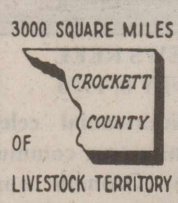


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Local resident's grandson becomes autism success story

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

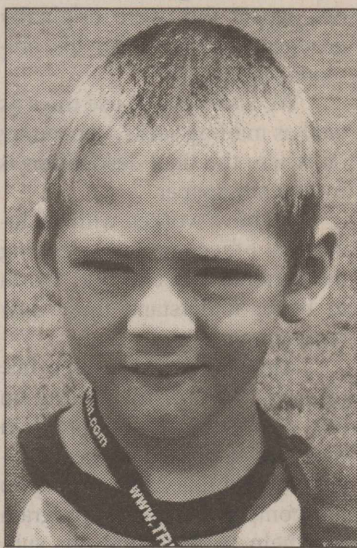
Curtis Couch was not ready to hear that his son was autistic. As a parent, Curtis didn't want to hear that anything was wrong with two-year Zac.

"No guy wants to admit anything is wrong," he said.

Now, five years later, Curtis said he is amazed at the progress his son has made since being diagnosed with autism.

"He is doing fabulous," Curtis said. "He is functioning like a normal child."

Curtis, known also as "Capp," is a 1984 graduate of Ozona High School and the son of Ozona resident Alice Couch Brewer. His wife Robin and their other son Zane, 5, live in Hender-



ZAC COUCH

son, Tenn.

Curtis currently works for The College Network and travels extensively in a four-state

territory. Robin works as a nurse part-time in the Pediatric Intensive Care Unit at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital.

Zac was born eight months premature and remained in the hospital for one week before he could come home.

Neither parent has a family history of autism. The signs came on when Zac was two and started getting into trouble at pre-school for hitting the teacher and other children.

Curtis and his wife thought it was due to the stress of having a new baby brother at home, since Zane had just been born.

Robin was the first one to notice that Zac's behavior was different from the other children. He would have difficulty cooperating and sitting with children,

and he would wander about appearing to be lost in his own little world.

At age three, Zac was diagnosed with Mild Autism Spectrum Syndrome at the University of Tennessee's Boling Center for the Developmental Disabilities in Memphis.

"It's a brain dysfunction," Curtis said. "Your brain is wired like a car. If all the wires work right, the car runs. If one doesn't work, the car runs sluggish. It's similar to that."

Autism is not a mental illness or a mental disease, Curtis said.

Autism is a complex developmental disability that affects an individual in the areas of social interaction and communication, according to the Autism

Society of America.

As many as 1.5 million Americans - children and adults - are thought to have autism today, the ASA stated.

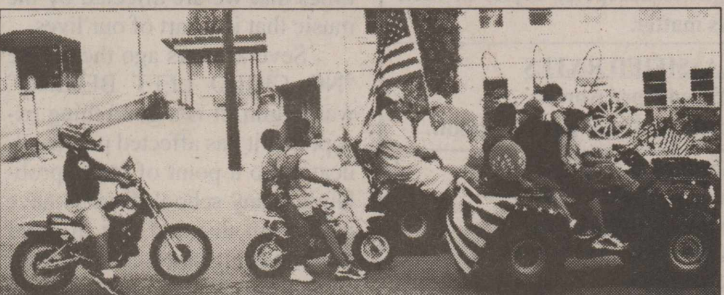
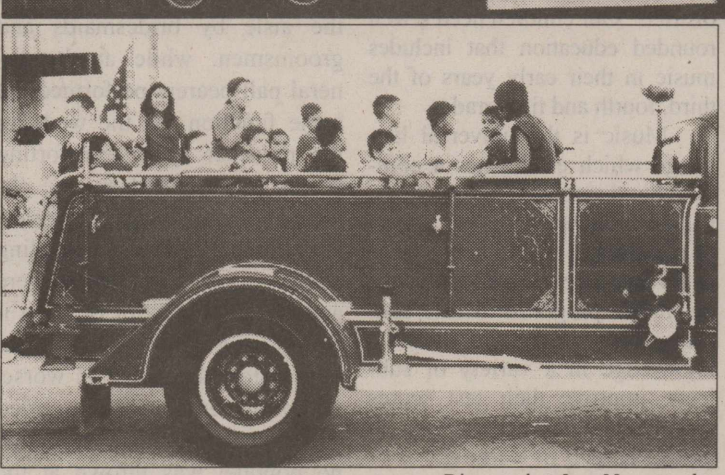
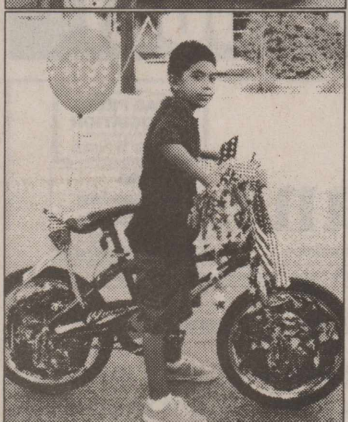
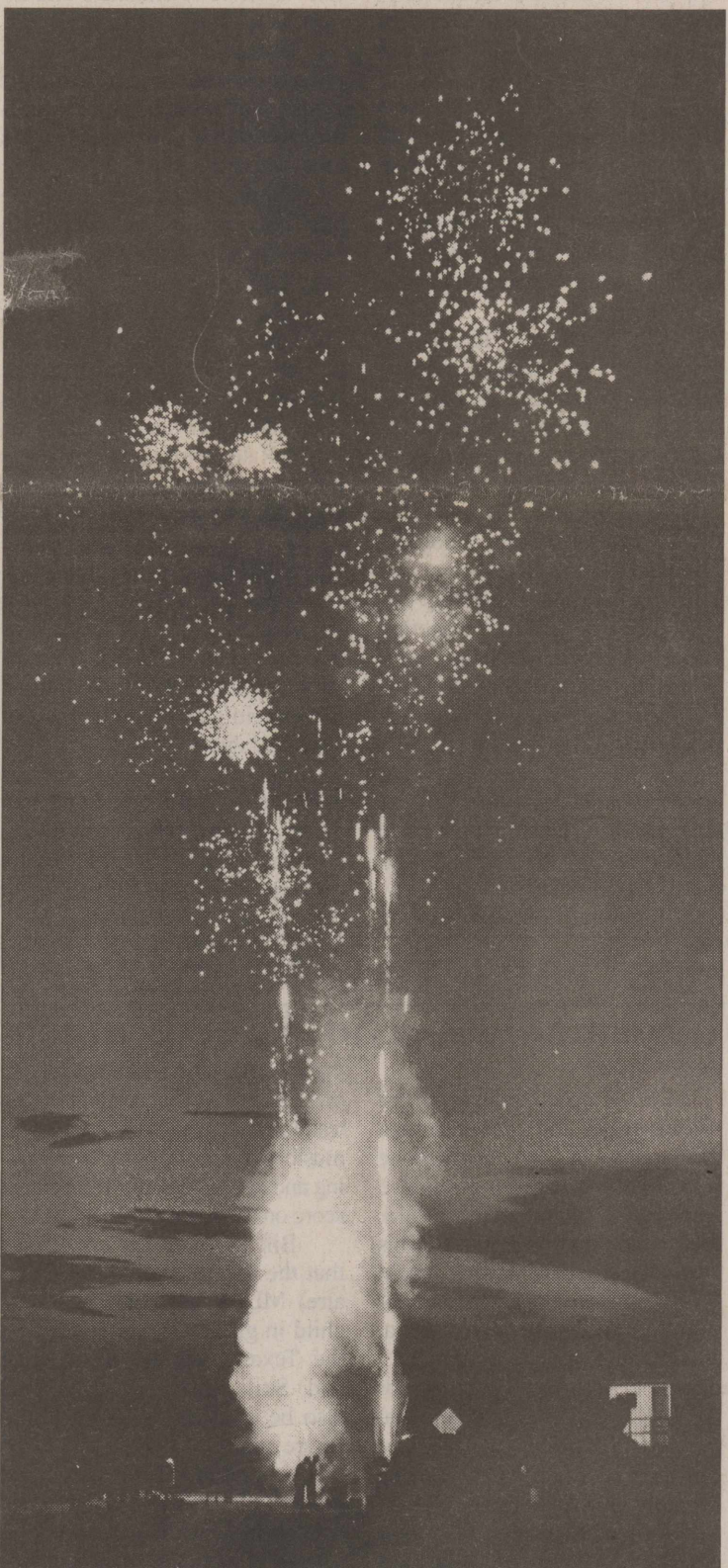
Around 85 percent of children diagnosed with autism are boys, Curtis said.

"Get your children diagnosed between the ages of 2-3 years old. Three is the magic number," Curtis said. "By doing this then the child has the capability of totally turning around. Zac is a superstar. He was able to do that."

In order to become this "superstar," Zac has had to undergo Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA therapy) to have his hearing evaluated and undergo a genetics evaluation to help determine the cause of his autism.

Please see **AUTISM** page 5

FOURTH OF JULY FUN



Swimmers must wait until next summer for new pool

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Swimmers are going to have to wait until next summer before they get a chance to slide into the new swimming pool.

Crockett County Road and Maintenance Superintendent said that the construction on the pool has been going slow, during Monday's regular Commissioners' Court meeting.

Moore said he believes that lack of people to do the labor is the cause of the problem. Atlantis Construction is the company contracted to build the pool.

"I thought they would be further along," Moore said. "We're waiting on them to start pouring the slab before we can get in there and finish."

The county will install a fence to go around the pool as well as posts that will have awnings for shade.

As far as the bathhouse goes, Moore said work still needs to be done on the inside of the building, such as plumbing and tile work which is slow.

County Judge Johnny Jones said he noticed cracks in the slab where the bathhouse is and cracks in the pool.

Moore said that the engineer from Hibbs and Todd Inc. should be called to come out and look at that.

"The way things are going, the pool people don't think they will be ready by August," Moore said.

"I don't think you're going to get any swimmers this year," Jones added.

As far as the softball field goes, the county is working on the concession stand and AEP donated the labor costs in putting up the lights for the field.

The commissioners also approved a resolution to impose an additional penalty for tax collection costs. The penalty will be an additional 20 percent for delinquent tax payers. The penalty will take effect July 1, 2007.

The additional penalty is through the state and not the county tax office, said Rhonda Shaw, county tax assessor-collector.

Shaw said there is not a lot out right now on delinquent taxes.

Other agenda items approved:

- Budget amendment for \$22,000 increase in Justice of Peace fines revenue to go toward the adult probation department to get the department through until they receive state funds on Sept. 1.
- Extension of the burn ban for another month.
- Advertise for fuel bids.

Please see **COUNTY** page 5

Photos by Joe Hernandez

OZONA CELEBRATED THE FOURTH OF JULY IN STYLE with a downtown parade and fireworks at the baseball complex. The day's events also included a G.I. Joe Fun Run and Walk. The events were sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. For more on the Fourth of July events, see page 5.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

The Postal Service makes us scream

Just the other day I had a person tell me that they couldn't believe a newspaper subscription in Crockett County was only \$21 for one year.

I didn't have the heart to tell her then that may become a thing of the past when new postal regulations go into affect next year.

I also didn't tell her about the pain and agony my staff and I have been through this year in dealing with changes in the current postal regulations.

The United States Postal Service announced this past May that in May 2007 the cost of first-class stamps will increase to 42-cents. Along with having to pay more to mail your letters, the newspaper reading public will have to pay more to get its hometown news.

With the price of stamps on the rise, the USPS also announced that the cost could rise nearly 25 percent for in-county newspapers.

Let me do the math for you. Currently, Crockett County subscribers pay \$21 a year for The Ozona Stockman. The increase of 25 percent means that the subscription price could jump to \$26.25 or maybe even more in order for our business to cover the costs.

While the price is still cheaper than many people in one month for a daily paper, it still puts a dent in many pocketbooks.

Over the past two months, my staff and I have already had to deal with several changes from the post office.

The USPS now has a new restriction that requires mailing bundles of less than 24 newspapers to be grouped together so that there are at least 24 newspapers or more in a bag.

This means that smaller towns such as Sonora, Eldorado, Iraan and Sheffield that once used to have their own mailing bag must now be grouped together and shipped to Midland, a regional distribution center.

Whether this is a delay in delivery, we don't know.

In fact, we encourage our readers in areas outside of Crockett County to let us know when they do receive their paper and if there has been any change.

Beginning on July 6, the

Community Calendar

- July 12** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- July 13** - Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Senior Bingo, 6:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- July 14** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- July 17** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Ladies bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lady Lion Basketball Camp, 9-11:30 a.m. 3-6 graders and 1-3:30 p.m. 7-9 graders at the Davidson Gymnasium.
- July 18** - Lady Lion Basketball Camp, 9-11:30 a.m. 3-6 graders and 1-3:30 p.m. 7-9 graders at the Davidson Gymnasium
- July 19** - Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Lady Lion Basketball Camp, 9-11:30 a.m. 3-6 graders and 1-3:30 p.m. 7-9 graders at the Davidson Gymnasium
- CCCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on 797 Avenue D.

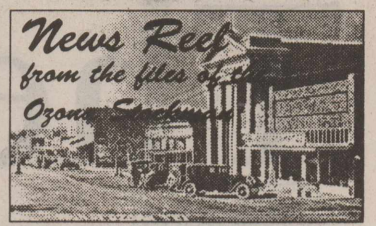
Letters to the Editor

We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2.

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Please include name, address, phone number and e-mail if available. All letters must contain this information or will not be published.

Letters are subject to editing. Defamatory, libelous and/or profane language will reject any letter out of hand. Letters should try to not exceed 250 words.



NEWS REEL
JULY 8, 1976

The Bicentennial celebration here was a true community effort. Many Ozonans worked long and hard at making the weekend event a memorable occasion and almost successful one.

Wanda Stuart is the new club champion, and Liz Williams was the runner-up in the annual Ladies Golf Tournament at the Country Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hodges of St. Louis, Mo. returned to their home Monday after spending the holiday weekend here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Harrell.

NEWS REEL
JULY 10, 1947

Announcement was made this week of the purchase by Mrs. Coralie Meinecke of the Graham & White Insurance Agency.

Mr. and Mrs. Spencer King were here over the Fourth visiting Mrs. King's sister, Mrs. B.B. Ingham.

Byron Williams received his private flying license this week at Kinser Flying School.

Mrs. A.E. Deland has had her book shop refinished.

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

The Married and the Burned

Lately it seems like my entire social calendar consists of weddings and funerals. The only time I see my relatives these days is at funerals and I'd say I'd like to see them more often but that might sound like I'm hoping they'd die.

Recently in a 24 hour period I attended both a wedding and a funeral and I was struck by the many similarities between the newlyweds and the newly dead.

In both cases the pews were filled with folks who hadn't been to church in a long time. There were readings from scripture, the families sat up front, a small program was passed out and there was beautiful music, although the song selections were different. At one the organist played Here Comes the Bride and at the other we sang Onward Christian Soldiers. Family members were grieving at both the funeral AND the wedding.

Although I wore the same threadbare clothes to both occasions the married and the buried all wore fancy duds and had their hair done. After both the wedding and the funeral the betrothed and the dearly departed were going somewhere, either to heaven or to a resort south of Cancun. One would get there in a hearse, the others on a cruise ship. Although an uncertain future awaited both the newlywed and newly dead one thing was for sure: in both cases the man's circulation was going to be cut off.

In the wedding the leading players were ushered down the aisle by bridesmaids and groomsmen, while at the funeral pall bearers performed the same function. At the wedding the preacher spoke comforting words and asked if anyone objected to the marriage. The priest at the funeral was also consoling but he did not ask if there were any objections. A lot of good it would have done! In both cases it was for better or for worse.

At both ceremonies babies cried and flowers bloomed, although no bouquet was thrown at the funeral. Who wants to catch the bouquet at a funeral and be next?

There was the expected traditional pageantry at the marriage and the funeral, although I no-

ticed that traditions are changing in the church. During the funeral we laughed a little and when man and wife were introduced for the first time we clapped. But some things never change... tears by the bucket were shed in both cases.

After the funeral and the wedding we went to a reception, visited, and ate. Having much experience in these matters lately I'd say that the food is always better after a wedding. At the reception we listened to speeches about what a good guy the deceased and the groom HAD BEEN. Good friends knew they'd seen the last of their good buddy and paid their last respects to both the married and the buried. Family members knew they'd hardly see the bride, groom and the departed ever again. After both ritualistic ceremonies the deceased and the betrothed were pictured next to each other on the same page in our newspaper. For every ending there is a new beginning.

This is not to suggest that there are not important differences between weddings and funerals. At a funeral there is no ring bearer, flower girl or bachelorette party. It usually takes months of planning for a wedding, unless it's of the shotgun variety, and in that case both a wedding and a funeral can be pulled off in three days. Usually a Doctor of Divinity presides over a funeral whereas a baby doctor might be waiting in the wings at a wedding. For a funeral there are no invitations, no official photos, and unlike a marriage, it cannot be postponed. Also unlike a marriage, you only get one funeral. For the families I think funerals must be a lot cheaper than weddings but for the guests it's about the same. For one it's a set of steak knives and for the other it's a contribution to the Cancer Society or the American Heart Association.

The lavish wedding and the austere funeral made me realize once again that we don't always get what we deserve in this life. Some of us marry better than others while some lucky stiff live to be ninety. But in the end, as they say, we are all cremated equal.

Sara Hignight
Ozona, Texas

Sheffield Boot Camp welcomes new commandant

By JANE HARBER
Sheffield Boot Camp
Community Relations
Coordinator

Don Brantley, Assistant Deputy Executive Director for Juvenile Corrections, has announced the selection of Mr. Curtis Simmons as the new Sheffield Boot Camp Commandant.

Mr. Simmons began his career in Juvenile Corrections in 1974 with the state of Louisiana. There he held the positions of Teacher, Housefather, Case-worker, and Program Administrator at the Louisiana Training Institution. In 1988 he served four years as a Treatment Coordinator in San Diego, Calif.

He then moved to Fort Worth and served as a Clinical Social Worker at John Peter Smith Hospital. He joined the Texas Youth Commission in



Commandant
Curtis Simmons

1995 as a Program Administrator III at the Brownwood Sanctions Unit. He assumed the role of Assistant Superintendent at Hamilton State School in 1997 until its closure in 2003. He was reassigned as Assistant Super-

intendent at Marlin Orientation Assessment Unit. During his stint at Marlin, Mr. Simmons temporarily assisted Victory Field Correctional Academy, Al Price Juvenile Corrections facility, and most recently as Interim Assistant Superintendent at West Texas State School (February 27, 2005). In July 1, 2005 Mr. Simmons became the Assistant Superintendent for the West Texas State School.

Mr. Simmons has a Bachelors degree from the University of Portland in Portland, Oregon and a Masters of Social Work from Tulane University in New Orleans, La.

As you can see, Mr. Simmons brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to his new assignment. Please help Sheffield Boot Camp staff and cadets in welcoming Mr. Simmons to the community.

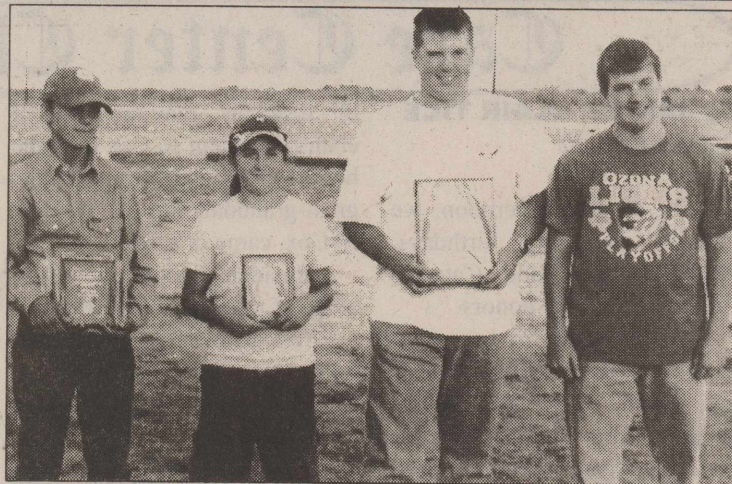
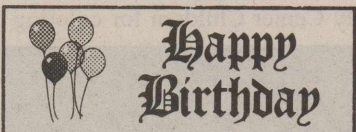


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FOUR CROCKETT COUNTY 4-H SHOOTERS competed in the District VI 4-H Shoot on July 1 in Midland. They competed against 95 4-H shooters from various Texas Districts. Those pictured are (left to right) Sol Stokes, Sierra Stokes, Brian Anderson and Danny Anderson. Brian placed first in trap in the Senior II Division. Danny competed in the Senior I Division. Sol placed second in trap, fourth in skeet and sixth in sporting clays in the Intermediate Division and Sierra placed fourth in the sporting clays in the Junior Division.



July 12 - Shirley Kirby, Christi Smith, James Montgomery, Eric Mendoza and Victoria Treto

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

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

July 15 - Luis Villarreal, Enrique Galvan, Linda Borrego, Kendra A. Sarabia, Kayla A. Sarabia and Nathan Pena-Alfaro

July 16 - Shona Moore, Joanie Medley, Stephen Zuberbueler, Lisa Vasquez, Nancy Hale and Burl Myers

July 17 - Jerry Perez, Terry Crawford, Albert Barrera, Connie Marshall, Drew Fierro, Susie Black, Jessie Lynn Ramos, Coleen Everett and Ashley Unger

July 18 - Yazmin G. Camarillo, Gloria Moran, Mark Fierro, Connie Gonzales and Anthony Avila

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Paisano Baptist Encampment to celebrate its 86th consecutive year

By KELLY HERZOG
Paisano Baptist Encampment

PAISANO BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT - Paisano Baptist Encampment will be holding their 86th consecutive General Encampment, beginning Sunday evening, July 23, and continuing until noon on Friday, July 28, 2006.

Morning Worship Service will be held at 11 a.m. daily, and Evening Worship Service begins nightly at 8 p.m. Supper is served at 6 p.m. with choir rehearsal at 7 p.m. Childcare is provided during services. We welcome you to join us.

Our Camp Pastors this year are Steve Wells and Milton Cunningham. The Rev. Wells currently pastors South Main Baptist Church in Houston and will attend with his wife, Missy, and their three children. This will be their first visit. Dr. Cunningham and his wife, Barbara, will return

to Paisano, as they have for the past several years. Although, Dr. Cunningham "retired" in 1999, he is still very involved in activities at Baylor University, including acting as the coordinator of special projects. His sermons are always lively and applicable to daily living.

This year, Larry McGraw joins us again as our Bible Study leader. McGraw and his wife, Sandy, have attended for several years. McGraw's subject matter and teaching style are sure to be as entertaining as they are educational. A native of Wichita Falls, Texas, McGraw serves as Professor of Bible and Associate Dean of Logsdon School of Theology at Hardin-Simmons University.

Between services, there are several activities available for everyone throughout the day. These activities create strong muscles and deep friendships that last for generations. Paisano

Baptist Encampment encourages family togetherness and spiritual renewal.

In addition to the General Encampment, Paisano Baptist Encampment also hosts a variety of camps for our youth.

Youth Camp, specifically for children who have completed the 6th-12th grade. Please contact Chris Stephenson at cstephenson@pdbc.org for more information if you would enjoy attending this camp in the future.

For GA Camp contact Janay Pasqua at Janay-Pasqua@msn.com for future information. For RA Camp, please contact Lloyd Conner at 432-729-3108.

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

For more information and contact information, please visit our website at www.paisanoencampment.org.

Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

We keep seeing clouds but the rain avoids us and we need some badly. We just need to keep on being good folks and continue to pray for rain.

Mary Welty called Monday morning to advise me that Merle had died early that morning. Our condolences go out to you Mary and also to the rest of Merle's family. Merle was always friendly with a cheerful nature and he will be sorely missed in our community and especially here at the Senior Center.

Last week, a lady from Louisiana called me and told me that she always reads my column each week. Her name is Tincy McMakin. She said she would like me to mention who plays bridge and who exercise every week. She said she had many friends here in Ozona and likes to read about them. Thank you for calling and I will put in more names from now on.

Jonny Johnson has returned from an unplanned vacation to San Angelo. Her ride forgot her so she was able to have a relaxing visit with her daughter Dana and granddaughter Rebecca. We are happy to have her back in Ozona.

Penn Baggett sent Lara Sue by the Senior Center with some fresh baked rolls that he had just taken out of the oven. They were delicious and we thank both of you for them.

The Concho Valley Community Action Council was here on Tuesday. Their organization helps those who qualify with their utility bills.

Our next Senior Bingo Social will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. We will have hot dogs, potato chips, tea and watermelon. Come on out, join in and remember to bring a bingo prize. Our Senior Socials are a lot of fun and we all enjoy the food and seeing each other.

A pretty little bird told me that Shirley Kirby will be celebrating a birthday this week. Happy Birthday Shirley and a wish goes out that you have many more.

Nell Wester leaves for China on Thursday. She will be traveling with her son, Larry, his wife and family. She will be missed especially at the Care Center and the Senior Center. We do hope she has a wonderful trip.

We have been wondering where Carol Adcock has been keeping herself these days. I learned that she is working at the grocery store. Carol, we miss you at the Senior Center but we will see you when we are shopping for groceries.

Do not forget that we have the Defensive Driving videos or DVDs to rent here at the Crockett County Senior Center. The cost to rent them is \$40 and you are allowed to keep them 72 hours.

We have a number of books to select from in our book case. We also have magazines and a few recipes. The book case is placed in the hall across from our small kitchen here at the Senior Center.

Come "Walk Two Miles" with us every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 a.m. This exercise program conditions you to begin your day and everyone who participates testifies that it makes them feel better. Those who walked last week were Betty Fields, Brenda Newton, Marilyn Bean and Diane Phillips.

Our bridge players come to the Senior Center to play every Monday and Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. These ladies have such fun and bring smiles with them. Come by and let them cheer up your Mondays and Thursdays. Those who played last week were: Sadie Childress, JoAnn Babbitt, Diane Phillips, Eileen Childress, Jean Odom, Sandy Bebee, Liz Williams and Katherine Williams.

If you are a pool player, we have a good pool table in the back room. Call your friends and get a game set up one afternoon. If you would like to teach pool here at the center, please call Lynn English at 392-9094.

Hope to see you at our activities.

Our activities are for those of you 50 years of age (we are flexible). Come out and see us soon and see what you are missing.

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Care Center Chatter

By **JAN ST. CLAIR TICE**
Activity Director

On Monday afternoon, we honored our July birthdays. Phyllis Ingham and Catarina Cardona took the honors.

Volunteering for our party were Belia Reyes of housekeeping, Nancy Hale and granddaughter Brenna Hale. Thank you all, our parties are sponsored by the Crockett National Bank.

Cake, punch and fresh strawberries were served. Guests were Emma Maskill and Concha Zapata.

Tuesday morning, residents enjoyed their favorite activity of volleyball.

The Fourth of July afternoon started with a large group

of residents playing musical chairs. Resident Jo Cox took the honors of winning. Brenna Hale, great-granddaughter of resident Jo Cox, came in second.

Residents took the challenge of throwing basketballs.

Resident Marge Dorris took first place in standing and resident Jo Cox took first place in chair throw.

Catarina Cardona took first place in the wheelchair throw.

Prizes were given to each winner donated by Ann Shaw.

Great-grandson of resident Jo Cox, Lane Hale, helped us out with the basketball throw. Thank you Lane.

Thanks goes to the Community Center Children for coloring

our July calendars for residents' rooms.

Our August birthday party will be at 3 p.m. Aug. 17 in the main dining room.

Churches that provided their faithful services for the week were the Ozona Church of Christ and the Ozona United Methodist Church. Thank you all.

Volunteers for the Ladies' beauty shop were Rachel Ybarra and Nell Wester. Thank you ladies.

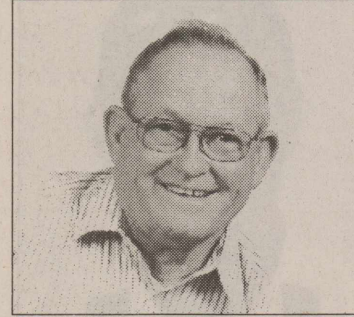
Our lovely lady of music, Judy Reagor, was out of town this week. We all missed you Judy.

E.A. Wadsworth R.N. had her reading class for our residents. Thank you E.A.

Hope your week was as good as ours was.

Obituaries

Merle Allen Welty



On July 10, 2006, Merle Allen Welty, 72, quietly left his earthly body while at home with his wife. The fifth of six children, he was born December 15, 1933 in George West and raised in South Texas. As a teen he moved with his parents to Odessa, was married briefly and his only child was born there. He lived in San Antonio then Kerrville, where he met his second wife, Mary L. Moran. When they moved to Ozona in 1975, he started working at the Delta gas plant, and by the time he left it had become Anadarko. In late 1994 he had his first bout with prostate cancer, and then he retired to care for Mary L. until her death four years later. He was also preceded in death by his parents Rex and Inez Elizabeth Yarbrough Welty, brother Rusty, sisters Thelma and Lois. In 2001 he married the former Mary Hillman, who survives him.

Care Center along with the late Otis Nester, and sometimes the three entertained at the Senior Center. He served on the Helping Hands board and was a willing helper at the Senior Center. Merle knew his way around a dance floor and he and Mary enjoyed dancing as well as traveling around Texas, and they made a couple of trips to Georgia and once to Michigan. When they could no longer travel they enjoyed discussing where they had been and recalling great memories they had made on those trips. When he received the word in 2004 that his cancer had returned he often said "I'm going to live as long as I can, then I'll go to be with the Lord." He did just that, and he kept his good humor and faith to his last day, which is a great comfort to his family.

He was a Baptist all his life, going to church with his mother as a child, then as a youth he was baptized in the Nueces River. He and Mary attended the Ozona Baptist Church. The peace he received from our Lord and Savior sustained him throughout his life, especially these last two years.

Surviving are his wife, Mary, of the home, his daughter Kathryn Whitney and husband Tommy of Odessa, 1 granddaughter, 3 great granddaughters, his dear sister Dorothy Patterson and husband Fred of Atlanta, Georgia, brother Rex (Shorty) Welty of Kerrville, and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins and their families. He also leaves 3 stepdaughters and their families, Susan and Dan Hornkohl of Manistee, Michigan, Donna and Jim Gauthier of Kaleva, Michigan, and Karen and Dennis Freeman of Cuero, and 7 step grandsons.

A sincere and heartfelt thank-you is extended to Hospice of San Angelo, especially to nurses Veronica Fierro and Laura Blaylock for their tender care of Merle in his last months.

Graveside service will be held at 11:00 am Wednesday, July 12, 2006, with fellowship meal immediately following at First Baptist Church Hoover Hall.

Farewell, Merle, you will be in our hearts till we meet again.

Crockett County Museum Memorials

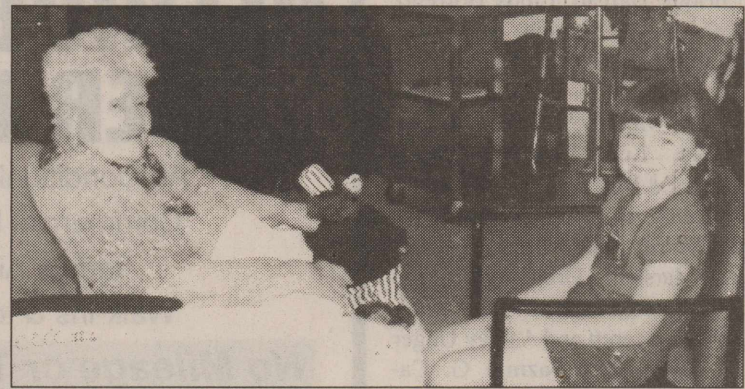
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Submitted Photos

CATARINO CARDONA AND PHYLLIS INGHAM (r.) celebrate July birthdays at the Crockett County Care Center.



Submitted Photo

CCCC RESIDENT JO COX with her great-granddaughter Brenna Hale during 4th of July fun at the care center.

Card of Thanks

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped in any way, small or large. A special "Thank You" to Mr. and Mrs. Pete Ybarra and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ramos. We really appreciate everything everyone did to make this Sweet 15 a happy celebration. Thank you.

The Vasquez Family

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Levis and Lace News

BY TINA JARVIS

Wednesday night club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, JoAnn Babbitt, Renee Padier, Lucy Hinde, Jim Couch, Raul De La Rosa, Frank Fred and Tina Jarvis had a lesson with students Danny and Tammi Monzingo. My Grandson Matthew Jarvis participated in a demonstration of some basics.

Saturday night at 6:00 club members Leroy and Carol Adcock, Maria and Raul De La Rosa, Renee Padier, Jim Couch, Lucy Hinde, Frank Fred and Tina Jarvis along with students Danny and Tammi Monzingo, had a supper of hamburgers with the fixings, watermelon, cake and homemade ice cream. Afterwards we danced to the calling

of me and Tom Harrison from Abilene. Tom and I practiced pater and singing calls with our group. Tom learned about hexagon dancing at Nationals and tried some out on us, after the confusion died down we didn't do badly. Debbie Harrison accompanied Tom and helped us fill out a square, we always enjoy them coming here. Matthew Jarvis also participated in the practice and really enjoyed himself. Other guests tonight were Jacob Jarvis, David Turicchi and Buster Miller.

Monday night we will perform at the Care Center at 7:00 and then go to the Senior Building for a lesson.

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OUT OF SORTS

It doesn't happen very often but you can sure tell the difference when it does. The little dog that my daughter asked me to keep for her for two weeks is now going into the third year. Usually the little dog is standing at the door ready to go but sometimes she doesn't get out of her bed or even pay attention to me. I can call her and she won't respond. It may be just for that morning or for the day or it has even lasted for several days. We took her to the nearby veterinarian and he couldn't detect anything. Thinking about the response of that little dog reminds me of a problem Christians may face in life. No matter how hard we try sometimes we just don't or won't respond to God, (Deuteronomy 11:13-17, Jeremiah 17:9). Maybe there is no reasonable explanation why we don't or won't.

During those times I cry out to God to help me to not slip away or let my heart grow cold and that problem or attitude, (Proverbs 20:9) or whatever it is, will not become a permanent way of life, (Hebrews 3:8). I also ask Him to forgive me when I feel that way and to help me do better, (Acts 8:22). And usually just like the little dog in a day or so I am waiting at the door ready to go for and with God, (Psalm 51:10-12).

See you in Church next Sunday.

Brother J

<p>First Baptist Church 901 Ave. D Rev. John Collis Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. Awanas: Wednesday - 5:30 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. Rev. John Fluth Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.</p>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man CEO War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Tuesday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Tuesday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. Rev. Dan & Ann Rios Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Family Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
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<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I Rev. Daniel C. Fleming Sunday School: 10 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m. Wed. & Sun. Worship: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Attend the Church of your choice this Sunday</p>	
<p>New Beginnings Church 701 9th Street Pastor Jesse Cardona Sunday Worship: 10 a.m. Tuesday Worship: 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. Wed. Bible Study: 6 p.m.</p>	

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AUTISM: TRIAD summer camp has brought Zac 'out of his shell'

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He was also tested for food allergies, heavy metal poisoning and yeast levels by the time he was four. His brother Zane was also tested but was diagnosed "typical" meaning there were no signs of autism, Curtis said.

The family also took Zac to Toledo, Ohio two years ago to undergo six weeks of ABA therapy. When they left Ohio, Zac was answering questions.

All the testing and treatments don't come cheap as the family has spent more than \$20,000 over the past three years because insurance didn't cover the cost of the procedures and services.

"This is most wide-spread epidemic facing children," Curtis said. "People need to know where they can get help."

For the past three weeks, Zac has been part of a special

ZAC COUCH'S TRIAD CAMP EXPERIENCE WILL BE PART OF A FIVE-PART SERIES TO AIR ON CNN FROM JULY 17-21 DURING "AMERICAN MORNING" WHICH IS ON FROM 5-9 A.M. THE SERIES WILL BE HOSTED BY DR. SANJAY GUPTA.

summer camp that was established through Vanderbilt University Children's Hospital.

The Treatment and Research Institute for Autism Spectrum Disorders, or TRIAD, offers various programs including an intense summer camp for autistic children.

"I've really seen (Zac) come out of his shell," said Kelly Wendel, one of the camp's counselors. "He really enjoys sharing and is so animated."

Each day the camp focuses on different skills, such as greet-

ing people or initiating conversation. That skill is then used in different activities throughout the day that the campers can generalize in community, school and home settings, Wendel said.

"Our goal is to focus on cooperative play and relationships with others," she said. "At first, Zac was shy but overtime he has been able to expand the topics of conversation."

The camp receives children from all over the country. Normally, only one session is held in the summer but due to the

increasing demand the program went to two summer sessions.

The TRIAD program also does research and other programs as well throughout the year.

"It's a very unique program and such a rare opportunity for kids like this to get this kind of experience," Wendel said. "Hopefully with more awareness more people will want to create their own camps."

For the Couch family, the camp itself has proven to be a success with Zac.

"We feel like we've beaten autism," Curtis said. "Zac will always have it but we feel like he is now close to fully functioning."

For more information on autism, visit www.autism-society.org. For more information on the TRIAD program, visit www.vanderbiltchildrens.com.

Fourth of July celebration was a success

By FRANK TAMBUNGA

The Crockett Co Veterans GI Joe 5k Run/Walk took place at 7 a.m. This event had over 25 adults, as well as, young participants in the event. The course started at the baseball fields and gave all the participants a closer view of the Country Club Estates.

All participants were awarded a U.S. Flag and U.S. Pin. The GI Joe Run/Walk event is used to raise funds for the Crockett Count Veterans activities throughout the year and also is used to promote the importance of walking and running as a form of exercising to stay fit.

I would like to give a special thank you, to Roland De Hoyos, Irma Tambunga, Michell Badillo, Jim Skehan and of course all the wonderful participants of the event.

The Knights of Columbus held their Fourth of July picnic

and gave out over 350 hot dogs and water bottles, while providing DJ Music for the afternoon. Our Parade turned out to be very patriotic as it should be.

All the floats were decorated with our national colors of red, white and blue. The parade was escorted by our Constable assisted by the Sheriff's Department.

The National Colors and Texas Flag were carried and presented to our viewers by Levi English and Roman Tambunga. Our local Flag Corp followed along with several bikes, 4-wheelers and golf carts and the local Volunteer Fire Department and their Fire Trucks. We also had several cars and truck floats participating in our parade.

We departed from the front of the courthouse to the baseball fields on the north side of town. Once our parade was over, everyone settled around the baseball practice fields.

To end our Fourth of July Celebration members of the Knights of Columbus provided a Fireworks Show for about 45 minutes of pure colorful and loud bursting fireworks.

We hope everyone enjoyed our Fourth of July activities. In behalf of the Knights of Columbus we would like to thank all those people and businesses that supported our Fourth of July celebration. A special thanks to the Ozona National Bank, Ozona Stockman, Circle Bar Cable TV and our Local Radio Station, and our Constable, Sheriff, and Fire Departments.

These events are made possible because people continue to support it. We ask that you continue and help us make this special holiday bigger and bigger each year. If anyone interested in making donations for our fireworks display a special account has been opened at the Ozona National Bank.

OHS playoff tennis shirts available

The 2006 Ozona High School tennis playoff shirts are now available for purchase by the public for \$15.

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Please hurry if you want one as supplies and sizes are limited.

COUNTY: Election judges approved

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- Keep the \$5 fee for vehicle registration.

- Emergency Action Plan for the dams and the water control structures with the Natural Soil and Water Conservation District.

- Marsha Tebbets, Donna Sanders, Georgia Morrow and Pauline Bentley as election judges for the November general election.

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- 1st Grade - 9 a.m. - noon Ozona Primary School
- 3rd Grade - 9 a.m. - noon Ozona Intermediate School
- 6th Grade - 9 a.m. - noon Ozona Middle School
- Juniors (11th Grade) - 1 - 3 p.m. Ozona High School
- 2nd Grade - 1 - 4 p.m. Ozona Primary School
- 4th Grade - 1 - 4 p.m. Ozona Intermediate School
- 7th Grade - 1 - 4 p.m. Ozona Middle School

Tuesday, July 25:

- Sophomores (10th Grade) - 9 - 11 a.m. Ozona High School
- Pre-Kindergarten - 9 a.m. - noon Ozona Primary School
- 5th Grade - 9 a.m. - noon Ozona Intermediate School
- 8th Grade - 9 a.m. - noon Ozona Middle School
- Freshmen (9th Grade) - 1 - 3 p.m. Ozona High School
- Kindergarten - 1 - 4 p.m. Ozona Primary School

Wednesday, July 26:

- New Student Registration (Students who are new to the district who will be enrolling in high school) - 9 a.m. - noon Ozona High School

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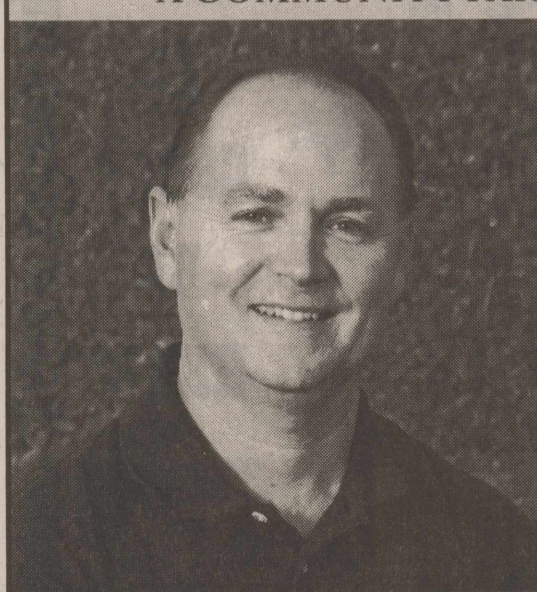
- July 17 - High School Pizza Night, 7-10 p.m.
- July 20 - High School Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.

Youth Center Announcements

Summer Promotions:

- Sixth-Graders being promoted to Seventh Grade will not be eligible to come to the Youth Center until Aug. 1.
- Eighth-Graders promoted to Ninth Grade will not be eligible to come to High School nights at the Youth Center until Aug. 1.
- Seniors who graduate in May may come to the Youth Center through Aug. 1.

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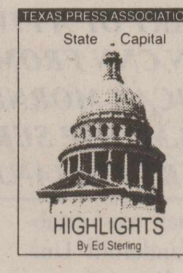
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WEEKLY NEWS REPORT
OUTSTANDING WARRANTS:
The following persons have outstanding Felony or Misdemeanor Warrants in Crockett County...

7-6-06
• Jimmy Hohertz, 36, of Ozona, was arrested by sheriff's deputy for public intoxication...
• Daniel Lombrana, 39, of Kerrville, surrendered into custody at the sheriff's office...

OFFENSE REPORT
7-3-06
• Sheriff's office filed an abandoned vehicle report on a travel trailer that was left on Corto St. Trailer was impounded by local wrecker...
• An out of county citizen filed a theft greater than \$20 less than \$500 report...

Judge rules DeLay's name must stay on ballot



AUSTIN - U.S. District Judge Sam Sparks of Austin ruled former Sugar Land congressional Rep. Tom DeLay's name must stay on the Nov. 7 election ballot.

Sparks ruling was on a petition brought by the Republican Party of Texas. The party had sought to appoint a candidate to replace DeLay as the nominee for Congressional District 22.

The Texas Democratic Party countered that DeLay's name belongs on the ballot because DeLay gave voters the impression he would run and serve.

DeLay resigned from Congress June 9 and moved to Virginia. In his ruling Judge Sparks cited the U.S. Constitution's requirement that a candidate reside in the state when elected.

DeLay is still under indictment in Travis County on state charges of money-laundering and campaign finance fraud in connection with the November 2002 election.

DeLay was arrested on a charge of indecency with a child in a separate plea agreement reached with the Hays County District Attorney's Office for a separate offense.

Guzman also pled guilty to four counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of indecency with a child in a separate plea agreement reached with the Hays County District Attorney's Office for a separate offense.

Guy announces millions in aid
Texas is opening its pocketbook to the tune of \$255 million to help victims of Hurricane Rita and low-income families purchase a home of their own.

In announcing the funding, Gov. Rick Perry said, "This is the largest amount of homebuyer funds ever released by the state. And more than 40 percent of it, or \$108 million, is coming here to help Southeast Texans recover from Hurricane Rita."

Perry also announced the award of \$26.7 million to help crime victims under the federal Victims of Crime Act fund. The money supports programs that address family violence, child abuse and sexual assault, and provide support services to help victims recover from the effects of crime through counseling, advocacy and intervention.

The high court then instructed a federal three-judge panel to redraw boundaries of the congressional district that runs from Laredo to far west Texas.

Meanwhile, the Republican Party of Texas has appealed Sparks' ruling to the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans.

DeLay hinted he might come back to Texas if rulings on pending indictments against him go in his favor.

Whether it will be DeLay or a yet-unnamed GOP nominee running for CD-22, former Congressman Nick Lampson will be the Democrat in the race.

Man sentenced in child porn case
A San Marcos man was sentenced for storing sexually explicit images and videos of children on his iPod portable digital video player.

Ron James Guzman, 39, received a 10-year prison sentence for possessing the illegal material and a 20-year prison sentence on a charge of promoting child pornography.

Texas Attorney General Greg Abbott said it was the first such child pornography case handled by his Cyber Crimes Unit.

Guzman also pled guilty to four counts of aggravated sexual assault of a child and one count of indecency with a child in a separate plea agreement reached with the Hays County District Attorney's Office for a separate offense.

The sentences in the two cases will run concurrently for a total prison term of 40 years.

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Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7550 Sawyer -144- #15 Patterson Drilling/A 105 Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7550 Sawyer -144- #16 Patterson Drilling/A 105 Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7450 Shurley -148- #11 Patterson Drilling/A 40 Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7450 Shurley -147- #24 Patterson Drilling/A 40 Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7100 Duke Wilson #34-14 Patterson Drilling/A 107 Drig Ahead
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Dominion Ok Tx E&P 7050 Canyon Ranch -115- #19 Patterson Drilling/A 161 Drig Ahead
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New Dominion Ok Tx E&P 6950 Canyon Ranch 2374s Patterson Drilling/A 704 Assigned
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CROCKETT COUNTY ROAD AND PARKS DEPARTMENT is accepting employment applications for full and temporary part-time employees. References are required. All applicants must be able to pass a drug screen and complete and pass a worksteps physical for their position. Applicants for temporary part-time employment must be 17 years of age or older. All full-time positions require a valid Texas CDL and driver history. Applications may be picked up and returned to Crockett County Road and Parks Department at 224 State Highway 163 North, Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Salary dependent upon experience of the applicant. Crockett County is an equal opportunity employer (EOE). tfc19

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Crockett County Museum has openings for volunteers. Anyone

interested in helping with tours, gift shop sales or other museum activities, call 392-2837 or stop by the museum during business hours.

COOK/DISHWASHER WANTED: Apply in person at the Hitchin' Post from 1-5 p.m. tfc22

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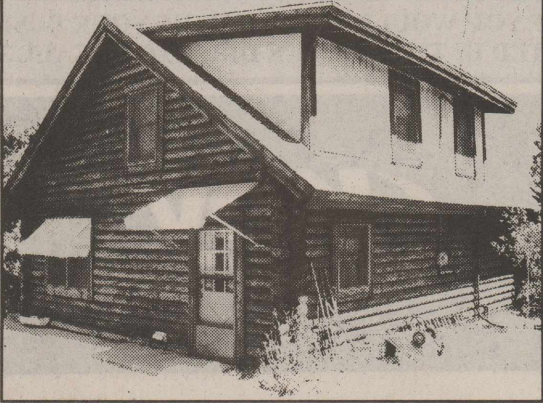
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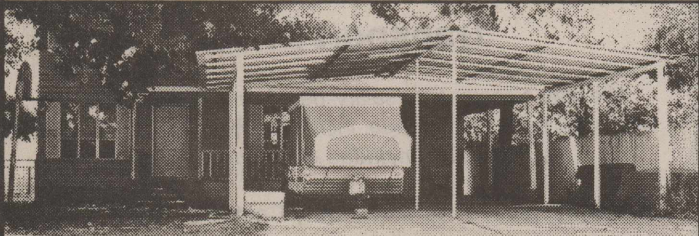


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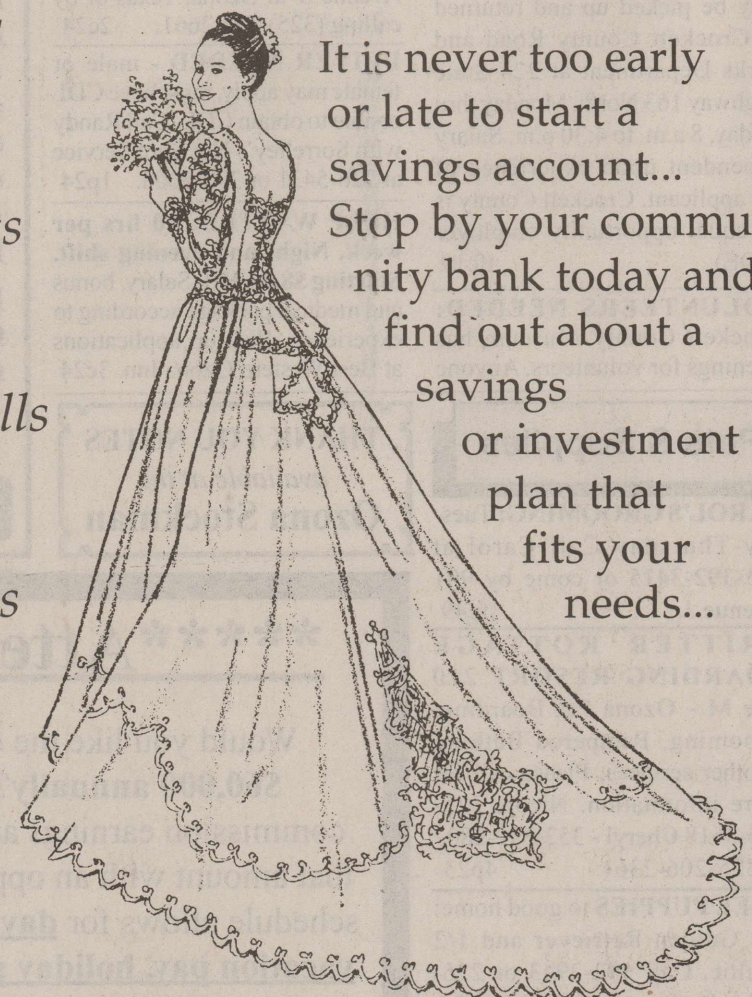
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