt you have there," I said politely. "John Muir was quite a man."

"I'll say," she snarled. "He saved Yosemite from being decimated by your kind."

"He was one once, you know?"

"Who?" she asked with a sour smile and a politically correct accent.

"John Muir. The founder of the Sierra Club was a shepherd when he first came to California. He also worked in saw mills where he stripped the beautiful trees of their branches before ripping the flesh from their bodies and turning them into lumber."

That can't be true. He saved Yosemite.

"You may not want to believe it but I assure you it's true. I just finished reading a book about Muir. He was an accomplished man and besides founding the Sierra Club he invented a wooden alarm clock that would tip you out of bed at the desired hour. But where he really made his money was as a rancher. You know, just like me."

She turned scarlet, which did not go well with her green outfit, and tried to evade me but I followed her to paper products. I did my best impression of a chainsaw before saying, "Muir was quite a capitalist, you know? He actually invented another machine that made 2,500 broom handles a day. But I'm sure you know all this because you have his face emblazoned across your body. Just imagine, John Muir made his money herding cows so he could one day start the Sierra Club."

Again, she wheeled her cart away and I didn't run into her again until she tried to run into me. Literally. She was in pet foods buying bird seed for her feathered friends. "I'm sure you know that John James Audubon's family in America owned a lead mine where they mined lead for bullets?" (Here I did my great impression of a Thompson machine gun!) Then I really laid it on: "Audubon was quite a hunter and fisherman too?"

"No, he painted birds, he didn't sh-shoot them," she raged at me.

"Before he painted them he shot them from the sky. You didn't think he got such great detail by observing them through a looking glass, did you? He was also a taxidermist and created his own nature museum of a variety of dead animals that he killed."

By now I was only talking to myself as my greenie friend left her loaded cart in the store and ran outside. Too bad too because I also wanted to tell her that Al Gore, the father of Global Warming and the man who said gassy cows caused it, was the son of a cattle breeder himself, and that Bruce Babbitt, the man who tried to run ranchers out of business, came from one of the great ranching families in America. But I got the impression she really didn't want to hear any more about her Gods of Green. So I took the fudge bars from her abandoned cart and rushed them home to my freezer before they began to melt. Global warming, you know?

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## Merits trial ordered in case pitting state, health care providers

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

AUSTIN — Three movements occurred last week in a legal battle over whether the state of Texas will allow health services to be rendered by Planned Parenthood affiliate clinics under the federal and state funded Women's Health Program.

- On April 30, Austin U.S. District Judge Lee Yeakel granted an injunction requested by the clinics to prevent the state from stopping them from serving enrollees — low-income women who do not have health insurance.

- Later on April 30, U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals Judge Jerry Smith granted the state's request for a stay of the district court's injunction.

- And on May 4, a three-judge panel of the New Orleans-based Fifth Circuit lifted Judge Smith's stay of the injunction until a trial on merits can be heard.

So, now, the stay of the injunction is in effect, meaning the state Department of Health and Human Services may not enforce its rule banning affiliates of abortion providers from the Women's Health Program.

The Fifth Circuit panel's order requires a lower court trial to

be on the next available regular oral argument docket.

Plaintiffs assert that the state, in preventing them from rendering services to enrollees, violates the U.S. Constitution's First Amendment (freedom of speech and association) and Fourteenth Amendment (equal protection under the laws).

What triggered this recent series of legal maneuvers was a March 14 state Department of Health and Human Services administrative rule that set an April 30 deadline for clinics offering Women's Health Program services to "certify compliance" — meaning, have no connection with any facility that performs legal abortions.

### NEW LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

New proof of residency requirements to obtain Texas driver licenses or identification cards took effect on May 7.

In announcement last week, the Texas Department of Public Safety said first-time applicants, in addition to standard

application requirements, will be required to present two acceptable documents containing the applicant's name and address to establish proof of residency in the state of Texas.

To meet the residency requirement for an original identification card or driver license, an applicant must:

- Reside in Texas for at least 30 days prior to application; and

- Present two acceptable documents establishing proof of residency, one of which must demonstrate the applicant has lived in Texas at least 30 days.

Test to screen for SCID  
The Texas Department of State Health Services on May 3 announced it is adding severe combined immunodeficiency, SCID, to the list of diseases that all newborns in Texas are screened for at birth.

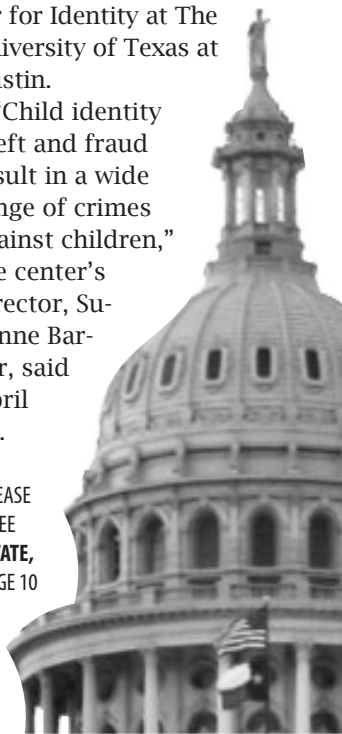
The DSHS laboratory plans to begin screening for SCID in September using the same newborn screening specimens already collected to test for 28 other rare disorders.

Blood to be tested is drawn by a heel stick within 48 hours of birth and again at one to two weeks of age, the agency said.

Combs to lead task force  
Texas Comptroller Susan Combs will lead a new "Child Identity Protection Task Force" managed by The Center for Identity at The University of Texas at Austin.

"Child identity theft and fraud result in a wide range of crimes against children," the center's director, Suzanne Barber, said April 30.

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**THIS FIVE GENERATION PICTURE** was taken at a large family birthday party held at the Plum Ridge Care Facility in Klamath Falls, Ore. in celebration of the 100th birthday of Midge Epperson. In the picture with Midge is her daughter Joy Marshall of Vancouver, Wash.; Midge's grand-daughter, Pam Pagan from Ozona; Jill Benson, great-granddaughter and Reese Howard, great-great-granddaughter from Sunset, Texas. Also in attendance were Midge's son, Dan Lyon from Rock Springs, Wyo., two grandchildren and their families from Colorado, two granddaughters and their families from California as well as several grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren from Oregon.



**THE DEHOYOS FAMILIES** honored Maria DeHoyos Cisneros (Chita) on her 99th birthday. The families of Adela and Tomas DeHoyos gathered at the OLPH hall on Saturday, April 21. A nice luncheon was served and afterwards introductions from each family group were made. After introductions, cake and cookies were served. At 6:00 p.m. families joined Chita by participating in the celebration of the mass, where a special blessing was offered by the priest. To conclude the day's activities, a dance was enjoyed by all. The reunion was planned and organized by Sylvia Longoria and Orlando DeHoyos.

## Texas Pecos Trail meeting May 24 in Ozona

The Texas Pecos Trail Region will hold their bi-monthly board meeting on May 24 at the Ozona Chamber of Commerce and Visitor Center Park. The public is invited to attend.

The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and will feature a welcome by Shanon Biggerstaff, Ozona Chamber of Commerce & Visitor Center Executive Director, followed by presentations by Interpretive Trail Designer Terry Tate of Spring Creek Nursery in Mertzon and Gary Bryant, extension program specialist for the Texas Water Resource Institute of Fort Stockton.

Participants will then tour the interpretive trail and rain harvest exhibit at the chamber.

Lunch will be served at noon and feature a program about the Escondido Draw Recreational Area, ATV park 20 miles west of Ozona,

and "How to Generate Tourism Revenue for your Town-Thinking Outside the Box."

Speakers will be Tony Eeds with the EDRA and Kate Singleton, MPA with Community Revitalization Strategies. Community Revitalization Strategies, founded in 2007, is a collaboration of downtown professionals with a goal of providing professional economic and downtown revitalization services to the rural areas and communities throughout America.

Cost for the lunch will be \$10 per person. RSVP is required for lunch. Deadline is May 21.

Any portion of the event is open to the general public.

For more information, or to RSVP, call the chamber at (325) 392-3737 or Scott Jordan with the Texas Pecos Trail at (325) 387-3900 or e-mail info@texaspecostrail.com.

### COMMUNITY CALENDAR

- Wednesday, May 9**
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Thursday, May 10**
- Ribbon Cutting, 12:15 p.m. at Ozona Mercantile.
  - Crockett County Care Center, Health and Emergency Officials meeting, 7 p.m. at the Care Center.
- Friday, May 11**
- Del's Little Schoolhouse program, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Saturday, May 12**
- Athletic Physicals, 9 a.m. boys, 1 p.m. girls at the Family Health Center of Ozona.
  - Ozona Fashion Show, 10 a.m. at the Crockett Room.
  - Spring Sidewalk Tree and Plant Sale, 8 a.m. town square.
  - Levis and Lace Square Dance, 2-4 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Sunday, May 13**
- Mother's Day
- Monday, May 14**
- Early voting begins in the Primary Election, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. at the courthouse annex.
  - Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
  - OHS Athletic Banquet, 6 p.m. at the Civic Center.
  - Senior Bingo Social, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tuesday, May 15**
- OMS Awards, 6:30 p.m. at the Civic Center.
  - Conscious Discipline series, 6-8 p.m. at the OES Library.
- Wednesday, May 16**
- Exercise Classes, 8 a.m. at the Senior Center.
  - Mexican Train, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
  - CCCCD School Board meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building.
  - OHS Art Show, 6:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Public Library.

### Happy Birthday

- May 9** - Huey Ingram, Kevin Calloway and Irene Rios
- May 10** - Hope Vasquez, Cora Williams, Brian Morrow, Jasmine Moran, Rick Storms, Mary-Linda De La Garza, Sandra Hernandez, Khalid Valencia and Maria Rios
- May 11** - Paul C. Perner IV, Larry Sanchez, Linda Anderson, Francisco S. Moran and John Kelley
- May 12** - Nancy Forehand,
- May 13** - Charlotte Harrell, Krislyn B. Longoria, Antonio Carreon and Ebony Ramirez
- May 14** - Miguel Camarillo, Jasmine Carty and Sean Alec Gutierrez
- May 15** - Juan I. Mendez, Jesus Esparza, Libby Moore, Blair Chandler, Rylee Ramos, Alejandra Camarillo, Melony Moran, Marge Smith and Nikki Harrison.

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**Mother's Day of Giving**

Hospice of San Angelo is hosting a Mother's Day of Giving on May 13.

This is a simple way to honor all mothers whether they are alive or in heaven.

This Mother's Day, anyone can make a donation in their mother's name to Hospice of San Angelo. The money will be put to good use taking care of hospice patients in San Angelo and surrounding area, including Ozona.

Private dollars make up the majority of Hospice of San Angelo's budget, along with a few grant dollars. All donations are tax deductible.

Mail donations to Hospice of San Angelo, P.O. Box 471, San Angelo, Texas 76902, visit www.hospiceofsanangelo.org for credit card donations or call 658-6524.

**Diaper Pantry May 16**

The Wesley Nurse Program of the Ozona United Methodist Church is beginning a monthly Diaper Pantry.

Families will be educated on various topics related to children's health and will be given one package of diapers for each child in the home under the age of 3.

The next class will be offered May 16 beginning at 10 a.m. in the church fellowship hall.

Anyone may attend the educational class but must RSVP in order to receive diapers.

For more information, and to RSVP, call EA Wadsworth, RN at 392-3060.

**OZONA SENIOR HAPPENINGS**

BY LYNN ENGLISH  
SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR

It is cloudy this Monday afternoon and we are all praying for rain. We are in dire need of rain.

Remember that Mother's Day is Sunday, May 13. Do something nice for your mother and if she has already passed away keep her in your thoughts.

Monday, May 14, is our Senior Bingo Social here at the Senior Center at 6 p.m. We will be serving cheeseburgers with all the trimmings, chips, watermelon and tea, coffee or water. Please come join us and bring a prize valued between \$5 and \$10.

The Ozona Woman's Forum will not meet at the Senior Center on May 15. They will meet at Marolyn Bean's house at 11 a.m. We will be welcoming our new officers.

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

Also, the Levis and Lace Square Dancers have changed their regular square dances to every second and fourth Saturdays from 2-4 p.m.

Tuesdays have been set aside for any of you who would like to 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 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 are on the Internet for seniors to use.

We also have a projector with stand and a screen and have a wonderful keyboard. Activities sponsored by the Crockett County Senior Center Board are for adults 50 years old and older.

**CARE CENTER CHATTER**

BY ODILIA SANCHEZ  
ACTIVITIES DIRECTOR

We are glad to finally have our new administrator, Jeff Bacher, who comes to us from Coleman. The residents and staff welcome him to Crockett County Care Center and Ozona. If you happen to be in the facility one day, stop in and introduce yourself. I'm sure he would love to meet and visit with you.

The weather has been very agreeable and we have been able to sit outside with some of the residents. They have been watching the yard take shape as Juan paints, plants and waters. The plan is to have the yard look-

ing great for the activities that are being planned for the coming months. Some of those activities include Mother's Day. Hopefully, the yard will look awesome and will look inviting to all that come to visit. By the way, the hummingbirds are enjoying their sweet water and the residents are happy.

The residents have also been playing bingo, dominos, cards and other games. Some of the ladies are learning to make crepe paper flowers, thanks to Anglica Galindo. She is one of our employees who is also an excellent cook. She is very creative and is sharing some of her talents with us. The la-

dies had a great time making the flowers and before we realized, they had a vase filled with flowers. I'm still working on perfecting my technique. I think I only made two flowers and it took me quite a while to make them. If you have ideas that you would like to share with us that would be simple and fun to make, please come and share with our residents.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Richardson Family in their time of need. This is a time when the whole town pulls together and joins them in their time of sorrow. God bless you and strengthen you and your family.

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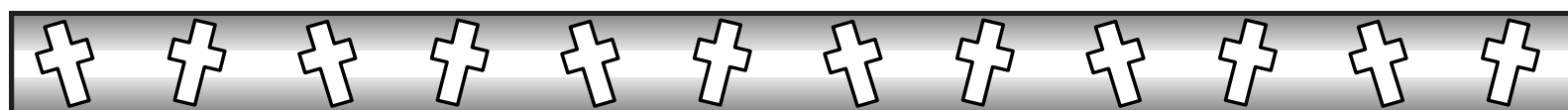
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**MAY 14**  
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- spiced beets, fresh orange and milk.  
**MAY 15**  
•Capri turkey pasta, green beans, wheat bread, oatmeal raisin cookies, fruit cup with oranges and milk.



**MOTHER'S DAY**

There are many unsung heroes but one of the most unrecognized groups is mothers. God made them special and they have a tremendous task. Not only are they helpmates-companions in the marriage relationship but they bear the children but then comes the job of nurturing them. Feeding, changing diapers, comforting them when they cry are just a few of the tasks. Then there is the house, fixing the meals and washing clothes for the rest of the family. God made and designed women very uniquely and for special purposes. They are great at multitasking while most men are not but men have their God designed role also. We, (men) should not neglect or forget to honor and respect women and hold them in high regard, (Exodus 20:12, 1 Kings 19:19-21). I think many times we ignore or do not pay attention or take them for granted all of which are a mistake. If we, (men) are not doing this we need to change our ways and there is a verse in the Bible that says if we do not our prayers will be hindered, (1 Peter 3:7). God also gave women the ability to have a special love for their children and their husbands. Next Sunday will be Mother's Day so let us give them special attention that they deserve but not just that why not more often. We might give them a gift of appreciation or a card or take them out to dinner. See you in Church next Sunday. Brother J

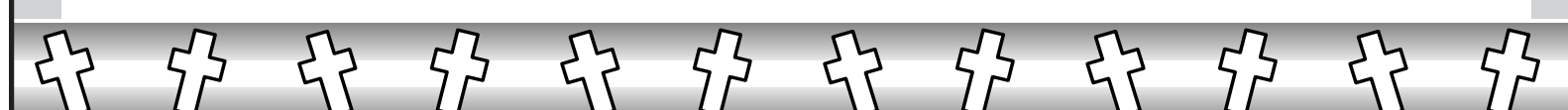
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**Museum seeking bridal exhibit items**

The Crockett County Museum is putting together a month-long bridal exhibit for June. The museum is seeking any and all types of wedding items to display, including

spiced beets, fresh orange and milk. Items donated will be able to be picked up after June 30. For more information, call the museum at 392-2837.

**Card of Thanks**  
The family of Maria Cisneros (Chita) would like to thank everyone who attended the 99 year birthday / DeHoyos Reunion Celebration. Wonderful fellowship, a delicious meal and exceptional deserts were enjoyed by all. Chita wants to thank everyone that helped make the celebration possible, especially Sylvia Longoria, Tomas and Alda DeHoyos and Orlando DeHoyos for coordinating the event.

**Card of Thanks**  
A sincere Thank You from the family of Lee De Hoyos and the late Carlos DeHoyos. We would like to thank everyone who participated in organizing the gathering of April 21, 2012. The celebration was twofold, first to honor Mrs. Chita Cisneros on the occasion of her ninety-ninth birthday and secondly to reunite the descendants of the late Thomas and Adela DeHoyos. We are blessed that our beloved mother, Lee DeHoyos was able to attend the event. Lee is the last living spouse of the descendants of Thomas & Adela DeHoyos. Lee has been residing in Kilgore, TX for the past six years, but was a lifelong resident of Ozona. The celebration was a true success and was well attended. Some family members from Mexico also attended. Again, our sincerest appreciation for your hard work and generosity in hosting an event that will remain in our hearts for a life time.  
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# Congressman talks flying, economic issues while traveling through district

BY MELISSA PERNER  
THE OZONA STOCKMAN

Francisco "Quico" Canseco is use to traveling, including flying.

However, after and incident last month the Texas Congressman is calling the Transportation Security Administration "an agency gone wild."

According to an article in the San Antonio Express-News, Canseco claimed that he was singled out - twice - for security scans at the San Antonio airport last month by federal screeners who were "overzealous" in frisking the congressman.

Canseco, R-San Antonio, accused the TSA of assault, which prompted one

of the TSA screeners to claim the congressman assaulted him when his hand was brushed away brusquely during a pat down.

An airport spokeswoman said San Antonio Police were called in to referee the incidents that occurred on April 16 and April 22. No formal charges were filed.

"I think what I experienced is what an overwhelming majority of American people experience. It was very undignified," Can-



seco said last week during a phone interview. "The TSA has given itself too much power and too much control. It has cost the taxpayer enormous amount of money and time and expense. There are many, many better ways handling security. This is nonsensical. I will work very, very hard to change the system of how we control and securitize our airways."

Canseco has spent the last two weeks visiting his district, which includes Crockett County. He most recent visits include stops in Fort Hancock, Van Horn, Alpine and Pecos. His last visit to Ozona was in February.

"There are a lot of issues out there. I've not run

across anybody that likes the health care bill," he said. "The communities I've visited with do not like the overregulation of the federal government. The regulations are impeding the ability to create jobs and grow this economy."

Recently, Canseco spoke in favor of the Department of Labor withdrawing its proposed rule to limit agricultural work of youth under 16 years of age.

Canseco said he didn't know why the rule was first proposed.

"I imagine the labor department centered on labor control. This is not good for the farm and ranch industry. It's an intrusion into our rule life. They did

the right move. They should go a little farther and state how ignorant they were about it," he said.

The Congressman also discussed H.R. 9, also known as the Small Business Tax Cut Act. Canseco, a member of the House Financial Services Committee, co-sponsored the act which will know go to the U.S. Senate.

The act will allow small businesses to deduct 20 percent of their income from taxes.

"This reduces taxes on small businesses and allows them to keep more of their hard-earned money," he said.

In visiting with West

Texans, Canseco said people are still worried about the economy.

"It's extremely sluggish. There's an enormous amount of uncertainty. There are an enormous amount of regulations holding back job creation. This is going to be a very difficult summer," he said.

Canseco is seeking reelection and is running unopposed in the Republican primary.

Three people are vying to be the Democratic candidate: Ciro D. Rodriguez, John M. Bustamante and Pete P. Gallego.

For more information, visit canseco.house.gov.

## COMMON: from page 1

At the May 3 meeting, Blake Powell and Sara Leon, attorneys for Powell & Leon LLP of Austin, presented some information that explained the relationship a common school district has with the county. Powell and Leon represent CCCCSD.

"It's a real challenge. There are no current rules available or laws for common school districts. It's a cumbersome entity for lawyers to deal with," Powell said.

CCCCSD is one of six common school districts in the state. Unlike an independent school district, a common school district is governed by an elected school board that is simultaneously subject to the control of the county commissioners' court.

Other common school districts include, Kenedy County Wide Common School District, Ramirez Common School District, Terlingua Common School District, Doss Consolidated Common School District and Guthrie Common School District.

The rest of Texas school districts operate as independent school district, which means they are separate from any other forms of local government.

"We never did opt out to change any of this as it has gone along. We learned this type of government as we grew up," said County Judge Fred Deaton.

While the laws for independent school districts also apply to common school districts, Powell said common school districts are lacking in legislature representation.

An example of this was a bill passed during the last Texas Legislative session limits common school districts to when they can hold elections. Common school districts can now only hold elections in November, simultaneously with the county, in even numbered years. In odd numbered years, it can hold a May election.

This makes it difficult for a common school district to call for bond elections and moves school board elections in conjunction with local, state and

national elections.

"There is no person, no organization and no committee that meets with the legislature to educate them about common school districts. Many of our legislators aren't familiar with a common school district," Powell said.

One thing the county and school district do meet together on each year is the school district's tax rate. The school board certifies the tax rate, and then it is sent to the county commissioners for approval. The law states that the commissioners shall approve the certified tax rate as long as it is within the legal tax rate and the school board followed the proper procedure.

"You all have a symbiotic relationship," Leon said.

A big question raised was on property, particularly the old intermediate school building. Discussions were made on the county using the building, which belongs to the school district.

This was the first public meeting that this proposal was discussed. However, school officials and county officials said they have discussed the idea individually and with the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department due to one idea is housing the department in the building.

"Ninety percent of fire calls are on Interstate-10. It would be a good use for the taxpayers," said Dwight Childress, school board member.

Deaton also said the building could be used for office space.

According to their research, Leon said this issue is subject to general property laws. The entity that holds the title to the land is the owner of the property.

A county or school district may donate or sell for less than fair market value a designated parcel of land or an interest in real property to another political subdivision if it used in a way that benefits the public, according to the Texas Tax Code. If the building is no longer used for public use, then it reverts back to the school district.

Leon said the county and school district could enter into an inter-local agreement for

the property.

"There are a lot of discussions on this building. Obviously we are talking big, possible uses. There is a lot to still think about as we go forward," duBois said.

Discussions about bonds and bond elections were also discussed. According to the Texas Education Code, the county commissioners' court, on behalf of the common school district under its jurisdiction, may issue general obligation bonds and may levy annual ad valorem taxes sufficient to pay the principle and interest on such bonds.

Although common school district bond elections are conducted on behalf of a school, it is the county who orders the elections.

Powell and Leon both stated to the county and school officials examples of other school districts that are on a rotating bond schedule to help replace equipment and vehicles, without having to pay recapture money to the state. Bond money is not subject to recapture.

"You need to think of every way to keep your money here," Leon said.

"There's a lack of awareness of the power of a bond. In a recapture world, \$1 bottle of water costs our taxpayers \$2.50," duBois said.

If a common school district wants to become independent, it takes a petition requesting an election and then the county judge ordering the election.

Powell said if Crockett County is to remain a common school district, then local officials need to make their issues known to the Texas Legislature.

"The current law leaving common school districts further and further behind. Over time there will be changes in the laws that make operating a common school district more a cumbersome process," he said. duBois said the commissioners' court and school board should have more meetings regularly throughout the year to touch base on needs and issues.

"I think we've all certainly learned a lot here. Our county is a little more unique. We all are incorporated together," said County Commissioner Pleas Childress.

The school board also met on May 2.

During that meeting, the board authorized the school administration to solicit proposals for the sale of the portable buildings at Ozona Middle School.

duBois said he has been approached by a local company in need of office space. The school district paid \$210,000 for the buildings that were used to house Pre-K and kindergarten during the construction of the new elementary school.

After an hour-long executive session, the board approved the resignations of Elizabeth Clark, Nikki Harrison and Ubaldo Elguea, as well as the hiring of a Ozona Middle School teachers Taylor Baker, of Eldorado, Amanda Abernathy, of Fredericksburg and Lisa James Harmsen of Irion County.

The next regular school board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. May 16 at the Administration Building.

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1 Hays County Creek

5 TX Buddy Holly sang "\_\_\_ On!"

6 large-screen theatre found in TX

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22 TXism: "\_\_\_ the bushes" (search)

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30 Abilene's Dyess Air Force

31 TXism: "mighty fine"

32 TXism for "eager" (3 wds.)

34 event at TX Motor Speedway

35 TXism: "\_\_\_ your head for something besides a hat rack"

36 TXism: "fine \_\_\_ fish" (mess)

37 TX Cyd Charisse '57 film: "\_\_\_ Stockings"

38 dirt or filth

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## TEXAS CROSSWORD

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41 TXism: "it'll pinch" (adequate)

42 socially impaired person

43 \_\_\_ road crossing

44 TXism: "\_\_\_ a rodeo bull"

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46 Mavs & Spurs play 12 of these each quarter (abbr.)

47 TX-born Black Panther activist Bobby

12 this TX Randy won gold in shot put in '68 (init.)

13 TX Bob Wills sang "Take \_\_\_ to Tulsa" ('41)

14 TXism: "wipe the slate clean"

15 major sportswear co.

16 Fort Worth univ.

19 Astro pitcher ('90-'93)

20 TXism: "\_\_\_ a plucked chicken"

22 where insects are grown? (2 wds.)

24 \_\_\_ Pepper plant in Dublin was closed in 2012

33 care for

34 Iran currency

35 sample provided by pro athletes

37 TXism: "took a \_\_\_" (like)

38 deposit with a lot of black rock

40 TXism: "happy as a dog with two \_\_\_"

41 "\_\_\_ Abby"

44 submissive

47 sea bream

49 TX Janis Joplin '71 album, released posthumously

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# OHS National Honor Society Induction Ceremony



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OZONA HIGH SCHOOL held their annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony on May 3 at the OHS Auditorium. New members: (front row, left to right) Lorenzo Hernandez, Chris Cantu, Lisa Dorrrough, Lexi Poindexter, Sierra Stokes, Vivian Medina, Lazarae Rodriguez, Jessica Borrego, Desiree Marshall, Avni Bhakta, Nancy Rodriguez, Ely Montanez and Abby Newton (not pictured). Current members are: (back row, left to right) Gaby Gutierrez, Sierra Stokes, Isabel Ybarra, Alex Borrego, Michael Medina, Cuatro Jones, Cris Taylor, Lane Hale, Leigh Ann Galindo, Kelbie Renfroe, Allie Black, Cynthia Garcia, Jade Carty, Kelsie Ramirez, Natalie Hernandez, Jerrod duBois, Angelica Aranda (not pictured) and Kramer Hall (not pictured). NHS advisor is Dottie DeLeon.



JOE HERNANDEZ | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

NOAH TAMBUNGA CONNECTS WITH THE BALL FOR THE OZONA LIONS in their bi-district series against Blanco.

## Lions have tough end to great season

The Ozona Lions lost their bi-district series, 11-5 and 5-1, to Blanco last week.

"This was a tough ending to a great season. Although our overall record does not indicate our success I am extremely proud of our boys. They fought all year long and made great strides throughout the season," said Coach Ray Talamantes.

In the first game, pitchers were Jayton Rodriguez and Glen Tinney with Alejandro Mendez as catcher.

Mendez was 2 for 2, 2 runs scored, 1 RBI, 2 walks; Chase DeHoyos 2 for 3, 2 runs, 1 walk; Jerrod duBois 1 for 4, 1 RBI and Alex Borrego 1 for 2, 2 RBIs, 1 walk.

In the second game, De-

Hoyos, Tinney and Mendez pitched with Mendez and DeHoyos at catcher.

Saul Vargas was 1 for 2, 2 walks; Rodriguez 1 for 3 and Noah Tambunga 1 for 3, 1 run.

"We definitely have something to build on for next year. We are losing our only senior, Alejandro Mendez, to graduation and he will be tough to replace. I believe that he has guided this team with great leadership and has taught our younger players how to lead as well," Talamantes said. "I would like to thank the Ozona community for all their support throughout the season. It really has been a fun season to be a part of."

## Athletic Physicals Saturday

Athletic Physicals will take place Saturday, May 12, at the Family Health Center of Ozona. Cost is \$10.

Boys will be at 9 a.m.; girls at 1 p.m. These physicals are for all middle school and high school athletes.

## Lions Basketball Camp May 28-30

The 2012 Lion Basketball Camp will be held May 28-30 at the OHS Davidson Gym.

The camp is open to any boys or girls entering grades 3-6 from 8-11 a.m.

Boys and girls entering grades 7-9 will come from 1-4 p.m.

Cost is \$20, which in-

cludes a camp T-shirt and a ball. Campers will be taught a variety of basketball skills by the OHS and OMS coaches, have fun competitions and play in games. For more information, call Coach Juan Marshall at (325) 392-5501 ext. 5219 or e-mail [juan.marshall@ozonastockman.net](mailto:juan.marshall@ozonastockman.net).

## OHS needs scholarship winners

This year Ozona High School will be having an Academic Banquet rather than an Academic "Program."

It will be a formal, catered event on May 17 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Crockett County Convention Center.

OHS officials are asking local organizations offering scholarships to contact Susie duBois at the high school with information as to who will be the presenter of the scholarship and who the recipient will be as well.

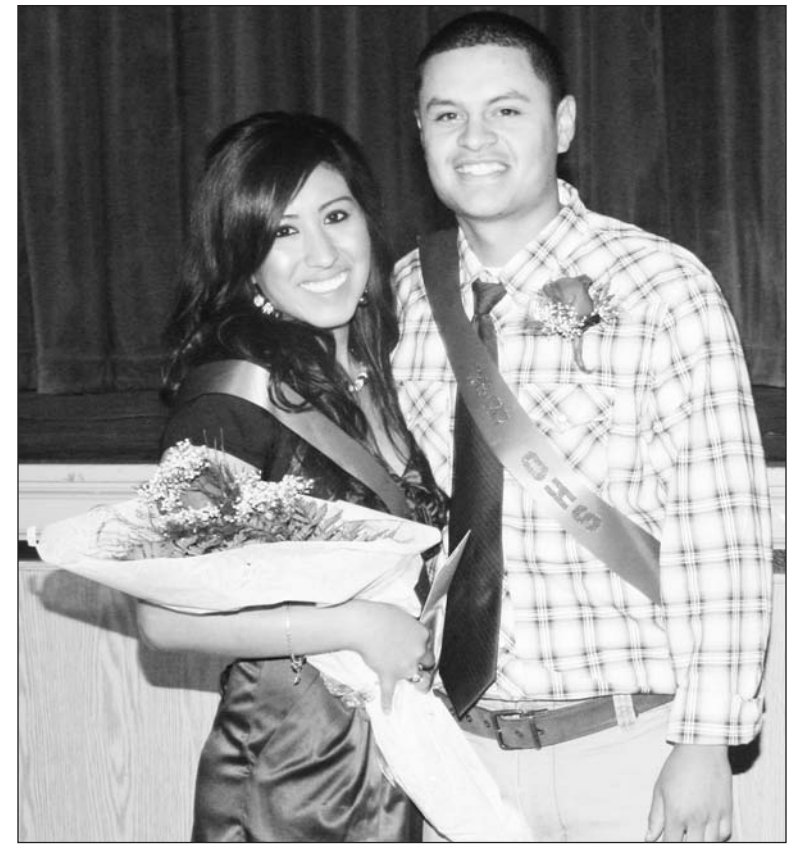
Reservations at the banquet will then be made for presenters and recipients.

The school will invite

the senior scholarship winners to the banquet but will only tell them that they are receiving some kind of award that night. No specifics as to what exactly will be indicated.

Because some local organizations do not go through the OHS office to distribute and collect scholarship applications, it is important that someone from those particular organizations contact the school and let them know.

For more information, call Susie duBois at 392-5501, ext. 5740, or e-mail her at [susie.dubois@ozonastockman.net](mailto:susie.dubois@ozonastockman.net).



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

MISS AND MR. OHS NATALIE HERNANDEZ AND ALEJANDRO MENDEZ



MELISSA PERNER | THE OZONA STOCKMAN

OHS TALENT SHOW WINNERS (left to right) Chris Cantu, second place; Deep Patel, third place and Kristen Hernandez, first place.

## Youth Center Calendar

**7th and 8th Grades Food Night Every other Tuesday 7-10 p.m.**

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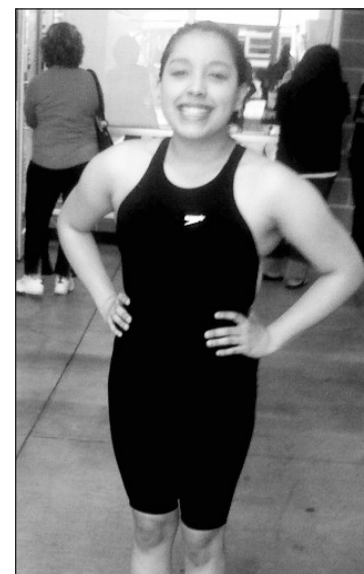
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NIKKI RAY SANCHEZ a sophomore at San Marcos High School, is the 5-A Region IV champ in the 800 meter run and will compete in the state meet in Austin on May 12. She is the daughter of Anthony and Megan Sanchez, formerly of Ozona. Her grandparents Tony and Lupe Sanchez and Uncle Mike of Ozona traveled to San Antonio to watch her run in the regional meet.



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MONICA VALLEJO TAMBUNGA has been named to the Class 4A first team All State 400 freestyle relay team and named to the second team All State 200 freestyle relay team. Monica represented Rouse High School as a member of both relays at the UIL State Swimming Championships in Austin on Feb. 24-25. Monica is the granddaughter of Lito and Diego Pena of Ozona and the great-granddaughter of Inez Ybarra also of Ozona.



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OZONA SIXTH GRADE STUDENTS spent April 25 learning about agriculture, nature, conservation, water, land and more at the annual Crockett County Soil and Water Conservation Field Day. The annual event was held on the Jack Baggett Ranch south of Ozona. LEFT: Dakota Fox won a \$10 gift card to Dairy Queen for naming the most plants.

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An open record request for employee salaries and overtime records was submitted to the county. It was discovered that the Sheriff spent \$90,306 in overtime pay for deputies in 2009. That year the chief deputy was paid \$24,223 in overtime which is 26.8% of all overtime paid in 2009. In 2010 the Sheriff spent \$112,466 in overtime and the chief deputy collected \$30,744 in overtime or 27.3% of all overtime paid.

In 2009 the chief deputy was paid a total of \$71,114 and in 2010 he was paid \$84,942. He left the sheriff's office in early 2011 but in two years he was paid over \$156,000. The sheriff earned about \$85,000 for the same two years. In two years the chief deputy, sacked away almost \$55,000 in overtime. Who was managing the budget and the very well paid chief deputy?

The sheriff also added an administrative assistant to his staff. In 2010 that person made \$36,560 which included \$3,499 in overtime pay. In 2011 the same administrative assistant earned \$51,662 including \$13,861 in overtime pay. That's a \$15,102 salary increase in one year.

Budget expenditures and work assignments should be managed to prevent anyone from taking advantage of their position. If elected Sheriff I will manage the budget and duty assignments and there will be no favoritism.

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# Ron Hawthorne

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## FORUM: from page 1

He also said a modular jail, meeting state standards, could be placed in the back of the building where the playground once stood.

"That place is big enough for law enforcement under one roof," he said. "It takes a lot of money to build a big jail and staff it. You the voters have to handle it. Get in touch with your commissioners and tell them what you want."

Hawthorne said a "store front" sheriff's office could work if the county does not want the expense of building a new jail. The office could be located in a building on the square and would allow the public better access to talking to law enforcement.

The current sheriff's office is located behind the First Baptist Church and the entrance is not easily accessible to the public.

"We need something. A store front sheriff's office is something that could be done," he said.

Rodriguez said that temporary fixes were not the answer for the jail issue.

While the intermediate school property is great, it may not be allowed due to the building being in a floodplain, he said.

"I want a jail. We need a jail. You all have to build a jail," Rodriguez said. "Temporary fixes will put us deeper and deeper in the hole."

Stroope also said that he doesn't believe prisoners can be housed in a floodplain, that the roof of the school building leaks and law enforcement would be cut off when it floods.

He said that the county needs to find an area for a jail where there is plenty of room.

All four candidates were in agreement that the county should look into building an animal control facility. Animals that need to be euthanized are being taken to Sonora and then Crockett County Sheriff's Deputies have to pick up the animals to dispose of them.

"Animal Control is a nightmare," Hawthorne said. "We need an expert on critters, a full-time person that is trained."

On staffing and personnel of the sheriff's office, all four candidates said they would hire local people as if they met the requirements, but that it was hard to find qualified individuals in Crockett County.

Hawthorne said he would like to staff the sheriff's office

with at least two deputies on duty 24 hours a day, every day. He said he would like to see 12-13 deputies in the office.

"There are not enough deputies. I know some of our ranchers would like to see a patrol car on their county roads," he said.

Hawthorne said local applicants are to be considered above all else, if the person meets the requirements.

"With a town our size you sometime have to hire the leftovers. Rookies in other cities can start out making more money," he said.

Sutton said his budget, which is decided by the commissioners' court, hasn't changed since he took office in 2008.

"We are not growing in people in Crockett County that want our job," Sutton said. "I wish people were beating down doors to be a deputy. We hire with what we have based on what we know and what we're told."

Stroope said he has seen deputies living in travel trailers in Ozona because of the lack of available housing.

"They don't know the people, the citizens they are dealing with," he said.

Stroope spoke about having a volunteer reserve program. He also said the deputies pay was an issue the commissioners needed to address.

"Keep the money here so the deputies are known," he said.

Rodriguez said if people are available and trained from Crockett County, he would hire them.

"They are not always available. I want to put the best possible officers on the street," he said.

In working with other local emergency officials, all four candidates also said that was essential in keeping the public safe.

Rodriguez said he has already contacted and talked with many of the emergency officials.

"I've already started taking down one of the fences that has been broken," he said. "We need to work together as a whole."

Stroope works with emergency officials, such as the fire department and EMS, through his towing service. He said it's important the sheriff's office work with the firefighters and EMS to help them in emergency situations.

Sutton said his office is open for use by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers. He also said

a deputy responds when there are accidents and fires.

"We have a good relationship. We have had some rough spots in the road, but we have no problems," Sutton said.

Hawthorne also said if the sheriff's office and emergency officials don't work together then someone could get hurt.

"I'm not going work without them. It takes everyone," he said.

In closing, Hawthorne said the sheriff's office is held to a performance standard, and that the office can't have a set of standards for one person and another set for others.

"We are working for you," he said.

Sutton said he would continue to provide the best law enforcement he can for the citizens of Crockett County.

"I'm well aware the train doesn't run smooth all the time," he said.

Rodriguez said he has integrity and nothing to be ashamed of as a law enforcement officer.

"I've done my job and I will continue to do my job to the best of my ability," he said.

Stroope said the sheriff's office could greatly improve if it better informed the community.

"If you are not informed through the sheriff's office all you can do is criticize. You need to keep citizens informed at all times," he said.

**112th DISTRICT ATTORNEY**  
The candidates running for 112th District Attorney, incumbent Laurie English and James Jepson, spoke issues and what can be done in prosecuting criminals.

The 112th Judicial District covers Crockett, Reagan, Pecos, Sutton and Upton counties.

English said she tries to maintain a good relationship with all law enforcement in all of the counties, and makes herself and her staff accessible to them.

"We try to maintain open communications. If they need to they can call me at 3 a.m. We maintain good relations with law enforcement," she said.

Prior to becoming a lawyer, Jepson said he worked as a peace officer, including being a deputy in Reagan County. He said he tries to have good relationships with law enforcement officials.

"The majority of the police know and support me in this election," he said.

English also explained her role in establishing the Professional Prosecutor's Act for the 112th District Attorney's office. This law prohibits the district attorneys whose offices are part of the act from having any type of private practice.

"I saw conflicts of interest being created and I felt like that needed to be elevated," she said.

In keeping communities safe, English said she has taken all cases brought to her office.

"We are very aggressive in that our cases are pursued. We take every case seriously," she said.

The 112th District Attorney's Office currently has offices in Ozona and Fort Stockton. Jepson, who is currently a practicing attorney in Fort Stockton and McCamey, said he does plan on keeping both offices.

He also said that he is running for district attorney because he feels like some changes are needed in the prosecutor's office.

Jepson said when he worked as an assistant district attorney from 1992-1996, he prosecuted 130 crimes and lost three.

"We need fairness and justice for all citizens," he said. "I'm a firm believer when it comes to violent criminals you don't give deferred probation like the current district attorney does. You look at the facts and the evidence and you screen those things before you throw them on the grand jury."

English said that deferred adjudication is an important tool for a prosecutor. Deferred Adjudication is a type of probation. A defendant is placed on probation for a certain period of time. If the probation is successfully completed, the case is "dismissed."

Since being elected in 2005, English said she has prosecuted 36 trials and of those 36, seven were acquitted and there was one mistrial, which leaves 28 convictions. She also said she has prosecuted 29 bench trials and of those only two were acquittals leaving 27 convictions.

"We need to set the record straight on all this misinformation and get back to the business of prosecution," she said. "Currently we have and we will continue to have a district attorney that prosecutes with integrity. Mr. Jepson is misleading you this evening. You need someone that is honest with you and will tell you the truth. I'm that candidate."

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**FINANCE:** from page 1

duBois said if Crockett County voters approve, the district could increase the tax rate to \$1.06 and raise \$400,000 more for the district. Also, that money is not subject to recapture by the state.

Cost for the average homeowner would be around \$9 a year, duBois said.

"My job is to give you the best advice for the condition we are in. It's not in our best interest to pay more money in recapture that we have to," he said. "As citizens we all have the responsibility to educate children. We're not being wasteful. We have to be good stewards."

Other funding changes include money for textbooks and technology has been reduced, health care insurance costs have increased six percent, utility costs increasing and fuel and food costs increasing.

Right now, the district fully pays for all employees health insurance, a cost duBois said he will do all that he can to keep that.

"It's a peace of mind factor. It helps us recruit," he said. "We can't get carried away in this business. We have to keep in mind all those things we have to do."

Managing requirements to improve Ozona Middle School, the district's academically unacceptable campus, and improving special education programs, along with continuing progress toward a full pre-k through fifth bilingual program, maintenance of effort and program compliance requirements and managing staff and student ratios are continuing challenges for the district.

Cost and staff reductions with the Region 15 Education Service Center also impacts Ozona Schools. duBois said the service center provides workshops, train-

ing and services that are affordable to the district.

Keeping facilities, equipment and transportation maintained and upgraded is another challenge. The field house at Lion Stadium, modernizing Ozona High School, new route and charter buses and maintaining the level of food service created continue to challenge the district.

"We have done a lot in the last three years. I'm really proud of the level of effort we've thrown the last three years. Now we have to stay on top of that," he said. "There's great stuff going on in this district that you won't see in too many other places."

duBois said the district will continue to progress toward academic performance goals, strengthen services and support for students and families, improve post-graduate options for students and improve access to technology and programming.

He also mentioned areas in the district that are firm commitments, such as providing modern and well-equipped learning spaces and resources, strong compensation and benefits for employees, supportive environment for students and staff and high quality programming and experiences in instruction and extracurricular activities including fine arts.

"We still have a pretty comprehensive program of electives and fine arts. Our job is to help students aspire to whatever they want to be and teach them to work consistently with an honest effort. That's sports, that's band, that's student council, it's all an integral part of our district," duBois said.

Other firm commitments include a home liaison, full day pre-k for all four year olds, professional development to assist language development, high quality nutritional service

and the district paying for student accident insurance. duBois said the insurance costs the district \$22,000 but it covers all school-related activities and families never have a bill if they stay in the insurance network.

He also said the full time pre-k will be around as long as the school can afford the program.

"Students are staying a home because parents can't afford daycare. They may night receive reading support. There could be developmental delays. Every four year-old in Ozona can come to our school. We can afford to do it," he said.

On the other end, some items are negotiable and may be cut.

These include food service consulting, everyone pitching in to help and an increase in internal capacity.

All coaches and duBois are licensed to drive buses, maintenance staff are becoming certified to fix heating and air conditioning units and in pest control to keep the district from contracting out and teachers' aides are helping students instead of grading papers.

"We exist for the child. They were hungry and excited to. They feel more connected to the kids," he said.

duBois said he doesn't see a major staff reduction like the district offered last year, but everyone will have to pitch in with more frugal budgets.

He also said personnel slots will be examined each time one becomes empty.

"Everyone is asked to do a little bit more. I'm the superintendent that picks up trash after ball games. I'll scrub a toilet if I have to," he said. "I'm proud of our folks. They are adjusting and it's not easy."

Labor costs and practices, energy management and facility use, prioritizing efforts toward equipment pur-

chasing and increasing preventative maintenance are some key strategies the district is looking toward using.

"We want to make sure we are being frugal and that we need every personnel slot. We have very, very conscious people on our board looking over our shoulder and your administrations from the ground up," duBois said. "My goal this year is to change as little for everybody as we can. If you talk to people in the trenches their job is harder but so is mine. We're in this together. I'm proud of what we offer to the taxpayers of Crockett County."

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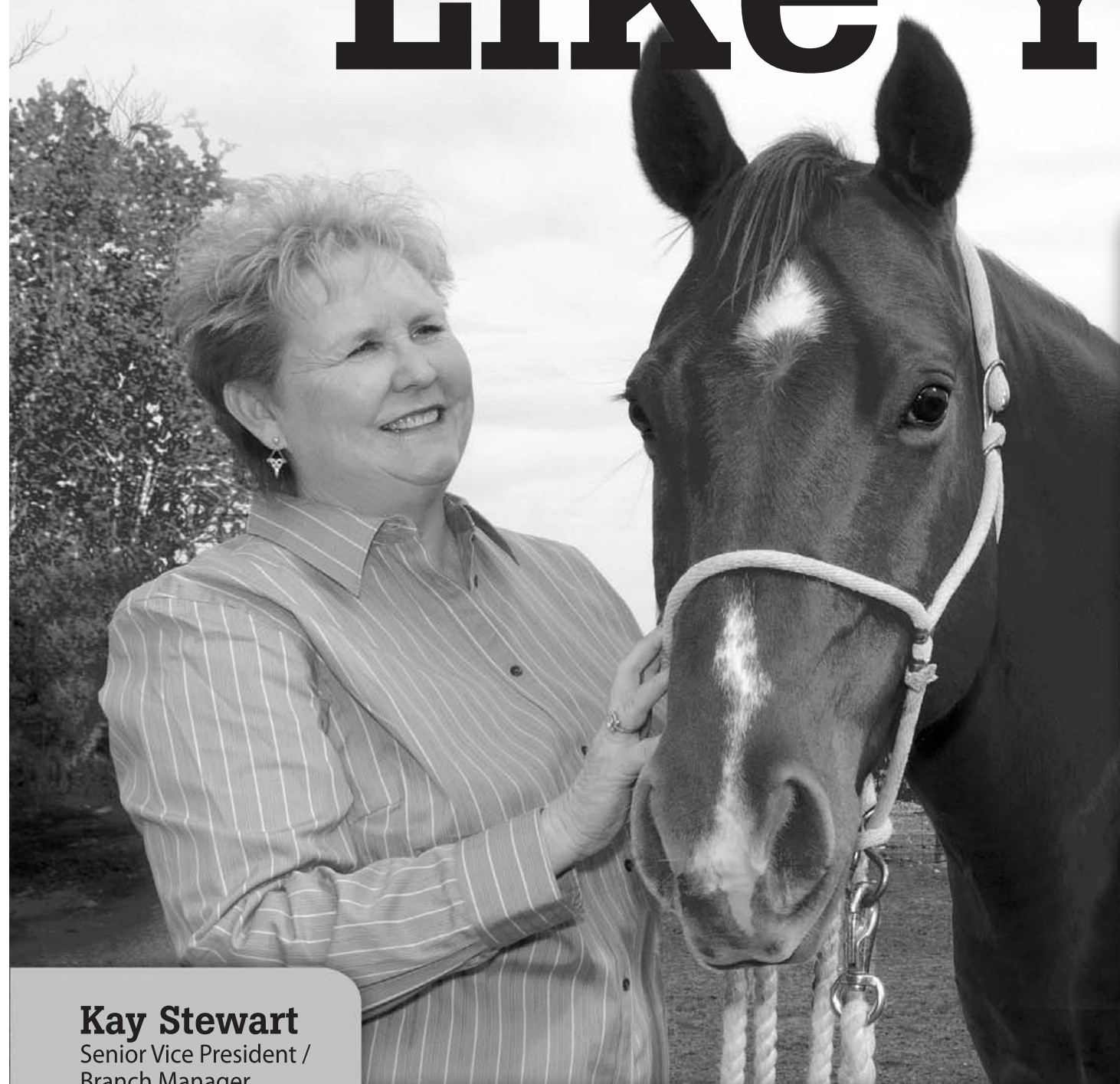
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The Crockett County Groundwater Conservation District will sponsor students from Crockett County to attend this year's Water Camp.

The camp will be held July 8-12 at the George and Opal Bentley 4-H Center in Monahans. The 5-day camp focuses on water quality and conservation education and features field trips, tours and hands-on group

project work.

The camp invites 15 boys and 15 girls from all across the state of Texas. Participants must be of high school age and have an interest in water quality and conservation and be willing to participate as a team member during the 5-day camp.

This camp is not restricted to 4-H members. Cost of the camp is \$150, however; the Crockett County G.C.D. will pay for the cost of the camp plus \$150 to the travel provider.

Anyone interested in attending this camp, please call the Crockett County G.C.D. at 392-5156 or stop by the office at 1102 Ave I to obtain an application form. All applications must be turned in by May 18.

## Letter carriers food drive set

The National Association of Letter Carriers and the United Way of the Concho Valley with support from the U.S. Postal Services will sponsor its annual food drive on Saturday, May 12, to benefit the Concho Valley Regional Food Bank.

Last year, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) National Food Drive collected more than 70 million pounds of food in one day for individuals and families in communities throughout the United States. For the 19th year, United Way will partner

with the NALC National Food Drive scheduled for Saturday, May 12. Join in "Stamping Out Hunger" by promoting this drive and encouraging your community's participation and support the food drive.

Items in glass containers, frozen food and home canned products cannot be accepted. Contributors are asked to leave the donations in sturdy bags at the Ozona post office until Saturday, May 12. The items you donate will help benefit your local food pantries and feeding agencies.

## Al-Anon meetings Thursdays

Weekly meetings of Al-Anon are Thursdays.

The Al-Anon program is based on the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous.

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## FIRE DEPARTMENT RUNS

**NOTICE**  
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 to confirm that it is a control burn.

**APRIL 21**  
•9:27 p.m. - Motor vehicle accident 29 miles south FM 2083. One vehicle rollover, assist EMS and work traffic. Three units, eight firefighters. Time in service 2 hours 39 minutes.

**APRIL 25**  
•4:42 p.m. - Grass fire off of County Road 207. Started by a power line down 15 acres. Five units, 10 firefighters. Time in service 3 hours 38 minutes.

**MAY 3**  
•12:13 p.m. - Possible truck on fire north service road I-10 mile-marker 369. Located truck, was a hot axle. A unit with three firefighters. Time in

service 7 minutes.  
•12:13 p.m. - Truck fire/grass fire I-10 mile-marker 329. A unit with two firefighters, Sheffield FD, Iraan FD. Time in service 1 hour 27 minutes.

**MAY 5**  
•11:45 a.m. - 20 miles south FM 2083, assist EMS. Pickup fell on a man. Three units, five firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 13 minutes.

•5:34 p.m. - Brush pile on ranch 34 west US Hwy 190 on Ten Gallon Rd. A unit with three firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 47 minutes.

**MAY 6**  
•1:25 p.m. - Grass fire reported mile-marker 346 on I-10. In bar ditch. A unit with three firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 26 minutes

•6:52 p.m. - #30 Crockett Heights Dr, possible structure fire. Wooden deck in back yard. Three units, 11 firefighters. Time in service 1 hour 50 minutes.

## POSTAL: from page 2

Consider, for example, its new Every Door Direct Mail program, which directly competes with many private businesses. Members of Congress who mistakenly see postal reform as an exercise in deregulating a company may actually unleash a powerful federal agency, while those who look to raising postage so generous worker benefits can continue could pull the plug on the economic engine that keeps jobs alive.

It isn't compromise that is needed, but a clear-eyed vision based on a full understanding of the needs of all who the Postal Service serves. Postal management today has an impossible task, expected to accomplish business goals without the cost-controlling tools businesses have, and expect-

ed to achieve government ends without federal support. Congress owns this confusion. Only Congress can fix it and it will continue to need to fine-tune its solutions as communications cultures change. No bill passed today will avoid the need for legislation in the future. Neither "deregulating" it nor hiking rates will get USPS to stability. Nor will abrupt and disruptive approaches to labor costs.

Senators Collins and Lieberman, along with co-sponsors Tom Carper, D-DE, and Scott Brown, R-MA, have devoted endless hours to understanding the challenge and to crafting the next steps toward fixing it. Their approach deserves considerably more respect than it is getting.

**REED ANFINSON** is the President of the National Newspaper Association and Publisher of the Swift County (Minn.) Monitor-News

## STATE: from page 2

"The social harm of online impostors bullying or preying on our children is devastating, and the UT Child Identity Protection Task Force will work tirelessly to help children and parents guard against these crimes," Combs said.

Among task force members are individuals with the FBI, Secret Service, TransUnion, LexisNexis and Internet safety group WiredSafety.org.

## PERMIAN PROPOSES \$10K DEGREE

A "Texas Science Scholar" undergraduate degree to be offered by the Odessa-based University of Texas of the Permian Basin beginning in the fall is the first answer to a call by Gov. Rick Perry for institutions of higher learning to adopt a \$10,000 four-year undergraduate degree.

Announced at a May 2 UT System board of regents meeting by UT-Permian Basin President David Watts, the bachelor of science degree program will offer majors in chemistry, computer science, geology, information systems and mathematics on the UTPB campus.

## EDUCATION CHIEF RESIGNS

Texas Commissioner of Education Robert Scott on May 3 announced his intent to resign from office effective July 2, five years after his appointment to the state's highest public education post.

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| New Listing - 120 acres, Texas West Ranch, Crockett Co.             | \$900/acre              |
| 300 acres, Deer Canyon, NW of Ozona on Hwy. 190 in Crockett County. | \$900/acre              |
| 1456 acres, Sutton/Cr   | SALE PENDING \$975/acre |
| 100 acres, Rim Rock Ranch (water well & small shed)                 | \$95,000                |
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
USED VEHICLE FOR SALE**

Crockett County WCID#1, Ozona, Texas will be selling the following:  
1. 2000 F250 Ford Pickup VIN 1FTNX20L8YED55105 **AS IS** The vehicle can be viewed at 511 Eleventh Street on the following days; May 3, 8 and 10th. Known vehicle information will be posted on the windows. Crockett County WCID#1 will **accept sealed bids** until 5:00 p.m. May 14, 2012. Contact: Doug Meador at 325-392-2730 Crockett County WCID#1 reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

Proposals will be received by Crockett County Consolidated Common School District at PO Box 400 or 797 Ave. D, Ozona TX until 2:00 PM, Tuesday, May 15, 2012 for the following separate projects: **District Security and Monitoring Systems - Upgrades and Additions (Contact District Contact listed for Detailed Scope of Work)**. Proposals may be negotiated after opening and tabulation. Proposals shall be delivered to CCCSD by mail, courier or hand delivery. Fax proposals will not be accepted. **Proposals shall be submitted in an envelope marked on the outside with the bidder's name, address and an appropriate proposal description.** Proposals received after the published time and date cannot be considered. **All vendors must be able to document Davis-Bacon Act compliance regarding prevailing wages.** All proposals must remain open for ninety (90) days from the proposal date pending acceptance by CCCSD. Details or specifications may be obtained by contacting **Chris duBois or Keith Harmsen at (325) 392-5501** during the office hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. Successful proposals will be identified on the basis of the best value, experience, qualifications and ability to complete scope of work that is in the best interest of the District, and any other factor as stated in Texas Education Code Section 44.031(b).

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**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Crockett County Consolidated Common School District is seeking sealed proposals for the purchase of One (1) 8-Plex modular portable complex located at the corner of Ave G and 5th street. Portables may be viewed by appointment by contacting Cynthia Hokit at 325/392-5501 Ext. 5201. Proposals may be mailed to Crockett County CCSD, Box 400, Ozona TX 76943 or delivered to 797 Ave D, Ozona, TX and will be accepted until 3 pm Wednesday, May 23, 2012. Proposals will be presented to the board at an upcoming meeting. Crockett County CCSD reserves the right to accept/reject any and all proposals as they may appear advantageous to the district. Mark Envelopes with Portables Proposal.

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