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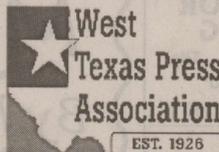
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FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday

High 93 Low 69
 Partly Cloudy

Thursday

High 93 Low 70
 Partly Cloudy

Friday

High 91 Low 70
 Chance of T-Storms

Saturday

High 92 Low 70
 Chance of T-Storms

Sunday

High 92 Low 70
 Partly Cloudy

Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo

Committee votes to build a new Ozona Primary School

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

In a majority vote, the School Facilities Committee decided to build a new primary school on the existing primary school site during a June 7 meeting.

The vote was 16-1 with Sally Roane voting the opposition.

"I do not think (the primary school) is a good site. It's not as secure as the intermediate school," Roane said. "I don't think a new school will get done in 18 months, and these are our most vulnerable kids that will be spread out all over town."

The new school would house pre-k through fifth grades, and would abandon the intermediate school.

Dan Pullen said even though adding classrooms to the intermediate school, to make it pre-k through fifth, would be more cost effective, the addition would be a "terribly crowded situation."

Frank Tambunga said the

primary school site is a bigger area to put more students.

Superintendent Abe Gott presented figures that he gathered from other school superintendents and architect firms.

In his data, an estimated figure of 40,000 square-feet was determined as the size of school the district would need for a new primary school. This amount did not include a new gym but included keeping the existing first grade classroom wing.

With an estimated \$130 per square-foot, the total cost is estimated at \$5.2 million. With the \$250,000 estimated for new windows in the Heritage Building, and \$300,000 for two new buses, the total cost for the district was estimated at around \$5.7 million.

Gott said the cost to demolish the existing primary school is estimated around \$450,000. The majority of the committee felt comfortable with peaking at \$7 million but no higher.

The board of trustees will now take the committee's recommendation and gather information from architects to get an exact figure. The latest the board can call for a bond for the November election is the first week of September.

Board President Dr. Marcus Sims said that committee members will still be involved on hearing the information.

"I know it's the public's money and we're not trying to waste it," Sims said.

Before the vote took place, Laurie Hale, board vice president, said that she was uncomfortable making a decision without hearing information on which site is the best. Hale said she wanted architects or engineers to look at both sites.

"I could make a better decision if I knew either place is great. Then I could go with what I feel," Hale said.

Wade Richardson said that the committee needs to figure

out a decision and put it out there for the board.

"We're sitting here trying to play architect. We're sitting here trying to see how small we can make it. We have to involve the architects in this," he said.

Tambunga said that school facilities have been at both sites a long time.

"We already know what works," he said. "We need to make a decision tonight and go on."

Sims and Gott said that the architects or engineers would present the pros and cons of each site, and that they would not tell the committee anything definite.

"I'm not going to learn anymore to change my mind," said Fred Van Shoubrouek.

Sandy Stokes said he commended the committee for coming together and working on this issue. He said he was amazed to see how many people cared about the education of the community.

"Right or wrong, at least we've tried," Stokes said.

Skateboard park construction set to begin

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Construction of the skateboard park is in the works.

The Crockett County Commissioners' Court approved a plan during their Monday meeting to get the park up and running.

The plan involves ramps and a pipe to be built at the old south swimming pool that is located by the Ozona Primary School.

A 6-foot chain-link fence will be built to keep skaters out of the deep end of the pool. Cost for the project will be around \$10,000.

"We've been messing with this for over five months now. It's time we start doing something with it," said County Judge Fred Deaton.

County Road Superintendent Eddie Moore said a set of steps would be left in case of injuries and people needing to walk down into the pool area.

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'Riding the Orphan Train'

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

The townspeople would check their arms for strength, eyes for clarity and then make them open their mouths to look at their teeth.

This exercise in humility didn't always end badly. For the children who rode the orphan train, there were some happy endings.

During their multi-media presentations on Monday, Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster sang and recited the stories of some of the orphans that spent part of their childhood traveling on what was known as the orphan train.

"People were different then," said Hazen Armstrong, one of the survivors on the video documentary presentation. "You couldn't do a thing like that now."

From 1854-1929, more than 250,000 orphans and unwanted children of urban poor New York City were sent out on trains to western America.

Around 1,200 of the children stopped in Texas, with the last train stopping in Sulphur Springs, Texas in 1929.

The story of the orphan train is not one found in the history books, Moore said.

In fact, if it wasn't for the 1995 PBS documentary, most of these stories would have never been told.

"We never heard about this story until one of Alison's former students asked her about it," Lancaster said. "When we saw the PBS documentary, we never thought we would be in Ozona, Texas doing a program."

Lancaster and Moore have visited orphan train reunions and reenactments to gain research for their program.

The duo performed songs as pictures of some of the orphans, and the time period they lived in, scrolled across the screen.

Excerpts of survivors from the PBS documentary were shown, and Moore recited a short fictional story that she is currently working to make into a novel about the experience of the orphan train.

"These were the first foster children of our country," Moore said. "Fortunately, they were

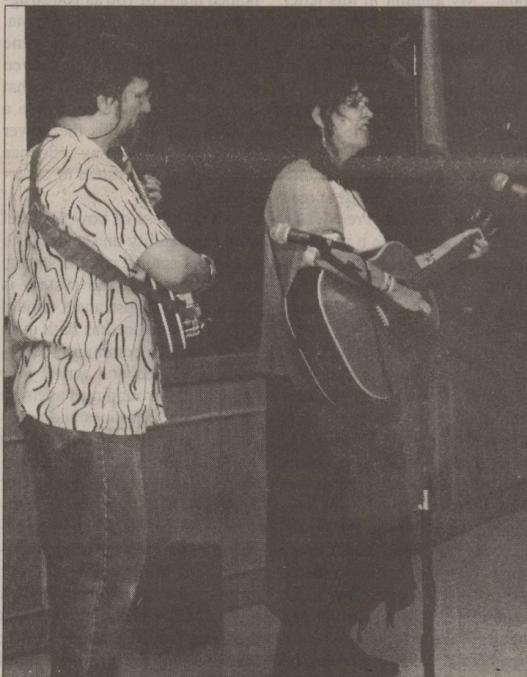


Photo by Melissa Perner

PHIL LANCASTER and ALISON MOORE (right) sing "Lost Little Children" during the presentation of "Riders on the Orphan Train" Monday at the Civic Center. The duo gave two multi-media presentations on the history of the orphan train. The event was made possible through a grant from HumanitiesTexas.

"Maybe this town will be my home. Maybe someone will call my name. Maybe I'll be riding forever. Riding on the orphan train."

- "Riders on the Orphan Train"
 by Alison Moore and Phil Lancaster.

of the generation of if life gives you lemons, make lemonade. Some will admit they were very frightened."

In the late 1800s to the early 20th Century, a boom of European immigrants flooded New York City causing overcrowding.

Some buildings had around 10 people living in one room, Moore said. This was a time without government help.

It was also not uncommon to see three-year-olds working in match factories to help support their families, Moore said. "Some parents surrendered their children due to the poverty-stricken environment," Lancaster said.

Through private donations, the orphan train was started. The children were sent out west to help people on the farms.

In the land rush of Oklahoma, the more children a family had the more land they could get, Moore said.

When the trains would pull into a town, the children were lined up on a platform or a stage in a local meeting hall. The children were encouraged to perform

or sing to the prospective takers.

They were also poked and prodded as adults looked for good workers for farms or local businesses.

Children that were not chosen were loaded back onto the train and shuffled to the next town. All they owned was a suitcase with a change of clothes and possibly a Bible.

Brothers and sisters were often split up. Lancaster and Moore said many of the children spent their adult lives searching for their lost siblings.

Many also went back to New York to find birth certificates and records, which was difficult since the state of New York still has closed adoption records.

"Many of these children were not adopted. They were simply just taken on to the farms to be workers," Lancaster said. "We realize some of the situations didn't work out, but when it did it was wonderful."

For more information on Lancaster, Moore and the orphan train, visit www.extraordinarystories.org.

Knights are planning Fourth of July events

The annual Knights of Columbus Fourth of July Celebration will take place Wednesday, July 4.

Events will start off with the Crockett County Veterans fund-raiser the "G.I. Joe Stars-n-Stripes" 5k run/walk at 7 a.m. starting from the baseball fields on the north side of town.

Cost is a \$10 donation to participate. Registration will be on day of event.

At 3 p.m., at the town Square across from the courthouse, there will be a county-wide Fourth of July Festival.

The Knights will provide music. There will also be food booths and games.

There will also be a washer pitching contest. Bring lawn chairs and enjoy an afternoon with the rest of the Ozona community.

At 7:30 p.m. there will be a Patriotic Parade starting from front of the courthouse and ending at the baseball fields on the north side of town.

Regional group presents housing plan to Ozona

By MELISSA PERNER
 Editor and Publisher

Citizens of Crockett County got a glimpse of a future regional plan for housing in rural communities during a special meeting last week.

Members of the Regional Consortium for Economic Development and Business Support hosted the meeting and presented a housing model plan. The consortium covers 12 counties in the Concho Valley, including Crockett County.

The plan provided information from on how members of rural communities can come together and find resources to create affordable housing.

Citizens in Brady are currently working on this issue and have new housing being built. The housing is modular up to 1,200 square-feet, but is affordable in the \$60,000 to \$90,000 price range, said Wendy Ellis, vice president for the consortium.

"You do have to rattle some cages to jump start building in your community," Ellis said.

The consortium is currently

Everyone that has a member of their family in the military is encouraged to provide a float for the parade in their honor. All businesses are also asked to provide a parade float in behalf of their business and our great holiday.

A challenge to all water hauling truck companies, decorate your truck. The first place winner will earn the bragging rights for a year.

After the parade, the Knights will have a fireworks display show for your entertainment.

The Knights of Columbus has a fireworks account at the Ozona National Bank. Anyone wishing to donate for the fireworks fund can do so and any funds will help our fireworks display show. Support is greatly appreciated.

Come on out and celebrate the Fourth of July, as it should be. Wear your RED, WHITE & BLUE.

For any information on food booths, call Frank Tambunga at 392-2987.

working with people in Big Lake to get a local housing project started.

"The money is out there. You just have to work together. Don't automatically think you can't do it because you don't have the money," said Debbie Rockwell with the Big Lake Chamber of Commerce.

Ellis said the housing plan, which is currently under review, is part of a package the consortium hopes to put together for rural communities by the end of August.

The plan is a set of guidelines and resource materials to help communities jump start into home building projects, Ellis said.

Ellis also said the plan will match communities with similar needs.

Instead of buying land, one option was vacant lots or redeveloping land that has abandoned houses, Ellis said.

Ellis also said that citizens can check the appraisal and tax office for people who owe back taxes on property.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Lessons I learned from Dad

As Father's Day approaches this weekend, here are some lessons I have learned from my Dad:

- He taught me to respect myself and to have a work ethic.
- He taught me to believe in what I do.
- He taught me that being loved is more than just hearing the words.
- He taught me to take chances and to think outside the box.
- He taught me to believe that I can do anything.
- He taught me that I can add up the sum total of my life with the numbers I choose.
- He taught me that a energetic discussion is not an argument.
- He taught me to be proud of who I am, not to wonder who I could have been.
- He taught me to love challenges, to face them with my head held high and to fight for what I believe is right.
- He taught me the love of football.
- He taught me to look to my faith when times are tough.
- Along with all these things I have learned from my dad, there are a few dad sayings that I can never forget.
- "Don't take any wooden nickels."
- "Save your Confederate money, the South will rise again."

Happy Father's Day to my Dad!

Letters to the Editor

Commissioner targeted, harassed

To the Citizens of Crockett County:

Many of you aren't aware of the "actual" events surrounding the arrest of my family members, particularly my father, Alfredo Tobar. My attempt in this letter is to inform you of how he and my family are being harassed for his interest in the county and its residents.

Let it be known that the latest article in published in the Ozona Stockman failed to mention that my father was questioning the chemicals being spread in his own precinct (Precinct 4). With terrorism today, it is important and a civil responsibility for all citizens to question what is being sprayed near your home, schools, and fields. The workers he approached at Precinct 4 did not know English and were unaware of what licenses they should carry in order to legally spray the chemicals. When asked if they had a license, they showed their Social Security cards because they were clueless of what was required to spray chemicals. Since he has been elected into a county position, he is considered and certified as an official to the county. He drove up in his personally owned vehicle, with his granddaughter, and present his commissioners' certification card - not a law enforcement badge.

I ask one question to the community -- How is it that one man and his family are constantly being targeted, harassed, and under extreme scrutiny? Anyone

Community Calendar

- Wednesday, June 13**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
 - Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.
- Thursday, June 14**
- Flag Day
 - Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
 - CCPL Summer Reading Program, ages 6-12 at 10 a.m. and ages 3-5 at 11 a.m. at the Crockett County Public Library.
 - Chamber of Commerce Board meeting, 11 a.m. at Crockett National Bank.
 - Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Monthly Diabetes Support Group, 5:30 p.m. at the Ozona United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- Friday, June 15**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. to noon at the Ozona United Methodist Church.
 - Ozona Throwers Development Camp, 1-4 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- Saturday, June 16**
- Ozona Throwers Development Camp, 1-4 p.m. at Lion Stadium.
- Sunday, June 17**
- Father's Day
- Monday, June 18**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - CCPL Summer Reading Program, ages 6-12 at 10 a.m. and ages 3-5 at 11 a.m. at the Crockett County Public Library.
 - Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tuesday, June 19**
- 4-H Basic Sewing Class, 9 a.m. to noon at the Civic Center.
- Wednesday, June 20**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - CCCSD Board of Trustees meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 - Beginner's Adult Bible Class, 7 p.m. at the Civic Center.

It's the Pitts

by Lee Pitts

Huntin' For A Hobby

My Doc said I'm getting to that age where I ought to consider slowing down. "Get a hobby," he said. "Something that will reduce your stress and give you satisfaction."

"I have a hobby," I replied. "I do leatherwork"

"Yes, I've seen your leatherwork. I was thinking of a more productive hobby," the Doc replied. "Something you might be good at and could take pride in."

There goes his hand-tooled leather fanny-pack for Christmas!

In looking for a more productive form of loafing, something to do while I'm not doing anything, I'm considering taking up either fishing or hunting, but it's not an easy decision. Do I want to smell like salmon eggs or deer urine? Do I want to gut a fish or dress a deer? Do I want to have my wife net my catch or have the dog retrieve it? Do I want to eat sushi or roadkill?

Admittedly, there are some similarities in the two hobbies. Both hunters and fishermen are covered in bug spray, get up early to get a head start on their prey, and both spend a fortune in Cabelas catalogs, tags and licenses.

I think I'd be good at either hobby. Anyone who has read my column for any length of time knows I'd be an excellent fisherman because I can exaggerate and tell lies. On the other hand, I'd also be a good hunter because I can cheat real good. The idea of using turkey callers, deer feeders, blinds, spotlights and decoys really appeals to the inner con-man in me. I also think I'd be especially effective at using natural scents to attract, or repel, game. Whatever the case may be.

I could use some exercise and I'd think that hunters are probably in better physical and fiscal shape than fishermen because they have to drag their game long distances. Or pay a guide to do it. I understand that some hunters only hunt from the front seat of their truck and that does sound relaxing, although sitting in a boat drinking beer all day without the chance of getting shot sounds a lot less stressful.

I'm leaning towards becoming a non-fishing fisherman in my retirement years and you'll probably never guess why. I'll give you a hint... surprise, surprise it has to do with my being a tightwad. In glancing through my Cabelas catalog it is obvious that hunters are big on two things: camo and ammo, and both of them seem terribly expensive. Now, I have never been much of a dresser, ask anyone who has ever seen me and they'll confirm that while some people in my position are dressed to the nines, I am mostly dressed to the twos. To be a hunter I'd have to buy insulated socks, long underwear, hunting bibs, a camo outfit to match all different terrain, and an orange hat and vest to keep from getting shot by other exquisitely attired hunters. To be a fisherman I'd hardly need to change my wardrobe at all, other than hooking a couple dry flies in my ball cap. I did notice that Cabelas does sell camo waders for fishing but I figure I'm too dumb to catch any fish that is so aware of its natural surroundings.

I'd probably be better at drowning worms than playing with guns because I am accident prone, get lost easy and don't like animal rightists following me around. And the idea of spending three days tromping through the woods without shooting anything doesn't appeal to me. Even if I did manage to kill a deer I hate venison. At least I'd eat a trout if I ever caught one.

Then there is the skill level. Any bird that is slow enough for me to shoot would be way too old and tough for me to eat. Plus, if I come home from a trip skunked I could always go to the store and buy fish to proudly hand over to my wife. Where am I going to find elk or grizzly meat when I need it? I also like the idea that if I catch a fish that is not photoworthy I can throw it back in. Try doing that with a dead deer.

I understand that there are some men who pursue both hobbies, fishing AND hunting! I'd assume such men are wealthy, workless and wifeless.

Think before criticizing emergency personnel

Dear Editor,

This was sent to me over the Internet just the other day. After I read it, I thought of how some people view our fire fighters, EMT's and police officers.

I've heard many complaints on how fast our emergency personnel drive to get to where they need to be.

I've sat and watched people not move over to make way for emergency personnel.

Do people not realize that the fire fighters are volunteers? They don't get paid to do what they do, they do it because they want to.

So here is what was sent to me and what made me think of our town.

It may take you two minutes to read this, but if you do not take the time to read this you are one of the people this post is talking about.

- You stay up for 16 hours
- He's been up for 48 straight
- You take a warm shower to help you wake up.
- The rain in the middle of the interstate keeps him awake.
- You complain of a "head-ache" and call in sick.
- He's chilled to the bone, hasn't eaten all day, has the flu and then runs into a burning building
- You drink your coffee on your way to the mall.
- He pumps on a five year-old's chest on the way to the hospital.
- You make sure you're cell phone is in your pocket.
- He makes sure the pass device on his pack is working.
- You talk trash about your "buddies" that aren't with you.
- He watches his buddy fall through four floors.
- You walk down the beach, staring at all the pretty girls.
- He walks down the highway looking for the motorcyclists missing limb.

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We welcome your letters. Not all will be published, those that are chosen will be found on page 2. To submit a letter, mail us at The Ozona Stockman, P.O. Box 370, Ozona, Texas 76943 or e-mail us at publisher@ozona.com. 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.

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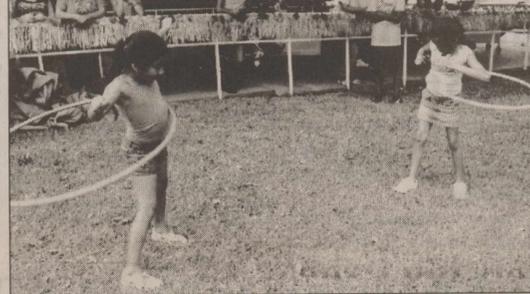
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THE ANNUAL CROCKETT COUNTY CARE CENTER FUND-RAISER was another success with lots of food, games and even a hat contest for the residents. The event took place June 8.

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Care Center Chatter

By **ELSA VASQUEZ**
Assistant Activity Director

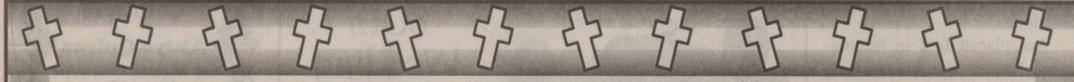
We focused this past week on our successful fund-raiser. Thanks to all who donated prizes, large or small, and everyone who bought tickets.

Thanks to all that come out and participated in our fun games and had lunch with us. We had great support.

Rachel Ybarra is back from her cruise to help us at the beauty shop. Nell Wester was gone to visit her children and is back with us this week. We are so lucky to have these ladies.

Special thanks to all our churches for the great work they do for their anointed ministry.

Thanks to all the awesome people of this community from the Crockett County Care Center.



HONOR YOUR FATHER

Many times they have to work long hard hours and in difficult and dangerous situations. They did not ask for the job but God especially designed them for it. I am talking about fathers and this Sunday will be Father's day. Mrs. John B Dobbs proposed the idea and Father's day was first celebrated on June 19, 1910 in Spokane Washington. She did it to honor her father who raised her and her five brothers and sisters all by himself. Today over 36 countries around the world celebrate it on the third Sunday in June and many other countries on different days. Maybe we could do something special for our Fathers this Sunday like a card, call gift or a simple, "Thanks Dad" or "Dad I love you". Wives showing respect to their husband and children honoring their father, (Colossians 3:18 & Ephesians 6:2) can really make him feel good. Many times it is difficult for a husband or father to say, "I love you" but they will prove their love by working extra hours to provide for their families. They prove their love just as God proved His love in sending His only son to die for us, (John 3:16 & Romans 5:8). May we never take them for granted. Fixing their favorite breakfast or bringing them a cup of coffee or taking them out to dinner might not be a bad idea. 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>Templo Bautista Jerusalem 138 Blas St. Rev. Esequiel Cervantez Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wednesday: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Faith Lutheran Church 802 1st St. Pastor Tom Baden Worship: Sunday - 7 p.m. Bible Class: Sunday - 6 p.m.</p>	<p>Templo Siloe Assembly of God Church 2121 Santa Rosa St. 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>
<p>Iglesia Bautista Nueva Vida Corner of Secretariat & Man O' War Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 11 a.m., 6 p.m. Wed. Service: 7 p.m.</p>	<p>Church of God of Prophecy 102 Man O' War St. Pastor Mario De La Mora Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Worship: 4:30 p.m. Tues. & Fri: 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Our Lady of Perpetual Help 219 Martinez St. Fr. Serafin Avenida Sun. Mass: 11 a.m. Sat.: 7 p.m. M. W. F. - 8:30 a.m. Thurs.: 7 p.m.</p>
<p>Calvary Baptist Church 601 Ave. I 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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Obituaries

Ricardo A. Cantu

Ricardo A. Cantu, 81, died Friday, June 8, 2007 in the Crockett County Care Center.

Mr. Cantu was born Sept. 24, 1925 in Villa Union, Coah. Funeral service was Tuesday, June 12, in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with burial in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Survivors include his wife, Micaela Cantu of Ozona; three daughters Martha Velasco of Las Vegas, Nevada, Sulema Fulton of Odessa and Julia Cantu of San Angelo; three sons, Ruben Cantu of Ozona, Richard Cantu of Potteet and Jenaro Cantu of Ozona; two sisters, Lupe Garcia and Esperanza Garcia both of Villa Union, Coah.; two brothers, Eugenio Cantu of Brownwood and Diago Cantu of Villa Union, Coah.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Marisa Lara

Paulino 'Paul' Borrego Longoria

Paulino "Paul" Borrego Longoria, 54, died Friday, June 8, 2007 at San Angelo Community Medical Center in San Angelo.

Paul was born March 20, 1953 in Ozona to the late Santos and Enrique Longoria. Paul earned his GED while serving in the military where he received a National Defense Service Medal, Marksman (Rifle M-16A1) and a good conduct medal. He was a member of Our Lady Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

Paul is survived by two sons, David Longoria of San Angelo, and Jim Longoria of Ozona; a daughter, Chellil Longoria of Stamford; five grandchildren, Samantha Lara, Evette Longoria, Mia Longoria, Jimmy Paul Longoria and Gabriela Longoria; one great-granddaughter Hailey Rose Longoria; a brother and sister-in-law Robert B. and Sylvia D. Longoria.

He is further survived by aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son Paulino Longoria Jr. and his grandparents, Placido Sr. and Maria Borrego, Enrique Longoria and Carmen Mendez.

Funeral service was Monday, June 11, 2007 in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church with interment in Lima Cemetery. Arrangements were by Preddy Funeral Home.

Pallbearers were David Longoria, Jimmy Paul Longoria, Chris Borrego, Phillip Ramirez, Manuel Borrego, Oscar Vargas, Juan Borrego and Raymond Borrego.

Anna Malene Jones Lott Burk

Malene Lott Burk, previously of Ozona, passed away June 7, 2007 in Amarillo after a brief illness. Per her wishes, no services were held.

Malene was born Dec. 25, 1932 to J.T. and Dordica Jones in Selmer, Tenn. Malene moved to Texas after her marriage to Jimmy Lott. They moved to Ozona in 1970. They had one son, David Lott. After Malene's marriage to Ed Burk in 1984, she moved to Groom, Texas. Malene was preceded in death by her parents, one stepson, one stepdaughter and three step great-grandchildren.

Survivors are: husband, Ed Burk of Groom; son, David Lott of Ozona, granddaughter, Sarah Anne Lott of Ozona, grandson, Jimi Lott of Lufkin, one stepson, three stepdaughters and their families.

The family requests memorials be made to a favorite charity.

Martha Parker

Martha Moore Parker, 84, of Roane, went to be with the Lord on Saturday, May 26, 2007.

Services were Tuesday, May 29 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home Chapel in Corsicana. Interment followed in Oakwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Parker was born May 27, 1922, in Roane. She attended school in Roane and Corsicana and graduated from North Texas State Teachers College, currently the University of North Texas. She taught school in Avalon and Ozona before she married. She married James Parker in Ozona on Jan. 19, 1946, after which they moved to Roane where she became a full-time homemaker. She was dedicated to her family and never ceased to love and support her husband, daughters, sons-in-law, granddaughters, grandsons-in-law and great-grandchildren. She also enjoyed visiting with her extended family and with her friends and neighbors in Roane and Corsicana. She was a member of Roane Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband of 61 years, James "Jim" Parker of Roane; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jamie and W. Levon Thigpen of Dallas, Judy and Norton Conner of Kerens; four granddaughters and sons-in-law, Javon and C.A. "Slim" Durham of Richardson, Lana and Jayson Engel of Kerens, JaeAyne and Fred C. Crabtree, Jr. of Stephenville, and Lindsay Conner of Kerens; great-grandchildren, Tripp, Sarah and Emma Durham of Richardson, Tate and Ella Engel of Kerens; sister-in-law, Lorene Moore of Dallas; brother-in-law, Fred Parker of Stephenville; sister-in-law and brother-in-law; Clementina and Ken Hannah of Washington, DC; sister-in-law, Ann Parker of Joshua; numerous nieces and nephews.

Church of Christ Vacation Bible School June 25-29

"Avalanche Ranch" is the theme for the Ozona Church of Christ Vacation Bible School.

The Bible School will take place from 6:30 to 8 p.m. June 25-29 at the Church of Christ.

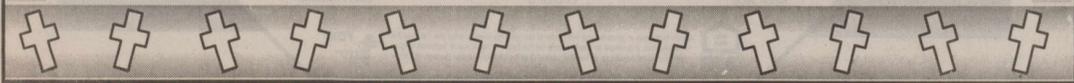
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USDA builds on homeownership month

TEMPLE - Agriculture Under Secretary for Rural Development Thomas Dorr has highlighted June 2007 as National Homeownership Month.

Owning a home gives families security, a sense of pride, and is an important part of the American way of life.

Nearly 70 percent of all Americans now enjoy the satisfaction of owning their own home.

"For nearly 60 years, USDA Rural Development has helped rural Americans with the blueprint to become a homeowner," Dorr said. "In the most recent year, we helped 43,000 rural families achieve the American dream of homeownership."

"USDA Rural Development has a long history of assisting

rural citizens to achieve and maintain the dream of homeownership. It is with great pride that we join President Bush in celebrating June 2007 as Homeownership Month," said Bryan Daniel, USDA Rural Development State Director in Texas.

This year's Homeownership Month highlights the close partnership of USDA Rural Development with partner organizations through financial and technical assistance by direct and guaranteed loan programs.

Mortgage brokers, real estate professionals, and approved lenders participating in the guaranteed loan program are recognized for the tremendous job they have done in assisting over 750 families become homeowners across Texas this year.

Their efforts have contributed over \$72 million to the housing market.

USDA Rural Development's mission is to increase economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. Rural Development has invested more than \$76.8 billion since 2001 for equity and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development, and critical community and technology infrastructure.

More than 1.5 million jobs have been created or saved through these investments.

Further information on rural programs is available at a local USDA Rural Development office or by visiting USDA's web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/tx/>.

LETTER: 'His shift ended 2 hours ago and he's on for another 24 hours at a station 30 miles away'

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You complain about how hot it is.

He wears 50 pounds of gear in the middle of July and drags a body out of 1,600-degree flames.

You go out to lunch and complain because the restaurant got your order wrong.

He hasn't seen a meal since last shift ate breakfast.

Your maid makes your bed and washes your clothes.

He's worn the same stinking, wet, grungy clothes for the past 24 hours...no time for a shower.

You go to the mall and get your hair done.

He holds the hair of some college girl while she's puking in the back of the ambulance.

You're angry because your class ran 5 minutes over.

His shift ended 2 hours ago and he's on for another 24 hours at a station 30 miles away.

You call your girlfriend and set a date for tonight.

He calls his girlfriend to tell her he made it back alive...then leaves abruptly for another fire.

You yell and scream at the

engine that just past you because they slowed you down.

He's in the back of the engine, going to cut somebody out of their car only to find out that their dead, and their daughter is barely alive.

You roll your eyes as a baby cries.

He cries as he hears his newborn cry in the hospital, but he was taking a drunk teenager in when his boy was born.

You criticize your fire department and say they are never there quick enough.

He blows the air horn while the person in front of them refuses to move while talking on their cell phone and doing their makeup.

You hear the jokes about fallen firefighters and say they should have known better.

He feels the floor give way while he's carrying an old lady from her bedroom and falls into the unknown.

You see the bright lights when you go by.

He sees the broken bodies lying around the car.

You are asked to go to the store by your parents. You don't.

He looks into buying a bullet proof vest because he has been shot at trying to save the shooting victim's life.

You stay at home and watch TV.

He takes his spare time to wash the wagon, restock the ambulance and maybe call his mother to tell her not to worry he'll be home the next night.

You crawl into your soft bed, with down pillows and get comfortable.

He tries to sleep on his spring board bed but keeps getting woken up by the gong and bell, ah, one hour of sleep it should due till tomorrow night.

You sit there and judge him, saying that it's a waste of money to have them around.

Garbage truck workers make more than he does, but it's not for the money, it's for the people who don't appreciate what he does.

Charlotte Daigle
Ozona, Texas

HOUSING: 'This is an extremely big issue'

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"More than one community is land locked like Ozona," said Shanon Biggerstaff, executive director for the Ozona Chamber of Commerce. "We can show landowners the need is there. All we can do is ask."

Examples of surveys for employers, residents and organizations and agencies were also presented. The consortium asked those who attended to submit pros and cons to the surveys by

July.

Each community would be responsible for getting and receiving the surveys in their respective towns, but the Concho Valley Workforce Development Board in San Angelo would compile the results.

Biggerstaff said the surveys should include questions about commuters and retirees, as well as other people in the community.

"Don't limit yourself to one industry or need in the community. Look beyond that and long-term," she said.

Ellis said the consortium will meet again in October, and will continue to look at tackling the big issues that exist in the region.

"I think we need to go forward with this," said Debbie Long about the housing plan. "This is an extremely big issue."

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By LYNN ENGLISH
Senior Center Director

Another shower came our way on Sunday morning. It was so refreshing and welcomed as it was beginning to get dry.

Buster Miller called Lupe Martinez and me on Friday. You could hear it in his voice that he is getting stronger and definitely ready to get back to Ozona.

I saw Jan St. Clair Tice on Sunday at church. She is getting better every day and had gained some weight. Jan we are happy to see you getting out and feeling better.

Last Wednesday, our friend Diane Phillips presented a DVD that she had made on her trip to Tanzania. The pictures and music were wonderful and so well

done. Diane thank you so much for letting a group of 11 ladies enjoy your efforts.

This is the last week to buy your Angel Food Ministries food box which is on sale until Thursday, June 14 for \$25 each. You may buy your boxes at the Ozona United Methodist Church from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. or at the Crockett County Senior Center from 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

We will soon be getting a new computer with Internet and DSL for our senior people to use. Keep in mind that it will be here for your convenience.

Come in and look over the book selection in our bookcase to see if there is one or two that you would like to read. We also have available magazines and recipe books.

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. Walking this week are Marolyn Bean, Brenda Newton and Bobbie Bird.

Every Monday and Thursday, the bridge players come to the Senior Center to play. These ladies come in all smiles bringing snacks and enjoy each other's company. Playing bridge last week were Liz Williams, Katherine Russell, Jean Odom, Sadie Davidson, Diane Phillips and Celia West.

Our activities are for those 50 and over (we are flexible). Come out and join in the activities you are missing.

COURT: Park will be open in daylight hours

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Also, no extra walls or slops would be added.

"This is a way of getting something open down there and getting starting. If you want to add more we can do that at a later date," Moore said.

The determining factor of when the park will open will be based on when the safety signs come in, Moore said.

The park will be open in daylight hours, with the hours set by the county depending on the time of year.

Signs also state that safety equipment is recommended but not required, and that the park is a "skate-at-your-own-risk" facility.

The park will not be for BMX bikes, but for skateboards and roller blades only.

The signs will also state that this is "an inherently dangerous

sport."

Commissioner Alfredo To-bar said that the bathrooms at the park site should not be reopened due to skaters possibly tearing them up.

"There is a lot of fun to be had with that swimming pool with a good ramp going down in it. I think it will be a good facility," Deaton said. "If someone wants to pick this up and work on it every year, there's room for improvement."

The commissioners also heard from department heads on budget requests for the upcoming 2008 budget.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED:

• New County Choice Silver High Plan for approximately eight current retired employees with the option of a prescription

drug card effective Aug. 1.

• New County Choice Silver High Plan with option for a prescription drug card for present and future county retirees' health insurance.

• Purchase of a new bullet-proof vest through the Court-house Security Fund.

• Awarding of a bid to Harrison Roofing for a new jail roof.

• Resignations from Historical Commission Board Members Joe Warren Friend Jr. and Claude Hudspeth.

• Hiring of Susie Bishop at the Family-Consumer Sciences Agent.

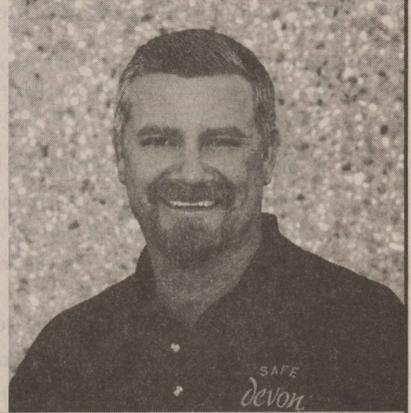
• A resolution for an Automated Weather Observing System, a budget certification for \$25,000 and designation authorizing representative Commissioner Randy Branch.

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ABOVE: THE OZONA 10 YEAR OLD ALL STARS placed third in the Plateau Classic held in Eldorado. Team members are: (front row, l. to r.) Jacob Talamantez, Ryan Porras, Phillip Benson, Rikki Chavez, Ez Rivas, Ricky Porras and Bryce Gutierrez. Back: Coach Ray Ramos, Michael Graham, Bobbie Sanchez, Wade Allen, John Luke Rodriguez and Coach Albert Talamantez.

RIGHT: MAKING THE 10 YEAR OLD ALL STARS-ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM are: Bryce Gutierrez, Michael Graham and Robbie Sanchez.



Submitted Photos

ABOVE: THE OZONAMINOR LEAGUE ALL STARS placed third against five teams in the Iraan Alley Oop Classic held in Iraan. Team members are: (front row, l. to r.) Mark Valdez, Hunter Smith, Kobe Rodriguez, Alex Hopper, Aiden Fierro, Ryan Ramos, Rachel Mendoza and Preston McKutcheon. Back: Coach Greg Hopper, Coach Nick Richter, Johnny Smith and Mario Mendoza. Not pictured are: Jared Tambunga, Dustan Vargas, Ben Badillo, Mark Ybarra and Thomas Fay. **RIGHT: MAKING THE MINOR LEAGUE ALL STARS-ALL TOURNAMENT TEAM** are Hunter Smith, Kobe Rodriguez and Rachel Mendoza.



The Ozona Stockman Deadline is MONDAY AT NOON!

BLACK NAMED BARREL CHAMPION



Photo courtesy of David Jennings Photography

ALLIE BLACK races around a barrel at the Texas Junior High School Finals Rodeo held May 28-June 3 in Gonzales, Texas.

Photo courtesy of Vicki Black

RIGHT: Allie was named the barrel champion in Gonzales. She won a saddle, along with a trip to the National Finals in Gallup, N.M.

Athlete receives trip to National Finals in New Mexico

Allie Black was recently named the Barrel Champion at the Texas Junior High School Finals Rodeo held May 28 - June 1 at Gonzales, Texas.

Allie, a sixth-grade student at Ozona Middle School, placed sixth in the first go with a time of 16.63; third in the second go at 16.405 and second in the short go at 16.399.

She won the average with 49.454. Her prize was a new

saddle.

She also won, along with 12 other event champions in Texas, a specially embroidered jacket from Carhartt Outerwear.

Allie will represent Texas at the National Finals Rodeo June 28-July 7 in Gallup, N.M.

Allie is the daughter of Will M. and Vicki Black of Ozona.

She is the granddaughter of Bill and Susie Black and Billy and Judy Reagor of Ozona.



Photos by Melissa Perner

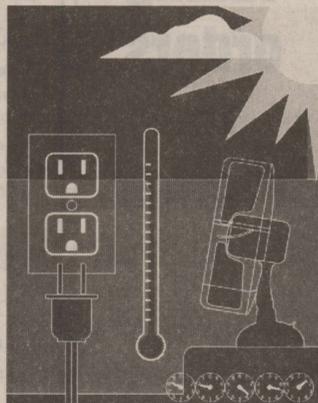
TOP: OZONA COMMUNITY CENTER STUDENTS learned all about the workings of the Crockett County Ambulance from EMT Leesa Marshall. **BOTTOM: Leesa** shows the students that taking your blood pressure doesn't hurt. The community center students received visits from the Ozona Volunteer Fire Department, a CCCSSD school bus, local law enforcement and county and state officials as part of "Community Week" last week.

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- Turn off every appliance you are not using including lights, televisions and radios. Use the "sleep" feature on your computer equipment.
- Only cool rooms that you use. Close vents and doors in unused rooms. Be sure to close closet doors.
- Check your air-conditioning filter every month and replace as needed.
- Keep windows that let the sun in covered when the sun is shining on them.
- Weather strip and caulk around windows and doors to prevent drafts.
- Close your fireplace damper when the fireplace is not being used.
- Use fans to help circulate the air in your house.
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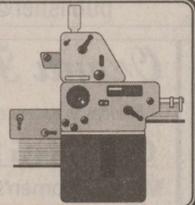
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4-Hers compete at state meet

By LAURA STAPPER
Crockett County 4-H

The Texas 4-H State Round-up was June 5-8 at Texas A&M University.

Crockett County brought wool, mohair, and educational presentation teams.

The wool and mohair contest took place on Wednesday, and both teams placed in the top three.

The mohair team of Matthew Komechak, Wilson White, and Taylor Newton placed third, with Matthew being the second high individual.

The wool team of Kraig Chandler, Lane White and Laura Stapper was second, with Laura being the third and Kraig being the fifth high individual.

Our coaches, Carlon and Ann Stapper, even bought us all a meal for placing so well.

On Thursday, while the others were at seminars, Lakin Aaron, LuCinda Birkenfeld, and Taylor gave their presentation on "Embryo Transfer 101." They placed in the top half. Their coach is Amy Newton.

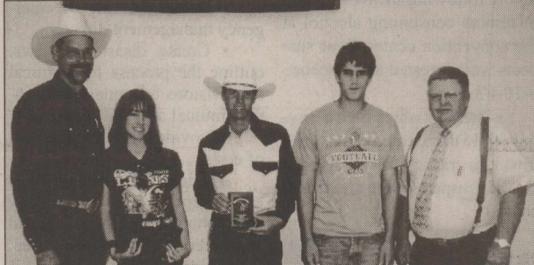
Each night we were there, we went to an assembly and a dance, which were fun.

This coming year is 4-H's 100th year of existence, and we were all sent home with a challenge. Our challenge for this year is to get 100 new kids from each county to join 4-H (head), write 100 thank-you notes (heart), donate 100 hours to community service (hands) and walk 100 miles (health).

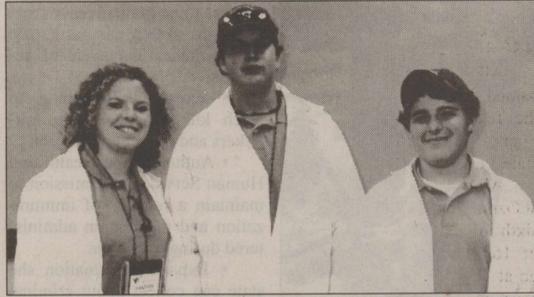
These tasks are not only for the 4-H kids who attended state, but for all 4-H'ers.



THE MOHAIR TEAM (left to right): Coach Carlon Stapper, Matthew Komechak, Taylor Newton, Wilson White, and contest superintendent Frank Craddock. The team placed third.



THE WOOL TEAM (left to right): Coach Carlon Stapper, Laura Stapper, Kraig Chandler, Lane White, and contest superintendent Frank Craddock. The team placed second.



THE EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION TEAM (left to right): LuCinda Birkenfeld, Lakin Aaron, and Taylor Newton. The team placed in the top half.

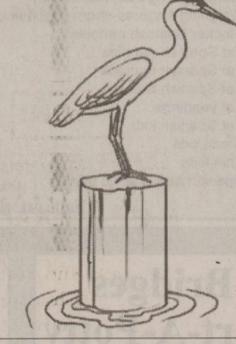
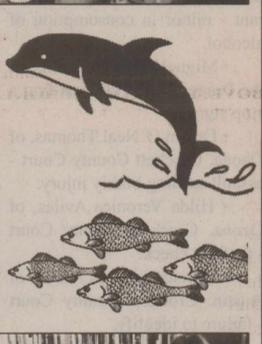
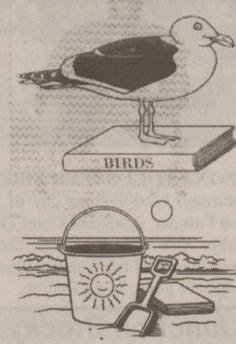
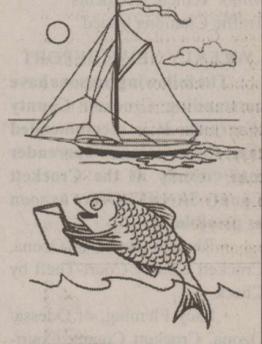
Photos submitted by Ann Stapper

'SAIL AWAY WITH BOOKS' at the Crockett County Public Library



Photos by Joe Hernandez

A "PIRATE PARTY" took place last week at the Crockett County Public Library. The party was part of the library's summer reading program, "Sail Away With Books." Children's programs will be held every Monday and Thursday mornings in June.

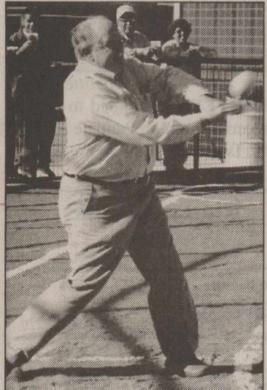


SOUTH SOFTBALL FIELD OPENED FOR GAMES



Photos by Joe Hernandez

COUNTY and LOCAL OFFICIALS cut the ribbon to open the new softball field located south of Ozona off of State Highway 163. Pictured are: (left to right) County Commissioner Frank Tambunga, County Commissioner Alfredo Tobar, Victor De La Garza, of Texas Energy, County Judge Fred Deaton, County Commissioner Randy Branch, County Commissioner Pleas Childress, County Road Superintendent Eddie Moore and Sheriff Shane Fenton.



FORMER COUNTY COMMISSIONER RUDY MARTINEZ (right) throws out the first pitch to County Judge Fred Deaton (left) who gets a hit. Martinez, along with former County Judge Johnny Jones and other county officials, were involved in the planning and preparation for the field.

Renfroe named to Dean's List

Aaron P. Renfroe has been named to the Dean's List at South Plains College for the spring 2007 semester.

Students named to the Dean's Honor List earned at least a 3.25 grade point average with no failing grades while carrying at least 12 credit hours.

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Youth Center Calendar of Events
June 18 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.
June 19 - OMS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.
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EIGHTH-GRADERS ENTERING NINTH GRADE CAN START COMING TO HIGH SCHOOL NIGHT AUG. 1

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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT

TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Abandoned/impounded vehicles	3
Animal control, Livestock Complaints	6
Civil Complaints	2
Civil Service	11
Courtesy Transports	1
Criminal Activity Complaints	19
Disturbances, Domestic, Loud Noise etc.	14
Juvenile Complaints	9
Locked Vehicles	7
911 Fire Calls, Admin. calls	2
911 Vehicle Accidents	1
911 Medical calls/ Transfers	6
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	6
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	2
Security Alarms	2
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	30
Sheriff's Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	19
State/County Road Calls	1
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle	3
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	4
Utility Services/complaints	1
Minor Vehicle Accidents	8
Traffic Citations Issued	3

WEEKLY NEWS REPORT

The following persons have outstanding Crockett County Warrants. It is recommended that these persons surrender into custody at the Crockett County Sheriff's Office as soon as possible.

- Rhonda Cerda, of Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check
- Lacy Fleming, of Odessa/Ozona, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check
- Brandon O'Neil, of Barnhart, Crockett County Court-Theft by Check
- Apolonio Morales Damian, of Ozona- Tom Green County Warrant for driving under the influence of liquor.
- Blas Ramos Jr., Crockett County J.P. warrant - no drivers' license and restrained child.
- Jason Parker, Taylor County warrant - theft by check.
- Gilberto Montelongo Mata, Crockett County J.P. warrant - minor in consumption of alcohol.
- Miguel Rivas Jr., Justice of the Peace Court - disregarding a stop sign.
- Dustin O'Neal Thomas, of Ozona, Crockett County Court - assault causing bodily injury.
- Hilda Veronica Aviles, of Ozona, Crockett County Court - theft by check.
- Christine Reyes Arana, of Austin, Crockett County Court - failure to identify.
- Alan Cruz, of Ozona, Crockett County Court - motion to adjudicate/furnish alcohol to minor.
- Gerilyn Longoria, of Ozona, Crockett County Court - theft by check.
- Ethel Mae Borrego, of Ozona/San Angelo, possession of a control substance in a cor-

ARREST REPORT

- Aquilar D. Candido, 31, of Arizona, arrested by DPS Trooper for speeding. Subject was arraigned and released by judge.
- Noe Valencia Perez, 28, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy with a warrant for unauthorized use of motor vehicle. He posted bond and was released.
- Lucinda Ortiz, 47, of Ozona taken into custody at district court, to serve state jail sentence. Remains in custody pending transfer.
- Alan Cruz, 25, of Ozona surrendered into custody at sheriff's office, for a county court warrant of motion to revoke/driving while license suspended and motion to adjudicate/furnish alcohol to minors. He was released by county judge.
- Kenny Vargas Tobar, 23, of Ozona surrendered into custody at sheriff's office for a district court warrant of fraudulent use of identifying information. He posted bail and was released.
- Corey Edward Galindo, 21, of Ozona, was arrested by sheriff's deputy with a district court warrant of sexual assault. He remains in custody.
- Albert Escalante Ramos Jr., of Ozona, was transferred from Tom Green County by sheriff's deputy with a bench warrant for district court. He remains in custody pending court hearing.
- Timothy Edward Beseril, 17, of Odessa was arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and possession of controlled substance. He remains in custody pending bail/court.

Kevin Lee Everett, 18, of Odessa was arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and possession of controlled substance. He remains in custody pending bail/court.

Tyler Dean Offield, 17, of Odessa was arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and possession of controlled substance. He remains in custody pending bail/court.

Manuel Ruben Beseril Jr., 20, of Odessa was arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and possession of controlled substance. He remains in custody pending bail/court.

Juan Pedro Garza Jr., 28, of Ozona, was arrested by sheriff's deputy for driving while intoxicated. He posted bail and

was released. Alfonso Garza-Limon, 22, of Odessa was arrested by sheriff's deputy for public intoxication. He paid fine and was released.

INCIDENT REPORTS

Citizen on 6th Street filed a burglary of habitation report - person entered a residence and took property. Investigation continues.

Sheriff's office filed a possession of marijuana and a possession of controlled substance report, following an investigation of minors consuming alcohol at the convention center. Four suspects were arrested at the scene.

Sheriff's office filed a driving while intoxicated report, following a traffic stop on Avenue G. Two suspects were arrested at scene.



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OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS traveled to Big Lake Saturday, June 9, for a day of fire training. Attending were Chief Bob Falkner, Assistant Chief Gil Komechak and fire fighter Kevin Webb. Also attending from Ozona was Matthew Komechak. Pictured is one of the training groups getting instructions on how the project is going to be fought.

Junction Stockyards Market Report

Sheep and Goats

June 11, 2007

We sold 3,091 head. Lambs and ewes sold steady. Bucks 1-3 lower. Kids were dollars lower. Other classes mostly steady.

#1 spring lambs 50-70 lbs.	1.00-1.20
#1 spring lambs 70-90 lbs.	95-1.07
#1 old crop lambs 50-70 lbs.	85-95
#1 old crop lambs 70-90 lbs.	78-85
Fat ewes	38-45
Thin ewes	25-35
Bucks	31-37
Baby Tooth Ewes	60-72
Solid Mouth Ewes	38-55
Baby Tooth Angora stocker nannies	60-80
Solid mouth Angora stocker nannies	45-54
Stocker Angora muttons	50-57
Angora Kids-shorn	88-1.00
Weighing Angoras-shorn (thin)	35-45
Weighing Angoras-shorn (fat) nannies	40-46
Stocker Spanish nannies	70-1.02
Fat Spanish nannies	48-58
Fat Spanish muttons	85-1.20
Fat Spanish billies	75-85
Fat yearlings	1.05-1.22
Fat Spanish kids	1.00-1.22
Small kids	90-1.18
Thin kids	88-94
Spanish nanny & kid pairs	36-41/hd

Next goat sale - June 18, 2007

Governor signs border security legislation



By Ed Sterling

AUSTIN - Gov. Rick Perry signed SB 11 into law on June 6, creating a border security council to advise him on how to allocate funds along the Texas-Mexico border.

Perry will appoint all of the members of the council, and among its many duties, the council is to:

- Define the role of emergency management directors.
- Create disaster districts, outline the process for political subdivisions to request and provide mutual aid assistance.
- Provide for reimbursement of costs.

The legislation, which takes effect Sept. 1, was authored by Sen. John Carona, R-Dallas, and sponsored in the House by Rep. Frank Corte, R-San Antonio. SB 11 also does things such as:

- Allow up to 350 amateur radio operators who are state employees to be granted leave from their jobs so they can participate in emergency management activities.
- Expand wiretapping to catch kidnapers, human traffickers and money launderers.
- Authorize the Health and Human Services Commission to maintain a registry of immunization and medication administered during a disaster.
- Expand information the state can collect about criminal street gangs.

Perry lauded the bill, saying it "removes bureaucratic hurdles between seconds count and lives are in jeopardy."

"If a city has been hit by a wildfire, a chemical spill, a biological threat, or an act of terrorism, bureaucracy should not impede compassion," he said.

BILL TARGETS FUNERAL DISRUPTERS

Gov. Perry on June 4 signed HB 1093 by Rep. Charlie Geren, R-Fort Worth.

Geren's bill, which took effect as soon as the governor signed it, makes it illegal to disrupt the funeral service of a fallen member of the U.S. military.

The bill increases the distance barrier for individuals picketing from 500 feet to 1,000 feet of a facility or cemetery being used for a funeral service, beginning one hour before the service and ending one hour af-

SCHOOL FOOD STUDY TO BE DONE

The Texas Department of Agriculture wants to find out what schoolchildren are eating.

Agriculture Commissioner Todd Stapp appointed a committee of 12 people to conduct a study of school breakfast, lunch and afterschool snack programs.

The study, due before the next school term starts, should help to:

- Determine if there are barriers to participation in school meal programs.
- Identify changes in the nutritional policy that would increase student wellness, increase meal participation and decrease obesity.
- Examine availability of processed or prepackaged foods in meal programs and note the trans fat content of those foods.

GOVERNOR SIGNS SMOG CONTROL BILL

Gov. Perry signed SB 12 into law on June 8, in support of the state's clean air incentive grant programs TERP (Texas Emissions Reduction Plan) and LIRAP (Low-Income Vehicle Repair Assistance, Retrofit, and Accelerated Vehicle Retirement Program).

SB 12 extends TERP to 2013 and raises the cap on amount of grant dollars allowed per ton of nitrogen oxide emission reduction from \$13,000 to \$15,000 per ton.

LIRAP, now tiered to allow vehicles up to two years old to qualify as replacement vehicles, also expands eligible participants to those who earn up to 300 percent of the federal poverty level.

BILL TO ATTRACT TV, FILM JOBS

Gov. Perry signed HB 1934, the film incentive bill, a \$22 million package to help Texas attract jobs in television and film production.

The bill provides filmmakers with grants equal to 5 percent of what they spend in Texas. To qualify, they must spend at least \$1 million in Texas, shoot at least 80 percent of the project within state borders and hire at least 70 percent of actors, crew and extras in Texas.

The Texas Film Commission reports there were 32 film projects in the last four years that researched Texas for their production location but instead chose other states that offered incentives.



Submitted photo

OZONA VOLUNTEER FIRE FIGHTERS responded to a grass fire at 4:20 p.m. Monday located one mile south on Pandale Road. It was a small fire on the west bar ditch. Two units and five fire fighters responded.

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Rig Locations

For Crockett, Sutton, Terrell and Reagan counties

As of June 8, 2007

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Encore Operating Lp	9308	J L Henderson Jr -A- #6-20	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
New J. Cho Thompson/Dal	9308	University 31-13w #2	Patterson Drilling/A 42	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8975	University 56-22 #5	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
New Andarko E & P Co Lp	8500	Maybin -C- #3412	Heart Land Drilling 8	Moving On
Chevron/Midland	8500	Davidson Wilkins -LJ- Unit -2	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Drig Ahead
New Chevron/Midland	8500	Davidson Schuber -LJ- Unit 1#1	Nabors Drilling (O) 353	Assigned
New Andarko E & P Co Lp	8500	University 31-13w #2	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
Eag Resources/Mid	7500	Harris Ranch -A- #1	Capstar Drilling 27	Drig Ahead 5054
New Film Natural Res	5500	Phillips -A- #376	Patterson Drilling/A 727	Drig Ahead
New Mlc Operating	4700	Bouscaren Unit -0457- #1	Patterson Util/Lv 731	Drig Ahead
Sigma Energy&Exp Co	2000	Sigma Meadows #8	Hope Drilling 1	Drig Ahead

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9750	Morris Brothers Ranch -1 #101	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9750	Duke Wilson -172- #19	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9250	Duke Wilson -189- #17	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	9250	Duke Wilson -189- #16	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8975	Hicks -22- #19	Helmerich & Payne/S 303	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8975	Shurley -144- #24	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8975	Duke Wilson -188- #23	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8475	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -V- #6	Helmerich & Payne/S 302	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8400	Mayer -37- #13	Helmerich & Payne/S 301	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8400	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -D- #7	Helmerich & Payne/S 302	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8400	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -LJ- #13	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8400	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -D4- #4	Patterson Drilling/A 108	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	8185	Edwin Hill Mayer S Jr -G- #6	Helmerich & Payne/S 301	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7400	R H Mittel #1	Helmerich & Payne/A 105	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7350	Shurley -144- #26	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7225	Kelly -35- #11	Patterson Drilling 27	Assigned
New Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7250	Ben Mittel #18	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7225	Kelly -35- #12	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Assigned
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7200	Canyon Ranch #914	Helmerich & Payne/S 304	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok Tx E&P	7000	Canyon Ranch #113-8	Helmerich & Payne/S 305	Drig Ahead

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Henry Petroleum	11000	Univ Jean24 #2	Patterson Util/Midlan 487	Drig Ahead 8117
New Pioneer Natural/Irv	9975	Thomson -9- #3	Patterson Util/Midlan 474	Drig Ahead
Pioneer Natural/Irv	9500	University 1-27 #3	Patterson Util/Midlan 472	Drig Ahead 4101
New Prime Operating/Mid	9000	South Siles Spraberry Unit #13	Adobe Drilling Mavrx	Drig Ahead
Mariner Energy	9000	Wells #5m	Lariat Services/Ode 15	L.D.W.P. 8500
Mariner Energy	8550	Aldwell -B- #4m	J B Hunt Gas & Oil 2	Drig Ahead 8600
New Mariner Energy	8450	Sau Mariner 1-2 #2c	Big Dog Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 3179
Mariner Energy	8450	Sau Mariner 30-3 #3	Lariat Services/Ode 17	Drig Ahead 7150

OPERATOR	PTD	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Encore Operating Lp	12900	Brown Bassett Goode Unit #5	Nabors Drilling (O) 641	Drig Ahead
Bp America Prod/Mid	12500	Banner Estate #37 H	Helmerich & Payne(A) 214	Drig Ahead
Wig Exploration	9900	Aunt Josie -C- #2	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Drig Ahead

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EMT COORDINATOR WANTED: Ozona is seeking full-time EMS coordinator. Needs to be EMT certified. Applications may be picked up with Melissa Ybarra at the Crockett County Care Center business office job description is available with applications. No phone calls please. Crockett County EMS is an EOE. tft06

HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED: Housekeeper needed at CCCC here in Ozona. Basic housekeeping duties needed to be performed at this 56-bed long-term care facility. Great benefits, good working environment, & fast paced with excellent supervisor. Call Amy at 392-2671 or come by 103 N. Ave. H for application. CCCC is an EOE. tfc11

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Location: 1306 Sheffield Rd, Ozona, TX 76943, P.O. Box 909 Ozona, TX 76943.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 23749

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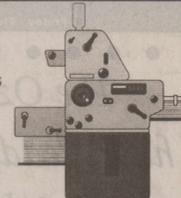
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