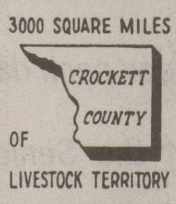


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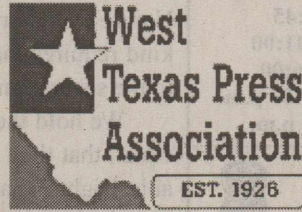
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Forecast information provided by the National Weather Service in San Angelo	

Know about fireworks safety this Fourth of July

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

As people gather to celebrate our nation's birthday, celebrating safely with fireworks is just as important as grilling that perfect hamburger and hot dog.

The National Council on Fireworks Safety recommends that people only buy consumer fireworks from a licensed store or stand. Never buy fireworks from an individual's house, or from someone on the street, according to a press release from the council.

Consumer fireworks regulated by the Consumer Product Safety Commission are packaged in bright colors and have safety warnings on the packaging.

In Crockett County, aerial fireworks are banned, with the exception of the Knights of Columbus annual display. Aerial fireworks include skyrockets with sticks and missiles with fins or rudders.

Small firecrackers are permitted and no burn ban is in effect for Crockett County. Violation of the fireworks restrictions is a Class C Misdemeanor.

The National Council urges consumers to follow these other important safety tips:

- Only use fireworks outdoors.

- Obey all local laws regarding the use of fireworks.

- Children under age 16 should only use fireworks with ADULT SUPERVISION.

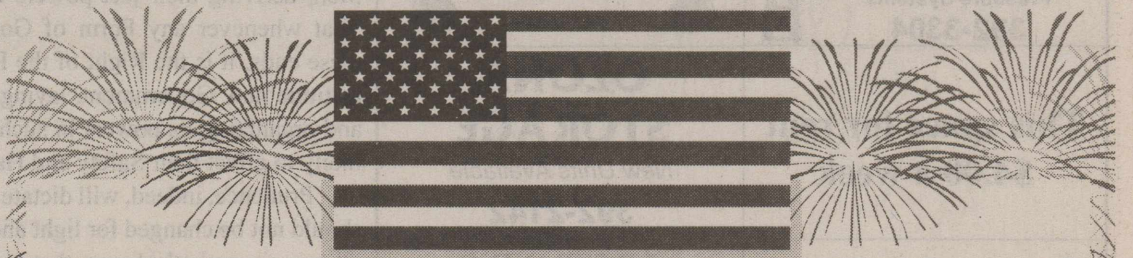
- Always have a bucket of water, or water hose, nearby.

- Alcohol and fireworks do not mix.

- Parents should pay special attention to children using sparklers. Sparklers reach temperatures up to 1,800 degrees Fahrenheit. Children should not touch the lit portion of sparklers, throw them or play games with them. Sparklers can be dangerous, if used improperly.

"Many times consumers don't prepare for the evening's fireworks display" said Ralph Apel, President of the National Council on Fireworks Safety. "The designated shooter should prepare a shooting area, assess how many people will be watching the display and lay out a spectator area that is far enough away from the shooting site. The shooter should carefully read the label of each firework and understand exactly what it will do. Preplanning makes for a safe and fun backyard fireworks display."

All of the National Council's safety tips are reviewed in its new seven minute safety video, available for purchase by calling 202 349 7127, or by emailing getinfo@fireworksafety.com.



Knights of Columbus Fourth of July Events

- 7 a.m. - "G.I. Joe Stars-n-Stripes" 5k run/walk starting from the baseball fields on the north side of town. Cost is a \$10 donation. Proceeds benefit Crockett County Veterans.
- 3 p.m. - County-wide Fourth of July Festival, town square.
- 7:30 p.m. - Patriotic Parade starting from the front of the courthouse and ending at the baseball fields on the north side of town.
- Fireworks after the parade at the north baseball fields.

For more information, call Frank Tambunga at 392-2987.

Bringing Washington to West Texas

Congressman representative travels throughout district to listen to voters concerns

By **MELISSA PERNER**
 Editor and Publisher

Cesar J. Blanco has spent his past two weeks traveling all over West Texas.

From El Paso to Ozona, and in between, Blanco said he is averaging 1,000 miles a week to bring information about Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez's office.

Rodriguez, D-San Antonio, has the largest congressional district in the country. District 23 covers part of El Paso, Hudspeth, Culberson, Reeves, Jeff Davis, Presidio, Brewster, Pecos, Terrell, Crockett, part of Sutton, Val Verde, Edwards, Kinney, Maverick, Uvalde, Zavala, Dimmitt, Medina and part of Bexar counties.

The closest West Texas office to Ozona is the one located in Fort Stockton.

"It's a big district. (Rodriguez) is a very hands-on congressman," Blanco said. "There are a lot of towns in our area. This is just part of our efforts to make the Congressman more accessible."

Sitting in the Crockett County Courthouse Annex, Blanco patiently answers questions relating to social security, veterans' assistance, Medicare or any issues people might be having or are interested in.

Blanco said Rodriguez, who serves as the Chair of the

Taskforce on Veterans Affairs, has been working on legislation dealing with veterans' mental health issues.

"The war has had a tremendous impact on people with brain injuries. He is trying to beef up the mental health capacity."

So far, Rodriguez has introduced The Wounded War Heroes' Bill of Rights Act, which would create a Wounded War Heroes Czar to oversee veteran benefits and services, and reports directly to the President.

The act would also provide mandatory screening of mental health disorders for all active and returning soldiers, as well as allow veterans to be treated at non-Veterans' Assistance hospitals.

Rodriguez has also introduced two other veteran acts that would allow the VA to contract out for mental health services, and would improve health resources for VA staff, soldiers and their families.

"The war in Iraq incites strong feelings among Americans on both sides, but one thing we should all be able to agree on is that our injured and wounded soldiers deserve a hero's welcome and a health care system worthy of their sacrifice," Rodriguez said in a press release.

As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, Rodriguez helped pass the Financial



Photo by Melissa Perner

CESAR J. BLANCO takes a phone call after visiting with people from Crockett County. Blanco is a representative from Congressman Ciro D. Rodriguez's office. Blanco travels across Rodriguez's West Texas district answering questions about Washington D.C. and issues relating to the area.

Services appropriations bill and the Interior appropriations bill.

The financial bill includes spending for border security, money for small business loans, small business development grants and funding to help develop rural communities.

The interior bill includes funding for sewer and water grants to local communities, clean water and for national parks.

"As the only San Antonio and Texas border area member currently serving on the House Appropriations Committee, increasing funding for border community programs is a top priority for me. One thing that has been clear as I have traveled throughout this Southwest Texas border district - from San Antonio to Big Bend to Tornillo - is that there are many communities

in need and we must be doing more to help them invest in their infrastructure," Rodriguez said in a press release.

Blanco said he plans on being in Ozona once a month.

He also said Rodriguez is planning on visiting Ozona sometime in August.

For more information on Rodriguez, visit <http://rodriguez.house.gov/contact.shtml>.

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What's on My Mind

By Melissa Perner

Celebrating our Independence

"When in the Course of human events, it becomes necessary for one people to dissolve the political bands, which have connected them with another, and to assume, among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature and of Nature's God entitle them, a decent respect to the opinions of mankind requires that they should declare the causes which impel them to the separation.

We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed, by their Creator, with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness.

That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles, and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.

Prudence, indeed, will dictate that Governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes; and accordingly all experience hath shewn, that mankind are more disposed to suffer, while evils are sufferable, than to right themselves by abolishing the forms to which they are accustomed. But when a long train of abuses and usurpations, pursuing invariably the same Object, evinces a design to reduce them under absolute Despotism, it is their right, it is their duty, to throw off such Government, and to provide new Guards for their future security."

Introduction and Preamble of "The Declaration of Independence"

When our founding fathers signed this document 231 years ago, they were not only signing a declaration of our freedom, but also a declaration of war with Britain.

These people knew that once their signatures were scrolled on to this document, they were declaring war for their freedom.

Since that day in 1776, Americans have been continuing their battle to keep their freedom. Whether it was against each other, or overseas, our brave men and women have given of themselves to keep the freedoms in "The Declaration of Independence."

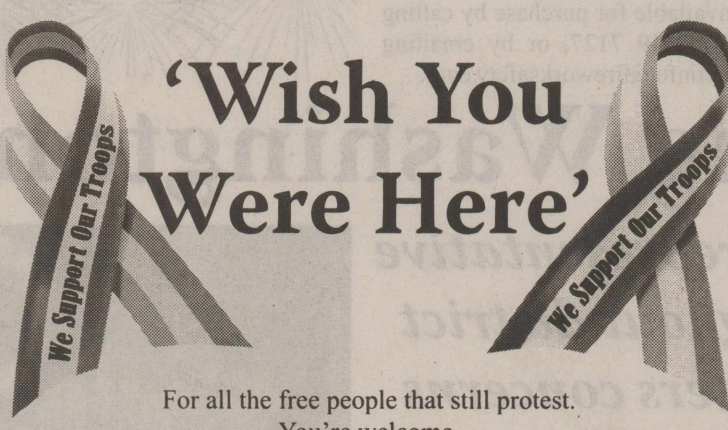
A month ago I sat at Lion Stadium and watched the latest class of students graduate. As I watched them, I noticed the ones that I knew would be entering the military.

I knew that they had made the decision to serve their country and protect our freedoms.

As we celebrate our nation's birthday, we must also pause to remember those abroad and at home who have given of themselves to serve our great country and protect our freedoms.

The freedoms of "Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness" are the ones that our service men and women still project today.

God Bless America and thank you to all have kept and are keeping her free.



For all the free people that still protest.
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but who will fight for you?
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We might not be able to save the world,
Well, at least we try.
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and we want no choice other than that.
so when you rally your group to complain,
take a look in the back of your brain.
In order for that flag you love to fly
wars must be fought and young men must die.
We came here to fight for the ones we hold dear.
If that's not respected, we would rather stay here.
So please stop yelling, put down your signs,
and pray for those behind enemy lines.
When the conflict is over and all is well,
be thankful that we chose to go through hell.

Corporal Joshua Miles and all the boys from
3rd Battalion 2nd Marines, Kuwait

Letters to the Editor

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Community Calendar

- Wednesday, July 4**
- Independence Day!
 - "G.I. Joe Stars-n-Stripes" 5k run/walk, 7 a.m., starting from the baseball fields on the north side of town.
 - Fourth of July Festival, 3 p.m., town square park.
 - Patriotic Parade and Fireworks, 7:30 p.m., parade will start in front of the courthouse and end at the baseball fields on the north side of town.
- Thursday, July 5**
- Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Friday, July 6**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
- Monday, July 9**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ozona Tennis Camp, 9 a.m. to noon each day at the tennis courts.
 - Ladies' Bridge, 1:30 p.m. at the Senior Center.
- Tuesday, July 10**
- Ozona Tennis Camp, 9 a.m. to noon each day at the tennis courts.
 - Crockett County Open Playday Series, 6 p.m. at the Fair Park Rodeo Arena.
- Wednesday, July 11**
- Exercise Classes, 8:30 a.m. at the Senior Center.
 - Ozona Tennis Camp, 9 a.m. to noon each day at the tennis courts.

It's the Pitts
by Lee Pitts

Dr. Death

I think there needs to be a law that anyone who calls themselves an auctioneer ought to at least be able to talk fast. I say this because an oral surgeon I know in another county "sells" a local charity auction once a year and then has the nerve to call himself an auctioneer, despite the fact that he doesn't have a chant and can't count. He even had business cards printed up to proclaim his auctioneering prowess. It's just not right, auctioneers can't go around calling themselves dentists, now can they?

Dr. Big Mouth, who has a oral opening so large he can eat a banana sideways, has what I call a multiple career disorder; he's a dentist but he desperately wants to be an auctioneer. And a singer. Anything that puts him on stage and in front of a crowd: For years he has volunteered at the local elementary schools to play his guitar and sing for the little tykes, despite the fact that he has a voice that makes your flesh crawl. The poor kids that somehow don't get the warning that he's coming to their school so they can play hooky are said to have traumatic nightmares about the experience well into their young adult years.

One of the biggest stages in any area is the county fair and Dr. Big Mouth always hangs around the Junior Livestock Auction in hopes that the auctioneer might not show up, or lose his voice, and then he'd be called upon to perform at the Big Show. Dr. Big Mouth always has a ready supply of business cards handy and keeps his voice warmed up just in case. This was one show he definitely wanted to star in.

Dr. Big Mouth's county is fortunate to have an outstanding roster of livestock auctioneers to sell the kid's project animals, including at times, more than one World Champion Livestock Auctioneer. One would think that Dr. Big Mouth would realize that up against these guys he'd be totally humiliated but vanity is not subject to reason.

As luck would have it, one year everything conspired to give Dr. Big Mouth the once in a lifetime opportunity he'd been

dreaming about for years. You see, in addition to being great bid callers most of the regular auctioneers at the fair are also team ropers. Through some scheduling error it just so happens that the two auctioneers scheduled to sell the lower placed hogs that morning were also up in the Century Roping. In their haste to get to the arena on time the auctioneer/ropers looked around for a replacement and saw Dr. Big Mouth begging like a lap Poodle.

As the real auctioneers left for the roping arena Dr. Big Mouth sat down behind the microphone and gave a rousing ten minute speech about the 186th placing hog and then began to sell in slow motion... "o-n-e d-o-l-l-a-r... o-n-e d-o-l-l-a-r." His so-called auctioneering was first greeted with an outburst of silence followed by prolonged booing. The young girl in the sales ring with her hog saw her whole life flash in front of her and realized that thanks to Dr. Big Mouth she'd live in hopeless poverty for the rest of her life. FFA advisors, 4-H parents and kids who were waiting in line to sell panicked.

Thinking fast, the clerk pulled the cord on the amplifier and announced that they were experiencing sound problems. Miraculously these technical difficulties were fixed when the real auctioneers returned from throwing their ropes at the ground.

It gets worse. I don't know if it was the result of luck or payola but a photographer from the county newspaper just happened to take a picture of Dr. Big Mouth on the auction block and ran it on the front page, referring to him as the auctioneer for the county fair, despite the fact that he hadn't completely sold a single animal. As a result of the free publicity he's singing and selling quite regularly now, absenteeism in area schools is sky high and local school children live in constant fear because the dentist they not-so-jokingly refer to as Dr. Death now has three ways to hurt them: He can sing to them, auctioneer their fair animal and pull their teeth.



Submitted photo

BECKY DAVIDSON MADRAY AND HER HUSBAND GILES have returned from a trip to New York where members of Becky's church choir joined with other singers to perform Mozart's Requiem in Carnegie Hall. The sold-out performance was conducted by John Rutter, a well-known British conductor and composer. "Singing from the stage in this beautiful concert hall where the world's finest musicians have stood is a dream of a lifetime. It is true: How does one get to Carnegie Hall? Practice, practice, practice!" Becky said.

Bullard receives scholarship from Abell-Hanger Foundation

The Texas Interscholastic League Foundation is pleased to announce that one of the recipients for the Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship is Ozona High School Senior, Matthew Bullard.



MATTHEW BULLARD

The Abell-Hanger Foundation Scholarship is in the amount of \$8,000. In order to be eligible for this scholarship, students must have competed in at least one of the UIL Academic events at the state level. Additionally a TILF recipient typically ranks in the top 10 percent of their graduating class and scores at least a 26 or higher on their ACT or at least a 1760 on SAT I.

Out of the 696 applications received, approximately 377 new scholarships are being awarded this year. Matthew is the son of Asa and Sharon Bullard. He will be attending Angelo State University in the fall.

Superintendent to discuss school issues at luncheon

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher

Superintendent Abe Gott will answer the questions the community has been raising at a luncheon sponsored by the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

The luncheon will be held at 11:30 a.m. July 24 at the Visitor Center Conference Room.

The meal will be catered by the Ozona Chatter Box.

What is the history of our schools? Why do we need a new school? If a bond passes, how will it impact my taxes?

These are some of the questions Gott plans to address during the luncheon.

During a June 7 meeting, members of the School Facilities Committee voted to build a new primary school on the existing primary school site.

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.

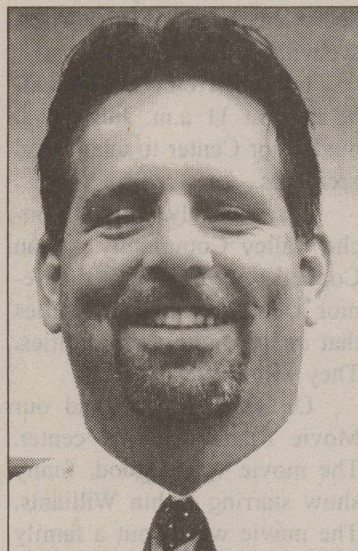
Gott said the cost to demolish the existing primary school is estimated around \$450,000.

The Crockett County CCSD Board of Trustees now takes the committee's recommendation and gather information from architects to get an exact figure.

At the June 20 board meeting, the board approved Gott sending out applications to several architects.

The latest the board can call for a bond for the November election is the first week of September.

Gott began as Superintendent of the CCCCS Feb. 1, 2005.



ABE GOTT

He moved to Ozona from Cherokee where he also served as school superintendent.

He has 19 years experience in education. He is a graduate of Baylor University with a master's degree in education from Tarleton State University.

He has three children: two at the intermediate school and one beginning in kindergarten.

His wife Laura will teach eighth grade science next year at the middle school.

Abe also serves as Board of Director for the Ozona Chamber of Commerce.

Executive Director, Shannon Biggerstaff will also update members on the status of chamber projects.

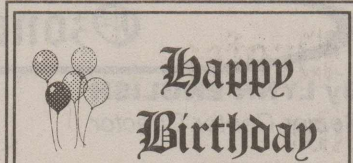
The chamber of commerce hosts community luncheons:

- to provide an occasion where members have an opportunity to network with one another

- provide a program that educates individuals and businesses about the activities and services available in their community

- to provide members an opportunity to become involved and/or informed about the community.

Deadline to RSVP is July 20. For more information, call the chamber at 392-3737.



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July 7 - Ismael Fierro, Gabriel Arredondo, Kaelan Brienne Savala, Samantha Torres, Brady Granger, Kristen Fleming, Daniel Anderson and Stephanie Quiroz

July 8 - Elliott Barrera, R.J. Everett, Kayla Turland, Martin Munoz and Kelbie Renfroe

July 9 - Rick Bird and Darla Ortiz

July 10 - Cathy Bennett, Justice Adkins, Janet McDaniel and Regina Garcia

To place a birthday on the birthday list, call 392-2551

Ozona Royals vs. Ozona Horns

reunion July 21

There will be a baseball club reunion on July 21 at the south softball field.

The Ozona Royals will take on the Ozona Horns. The first game is at 3 p.m. with the second game at 6 p.m.

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Ozona Senior Happenings

By **LYNN ENGLISH**
 Senior Center Director

June has passed us by in a flash and my guess is July will go by as rapidly.

We were sorry to learn of the death of Vera Loraine O'Rear who was the mother of Lou Haire. Our condolences go out to the family.

Norma Carson came by Friday morning and brought us another beautiful puzzle. She and I had a really nice visit.

The Crockett County Senior Board met on Monday at the Senior Center.

The Area Agency on Aging was here on June 26. They were available to answer any questions that Senior Citizens might have.

On Tuesday, the Helping Hands Board members met at the Senior Center for their regular monthly meeting.

Remember, the Crockett

County Senior Center will be closed on Wednesday, July 4 in observance of our Independence. We will open again July 5.

Intrepid Home Health will be here at 11 a.m. July 10 at the Senior Center to take blood pressures.

Also on July 10, the Concho Valley Community Action Council will be here at the Senior Center to assist families that qualify with their utilities. They will arrive at 11 a.m.

On June 26, we had our Movie Maintee at the center. The movie was a good, funny show starring Robin Williams. The movie was about a family who go on a vacation in an RV and their encounters along the way.

Those who participated had a fun-filled afternoon.

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 Marlyn 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, Celia West, Sadie Davidson and Eileen Childress.

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

Have a safe and happy Fourth of July.

Levis & Lace Square Dance News

By **TINA JARVIS**
 Levis and Lace Square Dancer

Thursday night club members Carol and Leroy Adcock, Raul De La Rosa, JoAnn Babbitt, Lucy Hinde, Tesla and Barbara Jean Caperton and Renee Padier danced at the Care Center to the calling of Jim Couch and Tina Jarvis.

Jim and I took turns calling and dancing to mainstream calls. We hope to call again next week.

We had such a good time and the dancers did a very good job of keeping up with us.

Everyone have a safe Fourth of July.

Keep it square and happy dancing!

Care Center Chatter

By **ELSA VASQUEZ**
 Assistant Activity Director

We have had a very pleasant spring, but I don't know how summer will be. It might get hotter, so stay cool.

Residents Catarino Cervantez, Jack Stanton, Lala Galindo and Catarina Cardona went to deliver Meals on Wheels. They enjoyed it so much because they saw lots of their old friends. They came up to the van to say "Hi!" and visit with them.

We also took them for a ride. They got to see familiar places and that was the talk of the day.

For the past weeks, we have

been playing one of the residents favorite games, volleyball. We have had help from our maintenance staff. Between Rusty and the residents, I don't know who has more fun.

We had Lucille Longoria and Nana Fierro in the beauty shop. Nana just got back from vacation.

We miss Rachel and Nell, and hope to see ya'll soon. Signing with Nanette and all our church groups went well.

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Vera Loraine O'Rear

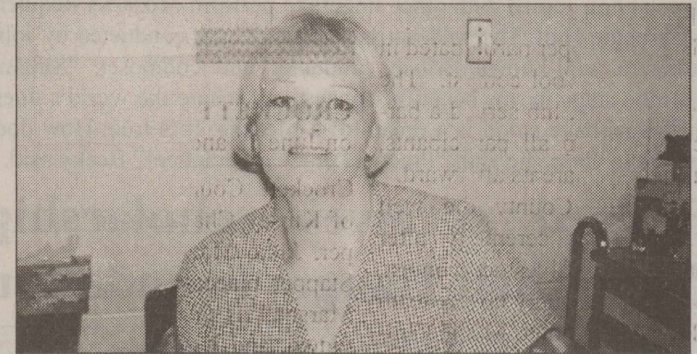
Vera Loraine O'Rear, 83 of Jal, N.M., passed away Monday, June 25, 2007, in Ozona.

Funeral service was Thursday, June 28, 2007 at the Church of Christ in Jal, N.M. with burial in Jal Cemetery. Arrangements are by Preddy Funeral Home.

Mrs. O'Rear was born in Leakey, Texas May 6, 1924. She married Jesse O'Rear on May 10, 1947 in Kerr County. She was a homemaker and a member of the Jal Church of Christ.

Survivors include, son, Jimmy and wife Linda of Jal, their children Misty and husband James of Carlsbad, N.M., Michael and wife Samantha of Jal; son, Tim and wife Sandra of Albuquerque, N.M., their children Jared of Las Cruces, N.M., Holly of San Diego, Calif., Shasta, Cody and Cassie of Albuquerque; one daughter, Lou Haire and husband James of Ozona; great-grandchildren, Cameron and Kyle of Carlsbad, Nathan and Ethan of Jal, Mackenzie of San Diego, Calif. and Kelsie of Ozona and great-great-grandchild, Jayelin of Ozona.

LET US INTRODUCE from the Care Center

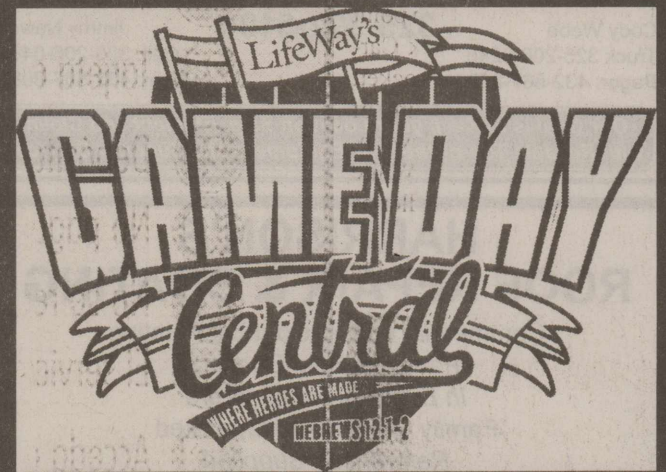


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See you in Church next Sunday.

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Crockett County wins sweepstakes award at Sonora, places second in National Wool Contest

Submitted by Ann Stapper

On June 13, 13 Crockett County 4-Hers participated in the 70th annual Sonora Wool & Mohair Show.

In the morning, they judged four classes of livestock (goats and sheep) for the Livestock contest, then did the Range Judging contest. After lunch, they did the Wool & Mohair contest.

Once the contests were over, the kids went swimming at the motel pool, then moved to the Sonora Public Pool, where they swam and visited with the 4-Hers from other counties. Great fun!

Thursday morning, the team of Kraig Chandler, Lane White, and Laura Stapper participated in the National Wool contest. The Sonora Lions Club served a barbecue lunch to all participants, coaches, and parents afterward.

Crockett County did well at the awards ceremony after lunch. In the Livestock contest, the Crockett County novice team of Kinsey Chandler, Madie Childress, Alex Hopper, and Jadie Marshall placed first, with Jadie Marshall as high point novice individual, and Kinsey Chandler second high. Linda Stapper was fourth high individual in the junior division. The senior team of Kraig Chandler, Taylor Newton, Laura Stapper, and Wilson White placed first, with Kraig Chandler as the high point senior and Laura Stapper as second high individual.

In the Range Judging contest, the Crockett County novice team of Kinsey Chandler, Alex Hopper, Jadie Marshall, and Lanna Stapper placed first. Lanna Stapper was second high individual, and Jadie Marshall was 4th. Linda Stapper was high point individual in the junior division, with Erik Carrizales 4th. The senior team of Kraig Chandler, Laura Stapper, Lane White, and Wilson White placed first, with Laura Stapper as high point individual and Kraig Chandler as second high. The Crockett County 4-H Senior team was presented the E.B. King Memorial Trophy by the Edwards Plateau Soil and Water Conservation District.

In the Wool contest, the Crockett County novice team of Kinsey Chandler, Madie Childress, Alex Hopper, and Abby Newton placed first, with Abby Newton as the high point individual. Linda Stapper was high point individual junior, with Erik Carrizales as 4th high. The Crockett County senior team consisting of Kraig Chandler, Taylor Newton, Laura Stapper, and Lane White was first, with Kraig Chandler as high point individual.

In the Mohair contest, the



CROCKETT COUNTY 4-Hers won Sweepstakes at the 70th annual Sonora Wool & Mohair Show on June 13 and placed second in the National Wool Contest.

Crockett County novice team of Kinsey Chandler, Alex Hopper, Jadie Marshall, and Lanna Stapper placed 2nd, with Jadie Marshall as the third high individual, and Kinsey Chandler as fourth. Erik Carrizales was 4th high in the junior division. The senior team of Kraig Chandler, Taylor Newton, Laura Stapper, and Lane White was 2nd high.

Overall awards were given, based on total scores from all the contests. Kinsey Chandler was 1st overall in the novice division, Jadie Marshall was 3rd, and Alex Hopper was 5th. Linda

Stapper was 1st overall in the junior division, and Erik Carrizales was 4th. Kraig Chandler was 1st overall in the senior division, and Laura Stapper was 2nd.

A Sweepstakes award is given each year to the county that accumulates the most points based on number of participants, miles traveled, and overall scores. Crockett County won the Sweepstakes award by over 300 points.

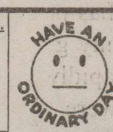
After scores were checked and double-checked, the Crockett County team was edged out by one point in the National

Wool Contest. Kerr County had a total of 1807 points, Crockett County 1806 points. Contestants judged two rails of fifteen fleeces each, and four classes. Kraig Chandler was high point individual with a total score of 626, and Laura Stapper was 2nd with 610 points.

The Sonora contests were the last of the season for the judges, and they ended on a high note. Coaches Carlon and Ann Stapper would like to say "thank you" to kids and parents for a great year. Congratulations to all who participated!

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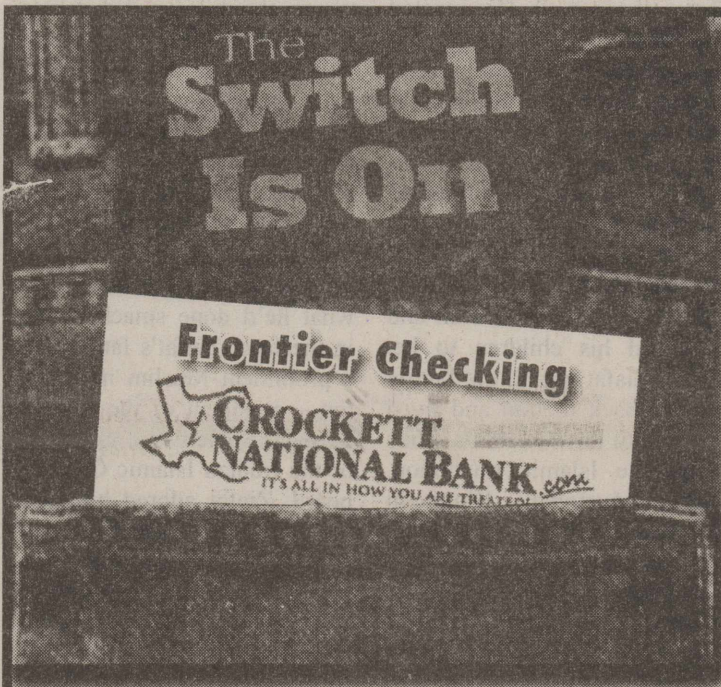
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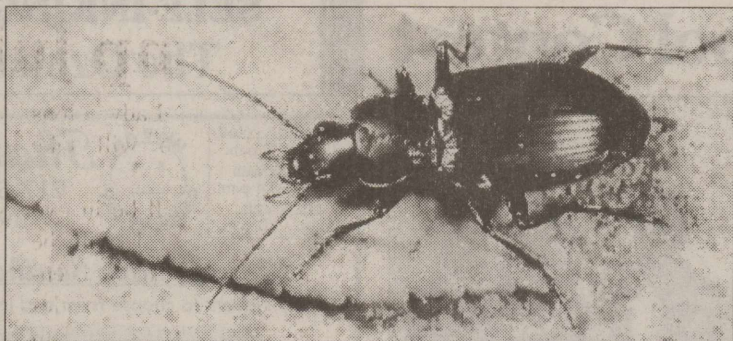
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Rain brings out ground beetles

By **MELISSA PERNER**
Editor and Publisher



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GROUND BEETLE or "stinkbug" come out during the right, wet conditions. They are considered beneficial insects.

With the rain bringing moisture, the climate conditions are perfect to bring out those little black bugs called ground beetles.

Also known as "stinkbugs," the beetles are considered a beneficial insect, according to the Entomology Department at the Texas Cooperative Extension at Texas A&M University.

The beetles eat the pesky armyworm, which can attack many different kinds of plants, according to the extension office at A&M.

Some wheat head armyworm damage is showing up when producers take their truckloads of wheat to the elevators in the Panhandle, according to Extension Agent Kay Ledbetter.

"It has to be tied to the weather, the kind of spring we had," said Dr. Carl Patrick, Extension entomologist in Amaril-

lo. "Wet conditions, thick wheat and mild temperatures combined to allow it to survive in greater numbers than we typically see."

The wheat head armyworm is one of many insects seen every year, but generally they don't cause significant damage, Patrick said.

Once their food source is gone, the beetles are gone.

According to John A. Jackman, entomologist at A&M, the beetles are attracted lights at night.

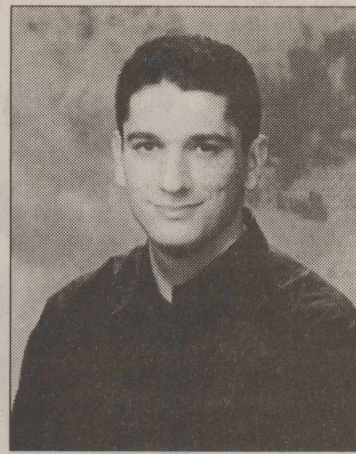
"You may get some relief by reducing the lighting and sealing the home with weather stripping and caulking," Jackman said. "Treating the exterior of the home with a pyrethroid pesticide may provide some additional benefit."

Jackman also said the species are not household pets, pose no medical threat and will not feed on the plants around the home.

For more information, visit <http://insects.tamu.edu>.

A test of faith: Former Muslim who converted to Christianity takes his message across Texas and beyond

By **REBECCA HOEFFNER**
Texan News Service



AFSHIN ZIAFAT

Earlier this year Afshin Ziafat strode up to the pulpit at First Baptist Church in Stephenville. His face was clean-shaven. He wore a sport coat and spoke English without an accent.

Ziafat knows the surprise that ripples through an audience whenever he speaks about his conversion from Islam to Christianity. He joked about the stereotypes he encounters -- and that he shatters -- whenever people hear his Middle Eastern name.

"Before September 11, people could walk right up to the gate at the airport with a sign that had my name on it," Ziafat told a crowd gathered for a college retreat. "When I said, 'I'm Afshin,' they're always amazed. They're like 'you're Afshin?' Well, you kinda look like us."

"Yes, I am human," the evangelist added with a laugh. "All right, let's work on my name. Think of the hair product 'Afro Sheen.' Take the 'r-o' out, and you've got my name."

Ziafat brought a message of hope and faith to Stephenville students and residents. Now he is taking his evangelic tour across Texas and beyond at a time when relations between Muslims and Christians remain strained due to conflict in the Middle East.

Ziafat knows those conflicts all too well. He rejected his Muslim upbringing and converted to Christianity, risking disownment from his father, retaliation from extremist members of the Muslim community and lingering prejudice about his heritage.

Born in Houston to Iranian parents, Ziafat's father, a doctor, was a devout Muslim and expected his children to be. When Ziafat was 2, the family moved back to Iran and lived there until the late 1970s. Then came the Islamic revolution. When Ayatollah Khomeini overthrew the Shah of Iran, Ziafat's father rushed the family out of the country before the Iranian hostage crisis.

Arriving back in Houston at age 6, Ziafat entered the first grade. Even though he was a native Houstonian, he spoke Farsi and very little English. Prejudice and persecution against Iranians made adjusting to American life even more difficult.

"When people found out we were Iranian, we had rocks thrown through our windows and our tires slashed," Ziafat recalled in a solemn tone of voice. "My brother and I were kicked off the soccer team. We were

threatened to get beat up." The only positive American influence in his life was a tutor who taught the boy English by reading him books every day after school. When Ziafat entered the second grade, she handed him a small New Testament Bible. "You won't understand this book now," she told him, "but I want you to hang on to it and read it later in your life."

Ziafat hid the Bible in his bedroom. He grew up a Muslim.

While in high school, though, Ziafat said he became "fascinated" by the story and teachings of Jesus Christ. "Every night I would read that Bible underneath the covers with a flashlight so my parents wouldn't figure out what I was doing if they happened to walk in," Ziafat recalled. "Every day at school this annoying Christian kid would come and talk to me about Jesus. I'd debate with him on the side of Islam. At night I'd go home and read more about Jesus."

A few weeks later Ziafat was invited to attend a crusade. He still remembers that day when he converted to Christianity -- Sept. 28, 1989.

On the way home, though, what he'd done smacked him in the face. Ziafat's father was a prominent Muslim in Houston -- president of the Islamic Medical Society and chairman of the Iranian Islamic Center's board. Ziafat adored him and didn't want to disappoint his father. So he covered up his conversion for more than a year.

"I would hide my church clothes in my car on Saturday night and go change at a restaurant on Sunday morning before I went to church," Ziafat said. "I would hide my Bible and intercept mail from the church I was attending."

Ziafat's father eventually spotted the Bible and confronted his son. When Ziafat confessed he had become a Christian, his father's word scalded him like boiling water: "Then you can no longer be my son." "Everything in me wanted

to say, 'Forget it, I'm a Muslim,'" Ziafat said. Instead, he told him, "Dad, if I have to choose between you and Jesus, I choose Jesus. And if I have to choose between you and Jesus, I choose between my earthly father and my heavenly Father, I choose my heavenly Father."

Ziafat went on to attend the University of Texas at Austin, where he roomed with a Christian student who also was from a Muslim family and also had hidden his faith from his father. Ziafat and his father eventually reconciled on the condition that he become a doctor like his dad.

But Ziafat decided to go into the Christian ministry instead. He knew he had to break the news to his father. "My hand was shaking the whole time," he recalled. His father called Ziafat's decision the "biggest stain" on his life.

Ziafat received his masters of divinity degree from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth. His church paid for his first semester's tuition. When he got to seminary a check for \$100 was waiting for him from an anonymous donor and he was given a free place to live for four years.

After he graduated, Prestonwood Baptist Church in Plano asked him to join the staff as the pastor's assistant. Ziafat preached at the church a few times to an audience of around 20,000 and discovered his calling to evangelism.

Now living in Houston again, Ziafat devotes himself to a nationwide speaking ministry and continues to be affiliated with Prestonwood as one of its missionary partners. This spring and summer he will address churches, retreats and evangelist events. He's also a regular speaker to groups in Huntsville and The Woodlands.

For Ziafat, life has come full circle. He travels to Iran several times a year to work with an organization called Elam Ministries that trains Iranians to strengthen existing Christian churches and establish new ones in the Muslim country. He said he is convinced other Muslims like him will be drawn to Jesus and the Christian religion and its message of faith even in the midst of persecution.

"My story is not about a man's faithfulness to God -- I went in kicking and screaming," Ziafat said. "My story is about God's faithfulness to a man."

For Ziafat's speaking schedule, visit his website at www.afshinziafat.com.

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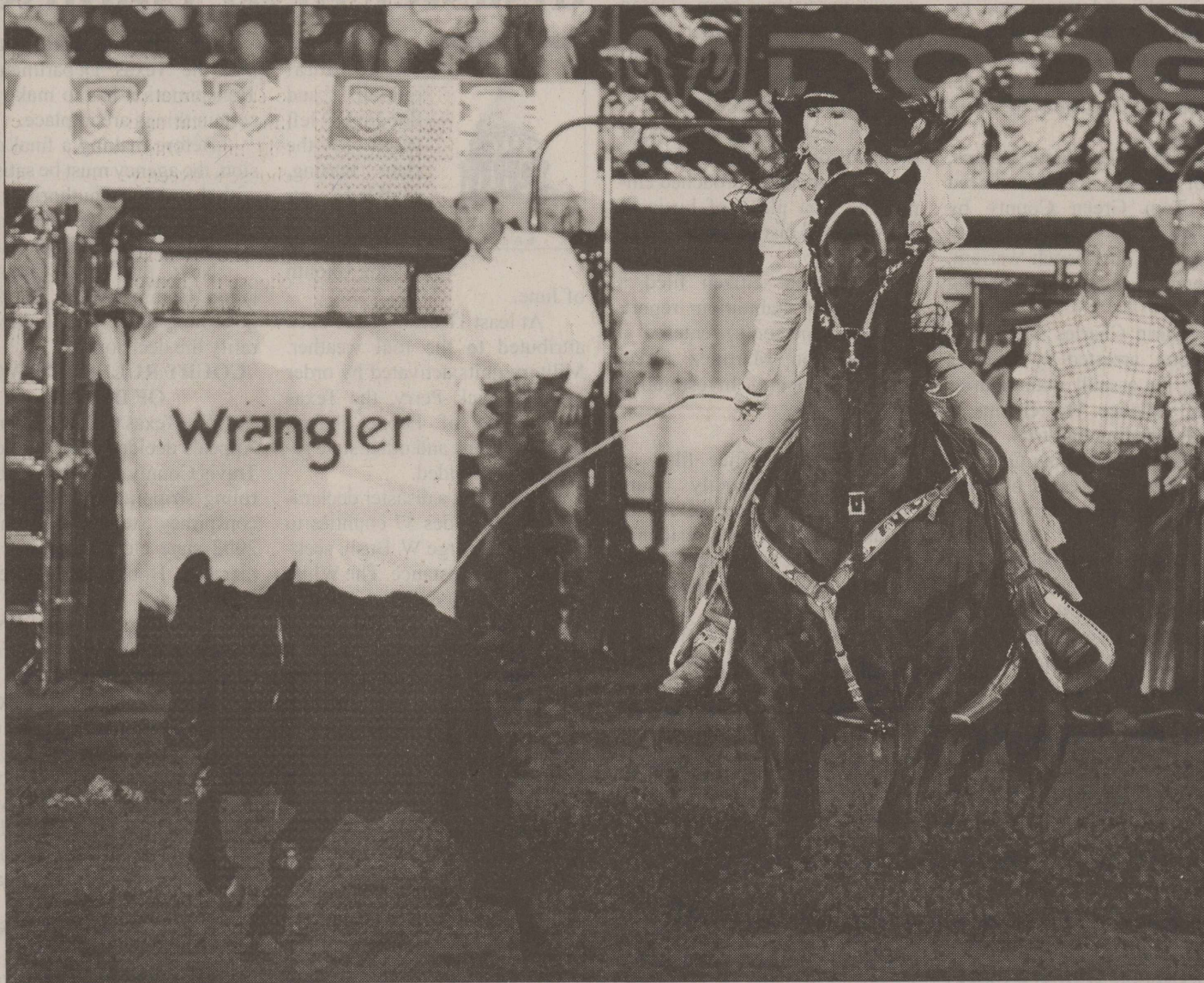
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MILLER MAKES HISTORY



Submitted photo

JAYCI MILLER was the first person in Texas to qualify to compete in three events at Nationals in Springfield, Ill. Jayci will compete July 20 - 27 at nationals in Goat Tying, Breakaway and Pole Bending. She attended the Texas High School State Rodeo competition in Abilene, Texas July 11-19 where she was the State Champion Goat Tyer, second in Breakaway in the State and second in Pole Bending. She was also the State All Around Champion and State Rookie of the Year. During the week, Jayci won over \$5,000, two saddles and nine buckles. In her first round of the Breakaway her time was 1.96 and won the round, she also won the short round. She placed in two rounds of the poles and three rounds of the goats. The finals will be aired on RFDTV sometime in September.

ALL STARS PLACE AT OZONA TOURNEY



Submitted photo

OZONA 10-YEAR-OLD ALL STARS placed second at the Ozona Tournament. Pictured are: Bryce Gutierrez, Robbie Sanchez, Michael Graham, Wade Allen, Jacob Talamantez, Jon Luke Rodriguez, Rikki Chavez, Ricky Porras, Ez Rivas, Phillip Benson and Ryan Porras. Making All Tournament was Michael Graham, Bryce Gutierrez, Ricky Porras and Ez Rivas. The team is coached by Ray Ramos, Albert Talamantez and Andrew Sanchez.

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Sonora Co-Ed Softball Classic Saturday

The Sonora Co-Ed Softball Classic Tournament will be held Saturday, July 7 in Sonora.

Entree fee is \$10 per person. Deadline to enter is Wednesday, July 4.

Format will be double

elimination. Men use small 28-inch bat.

Awards will be given for first-third places, all tournament and MVP.

For more information, or to enter, call Chris at (325) 763-6630.

Ozona Tennis Camp July 9-13

A tennis camp for students who have completed kindergarten through eighth grade will be held July 9-13 at the tennis courts.

Camp will be from 9 a.m. to noon each day.

Cost is \$35 per camper and includes T-shirt.

Call Wendy Justiss at 392-2229 for a registration form or register the first day of camp.

West Texas Junior Hoops Classic July 14-15

Entries are being sought for the West Texas Junior Hoops Classic Basketball Tournament, which will be held July 14-15 in San Angelo.

The tournament is for boys and girls in high school and junior high school students.

Entr is \$125 per team, maximum 10 players. Deadline to enter is July 11.

Awards will be given out for first-third place teams, all tournament and MVP.

For more information, or to enter, call Chris at (325) 763-6630.

Lady Lions Basketball Camp July 23-26

The Ozona Lady Lions Basketball Camp will take place July 23-26.

The camp will be in two sessions. Session 1 will be from 9-11:30 a.m. for girls entering third thru sixth grades and Session 2 will be from 1-3:30 p.m. for girls entering seventh thru ninth grades at the Davidson Gymnasium.

Each session will concentrate on teaching the campers the fundamentals of the game.

There will also be games and competitions for the campers to participate in dur-

ing each session.

Each camper will receive at camp T-shirt and a certificate. Campers will need to bring gym shoes each day.

Cost is \$30 per camper or \$25 for two or more campers from the same family.

Registration forms may be dropped off at the Ozona High School office to Amanda Jackson, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday. Deadline for registration is July 16.

For more information, call Coach John Jackson at 392-2385.

Youth Center Calendar of Events

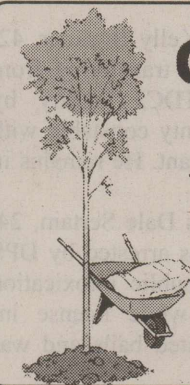
July 4 - Civic Center will be CLOSED for the Fourth of July Holiday

July 9 - OHS Food Night, 7-10 p.m.

July 12 - OHS Movie Night, 7-10 p.m.

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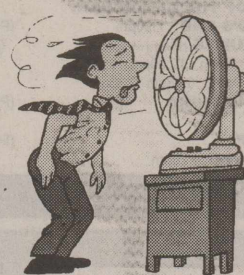
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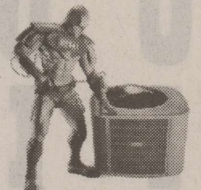
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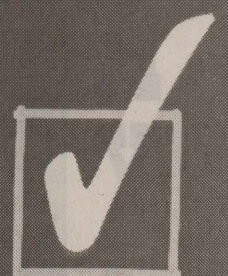
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Crockett County Sheriff's Report

CROCKETT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEWS REPORT	
TYPE OF CALLS	# OF CALLS
Animal control, Livestock Complaints	13
Civil Complaints	1
Civil Service	6
Criminal Complaints, Disturbances, Etc.	26
Gas Thefts	1
Juvenile Complaints	3
Locked Vehicles	7
911 Vehicle Accidents	2
911 Medical calls/Transfers	6
Motorist Assistance/Gas Welfare	13
Reckless driving/speeding complaints	5
Security Alarms	2
Assist other Law or county Agencies	4
Sheriff's Office Admin Calls	16
Jail/dispatch Admin Calls	9
State/County Road Calls	3
Suspicious Persons/Vehicle	5
Welfare Concern for Citizen/Property	1
Minor Vehicle Accidents	3
Traffic Citations Issued	8

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
- 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.
- Christine Reyes Arana, of Austin, Crockett County Court - failure to identify.
- Gerilyn Longoria, of Ozona, Crockett County Court - theft by check.
- Ethel Mae Borrego, of Ozona/San Angelo, possession of a control substance in a correctional facility.

- Alfred Chila, 46, of Ozona, arrested by Texas Ranger with a warrant of theft more than \$20,000 less than \$100,000. He posted bail and was released.
- Jesus Gaytan Jr., 18, of New Mexico, arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. He remains in custody pending bail/trial.
- Jose Angel Gaytan, 17, of New Mexico, arrested by sheriff's deputy for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces. He remains in custody pending bail/trial.

- David Kelly Buckner, 42, of Ozona was transferred from Brownfield TDCJ facility by Crockett County constable with a Bench Warrant. He remains in custody.
- Thomas Dale Sertain, 24, of Ozona, was arrested by DPS Trooper for public intoxication and driving while license invalid. He posted bails and was released.
- John Anthony Ramirez, 41, of San Antonio, was arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while license invalid. He posted bail and was released.

- Jeremy Chad Dennis, 30, of San Angelo, was arrested in San Angelo and transferred by Crockett County Constable for Crockett County warrant for unauthorized use of motor vehicle. He remains in custody pending transfer.
- Albert Escalante Ramos, 30, of Ozona, was transferred from Tom Green County by Crockett County Constable with a District Court bench warrant. He remains in custody pending trial.
- Darin Charles Albon, 34, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for assault with injuries family violence. He remains in custody pending bail/trial.
- Reynaldo Gatian Galindo, 52, of Ozona, arrested by sheriff's deputy for assault with injuries family violence. He remains in custody pending bail/trial.
- Montoya Gerardo, 31, of Hobbs, N.M. arrested by DPS Trooper for driving while intoxicated-second. He posted bail and was released.

ARREST REPORT

- 6-26-07
- 6-27-07
- 6-28-07
- 6-29-07
- 6-29-07
- 6-29-07

INCIDENT REPORTS

- 6-26-07 Sheriff's office filed a report of possession of marijuana

under 2 ounces following a request for assistance from a Upton County and U.S. Border Patrol Agents at the northwest part of Crockett County. Two suspects were arrested at the scene.

- A local business manager filed a disorderly conduct report. Known suspects approached employees at a place of business and caused a disturbance.

- A local citizen filed a burglary of habitation report. Unknown person(s) entered a residence on Martinez Street and took property. Investigation Continues.

- Sheriff's office filed an assault causing bodily injury (family violence) report. A 911 disturbance called at a residence on Man 0 War Street resulted in deputies arresting one person at the scene.
- Sheriff's office filed an assault causing bodily injury (family violence) report. Sheriff's deputy and DPS Troopers responded to a disturbance call at apartments on State Highway 163. One person was arrested at the scene.

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DPS reminds motorists, 'Turn Around, Don't Drown!'

Submitted by the Texas Department of Public Safety

If you see water running across a roadway, you should immediately turn around and not attempt to go through it, says the Texas Department of Public Safety.

"Many cars will float in only 12 inches of water, and two feet of rushing water will carry off pick-ups, SUVs and most other vehicles," says Col. Thomas A. Davis Jr., director of

the DPS. "Six inches of water can be enough to stall a car or cause a loss of control over the vehicle."

Each year, more people die in flash flooding than in any other type of thunderstorm-related hazard.

Bottom line: stay aware and cautious, especially at night, when recognizing dangers can be more difficult. Pay attention to the weather and the road conditions.

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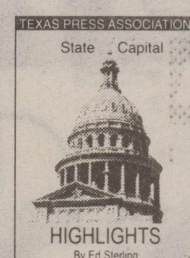
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Rain, flooding create disaster in 37 counties



HIGHLIGHTS
By Ed Sloring

AUSTIN
Phenomenal rainfall and flooding left much of the state hurting, troubled or vulnerable in the second half of the month of June.

For things to really get going, the Texas Department of Transportation has to make sure certain things are in place.

Before making a final decision, the agency must be satisfied with the regional authority's preliminary studies, project timing, funding and payment schedules.

Next, the Texas Transportation Commission - TxDOT's governing body - would have to ratify the decision.

COURT RULES IN FAVOR OF DELAY

The Texas Court of Criminal Appeals decided 5-4 to uphold a Travis County state district court ruling stripping off a charge of conspiracy stemming from the 2002 state election against former U.S. House majority leader Tom DeLay.

The charge is one of several brought in 2005 by Travis County District Attorney Ronnie Earle, who serves as the state's chief ethics prosecutor. Earle said he plans to appeal the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals' decision.

DeLay, is still in hot water, facing charges of money laundering and conspiracy to launder money. He said he is appealing those charges, too.

HEALTH AGENCY'S SURVEY BEGINS

The immunization branch of the Texas Department of State Health Services is conducting a survey on customer satisfaction with its Austin-based programs and services.

Feedback from parents, legal guardians, vaccine providers and other professionals will be used to improve services.

The survey period ends July 17. Call (800) 252-9152 for a paper copy of the survey or visit www.immunizetexas.com to do the survey online.

CENSUS SAYS WE GREW LAST YEAR

Perpetual traffic clogs on Interstate 35 could not have frightened off many people from moving to the capital city last year.

The U.S. Census Bureau announced in its June 28 report of most populous cities that Austin increased by 18,600 residents in the last year, bringing the population to 709,000. Austin is among the top 10 in numerical gain nationwide, the Census noted.

BUSH PICKS TEXAN FOR CENSUS

President Bush nominated Dr. Steve Murdock, Texas' state demographer, to be the next director of the U.S. Census. Current Census Bureau Director Louis Kincannon is leaving the agency. Murdock's nomination must be approved by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

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OPERATOR	PID	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
By America Prod/Mid	13300	Brown Bassett Procs Unit #2	Helmerich & Payne(A) 214	Drig Ahead
Fiml Natural Res	12000	Phillips -B- #2-389	Patterson Drilling/A 169	Drig Ahead
New J. Cleo Thompson/Dal	9300	University 31-16w #3	Patterson Drilling/A 42	Drig Ahead
New Encore Operating Lp	9250	J. L. Henderson Jr -A- #7-20	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Drig Ahead
Encore Operating Lp	9200	Heleen Henderson West -A- 7010	Nabors Drilling (O) 709	Assigned
New Approach Operating	9000	P. I. Childress -A- #1004	Patterson Drilling/A 710	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	8975	University -56- #22-8	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Rigging Up
New Anadarko E. & P Co Lp	8500	Meylin -C- #3-410	Heart Land Drilling 8	Drig Ahead
New Rodessa Operating	8500	Hill Harris #1	Rings Drilling 1 Lp 5	W.O.W.
New Anadarko E. & P Co Lp	8300	Davidson #3509	Patterson Drilling/A 38	Drig Ahead
New Fiml Natural Res	5500	Phillips -A- #7c	Patterson Drilling/A 721	Drig Ahead
Bluegrass Energy Inc	4800	Simpson Canyon -1013- Unit #1	Amerimax Drilling 1	Drig Ahead 1600'
Mlc Operating	4700	Bouscarres Unit #457- #1	Patterson Util/Lx 737	Drig Ahead 4145'

Sutton County

OPERATOR	PID	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	9650	Morris Brothers -E- #3-4	Patterson Drilling/A 39	Drig Ahead
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Dominion Ok T. E.&P	9250	Duke Wilson -172- #19	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	9250	Duke Wilson -173- #13	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Assigned
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	8975	Mayer -28a- #16	Helmerich & Payne'S 303	Assigned
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	8975	Shurley Rr- 1c- #8	Patterson Drilling/A 120	Assigned
Dominion Ok T. E.&P	8975	Duke Wilson -188- #23	Patterson Drilling/A 122	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	8500	Hicks -23- #15	Helmerich & Payne'S 303	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	8600	Edwin S Mayer Jr -Cc- #6	Helmerich & Payne'S 302	Assigned
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	8400	Edwin S Hill-Mayer Jr -Dd- #4	Helmerich & Payne'S 302	Drig Ahead
Dominion Ok T. E.&P	8275	Hill-Mayer -22- #6	Helmerich & Payne'S 301	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	8250	Edwin S Mayer Jr -T- #5	Helmerich & Payne'S 301	Assigned
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	7550	Ben Mittel #15	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Assigned
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	7550	Mittel #150-4	Patterson Drilling/A 105	Drig Ahead
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New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	7425	Shurley -147- #27	Patterson Drilling/A 115	Assigned
Dominion Ok T. E.&P	7350	Shurley Rr- 4c- #9	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Drig Ahead
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	7225	Shurley Rr- 7c- #6	Patterson Drilling/A 40	Assigned
Dominion Ok T. E.&P	7200	Canyon Ranch #9148	Helmerich & Payne'S 304	Assigned
New Dominion Ok T. E.&P	7100	Canyon Ranch #9148	Helmerich & Payne'S 305	Drig Ahead

Reagan County

OPERATOR	PID	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Pioneer Natural/trv	9975	Elliott-Christy -10- #4	Patterson Util/Midlan 474	Drig Ahead 5760'
New Pioneer Natural/trv	9500	University 10-9 #3	Mattlock Drilling 2	Drig Ahead 5111'
Pioneer Natural/trv	9500	University 1-34 #3	Patterson Util/Midlan 472	Drig Ahead 8950'
New Prime Operating/Mid	9000	Weatherby -1216- #1	Adobe Drilling Mavrx	Drig Ahead 6100'
Mariner Energy	8700	Wells #8m	Lariat Services/Ode 15	Drig Ahead 6729'
New Mariner Energy	8550	Sau Mariner 29-2a #2a	Lariat Services/Ode 17	Drig Ahead 4741'
Mariner Energy	8500	Sau Mariner 1-1 #1c	Big Dog Drilling 5	Drig Ahead 7389'
Mariner Energy	8500	Adwell #11m	J B Hunt Gas & Oil 2	Drig Ahead 8000'

Schleicher County

OPERATOR	PID	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Dominion Ok T. E.&P	8400	University 54-24 #3	Patterson Drilling/A 742	Drig Ahead
J & J Services	4900	H C Upton #4402	Rings Drilling 1 Lp 5	Drig Ahead

Terrell County

OPERATOR	PID	LEASE	CONTRACTOR/RIG	ACTIVITY-DEPTH
Encore Production	13900	Slaughter 43- #1	Patterson Drilling/A 109	Drig Ahead
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Each bid shall be placed in a sealed envelope plainly marked "INSURANCE BID"

Bids will be opened at 1:30 P.M. July 27, 2007, at the School Administration Office and will be approved by the Board of Trustees at their regular July Board Meeting. Crockett County Consolidated Common School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, waive any formalities in the bidding process and award the bid to best serve the interest of the district.

Agents must furnish a 2001 A.M. Best policyholder rating for each separate insurance company with which coverage is quoted.

Coverage shall begin August 31, 2007. Please quote for one-year coverage and two-year coverage if purchasable. Rates quoted shall be guaranteed for that period.

Please contact Cynthia Hokit, Business Manager, Telephone 325/392-5501 for specifications. **In order to facilitate comparison, providers are required to submit their bids on the proposal forms provided.** 2c23

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